

# LaRouche Statement on Philippines Disaster

Nov. 21—*The following statement, dated Nov. 16, by Lyndon LaRouche is in response to a request from two radio show hosts in Manila, who asked that he address the devastating destruction and loss of life to their nation from Typhoon Haiyan (called Yolanda in the Philippines), and to comment on the necessary infrastructure and related policies required to prevent such destruction in the future. These two stations combined are listened to by millions of Filipinos, at home and abroad.*

*LaRouche's response goes directly after the destruction of the Philippines as a nation at the hands of leading powers in Washington in 1986 under the Reagan Administration, when then-Secretary of State George Shultz and his Deputy Paul Wolfowitz orchestrated a coup against President Ferdinand Marcos, which led to the (intended) result that the subsequent puppet government proceeded to shut down all the progressive development programs implemented by Marcos: the completed nuclear plant (which would have been the first in Southeast Asia, but never generated a watt of electricity); the rice self-sufficiency program; 11 industrial development programs, and more, leaving the nation defenseless against disasters of this sort.*

*LaRouche has often noted that the Philippines has never recovered from that evil act from Washington's Anglophile oligarchy, and is today one of the few nations in Asia which is not progressing, but is mired in poverty, hunger, and disease.*

*The message was recorded on Nov. 16, and played in Manila over the following week.*

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## The Significance of the Philippines

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The first thing we have to look at is the question of the significance of the Philippines, as it was developed up to the point that a change occurred, which broke the intention that was associated with the name of Douglas MacArthur and his father, in the Philippines.

And as a result of this kind of influence which the MacArthur family represented, the Philippines was on the route to a great achievement, including a major nuclear plant, which would be a pioneering effort for that region of the world. And what happened was an intervention, from the Anglo-American interests, who came in to crush the Philippines, and it was that crushing of the Philippines, then, by those folks, by that part of the United States, which is regrettable, which destroyed the ability of the Philippines to continue its lawful destiny of progress.

We now see the effects of that. And what happened in this typhoon is a product of that. Just imagine, after all those years, since the crushing of the Philippines, what it came to, in terms of vulnerability which struck a large part of the Philippines in that particular case. We now see what would have been *prevented*, what could have been dealt with; it should never have happened in that way! And that's the point.

We're now in a situation where the trans-Atlantic community is entering a great disaster, more focused in Europe than in the United States, but the trans-Atlantic region is now in a breakdown crisis process.

And now, more than ever, we have to recognize the importance of the Pacific region. It's crucial for the survival of humanity as a whole, under these terrible conditions which exist now.

### **It Could Have Been Prevented**

And only if we can approach this matter by reversing this trend, which was imposed by forces from the United States, to *crush the Philippines from its sovereign rights and role*, and only in that case, can we remedy what has just happened in the Philippines. We must say it will never happen again, as it should never have happened before. It could have been prevented.

Take the interim of the period of the crushing of the Philippines, centrally, by certain oligarchical forces inside the United States, which intervened to crush this island nation, at its real birth, its real point of takeoff. And this shows that what happened in the Philippines, was an augur of what is happening to the people of the United States and elsewhere today.

Therefore, we must mobilize, not just in the Philippines to fix this problem; we must mobilize to make sure that this must *never* happen again, that the conditions under which that could happen, with this effect, will never happen again.