

endorsing the FTC findings; but Hollywood knew their man. They knew that the Vice President had made his wife kowtow to Hollywood by eating her words on the use of violent and pornographic language in rock music lyrics.

Within two weeks of this gap between Clinton and Gore being exposed, Gore and running-mate Joe Lieberman had been given another \$8 million in Hollywood campaign money.

World Reacts to U.S. Election Debacle

“Do you recall what happens when a rotten egg falls and breaks on the tiles of a kitchen floor? How do you ever get that stink back into the shell?

“That is the way to appreciate what this week’s events have done to the candidacies of Bush and Gore alike. There is no way to get that stench back into the shell.”—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Nov. 10, 2000

Reactions, public and private, to the Presidential election from the elites overseas fell into three basic categories: Humor, that the colossus had been exposed as not only having clay feet, but that his shoes were on backwards and the laces were tied to each other; acknowledgment that whoever was declared winner of the election was still unqualified to run the country, as strategic and economic disaster looms; eagerness to know what LaRouche thought. Some press also showed a fear-reaction, calling the stalemate a “constitutional crisis.” Here is a sampling of both reactions expressed in international media, and remarks from various elites to EIR.

Press Commentaries

Lord William Rees-Mogg, editor of the London Times, editorialized on Nov. 20:

“Whoever wins, this election will have weakened the Presidency further. . . .

“The new President, whoever he is, will be handicapped by his decline in authority, as well as by the arguments over his election. . . . But either man would face charges of having stolen the election, either would face a restless Congress and possibly a severe defeat in the mid-term elections for Congress in 2002. It is only too likely that the next Congress but one will have a partisan majority keen to avenge their presidential defeat.

“There are also reasons to expect the U.S. economy to turn down. The oil price seems to have settled above \$30 a barrel; the Nasdaq is hovering around the 3,000 mark, apparently headed south; the balance of payments deficit next year may reach close to \$500 billion.”

Frank Rich, “Voters Get Their Wish: Both Candidates Will Lose,” *International Herald Tribune*, Nov. 20:

“Collectively Mr. Gore and Mr. Bush have succeeded in uniting the country in exactly one bipartisan belief: that neither of them deserves to be President. The election result, a tie, was the perfect, indeed patriotic outcome to the cynical, scripted campaign they both ran: Let them both lose. . . .”

The candidates “have only ratified the voters’ judgment that neither man is deserving of a mandate or capable of rising above his considerable limitations. . . .

“This is one year when it is probably better to be a sore loser than a sore winner. But such is the narrow vision of both contenders that they may be the last people in American to figure that out.”

Columnist William Pfaff, *International Herald Tribune*, Nov. 20:

“The mediocrity of the candidates for the U.S. Presidency, the poverty of the national debate and the domination of commercial interests over selection of the candidates and the framing of their platforms makes one wonder if the country might not have done better to stay with the Electoral College as the Constitution established it.

“That wise document provided for a body of electors in each of the states equal in number to the states’ Congressional representation, whose deliberations were expected to elect a qualified and responsible man to the Presidency.

“It was a consciously anti-democratic system, placing the Presidency at one remove from the emotions, ignorance or indifference of the citizenry. . . .

“The President to be and the candidates that were, have taken their places in the real-life dramas of Monica and Bill, the Clinton impeachment and the Elian Gonzalez and O.J. Simpson cases. The Presidency itself has now been seamlessly merged into the continuous 24-hour entertainment of American life.”

Jim Pimlott, letter to the London Times, Nov. 10:

“The American Constitution and the Electoral College for electing the American President have served the American people well. . . .

“In the face of the worst economic depression America has ever known, their electoral system produced in Roosevelt one of the 20th Century’s most visionary leaders, and kept him in office throughout the worst world conflict ever to face America. . . .

“It is not the American Constitution which is at fault, but the failure of its present political parties and national culture to produce leaders capable of infusing the American people with ideas and ideals commensurate with their nation’s world power and responsibilities.”

Humor

An anonymous contribution, “UN Focuses On Turmoil In Amerikistan,” appeared in *CDI Russia Weekly* on Nov. 17, published by the Center for Defense Information in Washington:

“After two decades in which social and financial inequalities widened amidst unsustainable speculative development, the country of Amerikistan held presidential elections this week.

