

American economist and Democratic Party figure Lyndon H. LaRouche, spoke at one of the plenary sessions, communicating optimism to the participants by briefing them on the fight in the United States to oust Dick Cheney (most participants were unaware of these developments, due to press blackouts). Cheminade intervened in a round table discussion, emphasizing the need to defend cultural sovereignty, denouncing particularly the Congress for Cultural Freedom created by the CIA after the war, ostensibly to fight Communism, but actually to destroy Classical culture as the basis for the nation-state. (See speeches, below.)

In response to a question from *EIR* about the recent Summit of the Americas in Mar del Plata, Argentina, General Vargas Passos said that he supported those movements which aim at Ibero-American integration. "In Mar del Plata, we saw that the idea of integration, as a means to oppose re-colonization, is on its way. The people and the governments came together on this idea, something that had never occurred before. . . . It was really a success. I hope that the President of the United States assimilated this lesson and has seen that there is a different reality in South America. We want peace, we want to be friends of the United States. We know that it is an extraordinary market to trade with, but we want to do it with people who respect us, who think that our raw materials must be managed by ourselves and then sold to the rest of the world."

Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Getting Cheney Out Is the Key to Peace

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What kind of balance of forces in the world could bring back equilibrium and guarantee the application of international law?

I think everybody will agree, that the absolute precondition to return to international law, is a change of U.S. policy from inside the United States. And there, I want to say emphatically, I am much more optimistic than most speakers who have spoken so far. Because there is an absolute revolt going on in Washington, where in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, a bipartisan coalition has emerged against the policies of Vice President Cheney and the neo-conservatives.

This is extremely important, because it's a simple fact: The entire world can be for peace, but if the neo-conservatives remain in power, there will be war. The problem is their stated intention to stay on their course in order to remove all "rogue states," in particular Iran, Syria, and North Korea. In reality, they want to continue on a war path, until all independent nation-states are removed and their global empire is established. And this means that the strategic situation could very quickly degenerate into global asymmetric warfare, throwing the world rapidly into a new dark age.

Seismic Shifts

The good news is, however, that there is a seismic change going on in the United States. If you are not fully aware of it, blame the media, most of which are trying very hard not to cover the full dimension of these changes, or to dilute the picture by misrepresenting the story. Last week, on Tuesday, Nov. 7, the same day the Republicans lost in the state [gubernatorial] elections in New Jersey and Virginia, and [Arnold] Schwarzenegger lost all propositions in California, Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate's Minority Leader, and two of his colleagues, held a press conference announcing the opening of phase two of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence investigation of the lies and manipulations used to lure the United States into the war against Iraq.

Senator Reid stated: "There is a dark cloud hanging over the White House. The Vice President is sadly in the middle of that storm. The manipulation of intelligence to sell the war against Iraq: Vice President Cheney is involved in that. The White House energy policy of putting big oil ahead of the American consumer: Vice President Cheney is behind that. Leaking classified information to discredit White House critics: The Vice President is behind that. Halliburton's contracting abuse, the list goes on, and it goes on."

On Nov. 8, Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman, in a conference call with reporters and activists from around the country, attacked Senator Reid for his remarks that Cheney was at the center of corruption and policy failures, and accused Reid of "having a Lyndon LaRouche moment." The fascinating thing is that, in this way, the Republicans blew the story about the Reid press conference to an even wider audience, while they had been desperately trying to block it from the media.

What did Mehlman mean when he said that Senator Reid had his "LaRouche moment"? Was Mehlman paranoid? What Mehlmann referred to is that the reason there is a storm in Washington to get Cheney out of office, is Mr. LaRouche's personal leadership role.

Yesterday, on Wednesday, Nov. 16, there was a large delegation of about 80 UAW trade unionists and elected officials, and about 100 members of the LaRouche Youth Movement meeting with 40 Senators and Congressmen, and with a larger number of Congressional offices, on the need to save the American auto sector, and to get Cheney out of office.

These two issues are absolutely connected: The only hope to save close to 1 million jobs in the auto industry, in GM, Delphi, Ford, and Visteon, is to go back to the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal, and this will only happen if there is a bipartisan coalition among Democrats and traditional Republicans. And this is exactly the combination which has come together against the policies of the neo-conservatives, as was shown in the 98-0 vote against torture in the Senate, in a direct rebuttal of Cheney.

