

LaRouche: Brits Behind Argentine Coup Attempt

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In a statement June 21, Lyndon LaRouche placed the blame for the attempted destabilization of President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner's government in Argentina, squarely on the doorstep of British imperial interests. Under the Monroe Doctrine, he said, this is "something that the United States, when it is being honorable, would not tolerate. The British are trying to overthrow the government of Argentina."

LaRouche was referring to the fact that British media outlets and financial players, such as George Soros, are using the Fernández government's March 11 decree increasing taxes on soybean and sunflower seed exports, as the pretext to trigger an insurgency against her government. That insurgency has taken the form of a strike, carried by four major agricultural producer organizations—the Rural Society (SRA), Rural Confederations (CRA), Coninagro, and the Argentine Agrarian Federation (FAA)—for the purpose of halting all grain and livestock exports.

But changing the tax policy is only the nominal reason for the strike. Its ultimate goal is to unleash violence and force the President's ouster, much as the British are doing in numerous other countries, to maintain political control under conditions of financial disintegration.

The leaders of the insurgency have wrapped themselves in the flag, claiming to be fighting an "authoritarian" central government. But their claim is fraudulent, belied by the driving force behind the strike, the Rural Society—made up of members of the landed oligarchy who consider Great Britain as their "mother country." This oligarchical grouping has a long history of slavish obedience to the British Crown and its free-trade ideology. The SRA praised the 1976-83 military dictatorship for having "correct economic leadership." In July 1979, then-SRA president Juan Pirán said that the junta's free-market policies allowed for "strengthening the principles of free enterprise and private initiative." He failed to mention that the Rural Society deployed its own shock troops against its opponents.

Enforce the Monroe Doctrine!

"The point is, it's a British operation," LaRouche said, located in the historical context of the 1982 Malvinas War. Some corrupt circles in the Reagan Administration—such as Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger—were manipulated by the British to get involved in that war. In 1988, Weinberger was made Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the

British Empire for his services to London, LaRouche recalled.

Today, LaRouche and the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in Argentina, are the only ones heard internationally denouncing British operations against Argentina, while Wall Street and most U.S. policy-makers follow London's lead in calling for "regime change" there.

After the President announced on June 17 that she was sending the tax bill to Congress for debate, the Rural Society and its allies immediately deployed to pressure lawmakers into overturning the bill, literally invading the Congress, with fistfights and yelling. Ricardo Buryaile, vice president of Rural Confederations, threatened that if Congress failed to overturn the export tax bill, "it should be dissolved." Buryaile himself had greatly expanded his property thanks to the military junta, and is known for opposing any government action to improve the working and living conditions of rural workers, 58% of whom work off the books, with no benefits.

But outside the Congress, where supporters of the President had set up tents, the LYM intervened with LaRouche's statement and its own leaflet, to educate people on the British offensive and the global crisis.

What enrages the British financiers is the fact that the Argentine President has asserted the State's right to protect the general welfare. When Fernández announced the export tax decree, she stressed that its purpose was to prevent high international commodity prices from being passed on to the internal market, and to ensure a more equitable distribution of national income. She also underscored that soybean production had expanded to such a degree that it threatened production of other more traditional food crops that make up the nutritious Argentine diet. The globalists and their allies inside the country have made a fortune from the soybean craze. Now, they warn, no mere elected President will be allowed to interfere with their spectacular profits.

Hence the ever-louder drumbeat from the City of London and its allies in the media, demanding the overthrow of the Argentine President. Typical was the June 17 London *Guardian*, which argued that the cause of violence in the country was Fernández de Kirchner's refusal to rescind the tax, and that she was leading Argentina "into anarchy." Unless she acts, the daily warned darkly, the country could face "even more violence in the streets, and the real possibility of social disintegration and political collapse." Germany's Internet rag *Berliner Tageblatt* asserted in May that Mrs. Kirchner "will be violently removed from office."

Then there is George Soros (see *Dossier*, p. 64), whom LaRouche describes as part of the British operation against Argentina. Soros has a long history of thuggery there, dating back to the 1990s, when he invested in farming and real estate, and became the country's biggest landowner. He controls one of the three largest "sowing pools"—speculative investment funds—that have seized control of soybean exports, to destroy traditional agriculture while destabilizing the government.