

LaRouche: Project Democracy Was ‘Coup-Coup’d’ in Kyrgyzstan

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On March 28, Lyndon LaRouche issued his personal assessment of the ongoing events in the Central Asian, former Soviet Republic of Kyrgyzstan, characterizing the political crisis that erupted there the week of March 21 as a Moscow-orchestrated “coup-coup” against the Bush-Cheney Project Democracy apparatus that was deeply involved in the so-called “rainbow revolutions” in Georgia and Ukraine.

The U.S.A.-centered Project Democracy apparatus includes the likes of George Shultz, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Madeleine Albright, and the entire neoconservative apparatus ensconced in the Pentagon civilian bureaucracy and the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney.

The Events

On March 24, Kyrgyz President Askar Akayev fled the capital, Bishkek, in the face of opposition demonstrations. In a matter of hours, three bold actions had taken place, that led to the Akayev departure and the regime change:

First, former Kyrgyz security chief Gen. Felix Kulov, a longtime KGB asset, was freed from jail. He would play a pivotal role in all the succeeding events.

Next, a group of no more than 200 demonstrators took over the “White House”—the government headquarters building. Eyewitnesses to the events, interviewed by *EIR*, confirmed that security personnel guarding the building disappeared as soon as the demonstrators arrived, thus offering no interference with the takeover.

Finally, the same group of demonstrators took over the national television station.

The Kyrgyz Supreme Court nullified the results of the recent parliamentary elections of Feb. 27 and March 13, and appointed Kulov and former Prime Minister Kurmanbek Bak-

iyev to head up a new interim government. After several nights of looting and violence, widely viewed as linked to drug-mafia networks that operate in Kyrgyzstan’s southern region, which abuts the Fergana Valley, order was restored to the Central Asian republic. Former President Akayev, who initially fled to Kazakhstan, later arrived in Moscow. He has not yet resigned his post, and has challenged the legitimacy of what one observer described as a “palace coup by a faction of the security services.”

The Reaction

Following these rapid-fire events, other so-called opposition figures expressed shock at the Kulov-Bakiyev takeover, complaining openly that the government change occurred “too quickly,” “depriving” the Kyrgyz people of the kind of slow-motion putsch that had played out in Georgia and Ukraine, under the close sponsorship of such outside meddling agencies as the Soros Open Society Institute, the Eurasia Foundation, the International Republican Institute (IRI), Freedom House, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). All of these organizations, according to one well-placed U.S. intelligence official, are now scrambling to figure out what happened, and how they were outflanked so quickly.

In effect, LaRouche concluded, Russian President Vladimir Putin, a renowned black belt in judo, decided to launch a stealth intervention, to preempt the already unfolding Western coup schemes. It was a classic judo move—precisely the kind of asymmetric warfare response to a pattern of U.S.-led Western provocations in Russia’s Near Abroad that LaRouche had been anticipating from Moscow. As LaRouche put it bluntly, the Project Democracy effort got

“coup coup’d.”

Indeed, opposition leaders involved in the March 24 preemptive events, had travelled to Moscow in the weeks preceding the government change, and had met with Kremlin officials. President Akayev, a former student of noted Soviet-era dissident Andrei Sakharov, and a reform-minded politician who openly promoted Kyrgyzstan’s role in a new Eurasian Silk Road, had been warning for months that there were plans afoot for his ouster from power. There had been no shortage of warnings, widely acknowledged in Moscow, that Kyrgyzstan had been already targeted for the next Anglo-American sponsored “rainbow revolution.”

‘The Hindu’ Corroborates

On March 29, the prestigious Indian daily, *The Hindu*, published an article by former foreign service officer M.K. Bhadrakumar, which provided added details, corroborating key elements of the LaRouche assessment. The author began by asserting, “In Kyrgyzstan, there have been deviations from the revolutionary script choreographed in Washington and finessed in Georgia and Ukraine.” For one thing, he noted, “the two main protagonists—the leaderships in Bishkek and Moscow—prepared themselves for the revolution.”

