

# Protests continue to bombard Bush over attempt on LaRouche's life

The number and level of protests to President George Bush over the life-threatening treatment given to former U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche in prison, increased in the first week of October. As previously reported by *EIR*, the 67-year-old LaRouche has been mistreated in the Rochester, Minnesota federal penitentiary where he is being held while the appeal of his conviction last December is pending in federal court.

## Fauntroy pledges to take steps

In late September, Brazilian Rep. Oswaldo Lima Filho released a statement reporting that he had received a response to his request for investigation from U.S. Delegate to Congress for the District of Columbia, Walter Fauntroy. Fauntroy wrote Lima Filho that, although he does "not support the views of the highly controversial Mr. LaRouche," he does "support his right to fair treatment under law," and therefore, "as a Member of the United States Congress [I pledge] . . . to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that fair and safe treatment under the law is accorded to Mr. LaRouche."

Below is a sampling of letters and telegrams which were made available to *EIR*. All of the messages were sent to President Bush unless otherwise specified.

## German 'Amnesty International' member

"In the Amnesty International Working Group on Medicine and Psychology (Federal Republic of Germany Section), we draw attention to inhuman and inhumane treatment of prisoners in prisons throughout the world and write to those responsible. Thus I have already turned to the Presidents of many states, for example, in the U.S.S.R., Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, South Africa, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Peru, Chile and many others. I would never have thought that it could be the case that I would have to write such a letter to you also in the United States. This grieves us and fills us with concern about the development of justice and the execution of justice in your great, free American land, which is founded on the best Constitution of any nation on this earth, because it is founded on Christian principles.

"Lyndon LaRouche, who warned against the AIDS epidemic and has fought against the spread of all kinds of drugs in the world, and who for years has pointed out workable ways to fight this species-threatening epidemic and to destroy

the worldwide drug mafia, has been held in the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota since January 1989. This man is a politician like you. He therefore must be well known to you. The 67-year-old man has to carry out eight hours' heavy labor per day from 4:00 a. m. to noon. This is a scandal and something you and your country should be ashamed of. In no civilized country is anything like this possible. In our country, no man of this age would have to perform heavy labor in prison, in fact, he would not even have to be imprisoned for the charges brought against him. I have heard that Mr. LaRouche had to have a medical procedure performed on his intestine, like the one President Reagan underwent some time back. According to general medical standards (in Germany as well as in the U.S.), such a patient requires two days' rest in bed before and after such a procedure. Mr. LaRouche, however, was given no bed rest in preparation for the procedure (total emptying of the intestine and consequent weakness) nor after the procedure (weakness as a result of the anaesthetic, bleeding, heart and circulatory stress, inadequate nutrition and abdominal pains). This is a violation of the duty to provide care, in every sense; indeed, this is torture. Amnesty International most thoroughly denounces such behavior throughout the whole world! Mr. President! Please do something immediately! Arrange for the 67-year-old sick man to be immediately freed from labor and, if necessary, to be given bed rest. If you intervene for the release of this patient, you would well deserve praise for respect of human dignity and human compassion. Please act immediately!

"Respectfully,

"Dr. Günter Buch"

## One who led uprising against Hitler

". . . As a lawyer I dare to say to be able and entitled to form a judgment on treatment of prisoners, both in a democratic world as well as under Nazi terror. I have had firsthand observations at the time, most hated and fought against under Hitler's regime. Based hereon I am the elected president of the 'Zentralverband Demokratischer Widerstandsorganisationen' for Bavaria. And in U.S. archives I am well known as head of the only successful military uprising against Hitler on April 27, 1945 at Munich, the so-called 'Freiheitsaktion Bayern.' Now, studying the treatment of Lyndon LaRouche at the prison of Rochester, Minnesota, I beg you, Mr. President of the United States of America, for

its responsible government may institute a Commission of Inquiry regarding necessity and rules of treatment versus Lyndon LaRouche Jr.—a possibly disagreeable—but patriotic and loyal U.S. citizen.

