

LaRouche Warns Of Ongoing U.S. Coup d'État And War

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On Oct. 9, four weeks after the Sept. 11 irregular warfare assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Lyndon LaRouche returned to the Jack Stockwell radio show in Salt Lake City, Utah, to shed light on the grave strategic crisis facing the nation and the world. As the first word of the attacks was reaching the American people on Sept. 11, LaRouche had been live on the air with Stockwell, providing the first assessments of the attack, and warned against the “rush to judgment” that the covert strategic assault was the work of Osama bin Laden.

LaRouche warned that no successful response to the hideous acts of Sept. 11 is possible without fully probing the “enemy within” aspect of the attack. The transcript of the LaRouche-Stockwell dialogue of Oct. 9 is available on the EIR website, www.larouchepub.com, and LaRouche’s Presidential campaign website, www.larouchein2004.com. However, LaRouche’s analysis of the ongoing threat of a coup d’état by means of irregular warfare inside the United States, and his warnings of a full-scale “Clash of Civilizations,” pivoted on an Israeli-provoked Mideast conflict, require immediate publication here.

‘A Terrible Mess’

LaRouche assessed the ongoing military operations against the Taliban and bin Laden’s al-Qaeda organization inside Afghanistan: “Well, we’re now in a mess. We’re in an official war, which actually is being fought by the British and the U.S. forces. It’s going to be a terrible mess, because you’re dealing in an area of the world, which is not conducive to successes in fighting a war. There is this semi-desert area, Afghanistan, part of the roof of the world, where the British, for more than a century, played a ‘Great Game’ against Russia, and other forces, in this area of desolation, which is just an area for any occupying power for trouble-making among

the neighboring nations. So, this is not going to be an easy go.

“The next question, which has divided Washington, including the Administration, is to whether they’re going to take the pressure from those in the Israeli Defense Forces leadership, and Sharon, along with some people in the United States, to go to bomb every neighboring territory in the Middle East, which would be absolute insanity.

“The danger here, is two things: On the one side, a real part of the problem, is the fact that, for over a quarter-century, the United States has been involved with Britain, and with some forces in Israel, in building up, among themselves, more or less cooperatively, something that has come to be called ‘international terrorism’—it was called Iran-Contra, other things. The operation began with Brzezinski’s operation while he was National Security Adviser, in getting the United States, through recruiting people from Islamic Jihad and groups of that type, to go into Afghanistan, to fight a war against Soviet influence, trying to undermine the Soviet Union by getting this kind of war going, inside Afghanistan. As a part of that operation—in its larger form, such as the general Iran-Contra, Guatemala, so forth and so on; the United States, Britain, and, to some degree Israel, and also others—have participated in creating a phenomenon, which some people like to call ‘international terrorism.’ It’s actually irregular warfare.

“But, what we’ve created is actually a rag-tag of ex-military veterans, in retirement, or now working as mercenaries; various kinds of volunteers, typified by the rag-tag around Osama bin Laden, typified by the Taliban government of Afghanistan, which is more than a general nuisance for the world. One of the key problems, here, is, that this environment, of this rag-tag of mercenary and terrorist and whatnot forces, has become like a disease—a planetary disease, which lives, largely, financially, logistically, on illegal weapons traf-

ficking, or what should be illegal weapons trafficking, and drug trafficking. For example, the Taliban government of Afghanistan is largely financed by its sale of opium, and producing and dumping opium on the world market. You have in Colombia, the FARC, a major terrorist organization, lives in the same way. You have a problem in the Balkans, where in the Kosovo area, you have a terrorist mob, which is deployed (with the protection of some British and American influences), as a terrorist element there, largely funded on the basis of drug trafficking and similar kinds of operations.

“So, on the one hand, you do have what has been rightly identified, in the case of Osama bin Laden, and the Taliban and so forth — you do have a disease, a kind of criminal element, or what should be viewed as a criminal element, loose in the world. And, that problem should have been brought under control a long time ago. As a matter of fact, it should never have been started, if people had had their heads screwed on the right places.”

What Happened To The Security Screens?

