

## Editorial

### *Endgame for Cheney?*

As leaks from the Lewis Libby defense team about how Libby's boss, Vice President Dick Cheney, had authorized him to leak classified information began to spread through all the news wires on Feb. 9, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) released the following statement:

"These charges, if true, represent a new low in the already sordid case of partisan interests being placed above national security. The Vice President's vindictiveness in defending the misguided war in Iraq is obvious. If he used classified information to defend it, he should be prepared to take full responsibility. *President Bush has clearly said he would 'clean house' of everyone who had anything to do with the Plame leak. . . .*"

The questions are raised: Is the Democratic leadership in Congress finally ready to move in for the "kill" against the lead thug of the Bush Administration, Cheney? Could it be that the actions by some Republicans against the Administration's insistence on the President's ability to violate the law based on the assertion of Executive power—as enunciated in the 1930s by Nazi "Crown Jurist" Carl Schmitt—have finally given the Democrats courage to move? Could it be that the smell of fascism, even in the wake of the capitulation on the nomination of Federalist Society fascist Judge Samuel Alito, has impelled some serious action against Cheney?

If so, the shift comes not a moment too soon. The Cheney gang, acting as tools of the international Synarchist banking crowd, which knows its system is hanging by a thread, is determined to press ahead for their war against Iran, a war which, as Lyndon LaRouche has pointed out, would be the fuse that detonates the collapse of the world financial system, ushering in an era of global war, chaos, and a New Dark Age. No government has so far shown the intelligence, or the willingness, to stop this confrontation, by calling it for what it is.

To stop this disastrous scenario, the only sure action is to deal a knock-out political blow to its lead enforcer, the Vice President.

It will not be missed by the snarling Mr. Cheney—as well as every knowledgeable politico in the nation's capital—that the charges about the Vice President's malfeasance now being bandied about, have long been

exposed by this magazine, and the political action committee of Lyndon LaRouche. It was in September 2002, that LaRouche first issued a call similar to that of Senator Kennedy, urging the President to get Cheney to resign. At that point, Cheney's offense was his policy for pre-emptive war against Iraq in the service of a strategy for world empire, a policy that LaRouche asserted would lead to disaster.

Since Fall 2002, *EIR* has assiduously documented the crimes of the Vice President, as they became clear in his lies about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, and his violations of laws concerning national security, among others. In June 2003, LaRouche called for Cheney's impeachment, when evidence became public that he had lied about the Niger yellow-cake story. Over time, it became increasingly clear that Cheney's attempts to justify his own lies, have led to one additional crime after another, including those involved in the Valerie Plame affair.

Today, sources from numerous government institutions are leaking the story that Cheney held a meeting in March 2003, where he demanded that action be taken to "destroy" former Ambassador Joe Wilson, for discrediting the yellow-cake story. But LaRouche's publications exposed the existence of this meeting in the Spring of 2004, as did Ambassador Wilson himself.

Indeed, we have made Cheney's crimes a matter of broad public knowledge for more than three years. What has changed is the perception of some leading political forces that the dangers represented by Cheney's continued policymaking power over the President, and the U.S. government, are now too great to be ignored. Some sources even report that President Bush himself is beginning to look askance at Cheney, since the Veep's "in-your-face" insistence on violating the law is setting up the President himself for possible impeachment.

At present, Cheney is continuing his flight-forward assertion of the right to dictatorial power and imperial wars, hopeful that his opponents will not get up the nerve to use the multifarious opportunities they have to stop him cold. Is he right? The answer to that question will determine the chances for survival of the United States, and the planet as a whole, in the weeks ahead.