

Editorial

Turn the World Upside Down!

October 19 is the anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, fought in 1781, and marking the decisive defeat of the British occupation forces in the American Revolution. That victory changed the direction of civilization and ushered the United States onto the world stage as the standard-bearer of the war against empire, specifically the British Empire. Now, more than ever, with the British attempts to destroy all nation-states, including the United States, in the midst of the disintegrating world economy, Americans must rediscover their true roots, and combine with other leading nations, especially Russia, to ensure that humanity survives.

The battle of Yorktown represented a victory rarely achieved in history. Gen. George Washington, sensing a moment of British weakness and indecision, marched his army of over 10,000 colonials and French Army regulars around New York City into Tidewater Virginia, where they were met by a French fleet commanded by Admiral Comte de Grasse. DeGrasse had a window of six weeks in which to link up with the Americans and a French army commanded by the Comte de Rochambeau, and encircle the British encampment at Yorktown.

France and the Americans had forged an alliance through the efforts of Benjamin Franklin and his French ally, the Marquis de Lafayette, to defeat the British, and that effort paid off with the deployment of French army and navy personnel to America in 1780 and 1781.

With precision, Washington, a much underestimated military commander, pulled off the brilliant maneuver, and, aided by the superior strength of the French navy, laid siege to the outnumbered and outflanked British army under Lord Cornwallis.

The cream of the Continental Army came to-

gether for the decisive action. Many of those gathered had fought for six years under the most trying of circumstances. Continually short on food, supplies, money, and sheer numbers, they persevered. Major-General Lafayette played a decisive role, as did Col. Alexander Hamilton, who led the final military charge to capture Redoubt 10. This allowed the joint Franco-American forces to surround and crush the British.

On a balmy Autumn day, Oct. 19, 1781, the British army of over 7,000 marched, heads bowed, drunk, and stunned, to surrender their arms to the American generals. The British band struck up a dirge to the tune "A World Turned Upside Down," and the world was never the same.

Today we face a crisis of deeper, more immense proportions, with the stakes being survival of civilization itself. Most Americans are oblivious to the fact that our oppressors are the same British foe, this time as a global financial oligarchy. The most recent bailout scheme of their wrecked financial system was authored by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, assisted by financier Benedict Arnold, Sir Alan Greenspan, the initial architect of the disaster.

Lyndon LaRouche recently reminded the nation that we should once again remember what our identity is as Americans, the implacable foe of the British system in all its manifestations. We are the nation created by those heroes of Yorktown, to spread the principles of the American System of physical economy as developed initially by the same Alexander Hamilton who led that final charge into the parapets.

On Oct. 19 let our watchword be: Once more, turn the world upside down, and defeat the British system!