LaRouche next addressed the events of Sept. 11, more specifically: “We have another operation, which is quite different, but overlaps that. Someone is running a fun-and-games operation against the United States, from, in part, the inside: That is, what happened to the United States, on Sept. 11 — if you view, at least the technicalities that are well-known.

“What I’m about to say, is not unknown, nor is there a lack of concern about most of what I’m saying, among relevant elements of the government, including some close to the President at this time. There may be some disagreement with some of the assessment I make of this, but, I think, on the leading elements I’ll start with, right now, there probably is not much disagreement.

“Now, politically, the administration, along with the major media, is emphasizing this Middle East-Osama bin Laden thing. That is, as much of the leading British press has said: They don’t believe any of it. That is, we all agree, I think, that Osama bin Laden is a nuisance, a disease. We agree, the Taliban thing is a problem. We agree, things like that are major problems. But, beyond that, there’s another view of the matter. We don’t think that’s the problem. We think that is a *part* of the problem — an important part — but not *the* problem.

“So, in the meantime, while the attention is being focussed on the Middle East and places like that, other things are happening: First of all, look at the security situation, as of Sept. 11. Now, there are two possible interpretations, technically, of what happened on Sept. 11. One: That, at a very high level *inside* the U.S. security establishment, people who, in one sense, are functioning as — in one capacity, are also functioning as a kind of a ‘Mr. X.’ And, these fellows, of very high capability, and knowledge, and skills, and connections, actually rigged what happened on Sept. 11. Because, there were presumably security screens, which existed, which should have prevented all, or most of that from happening. And, apparently, the screens were defeated. Or, the second conclu-

sion: They were not up.

“Now, both of these problems are serious: That is, if this thing is a product, entirely, of a coup at a high level, we’ve got a major problem, right inside the hard core of our intelligence-security establishment. *If*, however, this is not simply a product of that kind of sophistication, in running a coup, then, we have a degree of slop, built into the security system, which, in its own way, is as great a threat to the United States, as almost a major coup attempt would be at the high level. So, one of these two problems is there.

“So, we *do* have a major security problem. Some of the security things are obvious: They’re more of a military, or intelligence-security nature. Others are of a different nature. For example: We’ve had a breakdown in the number of hospitals in the United States, increasingly, since the middle of the 1970s — since ‘Big MAC’ was installed in New York City, which is the real *takedown* of the medical system. I saw this, also, in the veterans hospital system in the 1970s; the veterans hospital system was being destroyed — not all at once, but inch, by inch, by inch, by inch. So, the structure that we had built up, on the basis of the lessons of history, including those of World War II, that we built up in the postwar period, as a *health-security system*, including work to prepare us to deal with newly discovered, dangerous diseases, or a recrudescence of an established type of epidemic from the past — these kinds of defenses are being taken down.

“All kinds of security defenses, which ought to be a built-in characteristic of our system, have been destroyed, sometimes on the basis of ‘economy,’ or ‘budget-balancing.’ And, now, we find that the policy of the Bush Administration is changing, as a result of an ongoing monetary and financial collapse. And this thing is not going to be solved. There’s no automatic rebound, anywhere in the future.”

Sharon Provocation Alert

On Oct. 11, President George Bush gave a prime-time press conference. In response to a question from former dean of the White House press corps Helen Thomas, Bush reiterated his hope for the establishment of a Palestinian state, as the result of the Mitchell Commission negotiating proposals. Bush confirmed reports that an administration peace initiative in the Middle East was side-tracked by the events of Sept. 11, but that Secretary of State Colin Powell and others are working intensively to bring about a breakthrough.

LaRouche warned that even such tentative steps toward a Palestinian state would likely produce a firestorm of reaction, from within neo-conservative Zionist circles in the United States, and from fanatical elements inside the Israeli Defense Forces and the Sharon government. A move by the Sharon-IDF apparatus to provoke a major Mideast conflict, through a renewal of assassinations against prominent Palestinian leaders, perhaps including Yasser Arafat, or a new provocation at the Islamic holy sites on the Temple Mount/al-Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem, must be considered a high probability — unless strong American pressure is brought to bear.