

Editorial

Get Cheney Out Now!

In his July 25 webcast, Lyndon LaRouche issued clear marching orders: British thug Dick Cheney must be removed in August, and any Congressman who refuses to help, should get out of the way. Cheney's removal is the *precondition* for beginning to solve the problems of the nation. *Cheney has to go!*

It was September of 2002, nearly five years ago, when Lyndon LaRouche first called for the removal of Cheney from the White House. At that time, as the White House was escalating its drumbeat of lies toward war against Iraq, LaRouche and *EIR* identified the Vice President as the key operative in pushing for a disastrous "Clash of Civilizations" war, potentially leading to a new nuclear confrontation and World War III. We were right.

It was April 2003, when LaRouche escalated, with the first of the "Children of Satan" pamphlet series, which exposed Cheney's record and apparatus. By the conclusion of the series, which included the publication of the famous *Children of Satan* book, millions of copies had circulated around the United States, and in Western Europe.

In June 2003, LaRouche issued his first demand for Cheney's impeachment. Even at that time, the evidence to show that Cheney had committed a fraud against the U.S. Constitution, and the President, was a matter of public record. Since that time, the evidence of Cheney's willful disregard of the laws of the United States—from the highest laws on down—has piled up to enormous proportions, including through testimony to the U.S. Congress itself.

In fact, not only has Cheney not been removed, but he and Bush were re-elected by the American population in 2004! Clearly there was fraud, but the election was close enough to permit that fraud to go through.

Thus, the major question on the table is: What is responsible for the shameful fact that Cheney has not yet been removed?

The answer has been more than fully elaborated by Lyndon LaRouche, not only in this webcast, but in numerous others: The political leadership of the United States, dominated by the Baby-Boomer generation, has *failed* in virtually every respect. It has *failed* to follow its Constitutional oath to defend the Constitution against Cheney's attacks. It has *failed* to represent the interests

of the American people, who have been demanding with ever increasing stridency, relief from the crimes of Cheney-Bush. It has *failed* to face the reality of the current crisis of depression and war, and the Hell which this crisis will create for future generations, if it is not stopped by the correct decisions to reverse policies in the immediate weeks ahead.

However, as the famous saying goes, "failure is not an option." Despite the sordid history of this Congress, and the Democratic leadership, which is operating as though it were in the hip-pocket of fascist Felix Rohatyn, these very political leaders have to take the necessary action to oust Cheney, now!

We have seen how the process works to create the necessary momentum. Exemplary was the case of Rep. Jim McDermott of Washington State, a senior Democrat, who, like most members of Congress, lives in a district where his constituency is white-hot for the impeachment of Cheney. Yet, when confronted at town meetings about the necessity of signing on to Rep. Dennis Kucinich's bill for Cheney's impeachment, McDermott clung to his sophisticated defeatism: It can't be done, he said; we don't have the votes. It would tie up the Congress. I just won't do it.

Yet, the concerted onslaught of his constituents, prominently including the LaRouche Youth Movement, succeeded in turning McDermott around! Within days of his public refusal to go for impeachment, he signed on to Kucinich's bill.

It's time for the "McDermott effect" to be repeated all around the country. *Every* Congressman is up for re-election in 2008; they all can be effectively threatened with defeat if they do not do their duty. With the proper pressure from their constituencies, dozens of additional Congressmen can be convinced to add their names to the 15 who have now supported Kucinich's cogent bill of impeachment.

Impeachment probably won't be the process by which we get rid of Cheney, as LaRouche has said. More likely, he'll be taken aside and "convinced" to resign. But a powerful mass movement for ousting him through impeachment proceedings is the absolute precondition for what needs to be done.

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