

Pope, LaRouche Greeted

In their New Year's address, the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino greeted Pope John Paul II's message for World Peace Day, Jan. 1, and pointed to the November 2002 visit of Lyndon LaRouche to San Marino as an opportunity to deepen the economic and social aspects of the Pope's teachings.

In the spirit of the *Pacem in Terris* encyclical, today John Paul II insists that it will not be weapons, nor globalizing economic policies, that solve those conflicts that breed terrorism, but justice, in the form of a new world economic order. We Capitani Reggenti, in the name of the whole people of San Marino, offer our full and total support to His Holiness, for the peace efforts he is leading. . . . We are with the forces of peace, and we repeat with the same forcefulness and determination, that peace is built through the establishment of justice. For justice, we understand,

above all, the ability to create a balance in development and in using resources. . . .

Exactly on this issue, on injustices created by the current economic organization and on distortions produced by financial flows managed in a speculative way, the Regency had the occasion of reflecting in meeting with American economist Lyndon LaRouche, during his recent visit to San Marino. Our request was that he first meet representatives of the San Marino economy, so that a germ of a new organization of the economy could grow in our country.

But the commitment to create conditions of justice among men and states must be strengthened; and in the international organizations, San Marino's voice must be raised in order to avoid the not infrequent "hesitation" in the international community over the obligation to respect and implement human rights. This commitment concerns not only respecting international conventions aimed at improving living conditions in the developing countries, but also regulating conflicts, so that the rights and duties of peoples are upheld.