

LaRouche speaks to Mexican press

The following is an excerpted text of a statement delivered by 1980 presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche in Mexico City March 7. Mr. LaRouche is in Mexico as the representative of the U.S. Labor Party, which was officially invited to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations of Mexico's ruling PRI party. The press conference was attended by 14 Mexican television, radio, and newspaper representatives, and received broad media coverage.

In the first place, I want to express my great joy in participating in the 50th anniversary of the PRI. I am not a diplomatic person. I am a political person; I assure you that there is no exaggeration when I express concurrence with Giscard d'Estaing of France in regarding President Lopez Portillo's government as one of the few great governments of this period.

As I said, there is no exaggeration. This is not a diplomatic compliment. It is not diplomatic, it is factual. A party such as the PRI, which can produce presidents — Lopez Portillo is not the only one — so consistently in the tradition of the Mexican Revolution, such a party I am delighted to be with.

Fight against war

It should also be emphasized that at the time I came to Mexico, I was engaged — I am engaged — in a struggle within the U.S. to prevent the U.S. from following a policy which would mean war, general thermonuclear war. Let me underline that my knowledge is that there was no exaggeration, no diplomatic rhetoric in the agreement between President Giscard of France, and President Lopez Portillo: that the choice of the world today is between the new world economic order or apocalypse. It could be that a general thermonuclear war will oc-

cur within a matter of hours, days, or that the war will be postponed for months. That the war danger will continue until, first, the new world economic order is coming into being, and second, until the policies of the U.S. are brought into conformity with the new world economic order, these are certainties.

Therefore, although I am leading the fight in the U.S., through TV, newspapers, radio and other campaigns against the war danger, against the U.S. putting a nuclear umbrella over Peking, it was important to me to take this opportunity to be in Mexico at this time, because although the government of Mexico is not a power by the ordinary standard of world powers, it is at this moment, one of the most important moral forces in the world, and it is at this moment, one of the leading forces of the new world economic order on behalf of the developing nations.

Expresses solidarity

In view of the many hideous things that the U.S. government under Carter has already proposed against the nation of Mexico, it was important to take the opportunity to express my solidarity, as the leading opponent of war within the U.S. at this moment, with the leading forces in Mexico. The policy that I have is essentially the same policy that the government of Mexico has, which is also the policy of the European Monetary System as understood by President Giscard of France and by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the BRD. I know that Mexico is limited politically by historical and geographical circumstances from doing what it would like to do. But those of us who have the means must use all means to prevent war and to bring the new world economic order into being.

The American Revolution was made with the aid of international forces such as LaFayette, the forces of Europe, the same humanist forces whose Spanish fraction laid the seeds for the Mexican Revolution.... When our forefathers made a revolution in the U.S., we made one because we could not tolerate the British oligarchy, the British system of law. We could not tolerate being denied the right to high technology for our manufacturing and our agriculture. Our constitution was founded by people dedicated to natural law. The key to natural law is that man is distinguished from the beasts only by his ability to advance technologically, to advance in science and technology, and thus to increase his willful power to master the lawful order of the universe. When man is denied that right, the right to education, the right to the material means of progress, man is reduced to the condition of a beast.

Hamilton and the Constitution

Let me say to my Mexican friends that the fundamental policy of the U.S. was underlined by the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, who disproved the entire British theory of political economy and demonstrated that the only source of wealth is the development of the productive powers of a nation. As Mexico knows better than any other nation in the world, the U.S. has many times deviated from that policy, but that is the constitutional principle on which the United States was founded. In different forms but to the same Principle, that was the secret of the Mexican Revolution.

Those within the United States that are attacking Mexico now, I denounce, as traitors to the American Revolution.