

the tidal wave which today shakes the nations of the planet, slaves that they are to a repugnant, obscene, fetid, filthy financial system, which is already in the process of full global disintegration.

Yes, because as Mr. LaRouche forecast many years ago, there is no Asian problem, nor a Russian problem, nor an Argentine problem, nor a Brazil problem. The crisis is systemic. The crisis is planet-wide. All of civilization is heading toward a new dark age.

It is for all these reasons that today, in this chamber, Mr. LaRouche is honored, the legitimate representative of the worldwide struggle against ruinous speculation, which is dragging the world into the abyss.

Thank you.

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Helga Zepp-LaRouche

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## 'A Powerful Message To the Whole World'

Ladies and gentlemen, dear Dr. Havanir, dear Dr. Enéas:

I want to thank you for giving this great honor to my husband in this way. And if you permit me, let me say something personal about my husband, with whom I have been married almost 25 years this year. And I hope you will forgive me that I praise him; if you think it's too much, I'm his wife.

From my own life which I have spent with Mr. LaRouche, I can tell you that he is one of the rare individuals which mankind, when it is lucky, produces sometimes once in a century. And I think we really should all be extremely happy to have such an extraordinary man at such an outstanding moment of crisis that the world is faced with right now.

Mr. LaRouche has, like nobody else I know, revived the best treasures of universal history. In the current period, when true human knowledge is almost lost, he has revived the best pearls of European civilization, the cradle of European civilization; with the ideas of Plato, the contributions of Christianity, of the great Renaissance, of the German Classical period, and the ideas of all the great thinkers of European history. But he has also not neglected the other cradles of mankind, from China, to India, to Mesopotamia, Sumer, and Egypt.

He has made the world conscious about the two traditions: the fight between the oligarchs, who are only interested in the privileges of a few, versus the fight of the true republicans, who are concerned about the well-being of the people—the

fight which goes back almost 2,000 to 3,000 years.

Mr. LaRouche has taken the whole world into his heart. In the 1970s, he wrote development programs for Africa, which is the reason why many poor people, who are dying right now in Africa, regard him as the only hope. In collaboration with Indira Gandhi, he wrote *A 40-Year Development Program for India*, which is still the hope for many people in India, and which is why he is regarded as a legendary figure in the Indian Subcontinent. The ideas he developed, together with [Mexico's] President López Portillo in 1982, about the integration of Latin America, in *Operation Juárez*, still represent the hope and the vision for the Latin American continent to come out of its present crisis.

### There Are Two Americas

Concerning the United States, there are two Americas: one is the beautiful "beacon of hope and temple of liberty" of the Founding Fathers, of Lincoln, of Martin Luther King—the U.S. tradition Mr. LaRouche today stands for. The other one, is the tradition of the British Empire, of the Confederacy, of slavery, and of the idea of dominating the world through world empire.

By giving Mr. LaRouche the honor of being an honorary citizen of São Paulo, you all have contributed to sending a powerful message to the whole world, as to which America the world really wants.

As a wife, I can only tell you, that if there is hope for all the poor countries of this world, for a dying African continent, for a terrible situation in the Middle East, for a very dangerous situation in Central Asia and the Indian Subcontinent, and many other places, it is the ideas of Mr. LaRouche.

So, I want to thank you, because you all have contributed to do the single most important thing to contribute to bring the world out of this crisis.

Thank you very much.

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Dr. Enéas Carneiro

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## 'Who Is Mr. LaRouche?'

Who is Mr. LaRouche?

Until 1994, I knew of him only as a great political leader. I could also see the convergence of our thinking, but I had no idea at all of his immense and extraordinary culture in almost every field of human knowledge.

During one of my appearances on a TV talk show, on the occasion of my second run for the Presidency of Brazil, I referred to the national credit policy implemented in the



Dr. Enéas Carneiro, founder of Brazil's Party for the Rebuilding of National Order (PRONA).

United States by Alexander Hamilton, which prompted a comment in the newspaper of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement.

Mr. Lorenzo Carrasco sought me out, and I became a subscriber to *Executive Intelligence Review*. It is impossible to resist Mr. Carrasco's appeals, when he decides to sell you a subscription to the magazine.

Reading Mr. LaRouche's articles in *EIR* and, later on, in *Fidelio* and *21st Century* magazines, I became increasingly astonished and deeply curious to know more and more about that man.

