
LaRouche on the G-7 Summit

World leaders don't know which end is up

Political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche gave this analysis of the ongoing Group of Seven summit meeting in Tokyo, in his weekly radio interview "EIR Talks with LaRouche" on July 7. He was interviewed by Mel Klenetsky.

EIR: Mr. LaRouche, there is a summit of the G-7 going on in Tokyo at this point, and commentators are indicating that they have never seen such a gathering of leaders who are so unpopular in their countries. Miyazawa has a 9% popularity rating; Major has a 19% popularity rating; Mitterrand and Kohl 20% and 30% respectively. Clinton is the front-runner on popularity at 46%. With this kind of popularity, would you say that these leaders can get something accomplished at this summit?

LaRouche: They will do something which they would call an accomplishment, and so far it appears that the Clinton team is doing some Japanese-bashing on trade and tariff agreements at this point, trying to say they kept the GATT process alive for another six months or so—in other words a superficial, technical goal.

It's like somebody playing football, and they've got goalposts at either end of the field, and nobody can score at the main goalposts. So someone sets up a little tiny goalpost at the side of the 50-yard line, and they play a little different game in between and somebody gets a goal on this third, surrogate goalpost, and says, "Well, at least we won something." That's what you're going to get out of the summit, at best.

It is being lampooned, ridiculed, in most of the press around the world, the U.S. press less so, because the U.S. press is somewhat less aware of reality than most of the other world's press. But every government, with few exceptions—every nation of the world, at least every major nation—is collapsing. It's losing power.

The leader who is best off (even though Clinton has this ephemeral kind of popularity at the moment), is Chancellor Kohl of Germany. He is in the strongest position, relatively speaking, although he's weakened by the fact that Germany is under such attack.

So it's the kind of situation out of which nothing of any durable value in addressing the mounting problems of the world—and they are very severe problems—is going to come. The summit, in short, will be a catastrophic failure, despite any claims for any victories, scores, at the third goalpost.

EIR: Clinton and others are hoping and putting forward the concept that GATT- and NAFTA-style solutions are going to bail the world economy and the U.S. economy out of its current state of crisis.

LaRouche: It's not going to work. It's a catastrophic failure. These are people who have discovered that the boat is filling up with water. They are afraid it's going to sink; and someone has come up with the ingenious idea of draining the boat by opening the seacocks. It's absolutely not going to work.

EIR: What about the former East bloc? We are looking at a worsening crisis. Will some of these nations be looking at what is happening in the former Soviet Union, and try to come up with some solutions to that?

LaRouche: No, they are not going to.

For example: The United States will use often what is called democracy, which goes by such names as free trade, shock therapy, things of that sort. They will keep their third goalpost in Washington. . . . They are going to insist on this "democracy," "democratization," free trade agreements, submission to International Monetary Fund conditionalities to some degree or other; another \$50-100 million in aid, so called, from someplace. All of which will mean absolutely nothing—less than nothing. . . .

EIR: If we go back to the G-7 Summit for a moment, and think of Miyazawa, Mitterrand, Major, and Kohl and Clinton discussing the problems of world economics: Not too long ago, the Mitsubishi Corporation had some policies which called for the development of Great Projects. You have indicated an approach of developing Great Projects as a way out of the world financial and economic crisis. Is there any hope whatsoever that these political leaders who are gathered at a summit in Tokyo, can come up with this kind of policy solution?

LaRouche: No. Not at all. None of those governments, with the possible exception of Kohl and some government to succeed the already endangered Miyazawa in Japan, is capable of addressing this.

There is no political group in Britain, no section of the current government of France, not since [Jean-Pierre] Chevènement was ushered out of the Mitterrand government, which is capable of it; there are some people around Kohl who are capable of remobilizing in Germany, but not initiating anything. In the U.S. Congress, except to the extent that there are some people who are listening to me around the Congress, at least listening to the ideas we are presenting, there is no one in the United States who has any idea of which end is up.

So I would say in general, with those qualifications, there is no possibility that that group of leadership represented by the G-7 summit in Tokyo, could come up with anything any good, or that those governments at present could come up with anything of any use to the human race.