

Editorial

Is Cheney Planning a New 9/11?

In a statement issued July 17, to publicize his upcoming July 25 webcast, Lyndon LaRouche excoriated the nation's political leaders, especially the Democrats, for their failure to dump Vice President Cheney. Under the title "Party Leaders Are Faking," LaRouche wrote:

"As the news came, that the cruise ship was sinking, the Captain of the vessel jumped into bed with a passenger with whom he had been flirting.

"In replies to his First Officer's pleas to act to save the passengers, the Captain, snarling mercilessly from the bed which he had just occupied: 'Not now! Can't you see I'm busy?!'

"That is the way most of the leading Presidential pre-candidates and others are deserting the defense of our nation in the face of the enemy! They are like the Captain of our story, fleeing from a reality that they lack the guts to face, by occupying their minds with something else.

"'Get out of that bed, Captain! Get out now!' the First Officer ordered the cowardly captain.

"So, Franklin Roosevelt Democrat Lyndon LaRouche is ordering the so-called leading political figures of our nation, now.

"All that keeps the U.S. war in Iraq ongoing is the lack of the political courage needed among political leaders to stop the process of sending our troops to more needless, and utterly useless dying. All that stands in the way of the now onrushing explosion of the greatest Wall Street bubble in history, is the lack of the guts of political leaders who refuse to face the fact that the entire present world financial system is at the verge of blowing out, unless the U.S. returns to the kind of leadership that Franklin Roosevelt used to save the U.S. from the catastrophe brought on by the Coolidge and Hoover administrations.

"The time to act on the real issue is now!

"Dump Cheney right now! Organize a recovery from the world depression right now!"

LaRouche's attack on our leaders' gutlessness will resonate with the American population, which is already fed up to the gills, if not totally enraged, about the failure of the Congress, as well as the President, to get our na-

tion out of the war and depression that is burying us in gore. But the question remains: Will the population act effectively to force action in time?

There is every indication that "in time" means by the end of August, this year! The danger of expanded war is clear, as our leading strategic articles in this issue elaborate. But there is another looming danger closer to home, called dictatorship.

In a sense, our nation is coming closer to dictatorship every day we allow Dick Cheney to remain in power. Just think about it. Every time Congress takes any action to try to retard the war, or rein in Executive power, or expose corruption, the response is Cheney's well-known "f*** you." The message is clear: The Cheney-Bush Executive *is* the law, and there's nothing you can do about it. This behavior is precisely the Schmittlerian model from Adolf Hitler that LaRouche warned of in January 2001, and that this magazine has been warning of ever since. It doesn't matter what law you pass, Cheney says, because we'll redefine, or nullify it.

There are warnings that it could get worse—a lot worse. Former Reagan Administration official Paul Craig Roberts gave a radio interview to Thom Hartmann on July 19, in which he warned that the Cheneyacs in the Administration are orchestrating a new 9/11 type incident to consolidate power, and that Bush has already signed a new Executive Order expanding police powers to the government. Roberts, who has put himself on record calling for the impeachment of Cheney and Bush, lashed out at the cowards in Congress for refusing to act, at the peril of the Constitution and the nation.

Whether Roberts is right that Cheney is planning a new "Reichstag fire" or not, his overall point is correct. The only way to save this nation from expanded war, further economic devastation, and possible dictatorship taking hold *before* the 2008 elections, is to move *now* to impeach Dick Cheney.

August, the month of wars and coups and economic disasters, is fast approaching. Congress is coming home where you can find them. Demand that Congress take action to stop Cheney's fascism now.