

# LaRouche Cites Turkish Role in Diplomacy

Lyndon LaRouche on May 23 underscored the significance of the Turkish mediation in the recent Israeli-Syrian talks, citing the late Turkish leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's (1881-1938) role in combatting the Anglo-French Sykes-Picot Treaty, which sought to carve up the former Ottoman Empire into French and British colonial spheres of control, in the aftermath of World War I. Atatürk countered the Anglo-French machinations by negotiating a firm border agreement with Syria. This assertion of the sovereign power of the governments of the region set a precedent which is now, once again, being pursued, to secure a permanent peace between Israel and Syria.