“Dr. Rupprecht Gerngross, lawyer”

### **Australian Civil Liberties Union**

“The Australian Civil Liberties Union believes there is strong *prima facie* evidence that the trial of Mr. LaRouche and others before Judge Albert V. Bryan was a travesty of justice. The defendants were denied their right to a fair and impartial jury, trial subpoenas for exculpatory documents were denied without justification and in the words of a previous trial judge there is systematic persecutorial conduct on the part of government agencies involved in the prosecutions. The prosecutions brought against Mr. LaRouche and others appear to be part of a political vendetta.

“The ACLU also believes there is strong *prima facie* evidence that Mr. LaRouche is receiving quite inadequate medical treatment in jail, and is being forced to work at times, which in view of his medical condition, puts his life at risk, perhaps deliberately so.

“Yours faithfully,

“John Bennett, President, Australian Civil Liberties Union”

### **Captive Nations**

“We, the Captive Nations, have no better friend than you.

“We trust you, and trust that some upsetting injustices of the previous Government will not be repeated. Like the case of Karl Linnas, i. e. his deportation to the U.S.S.R. (Estonian S.S.R.). . . .

“Mr. LaRouche’s uncompromising stand against the tyranny and oppression of the Soviet Union dictatorship is well known. Judging by the abnormalities in his trial and his imprisonment for 15 years, one might question whether he has been offered up as a political sacrifice on behalf of closer ties to the U.S.S.R.—especially in the light of the present popularity of Mr. Gorbachov. . . .

“On October 6th, when a higher court hears his Appeal, many eyes all over the world will be focused on that courtroom. We pray that the United States will not let down the cause of truth, freedom and justice!

“I remain truly yours,

“Lia Lovever, B.E.M., Secretary, Captive Nations Council of New South Wales” (Australia)

### **Former Cambodian President**

“I am very concerned about the conditions facing Lyndon LaRouche in prison in Minnesota. He is a friend of freedom and a leader in the fight against Communist tyranny worldwide. I am asking you to investigate the harsh treatment that he is receiving in prison and to act in accordance with the tradition of respect for human rights for which the United

States is known.”

“Heng Cheng

Former Chief of State (President) of Cambodia”

*Heng Cheng was President of Cambodia from 1970 until 1972. He left Cambodia in 1975, several weeks before the Khmer Rouge seized power. From his present home in Houston, Texas, he has been a leader of anti-Communist Cambodian refugee organizations and president of Khmer Unity for Peace and Freedom.*

### **Virginia Delegate**

*A statement by Virginia Del. William R. Robinson, chairman of the House of Delegates’ Black Caucus, issued to a meeting of the Martin Luther King Tribunal on Human Rights Violations held in Richmond, Sept. 30:*

This country was founded upon the principles of freedom, equality, and justice for all. Indeed, the dissidents of Europe emigrated to the shores of what became the United States to escape political, social, religious, and economic tyranny.

The greatness of this nation has endured and has been preserved principally because of our national tolerance for diverse ideas and philosophies. God help us if we ever reach the point where an opposing idea so frightens us that we feel compelled to silence that voice of dissent through persecution, prosecution, and imprisonment.

The rights, privileges and immunities which are our birthright, belong likewise to one of this nation’s most dissident voices, Lyndon LaRouche.

### **Protest from Mexico**

*From an ad placed Oct. 2 in the Sonora, Mexico paper El Imparcial, in the form of a letter with 83 signers. It is addressed to Mr. Robert Witajzowski, U.S. Consul General, Hermosillo, Sonora:*

Honorable Sir:

The undersigned Mexican citizens, residents of the State of Sonora, respectfully request that you inform the President of the United States, Mr. George Bush, of what we consider human rights violations against Mr. Lyndon LaRouche that have . . . seriously undermined his health, to the extent that his life is in danger. . . .

The treatment given Mr. LaRouche is comparable only to that engaged in by totalitarian dictatorships to rid themselves of their political opponents. . . .

LaRouche’s growing influence in the United States and throughout the world is well known because of his programmatic proposals to turn around the current international financial crisis, and his 15 years of tireless struggle against the interests of drug trafficking.

hope for the impoverished nations of Ibero-America and the Third World, which have been suffering the unjust burden of the foreign debt. . . .