

'Operation Florestan' will save LaRouche!

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When the news came out about the unbelievably harsh 15-year sentencing of Lyndon LaRouche on Jan. 27, it set off a wave of horror around the world. Lyndon LaRouche's numerous friends in many countries, and others as well, were shocked into asking about the strategic implications of such a long sentence, which is usually reserved for only the very worst criminals. But here the condemned man is someone who is equally well known as a defender of the principles of the Western alliance, as he is viewed by others as the only hope for developing the underdeveloped countries—a man who, because of his numerous programmatic and conceptual scientific contributions, is held in the very highest esteem by representatives of the most diverse fields of human knowledge. The horrified thought which occurred to people everywhere, was that no country on the face of the Earth has a chance, if the so-called leading power of the West, the United States, is able to eliminate the domestic political opposition by using the very same methods of fascist police-state dictatorship, that are used inside the Soviet Union.

A high-ranking representative of one foreign government indeed spoke the truth, when he spontaneously volunteered the observation that the U.S. government most likely put LaRouche behind bars, because they were planning to commit an even more heinous crime, and wanted to cover it up. And, in fact, only one day after LaRouche was thrown in jail, on Jan. 28, Henry Kissinger was at the White House informing President Bush and Secretary of State Baker about his "successful" trip to Moscow, where his plan to hand over a neutralized Central Europe to Moscow had gotten an enthusiastic reception.

Kissinger's proposal for a "superpower agreement on Europe" constitutes a crime of no less magnitude than the Anglo-American Establishment's "New Yalta" agreement with Moscow, an agreement which is supposed to continue the betrayals of Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam by now also bringing the western part of continental Europe under Russian hegemony. This Kissinger Plan is not supposed to mere-



ly be a signal to the Europeans that they should assume the burdens of their own defense; rather, the Bush administration's operational policy is already to decouple the United States from Western Europe. This has become evident from concrete steps which have been taken during the weeks since Bush's inauguration: The SDI, for all intents and purposes, was buried as a defense concept—at least, one in which the NATO allies could participate; according to [former Defense Secretary Frank] Carlucci, massive U.S. troop reductions will come as the result of the freezing of the defense budget; and the NATO Reforger maneuvers were canceled. So, decoupling is already in full swing.

Both the Anglo-American Establishment and Moscow have set into motion a series of destabilization maneuvers against the government of West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl. These include the allies' orchestration, in West Berlin, of the emergence of the pro-neutrality Republikaner party, as well as the ultimatum which Baker delivered to the Kohl government to modernize its short-range missiles by May at the latest—an ultimatum which threatens to topple Kohl's ruling coalition. If Kohl falls, to be replaced by a "Red-Green" coalition, or by a Social Democratic-Free Democratic government, the Federal Republic could slide into neutrality by as early as this summer; and within a short time after that, freedom would be no more in Western Europe—since with Germany neutralized, no other Western European country could hold out against the Soviet Union. The moment the Soviets are able to bring even the potential of West Germany's productive capacity and labor under its own domination, the strategic balance would be irrevocably and permanently swung in Moscow's favor.

The hideous crime, therefore, which is to be committed while LaRouche is eliminated as a political influence, is nothing less than the selling out of Western Europe, in the tradition of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Adolf Hitler.

Deception by the Bush team

Only now are we able to fully discern what a monstrous deception maneuver it was, when the so-called Bush team, up to its actual accession to power, passed itself off as a

perhaps more efficient continuation of the Republican Reagan administration. In reality, the condominium with the Soviet Union had been prepared well in advance by those members of the Trilateral Commission and the Eastern Establishment who came into the first Reagan administration along with Vice President Bush.

It should be recalled that on March 23, 1983, President Reagan announced the Strategic Defense Initiative as official U.S. policy—a policy of a four-tiered system of defensive beam weapons, incorporating a doctrine of Mutual Assured Survival, which could have led to the reduction of nuclear weapons, but only after the new system had rendered them obsolete. Reagan's television address was the public highpoint of LaRouche's influence within the first Reagan administration. But the fact that European allies were not only *not* consulted earlier, but even months after Reagan's announcement, were not even officially informed about this change in U.S. defense strategy, created further fissures within the Western alliance. Yet Reagan continued to speak about the "Evil Empire" after that, and promoted an image of the enemy which was borne out once again in September 1983, with the shooting down of the KAL-007 passenger jet.

