

demands that the May Presidential elections be cancelled, that President Arroyo step down, and that a “council” (a junta), including Ramos and others, be established to run the country. Abat’s call for a coup was crude: “If we hold an election, we will waste our money again. . . . One more insistent step to elect and perpetuate a totally corrupt political system will push the whole Filipino nation, all of us, our institutions, our future generation, down [into] the rubble and excrement of dirty politics.”

Despite the fact that Gen. Abat has declared that President Arroyo, and democracy, are no longer useful to him and his circle, the Government is apparently not willing to act against his blatant sedition. Even prominent active-duty generals have reported being stunned that Abat has not been arrested

on sedition charges. It is notable that Abat toured the United States in the weeks preceeding the 2001 Estrada coup, raising funds and meeting with military and political leaders. It is not known if he has recently repeated that itinerary.

The Bush Administration has called on the U.S. Congress to expand military aid to the Philippines, while the Arroyo Government has deployed troops to Iraq at Washington’s behest, and arranged the new military exercises referenced above. It must therefore be assumed for purposes of investigation, that the neo-conservatives in the Bush Administration are preparing options to move against the likely election victory by the Philippine opposition—or a pre-emptive move to prevent it. After all, pre-emption is currently operative U.S. strategic policy.

Declare Solidarity with Argentina

The following Declaration was drafted and released by the Philippines LaRouche Movement, and co-signed by the Katipunan Ng Demokratikong Pilipino, the LaRouche Youth Movement, and the Philippines Chamber of Filipino Entrepreneurs, on Feb. 19, 2004 in Manila. The threat by Standard Chartered that the Philippines may get the Argentina treatment, has been front-page news for the past weeks in Manila.

Whereas, the people of Argentina have suffered the consequences of asphyxiating conditionalities, and onerous impositions of the banking institutions, vulture funds, and the International Monetary Fund;

Whereas, the global financial system of Floating Exchange Rates has attracted highly volatile types of speculative investments in: securities and bond markets; commodity futures markets; derivatives markets; those virtually destroying interest in long-term production, employment-generating businesses;

Whereas, the resulting economic deterioration of Argentina has caused wide-spread bankruptcies and unemployment; increased inability of government to provide healthcare and other basic services; severity of poverty, hunger, and disease;

Whereas, the International Monetary Fund has given an ultimatum and a deadline of March 9, 2004, for the government of Argentina to pay \$3.1 billion to service an officially contested debt; the payment of which requires a guarantee of reimbursement based on a previous agreement which the creditors refuse to honor;

Whereas, in rejecting IMF’s indifference to resulting hunger and death, the good people of Argentina now face

their greatest challenge in recent history, as human beings created equally in the image and likeness of God; and as citizens of a perfectly sovereign nation-state;

Whereas, His Excellency, President Kirchner, dutifully and courageously defends the lives and the sovereign will of his people; that they may be treated, not as human-cattle, asked to die, so that banks may continue to profit; that they be allowed to function as creative and beneficial members of human society, in a spirit of *agapē* and cooperation with citizens of all nations;

Now and therefore, in solidarity with the people of Argentina, rejecting all that is unfair; all that is usurious; all that causes hunger, death and destruction; and all that is evil,

We, citizens of the Philippines, the Philippine LaRouche Society, and the LaRouche Youth Movement do hereby denounce the calloused exploitation of resources, predation of vulture funds, greed and thievery of creditor banks, and genocidal disregard for human lives by the International Monetary Fund and its surrogates.

Furthermore, it is our sincere belief, that the present crisis which now confronts Argentina, is a mere reflection of the real crisis which all human beings the world over must now address. It is by now an incontrovertible fact, as Lyndon LaRouche has correctly forecast, and as evidenced by successively disintegrating economies, the world’s financial system, the Floating-Exchange-Rate System, is collapsing. It is incumbent upon all who understand the gravity of the most serious threat to the continuance of present civilization and succeeding generations, that we stand on the side of Truth.

Unless we muster the courage to fight for the right to life; to promote the general welfare; and to bequeath man’s collective achievements for the benefit of posterity; and unless we support fellow human beings in any and all nations, oppressed by the insatiable greed of financier oligarchs, then we too will soon perish.