

International Media Cover LaRouche, On Eve of Webcast

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During the second half of April, an extraordinary degree of international media coverage of Lyndon LaRouche, reflected the intense ferment in many countries over the Middle East events, and their potential to trigger a spreading, global religious war.

These breakthroughs are leading up to a major webcast address by LaRouche to a Washington audience on May 1; its title is "The Middle East Blow-Back Effect." The candidate's speech, and then dialogue with questioners in Washington and worldwide, will be broadcast beginning 1 p.m., on two Internet sites: www.larouchein2004.com, and www.larouchepub.com.

LaRouche's uncompromising demand that the U.S. stop Ariel Sharon and launch peace initiatives based on economic development, and his internationally known and debated *Zbigniew Brzezinski and September 11th* campaign Special Report, have made him the polarizing center of the discussion of what must be done to stop a global Clash of Civilizations.

Widespread coverage of LaRouche in the media of Arab countries, ongoing for several months, led to major interviews with the American statesman on Al-Jazeera satellite television on April 14, and on the "Good Morning, Egypt" national television program on April 16. The transcript then appeared in *Al-Ahram* newspaper. On April 25 and 26, interviews and feature coverage of LaRouche appeared in five significant Middle Eastern newspapers. At the same time, all of the major daily newspapers of Mexico City were covering what LaRouche and his allies had to say against the proposed electricity deregulation in that country; deregulation was defeated in the Mexican Congress a week later.

In the United States, coverage of LaRouche featured three major radio interviews in the nation's capital, between April 15 and April 22. We publish here a part of one of those syndi-

cated interviews, on the District's major black-owned radio station WOL, which focussed on the Mideast crisis.

LaRouche on 'Reynolds' Rap'

Here are excerpts from LaRouche's April 20 interview on WOL's "Reynolds' Rap" broadcast, hosted by Barbara Reynolds. The program was also nationally broadcast on XM Satellite.

Reynolds: Reynolds' Rap. And we're all into what's going on in the Middle East. We have Lyndon LaRouche on. He's a Presidential candidate again, is running for President. But we wanted to ask you about your characterizations about how the Palestinians are being treated. You compare that with how the Jews had a model for extermination? Isn't that just taking a saying too far? Because you remember that the Nazis killed 6 million Jews, and of course, there were Gypsies and Africans whom they also killed.

But when you make this. . . First of all, explain why you think there is a connection, and then I want you to . . . go ahead.

LaRouche: There is a report, which was done by the Nazi Gen. Jürgen Stroop, who was the guy who did the job on the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto. Now, that report has been published and studied in great detail. The report was studied by the Israeli military, and was used by them in planning the current operation against the Palestinians. So, . . . stop the whole question of what the Nazis did to Jews all over Europe. The point is that, in this specific case, what is being done to the Palestinians now, is exactly a carbon copy of what the Nazis did to the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Reynolds: Okay, and you're talking about the cutting off of their electricity, laying siege to hospitals. . . .

LaRouche: Mass assassinations, extermination, mass killing, burning buildings with people in them, pushing down buildings on top of children and others, families . . . in order to exterminate and drive the people from the land. And that's what the Nazis did. They said that in 1943, you had the Eastern Front, the Russian front, and the Nazis were concerned about this pocket of Jewish resistance in this area in Warsaw. So they turned to this ghetto. And they said, "We're going to clean it up!" And Stroop, the Nazi general, cleaned it up! Using exactly the procedures for mop-up that were done in the case, are being done now, as in Jenin. Exactly. It's an exact copy of what happened in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Reynolds: I hope that you are wrong. I hope that we're not watching a repeat of what happened in Warsaw. But when you look at what happened in Jenin, the horrific scenes of human suffering, the people who would have made it to the hospitals, but they didn't allow the ambulances to travel around the city, how the equipment that you see in any earthquake situation, where you have heavy equipment, and dogs that can come and sniff out bodies—they wouldn't allow that there. And when you saw them digging relatives out of the rubble, you know. I was looking at that scene, and I said, "There are little boys crying in front of their homes, because they went to get their schoolbooks, and their schoolbooks were buried in the rubble. And their cousins buried." And I said, "There's the next terrorist."

LaRouche: Well, that's what happens.

Now, this thing is not just simply in Israel. . . . See, we cover up: If you look at some of the things that have happened in Africa, particularly in the Great Lakes district, or in the takeover of whole parts of Congo by occupying, mercenary armies, with mass killing—we turned a blind eye to what's going on in Africa. I've been sitting on this genocide for a long time, and it's been getting worse. I talked to the Clinton Administration about this, and they just said, they couldn't do anything about it. They couldn't fight that policy.

So, what's happening with Sharon; Sharon and Netanyahu, simply happen to be Jewish fascists, but we've got people of the same mentality in various parts of the world, including inside the United States, who have exactly the same kind of mentality.

Reynolds: But let's wait here a minute. Because you have to understand that, although many of us understand why someone in a hopeless refugee camp would strap dynamite, or whatever, to them, and go blow up a city, but we still do not side with suicide bombers, because somewhere in here, there's got to be some balance, somebody to bring someone to the table for peace. I mean, I'm not for people who are blowing up other folks, no more than I am for the Israelis who are terrorists, state terrorists, who are tearing down villages, and blowing up people with tanks. The Israelis, they want security, and the Palestinians want a state. Do

you see any way that this peace mission can ever be accomplished?

LaRouche: Oh, sure. I've worked at this. I'm been involved with Israelis and others, Palestinians and Israelis, since about 1975, very intensely, in trying to get this kind of peace. Clinton tried, but Clinton made some serious mistakes.

First of all, he allowed himself to be bulldozed into not raising the question of water and economic development. Secondly, when Barak refused, or made a demand, which no member of an Islamic community could accept—that is, the desecration of the holy site on the holy mountain in Jerusalem—when he refused that, Clinton made the mistake of publicly blaming Arafat for blowing up the negotiations. Arafat had agreed to almost everything that was demanded for negotiation, in consistency with the Oslo Accords. . . .

Reynolds: But what can be done to try to get any kind of fairness in foreign policy here, because here, all we do is say that the Jews are right, that Israel is defending itself, and because, you see how they pull, they control the media, they wouldn't let the media into the Jenin refugee camp, so you couldn't show how they were blowing up their houses, and shooting people. But any time that a Palestinian does some atrocity, the cameras are right there. You see people bleeding, you see people crying, you know. But when it's on the other side, you know, we're not there, we're not allowed to be there. So, it's such a control of the media.

LaRouche: Barbara, actually the responsibility lies in Washington. If the United States would stop backing Sharon, and say, "We agree with the former murdered Prime Minister Rabin," who made an agreement with Arafat, which they both kept to, and say, "That is what we support," and if the United States would put its muscle behind that, you would find that the people of Europe, the nations of Europe, would join the United States; that most of the nations in the United Nations would join with the United States, and we would simply give Mr. Sharon and company an offer they could not refuse. And we would simply *impose* a peace on the Middle East, because we're not going to have a war in the Middle East, as a religious war, or quasi-religious war, spreading throughout the Middle East, throughout all of Asia. We can not have that. This is the greatest threat to world security today, is the danger of religious war, or ethnic war. And we in the United States, have a moral responsibility, to use our influence and power in a just way, to bring about peace, modelled on what happened in Europe in 1648, with the Treaty of Westphalia. And we can do it.

But we have to back it up with real substance. We have to say, "We are for the economic reconstruction of the Middle East. We are for mass desalination, so there's enough water for everyone in the area. We're for economic development to end the poverty in Israel, the impoverishment of the Palestinians. We want to make this an area of promise."