

## Editorial

### *Virginia must elect LaRouche*

LaRouche's election to the U.S. Congress from Virginia's 10th C.D. from his prison cell in Minnesota is a long shot—for a betting man, the odds are against it. But then, increasingly, the odds are also against averting a cataclysmic next world war or a global economic collapse. The travesty now substituting for government in Washington, D.C. is such that more and more Americans are seeking solutions to the crisis which in other periods might have seemed to them extraordinary.

Middle- and upper-income Americans are enraged at the impasse in government, at the collapse of what they had assumed to be their buy-now, pay-later immutable way of life. Working people are becoming poor, and the poor in the United States are suffering conditions comparable only to the poverty found in what is ironically named the developing sector.

LaRouche has run for office before—four times for President of the United States—in the 1976 elections, then again in 1980, in 1984, and 1988. He was defeated; but more to the point, it was the American people who were defeated. They got the bad government which they voted for; and now they are suffering the consequences.

LaRouche recently commented on why he ran for office despite the odds against his winning: "The reason I ran for the presidency in 1975-76," he said, "was that we were proposing a change in policy, a fundamental change in policy, by the government of the United States. And I've always considered rightly contemptible the idea that if you had a good suggestion, why don't you take it to Washington, and then Washington may take it up, and everything will be fine. Nonsense!

"In order to implement anything, you have to have somebody in power who's capable of implementing it; and nobody who was capable was in power. There was no one philosophically or otherwise competent to implement the programs which I proposed, and that's why I ran for President."

The measures which LaRouche then proposed encompassed a worldwide development effort, which if implemented would have meant a realized capability

to use controlled fusion energy, global infrastructure projects such as a second Panama Canal, and on the financial side, a reorganization of the postwar monetary system.

As LaRouche has said, time and again, the U.S. economy has been in a depression since the 1979 Volcker measures. The U.S. tax revenue base as measured in real market basket terms, has been collapsing constantly over this period. Since 1984-85, the rate of collapse has been accelerating.

Now, LaRouche, in running for the Congress, is taking the course followed by President John Quincy Adams who, after being voted out of office in 1828, became a member of the House of Representatives, from which post he was able to play a major role in shaping the development of policy within what was to become the Republican Party of Abraham Lincoln.

The reason the United States' economy is suffering the worst depression of this century is that the American people were too stupid to elect LaRouche when he ran for office before; the reason the world is being held hostage to the insanity of the Thatcher-Bush Gulf adventure is that Lyndon LaRouche was not elected to office.

That he is allowed to remain a political prisoner—George Bush's hostage—testifies that the United States no longer operates according to principles of law domestically; and therefore, it is not surprising that its foreign policy also arrogantly violates international law. If LaRouche is not released from prison, if he is not elected to office or put in a similar position of affecting public policy, then the very policy decisions which underlie his imprisonment and prevented him from functioning will ensure the worst possible result—for the United States, and for the rest of the world.

There is an enormous responsibility now resting on the citizens of the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, who can elect LaRouche to office this Nov. 6, force the issue that his prison sentence is a vicious miscarriage of justice, and elect a man who is competent to get us out of this depression.