

## On Presidents' Day, LaRouche Is the American Leader

by Paul Gallagher

During the long weekend of Feb. 16-18, Presidents' Day, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche was simultaneously the center of attention and leadership at a national conference of his U.S. political movement, and in the press of a number of other nations. Nearly a thousand delegates and guests attended the conference outside Washington, D.C. They heard LaRouche and his leading associates describe the coup d'état thesis of the Special Report, *Zbigniew Brzezinski and September 11th*, and the financial-economic collapse driving that coup, even as LaRouche's analysis was being reported on front pages in the Middle East, the Balkans, and elsewhere.

The conference in Reston, Virginia was full of new organizers and volunteers to LaRouche's campaign, who have been recruited in increasing numbers over the past year, as the U.S. economy has fallen and public "explanations" have flown further and further from truth and reality. LaRouche's Feb. 16 keynote address, "Is Enron Cluster's Last Stand?" (see p. 16, this issue), dealt with the future of the country after the impact of the emerging financial-derivatives "Cluster-Bust" which is following the Enron blowout. The address was followed by hours of discussion; LaRouche directly took on the complete failure of the Democratic Party to provide an alternative policy or leadership in the collapse, and said that his movement had to bring individual leaders together with citizens to "provide a new substance for the name, Democratic Party."

The full conference was webcast live, and is available on the websites of Mr. LaRouche's publications and his campaign. The sessions carried the overall theme—"Continue the American Revolution"—of how to defeat the Anglo-American establishment that is committed to imposing universal fascism, by mobilizing around the tradition of the American Revolution, as carried forward today by LaRouche and his candidacy.

### Content of LaRouche's Address Covered Internationally

"Enron, Deregulation, and the \$400 Trillion Derivatives Market" was the headline of the featured coverage of LaRouche's analysis in the major Arabic daily *Al Bayan*, based in Dubai; the newspaper ran LaRouche's statement, "Stop Kidding Us On Enron," in full. During the same weekend, the London-based daily *Al-Arab International* published the LaRouche campaign statement which has circulated in 500,000 copies in the United States, "Armageddon in Palestine," which carries the warning of general war flowing from the Sharon government's actually fascist policy. The leading Saudi daily *Asharq Al-Awsat* published lengthy coverage of LaRouche's analysis the following day. Meanwhile in the Balkans, the major Macedonian daily *Vecer*, on Feb. 19, ran front-page and lengthy coverage of the address just given by LaRouche in Reston, describing him as "a top economist who did not miss a single economic-financial forecast."

Though the U.S. media continued to black out LaRouche, American elected officials and labor activists attended the conference, including a dozen state representatives, as did representatives of ten foreign embassies in Washington. Answering a question from one activist preparing to run for office, LaRouche bluntly described the state of the major U.S. political parties—which deny almost unanimously that any economic crisis exists—and offered a leadership perspective.

"We are in the process of saying, 'Well, look, don't worry about the Democratic Party, Republican Party. They're both, pretty much, dead right now. . . . But there are some good people in the country, with some political experience, some of them in the Democratic Party. We think that somehow they ought to be pulled together, these good people, to provide a new substance for the name, Democratic Party. . . . I can tell you that a Democratic Party led by the Democratic Leadership Council, dominated by people like—fascists like Joe Lieber-

man; or maybe a new 'Pull the Noose' Party of John McCain, the rolling political hand-grenade . . .—that this doesn't function."

The candidate concluded, "If we can formulate political campaigns in those terms of reference. . . . We need a revived Democratic Party, one which is comparable to the Democratic Party at its best, under Franklin Roosevelt; we need that kind of party now. We need to reform and clean up the mess that is the present Democratic Party. . . . The Republican Party is an even bigger mess, but we're not exclusive; we don't object to anybody who's decent and wants to join the fight."

The continued American Revolution theme of the conference was only directly addressed in the final panel on the American Intellectual Tradition, but formed the background for LaRouche's discussion of the current universal fascist threat in his keynote, and in a three-hour panel devoted totally to questions and discussion.

LaRouche reviewed his famous "Triple Curve" collapse function graphs at some length, demonstrating the way in which the hyperinflationary debt-generation policy went together with the gouging of living standards for the population. He then zeroed in on the point of instability, which he identified as happening around the Spring of 2000, when the rate of the printing of money actually overcame the rate of generation of financial aggregates. From that point on, we've seen the financial system "grow" like a slime mold, Mr. LaRouche said, with derivatives, hedges, and a total mess like Enron, which could bring the whole system down.

## The Aftermath of Sept. 11

LaRouche's keynote was followed by a highly informative and polemical presentation by the Zimbabwean Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Simbi Mubako, on the way the British and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are trying to return his country to colonialism.

That evening's session took up "Brzezinski's and Huntington's Universal Fascism: The Special Case of Sharon's Israel." *EIR* spokesman Jeffrey Steinberg and Mr. LaRouche's West Coast campaign spokesman Harley Schlanger gave brief remarks on the nature of the Sept. 11 events, and the "Hitlerian" Jabotinsky current of Zionism, that permits Ariel Sharon to collaborate with the Clash of Civilizations crowd.

The second day of the conference was keynoted by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Mr. LaRouche's wife and founder of the Schiller Institute. She took up the theme of the alternative to the Clash of Civilizations, namely, the dialogue of cultures, beginning with the call that she herself had put forward in October 2001, along the lines of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa's dialogue, "The Peace of Faith."

Mrs. LaRouche repeated her call for children and youth from all over the world, to study the best "pearls" of other cultures, and to come together in an international conference of youth to discuss avoiding a New Dark Age and Thirty Years' War.

# Bush's Budget Seeks British-Style 'Reform'

by Carl Osgood

The leadership of the U.S. Congress, the Executive, and the Democratic and Republican parties is gripped by determination not to admit, much less act against, the growing wave of bankruptcies and unemployment in the U.S. economy. The anxiety over what all are denying, is breaking out in angry debates over how to pay for the Federal budget under these conditions. The issue involves fundamental questions of the role of budget and tax policies in reviving the national economy.

On Feb. 7, tensions between Congress and the White House over the Bush Administration's fiscal year 2003 budget submission exploded into the open during a hearing of the Senate Budget Committee. Committee member Robert Byrd (D-W.V.), also the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, berated Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill for 15 minutes. O'Neill had made a speech claiming that Congressional rules, "created by ordinary people," are "like the Lilliputians tying us to the ground."

Byrd noted that the budget document itself, submitted to Congress by the White House, includes a cartoon of Gulliver tied down by the Lilliputians—and many other such illustrations expressing the sentiment of the White House toward Congress. Byrd denounced this as intentional denigration of Congress' constitutional role in enacting a budget. He told O'Neill, "I've been in this town for 50 years. I've seen many secretaries of the Treasury. . . . With all due respect to you, you're not Alexander Hamilton."

An angry O'Neill replied, "I've dedicated my life to doing what I can to rid the rules that limit human potential, and I'm not going to stop."

## Government by 'Experts'?

The budget document also takes direct aim at the practice of Congressional earmarks, that is, the projects that are added to spending bills by individual members of Congress to benefit constituencies within their states or districts. At one point, it declares that "the process of identifying and selecting which projects will be funded by the budget, involves high levels of subject matter expertise and administrative support. Hence, when non-priority projects, those not requested by experts, are funded directly by the Congress in what is referred to as 'earmarks,' there is no assurance that funds will be used to support projects and activities that have the greatest prospect for success."