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## Editorial

### *Do You Know What Time It Is?*

Responding to the final question during his March 7 webcast, which essentially asked what concerned people should do about the current crisis, Lyndon LaRouche defined the issue that should inform all political thinking in the crucial days and weeks ahead:

“The first thing to concentrate on, is always ask: What time is it? What time does the calendar place you in? What moment in history are you located in? What’s the territory that you’re operating in?”

“We’re now at a point where the reality is that nothing is important, unless you’re looking at the fact that the entire international financial, monetary, and economic system, is now in a state of collapse, of chain-reaction collapse. What are you going to do about that? Because, if you’re not doing something to solve that, everything else you think of is worthless. It’s irrelevant. The flood is come. The locust plague has carried everything off. How do you stop the locust plague?”

“The issue is that people have to wake up, and little people have to become big people. . . .”

One of the direct audiences of LaRouche’s remarks, of course, was the U.S. Congress, a group which has, in many respects, been sitting on its hands, even since the anti-Administration victory on Nov. 7, 2006. Leading Democrats have sat back and watched the auto sector be dismantled over the past *two years*, despite the prescient warnings, and solutions, which LaRouche put forward in the Spring of 2005. They have refused to challenge the anti-FDR powers-that-be in their own party, and to face the consequences *for the nation and the world* of refusing to act to save the U.S. machine-tool capacity.

There has been a similar paralysis on the question of the bankrupt financial system. Can any Members of Congress honestly say they didn’t realize that the real estate market was another huge bubble, headed for the same fate as the IT bubble in 2000? Can any Congressman or woman deny that they knew of the predatory role of the hedge funds, which have moved in to suck the life-blood out of enterprise after enterprise, leaving behind nothing but a husk and a new mound of unpayable debt?

Now, belatedly, some Congressmen and Senators are announcing their intention to hold hearings on the

out-of-control activities of the hedge funds, including even some *regulation* of their activities. But, given what time it is, these actions are too little, too late to accomplish anything meaningful. The *only* way to “control” the hedge funds is to *abolish them*, and to handle the gaping holes which this will leave in the world financial system by establishing a new monetary-financial system, based on the principles which Franklin Delano Roosevelt proved to work.

The current breakdown phase of the U.S. economy also sets a very immediate deadline on the question of the Administration’s war policy. There is every reason to believe that the British-linked financier controllers of the Bush Administration want to create a new war crisis, by which they can batten down the political hatches, and establish dictatorial rule. Thus, a perspective that calls for months, if not years, of gradual withdrawal and changes in the Southwest Asian theater, does not address the crisis at all. It leaves the elements in place which could detonate into a new war, and/or terrorist upsurge.

Which brings us to the most crucial question of timing—the removal of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Every moment that Dick Cheney remains in office, where he can exercise his thuggish control over the President and the Congress, represents a disaster for the United States and the world. There is *no* way that a Congress which cannot find the courage to impeach a Vice President who has repeatedly, flagrantly violated the trust and laws of the United States and its Constitution, can implement the emergency economic and political measures that are required.

There are those, of course, who continue to say that we can tolerate Cheney and Bush until the 2008 election, that it’s not that far away. Do they want the blood of a new war, or even the ongoing one, on their hands? Do they want the burden of creating millions of new unemployed, of cutting children and the elderly off all government support, of taking food out of the mouths of the hungry? *No* positive changes in policy will occur with Cheney still in office.

No. It’s time to recognize what time it is, and prepare for a new just economic system. Remove Cheney now!