
Jacques Cheminade

Creating a New Generation of Thinkers Who Will Lead the Mass Strike

Jacques Cheminade, who heads the Solidarité et Progrès party in France, gave this address, titled, “Se Réveiller dans la Tempête” (Waking up in the Storm), to the BüSo webcast June 30. He is presently campaigning for the Presidency of France, where elections are to be held in April-May 2012.

Amis, militants, combatants: I am very glad to be in Germany, to be in Berlin with you, today, the very day when the German government has taken a certain step towards something good. But I can tell you without any doubt, and I think at this point, you are all convinced, that the person who is going to direct the next steps, is the person who has just spoken, now [Helga Zepp-LaRouche]. And I am here, because we have with Helga a very nice kind of special relationship, which is well beyond our mortal persons: It is the spirit and the idea of our nation-states.

I would never be what I am, without what was composed in music in Germany between Bach and Brahms. The philosophical-theological tradition, from Cusa and Leibniz, to the most recent moments of German thinking, against all odds, the German science from Riemann to Planck to Einstein, and the German poets from Lessing and Schiller to Heine: This is my identity. And what Helga said about France, what I am saying about Germany, is the most German and the most French, but at the same time it is universal. And the proof of it, is that somehow, against my own will, I have to speak in English, today! And that Lyndon LaRouche represents the highest of this tradition, in the United States, and in the whole world.

So, I am here also in the perspective of my candidacy to the Presidential elections of April-May 2012. But not for 2012: My candidacy is for the here and now,



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Jacques Cheminade is a candidate for the French Presidency, in the 2012 elections, but he is running “for the here and now, given what is coming against us, and ahead of us,” unless the British empire, and its U.S. puppet Barack Obama, are defeated, now.

given what is coming against us, and ahead of us, in the month of July. Probably, in this room, all of you understand it, but, I don’t know how many Europeans understand, that we are being smashed by our enemies, if we do nothing, and that the conditionalities of the Third World are falling upon us: Ask the Hungarians, ask the Romanians, ask the Lithuanians, ask Greece. If we don’t support what LaRouche is doing in the United States, and if you do not follow what Helga is telling you here, we are doomed.

So, we have to do something which is not very pleasant, but very necessary—to clean the Augean Stables—and they are now much more stinky, than when Hercules had to deal with that in Ancient Greece.

So, let me tell you briefly, five things that will help, probably, to understand how we can shift our way off the road to Hell, where we are headed, now.

The British Empire: A Poisonous Animal

First, the British Empire, we must get rid of that. And do not mistake it as an outgrowth of a nation or a state, or a nation-state. It is a poisonous animal on its own account. It is an oligarchical monetarist system; and do not think when you say that, that you are talking about something apart from us. José Manuel Barroso, head of the European Commission, in a famous speech before the Commission, said, “As far as I think, we are a non-imperial empire; we are an empire organized around the agreement of its components.”

So, when he is saying, “agreement of its components,” it means that we, the European populations, have accepted our own state of slavery. And I think we should try to listen to what Beethoven strived all his life to say, and to what Helga is saying now: This thing is a series of corporate shells, at the service of the oligarchical system, and operating mostly from offshore centers, and the mother of all offshore centers is the City of London. It is like pirates all over the world—no taxes, tax havens, legal havens, no law, fake authorities, fake control authorities, fake controls, no state—by principle, something committed to destroy the nation-state. And this is promoted by the European Union, as Barroso has said it very openly, and sponsored by the European Central Bank.

So, we are living, I would say, as corrupted slaves surrounded by incestuous networks of empire operatives’ consortiums, at the top of which, you have the Inter-Alpha Group. Their principle is destruction, and to lower the world population from nearly 7 billion today, to 2 billion or less.

That is why we have to oust all their official accomplices, Obama—as LaRouche has repeated it, since April of last year—has to go. And [President Nicolas] Sarkozy in France has to go. They are unfit to lead our way out, and they cooperate all the time—even though



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A global Glass-Steagall reorganization of the banking system is the only way “to clean out the Augean Stables,” Cheminade stated. Shown: BüSo organizing for Glass-Steagall, in Potsdam, Germany May 2010.

they are more and more hypocritical in what they say—with this British Empire.

Felix Rohatyn, the former U.S. Ambassador in France, their accomplice, their man, and a banker, said very clearly a few weeks ago, that the plan for Europe should be a Big MAC for Europe. So, in the same way as New York was socially destroyed, Europe should be socially destroyed; and he says it openly in the French press.

This will never work; it will never succeed, but it can lead us to chaos and destruction. And the challenge for us, is to lead people out of this chaos. And in that situation it is impossible to have local sovereignty—as certain people in France are dreaming of—it is impossible, without international agreements which are targeted to destroy the British Empire.