As the British daily *Guardian* has reported, Secretary of State Baker boasts about the fact that it was he who had talked Reagan out of his idea of the "Evil Empire." The appointment of Henry Kissinger to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in early 1984 was the next major assault on the SDI—and was understood as such by the allies of the United States. This period saw an escalation in Soviet attacks on LaRouche, and initial preparations were gotten under way for "legal frameup" against him.

Anglo-American cooperation was consolidated step by step, with a determination to extinguish the last vestiges of national sovereignty. It is altogether probable that Baker is not exaggerating when he brags that it was he who brought Gromyko to the United States in 1984, and together with him, initiated the disarmament process which reached its first climax at the Reykjavik summit, the signing of the INF treaty, and with this, the decoupling of Western Europe. And, even more important from the historical standpoint, it was in 1984 that the "Iron Lady" paved the way for Gorbachov's career, by pronouncing him to be socially acceptable to the West. "I can do business with Gorbachov," she said in very un-lady-like terms, and thus kicked off the "I Love Gorby" craze of the appeasement faction in the West. Margaret Thatcher is therefore personally responsible for undermining the free West's sense of its own security needs; the Chamberlain mentality seems to be a common British trait.

Yet another part of the Bush team's perfidious deception maneuvers, was the specific role played by Kissinger, especially since the time when Reagan's talk of the "Evil Empire" and of the necessity to defend national sovereignty had long subsided, and Nancy had long straightened him out on these matters. Kissinger then burst into the pages of the interna-

tional press with a series of articles where he presented himself as the great cautioner against taking this pro-Soviet naïveté too far. And during this time, at the behest of the Anglo-American Establishment, he tied all the threads which appeared necessary in order to prepare the great coup of decoupling Western Europe from the United States. The Anglo-American Establishment lost no time: President-elect Bush's interim phase was fully utilized to stage a hasty trial against LaRouche; and the day after he was sentenced, Kissinger was reporting to Bush and Baker on the success of his Moscow operation. We can assume with virtual certainty, that while in Moscow, Kissinger had assured his discussion-partners that the only really serious U.S. opponent to the New Yalta sellout, was now finally behind bars—as a sort of security pledge on Bush's part, that he will actually abide by the rules of the condominium.

Colonialism for the developing countries

But the scandalous conviction of LaRouche was also a signal with respect to the second focus of Anglo-American Establishment policies. Lyndon LaRouche is well known throughout the world for viewing the industrialization of the developing nations as the only way to save the lives of millions of human beings, and for pointing to this development perspective as the way out of the economic crisis of the industrialized nations—as a positive answer to the immense moral challenge posed to us by the fact that the majority of human beings are threatened by death by starvation, chronic undernourishment, epidemics, and the lack of basic necessities, which deprives them of all human dignity.

Indeed, LaRouche, whom the developing nations see as the only hope for a better future, is sitting in jail; and Henry Kissinger, who is hated in all developing countries as a murderer and a butcher, is once again back in business.

Kissinger and Baker are the spearheads of the Anglo-American Establishment's determination to overtly reintroduce colonialism toward the so-called Third World, entirely in the tradition of the British East India Company and Teddy Roosevelt. This involves their ultimately futile, but no less brutal effort to rob the developing nations even of their own land. "Debt for equity" or "debt for nature" are the new technical terms for the planned brutal gunboat-policy of squeezing out debt repayment from countries which have already been bled white to the last drop.

Thus it is no accident, that Kissinger sits on about 20 boards of multinational corporations, financial institutions, and cartels, which together with several other giants, are just as responsible for the misery in the Third World, as they are for the artificially caused food shortage, which was started in order to deploy the food weapon for population control. As even such organizations as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization or UNICEF admit, the policy of the International Monetary Fund, and hence also of the banks and cartels, has cost the lives of many millions of children,

mothers, and fathers. The genocide deliberately set into motion against the developing nations a long time ago, has already reached a level one hundred times worse than that for which Hitler was responsible.