Who really is he?

Recently, reading an article appearing in the May 10, 2002 issue of *EIR*, I was struck by Mr. LaRouche's deep philosophical and technical analysis of the catenary, and I recalled my classes as a university physics student, 40 years ago, with my dear friend Dr. Osório—who is here today—when we were being introduced to transcendental trigonometric functions, analytic geometry, and hyperbolic functions.

The catenary is the curve describing the form taken by a uniform chain when it is suspended from its endpoints. Any

freely hanging cable or rope assumes this shape.

The catenary represents the constant search of nature for a state of order, with a minimum expenditure of energy. That is a universal principle, which, like many others, Mr. LaRouche explains magnificently in his writings.

But, let's stop for a moment and think: What Presidential candidate in Brazil, or in the United States, for that matter, has ever heard of a catenary?

Imagine someone showing Mr. Bush in the United States, or Mr. Lula [Luís Inácio Da Silva] or Mr. [Antonio] Garotinho in Brazil, an hyperbolic function or an integral. Any one of them, at the sight of an integral, would immediately think of a rattlesnake ready to bite him. None of them, in their absolute ignorance of the scientific principles governing nature, has the slightest idea of the importance of scientific knowledge to the statesman who would lead a nation.

Besides being a mathematical philosopher, Mr. LaRouche has a keen intelligence and exceptional fluency in matters of the physical world, speaking with intimacy and profundity about the ideas of Gauss, Ampère, Oersted, and Kepler, and many other mainstays of physics.

Regarding philosophy as such, Mr. LaRouche is really a scholar. From Plato to Leibniz, from St. Augustine to St. Thomas Aquinas, or Descartes, Spinoza, and many others, the depth of his reasoning and wise analysis is, for me, breathtaking.

He speaks about ancient history as if he were there, at the same table, on the same sofa, at Plato's *Symposium*, the "Banquet of Love." He who reads Mr. LaRouche's articles receives a refreshing shower of science, fine arts, and philosophy.

## The Fight for the General Welfare

But, beyond such incontestable knowledge, what most impresses me about Mr. LaRouche is his concern for social questions, poverty, and the destiny of humanity.

Mr. LaRouche defends, in the United States and the world, the same ideas which we, of PRONA, defend here in Brazil.

He fights for the existence and presence of the sovereign nation-state. In one of his speeches, he said: "We want no empire. We want no hegemony. We want the general welfare. We want to protect and to promote national sovereignty. That is the cornerstone."

He condemns economic globalization, so dear to the rotten press, the corrupted media which do not allow ordinary people to know what is the reality hidden behind those sweet words, such as "privatization," "the minimal state," "economic globalization," and so forth and so on. In reality, all of this is a lie; what exists, in fact, is neo-colonialism.

I became aware in 1989—but Mr. LaRouche had seen it much earlier than I—that a diabolical plan of destruction was under way, and accelerating with incredible velocity, to destroy our moral values—all that was handed down to us by



*At the dais of the award ceremony in the São Paulo City Council chambers.*

our forefathers, and which makes us a sovereign nation.

With the establishment of the free-market empire, with the neo-liberal wind blowing in almost every quarter of the planet, it followed naturally that our country would also be engulfed by this wave of destruction.

The floodgates of our economy were intentionally opened. Our nation was flooded with junk and trash from around the world. The barriers against imports of all industrial products were taken down, in such a disastrous manner that our national industry was almost destroyed.

But, the whole process did not stop there. With no subsidies, with almost no lending by the Banco do Brasil to small and medium-sized farmers, bankruptcy also struck the countryside. Thus, they destroyed agriculture, too.

Millions of unemployed were thrown onto the streets. Today, a shocking 20% of the economically active population is unemployed. They wander hopelessly, hungry, desperate, joining those already in the informal economy, selling imported products at traffic stops on the streets, doing anything to survive, and a considerable number of those unfortunate

people finally end up in criminal marginality.

Criminality, in turn, is reaching terrifying levels, reaching as high as one murder every hour in the Rio-São Paulo region, as stated quite correctly by Dr. Havanir, president of PRONA in São Paulo.

They destroyed the fundamentals of Classical education. They destroyed respect for the nation, for religion, for the family, as well as respect for life. And, with that, death became just a banality. They transformed human beings into machines.

