

Editorial

LaRouche still in jail

It is over six months since the Jan. 27, 1989 date when Lyndon H. LaRouche was sentenced to a 15-year term in prison. At the time of his conviction he warned that the travesty of justice which his case represented was a harbinger of things to come, were the situation not quickly turned around. He warned that despite, indeed contrary to, post-election euphoria, the Bush administration was in deep trouble, and that even President Reagan might find himself behind bars, should the Justice Department continue to be allowed to run rampant over the U.S. Constitution.

On Jan. 4, 1989 he wrote: "The real reason for the targeting of me by corrupt judicial means, is the policies which I represent, those identified most emphatically. There may be other reasons certain individuals and circles hate me, but those are only a resource of support for the action directed from the highest levels of the transatlantic establishment. Without the complicity of the majority of the U.S. liberal establishment, such a frameup could not be conducted against a figure of the present power and influence of LaRouche.

"If the Bush administration accepts that rigged verdict, then by so doing, the Bush administration adopts for itself the character of a bonapartist form of totalitarian rule. If it does, given the present circumstances of crisis, that administration establishes itself as the leadership of a nation which will not long survive, and as a government which is virtually doomed to become a footnote in the pages of infamy," he warned.

"If who lives by the sword, must tend to die by the sword, then, who adopts injustice as a standard of practice of government, must tend to be destroyed by the instrument of that same injustice. Let a Bush administration appeal to the Constitution in a time of its troubles, and the mocking rebuke will be, 'Who are you to speak of the Constitution whose subversion you condoned for mere reason of perceived expediency?'

"For these two sets of reasons: my unique and crucial role respecting the the principal issues of policy for a period of existential national crisis, and the effect of a Bush administration's tacit adoption of such a flagrant

sort of judicial frameup, virtually ensures the early doom of the Bush administration, and, most probably, with that, the United States, and, with that, you, too," LaRouche warned American citizens at that time.

Eight months later, on Aug. 9, aspiring New York City mayor and former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani held a press conference at which he attacked the administrations of Mayor Ed Koch and of President Reagan for being corrupt. He brought the Wedtech scandal to the fore of his campaign, and attacked the former head of the Justice Department, Ed Meese, in thinly veiled language. Then he pointed the finger directly at former President Ronald Reagan, citing former White House aide Lyn Nofziger for his involvement in Wedtech and saying, ominously, "You couldn't have gotten closer to Ronald Reagan than Lyn Nofziger."

The Wedtech scandal is just another instance where the Justice Department pursues what are, at most, administrative transgressions, while banks that launder drug money and the street crime which follows from the unchecked spread of drugs, are allowed to run rampant. On Aug. 8, a longtime associate of former Attorney General Meese was convicted for the *crime* of influence-peddling.

Circulation of the recently published book *Railroad!* which contains the documentation of the frameup of LaRouche and his associates by the Alexandria, Virginia federal court, has elicited great excitement among constituencies now threatened with like action, from farmers to trade unionists to commodity brokers.

It's about time that people recognized that no one is safe any more; even Ronald Reagan may yet find himself behind bars on trumped-up political charges. Every day that LaRouche is allowed to remain in jail, brings the United States and the world with it closer to disaster.

There may no longer be euphoria around the Bush administration, but to date they have shown no signs of being willing to move to right the grave wrong done to LaRouche and his associates, and to the Constitution of the United States of America.