

Why LaRouche Opposes The Roberts Nomination

On the eve of the Sept. 22 Senate Judiciary Committee vote on President Bush's nomination of John Roberts for Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Lyndon LaRouche declared that Roberts was unqualified for the job, because he opposes the fundamental principle of the general welfare, which is enshrined in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Speaking on a radio talk show Sept. 20, LaRouche laid out his argument as follows:

Roberts does not believe in the Constitution. The Constitution's intention is stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. The center of that, is the General Welfare policy—to promote the General Welfare.

Now, this crowd in the majority in the Supreme Court has not agreed with that. We've had the so-called "shareholder value" policy, which has dominated the Supreme Court. That is against our Constitution! This is as bad as

we had back before Lincoln.

So, Roberts represents a tendency—and he's made it very clear—which you might call the "Confederacy tendency," because that's where he stands in terms of law. He should not be in the Supreme Court. We can not have a majority of the Supreme Court, in a time of crisis, which is not prepared to defend the rights of the American people, as provided under our Constitution. And this is the problem. We came in with this mess that's going on, many fights, and the push was, to push Roberts in, to sneak him in, and hope that we do nothing about it.

[Senate Minority Leader Harry] Reid has recognized, and some others, that we have to fight this question. They're coming from behind. I'm supporting them fully on this thing—I agree with them totally. We have to raise this issue: Whether we win or lose, we must take a stand and say, "We're going to defend the Preamble of the Constitution on which this nation was founded." The Preamble of the Constitution is the *intention* of the Constitution! It is not an introduction to the Constitution. It is the *fundamental law* of the Constitution. And the right, to protect the General Welfare is the *essence* of the Constitution.

LaRouche, during this period, urged Congress to take a series of emergency measures, including oversight probes into the activities of pension funds, hedge funds, etc. He revived his proposal, from 1992, for regulation of the hedge-funds and derivatives markets.

The June-July explosion was averted by a major move by speculators into the energy market—just as Vice President Dick Cheney was launching his all-out drive for a confrontation with Iran, in which the United States would launch extensive bombing attacks against purported secret nuclear weapons sites in Iran. The Cheney plan also included the first-ever use of nuclear weapons in a preemptive attack. To date, that Cheney effort to launch permanent war in Southwest Asia has been averted, largely through LaRouche's widely circulated preemptive warning against "Cheney's Guns of August." The Cheney provocations provided a cover for a massive speculative assault on oil prices, which continues to this day, as a leading, visible expression of the derivatives-driven hyperinflationary explosion.

Congress Revisited

The hyperinflationary process was already advancing when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans at the end of August, crashing many delusions about America's "Potemkin Village" infrastructure. The impact of the crisis drove leaders in the U.S. Senate to forge bipartisan alliances to deal with the tragedy, and underscored the pathetic bungling of the Bush Administration. A Republican revolt against Bush and Cheney was accelerated by the Administration's callous failures

in dealing with Katrina.

In the early days of September, Vice President Cheney returned to Washington, to crush the Senate revolt, with even more venom than his earlier coup d'état attempt, via the so-called "nuclear option," to eliminate the Senate as a check and balance against unbridled Executive Branch dictatorship.

The Cheney post-Labor Day fit has finally put to rest any remaining Congressional delusions that problems can be solved through an end-run around the White House. The Anglo-American Synarchist financier circles who stand behind Dick Cheney are fully aware that their global financial system is finished. Their "solution" is to provoke permanent wars, impose Hitlerian dictatorships—starting in Washington, D.C.—and direct their own bankruptcy reorganization, in which they land on top, through some form of global central bank scheme, along the lines of proposals by George Soros, Robert Mundell, and George Shultz.

These bankers hate Lyndon LaRouche because he is the only leading figure alive today who has posed a concrete alternative to such a bankers' dictatorship, under permanent war conditions. LaRouche's detailed plans for a New Bretton Woods System, beginning with a bankruptcy reorganization, directed by sovereign governments, and his in-depth plans for global reconstruction, would work, and usher in a period of unprecedented global prosperity and peace.

Hyperinflation and war, or a prosperous planet: This is the issue that the U.S. Congress, particularly the U.S. Senate, must face—in the immediate days and weeks ahead. There is no longer time to dodge the issue.