No, what has been done to LaRouche is an injustice that cries to Heaven!—simply for LaRouche's own sake, but far more, for the sake of the fate of hundreds of millions of people, whose chances of survival are inextricably tied to LaRouche's own fate. Kissinger, or LaRouche, as the determining influence on American policy—the answer to this question will determine whether the United States of America

survives as a Western democracy, and further, whether Western civilization itself will survive. This is precisely the way it is understood around the world by all patriotic forces.

Police-state methods

To these forces, the implication of the railroad trial against LaRouche, conducted in the tradition of Hitler's "People's Court" under Judge Roland Freisler; of Judge Bryan's equivalent "rocket docket"; and of the unprecedented harshness of the sentence, is that the United States has become a fascist police dictatorship, in which political dissidents are simply

LaRouche from prison: New Dark Age looms

Lyndon LaRouche addressed the tribunal by telephone from his cell at the Alexandria Detention Center.

I would prefer to help George Bush get through the troubles that he faces in the period ahead, rather than relish the collapse and disgrace and disintegration of this administration, which seems to be what's going on now. However, it's significant that back in 1987, when I was first informed of the plan to put together this particular kind of Bush administration as a consensus of various Establishment factions, who would try to administer their way out of problems rather than face them and solve them, I said that this was not going to work. I've also been aware all along that there has been a connection between the incoming Bush administration allowing the Soviets and Henry Kissinger to put me behind bars, and the Bush administration's headlong plunge into a policy which ensured its virtual destruction in this manner.

There comes a time in the course of history, a time of crisis, at which sometimes the fate of a few individuals is tied up with the fate of humanity as a whole. For the past 20 years, and slightly longer, beyond all the errors in policy which had existed prior to the mid-1960s, the world has gone through a terrible economic and cultural experiment, an experiment with post-industrial society, a malthusian policy, an experiment with floating exchange rates, monetary policies, an insane monetary policy. Then, since 1978-79, increasing rounds of deregulation, of monetary and financial, and banking affairs, and since 1982, the most insane speculation in finance that the world has ever seen.

We have now the worst financial bubble in modern

history, which is ready to collapse. The United States is economically bankrupt, that is, we are producing less in physical product per year than we are consuming. In point of fact, at present, we have less *capacity* to produce than our required physical consumption. We are financially bankrupt, we are economically bankrupt, as a result of these policies. Probably 40 million people have been put on the human scrap heap within the United States itself. The number of poor is increasing. Our water systems are collapsing, our infrastructure in general is collapsing, our urban centers are collapsing. We're sliding down.

In Western continental Europe, they've taken the same track. Britain is already a post-industrial society, a rust-bucket. The Soviet Empire is in a spiral of physical economic breakdown. And nothing, including Gorbachov's reforms, can stop it. As a matter of fact, Gorbachov's *perestroika* reforms will merely accelerate the physical and political collapse, not reverse it. In mainland Communist China we must expect as many as 100 million to die of hunger and related causes during the coming two years, with the worldwide drought now in progress.

There is genocide against Mexico, other South American countries, *worse than Hitler*, already in progress. And that's what this administration and Kissinger are committed to. That genocide is already in progress in black Africa. That genocide is already aimed at Asia. So we have come to a time, where if the world continues the policies, the policy drift which we've seen in the past 20 years, this planet is doomed to plunge into a new Dark Age.

And thus, the need to make that turn in policy, particularly in the United States, and my own fate, I find curiously entangled. And I would like to be out, and I would like more importantly to be *free* to do what I must do to try to save this nation from the collapse into which Kissinger's influence over the Bush administration threatens to plunge this nation and the world. And that we might join together and perhaps save civilization from the threat of a plunge into a new Dark Age. Thank you.

eliminated. And LaRouche is not an isolated case, but is merely the most outrageous example of this tendency, as shown by the persecution of Eastern European exiles, black civilrights activists, labor unionists, evangelical church leaders, and potentially any independent organization. If the United States, which was once the “beacon of hope and temple of liberty” for the whole world, now practices the same brutal police dictatorship methods as the Soviets and and Nazis—then God help this world!