### **The Empire of Money**

With complete freedom for speculation, with capital flowing from one point of the planet to another, without any restrictions, it was natural that the big monied interests wished to increase—doubling, tripling, quadrupling their fortunes—simply by speculation in the financial market.

The world economy became a no-man's-land, with no relationship between real wealth and the amount of money in circulation.

Money is no longer a symbol of wealth. It has become wealth itself. I say that, because there is no correspondence between the money that circulates and the real wealth of nations, as Mr. LaRouche has so brilliantly proven in his analyses, repeatedly presented in the four corners of the planet.

We have come to live under the Empire of Money, the Empire of Fake Money, the Empire of Painted Paper.

Brazil, in 2001, paid the fabulous amount of some \$60 billion in service on the public debt alone, including the interest on domestic and foreign public debts.

And the domestic debt jumped from \$50 billion in 1994 (at a dollar-to-real ratio of 1:1), to about \$240 billion, the equivalent of a stunning 600 billion reals at today's exchange rate.

We should remember that this enormous debt rose after the big Brazilian state companies were handed over, such as the National Steel Company (CSN), Usiminas, and Vale do Rio Doce—the biggest mining company in the world, control over which was sold for the ridiculous sum of \$3.338 billion, which is less than what is paid, in one month, in interest on the public debt. That is, close to 10 billion reals, or almost \$4 billion, are paid per month in interest alone.

Fortunately, this model is exhausting itself, because it is self-destructive. It carries within itself, the germ of its own destruction.

Look back to the Russia crisis: The world press, the servant of world power, said this was a local problem. There was an Asian crisis, and they repeated: This is a regional problem. Now, it is the Argentina crisis, and they keep saying: It is their crisis; it's an Argentina problem that won't affect us. Brazil is different.

But the reality is, that there is no difference. As Mr.



*To open the ceremony, a military band plays the national anthem of Brazil. Afterwards, a tenor sang the American national anthem, a capella.*

LaRouche has been insisting for decades, and I have been repeating here in Brazil since 1989, the crisis is systemic.

There is no saving this model, unless there is a joint statement, issued by the governments of the major countries of the world, that the current international financial system is insolvent; and calling for the establishment of a new accord between nations, with the creation of a New Bretton Woods agreement.

### **The Way Out for Brazil: ‘Rupture, Now!’**

But, unfortunately, here in Brazil, Mr. LaRouche, we don’t have the power to impose such an agreement upon the world. Therefore, there is only one way out for us, and that is a rupture, a formal and final rupture with the international financial system.

We are one of the biggest countries in the world, with about 8.4 million square kilometers of land area, 21% of the world’s freshwater supply, and the biggest rain forest in the world. One sunny day over Brazil’s territory is equivalent to the energy produced during 24 hours of operation by 120,000 hydroelectric plants of the size of Itaipú Dam, presently the world biggest hydroelectric complex.

Thanks to this fantastic solar energy, which is only possible in the tropics, the Brazilian continent has unequalled wealth of vegetation, with vegetable oils, cellulose, sugar, starch, etc., capable of generating forms of energy which can advantageously replace all petroleum products. In this way, we would be able to provide practically all of the world’s requirements for solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels, for an unlim-

ited time to come.

This means the use of a clean, renewable energy source, the energy accumulated in the molecules of the carbon hydrates, which exist in amounts many times larger than the energy obtained through fossil fuels, which are running out on this planet.

We are the richest country in the world, but we find more than half of our people condemned to live in poverty and misery.

*Rupture, now!*

Stop importing everything while exporting raw materials. Nowadays, even potato chips are imported, as if the glorious people of Brazil were not capable of doing anything, not even manufacturing potato chips.

Let us sit at the negotiating table and say: *That is enough!*

Pay us a fair price, or not one milligram will be taken from this land—no iron, no aluminum, no titanium, no quartz, no niobium, etc.

They need us much more than we need them.

But, in order to achieve that, we will need in the government, at all levels, honest men, wise, diligent patriots, and not that weak, fallacious, deceptive, inept, and mad mob that is leading our country into the abyss of chaos, and our people into slavery. In other words, as Mr. LaRouche says, into a New Dark Age.

Only in this way will we be able to proclaim the economic independence of Brazil.

Thank you very much, Mr. LaRouche, for your presence here in Brazil, and for all that you represent for all mankind.