
Dr. Enéas Carneiro

A Citizen Who Chooses To Make History

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Who is this man who won the largest number of votes of any Congressional candidate in Brazil's history, in a campaign on which he spent, at most, \$22,000?

Dr. Enéas Ferreira Carneiro, known simply as "Enéas" throughout Brazil, is one of those rare individuals who step forward to shape history when their country needs them. Born on Nov. 5, 1938, Dr. Enéas is a mathematician, a physicist, and one of Brazil's most pre-eminent cardiologists, who has taught thousands of doctors. His textbook on the electrocardiogram has been published in various editions, in Brazil and abroad.

In 1989, he founded the Party for Rebuilding of National Order (PRONA), recruiting to its ranks many of the physicians whom he had inspired with his love of science—and of Brazil. The founding manifesto declared PRONA open to Brazilians from all races, creeds, and classes who wish to stop the looming dissolution of the nation due to pressure from its international creditors, and the state of near anarchy created by the government's failure to exercise authority.

Under PRONA's banner, Enéas ran for the Presidency three times, campaigning against the International Monetary Fund's looting of Brazil—all the while maintaining his medical career. In a March 1999 speech to a packed *EIR* seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he explained, "Being a professor of medicine and, until the age of 50, never having participated in any political process, at a certain moment in my life, in 1989, did I suddenly, precipitously, without any prior preparation, without any link to the establishment, suddenly decide to enter politics?" He spoke of hospitals filled with malnourished and neglected children, of corruption which siphons off funds from the health budget, and the lines of poor people who can get no medical attention. "I was outraged," he said. The educational system was no better.

Without any links to any existing structure, "I gathered former colleagues of mine, former companions, former students, of whom I have had more than 30,000, and I created a political structure, a party, and I launched my candidacy for the Presidency of the Republic, saying these things, telling the truth," he explained.

From his first election bid in 1989, his trademark became "My name is Enéas," the concluding words of the 17 seconds in free national television time allotted him as a minor Presi-



Dr. Enéas Carneiro, three times Presidential candidate in the past, has stunned IMF backers with his overwhelming Congressional victory, which elicited from AP the hilarious headline, "Fringe Candidate Sweeps Election."

dential candidate.

He earned the attention of the international oligarchy as a potentially serious threat in the 1994 elections, when he came in third, winning nearly 5 million votes, for 7.4% of the total. In that election, he had the right to "a whole minute on television—an eternity," which he used to call on the state to adopt the dirigist credit policies of the United States' first Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton.

It was after that ad, that Dr. Enéas came in direct contact with Lyndon LaRouche's associates in Brazil. Soon, he was instructing PRONA members to read *EIR*, "the only magazine in the world which still defends the existence of the sovereign nation-state."

In January 1998, on the eve of his third run for the Presidency, Dr. Enéas discussed, in an interview on national television, the analyses of the "brilliant economist" LaRouche, who had forecast the crisis, and called for a New Bretton Woods. In March 1998, in a prime-time TV interview, he went after globalization, as typified by mega-speculator George Soros' buying up Brazil's state companies. Holding up the issue of *EIR* famous for its cover featuring Soros surrounded by marijuana leaves, Dr. Enéas charged that Soros' money is drug money.

His war-cry in the campaign was that Brazil must "break with the international financial system," and stop paying a debt which was, even then, unpayable. He told the Brazilian daily *Tribuna da Imprensa* that one of the biggest problems in the country, was that the citizens had been brainwashed to believe the state is useless and should be weakened. The citizens fail to understand that the state is the only institution strong enough to defend the common man, he argued.

As the Presidential campaign went into high gear, he invited LaRouche's wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, to address a São Paulo City Council ceremony in August 1998.

It was in that election that the media adopted the policy

being employed today: to smear Dr. Enéas as a right-wing fanatic, a proponent of “nationalist extremism” like France’s Jean-Marie Le Pen, and not to report anything except that he purportedly wants Brazil to build an atomic bomb. In September 1998, Germany’s *Der Spiegel* called him “the uncontested star of the election campaign. . . . He wants to build atomic weapons, triple the manpower of the armed forces, and liberate Brazil from the claws of the international mafia of speculators”—the latter the only hint provided of Enéas’s actual campaign.

Despite the massive slanders, Enéas won over a million votes in that election, coming in fourth with 2.3% of the vote.

