

Editorial

'Conscience of the United States'

There is no doubt in the minds of leading political, religious, and scientific figures internationally, that the changes necessary to prevent the outbreak of uncontrollable chaos and mayhem on the world scene, must occur in the United States. Even while suffering in dread of the next moves the Cheneyacs might make, the world looks to America for a positive alternative to the current rash of crises; and that positive alternative is personified in the figure of Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

Two striking examples of this reality came across our desk at *EIR* this week. The first arose from an *EIR* interview with a leading Sunni cleric in Iraq—one with great political influence in the “Sunni Triangle” where Al-Fallujah is located—with whom our correspondent spoke on April 13. In all his interviews and lectures, this cleric said, he repeats three facts: that a solution to the Middle East crises could only come from within America; that the true nature of the United States is not what is popularized; and that Lyndon LaRouche is an example of a true American statesman. He himself calls LaRouche the “living conscience of the United States.”

Almost simultaneously, LaRouche himself was being hosted in Moscow, where he was keynoting a speech at the Vernadsky Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and holding discussions with students, academics, and other notables. The Russian media had rather prominently advertised the fact that LaRouche would be addressing this conference; and, upon his arrival, an interview with LaRouche on the potential for a new partnership between Russia and the United States was published in the financial monthly *Currency Dealer*. In each venue, LaRouche was introduced as a unique universal thinker, and, in the words of a press release written by his Moscow friends, “the conscience of America.”

At first blush, many Americans would appear shocked at this “foreign” perception of LaRouche, which is, we can assure you, shared by a myriad of leaders from Asia, Ibero-America, and Africa as well. It seems to be a total contrast with the way in which this

“prophet” is treated in his own country.

But this is only a surface contradiction. If you look more deeply, you will find that LaRouche is also understood within the United States—especially in the circles of civil rights activists and minorities, on the one side, and in the extended network of the intelligence community, on the other—as a representative of America’s finest historical tradition. In LaRouche, you have a genuine statesman, whose fight for justice, nationally and internationally, and whose willingness to tell the truth, put him in the league with our nation’s heroes.

Of course, there are many today who claim that the days for a “man of conscience” have passed. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As our interview with Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg reminds us, the pathway of short-term expediency, or simply the assertion of power, is not a pathway to prosperity and security for any nation. Only if a nation maintains its commitment to the general welfare of its own people, and ensures that this commitment coheres with the welfare of other nations, will it advance on the road to peace and progress. That commitment requires leaders who will move the population in that direction, through steady, long-term efforts, regardless of setbacks along the way.

The United States has had no such leaders, since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or Martin Luther King, except Lyndon LaRouche. From at least the early 1970s, he has emerged as the leading fighter for the Constitutional principles on which our nation was founded to become the premier republic of the world. He has fought to reverse the destruction of our economy, to reverse the drive toward racism and slave labor, to re-establish the commitment to a community of sovereign nation states which had once been the hallmark of American foreign policy.

So far, Americans have been too immoral, or frightened, or stupid, to listen to their conscience. But, as our friends in other nations are pointing out, the time for such foolishness is running out. Only by listening to LaRouche, will the United States make the course changes which will save us, and the planet.