

Editorial

A New Reality Emerging

As we approach this Christmas season, we find that it is increasingly difficult for most people, especially in the trans-Atlantic region, to maintain a sense of fight and optimism about the future. Nothing has been done by our leaders to assure us that we are not headed for accelerated disintegration of every aspect of civilized life, such as we already see in the staggering growth of poverty, homelessness, suicide, violence, and other horrors. It would appear that we could only find hope by seeking to ignore reality, and looking for a stroke of magic, somehow, someday.

Yet, to take that approach, is to ignore the very tools which are in our hands to immediately reverse this crisis, tools which have been given to us as a result of our God-given creative powers of mind, as human beings.

As Lyndon LaRouche emphasizes once again in the Feature in this issue, man's very nature is to strive for development and discovery. The crises we face are due to the fact that that quality of our nature has been suppressed by a global oligarchy determined to turn the world's population into its slaves. Think of Aeschylus' presentation of Zeus' persecution of Prometheus, because the latter brought fire and knowledge to the human race, and you get the idea.

So, what right do we have to be optimistic in this period of history?

First, that oligarchy, which has had increasing global power since Franklin Roosevelt's death, is terribly weak, bankrupt, in fact. It can be easily defeated if nations combine around the right solution.

Second, there is a significant quotient of nations who are already actively resisting that London-centered oligarchy's drive for world domination. Most of those nations are in the Pacific

region. China and India, for example, are leading an aggressive effort for nuclear energy, which they recognize to be the absolute requirement if they are to provide for their huge populations. Working with them, are a host of smaller nations, as well as Russia, which, although still crippled by the grip of the London financial parasites, is oriented to joining in the nuclear renaissance.

Third, there exists a plan for global development based on knowable scientific principles, a plan which has been developed over decades by economic scientist LaRouche and his political movement. LaRouche's outline of how Glass-Steagall, a new fixed-exchange-rate system among nations, and the extended NAWAPA program will work, is not a fantastic dream, or an incalculable risk. It is based on principles which LaRouche has used to become the best economic forecaster of our age, provable principles that have advanced mankind in the past, and can do so again.

Powerful nations such as China, India, and Russia are effectively poised to sign on to LaRouche's plan. All that remains is to bring the United States into line as well.

Those who are pessimistic about making this shift in the United States are ignoring these realities. They are indulging in self-pity, or depression, at a time that a radical positive change is within reach. The future lies in *our* hands, and our minds.

History is full of examples of victories which resulted, only because individuals decided to buck the trend, and make what seemed impossible work—as our own George Washington showed at Trenton in 1776. Fighters like Washington gave us the opportunities we have today. But it's up to us to drop the pessimism, and seize them.