

Georgians to Clinton: 'Listen to LaRouche'

The periodical *2000*, published in the nation of Georgia in February, carried an open letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton from two leaders of the Popular Democratic Union of Georgia. Vakhtang Gogvadze, PDUG co-chairman and former Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia, and PDUG Executive Committee member Valeri Kvaratskhelia issued their statement on Jan. 20. They expressed sympathy for President Clinton as he faced his impeachment trial, regretting that "this worldwide racket about nothing, this so-called 'sex scandal,' has clearly cast a shadow over American democracy," and reminding the President of the ancient motto, "This, too, will pass!"

The Georgian political figures urged that Clinton seek a rebirth of strategic thinking, especially in the area of economic policy, and suggested that he look within the Democratic Party to Lyndon LaRouche, for "a promising conception."

Gogvadze and Kvaratskhelia wrote:

"In this stormy time for you, it will unlikely be possible for you to hear our voices from distant Georgia. But your cothinkers, who fortunately number among them our cothinkers, might be able to give consideration to some proposals. The miracles of civilization at the end of the second millennium make it possible for us to stay current about all the events, including even the details of what is happening in the Congress or the Senate. If Washington politicians stubbornly follow the advice from 'the sticks,' their attitude will be mistaken. Let us recall the arrogance of the Romans toward the people of Judea, where the prophets were born, who were not dressed so well and richly as the elite of the Roman Empire. In the former Soviet Republics, impoverished and degraded as they are, the spirit of talented people has not been snuffed out. Therefore, it will not be superfluous to listen closely to the voice of people from much-suffering Georgia.

"Mr. President, you inherited a heavy burden from your predecessors, the Republicans, who failed to assist the transformation and democratization of the Soviet Union, but rather mercilessly destroyed that great country. We also contributed to this process to some degree, because we imagined that society should be democratized.

"Indeed, we did lack freedom. We all looked to America. You do have democracy. We assumed that the Americans would give us their democracy. Alas, it was not to be. What the people believe, is that the Americans want democracy for themselves, but for Georgia—only a democratic stick. It is not just that Georgia has failed to progress; it is on the very brink—to be, or not to be. The history of Georgia records no

such terrible period in the past. There is thorough genocide taking place against the Georgian people. . . .

"Mr. President, after the collapse of the Soviet Union you are, in effect, our emperor. All the processes of the last ten years have gone according to the plan of 'divide and conquer.' . . . The people of Georgia are convinced that Abkhazia and South Ossetia have been separated from Georgia, like Chechnya from Russia. . . . Our national request is based on mutual interests. Georgia is a small country, but it is a rather powerful tribune for propaganda. The U.S.A. is a single empire, which exercises unlimited power over the world. But, do not be offended by the bitter truth. America is a world ship. A big ship sails big, and a big ship sinks big. God forbid the fate of the *Titanic!*

"The U.S.A. needs a conception for saving the U.S.A., just as little Georgia does. Look at what is happening on almost all continents, thanks to the worldwide crimes of the IMF [International Monetary Fund] and the World Bank. No one state can rule the world. That is unnatural. It is against God's will. Only the One God rules the world. You measure things by the strength that the U.S.A. has acquired, but it is necessary to measure the counterforces, which are dialectically related to this process. . . . But one thing can be understood by everyone: Every imperial conceit is punished by God.

"We are Orthodox believers. We bow to Theodosius, Metropolitan of the U.S.A. and Canada, and we know and esteem many humanists and historic personalities. There are good people living in the U.S.A., the majority of the people. In the U.S.A. there are born such beloved beings, as children. . . . And even the fate of the household pets concerns us, in the event that the U.S. Sword of Damocles falls, in an environment of nuclear powers. . . .

Concepts not yet implemented

"It is the case, that you have in your party, a modest wing of Democrats, whose concepts have not yet been implemented. We mean the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche. Perhaps you even consider them to be, to some degree, eccentric, utopian, or idealistic. But they embody a promising conception. . . . Mr. LaRouche and his colleagues, and their humanist conception, serve the purpose of turning the world community back in favor of the U.S.A. Mr. LaRouche's economic forecasts are coming to pass almost everywhere. His philosophy is based on the idea that the U.S.A. should live not solely by its own economic interests. Nobody can fool anybody else in today's world. For real good, good is rendered. You should find the time, more deeply to explore the roots of Mr. LaRouche's conceptions, or else there will be nobody for whom things turn out well, in an environment of universal evil. Our complaints about the U.S.A. are not due to you, as an individual. But we make this proposal, respecting a new concept of American humanism. You will continue to need it, after your Presidential term is over. After all, you are young, and have great and bitter experience of our difficult times."