Victory in 2002

The media are lying in the wake of his stunning 2002 Congressional victory that, as Associated Press claimed, Dr. Enéas is a “fringe candidate” for whom citizens voted without knowing what they voted for. This is ludicrous. Even before the hot phase of the 2002 Presidential campaign, without his being a candidate, pollsters were reporting in May that he was receiving 3-5% of voter preference nationwide. *Folha de São Paulo*, one of the papers most insistent today that no voter supports his “nationalist ideas,” had itself reported on May 2, that the audience present for a May 1 TV interview gave Dr. Enéas an ovation, when he told the reporters that he, as President, would not keep on Central Bank President Arminio Fraga and other members of the Cardoso economic team, because they are “enemies of the Fatherland.”

On June 19, Enéas announced that for the first time, he would not run for President, but rather for Congress, as the most effective way to shape national policy, given the tight controls on the Presidential elections.

Brazilian leaders treat citizens “as if we were retarded imbeciles,” Dr. Enéas had told his Buenos Aires audience in March 1999. Yet, the history of the world is full of examples that “no empire lasts forever. . . . If we understand history, we know that things are absolutely unpredictable. I studied mathematics, the exact sciences, and I know that this process isn’t linear. . . . The historic process tells us that we are heading toward an encounter with the unforeseeable, toward change.”

Those sticking with globalization “are involved in a process that carries within it the worm of their own destruction. There is no way for the financial bubble to maintain itself, because it lives parasitically off the organism that it inhabits. And so, my message at any point in the process has been, that we have to have hope. We have to be ready at all times. We have to be prepared. We have to be aware that our fight is between the light and the shadows, between life and death. It is a fight between good and evil, between Christian truth and Satanic lies. And it is with this thought, that I say to you that we must stand firm, with the certainty that truth will triumph.”

Dr. Enéas Answers: Who Is Mr. LaRouche?

This is the presentation of Lyndon LaRouche to the São Paulo City Council chamber audience by Dr. Enéas Carneiro on June 12, 2002.

Until 1994, I knew of him only as a great political leader. I could also see the convergence of our thinking, but I had no idea at all of his immense and extraordinary culture in almost every field of human knowledge.

During one of my appearances on a TV talk show, on the occasion of my second run for the Presidency of Brazil [in 1998—ed.], I referred to the national credit policy implemented in the United States by Alexander Hamilton—which prompted a comment in the newspaper of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement.

Mr. Lorenzo Carrasco sought me out, and I became a subscriber to *Executive Intelligence Review*. It is impossible to resist Mr. Carrasco’s appeals, when he decides to sell you a subscription to the magazine. Reading Mr. LaRouche’s articles in *EIR* and, later on, in *Fidelio* and *21st Century* magazines, I became increasingly astonished and deeply curious to know more and more about that man.

Who, really, is he?

Recently, reading an article appearing in the May 10, 2002 issue of *EIR*, I was struck by Mr. LaRouche’s deep philosophical and technical analysis of the catenary, and I recalled my classes as a university physics student, 40 years ago, with my dear friend Dr. Osorio—who is here today—when we were being introduced to transcendental trigonometric functions, analytic geometry, and hyperbolic functions.

The catenary is the curve describing the form taken by a uniform chain when it is suspended from its endpoints. Any freely hanging cable or rope assumes this shape. The catenary represents the constant search of nature for a state of order, with a minimum expenditure of energy. That is a universal principle, which, like many others, Mr. LaRouche explains magnificently in his writings.

But, let’s stop for a moment and think: What Presidential candidate in Brazil, or in the United States, for that matter, has ever heard of a catenary?

Imagine someone showing Mr. Bush in the United States, or Mr. Lula [Luiz Inácio da Silva] or Mr. [Antonio] Garotinho in Brazil, an hyperbolic function or an integral. Any one of them, at the sight of an integral, would immediately think of a rattlesnake ready to bite him. None of them, in their absolute ignorance of the scientific principles governing nature, has the slightest idea of the importance of scientific knowledge to

the statesman who would lead a nation.

Besides being a mathematical philosopher, Mr. LaRouche has a keen intelligence and exceptional fluency in matters of the physical world, speaking with intimacy and profundity about the ideas of Gauss, Ampère, Ørsted, and Kepler, and many other mainstays of physics.

Regarding philosophy as such, Mr. LaRouche is really a scholar. From Plato to Leibniz, from St. Augustine to St. Thomas Aquinas, or Descartes, Spinoza, and many others, the depth of his reasoning and wise analysis is, for me, breathtaking.

