

LaRouche: Bush to be hit by Gore scandal

The following statement by Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, was released by LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods on Aug. 28.

There is an old saying, "Never mention the rope in the house of the hanged." The roots of the money-laundering scandal involving Vice President Gore all lead directly back to former President George Bush. The money-laundering operations lately involving the Bank of New York [BONY] were all set up under President Bush, and by the Bush apparatus. Al Gore simply jumped, "barnyard epithets" and all, into the same trough already occupied by George Bush's gang.

Some of you may recall, that when President George Bush appointed Bob Strauss to his Moscow posting, I issued a statement commenting on that appointment: George Bush is sending the Prince of Thieves to Moscow to teach the KGB how to steal. ("The Coming Blowout of the Financial System," July 3, 1991, LaRouche Presidential campaign statement; interview of Lyndon LaRouche by

Viktor Kuzin, November 1993.) That was how the BONY money-laundering operation, among many related things, came into existence.

Later, during the course of my several visits to Moscow, I launched an inquiry into the role of corrupt operations by circles associated with Bush and also certain Democratic Party figures, in running large-scale mafia operations contrary to the interests of both Russia and the United States. ("IRI's Friends in Russia: The Anti-Utopia in Power," Part 1, and "Mont Pelerin Pushes the Criminal Economy," in *EIR*, Sept. 6, 1996; "Russian 'Democrats' Recruited to Conservative Revolution," Part 2, in *EIR*, Oct. 4, 1996.)

True, I have denounced Vice President Al Gore repeatedly for his part in these dirty operations. ("Gore Caught in Corruption with Wall Street Cronies," *EIR*, Jan. 29, 1999; and "Gore Caught in International Murder and Theft Ring," *EIR*, March 19, 1999.) However, in these matters, the apparatus of former President George Bush is much, much dirtier than Al Gore.

Don't you wonder, whether or not the *Washington Post* or the *Wall Street Journal* have the honesty to report on the Bush gang's role in this vast money-laundering scandal?

While you are wondering, read the attached summary of certain relevant facts about the Bush connection in this affair.

from Russia by a combination of government bureaucrats, "former" KGB officers, and the emerging new class of Russian privateers. But rather than receiving encouragement to help the Russian government track down the thieves and their ill-gotten gains, Ermarth was told, "The answer was 'no.' . . . The main rationale was the following: Capital flight is capital flight. . . . It doesn't matter who has the money or how it was acquired, even if by theft; so long as it is private. It will return to do good things if there was a market."

Such rank cover-up, by the Bush White House, including the top Russia expert at the National Security Council, surpasses Al Gore's 1995 infamous "barnyard epithets" which he reportedly scribbled on the front cover of yet another CIA report, warning that Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had stolen an estimated \$5 billion, and had funnelled it into private accounts overseas.

The Bush-Thatcher policy, designed by the Mont Pelerin Society, of drawing no distinction between criminal capital and legitimate investment, set the stage for the wholesale looting of Russia, that burst into the headlines of the major world media on Aug. 19, 1999, with the *New York Times's* "revelation" about the Russian billions laundered into the Bank of New York.

Incredibly, nine days later, one of Russia's new breed

of "oligarchs" deeply implicated in the Bank of New York money-laundering scandal, contacted the *New York Times* to "explain" how the cash flows were "innocent transactions." Mikhail Khorodkovsky, who headed the now-defunct Menatep Bank, and who is currently the chairman of Yukos Oil, told the *Times* on Aug. 28, that he had been at an "exclusive meeting in Russia's Presidential offices attended by a handful of powerful Russian financiers" shortly before the Russian ruble was devalued in August 1998. At the meeting, the oligarchs were informed of the planned devaluation, and they successfully pressed then-Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko to declare a 90-day freeze on commercial foreign debt payments. During this period, Khorodkovsky "explained," billions of dollars in capital fled Russia, and much of the money landed in the Bank of New York. But this was not "mafia money"; this was "legitimate" flight capital! Indeed, to this day, there are no laws against insider trading in Russia—a legacy of the Bush-Thatcher policy that there is no such thing as "dirty" money—as long as it's in private hands.

EIR recently exposed the fact that the same "bankers' logic" has been formalized by the IMF: The IMF now demands that countries such as Colombia and Russia include the revenues from the "underground economy" in their calculations of their Gross Domestic Product.