

Editorial

The party is over!

The crash of April 3 and 4 caused massive damage, both among the 40-50% of American families which gamble in the stock market, and even more among the psychotic hordes of “day-traders.” Will the brokers who cater to day-traders be the next to go?

Face it: This is the end. See who’s going down! Don’t wait to win one last round at the croupier’s table. Get people to defend themselves.

Sane people are endorsing Lyndon LaRouche for President. But, in view of the irresponsibility of the U.S. and other governments, which are doing nothing to protect their people from the catastrophe, many leading figures, who will not yet endorse LaRouche for President, do understand that they must join him to bring about a New Bretton Woods financial reorganization. They have constituted themselves as an Ad Hoc Committee for a New Bretton Woods, which issued the following call on April 6:

The governments of the G-7 nations have repeatedly demonstrated their unwillingness and inability to prevent the threatened collapse of the global financial system, through a prompt, and thorough reorganization of the system. This renders it urgently necessary that those in all countries who recognize the devastating consequences of a systemic financial crisis, raise their voices.

We, the signators, refer to Lyndon LaRouche as the economist, worldwide, who has analyzed the causes of the systemic crisis in greatest depth, and for the longest time, and who, at the same time, has elaborated a complete package of measures to be taken to overcome it: the anti-crisis program for a New Bretton Woods.

We, the signators, take note of the recent initiative of members of the European Parliament, which states:

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Whereas the 1944 agreement of Bretton Woods mechanisms contributed to the realization of monetary stability and to postwar economic reconstruction;

Whereas there is a divergence between the real economy and the financial economy since the decoupling of the dollar from the gold re-

serve system;

Whereas financial crises have exploded in different parts of the world since 1997;

Whereas the international monetary and financial institutions, in carrying out their tasks, are malfunctioning;

Whereas it has been ascertained that the “speculative bubble” has had devastating effects for the economies of developing countries, completely transforming the structures of the world economy, and reaching the level of at least \$300 trillion, compared to the world GDP of about \$40 trillion;

invites the European Commission:

a) to propose the convocation of a new conference, similar to the one at Bretton Woods, with the aim of creating a new international monetary system to gradually eliminate the mechanisms which have led to the “speculative bubble”; b) to evaluate the possibility of anchoring currency values to an element of real reference, and to better and more completely control the movements of currency rates; c) to propose the creation of new credit lines oriented to developing investments in the sectors of the real economy, and to define infrastructure projects of continental dimensions.

The most dangerous absurdity of the present situation is underlined by the fact, that the so-called “New Economy” is being celebrated by the White House in the U.S.A. and by government leaders of the European Union, as a great success, at the very moment that the financial bubble, blown up with this myth, is bursting! Far from advancing growth and development of the world economy, so-called “globalization” has in reality showed itself to be a form of unbridled predator capitalism, which has opened wide the divergence between financial titles and real economy on the one hand, and rich and poor, on the other, in an intolerable manner—both on the national and the international plane. Considering the increasingly accelerating systemic crisis, we, the signators, have decided to constitute the Ad Hoc Committee for a New Bretton Woods.