Cleaning the Augean Stables

That is the meaning of my campaign. And the best weapon for that is Glass-Steagall. It is not a technical trick to separate investment banks from commercial banks. It amounts to cutting the oxygen—I am being diplomatic—to cutting the oxygen given to the servants of the British Empire and causing them to collapse.

It should be said, “you are forbidden to loot our

money. You are collapsed!” And we need this well-organized bankruptcy, of all the speculators associated with the British Empire, the banning of their toxic paper, the banning of derivatives, all derivatives—not the regulation of derivatives, the banning of the derivatives!—and fixed exchanged rates to prevent speculation on currencies.

The Augean Stables being thus cleaned, we can proceed. So, Glass-Steagall, for that, is the key to open the gates toward a new system, and we need, for that, what Helga stressed, a mutual perspective of long-term development, mutual development. No more money as such, but credit for the common goals of humanity, for the common aims of humanity.

For my campaign I will put it in the following way: First we need the runway for take-off, which is the development of the entire Earth, with the most advanced technologies, including nuclear energy, and in particular, laser-fusion energy. The runway for take-off is also high-speed transportation projects. De Gaulle said it in the following terms: “a Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals”; we are saying “a Eurasia from the Atlantic to the China Sea.”

But that is not enough: We need a world system through the Bering Strait, connected to this Eurasian development, because otherwise it will never work.

And as a gift to the most deprived part of humanity, we need all developed countries to give access to the most advanced technologies, to China, and, in particular, to Africa. And I have a project dear to my heart, which is the revival of Lake Chad. Lake Chad is evaporating, and this would mean the deaths of many million people, for 30-40 million people if it happens, and it may happen in the next five years, if nothing is done about it.

So we have the runway; we have the means to take off. Now, we need the purpose of the take-off: This is



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Cheminade appealed to the most developed nations to give a “gift to the most deprived part of humanity.” He urged a revival of Lake Chad, which is evaporating, and which would mean the deaths of 30-40 million people, over the next five years. Shown: Sudanese refugees in Iridimi Camp in Chad.

the Moon-Mars mission—a space program, human beings entering into the domain of cosmic radiations. And we need together, a social sense of purpose which is the development of the whole Earth, and a physical outreach which is to go beyond what is known by our senses, which is this world of cosmic radiation. Because our true human identity is located in not-yet-known conditions of life, in the exploration of the future. A place to discover becomes then, a mandate, a necessity, an issue of life and death.

A Change in Our Culture

For that we need a change in our culture. We have now in front of us, the mass strike ferment that started in the United States, coming to Europe. We had 2 million persons protesting against the austerity measures of the French government for pensioners. But it’s not an objective question. It’s a most subjective question: Because if these people, even through they are protesting, even though they are willing to fight, stay in the uni-

verse, in our universe, of a short-term culture of gambling, they will never succeed. They will not succeed if this culture of short-term gambling continues.

President Sarkozy, in my country, has authorized and is promoting gambling games through the Internet. And he says that, in periods of stress, is when to play with the population. So the universe kicked him in the face, or in the ass, or probably in both parts, because the behavior of the French soccer team in the international competition was what it was. But the operation to corrupt us is there. If you look at this gambling issue, you see that from upper level—the trading on the stock markets—everything being cheating from the top down; and, on the lower level, are the poor people going to the cafés in France—I don't know if you have this here—with this piece of paper, and you scratch like a bear, you scratch, and you look to see if you have won or not.

So, Sarkozy and his entourage—I could say a lot about it, but I won't say it now—it's enough to say that they have associated their whole career and their whole future to a depraved society; to deprive the people, I would say, from having access, to the creative quality in their minds, and, instead, to be tortured by gambling, to be tortured by the expression of irrationality in gambling, which becomes more and more suicidal.

The opposition of the Socialist Party in France has lost its confidence in the people—they despise the people. You see, Martine Aubry and the leadership of the French Socialist Party, are connected to U.S. circles, through the European Socialist Party, which are led and organized by [U.S. Rep.] Barney Frank. So, she is a possible next Presidential candidate of the opposition, and one of our youths met her, in a sort of semi-private private meeting. And he asked her, “What about Glass-Steagall?” And she said, “It's a very interesting idea, but it cannot be a campaign issue, because the population cannot understand what it's all about.” So our LaRouche Youth member asked her, “But was it not your father [former Finance Minister Jacques Delors], in 1984, who destroyed what was left of the Glass-Steagall orientation in France?”

And sometimes under pressure, the truth comes out of these people. She said, “It was because of Europe! It was Europe! He couldn't do otherwise!” So you have throughout the place, this “Tina, Tina, Tina” (Aubrey's nickname)—I'm not speaking about the person; it was what Margaret Thatcher used to say: “There Is No Alternative, There Is No Alternative” (TINA).