He speaks about ancient history as if he were there, at the same table, on the same sofa, at Plato's *Symposium*, the "Banquet of Love." He who reads Mr. LaRouche's articles receives a refreshing shower of science, fine arts, and philosophy.

The Fight for the General Welfare

But, beyond such incontestable knowledge, what most impresses me about Mr. LaRouche is his concern for social questions, poverty, and the destiny of humanity.

Mr. LaRouche defends, in the United States and the world, the same ideas which we, of PRONA, defend here in Brazil.

He fights for the existence and presence of the sovereign nation-state. In one of his speeches, he said: "We want no empire. We want no hegemony. We want the general welfare. We want to protect and to promote national sovereignty. That is the cornerstone."

He condemns economic globalization, so dear to the rotten press, the corrupted media which do not allow ordinary people to know what is the reality hidden behind those sweet words, such as "privatization," "the minimal state," "economic globalization," and so forth and so on. In reality, all of this is a lie; what exists, in fact, is neo-colonialism.

I became aware in 1989—but Mr. LaRouche had seen it much earlier than I—that a diabolical plan of destruction was under way, and accelerating with incredible velocity, to destroy our moral values—all that was handed down to us by our forefathers, and which makes us a sovereign nation.

With the establishment of the free-market empire, with the neo-liberal wind blowing in almost every quarter of the planet, it followed naturally that our country would also be engulfed by this wave of destruction.

The floodgates of our economy were intentionally opened. Our nation was flooded with junk and trash from around the world. The barriers against imports of all industrial products were taken down, in such a disastrous manner that our national industry was almost destroyed.

But, the whole process did not stop there. With no subsidies, with almost no lending by the Banco do Brasil to small and medium-sized farmers, bankruptcy also struck the countryside. Thus, they destroyed agriculture, too.

Millions of unemployed were thrown onto the streets.

Today, a shocking 20% of the economically active population is unemployed. They wander hopelessly, hungry, desperate, joining those already in the informal economy, selling imported products at traffic stops on the streets, doing anything to survive; and a considerable number of those unfortunate people finally end up in criminal marginality.

Criminality, in turn, is reaching terrifying levels, reaching as high as one murder every hour in the Rio-São Paulo region, as stated quite correctly by Dr. Havanir, president of PRONA in São Paulo.

They destroyed the fundamentals of Classical education. They destroyed respect for the nation, for religion, for the family, as well as respect for life. And, with that, death became just a banality. They transformed human beings into machines.

The Empire of Money

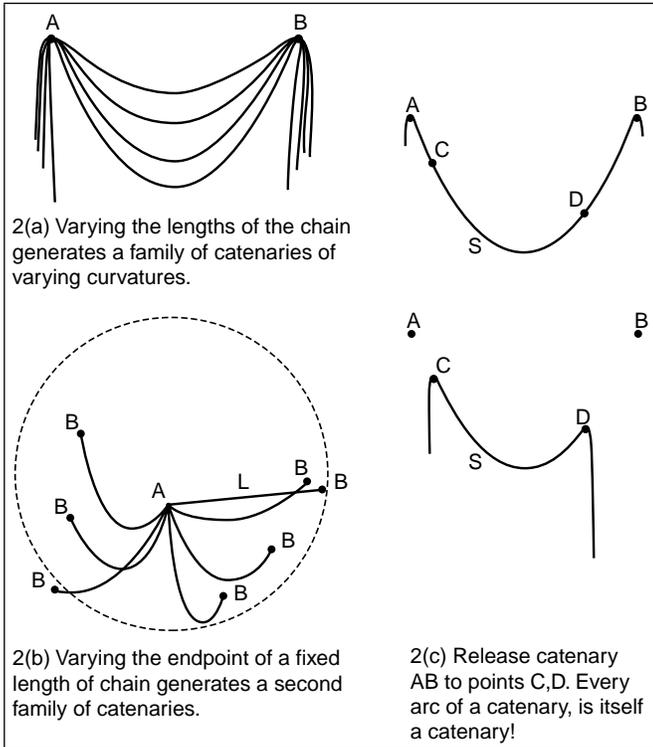
With complete freedom for speculation, with capital flowing from one point of the planet to another, without any restrictions, it was natural that the big monied interests wished to increase—doubling, tripling, quadrupling their fortunes—simply by speculation in the financial market. The world economy became a no-man's-land, with no relationship between real wealth and the amount of money in circulation. Money is no longer a symbol of wealth. It has become wealth itself. I say that, because there is no correspondence between the money that circulates and the real wealth of nations, as Mr. LaRouche has so brilliantly proven in his analyses, repeatedly presented in the four corners of the planet.

