

## Editorial

### *Is the United States fascist?*

On Friday, April 14, a three-judge appeals panel in Richmond, Virginia handed down a one-sentence ruling, which decided to continue to deny bail on appeal to Lyndon LaRouche and his six associates who were convicted last Dec. 16 in an outrageous political show trial in Alexandria, Virginia, where they were deprived of any right to a defense.

Not only do those judges know full well that LaRouche is guilty of no crimes, but the whole world knows as well. The appeals process in the LaRouche cases will now be subjected to the scrutiny of the world, as a test to judge at each step of the way whether the United States can be kept from turning into a fascist state like Hitler's Germany.

Lyndon LaRouche, looked to throughout the world as the only spokesman of a sane policy toward our allies, remains in jail. He is unable to interact with other world leaders; his ability to write the kind of major theoretical and strategic documents which he produced at the rate of thousands of pages per year has been reduced to a bare minimum. Further, if the 15-year sentence he was given without a single substantive charge against him stands, the 66-year-old LaRouche is effectively condemned to death.

Even though a former Attorney General of the United States, Ramsey Clark, headed the list of lawyers who submitted the motion to free LaRouche and his associates on bond, the panel of judges turned down the motion without so much as granting a hearing.

The motion to grant bond while the case is being appealed included a detailed section (see *EIR*, Vol. 16, No. 16) showing how the jury selection process ran roughshod over the right to a fair and impartial jury: in an area where a large portion of the population is employed by, or related to employees of the federal government, and where the media slanders of LaRouche have been particularly obscene and intense.

Buster Horton, the foreman of the jury that convicted LaRouche and his six friends, is in fact a member of a select (approximately 100-person) emergency task force which also included Lt. Col. Oliver North and the FBI's Oliver Revell, the hands and feet of the "Get

LaRouche" conspiracy within the federal government. This stunning proof of the injustice of the trial, ignored by the three-judge Richmond panel, was put before the public in full-page advertisements appearing in the two major Washington daily newspapers and elsewhere.

The trial of LaRouche in Alexandria, and the trial of Rochelle Ascher in Leesburg, Virginia, which ended in early April with an 86-year sentence for her for *politically organizing* for the LaRouche movement, were run like the Stalin-era show trials that massacred opponents of the regime in Soviet Russia.

If LaRouche and his associates remain in jail after the appeals process has been exhausted, then it will have been clearly demonstrated that the United States is indeed a fascist state, just as was Nazi Germany under the Hitler regime.

If this is the case, the lesson of this will have to be drawn by all the nations of the world, and the patriots within these nations will have to act to restore constitutional order in the United States. We would be shirking our responsibility if we did not immediately issue this warning: There is a grave danger that a coup d'état has already occurred in the United States. If this is the case, it will mean that Henry Kissinger and the Trilateralites have solidified a deal with the Soviets, which in turn will inevitably mean that there will be a general war.

We demand that every moral individual, every opponent of the Satanic forces who threaten to destroy Western civilization and threaten the very future of mankind on this Earth, call himself or herself personally to account to act now, that his or her voice be heard demanding justice. We demand that they mobilize with us to free LaRouche and his associates.

The penalty must immediately be escalated now on the Bush administration. They must be made aware of the political repercussions of allowing fascist justice to usurp constitutional law in the United States. They must be made to feel the consequences of carrying forward international policies which spell genocide on a scale hundreds of times greater than the atrocities perpetrated by the Hitler gang.