So our mission is to give to the population the sense,

that there is an alternative; that all of you represent that alternative, you are the missionaries of that alternative. And believe me it doesn't work quite the way these people in this so-called elite think: In the population, human beings are human, and there is growing mass strike ferment against austerity. It's big.

So beyond their self-interests and sense-perception, associated with their self-interest, people are beginning to understand that something is trying to destroy them, from outside and from inside, and the idea of justice then comes into their mind, justice as an idea. And it's expressed by the angry rejection—what you have seen in the U.S. last Summer, which started and continues—an angry rejection of the representatives they have themselves elected! And their own representatives start to feel that anger, and are blaming the people, up in Paris.

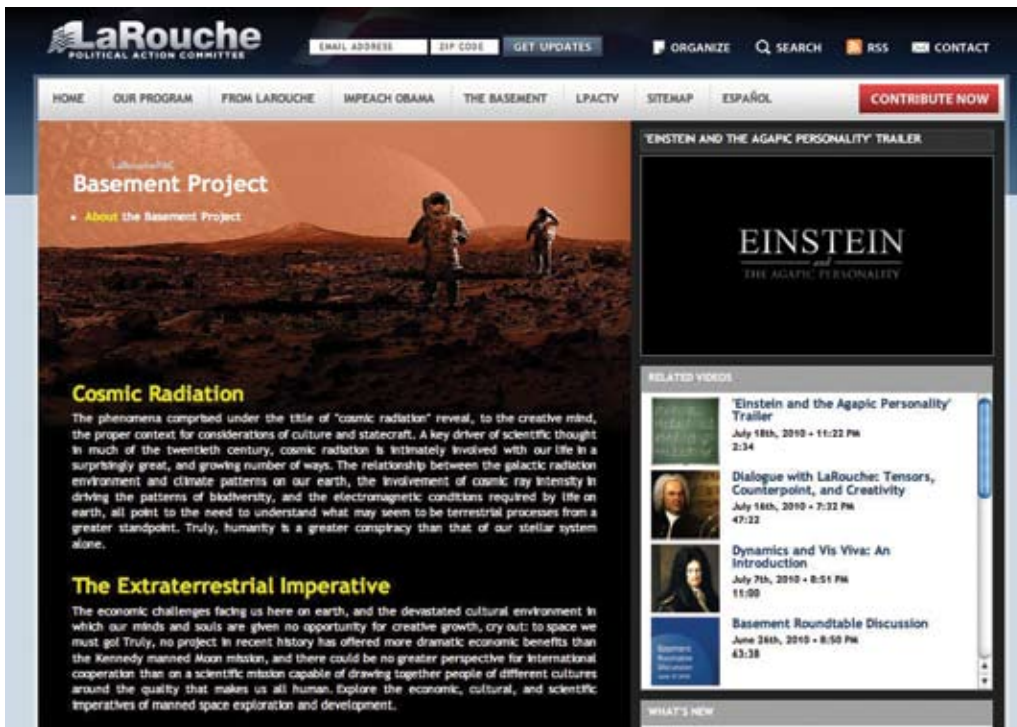
Leadership Based on the Quality of Ideas

But, they have, otherwise, despite that, lost, for most of them, the sense of change inside their own minds. So, that's where we come into the picture. That's where our leadership is needed. We have to reach into their minds, and instill a sense of potency, which usually they do not understand and do not experience. They know there is something there, but they don't know well what it is. But when somebody comes and provides an example for them, then they follow, and they say “that's better.”

And a true leadership—and that's your challenge—based on the quality of ideas, brings to them the possibility of ideas. And then they change, and then they can assume some sort of leadership themselves, and progress.

In his last webcast [June 26; see *EIR* July 16—ed.], LaRouche put it in a very nice way: “They recover their ancestors in themselves.” Not the ancestors as human flesh or human bodies, but the ancestors, as the ideas they contributed in the development of humanity. And behind the Glass-Steagall, this is our most powerful weapon: Hope, moral optimism, against the most powerful weapon of our enemies: cultural pessimism. As some Americans will say: If they say, “You are right, but...”, kick their butts!

So, for that we must create a new generation of leaders and thinkers, because, morally and mentally, the people in official positions today are not fit for the job. They are unable to do anything good for humanity. So what we have organized in the United States. is these



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Spreading the LaRouche Youth Movement's scientific and music work in the "Basement," through "Monge Brigades" in the United States and Europe, will ensure that humanity has a future. Shown, the Basement's homepage at www.larouhepac.com/basement.

three campaigns, as examples—in particular, Kesha Rogers; some of you had the opportunity to see her in Germany; we had the opportunity to welcome her in France—on the frontline of politics. And she's a true killer.

