

classified as indigent per day, and that 47% of these are under 18 years of age. In 1997, 8.3% of the population were classified as indigent.

Another study, by the Institute to Develop Quality in Education, mentions that 25% of Argentina's students belong to "vulnerable sectors" of the population, live in homes with more than three people per room, in "homes without bathrooms," and have at least one sibling between the ages of 7 and 17 who is illiterate.

Observatorio Social, an agency sponsored by UNESCO and the System of Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Social Programs for the Social Development Ministry, explains in a recent study that "the more time spent in poverty or indigency, the more prolonged the effects. In the case of minors, this is especially serious, given that the consequences of malnutrition irreversibly affect intellectual development."

Toward A United Front

On Sept. 26, Coninagro, the Inter-Cooperative Agricultural Federation, one of the country's four most important agrarian associations, issued a call that specifically alluded to the U.S. response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks: "We are also on the receiving end of a brutal 'genocidal process,' which is leading us toward disappearance as a sovereign nation. The weapons used are different—in this case, the cruel international financial speculative apparatus—which, significantly, also seems unstoppable. But the results of both kinds of attack, the 'sudden blow' or the prolonged process, are equally deadly. The first claimed thousands of victims in one place, while the second destroys millions in broad areas of the planet. Both forms of violence are distinguished by high levels of irrationality and fanaticism, fed by ideological-religious causes in the one, and by materialist lust for power and money, in the other.

"A decade has passed, and the slide of systemic decadence has taken increasing hold of our social being. As with the Americans, we must recapture our sense of nationhood."

"It is clear that the model dubbed 'convertibility,' imposed as an emergency measure, is now leading to the definitive disintegration of the cohesion and interaction of different sectors of economic life, endangering:

"1. The existence of new generations, under conditions of 'minimal successful survival' which historically characterized the Argentine middle class.

"2. The 'survival of the current population,' which has reached levels of virtual genocide for the elderly and children, and deculturization of the adult productive population.

"This model has been backed by the political parties that held, and now hold, the power. Actively involved in this are also the economists, especially those who have acted in the public domain, because with the implementation of their policies, they have succeeded in destroying the productive capacities of Argentines."

The document concludes by calling for the formation of

LaRouche Prepares Policy Paper For Brazil Meet

The following statement was released by EIR on Oct. 5, and posted on the larouchepub.com web site. Those seeking more information are directed to call Gretchen Small, (703) 777-9451, ext. 272.

Lyndon H. LaRouche announced on Oct. 5, that he will unfortunately not be able to travel to Brazil in late October, to participate in an international conference organized by the Brazilian Congress on the subject of "Brazil And The Free Trade Agreement Of The Americas." Mr. LaRouche had originally been invited by Deputy Aecio Neves, the president of the Brazilian House of Representatives, to participate in that conference as a commentator in the session on agriculture. But, due to security problems related to the planned visit, Mr. LaRouche will be unable to attend the conference.

LaRouche, the founder of *Executive Intelligence Review* and a registered Democratic Presidential pre-candidate for the 2004 U.S. elections, announced that he will complete a report on "Agriculture And The Global Crisis" that he had conceived for use at that conference, and will make it available to Brazilians and others discussing the policies to be adopted in the face of the crisis.

a united front in the following terms:

"Coninagro, aware of the dimensions of the crisis that is facing the entire world, as it has been warning for several years, and assuming the responsibility that circumstances demand, has made the decision:

"1. To form a common front with other entities and sectors which defend national thinking and the interests of production.

"2. To put together a team of specialists linked to the production of wealth, to present an alternative model that will define, among other things, the following direction:

"a. Reestablish national monetary and credit sovereignty.

"b. Establish the mechanisms for negotiation of the foreign and domestic debt, backed by the labor and wealth of nations and not by financial speculation.

"c. Return to a taxation system that stimulates production.

"d. Reestablish the national sale of our own wealth, controlling the participation of hypermarkets regarding the imposition of prices, and avoiding the mass import of merchandise.

"e. Have the political nation return to its moral grounding."