The internationally renowned authority on international and constitutional law, Baron von der Heydte, has called the LaRouche case the “American Dreyfus Affair,” drawing a parallel with the biggest political scandal over miscarriage of justice in past history. And because the dimensions of the LaRouche case are if anything still more far-reaching, LaRouche *must* be freed, and the injustice inflicted upon him rectified. President Bush, who knows the political character of the persecution of LaRouche, just as he knows that LaRouche is innocent, ought to pardon him, because this represents the simplest opportunity to halt this injustice. Precisely because this has been a question of *political* injustice, it must be a political act which restores justice. The minimum requirement, however, is for LaRouche to be released from prison on bond, thus giving him the opportunity to prepare his legal appeal in circumstances where he will not be harmed.

‘Operation Florestan’

There is no better name for the fight to free Lyndon LaRouche than “Operation Florestan.” Florestan was the at-long-last freed political prisoner in *Fidelio*, the only opera Ludwig van Beethoven composed, whose implicit content is the victory of the American Revolution over British colonial policy. Surely there is no politician in the United States, or apparently anywhere else in the world, who, according to his own statements, gives more credit to Beethoven’s classical music for his own creative development, than Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche has made vast contributions to the defense and the dissemination of classical music as the most precious path of access to the laws of individual creativity. Attesting to this, are not only his countless articles on musical interpretation, whose quality has prompted internationally eminent musicians to say that LaRouche understands more about music than they themselves; but further, it was LaRouche’s musical genius which prompted him to initiate the campaign for a scientific musical tuning of middle C at 256 cycles, which by now is supported by most leading singers around the world, for the sake of saving endangered voices.

The historical event to which *Fidelio* refers, was the imprisonment and liberation of the hero of the American Revolution, the Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette was thrown into a dungeon by command of the British prime minister, William Pitt, because he had dared to battle against British colonial policy, and to organize European support for the American Revolution. Pitt demanded that Lafayette—who

was originally taken prisoner in Prussia and was then transferred to a dungeon in Austria—be given exceptionally harsh treatment. Pitt even went so far as to make Lafayette’s continued imprisonment—which even Emperor Franz II opposed—into a precondition of the alliance between England and Austria! And today, in the LaRouche case, several highly placed individuals from Great Britain have communicated to us, that they had received orders from the highest levels to forego any efforts on LaRouche’s behalf, or else they might jeopardize the special relationship between the United States and Great Britain! Lafayette was finally released, after a worldwide press campaign and countless interventions were organized; even President George Washington wrote a confidential letter to Franz II, as well as the commander of the French troops, Lazare Carnot. The actual freeing of Lafayette was in no small measure due to his wife Adrienne, who did everything conceivable, and even had herself and her two daughters incarcerated for three whole years in the same dungeon as her husband, in order to help him to bear his lot; her incarceration was the condition for her being allowed to see him.

As a result of this worldwide campaign, Lafayette was finally released in 1797. Only five months later, in February 1798, the Frenchman Jean N. Bouilly published the libretto with the title *Léonore; ou l’amour conjugal*, (“Leonore, or Wedded Love,”) which Beethoven then used for his opera *Fidelio*.

In the opera, Florestan is the obvious representation of Lafayette; Fidelio represents Adrienne; and the evil Pizarro is an open reference to Pitt-equals-Pizarro.

The power and highly politicized nature of this opera became quite evident when the Austrian government banned it immediately following its premiere performance—probably for the same reasons which had led to Lafayette’s arrest. And after Beethoven overhauled it and put it on stage for a second time, it was immediately banned again! Despite this, as we know, today *Fidelio* belongs to the world repertoire of truly great classical music, and is one of the very greatest operas, if not the most perfect and most beautiful of them all.

Operation Florestan—that means nothing else, than that the noble principles expressed in the American Revolution emerge victorious over British despotism and oppression. It also means that the inspired and courageous intervention of millions of people around the world, can ultimately be rewarded with success, whenever the truly great issues of mankind are at stake—as the poet of freedom, Friedrich Schiller, would have put it.

Operation Florestan shall also show that the power of truth is ultimately stronger than any number of malicious intrigues, and that the power of love is stronger than hatred.

Operation Florestan will free Lyndon LaRouche, and will once again elicit around the world, those values which are in harmony with human dignity—and the foremost of those values is *justice*.