

Editorial

Oil For Nuclear Technology, Now!

June 15 will see the convening of a most extraordinary event, which holds promise for all of the Americas, and beyond. Under the title “Oil for Nuclear Technology,” representatives of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) and *Executive Intelligence Review* will hold simultaneous linked meetings in Mexico City and Buenos Aires, which will be webcast internationally, in a combination of English and Spanish, on the larouche-pub.com website.

Broadcast in English will be the keynote presentation by *EIR* founder and leading economist Lyndon LaRouche, who will speak on “The LaRouche Plan for a Transition to a High Technology New World Economic Order.” Following the question and answer session with LaRouche, the conference will be webcast in Spanish and addressed by Mexican Congressman Agustín Rodríguez, the Secretary General of the STUNAM workers union; *EIR*’s economics writer Paul Gallagher; a member of the Mexican LYM; and spokesmen on energy matters from Argentina and Bolivia.

Indicative of the importance being given to this dialogue in Argentina is the fact that the event will be held in an auditorium of the National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA), the government agency which has been in charge of that nation’s nuclear energy program for decades, and which knows LaRouche since his 1984 visit to that country. The CNEA has pronounced the meetings to be “of institutional interest” to the agency.

The topic under discussion should indeed be “of interest” to every citizen concerned with putting the Western Hemisphere back on the track of economic growth. LaRouche himself began a major campaign for shifting to nuclear power as the world’s most efficient energy source back in the 1970s. In the early 1980s, he was involved in collaboration with many leaders of developing-sector nations, most notably Mexican President José López Portillo, toward a perspective of oil-for-nuclear, whereby the massive gearup of the petroleum industry in those countries would be used to fuel a crash program to build dozens of nuclear plants. These plans were literally murdered by the international fi-

ancial institutions, which moved in to insist, in the hypocritical name of “safety” and “ecology,” and the blatant name of austerity, that these programs had to be dropped.

At the same time, those same international bankers dictated a move to a globalized post-industrial service economy, which has systematically been destroying the physical base and labor power required for carrying out a nuclear renaissance, within the industrialized sector. The most recent phase of this destruction is the full-scale dismantling of the auto industry in the United States, the primary locus of machine-tool capability required for rapid, “surge” reindustrialization.

Lyndon LaRouche personally has been at the center of relaunching an international campaign for a nuclear revival, in tandem with his proposals to save the auto sector in the United States, in particular. During a trip to Mexico in March of 2006, he emphasized the need for that country to return to the perspective it had under López Portillo, in the context of a hemisphere-wide drive to crank up nuclear power. It was already clear at that time, that leading developing-sector nations, plus Russia, China, and even forces within the United States, were beginning to prepare for rapid expansion of nuclear power, after nearly three decades of desuetude. Since then, the momentum has visibly increased.

It is only lawful that the political leadership for this oil-for-nuclear campaign in Mexico, and in numerous other countries as well, has been taken by the LaRouche Youth Movement. The Mexican section of the LYM began an aggressive campaign for nuclear power back in April, both on the streets and in the halls where decision-makers gather, such as Congress. Pointing out how essential nuclear power is for solving the water, power, and transport crises of the nation, the LYM has demanded that politicians take the long-term perspective required to building a future for their progeny.

When optimistic, and highly intelligent, youth decide to galvanize their nations into taking bold action for the future, they often make revolutions. On June 15, you will see such a revolution in action.