Bhadrakumar continued, “A crucial factor has been Moscow’s approach to the impending revolution. It was flawless. Moscow had evidently drawn its conclusions about what happened in Ukraine. It had no problems with Mr. Akayev remaining in power, but never displayed its options. It took care not to be vilified as being against democracy and liberty in Kyrgyzstan. In fact, Moscow even hosted visits by the Kyrgyz opposition. This inability to monopolize the Opposition deprived the U.S. of a crucial pre-requisite of the ‘color’ revolution—a unified opposition, as in Georgia or Ukraine, under a single leader.”

As Bhadrakumar noted, shortly after Bakiyev was appointed as the interim leader, Russian President Putin declared, “We know these people pretty well and they have done quite a lot to establish good relations between Russia and Kyrgyzstan.”

‘Storm Over Asia’

Despite the setback to the Project Democracy gang, via the Russian-backed “coup-coup,” the situation on the ground in Kyrgyzstan is still unfolding, and the “usual suspects” in Washington and London have in no way abandoned their longstanding plans to unleash what LaRouche labelled, in a prophetic 1999 documentary, a “Storm Over Asia.”

Both the Soros foundations and the Eurasia Foundation have been heavily investing in the opposition in the southern part of the country, an area increasingly dominated by growing drug mafias linked to the drug lords of Afghanistan, and strong Islamist networks, like the IMU (Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan) of the neighboring state. Kyrgyzstan neigh-

bors the autonomous region of Xinjiang in China, as well as the Uzbekistan Fergana Valley, the latter recently described by George Soros as the most valuable piece of real estate on the planet.

The Russian move, LaRouche advised, may emerge as part of a larger effort by Moscow, Beijing, and Tehran, to encircle and contain the trouble emanating from the NATO-occupied Afghanistan, which has once again emerged as the opium hub of Eurasia.

Documentation

LaRouche’s 1999 Video: ‘Storm Over Asia’

In late 1999, Lyndon LaRouche produced a two-hour documentary video, titled *Storm Over Asia*. LaRouche’s opening words in that 1999 production offered a prophetic warning of events that are playing out, today, across the vast region of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The documentary began with scenes of warfare in Chechnya and along the India-Pakistan border. Then LaRouche declared:

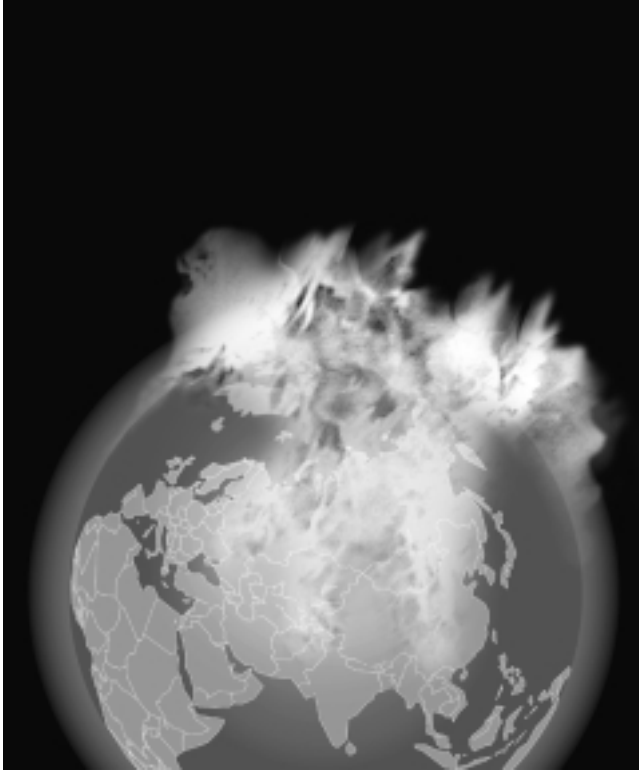
“What you’re seeing is a war in the North Caucasus region of southern Russia. What you’re also seeing, is a war which has broken out simultaneously in the border between Pakistan and India.

“The forces behind these attacks on Russia and on India are the same. They are a mercenary force which was first set into motion by policies adopted at a Trilateral Commission meeting in Kyoto in 1975: policies originally of Brzezinski and his number-two man there, Samuel P. Huntington; the policies which were continued by then-Trilateral Commission member, that is, back in 1975: George Bush, before he became Vice President.

