

Support For LaRouche Grows In The Arab World

While the escalating war in Afghanistan is triggering dangerous political developments, rational voices in the Arab world are calling for careful examination of what really happened inside the United States on Sept. 11. Particularly in Egypt, the leader of the Arab world, the analyses and strategic evaluations of Lyndon LaRouche have been circulating in all the major media, including government television and press.

In *Al-Ahram Al-Arabi*, on Oct. 13, Brig. Gen. Hosam Swelem (ret.), who is the leading Arab military strategist, wrote an article entitled, "The Arabs And The American War Schemes." Swelem wrote: "The Arab states no longer need to stress their official and real stances opposing terrorism, the terrorism which these states have been fighting on all levels for 30 years." He stressed the need now "to assess the current, mad political and media campaign against the Arab states by leaders in the U.S. Administration and the Congress." The despicable media campaign to tarnish all Arabs and Muslims as terrorists, is not worth discussing, wrote Gen. Swelem. He emphasized that "the objective is clear, which is to mobilize the American and European peoples against Muslim and Arab nations, and to find the justification for a new crusade."

Most significantly, General Swelem launched a harsh attack on the "Clash of Civilizations" advocates in the West, including Harvard Prof. Samuel Huntington, Francis Fukuyama, and former President Richard Nixon. Swelem said that the groundwork was prepared for the Sept. 11 attack by these theories.

General Swelem went on to discuss LaRouche's assessments of the global strategic situation since Sept. 11. "In a dialogue with the American economist and Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, he wondered: Who could have the capability to perform such a sophisticated operation?" Swelem described many of the important points which LaRouche has been raising since the beginning of the attacks. Quoting extensively from among LaRouche's various interviews, he emphasized the following points: the rogue element within the United States, pushing the United States into a clash of civilizations, behind the Israeli Defense Forces; the geopolitic element; the evil role of CNN et al. in brainwashing the American population; and the danger of repeated attacks from the lurking enemy within.

LaRouche's Views On Eurasian Development

Also in Egypt, a new Arabic-language book was released, on LaRouche's concept of Eurasian development. An enthusiastic review appeared in *Al-Bayan*, in the United Arab Emir-



Dr. Muhammed El-Sayed Selim (right) of Cairo University is one of a number of scholars and activists in the Arab world actively popularizing Lyndon LaRouche's policy ideas in the current tense Middle Eastern situation.

ates, on Oct. 15. The book, published by the Cairo University Asian Studies Center, headed by Dr. Muhammed El-Sayed Selim, is entitled, *The New Silk Road*, and is the proceedings of an April 15-17, 2000 seminar in Port Said (see "Egypt Seminar Takes Up LaRouche, New Silk Road," *EIR*, May 26, 2000).

The reviewer, Ahmed Murad, wrote: "This project of the century, which will link the Chinese port of Lianyungang on the Pacific Ocean to Rotterdam in Holland on the west coast of Europe through Central Asia, will bring nations together through cooperation and reduce the dangers of war."

The reviewer reported that the first chapter of the book details the historical background of the Silk Road and how it played the role of "the bridge between cultures and religions for more than 22 centuries." The second chapter "details the currently proposed projects to revive the Silk Road. It includes two sets of extremely clear and crystallized projects. The first are the Chinese initiatives, which emerged during an international conference held in the Chinese capital, Beijing, in May 1996. The second is the project, which was included in the report which was published by the *EIR* magazine in 1997, envisioning the ideas of American economist Lyndon LaRouche."

The publication of the book coincided with the inauguration in early October of the two major bridges over the Suez Canal linking Africa to Asia and Europe.

The article was the third to be published in one week in this leading daily in the United Arab Emirates, covering the efforts and views of LaRouche and his movement to prevent a New Dark Age.