

‘Make Development A Mass Movement’

Kesha Rogers of the LaRouche Policy Committee, former candidate for the Democratic senatorial nomination in Texas, issued this statement about Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s speech in New York (see International section).

Oct. 2—During his speech at Madison Square Garden in New York, India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi, channels the spirit of the great Indian leader and freedom fighter, Mahatma Gandhi. Modi proclaims, “Mahatma Gandhi made the freedom struggle a mass movement. Let’s make development a mass movement.... On 2019, India will celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi. He gave us freedom. What did we give him?”

That is the challenge to which not only Indian-Americans, but all Americans, must respond.

That mission of a mass movement for development was further defined during Modi’s speech to a gathering of thousands of young people representing diverse nationalities and ethnicities, to which Modi declared: “Some believe that the world changes with the wisdom of the old. I think that the idealism, innovation, energy and ‘can do’ attitude, of the youth, is even more powerful.” In describing his hope for India, Modi imagines, “800 million youth joining hands, to transform the nation.... Lift people out of poverty; put clean water and sanitation, within the reach of all. Make health care available to all. A roof, over every head.”

The fight for development has become the defining mission for a future for young people, not only in India, but in the nations of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India,

China, South Africa). They, along with other nations of South America and Southwest Asia, have made building great projects, jobs for the youth, and scientific progress, the key to lifting their young people out of despair. The United States and the trans-Atlantic region have continued to deny the youth of their nations a future, with now more than 50% unemployment among the youth in Greece, Spain, and Italy, the so-called developed nations.

Economist Lyndon LaRouche has fought for the last 40 years, on the record, to bring about a new paradigm for mankind, restoring the ideas of great Classical renaissances, which have been the backbone of all great societies. LaRouche and his movement are leading the charge in the United States to bring the U.S into joining with the BRICS nations, to crush the evil policies of the same British empire which Gandhi sought to put an end to—the empire which is still our enemy today. Obama’s policies of war and fascist austerity are dictated by the financial powers controlling that empire, powers which are working to



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defeat the BRICS.

America must join the BRICS and allied nations to crush that empire, once and for all.

As the Indian community prepares to celebrate the 145th birth anniversary of the great Indian leader, and freedom fighter, Mahatma Gandhi, with a week of beautiful and profound celebrations, peace walks, and lighting ceremonies across the world, the power and spirit of Gandhi’s fight could not ring more true, than in what has now been reflected by the BRICS and allied nations, in their quest for peace through scientific progress and economic development.

We must respond to the challenge, today, that Prime Minister Modi has put before us. What will we give to Gandhi? What will we give to our future? We can recall the reflections of that great American freedom fighter, Martin Luther King, who once said, “If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought, and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony. We may ignore him at our own risk.”