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## Conference Report

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# Activists say: Free LaRouche, stop the 'new world order'

by Paul Gallagher

Just two weeks after the first formal presentation of the case of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche to the United Nations, 450 people gathered in Arlington, Virginia on March 15 to mobilize for a new trial for LaRouche and an end to other abuses of the so-called "new world order." The conference was sponsored by the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations in the United States, and brought together American political and campus activists, lawyers, and human rights activists. It received calls supporting LaRouche's freedom from all over the world.

In the major developments at the conference:

- Odin Anderson, LaRouche's personal lawyer, reported that a legal motion is very near completion, demanding a new trial for LaRouche based on new evidence which has emerged since his 1989 appeals, evidence revealed by documents released from the federal government, by findings that the federally imposed bankruptcy against LaRouche movement publishing companies was illegal, and by attempts to prosecute his associates.

- Warren Hamerman, coordinator of the effort to win LaRouche's release, briefed the conference on the great interest his United Nations presentation on LaRouche's case had aroused in Geneva, particularly from delegates from Third World nations opposing Bush and Kissinger's "new world order."

- LaRouche's wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, speaking to the conference from Germany by telephone, proposed the formation of an association of political prisoners in the United States. She has been backed in her efforts to win her husband's release, by the political prisoners' associations of Hungary and Lithuania.

- Hamerman released a new videotape on the LaRouche case, entitled "Lyndon LaRouche: George Bush's Man in the Iron Mask."

- Two political colleagues jailed with LaRouche in January 1989 and recently released from prison, Dennis Small and Joyce Rubinstein, spoke to the conference.

- Lyndon LaRouche himself, in a taped message from prison, told the conference, "We must fight the individual battles for human rights with the view that we are going to uproot—that is, expose to public view—and correct those

sometimes hidden and sometimes, unfortunately, not hidden, underlying assumptions of government and related agencies which lead to a persisting pattern of Nazi-like violations of human rights, here and abroad." LaRouche warned that "over 25 years, George Bush has been associated, whether as a member of Congress, CIA, President, or what-not, with the kinds of fascist, or fascistoid, economic and political policies which I foresaw as threatening back 30 years ago."

### Worldwide calls for freedom

The calls for LaRouche's freedom which were presented to the Human Rights Commission's conference were extraordinary. The International Progress Organization, a non-governmental organization of the United Nations with members in 60 countries, officially wired the conference that "IPO will . . . support all initiatives for the liberation of Lyndon LaRouche." Its members include jurists and former justice ministers or attorneys general of several nations. Another telegram of support for LaRouche's freedom from prison came from an organization "which should know," the 120,000-strong Association of Lithuanian Political Prisoners.

Another valiant leader from Eastern Europe spoke at the conference, Romanian trade union leader George Brasoveneau, persecuted for 16 years for organizing against dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, including two years in prison. Brasoveneau made clear that the U.S. government, through Voice of America and other organs, rather than supporting him, had always told him to be more supportive of Ceausescu, who finally killed 50,000 Romanians in his attempt to hold onto power in 1989. Brasoveneau told the conference, "It is without question that Lyndon LaRouche's imprisonment is a human rights violation. Bush may become the Ceausescu of the U.S. Lyndon LaRouche must be freed immediately, and we must put an end to this kind of abuse if we are to see any freedom for mankind in the future."

Peruvian Congressman Carlos Calderon Carbajal, representing that nation's opposition APRA party, personally told the conference, "We have come here to join the crusade to defend the human rights of a great defender of Latin America, Lyndon LaRouche. We cry, 'justice may be slow, but it will arrive.'" Other such messages to the conference came from

the Catholic Church organization Pax Christi; from the great violinist Norbert Brainin; from former Maryland State Senate leader Clarence Mitchell, and from Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammed, national spokesman for the Nation of Islam, who addressed the conference directly. So did the American-Arab Muslim leaders Dr. Mohammed Mehdi, director of the National Council of Islamic Affairs, and Nisar Hai, head of a nationally known Islamic Center in California.

Mr. Hai told his audience that for the present situation of mankind, his view was that "the message of the Koran and the message of Lyndon LaRouche are the same—the development of the Third World."

