

LaRouche: Defeat Bush-Cheney To Prevent Perpetual War

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued this statement, titled "A Vote for Bush-Cheney Is a Vote for Perpetual War and Economic Hell," on Sept. 20, through the LaRouche Political Action Committee. LaRouche, who was a candidate for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination in 2004, has endorsed John Kerry and John Edwards, and is aggressively campaigning for a landslide Democratic Party victory on Nov. 2.

"Over the course of the past 72 hours, I have conferred with some leading Western European statesmen, and I can tell you that they are self-deluded in the extreme. They believe that they can 'live' with a second Bush-Cheney term in office in the United States. They are insane. They fail to realize that Bush and Cheney are not prepared to 'live' with them. Bush

is a stooge of Cheney and the forces behind Cheney, who are committed to a new string of wars that will soon engulf the entire planet, if they are not stopped through a landslide defeat on Nov. 2. If you are mad enough to want wars against Iran, North Korea, Syria, China, the Caucasus region of Russia—perpetual wars that, like the Thirty Years' War of the 17th Century, wipe out whole populations—then vote for Bush and Cheney.

"If you want a viable alternative, then follow my lead: Vote for John Kerry. The alternative is too horrific to even contemplate. A John Kerry, elected into the White House by my methods, mobilizing the lower-80%-income households on behalf of a radical change in policy, back to policies associated with Franklin Roosevelt's bankruptcy reorganization/



The mother of an Iraqi man, taken into custody by U.S. forces during Operation Grizzly Forced Entry on Aug. 21, 2004, pleads for the release of her son. The National Security Estimate on Iraq, which was leaked to the press on Sept. 16, expresses the view of nearly all American military experts, that the Iraq War has been lost. But the neo-cons want to march on to Iran, Syria, and North Korea.

economic recovery, will function as President.

“A Bush-Cheney re-election by a terrorized, manipulated American electorate would bring on not only perpetual wars all over the planet: It would bring about the biggest economic collapse in modern history. This week, my PAC is issuing a pamphlet, documenting the total collapse of the physical economy of the United States, and outlining the emergency steps that can and must be taken to rebuild America out of the present state of worse-than-Great Depression misery. We included a list of existing legislation before the U.S. Congress, that would get this process going. All this legislation has been stalled by the Bush-Cheney White House, and by their Congressional hatchet-men like Tom DeLay (R-Texas).

“You, the American people, must fight for these policies, as if your very lives and the lives of your children and grandchildren depended on it—because they do!

“Don’t allow your own fears to self-delude you into believing that George W. Bush is the President of the United States. He is a mental case. Don’t ask what Bush is thinking, because he can’t. Ask what Cheney is thinking, and the people who stand behind Cheney. They are the ones promoting policies of endless war and economic looting.

“I know that many of you harbor these same views, and are deeply concerned that John Kerry and John Edwards, so far, have failed to address these issues in such a blunt and straightforward fashion as I am accustomed to doing. I know that this is John Kerry’s election to lose, unless he begins to speak his mind, and ignore the counsel of cowardly campaign advisors. But I must also speak to you bluntly: The United States and the world will not survive a re-election of Bush and Cheney. It is that simple. John Kerry’s shortcomings can be overcome—if you, the American people, take responsibility for your own destiny, and decisively vote Bush and Cheney out of office. The fate of the United States, indeed, the fate of the entire world, is in your hands. Do not shirk that responsibility.”

In Iraq: The Neo-Con Perpetual War Policy

by Carl Osgood

While the content of a July 2004 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iraq, leaked to the *New York Times* on Sept. 16, shows the folly of the Bush-Cheney war policy in Iraq, Bush’s public response to that intelligence estimate puts a fine point on Lyndon LaRouche’s warning that a second Bush-Cheney Administration would mean “perpetual war and economic hell.” According to the *Times*, the NIE outlines three

possible scenarios for Iraq, ranging from a tenuous stability at best, to a civil war at worst. “There’s a significant amount of pessimism,” one government official told the *Times*.

Significantly, the estimate was initiated by then-CIA director George Tenet, not long before he resigned on July 9, and the completed document was approved by the National Intelligence Council soon after, by acting CIA director John McLaughlin and the heads of other intelligence agencies.

Bush’s response to the NIE document was first indicated by White House spokesman Scott McClellan, who told reporters travelling with Bush on Air Force One on Sept. 17 that “The role of the CIA is to look at different scenarios” and that the “pessimists and naysayers” had been wrong about the Iraqi people’s ability to establish a transitional government, and so on. Speaking during an appearance with Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi in New York on Sept. 21, Bush said that the CIA was “just guessing as to what the conditions” in Iraq might be like. These statements followed a week in which some 300 Iraqi civilians were killed in insurgent attacks, and followed the first half of a month in which the U.S. death toll in Iraq is likely to reach highest monthly total since April.

Media commentaries attacking the Bush fantasy have been widespread. *Time* magazine’s Joe Klein commented, “Scott McClellan is beginning to sound like Baghdad Bob, the infamous spokesman for Saddam who announced hallucinatory Iraqi victories as the American troops closed in on Baghdad.” Klein warned that “If the National Intelligence Estimate is accurate, we are facing a far more dangerous world than existed before the war.”

An editorial in the *St. Petersburg Times* wrote, “U.S. generals and State Department experts warned before the start of the war that restoring Iraq’s political and economic stability would be more difficult and require a larger and lengthier U.S. commitment, than removing Hussein from power, but the President and his war council ignored those warnings and punished some of the officials who dared to issue them.”

Iraq Is Lost

Even before the leaking of the NIE, there were commentaries from retired military officers stating that the U.S. has lost the war in Iraq. Former Clinton Administration official Sidney Blumenthal, writing in the Sept. 16 London *Guardian*, quoted a number of retired generals to that effect. Blumenthal reported that retired Gen. William Odom had told him: “Bush hasn’t found the WMD. Al-Qaeda, it’s worse on that front. That he’s going to achieve a democracy there? That goal is lost, too. It’s lost.” Odom added, “Right now, the course we’re on, we’re achieving bin Laden’s ends.” Former U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Joseph Hoar told Blumenthal: “The idea that this is going the way these guys planned is ludicrous. There are no good options. We’re conducting a campaign as though it were being conducted in Iowa, no sense of the reali-