

**Stewart:** We've had almost 200 at one time. Now, we're doing a different program now. We made an announcement this morning, to let the drivers go back to work who want to work, the ones that want to stand out here, stand out here. We're going to do a rotation system. We're putting placards and picket signs, on the side of the trucks, and letting the trucks go into the port. We're taking the protest into the port, and to the customers across town and everywhere else.

**EIR:** Are you tying this to the question of the gas price, and the fact you can't make a living anymore?

**Stewart:** Oh, yes, it all ties into it. Even before they implemented this program, last week, the guys couldn't make it off what they were making. The freight rates are so low, and the waiting times were ridiculous even before this started. It is at the point where everybody is just about to lose everything they've got.

When they implemented this, that was the straw that broke the camel's back. You cannot sit out here for hours waiting to get one box in and one box out.

**EIR:** What do you get for a box?

**Stewart:** They're getting anything from \$20 to \$35 a box to go into port and to take a box out of the port. One of the guys right here now, he just pulled up, and he's been in there four and a half hours, to get one box in and one box out.

**EIR:** In Mr. LaRouche's paper, and what he's saying is that this kind of thing is part of the breakdown of the whole financial system that's going on worldwide. The stock markets are dropping drastically all over the world.

**Stewart:** I just caught something about that on the news. We're all in this for the long run. Everybody from all over the nation.

**EIR:** How are the drivers doing?

**Stewart:** There are several girls that own trucks out here. One has three kids, she's three months behind in payments on the truck. She didn't need this to start last week. We've got public opinion on our side. We told everybody this morning to bring pictures of your kids. We're going to put them on poster boards and put them on the side of this motor home we have parked on the side of the road. We want people to see what this is affecting. We want to put a face on it.

These people will get their big executive check on Friday, they'll be in Jacksonville, Charleston, who knows?—for the weekend, playing golf. These people, here, are going to be trying to figure out, over the weekend, what they can put on the table to eat, and what's going to be repossessed next.

**EIR:** That's America today.

**Stewart:** And that's disgusting. That's why I'm in this, and I'm in it to the end.

## LaRouche: Financier Takeover Would Be Tantamount to Treason

*The following letter was sent to Lyndon LaRouche by Camden, New Jersey City Councilman Ali Sloan El, Sr. Councilman Sloan El is leading a fight against the attempted takeover of cities in New Jersey under State Senate Bill 1507, also known as the "Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Revitalization Act." The letter, and LaRouche's response, were read at a rally there, on Oct. 19:*

I am writing today to discuss with you New Jersey State Senate Bill 1507, pending before the New Jersey Legislature, and to officially ask for your written position on American democracy and the right of a municipality to choose its elected representatives. Senate Bill 1507, as it is currently written, effectively abolishes representative government in New Jersey and renders the citizens' right to vote for their local elected officials worthless. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman has decided that the American citizens are unfit to govern and must be subjected to colonialization. This bill undermines the precepts of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and, if passed, promises to establish policy that will eat away at the fabric of democracy.

The effects of this bill can be seen in excerpts from the bill as follows:

"... The governing body shall act as advisers to the Chief Management Officer (CMO). . . . The CMO . . . may at any time abolish the position of municipal auditor, attorney, business administrator, or other chief administrative officer, department director, or a member of any board, agency, commission, or authority of any entity whose members are appointed by the governing body, mayor, or other chief executive. . . . The Chief Management Officer may abolish positions in the municipality . . . at any time."

According to the landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court of 1801 in the case of *Marbury v. Madison*, it was determined that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and must prevail over any other law, Federal, state, or local, which conflicts with it. In this instance, the state is not only attempting through S-1507 to override the Constitution by usurping the vested powers of local elected officials (therefore surreptitiously overriding the citizen's right to vote), but it is also attempting to establish policy that forbids the citizens through their representatives



*Demonstrators in Camden, New Jersey on Oct. 18, protest the attempted takeover of municipal governments under State Senate Bill 1507.*

from bringing suit against it without its permission.

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities, a body of 564 mayors from across New Jersey, has spoken out in opposition to S-1507 on moral and Constitutional grounds. We are mobilizing every organization across the land that champions democracy to stand with us. So now it is your turn, as elected and potential elected officials of the nation, to tell the American People where you stand on the issues of democracy and the future of the American Promise.

This letter will be sent to all media, state and national, to inform them of the current situation in New Jersey and to acknowledge that we have reached out to the above-mentioned American patriots for their official position on the Founding Fathers, their Declaration of Independence, and their Constitution for the United States of America. On Oct. 19, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., at the State House, 125 W. State Street, Trenton, N.J., we will be conducting a demonstration and rally to voice our opposition to S-1507. You are invited to speak on that day if you think this issue is important to America. If you are unable to speak, an official letter stating your position is acceptable. This letter will be read to the American public on that day.

... Towards a more perfect union, Ali Sloan El, Sr.

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## LaRouche Replies

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*Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., candidate for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination in 2000, gave the following reply on Oct. 18:*

1. I concur with the language of your argument on the matter, and add the following summary statement on the underlying

causes of the problem you have addressed in your protest.

2. Contrary to official lies from the highest levels of government, the U.S. is presently gripped by the worst worldwide financial crisis in recent centuries. A general collapse of the U.S. dollar is imminent, despite the desperate efforts of some to postpone the financial collapse's full impact until after the Nov. 7, 2000 Presidential elections. The leading financier interests do not believe that lying government and mass media propaganda which seeks to delude the people into believing that the economy is sound and nothing worse than a "soft landing" is threatened. To understand these actions against which you are protesting, you must see the present situation as the leading financier interests already see it. They see it as the worst financial collapse in centuries, far worse than 1929-1932, and are preparing to loot every public and private resource available once the crash strikes.

3. The actions against which you protest are part of the effort of corrupted political figures to ensure that it is the people, not the bankrupted financier interests, which suffers the greatest part of the burden on the presently onrushing financial collapse.

4. As the inevitable, presently onrushing global financial collapse strikes with full force, the only possibility for saving this nation will be actions taken in the spirit of President Franklin Roosevelt's recovery measures of the 1933-1945 interval. Those measures depend absolutely upon the sovereign powers of government under the terms of our 1776 Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution of 1789. Therefore, under these present and impending conditions, any effort to replace the duly-constituted institutions of representative government with administrators acting on behalf of private financier interests, would be an act tantamount to treason.