### **Nation of prisoners**

Helga Zepp-LaRouche's remarks to the conference strongly attacked the decline of human rights in the United States, a nation of swelling numbers of homeless, jobless, and prisoners. Indeed, one speaker, Michigan prisons chaplain Rev. Leroy Thornton, told a conference panel that the percentage of adult Americans in prison has more than doubled since 1980, and that their production is now a huge industry; another, California prisoners' advocate Anthony Banks, read the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which outlawed slavery *except* for convicts in jail.

Opponents of the death penalty spoke, and one death row prisoner, Joseph Giarratano, who has become a world-renowned legal scholar in prison and whose life had just been spared by an international mobilization on the eve of his execution, wrote to the conference. LaRouche had said he was "cheered by the Giarratano case in Virginia. A human life was saved from the execution chamber, by a midnight national mobilization."

"In the course of my studies—in trying to understand how life has become so cheap—I have come to understand that positive (man-created) laws cannot and must not be used to override Natural Law," Giarratano wrote. "Every human being possesses certain inherent and inalienable rights. These rights cannot be trampled on by the State. Inalienable rights *must* once again become the guiding life-giving force of nations and men: be it the right to life or the right to develop one's mind and contribute to reversing the collapse of the society of man. As incongruous as it seems, there is a trend in America that is similar to the dark days of Nazism: that trend is to erect 'legal artifice' against life itself."

"The more the United States gets into a depression," said Zepp-LaRouche, "the worse it gets. The state of human rights in the United States, is abysmal. The case of my husband, who is sitting innocently in jail for more than two years at the age of 68, and serving a jail sentence of 15 years, which means at his age a life sentence, represents the worst case. . . . He has made himself the representative of the poor and those who have no voice in the entire world."

Referring particularly to religious groups' opposition to this worsening state of affairs, Helga Zepp-LaRouche told

the conference, "Many people in the world today believe in political equality of the individual. They believe in economic justice. . . . But what is lacking, is not only the courage to fight for this, but also a clear understanding of what economic justice in this world really means. It has been especially the work of this organization to provide this. . . ."

"The new world order Bush is talking about, would be a world order based on the structures of sin. My husband clearly is the alternative to the new world order."

Zepp-LaRouche then outlined all the areas of the world for which her husband, since 1975, has devised and fought for large-scale economic development plans to stave off economic disaster: his Middle East "Oasis Plan; his "Productive Triangle" proposal on the agenda for Europe; "Operation Juárez" for Ibero-America; his 40-year development plan for India; his Pacific Basin development plan for Southeast Asia; and his promotion of a "water and power alliance" proposal for the western U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

"It is a crime to deprive one person of his or her human rights," she said. "But to deprive a man whose ideas represent the hope for the survival of the majority of mankind: Is that not the worst crime of all? . . . And, is his fate not immediately connected to that of those people? . . . I appeal to you, passionately: Help me to free my husband."

The motion for a new trial for LaRouche which is about to be filed, his attorney Odin Anderson told the conference, is "the last opportunity for him to receive justice, in the legal area."

### **Protest 'new order' ravaging Third World**

Several conference speakers documented that the Kissinger-Bush "new world order" is in fact a policy of North-South economic, as well as military, war against the Third World.

The most dramatic presentation concerned South America, by Dennis Small of *EIR*, a 1988 co-defendant of Lyndon LaRouche. Small described the cholera epidemic which has exploded in Peru to 70,000 cases and 400 deaths, and called it "the price Ibero-America is paying for its political prisoners." The epidemic is now spreading from Peru to other nations. Small described how Peru, whose President Alan García broke with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1985, enjoyed two years of growth, but was absolutely cut off from credit in retaliation and eventually squeezed into economic breakdown. Current President Alberto Fujimori, a darling of the Bush administration, has slashed what remained of public services, and his finance minister actually stopped his health minister from taking any emergency measures when the cholera broke out.

This wholesale surrender of human life and health, said Small, came from the successive imprisonment of those leaders who opposed IMF policies for Ibero-America. First, Lyndon LaRouche in 1989; then Mexican oilworkers leader Joaquín Hernández Galicia; then Panama's Gen. Manuel Noriega; then Argentina's hero of the 1982 war against Britain, Col. Muhammed Alí Seineldín. Today, Small said, the

nations of Ibero-America pay five times the annual debt interest alone, that they would have paid under the debt reorganization and national investment proposals of LaRouche in his 1982 economic plan, "Operation Juárez."

