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## Editorial

### *The Unnatural Disaster*

The major disaster the American population faces is *not* the effects of Hurricane Sandy, as devastating as that storm turned out to be. The real catastrophe is the fact that, six days before the U.S. Presidential elections, there is no candidate on the ballot who has the competence to deal with the physical-economic consequences of the storm, not to mention the broader life-threatening strategic and economic crises which face our nation, and the world. To the contrary, the stated policies of *both* will lead to our destruction.

In other words, this is not the time to “choose sides” between the “teams” fighting for the Presidency. Rather, as Lyndon LaRouche is emphasizing, the only solution is to intervene to change the agenda, and the rules of the game; to, in effect, let Romney and Obama destroy each other, while true patriots impose an agenda of recovery and long-term international war avoidance, which LaRouche has been laying out for quite some time.

It is in this context that LaRouche has taken the extraordinary step of publicly announcing an election-eve press conference at Washington’s National Press Club on Nov. 2, in order to define the strategic options the world faces. This will be only the second time in his long political career that LaRouche has taken this step—the first being after the election victory of two of his supporters in Illinois state elections in 1986. This event promises to shake up the nation.

In strategic significance, it can be compared to another “election-eve” appearance by LaRouche back in 1976, right before the watershed election contest between Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. At that time, LaRouche was a candidate for the Presidency on a third party ticket, but he was not under any illusion that he could win. Rather, the explicit

purpose of his political bombshell was to mobilize a new political combination around those policies which could bring the world back from the brink of a war confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

LaRouche’s short presentation defined the issues facing the U.S. electorate “from the top” in shocking detail. He identified two Trilateral Commission policies being pushed by the Carter campaign: first, the outright genocidal, depopulation economic policy being promoted by Carter economic advisor George Ball, among others, for the “Third World” and elsewhere; second, the inexorable consequence of such a policy in bringing the United States and NATO, into confrontation with the Soviet Union that would lead to nuclear war. He then laid out his own solution, which was already being adopted in part by leading Third World nations—the International Development Bank—which, he argued, would create the conditions for global cooperation and peace.

What was the impact of LaRouche’s intervention? In the short-term, it did not succeed in stopping the Carter war party from winning—although substantial evidence of vote fraud was available, and only a political decision by the top of the Ford campaign stopped viable election challenges from being pursued. But there is no question but that LaRouche’s election eve speech was crucial in laying the basis for later dramatic positive developments—such as Ronald Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative, and his offer for collaboration with the Soviets.

So, when LaRouche takes the podium Nov. 2, it’s time to pay very close attention—and be prepared to act.