“The two leading candidates were both drawn from a tiny elite, both spent vast sums on propaganda, and both have claimed victory. Experts on Amerikistan recall the history of violent revolution, civil war and more recent political violence and assassinations, resignations, impeachments, sexual scandals and corruption in this emergent republic, and recommend that the UN supervise its elections until the country stabilizes. ‘It is struggling to emerge from years of political polarization and turmoil’ said a World Trade Organization spokesperson, ‘and its long-suffering people deserve our support.’

“‘One side of the country declared results before voting had finished in another part’ he explained. Moreover, he went on to spell out that the southern province of ‘Florida,’ in which the leadership struggle is being fought, is run by the brother of one of the candidates, whose father had previously ruled the entire country, having risen through his control of the nation’s intelligence/security apparatus. Their family is based in a part of the country in which secessionist feelings have long run strong and which was only incorporated into Amerikistan after a border war.

“Experts on Amerikistan argue that the UN should go in to run education programs, disarm the population, relieve the malnutrition and environmental problems caused by adherence to a staple diet of cheese and burgers, democratize the police forces and above all halt the further development of war machinery.

“‘This country has used dangerous weapons in the past and often threatened to do so again. But with our help, modernization, and a stress on human development, it may have a more stable future and join the ranks of the civilized international community,’ he said.”

Former Brazilian President Sen. José Sarney, “Requiem for Gore and Bush,” *Folha de São Paulo*, Nov. 17:

“The tragedy of the last U.S. election is that the supreme and sacred institution of the Presidency lost legitimacy, the basis for representative democracy. The United States weakened its moral power to condemn any regime, because its elections were corrupted. . . . In a fragmented, conflictive and unipolarized world, the authority of the United States is a source of equilibrium. With this doubtful election, its President will be weak, lacking the conditions to exercise the strong leadership which international order demands. This raises apprehension and questions.”

Brazilian military-connected journalist Carlos Chagas, “‘Al Bush’ or ‘George W. Gore,’ Doesn’t Make a Difference,” *Tribuna da Imprensa*, Nov. 9:

Chagas argues that Brazilians shouldn’t bother to choose which of the two U.S. candidates they prefer to win the White House. “Never were Republicans and Democrats so close to

each other in an intransigent defense of the New Rome. Not only do they defend it, but they wish to expand what is theirs. . . .

“The U.S. succession opens up perspectives for a sudden change in direction capable of saving us.”

Jorge Melendez, in the Dominican Republic daily *El Siglo*:

Melendez previewed LaRouche’s Nov. 14 webcast, and poked fun especially at U.S. Ambassador Charles Manatt, the former Democratic National Committee chairman. He asked: Remember how “Mr. Charley” Manatt’s cohorts in the Democratic Party top cabal wrote off Lyndon LaRouche when he won the Michigan primary, and then deployed their thugs to harass international observers at the “caucuses”? How Al Gore stole LaRouche’s 23% of the vote in the Arkansas primary? And look at his opponent, George W., a vengeful drunkard, who took time off from his political battle two days after the election, to order the execution of a Mexican citizen. It doesn’t matter which one of these is declared the winner; what matters is the onrushing financial collapse, which is why people should tune in to LaRouche’s webcast.

From Nairobi, Kenya, *The Nation*, Nov. 10:

“What could have represented the rise of non-issues more eloquently than this hung election? . . . The 2000 Presidential race in America was perhaps the most boring campaign in donkey years. Nothing was at stake. . . . The candidates refused to discuss anything as bold as the threat of war in the Middle East, or withdrawing American forces from Korea, or even writing off debts to poor nations. Africa and its poverty and AIDS problems, or even the collapse of the American family were not important.”

Personal Comments

“LaRouche’s metaphor about the stench of the rotten egg, to describe what is going on now in the United States, strikes me as very precise,” a European strategist commented on Nov. 13. “Many of us have been airing the realization, that there is something seriously wrong, in what has been happening in this election campaign, over a period of months. We are now witnessing quite serious perturbations. I am very much looking forward to what LaRouche has to say, on his webcast tomorrow night.”

The current electoral crisis in the United States has created a fundamental paradox for the Wall Street/Council on Foreign Relations-centered U.S. Establishment, and has underscored the unique historical role being played by LaRouche, not only in the United States, but around the world, a senior French diplomatic source told *EIR* on Nov. 10. “What is happening in the United States means that what we will see, whoever ends up being declared President, is the combination of a very weak presidency, financial collapse, and a dangerous crisis in the Middle East. What this means, is that Wall Street and the Council on Foreign Relations will be more in control, than before. However, the paradox they face, is that, at the same