

Russia is about to explode. It can not continue in this way, you will get chaos and bloody civil war, or you'll get a new kind of dictatorship probably, the way things are going now. China is in fairly stable condition. Africa is dying, Central and South America are dying.

Europe is disintegrating, Italy is no longer an organized integrated nation, it's being dismembered, Spain is being dismembered and destroyed. France is going through a great social crisis this year, and we come back to the United States. We have this social crisis, a disparity between the income of those who are rich, and the lower 60%; we can have social explosions in this country.

I've been talking to Fred [Huenefeld] about the people who come through his trade shows. These are people with all kinds of backgrounds, who are travelling around the country going from place to place to sell, to keep body and soul together. We have people who are migratory workers, who often sleep under bridges at night, to get some shelter, who travel from one part of the country to another, with a pack on their back, with no permanent residence. We have the increase in the number of homeless in our cities, which is not people who are absolutely destitute, but whose incomes are so low they can not afford to find a place to live, and have no place to go. These are often people who are pensioners, people who are dying.

We have a terrible social crisis, throughout the world.

And this is all going to come to a big crisis very rapidly, which a lot of people don't want to talk about.

There's only one nation in the world, which might be able to reverse this, with its leadership. And that nation is the United States. We are broken, we are shattered, we are a junkheap compared to what we were at the end of World War II, or 30 years ago, but we still have something imbedded in us which gives us, in addition to the margin of power we represent, something imbedded in our national character which, if we can bring it forth, can be the means of not only saving ourselves but, in doing so, can prevent our world from going into some sort of Dark Age.

Building a Commonwealth in the United States

It is very important, therefore, at this time, that we not only celebrate the Constitution, but we look into its significance from this standpoint. So, we take a brief excursion in modern history, to situate the United States and what we represent, and what the principle is involved, and look at this from the standpoint of physical economy, that is, real economy, not money economy, not credit economy, not finance economy, not debt economy, but real economy.

Up until the middle of the 15th century in Europe, there were no nation-states on this planet. There had been a few city-states in Ionia and Greece, but there were no nations.

The world, from ancient China into the 15th century, was dominated by empires, and nobody owned anything. Even a feudal lord did not own the land which he possessed. Everything, including the land and its people, was controlled by something like an emperor. The emperor owned everything,

Simon the Bungler, the Texas angel

The following is the opening of Lyndon LaRouche's Sept. 5 speech in Austin, Texas.

By way of introducing the topic that I'll bring to your attention, I'll tell you a story. I don't know if you ever heard of it. Have you ever heard of an angel who was called "Simon the Bungler?" Well, you should know about it, because, this fellow is the angel who was downgraded for allowing Truman to drop the nuclear bombs on Japan in 1945, in August 1945. And so, to punish him, they sent him down to be the guardian angel of Texas.

After that experience, Simon was rather cautious; he didn't want to report upstairs, he wanted to keep away from the head office as much as possible for a while, because of the mess he'd made. But, as luck would have it, you know, these Houston millionaires were sending up big prayers, and so, he, very reluctantly, went up to the head office and

he talked to his old swordsmanship teacher, the Archangel Michael. And he said, "I hate to bother you, but, I'm getting strong prayers, with a lot of money behind them, from Houston. And, they're upset about this Sequoia Forest in California. They want us to give them a sequoia forest, larger than that in California, next to Houston."

And so the Archangel looked at Simon, and said, "They get a couple of Bushes."

Then time passed, and, Simon didn't go up there very often, you know—bad experience, bad relations, with these Houston people, as a result of the last time he went upstairs. But then, he had to go up again. He said, "Look, uh, Archangel, I hate to bring this up, but, remember those Bushes?" Archangel Michael said nothing, just looked at him, said, "Well, one became the President of the United States!" The Archangel didn't say anything. "The other became the governor of Texas!" The Archangel didn't say anything. Well, he said, "The people in Texas think, it would be a fine thing, if we arrange to have some national sport named after the Bush family."

The Archangel said, "Granted—golf!" Simon was happy. "What are we going to call it?" "Goofball."