

World freedom imperiled as never before: LaRouche

Lyndon LaRouche, the leading political dissident in the United States, who has been unjustly imprisoned for over a year, warns that the world is heading toward war under the “deduced, wishful, insane trust” in Mikhail Gorbachov evinced by the Bush administration. So obsessed with Gorbachov’s fate was George Bush, that the U.S. President telephoned the Soviet leader Jan. 31, following rumors that Gorbachov might resign as head of the Soviet Communist Party, and briefed him on his plan to announce drastic reductions in U.S. troop strength in central Europe, in an attempt to salvage Gorbachov.

“If we continue in the path that George is treading,” LaRouche had said of such behavior, already on Jan. 3, “we will find ourselves unable to check the military power of a Soviet empire that has only military power, and reaches out in desperation to grab what it needs for its internal survival. Then we’ll be in World War III.”

On Feb. 2, the Democratic former U.S. presidential candidate, now running for Congress from northern Virginia, made a sharp point of the fact that aside from himself, only a few policy analysts in Germany recognize the reality that the breakdown of the physical economy in both the United States, and the Soviet Union, is rapidly steering those two nations into oblivion. He dismissed as “garbage” all talk that Gorbachov is going to make it through the coming period. “It’s not that we know he is going to be tossed out,” the jailed statesman clarified: “But anybody who says they know of certainty that he’s not going to be tossed out, is an idiot.”

Two imperial powers

LaRouche developed the strategic danger in a taped message to a Washington, D.C. conference on Jan. 14. “Today around, at least, most of the world, freedom is in the greatest

danger it has been in my memory,” he said. “Certainly the danger today is greater globally, than it was during the darkest days of World War II.”

LaRouche said that the pronouncements of U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, justifying kidnap and murder of foreign leaders, and George Bush’s backing for that doctrine, “indicate that the United States has constituted itself an imperial power, in respect to which all other nations of the hemisphere and many other nations, as well, are simply colonies. The Soviet Empire has expressed itself as having the same view. And both empires are working together at the top, the heirs of Andropov, such as Gorbachov on the one side, and Mrs. Thatcher’s friends and the circles of President George Bush on the other. The two superpowers have established what they call a condominium, along lines laid out by the late Soviet KGB chief and late head of the Soviet government Yuri Andropov in an April 1983 interview published in *Der Spiegel*, a leading German newsweekly.

“The philosophy is that whatever these two empires agree upon, every other nation and every other individual in the world shall submit—helplessly—and shall be judged harshly for resisting the agreements of these two superpowers,” LaRouche charged. “What is expressed on the Soviet side, in terms of philosophy and attitude toward man, is purely evil. It degrades man to the level of a beast, denying that which sets man above and apart from the beasts. It denies the sanctity of human individual life; it denies the existence of a divine spark of reason which sets man above and apart from the beasts.

“However, the laws of nature do not deal kindly with empires of this sort. We have seen the ancient empires of the Middle East, modeled on the same doctrines which George Bush or Richard Thornburgh express today, we have seen

the Roman Empire, we have seen the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman form of the Byzantine Empire, and so forth and so on, collapse. All of these have collapsed, because the oligarchical rule of this form, whether of the Persian form, the Babylonian form, the Roman form, the Byzantine form, the Ottoman form, this imperialism—including British imperialism of the 18th and 19th century, into the 20th—these are abominations against God and nature.

“And with the aid of the right arm of good men and women, God’s laws of nature will destroy these empires, as surely as ancient Greeks forecast the doom of the gods of Olympus,” Mr. LaRouche predicted.

Global economic crisis

He went on, “The doom of these empires is made apparent by the global economic breakdown crisis. There are pockets which resist absolute breakdown, such as Japan, South Korea, the Republic of China on Taiwan, Central Europe centered around West Germany, and so forth, but most of the world is already in a hideous economic depression.” The Soviet collapse, he said, “was caused by the errors of Communist economy as such, and . . . worsened by Gorbachov’s foolish adoption of some version of Thatcherism, called perestroika, and superimposing this upon the Soviet economy, which altogether ruined the Soviet economy over the past approximately five years.

“In the West, England, the home of Thatcherism, is the economic basket case of the Western world: Unsalvageable in its present form without outside help, it is a Third World nation in every respect but arrogance. . . . In North America, we’re in the same condition. We’re not quite as bad as Britain, but we’re headed there fast. . . .

“South and Central America are ruined by our dominion. Africa is being ruined, genocidally, by the common dominion of the International Monetary Fund and its auxiliaries. Similar conditions are spreading throughout Asia. The Middle East, on the verge of a new general war worse than all those preceding it, is also affected similarly.

“As long as these two empires, the Soviet and the Anglo-American empire, persist in their delusions of power, and express those delusions by a system of usury which they call ‘free’ trade—slave trade is now called ‘free trade,’ how Orwellian!—they destroy the economic basis upon which the physical power of these empires depends. They unleash, thus, by imperiling human physical existence, eruptions of social and political determination to be rid of such oppression and such folly.

“And so, as the new revolution in Communist China unfurled itself, first this past spring—it was drowned in blood, but it will come back again—and so as the Chinese Revolution, centered around Beethoven’s ‘Ode to Joy’ as its theme, moves through Eastern Europe, it is moving around the world. It will destroy tyranny everywhere, including tyranny here in the United States and in the Western Hemisphere

more generally.

“However, the Creator does not give us goods by His own act alone. He demands our participation. He demands our right arm be employed in aid of His undertakings. So, although we may be sure that the Creator will destroy tyranny around the world, including the tyranny which has raised itself recently in the United States, that the Creator will not allow us to have this great benefit, this great boon, except that we participate in earning it at least in some degree, by aid of our right arm, by our courage, by our determination,” LaRouche challenged his listeners.

Soviet Union is the adversary

It is clear, LaRouche emphasized in a Jan. 16 analysis, that the United States has no military policy. “We have strategic insanity, based on the hope that the Soviet problem . . . will never come about.” What would be an alternative to the current insane method by which the United States negotiates and measures its military capabilities? “It’s obvious that the mission of military force is the adequacy of the total force in its firepower mobility depth, and in its total warfare depth, as well as its purely military depth, to engage and efficiently defeat the most probable adversary that it must confront.

“Now, that adversary remains nothing but the Soviet Union. And any military capability which is defined for the United States for any lesser adversary, than the maximum capability of the Soviet Union, is an incompetent, and virtually treasonous commitment.

“In the case of the Soviet Union, we have an empire at the verge of imploding, an empire which has the greatest military capability on Earth. It may be short of having the ability to launch, and win, the kind of war for which the new order of battle of the Ogarkov Doctrine is planned,” he said, referring to the war buildup plan of Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov. “But, nonetheless, it outguns us. It has many problems, especially logistical ones; military logistical ones as well as other ones, and they are crucial ones. But, nonetheless, it has the power and the commitment which the United States lacks—especially a United States wallowing in the swamp of the Gramm-Rudman-Gorbachov bill.

“We have to have that commitment,” LaRouche concluded. We must be “able to persuade even desperate men in the Soviet Union: A) that a war is not what they want to undertake against the United States and its allies; and B) if they avoid war, as we desire them to do, a much happier alternative for the people of Muscovy, and so forth, is available. So this means that we must resort to a military strategy which is a *total war strategy*.”

That includes deterrence—the military capability to win war or to inflict such destruction on an adversary that his launching a war would be suicide for him; the fastest possible development of the SDI; and “B,” the war-avoidance policy, exemplified by LaRouche’s plan for a productive triangle of development in central Europe (see *EIR*, Feb. 2, 1990).