

## 'Time for Sharon to retire from politics'

Commenting on the most recent crisis in Lebanon, Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche said on Feb. 5: "Neither the United States nor Israel can continue to afford former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Sharon's invasion of Lebanon, aimed at helping Henry Kissinger sabotage the 'Reagan Plan,' made a total mess of an already monstrous situation in the Lebanon Kissinger had already begun to destroy during the period he was President Ford's Secretary of State.

"President Reagan should agree to dump Kissinger—as the President promised in 1976—if the government of Israel will act similarly to repudiate Kissinger's crony, Sharon.

"I hear that 40% of Israelis would agree with me on this issue. I think that if President Reagan would dump Kissinger and his gang from the Executive Branch, 80% of all Israelis would then agree with me on dumping Sharon."

LaRouche's view is that the recent deterioration of the situation inside Lebanon means that Lebanon can no longer be saved from being carved up by Syria, unless both Syria and Israel evacuate their forces from Lebanon immediately.

"What has helped imperialist Syria and Moscow to destabilize the present government of Lebanon is the image of Ariel Sharon's invasion of Lebanon hung around the neck of the Beirut government, and the sabotage of the 'Reagan Plan' by the combined efforts of Sharon, Henry Kissinger, the Bronfmans, and fellows such as George Ball. Muddling around with continuing, worthless negotiations with that treacherous butcher of the PLO, Syria's President Hafez Assad, has not worked, and now could never work, especially as long as Kissinger and his crowd were being brought into the Reagan administration.

"The time has come to make a solid offer to the government of Syria. Syria must be given the choice of evacuating its forces from either Lebanon or Damascus. It is none of Syria's business whether Israeli forces remain in Lebanon; Syria must evacuate immediately and unconditionally. The United States will deal with its financially bankrupt ally, Israel. If Syria pulls out of Lebanon, Israel will also pull out, or have all U.S. financial support withdrawn until it does. It is that simple.

"Let's face facts. Syria is a neo-Nazi state, governed by a regime riddled with old Nazi advisers. Syria under such a

government behaves very much as Adolf Hitler's regime behaved. It does not understand reason; it understands only the equations of raw power. Diplomacy with Damascus is a waste of time, unless one ceases recent U.S. practice of following in the footsteps of Neville Chamberlain's dealings with Hitler. One must say to Damascus: 'All efforts to establish a partition of Lebanon for sake of the Nazi-like doctrine of "Greater Syria" is a *casus belli* with the United States of America: get your butt back where it belongs right now!'

"General MacArthur was right; President Truman and his simpering State Department were wrong. Never again should the military forces of the United States be bogged down in a Korea or Vietnam. The dirty deal which Bertrand Russell and Kissinger's sponsors made with Nikita Khrushchev back during the late 1950s, is ended; no more will the United States be bogged down in local wars played according to the 'Pugwash Conference' rules of the game negotiated by Kissinger's sponsors. If anyone, ever again, attempts to conduct war against the United States or its allies through surrogates, it is the hand behind surrogate warfare which will be struck directly. Let the government of Syria consider itself duly forewarned, and proceed to withdraw its forces from Lebanon immediately.

"We of the United States are also fed up to the neck with Libya's, Syria's, and Iran's orchestrating deployment of terrorist forces into the United States itself. Any attack by these terrorists inside the United States, or against U.S. Marines in Lebanon, must now be treated with response against the nations responsible for such acts of warfare.

"Be warned, Syria! If I become President of the United States, as presently appears increasingly a genuine possibility, I will act precisely as I have promised. Know me: I make no idle promises."



Ariel Sharon