“These were policies which were continued by George Bush as Vice President. Under Bush, this became known as the ‘Iran-Contra’ drug-financed operations of mercenaries deployed with private funding all over the world: recruited from Islamic and other countries, and targeting Russia’s flank.

“This mercenary force, created then, still exists. The primary responsibility for creating the force, was the government of the United Kingdom—most notably, most emphatically, the government of Margaret Thatcher, a policy which has been accelerated and continued in full madness by the present Prime Minister, Tony Blair, of the United Kingdom.

“This war, if continued, using mercenaries, can lead to



Lyndon LaRouche's 1999 documentary video, "Storm Over Asia," foretold the clashes that are now occurring in Central Asia, as a result of the geopolitics of Washington and London.

nuclear general war. The major powers principally threatened today by this mercenary operation, are two of the world's largest nations: China and India; China on its western borders, India on its northern borders.

"Iran is also threatened; but, more notably, Russia. If these nations are pushed to the wall by a continuing escalation of a war which is modelled on the wars which the British ran against Russia, China, and so forth, during the Nineteenth Century and early Twentieth Century, this will lead to the point that Russia has to make the decision to accept the disintegration of Russia as a nation, or to resort to the means it has, to exact terrible penalties on those who are attacking it, going closer and closer to the source, the forces behind the mercenaries—which includes, of course, Turkey, which is a prime NATO asset being used as a cover for much of this mercenary operation in the North Caucasus and in Central Asia.

"This is our danger. The weapons the Russians have, are no longer the large armies, the capabilities we thought of under the old Ogarkov Plan of the 1980s. Those vast armies are dissipated, weakened. Russia is ruined almost, by a vast economic destruction, caused by IMF policies, and related policies. But Russia still has an arsenal, an arsenal of advanced weapons, and laboratories which can match the weaponry—most advanced weaponry—being developed in the United States, Israel, Britain, and elsewhere.

"If Russia is pushed to the wall, or decides to disintegrate willfully, or fight back, the likely thing is, it will fight back. It will use the weapons it has. It does not have the weapons to win a war, but it has the weapons sufficient to impose a powerful, deadly deterrent on the nations behind the mercenary forces which are presently attacking it. There lies the danger.

"Unfortunately, most people in the United States are living under the delusion, that with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the combined military power of the United States and its British Commonwealth allies—including Australia, New Zealand, and so forth, countries that are really under the British Queen personally, as the United Kingdom is—believe that these forces, Anglo-American forces, are so powerful, that they can ignore the United Nations Security Council, and conduct wars on their own, with impunity. . . .

[Omitted here are sections 2) War and Economic Crisis; 3) How I Addressed This Danger of War; 4) A Community of Principle as Policy. We resume with an excerpt from section 5—ed.]

5. The War-Danger Today

"Now, Russia, as you shall hear in a moment, has been deliberately, willfully ruined and looted. It is not Russian gangsters coming out of Moscow who have put their money in banks in New York, and elsewhere; it is American gangsters put into power by the British, and by George Bush, back in 1991, when he appointed Bob Strauss as U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, who have hired Russians, retained Russians, *to loot Russia*. And they take part of the proceeds, which they pocket as commission for stealing from Russia and other countries, they deposit it in various banks, like the British monarchy's Antigua bank.

"Antigua is totally under the British Crown, the British monarchy. And more people speak Russian in the business there, than any other language. Why do they speak Russian? Because they're Russian gangsters who keep their money there, and deploy their money through there. So, the gangsters which we hear about in the United States, the Russian gangsters, are British and American-controlled gangsters. They are thieves for the U.S. mafia.

"So, these forces have looted Russia. And these are the forces these guys want to play with.

"So that we've come to the point, that the Russian system is collapsing. The Russian people have a choice of taking back their country, getting rid of that—this gangster process, constituting government again, to meet the demands of the general welfare of Russia and its posterity; of cooperating with nations such as China, India, and other countries, Iran and other countries; Western Europe and other countries: to promote the general welfare and the sovereignty of nation-states.

"And that, *that*, the authors of Globalization, which is a codeword for oligarchy, don't like. . . ."