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Supreme Court tramples on human dignity

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Monday, June 11, will go down in history as the day when the United States established fascism as the official policy ruling over the land and its citizens—at least, for the time being. The signal event was a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court not even to consider an appeal filed by statesman, philosopher, and former presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and six of his associates, who sought to reverse their blatantly political frameup trial and their imprisonment in January 1989—a juridical travesty that has been compared to the Dreyfus Affair which set the stage for the outbreak for this century's first world war.

The Supreme Court's decision not to consider the Virginia Fourth Circuit Appeals Court's upholding of the 15-year sentence for LaRouche, means that henceforth, there is no such thing as a fair trial by jury in the United States. The highest court has in effect approved the practice of establishing joint government-private task forces for the purpose of eliminating political opponents and corrupting the judicial system from top to bottom in order to achieve that end.

The decision is also the end-result of a pattern of abuse of the U.S. Constitution and suppression of fundamental human rights, as embodied in such practices as the Thornburgh Doctrine, which denies the existence of a higher law—natural law—to which the nation's law is answerable. On the same day as the LaRouche appeal was denied, the Court also scrapped Fourth Amendment protections against unlawful search and seizure, by upholding the right of police to perform searches without a warrant, solely on the basis of tip-offs from anonymous informants. This is the stuff of Soviet and Nazi "justice." As the dissenting opinion filed by Justice John Paul Stevens pointed out, "The Fourth Amendment was intended to protect the citizen from the overzealous and unscrupulous officer as well as from those who are conscientious and truthful. This decision makes a mockery of that protection."

Also on the same day, the Supreme Court gave the "LaRouche treatment" to the Teamsters, by refusing to hear arguments on the unconstitutionality of the Justice Department's conspiracy to bust the union and put it into federal receiver-

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Supporters of political prisoner Lyndon
LaRouche hold a vigil outside the U.S.
Supreme Court on June 7 as the request to hear his appeal was being filed by former U.S.
Attorney General
Ramsey Clark.

ship, using the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) law under which many political dissidents in the United States have been railroaded.

The LaRouche precedent therefore opens wide the gates to political witchhunts against any political leader who has the potential to crystallize opposition to the bankrupt economic policies to which the Bush administration stubbornly adheres. The FBI's illegal entrapment of Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is just one of a pattern of such outrages, which are especially aimed at black political leaders.

There is also a fascist political party loose inside the United States, a movement which is receiving substantial help from within the leadership of the Democratic Party and the financial elite that backs President George Bush. It is called "Project Democracy," and it operates through such organizations as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Family Foundation, and Freedom House. Although it is not a full-fledged mass-based fascist movement, it has precisely the form of what top Anglo-American financier circles have long been cultivating as "fascism with a democratic face": an adaptation of the corporatism which was used by Italy's Mussolini and Hitler's economics minister Hjalmar Schacht to impose otherwise intolerable economic hardships on a depression-racked people.

The Resistance builds

Nevertheless, there are strong grounds for optimism that the reign of the Bush administration's fascist policies will be a short one, as huge chunks of the \$20 trillion in unpayable U.S. indebtedness begin to make their way toward oblivion, and millions around the world are impelled out of a stupor by harsh economic reality.

It was with that reality in mind, that political leaders from both the United States and abroad gathered in Silver Spring, Maryland on June 2 and 3 for the Schiller Institute's Freedom Day Tribunal, and founded a new institution, the Coalition for Human Rights, dedicated to the defense and furtherance of the principle of creative reason and the sacredness of the individual, and to shaping new institutions in accordance with natural law as the old, discredited ones are rejected. The coalition will give a voice and a strong right arm to those who have been thrown out of work, or who have been deprived of health care and worse, or who have been thrown off their farms, as a direct result of the policies enforced by Edgar Bronfman, the ADL, Project Democracy, and the assortment of environmentalist and New Age "animal rights" movements which are the paper-thin mask of fascism today.

