

NAWAPA XXI: Agenda To Save the Nation

The North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) is not just a great project; it is the *only* project on the agenda which can save the United States, and propel it into a real economic recovery.

That is the message which Lyndon LaRouche and the National Slate of Congressional candidates put out in their most recent discussion on March 26, and it is the message of our major feature in this issue of *EIR*. Especially in the context of the British Empire's threat to go to thermonuclear war, a clear focus on the solution to the economic/financial crisis which is devastating the American population is the only way to change the direction of the country toward survival.

LaRouche identified two crucial points about NAWAPA right off the bat.

First, "NAWAPA by itself is extremely important, it's crucial unto itself." The inherent importance of NAWAPA lies in its nature as a huge water-transfer project which will literally change the face of the nation in every corner, bringing water to regions which are now dying of drought, controlling water where it has destroyed whole areas with disastrous flooding, and providing the basis for an industrial revival, creating 7-10 million jobs, many of them skilled. It's a lifesaver.

Second, "It's also the basis for hooking together things, possibly with Russia, and other countries, abroad. International programs, the space program, all of these kinds of things come together under one roof. You want to rebuild the space program? Restart NAWAPA—it builds the foundation for doing that. You want to meet various kinds of needs, medical needs, all of these needs? Start NAWAPA. Because the way the economy runs, is not the way the idiot thinks the economy runs: They think you've got a little store, and

you may have a little dog hidden under the big dog, right? But that isn't the way economies work.

"Economies work on the basis of the foundation, of the physical development of the economy. This means not only physical in the sense of tools and so forth, it means physical in terms of what you're thinking about how you're going to change things. And we've got to now think in those terms."

In other words, What NAWAPA represents is the concrete, feasible program of *hope* which the desperate American population needs, a program which will provide the basis for progress in every part of the nation. As soon as Glass-Steagall is reinstated, thus dumping the unpayable gambling debts in the garbage can where they belong, NAWAPA must be on the agenda, as the concrete example of the restoration of the Constitutional credit system on which the United States was based: a multi-generational mission for progress.

In some respects, the United States is in a situation comparable to that before Franklin Roosevelt was elected. The population was sinking and dying, without hope, and with no other leaders presenting any programmatic approach to save them. FDR took on the task by implementing Glass-Steagall and launching major infrastructure projects, of which the Tennessee Valley Authority is the most comprehensive example.

Today, the LaRouche Candidates' Slate has taken on the role of FDR, and of creating the basis for the emergence of a real President who would take up the same mission. That mission is to *dump* the British monetarist system, and take on the one project that will transform the U.S., and the world, once again into an engine of cultural optimism and progress.

Since the alternative is extinction, what are we waiting for?