

Editorial

The Election Turning-Point

In his invitation to his next international webcast, scheduled to be broadcast from Berlin, Germany and Washington, D.C. on Oct. 31, Lyndon LaRouche honed in on the crucial U.S. mid-term elections, which are scheduled for Nov. 7. Coming as they do, in the midst of the ongoing financial blowout, an immediately threatened aerial bombardment against Iran by the Cheney-Bush Administration, and the wave of disgust against government by the lower income majority of the U.S. population, these elections represent a turning-point in world history.

In answer to questions from Chinese interlocutors on the importance of these elections, LaRouche put them in a broader perspective, as follows:

“The U.S.A. is caught within a political-economic vortex. The striking of the Twin Towers of the Port Authority building in New York City struck the population of the U.S.A. with an effect, as I had stated my fears publicly at the beginning of that year: my fear that the combination of the economic downturn which had struck during the preceding year, and the intrinsic incompetence to govern of George W. Bush, Jr., created a situation in which we must expect an event comparable to Hermann Göring’s setting fire to Germany’s Reichstag in February 1933. The terror of the strike against the Twin Towers had the same type of effect as Göring’s securing Hitler’s dictatorship by setting fire to the Reichstag. Indeed, Cheney’s puppet Bush did come close to gaining dictatorial powers during the events of the evening following that attack. However, actual dictatorial powers were never gained, but the political effects of the incident on the political system as a whole have brought the U.S. very close to the possibility that a dictatorship might be established even prior to the coming November general mid-term election.

“In the meantime, the Sept. 11, 2001 incident has produced a certain weakness in the perceived authority of the U.S. Constitution. Yet, one of the factors which increases the risk of a U.S. top-down coup d’état, is the collapsing confidence of the population and political system in the Bush-Cheney Administration. This loss

of confidence in the Administration, makes Cheney and his controllers among the circles of George P. Shultz increasingly inclined to early desperate measures. It would be no surprise if Cheney were to launch a month-long aerial attack on Iran prior to the November mid-term elections.

“In the meantime, the general collapse of the world’s present monetary-financial system is onrushing. The international real-estate-speculation bubble, which was created by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, is more than ready to implode. The collapse of that mortgage-based real-estate bubble could be sufficient to have the effect on the present world monetary system that the collapse of the Lombard banking house of Bardi had in precipitating Fourteenth-Century Europe into a new dark age.

“The current world situation is like a state of war. The existence of the war is certain, and the principal factors determining victory or defeat are generally known, but the exact outcome remains uncertain. In such a situation, one must think like a Franklin Roosevelt, or any other great war-time commander.”

LaRouche went on to say, “As I have warned my friends and others in leading circles of the U.S. Democratic Party, and also others, the immediate future of politics belongs to the cause of the lower eighty percentile of the income-brackets of the U.S. citizens. In the pattern of results from Democratic primary elections so far, the trend is toward voter preference for the anti-Bush candidates, and for the candidates who are sensitive to the concerns of the voters from the lower eighty-percentile of family-income brackets. The economic and other political shocks to the population are arriving at an accelerating rate. Given the inherent uncertainties which I see clearly as an insider of the political process, unless what I am supporting wins, the situation for humanity as a whole would not be encouraging. However, like a commander, I must fight the battle which is set before me, on which I must act. That is the best that anyone can do at this moment. I estimate that our chances of success are good, but no one can offer guarantees of success at this moment.”