### Oil blackmail

From Africa, a representative of the Republic of Sudan, Abu Bakr al Shingeiti, demonstrated the devastating oil blackmail against Third World nations resulting from Bush's Gulf war. As a result of the war, Sudan must now spend 70% of its foreign currency earnings on oil, and has had its currency devalued by 65%—this is typical of those many nations whose oil supply depended, in whole or in part, on Iraq. In the wake of the war, he said, the Bush administration is now asking Congress to cut off all development and humanitarian aid to the nations of the Horn of Africa: Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia.

After oil, the next priceless economic element to be lost by Third World nations in the "new world order" will be refrigera-

tion; this was described by Rogelio Maduro, author of a forthcoming book on the scientific hoaxes being used to ban the basic refrigeration chemicals, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Maduro showed that if these bans tighten as planned during the course of the 1990s, the nations of the world will have to scrap 620,000 refrigerators, 120,000 industrial-size refrigerators, and 100,000 refrigeration trucks and railcars by the year 2000. The "replacement technologies" will be 30 times as expensive and far less effective than those based on CFCs.

Kathleen Klenetsky of *EIR* demonstrated that the Anglo-American establishment is actually moving to ban export of many of the most vital industrial and agricultural chemicals to Third World nations right now, through new export-control regulations put forward by the Bush White House and follow-up legislation in Congress. She quoted one of their backers, Sen. Albert Gore, Jr., (D-Tenn.) through his aide: "I don't give a damn if this hurts the Third World. If it's a choice between that and American troops having to go into battle, then I say, screw 'em."

## George Bush and the Emperor Augustus

*The following is an excerpt from the speech by Warren Hamerman to the conference of the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations in the United States. It was delivered on the Ides of March.*

Through a crudely organized world media campaign, George Bush has initiated his own "apotheosis" or "deification" in the pattern of the Roman emperors. The process of "apotheosis" is characteristic of pagan empires such as Egypt and Rome which literally make the emperor one among many gods to be worshipped. The closest historical parallel to George Bush's intentions is the case of the Emperor Augustus who died in 14 A.D. and was voted a "god" by the Roman Senate three days later. It was under the son of Augustus, the Emperor Tiberius, a decade and a half later, that Jesus Christ was crucified.

After the Roman Senate deified Augustus, it issued a document entitled "The Acts of the Deified Augustus" edited by the late Emperor himself before his death, to explain how he "placed the whole world under the sovereignty of the Roman people" and brought back "the spoils of war" and "war tribute" to fill the Empire's central treasury.

A few quotations from Augustus's Acts has the unmistakable tone of George Bush's triumphalism:

"I gave the people the spectacle of a naval battle beyond the Tiber. . . . After my victory I replaced in the temples in all the cities of the province of Asia the ornaments which my antagonist in the war, when he despoiled the temples, had appropriated to his private use. Silver statues of me, on foot, on horseback, and in chariots were erected in the city to the number of about 80. . . . The whole of Italy voluntarily took oath of allegiance to me and demanded me as its leader in the war in which I was victorious at Actium. The provinces of the Spains, the Gauls, Africa, Sicily, and Sardinia took the same oath of allegiance. Those who served under my standards at that time included more than seven hundred senators. . . . I extended the boundaries of all the provinces which were bordered by races not yet subject to our empire. The provinces of the Gauls, the Spains, and Germany, bounded by the ocean from Gades to the mouth of the Elbe, I reduced to a state of peace. The Alps, from the region which lies nearest to the Adriatic as far as the Tuscan Sea, I brought to a state of peace without waging on any tribe an unjust war. . . . On my order and under my auspices two armies were led, at almost the same time, into Ethiopia and into Arabia which is called 'The Happy,' and very large forces of the enemy of both races were cut to pieces in battle and many towns were captured."

These themes of Augustus—"reducing nations to a state of peace," or inviting conquered populations to "voluntarily swear" allegiance to him, or gloating of "cutting to pieces" whole armies, or justifying all carnage in the name of self-proclaimed "just wars"—are the model for George Bush's "new world order" today.