

## Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

### Parties gang up on Pauline Hanson

*Although the British Crown-allied local oligarchy dislikes Hanson, it is terrified of Lyndon LaRouche.*

In his masterful, Greek tragedy-based psychological road map of how political leaders and populations must learn to think, in order to survive the present global financial meltdown ("The Death-Agony of Olympus," *EIR*, Sept. 18), Lyndon LaRouche forecast certain doom for such "Third Way" politicians as Britain's Tony Blair, who deny the present financial, strategic reality.

In Australia, where federal elections are to be held on Oct. 3, such denial of reality will also doom whoever wins: the Thatcherite ruling Liberal/National Party Coalition, or its nominal bitter opponent, that Australian Labor Party which introduced globalization to Australia beginning 1983, and upon which Blair has claimed to model his own "new Labor" movement. Ironically, it will doom their chief rival as well, economic nationalist Member of Parliament Pauline Hanson, should she, like them, continue her own refusal to address that reality.

Bespeaking their common economic philosophy, the Coalition and Labor have made a deal to vote for each other ahead of Hanson (in Australia's preference system of voting, the voter not only casts a "primary vote" for a preferred candidate, but then numbers his or her "preferences," in descending order, for every candidate on the ballot). Added to the primary votes for each candidate, the preferences determine the outcome of a close election. For instance, Hanson may well lose her own federal parliamentary seat because, although polls show her as the front-runner with 30%, Labor and the Coalition will direct their

preferences to each other.

Nationwide, the media, hoping to hold her party to a tiny handful of seats in the House of Representatives and Senate, have run a McCarthyite campaign to force the major parties to put Hanson candidates last in their preferences, on the fraudulent grounds that she is a "racist." However, to the amazement of many, in the New South Wales election district now held by Deputy Prime Minister and National Party leader Tim Fischer, Fischer has announced his intent to put Alan Boyd, one of a nationwide slate of 35 candidates of LaRouche's co-thinkers in the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC), last, *behind Hanson*, notwithstanding that Hanson has sworn to drive Fischer from office. In Fischer's action, lies the secret to understanding Australian politics.

From January through June 1996, the British Crown-allied major media, together with key figures in the Coalition and in Labor, mounted a relentless campaign to destroy LaRouche's co-thinkers in the CEC, both through media attacks and in calls for a federal parliamentary investigation. The campaign peaked in early June of that year, when Fischer charged that LaRouche had organized the mass demonstrations all across Australia, which erupted after the coalition government rammed through draconian gun control laws. Fischer threatened, "There is no place in Australia for . . . the LaRouche organization."

Because LaRouche's associates had for years circulated millions of pieces of literature attacking the Coalition's hated globalist policies, only LaRouche, Fischer and his govern-

ment apparently decided, could have had the political muscle to organize demonstrations of 150,000 people. After LaRouche's own, statesmanlike appearance on Australian television, the campaign abruptly ceased, amid warnings from senior establishment figures that that was "not the way to deal with LaRouche." From then until today, the media have almost never mentioned LaRouche, or the CEC.

Within three months after LaRouche's TV appearance, the newly elected, hitherto obscure figure of Hanson exploded into public prominence, courtesy of the same media which had attempted to destroy the CEC. Given her angry maiden speech against the fraud of "Aboriginal land rights," the oligarchy no doubt hoped to create a racist demagogue in the style of France's Jean-Marie Le Pen, into whose camp the enormous anti-establishment anger otherwise catalyzed by the CEC, could be channelled into a dead-end. However, with her policies of national banking, tariffs, re-industrialization, and so on, Hanson proved to be no populist racist, but a true Australian patriot.

Now, however, as the global financial crash accelerates, Hanson faces her greatest challenge. She has thus far refrained from publicly advocating a New Bretton Woods solution for that crash, though she knows it to be right, for fear that she might be associated with Lyndon LaRouche; in the minds of Hanson and her advisers, "we have enough trouble on our plate already." But, as LaRouche himself commented in answer to a question about Hanson and her movement at the Sept. 5-6 Schiller Institute conference near Washington, given the crash, "If they distance themselves from us, they'll be doomed." Like Denmark's Prince Hamlet, Hanson will very soon have to decide: "To be, or not to be . . ."