

Editorial

Earth's Next Fifty Years

The release of Lyndon LaRouche's new book, *Earth's Next Fifty Years*, on March 22, comes precisely at the moment when world leaders, including many within the United States, are looking in dismay at the stunning collapse of the world economy, and the fact that "no one is home" in the Bush Administration, on economic policy, in particular. LaRouche provides the ideas which are needed to save the world financial system, fundamentally challenging those who have succumbed to the false axioms of the current economics and business professions.

Most of the offices of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives received copies of this book this last week, at the hands of the LaRouche Youth Movement. And it is sure that over the next weeks, the book will find its way into the hands of leading policy-makers in capitals around the world as well.

LaRouche has timed the publication of this book with a crucial inflection point in the political battle in the United States, as well as the world economic collapse. Nearly all political sources, Republican and Democrat, are pointing out that the leading economic thrust of the Bush Administration, Social Security privatization, is for all intents and purposes, dead. But the death of the scheme to steal Social Security funds, necessary as it is, will not put the United States on the road to recovery. It simply clears the political decks for the serious discussion.

That discussion is what LaRouche presents in this book, by concentrating on the conceptions which have been abandoned since the days of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal and Bretton Woods. Those conceptions proceed directly from the most profound scientific understanding of universal physical principles, and the *powers* which a mastery of these principles permits mankind to exercise in and over the universe. Many readers will chafe and complain about the difficulty of the concepts which LaRouche is demanding they master, but the alternative to facing the question of scientific and economic method, is, in fact, the destruction of the human race for centuries to come.

It's worth taking a moment to review just what murderous results the abandonment of FDR's principles has wrought.

- At least 1.5 billion people on this planet have no access to electricity.
- At least 2 billion people on this planet make less than \$1 a day, and are deprived of a secure food supply.
- The continent of Africa is now seeing a decline in life expectancy down to the level of less than 40 years of age.
- The means for reversing these crises—the high-technology agro-industrial capabilities and skilled manpowers of the "industrialized" sector—are being wantonly destroyed in the United States and Western Europe.

If one looks at these physical results of economic policy over the last 40 years, can there be any doubt that our economic establishment stands condemned as disastrously flawed? Can there be any doubt that the correction of the systemic failures in policy, from the top down, over this same period, is required immediately?

What is clear is that a reform of our financial system, to bring it into a condition where it will once again serve the ends of promoting the physical improvement and well-being of mankind, is long overdue. It is equally obvious that such a reform cannot take place without a change in policy in the United States of America, away from the fascist policy thrust that began in 1971, and is now moving toward being consolidated today.

As an American, and as the world's leading economist, Lyndon LaRouche is uniquely positioned to lead this change. He has devoted himself passionately to educating leaders throughout the world, but especially in the United States, so that they can act on the crisis in time to prevent the imposition of global fascist policies. On April 7, he will hold an international webcast devoted to the changes in the world financial and economic system which are needed to stop disaster. Between the webcast, and LaRouche's new book, the solutions to the crisis will be on the table.

What will you do about it?