

Editorial

Beyond Contempt

“Right now, around the world, the United States is being held in contempt in most nations and among most people in the world. This contempt has been growing rapidly under the past two years of this administration. There was sympathy for the United States over what happened in New York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11, 2001. But the credit, the sympathy accumulated then, is now dissipating, with the economic crisis, and the threatened war in Iraq—the Mideast War—being the principal drain, which is making the United States be viewed increasingly as an object of contempt, not only in what Mr. Rumsfeld calls ‘Old Europe,’ but throughout most of the world as a whole. The United States presently is looked at as an imperial power. The nations of the world submit to it, not because they like it, but because they’re afraid of it—and they wish it would go away. That’s the attitude toward the United States as I know first hand from Europe, from Asia, and elsewhere. The United States is, today, the world’s most hated nation. And that is not good for our national security.”

It was on Jan. 28, 2003 that Lyndon LaRouche, then in the hot phase of his campaign for the Democratic Party nomination for President, uttered these words. He was presenting a “State of the Union” address to the American people, in which he presented the fundamental principles of the unique American System of economics and republicanism as the way out of such a crisis. To our nation’s, and the world’s, great detriment, neither the Administration, nor either political party, decided to listen.

Switch your focus now to today. Three and a half years later, the United States under Bush is not only viewed with contempt, but is *hated* with a passion that is growing day by day.

Take, for example, the testimony of a senior American diplomat who spoke with *EIR* about the escalating strategic crisis whose front end is the Israeli-Lebanese conflict. The diplomat noted that the United States is not just hated in the Muslim world, but increasingly in Asia as well. He pointed to the Asian response when the U.S. sat back quietly in the face of the recent Japanese statement that it would consider changing its Constitution to allow a preemptive strike against North Korea. He was

told that 45% of South Koreans responded to polling on that issue, by saying that they would *fight the invader*, if Japan attacked North Korea!

This kind of sentiment is echoed in the fact that the vast majority of Iraqis want the U.S. to leave—as well as the now-public declarations from the Lebanese Defense Minister and President that, in case of an Israeli ground invasion to “liberate” them from Hezbollah, the Lebanese Army would fight Israel.

To the Dick Cheneys and other Synarchist tools in the United States, this hostility simply feeds their determination to fight an unending war against the “enemy.” To American patriots, it should provoke an immediate, long-overdue decision to shift the policy matrix of the U.S. government, back to that of our historic roots, as last reflected in the Administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

But why hasn’t this happened? Surely it’s not because the Democrats, and certain leading Republicans, lack the evidence that the Cheney-led foreign policy, and the Synarchist globalization drive, have brought disastrous results. That evidence is getting more dramatic by the day. Right now, it can be said with no exaggeration that the onrushing financial collapse is impelling the Synarchists to escalate their war and looting drives into a genocidal frenzy. We are headed toward absolute hell, with weeks or months.

Our job is to force our nation’s representatives to act, and act now. Right now, the Senate and Congress, particularly the Democrats, are panicked, and without a clue of what to do. They’re acting insane. Underneath, they are simply too cowardly to follow LaRouche’s lead—which is the only solution to the crisis—and what they want to do won’t work. They end up by simply hysterically denying the crisis.

It’s time that American patriots join LaRouche, and finally decide to fight. There will be no break from catastrophe unless LaRouche’s solutions are adopted, and there will be no adoption of LaRouche’s solutions without people summoning the courage to face reality, and to put their very lives on the line in fighting for LaRouche’s solution. We may not win, but we can look future generations in the eye, without the stain of contempt.