

# *A Point of Hope, and of No Return*

The stunning success, provisional as it is, of Lyndon LaRouche's battle for the Strategic Defense Initiative, which has been demonstrated in the Putin-Bush meetings at Kennebunkport, should provide all thinking people with a jolting infusion of hope. At the proverbial 11th hour, the way has been opened up for cooperation instead of war, between the world's two major nuclear powers, inclusive of a commitment by the two to share life-saving nuclear technology with the Third World.

Equally dramatic was the demonstration at Kennebunkport on July 1-2 that President George W. Bush, when separated from his *de facto* controller Dick Cheney, and put under what numerous analysts have described as "adult supervision," can follow the course of reason.

The time for cynical foot-dragging is over! Combined with the offers which the Russian government has made to the United States on the Great Project known as the Bering Strait Tunnel, which would link the world's hemispheres across the waters between Siberia and Alaska, the Kennebunkport discussions provide a vision of hope for all mankind. A future to be fought for is visible, right on the horizon.

But there is one *gigantic* obstacle standing in the way—namely, the thuggish President of Vice called Dick Cheney.

Cheney's crimes against the Constitution of the United States are too well known to have to be repeated here. They are recognized so broadly that more than 54% of the American population, according to a recent poll, supports having him impeached. Among Democrats, this figure rises to 76%. Republicans and Democrats alike are intimately familiar with his role in wielding power and terror against anyone who might get in his way, and the way in which his dominant role in the Bush Administration has destroyed almost anything it touched, including the Republican Party.

Yet, so far, neither Democrats nor Republicans have been willing to mobilize themselves to get Cheney out of office! Only 13 Congressmen, all of them Democrats, have signed onto Dennis Kucinich's H.R. 333, which lays out a well-reasoned bill of impeachment against the Vice President. Many other Congressmen will openly

admit that their constituents are agitating for impeachment—and yet they insist they will not respect their constituents' wishes.

Some of this cowardice is a direct result of pressures being put on the Democratic Party leadership by the Felix Rohatyn-related moneybags friends of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who still insists that impeachment is off the table. Cutoff of campaign funds has been threatened, and Congressmen have fallen in line.

Even more cynical are those Democrats who argue that removing Cheney would be "bad for the party," because Bush could appoint a sane Vice President who would have a leg up on taking the Presidency in 2008. Such an argument simply ignores the welfare of the U.S. population, and that of the world, condemning both to the outcome of Cheney's drive for new wars, and dictatorial powers. As we have asked previously: What makes you think there will be an election in 2008, if Cheney remains in office?

On the Republican side, cowardice is also at the root of the problem. As indicated in recent statements against the course of the Iraq War, a large number of leading Republicans in the Congress recognize that Cheney is leading their party, and, more importantly, the nation, into total disaster. Yet, as in the case of the fight against the Administration's torture policy and other such things, when faced with the intransigence and threats of Cheney et al., these senior Senators and Congressmen have so far backed down.

We are now coming to a point of no return. Sane Democrats *and* Republicans don't have time to dilly-dally any longer. They have to move to dump Cheney now!

We stand at a unique moment in world history, where, in the face of the global system falling apart, and global war spreading, there are ideas on the table which could avert disaster. Although those ideas have come from an "outsider" like Lyndon LaRouche, they have been taken up by individuals within the institution of the Presidency, and others internationally, to the point where their success is in sight. Now the Congress—under excruciating pressure from the American population—has to do its job. Cheney must go!