But at the same time, we have—and LaRouche has insisted a lot on that, and it is mandatory to maintain the sense of purpose and of a principled fight—we have all the scientific and musical work in “the Basement” [see <http://larouhepac.com/basement>], in some basement in the United States, with a few young people.

So, this was not, up to now, socialized enough, throughout the American and European organizations, so we have created, with the name of Gaspard Monge, the “Monge Brigades.” These Monge Brigades should be associated with this Basement work, to spread throughout the whole organization this sense of what we have to do for humanity to have a future. We don't know what we are going to discover, but we do know that we have to discover something. And this we are going to discover, because we know that there is the most important connection of all, between the creativity of the universe and the willful creativity of the human mind. And this is a challenge, to create the social relations throughout all of our organization, including for each of us connected to that work.

‘European’ Culture

So, to go back—and not to go back because it's the same thing—to the issue of the world today: This means to rediscover, at every moment, what produced France and Germany, not just as pieces of land, but more, as a language, or even, not yet, quite as a people, but as *ideas*. The funny thing about this, is that the ideas that were at the basis of the foundation of the United States, are our ideas of European culture.

And when I say “European culture,” well! We pick up a few things from Southwest Asia, we pick up a few things from China, we pick up a few things from India, and from Spain, as they called it, “Moorish Spain.” That was the basis for the European culture, and the work of Dante on the languages and the sovereign state. It's *our* European Classical culture, but it could not be developed in Europe in a social form, because we were under the grip of the oligarchy. So, Cusa, Columbus—it was a whole idea to go to a new-found land, to establish the best of our culture there, with the inspiration of all the work accomplished in Europe.

So, in France, there are reactions to that. Certain people say, “Oh! It's coming back to us from the United States! You speak all the time about America—what is this? America! America!”

“It's us! It's the best of us, you idiot!” It's not coming



One of history's great ironies: de Gaulle, hated by Churchill and the British, worked from England, during World War II, under British protection. "We are at a moment of history where these ironies are coming back on the stage," Cheminade declared. Shown: Gen. Charles de Gaulle, addressing the French nation from Britain, 1943.

to us, in the form of America as such. It's coming to us in the form of America, as the ideas of the Founding Fathers—and, in the form of the work of our organization, I was mentioning, inspired by what Lyn has accomplished during his life against the British Empire.

And that's why Helga and myself have something unique to offer, unique to contribute, at this moment of history, not because we are more gifted or better informed than others: Because we, inspired by the best of our ancestors, have decided, are willing, to challenge the oligarchy, face to face, eye to eye. And since many, many years, we have done our best to beat them up, and we have always enjoyed the gymnastics.

So, you have seen this very beautiful work of the LaRouche Youth Movement in Germany on the last movement of the Ninth Symphony [see http://www.schillerinstitute.org/music/2010/beethoven_9th_berlin_c256.html]. This inspired a lot, everybody in France who was at the General Assembly of our political organization. And then, people would not say any more, "Why the music?" as the French tend to say, "Why the music in a political organization?" It was for them, in this moment of history, perfectly legitimate. That is a new thing! I must also say, that your work improved a lot.

So, that creates always motion, and I am mentioning that, because you should have a sense of something, that you see in a sometimes relatively limited audience of people around you, has an effect much wider and much more profound than what you think.

A Time of Emergency; a Time of Hope

All of you should do your best to condense that, and to communicate that to people in the most efficient possible way. Because this is a time of emergency, and that is the last thing I want to say: It is really a time of emergency. In the Spanish-speaking country where I come from, it's called "*La hora de la verdad*"—"the moment of truth." Also, we have to kill the British bull—in a civilized way!

There is outside, a population expecting us, expecting our guidance. They know that something is happening to them, but they don't know very well what. So, they are expecting your guidance. And you should leave this room—all of you—with a certain quality of leadership. I know you had some when you came, a bit more when you leave!

Remember the most paradoxical situation during World War II: de Gaulle in England, and the British had to protect him—somehow. Churchill said, "The worst cross that I had to bear during World War II was the Cross of Lorraine on my back!"—the symbol of the Free French.

So, we are at a moment of history where these ironies are coming back on the stage, and our mission is to respond, to pick them up, and give a sense to the population, that the future is a future of hope. So de Gaulle was at his best moments, when he was challenged. And during the blitz, when London was being bombarded in 1941, he said, "This is not the crisis of the Nazis in Germany, it is much worse; it's a crisis of civilization. And it is where I am and throughout the whole world"—this is his famous Oxford speech.

Think of Lyndon LaRouche in his house, in the United States, next to the Obama Administration and to Wall Street, and what he represents, as the potential for the true America.

So let's make our souls alive—here and there—like Lyn does. And I think that is the main message you should have in mind, when you go out of this room.

Thank you.