

## Editorial

### *The LaRouche candidacy*

To all appearances, the Bosnian republic will be ground to bits, with the de facto complicity of the NATO alliance. Despite what appeared to be the good intentions of President Clinton — an initial proposal to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia and bomb strategic Serbian military targets — U.S. policy has remained paralyzed, conforming with the wishes of the John Major government of Britain.

Similarly, the President's promises to "grow the economy" appear to have been killed. The economic depression deepens in the United States and throughout the world. Now a serious world food shortage also looms as a result of the recent floods. In the United States, a cabal of Republican politicians and the Perot forces is taking pot shots at the Clinton budget. While they are correct that the U.S. deficit can only worsen under current conditions, the austerity measures which they propose as remedies would make matters even worse.

There is an exceedingly dangerous situation internationally, with a vacuum in shaping the necessary policy conceptions to prevent the strategic and economic crises from worsening. Under these circumstances, the early entrance into the presidential campaign of 1996 by Lyndon H. LaRouche, who announced an exploratory committee on Aug. 12, is precisely what is needed to force debate on the real issues. If it can also be a vehicle to build support for his release from prison so that he can play a hands-on role in the formulation of badly needed new policy initiatives, then this too makes his announcement welcome news.

Since his entry into presidential politics in 1976, LaRouche has amassed an impressive record on domestic, international, strategic, and economic policymaking. The last 25 years, especially the two decades since Richard Nixon's resignation, have not been a good period for the United States. President Clinton has come into office faced with the cumulative effect of the mistakes made over these years, mistakes which threaten to turn the United States into a former superpower, and perhaps ultimately even fracture the country in a process similar to that now devastating the former Yugoslavia. With his capitulation to Britain

and France in tolerating Serbian genocide, the strategic credibility of the United States is being destroyed. Of course, the preceding Bush administration bears significant responsibility for setting up the conditions which encouraged Serbia to launch its war of aggression.

LaRouche earned the enmity of the Anglo-American establishment by consistently opposing those corrupt policies, and denouncing the man through whom many of them were implemented: former National Security Adviser and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. The frameup of John Demjanjuk was only one of many evils that occurred through the corruption that Kissinger spawned.

Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian-born American citizen, was falsely identified as the concentration camp guard "Ivan the Terrible" and deported to stand trial in Israel under circumstances which were blatantly illegal under U.S. law. His case was used to stir up a climate against eastern Europeans in the United States, in order to blunt the outrage of decent Americans against Serbia's invasion of Croatia. The message was that Ukrainians and Croatians were supporters of Nazi war crimes.

Abundant documentation exists to show that Lyndon LaRouche was also imprisoned, at the behest of Kissinger's networks, to placate Moscow, because of LaRouche's role as the intellectual author of the Strategic Defense Initiative. In a climate in which the justice system is perverted to such purposes, the average citizen also becomes victim to judicial abuses, as we see in the rush to execute prisoners for crimes that they may well not have committed.

One cannot blame Clinton for the mistakes of his Democratic and Republican party predecessors and the strategic and domestic problems which he has inherited. But Bill Clinton is in trouble, the United States is in trouble, and the threat of a new world war and a devastating depression hangs over the world. Lyndon LaRouche has a more than 25-year record of opposing precisely those trends in policymaking which have led the United States to this disaster, and he has demonstrated the courage to stand up for these policies even from his prison cell in Minnesota.