Senator [Pat] Roberts made a commitment, that phase two of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence would focus on the central role of Vice President Cheney and his office, in fraudulently leading the nation to war and creating a parallel government, directly under his control. Congressman [John] Murtha, a very respected expert on military affairs who has been in the Congress for 31 years, led the charge against the entire defense legislation of the White House, and proposed a bill for an orderly withdrawal from Iraq, which found almost unanimous support from both Democrats and Republicans in the Congress. The attempted countermove by the neo-conservatives, to put a resolution for an “immediate withdrawal” up for vote, introduced by Duncan Hunter, was recognized as a stunt and a sham by the White House to discredit Murtha, and was voted down 403-3!

The fact that people like [Sen. John] McCain or [former CIA Director] Stansfield Turner now have such a clear position on the issue of torture is definitely related to the in-depth investigation of this issue, conducted by the LaRouche movement, tracing the neo-conservative tradition back from Leo Strauss, to Carl Schmitt, Alexandre Kojève, Nietzsche, Joseph de Maistre, and the Inquisition in Spain in the 16th Century, hailing torture as a legitimate means of political control. The three printings of the “Children of Satan” pamphlets, exposing this, were distributed in several million copies inside the United States, and internationally. To get Cheney out now is the crucial issue, if civilization is to be saved.

Jacques Cheminade

Destroying Culture Destroys Nations

Jacques Cheminade, a French Presidential candidate in 2007 and a collaborator of Lyndon LaRouche, spoke on the panel on national sovereignty in the cultural domain. We publish here extracts of his speech. Sharing the podium with him was French humorist Dieudonné Mbala Mbala, who in the last couple of years, has been demonized and even taken to court,

for having dared to humorously question the cultural and political hegemony enjoyed by extreme forms of Zionism, simply because these currents are protected by the Bush Administration’s neo-conservatives. Cheminade and Dieudonné agreed on the fact that there is more liberty in Israel’s parliament than in the Paris political scene. Participants in the round table also vigorously protested against the same violation of freedom of speech in France, when it comes to historiography on the former U.S.S.R., totally dominated today by neo-conservative intellectuals such as Stephane Courteois.

Philippe Pétain, Minister of War after the events of February 1934, visited the gap of 44 kilometers in the French fortifications, between Montmédy and Sedan. The most vulnerable place in our deployment against a Nazi military offensive had not been prepared for war. Pétain’s judgment was that that sector was “not dangerous.” Nothing was done to ensure the defense of our national territory . . . and the debacle ensued.

Today, the question of national sovereignty poses itself in the same way in the cultural domain, and we are showing the same kind of suspicious non-preparedness as France in the thirties.

Indeed, the sub-culture, the counterculture is flooding us, destroying the very concept of the nation-state, and of national sovereignty, threatening to create today the same effects produced yesterday by Guderian’s tanks. . . .

This is why my intervention here is a call to rise up, addressed to France but also to all other developed countries, including the United States of America, as well as to those countries and peoples of the world, humiliated and offended by a conception which reduces human beings to their animal qualities, their desire to possess, to dominate, and to “have” as opposed to “to be.”

A call to rise up against what, against whom? We know that today power has been kidnapped in Washington, by a handful of neo-conservatives, proponents of preventive war, of permanent war, of constant intimidation against anything that opposes their plans, including by torture and violation of the nuclear weapons taboo. . . .

The Battle for the Mind

However, we understand less well that the war against the human mind—what Dr. William Sargant called, without scruples, “the battle for the mind,” or that which Dr. Sidney Gottlieb worked on during the MK-Ultra project—is a more fundamental stake.

Let us see what Gen. Paul Vallely (ret.), former commander of the 7th Group of Psychological Operations of the American Army, expressed openly about the liberticide policy of his group, the group against which Eisenhower had warned in his farewell speech of 1961, calling it the “military-industrial complex.”

General Vallely wrote: “Strategic MindWar must begin the moment war is considered to be inevitable. . . . To this