Documentation

Virginia congressional candidate Lyndon LaRouche released the following statement on June 11:

I have just received the information that the United States Supreme Court has denied a writ in my appeal from the travesty of justice which occurred in late 1988, in Alexandria, Virginia. I'm not surprised by this; as I said to the court in Virginia on Jan. 27, 1989, I had been previously advised, by very high levels, including one I referenced, that the political fix was in to send me to prison to ensure that I remain in prison for not less than 10 years in order to get me permanently out of the way politically; and I was told that the United States government, the executive branch, was fixed on this account, and that I could expect that the federal courts would probably be fixed all the way up to the Supreme Court.

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Every indication since that time has confirmed that warning given to me by these sources, that the case was fixed, politically, all the way from the bottom, up through the Supreme Court and the White House. I think that is obviously the case

In this case, it should be remembered, the prosecution knew that the charges against me were fraudulent, so did the judge, Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr. He personally was the person who did it—that which I did not do, but of which I was accused: He did it. Obviously, the Circuit Court was well aware that I and my co-defendants were innocent, but they determined to pull what they did.

The Supreme Court must recognize the importance of this case, not only as it pertains to my case, so-called, but as it pertains to the entire nation. This is an absolutely crucial case. Here we have a case, in which the United States government—including the President, Bush personally, including the court involved, including the Circuit Court, including the prosecution, the entire Justice Department—knows that they have deliberately convicted innocent people on nothing but political reasons. The Circuit Court upholds it, the Supreme Court engages in this kind of thing. What does that say about justice in the United States?

Forget it! No one in the United States, in general, can expect justice as long as we have a Thornburgh-Rehnquist court. The entire federal system is corrupted beyond belief. The fact that this could happen—remember, I'm a political figure, an international political figure. All of these fellows, all the way up, including President Bush, including the Supreme Court, know that this is a political case and that my

friends and I are completely innocent. They also know the means to convict me amounts to one of the worst travesties of justice in modern U.S. federal court history. And yet, faced with this in a most conspicuous case—not an oversight, not a mistake—they decide to deny a [writ of] *certiorari* at the Supreme Court level. What does that say?

Injustice shall not prevail

What does that say about justice in the United States? It says that as of this moment there is virtually no justice for anyone in this United States. Do I think that will last? No.

We see recently what has happened in the Soviet Union as well as in Communist China, and elsewhere, that the planet is getting a bit tired of prolonged injustice; and the United States has decided to go for dictatorship-type injustice at this time, at about the time the world is getting tired of it.

Unless the United States changes, unless this Thornburgh-Rehnquist pattern is reversed, very quickly, by the means provided by the Constitution, I think we can be sure that it will occur by means provided by the street, outside the constitutional processes.

Only as long as the law remains the law, at least a semblance of the law, does the law have authority. A perpetuation of what happened in the Supreme Court today in the United States, means the United States is no longer a nation of law, but is a jungle; and the remedy lies with the jungle then, and not with the law.

How will this be brought about? The United States is bankrupt. It is as bankrupt as many Third World nations. The U.S. economy has been collapsed. The U.S. financial system is on the verge of collapse. Most of the banking system will be wiped out very soon under continuation of present policies. Savings of most Americans will be wiped out very soon under continuation of most of these policies. Unemployment will spread. Farms are collapsing. There will be food shortages. Industries are collapsing. Infrastructure is collapsing. There is a lack of the means to reconstruct. The United States has been destroying itself for about 25 years, in these ways, with fraudulent bad policies—economic policies, financial policies, other policies. The past 12 years have been particularly bad, since the introduction of deregulation into banking and transportation. We've been on the skids. The introduction of the Volcker measures in 1979 was the beginning of the end for the United States economy. What was done in 1982, in unleashing "creative banking" was even worse.

We're now wrecking the West out of intent to propitiate a Gorbachov who is becoming indefensible in his own country.

The signs are out. This policy, and any administration or any institutions in U.S. federal government that are trying to defend the continuing trend of bringing about the collapse of the United States: In the rage which infects the population as a result of that collapse, that abuse, many things are going to be changed, including the Thornburgh-Rehnquist system of injustice.

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