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U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

LAROUCHE ADVISES LEONE TO DISREGARD NEW YORK TIMES. NOT TO RESIGN

May 1, 1976 (IPS)—I have been informed that the New York Times has undertaken a black propaganda campaign under National Security Council directives against the Italian State in preparation for a coup d'etat by NATO. As of two days ago the New York Times has been contacting Senators in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee ask—ing them to identify the name of the Italian President, i.e. President Leone, as the Italian President who supposedly received bribes from Lockheed.

Furthermore I have been informed that as of two weeks ago the National Security Council through State Department channels have issued directives to editors in the United States not to cover the Middle East except through planted CIA-NSC articles.

The unprecedented black propaganda operation now being directed through Kissinger channels can only be understood against the background of a decision to unleash a regional, even regional nuclear, war in the Middle East and parallel to that a coup detat in Italy.

I advise President Leone to stand firm against this National Security Council - NATO attempt to force his resignation. Should President Leone resign under pressure of trumped-up black propaganda charges "leaked" through the New York Times or any other NSC conduit, that would be taken as a signal by the Kissinger-Ball forces to proceed with the actual coup detat itself.

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