We have come to live under the Empire of Money, the Empire of Fake Money, the Empire of Painted Paper.

Brazil, in 2001, paid the fabulous amount of some \$60 billion in service on the public debt alone, including the interest on domestic and foreign public debts. And the domestic debt jumped from \$50 billion in 1994 (at a dollar-to-real ratio of 1:1), to about \$240 billion, the equivalent of a stunning 600 billion reals at today's exchange rate. We should remember that this enormous debt rose *after* the big Brazilian state companies were handed over, such as the National Steel Company (CSN), Usiminas, and Vale do Rio Doce—the biggest mining company in the world, control over which was sold for the ridiculous sum of \$3.338 billion, which is less than what is paid, in one month, in interest on the public debt. That is, close to 10 billion reals, or almost \$4 billion, are paid per month in interest alone.

Fortunately, this model is exhausting itself, because it is self-destructive. It carries within itself, the germ of its own destruction.

Look back to the Russia crisis: The world press, the servant of world power, said this was a local problem. There was an Asian crisis, and they repeated: This is a regional problem. Now, it is the Argentina crisis, and they keep saying: It is their crisis; it's an Argentina problem that won't affect us. Brazil is different. But the reality is, that there is no difference. As



Lyndon LaRouche speaking to Russian Academy of Sciences in June 2001; a demonstration of catenary curves in LaRouche's newspaper, *New Federalist*. Dr. Enéas asks, "What Presidential candidate in Brazil, or in the United States, for that matter, has ever heard of a catenary? . . . None of them . . . has the slightest idea of the importance of scientific knowledge to the statesman who would lead a nation."

Mr. LaRouche has been insisting for decades, and I have been repeating here in Brazil since 1989, the crisis is systemic.

There is no saving this model, unless there is a joint statement, issued by the governments of the major countries of the world, that the current international financial system is insolvent; and calling for the establishment of a new accord between nations, with the creation of a New Bretton Woods agreement.

The Way Out for Brazil: 'Rupture, Now!'

But, unfortunately, here in Brazil, Mr. LaRouche, we don't have the power to impose such an agreement upon the world. Therefore, there is only one way out for us, and that is a rupture, a formal and final rupture with the international financial system.

We are one of the biggest countries in the world, with about 8.4 million square kilometers of land area, 21% of the world's freshwater supply, and the biggest rain forest in the world. One sunny day over Brazil's territory is equivalent to the energy produced during 24 hours of operation by 120,000 hydroelectric plants of the size of Itaipu Dam, presently the world biggest hydroelectric complex. Thanks to this fantastic solar energy, which is only possible in the tropics, the Brazilian continent has unequaled wealth of vegetation, with vegetable oils, cellulose, sugar, starch, etc., capable of generating forms of energy which can advantageously replace all petroleum products. In this way, we would be able to provide practically all of the world's re-

quirements for solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels, for an unlimited time to come.

This means the use of a clean, renewable energy source, the energy accumulated in the molecules of the carbon hydrates, which exist in amounts many times larger than the energy obtained through fossil fuels, which are running out on this planet. We are the richest country in the world, but we find more than half of our people condemned to live in poverty and misery.

Rupture, now!

Stop importing everything while exporting raw materials. Nowadays, even potato chips are imported, as if the glorious people of Brazil were not capable of doing anything, not even manufacturing potato chips.

Let us sit at the negotiating table and say: *That is enough!* Pay us a fair price, or not one milligram will be taken from this land—no iron, no aluminum, no titanium, no quartz, no niobium, etc.

They need us much more than we need them.

But, in order to achieve that, we will need in the government, at all levels, honest men; wise, diligent patriots; and not that weak, fallacious, deceptive, inept, and mad mob that is leading our country into the abyss of chaos, and our people into slavery. In other words, as Mr. LaRouche says, into a New Dark Age. Only in this way will we be able to proclaim the economic independence of Brazil.

Thank you very much, Mr. LaRouche, for your presence here in Brazil, and for all that you represent for all mankind.