

Editorial

Stopping the New Crusade

In response to a question about the expanding Iran crisis, asked at his Feb. 23 webcast, Lyndon LaRouche demanded that this explosion be seen in its historical strategic context. This is the *only* way that action can be taken to avert catastrophe for civilization as a whole. He said:

“So, religious war is a tactic, is an *imperial tactic*, which is used by certain forces. It’s used primarily by the British, who are really the last empire on this planet. It’s not an empire of the British people, it’s not an empire of the Kingdom of Britain. It’s an empire of a certain interest, which is centered in London. . . .

“So, they run this kind of thing as an international cabal of the old Venetian style. There’s no morality, there’s no national patriotism involved. There’s a certain sense of an interest, a *financier interest*. And they try to orchestrate the world to fit that.”

The religious war has actually been *promoted* by the likes of Bernard Lewis, and other “Arabists,” LaRouche argued. Lewis—and Kissinger, Huntington, and Brzezinski—are working to set a “new Crusade,” a permanent war against Islam. Such a war has no positive benefit for anyone, and it would be a mistake for look for one. As in the launching of the Crusades in the early centuries of the second millennium, the purpose is simply to create the chaos which will destroy any institutions that might provide barriers to looting by powerful global financial interests. That means destroying the nation-state, literally drowning it in blood.

Lyndon LaRouche, and his wife, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, have been raising the alarm about this “hell-on-earth” for many years, and pointing to the manipulators behind the scenes. They have also pointed to the historically tested solution to such an outbreak, the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which ended more than 150 years of religious war in Europe.

How can such a solution be found today? At present, the prospects look grim.

The detonation of religious warfare against “Islam,” has had the effect of unleashing a global, but irregular conflict, one where neighbors who have lived

together in peace for decades, all of a sudden become bitter enemies. We saw this explode in the Balkans in the 1990s; now it is spread throughout the vast expanses of Asia and Africa, and is percolating toward an outbreak in Western Europe itself. The groundwork for such an eruption of bestiality had been set by the decades of increasing economic devastation caused by globalization, which have led people to become more and more desperate about their survival, and their future. The fault lines upon which the eruption has occurred, have been set by long-term cultural profiling, and manipulation.

As the brutality of the conflicts being carried out in places like Nigeria, Iraq, and Pakistan shows, this genie will be very difficult to put back in the bottle.

Thus, it is all the more crucial that the emergency measures proposed by LaRouche be taken now. One of those measures is for international forces to rally around the limited diplomatic solution to the Iran nuclear crisis, which has been proposed by the Russian government. Such a temporary solution could take an immediate conflict with Iran off the table—a conflict that would detonate a financial system blowup that will exponentially increase the mayhem.

The other, equally crucial measure is to remove the key instrument of this imperial thrust for religious warfare from the Executive branch of the United States: Dick Cheney. LaRouche put it this way in his Feb. 23rd address:

“In the United States, and in the thinking of people in the Senate and other institutions, you have to think, that every day that George Bush stays in the Presidency, is a deadly threat to the existence of the United States. Every day that Cheney stays in the Vice Presidency, is an even greater threat to the United States. The optimum is, get Cheney out now, and then the Bush problem will be manageable. Because Cheney is the instrument of George Shultz and his international financier group, which is running this whole operation.

“My goal is: Get George Shultz’s machine *broken! Break his power!*”