Major Saudi Coverage Shows LaRouche Role

by Hussein Askary

In the week following the Aug. 5 Washington Post exposé of secret Washington briefings in which Richard Perle's war faction targetted Saudi Arabia as an "enemy of the United States," Saudi press carried much coverage of the "other American leadership," Lyndon LaRouche.

The London-based Saudi daily *Asharq Al-Awsat*, the world's largest Arabic business daily, on Aug. 12 published a comprehensive review by Iqbal Al-Qazwini (an Iraqi citizen living in Germany) of LaRouche's Eurasian Land-Bridge as the strategy to save the world economy from the current crisis, and on Helga Zepp-LaRouche's election campaign for Chancellor in Germany as a turning point for that country's political history. That same day, one of the largest national dailies inside Saudi Arabia, *Al-Watan*, published an op-ed, "Conversations with Lyndon LaRouche on the Most Dangerous Issues of the World," by Dr. Ahmed Al-Kedidi, former Tunisian diplomat and current professor at the University of Qatar.

And *Al-Watan* for Aug. 9 had featured an article by *EIR*'s Jeffrey Steinberg which anticipated on the immediate breaking development noted by the Saudi foreign minister in a U.S. interview. Steinberg gave LaRouche's assessment of Richard Perle's outlook toward the U.S. military as a "Night of the Long Knives."

'What Is Special About LaRouche'

Iqbal Al-Qazwini's article, "The Eurasian Landbridge, a Silk Road for New Development," opens by saying: "Calls for a new financial system have increased in recent years, in order to face the economic and financial collapse around the world." She cites examples of the "two-decades collapse of the American real economy."

"One of the most prominent advocates of a new system is the economist and politician Lyndon LaRouche, a candidate for the 2004 Presidential elections. He believes that the solution is to finance a gigantic project of building a land-bridge connecting Asia, Africa, and Europe, as a new Silk Road. LaRouche's ideas have come under greater light recently, after the outbreak of the financial scandals and the bankruptcy wave among major U.S. corporations," she added. After reviewing features of the crisis in terms of LaRouche's Triple Curve function, she added: "From a reading of the hard reality, which augurs catastrophe, LaRouche and his *Executive Intelligence Review* came to the idea of building a system of Eurasian transport networks."

Al-Qazwini also referred to the internal political-economic paradox and the turmoil inside the United States, Britain, and Israel, the three imperial powers that want to wage a war against the world. She emphasized that the Middle East would be the pivot and a connecting point for all continents on the new development road, if correct economic policies are adopted. "What is special about LaRouche is his view of the Arab-Israeli conflict, which is diametrically different from any other views, because he denounces the fascist policies of the Israeli army against the Palestinians." Moreover, she continued, "LaRouche, in his political work inside the U.S., exposes not merely the Zionist lobby, but also those he calls the fanatic Christian Zionists. His institution also published a book on the lies around Sept. 11 and their dangerous consequences. The authors of the book try to prove that powerful elements from within the U.S. government might be involved in these events, considering these events an internal coup

The last part of the article is dedicated to Helga Zepp-LaRouche's German election campaign. "What remains to be said, is that LaRouche's ideas and those of his institution are the backbone of the political program of a German party calling itself 'Citizens Rights Movement Solidarity.' This party is preparing to participate in the coming elections. It is headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the writer and political activist, and also wife of the American economist. Mrs. LaRouche and her party are unique in dealing with the situation in the Middle East with a truthfulness which German citizens have not been used to—the German citizens who have been told and reared since Germany lost the war to be cautious, and even to be afraid of saying anything critical about anything Israeli or Jewish, lest they be called anti-Semites."

Al-Qazwini concluded her article: "If this party enters the German parliament, Germany will have passed a major stage in its post-World War II history, and would have to rise to a new and active role in shaping world politics. Today, the world stands at a crossroads. Probably, these proposed economic projects could become the first material nucleus for a dialogue among civilizations, which can pave the way upon which the human society could march towards true peace. Arab and Islamic civilization, which has been acknowledged and accredited in history as a bridge between the Greek civilization and the European Renaissance, could, if it wanted to, resume its prominent position and contribute to changing its current condition and build a future of dignity for its peoples."

'The Most Dangerous Issues'

Dr. Ahmed Kedidi described his "Conversations with LaRouche on the Most Dangerous Issues," in the first of three articles in *Al-Watan*. "I found my friend as I had left him" in 1984, Kedidi wrote, "lively, enthusiastic and with the same alert looks, despite the 80 years of age which he will celebrate in September. I asked him about the drumbeats that have

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been sounding from the U.S. to attack Iraq." The author cited LaRouche's answers, from the collapse of the financial-economic system, the financial oligarchy controlling the drumbeat for war, and their plans for redrawing the whole map of the Middle East; also Senators McCain and Lieberman's role as mouthpieces for the oligarchy; and finally the intellectual ground for the Clash of Civilizations and war party as represented by Brzezinski, Kissinger, and Huntington.

Kedidi gave LaRouche's view of the objective behind the Sept. 11 attacks as pushing the United States into a war against Islam, from Iraq to Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and so forth. "The result of these wars, according to the war party, would be the destruction of the new bridges being built among China, India, Russia, and Pakistan, and to isolate Central Asia and reshape the Middle East."

Kedidi cites LaRouche, "The world today urgently needs an international development based on a community of principle, the which I have been fighting for for half a century. The world today is divided between developed and rich nations with a small population, and populated poor nations . . . this is a 'molotov cocktail' ready to explode. . . . And, unfortunately, those hawks are trying to light the wick."

Steinberg's analysis for *Al Watan*, written before the "get Saudi Arabia" Pentagon briefing was exposed, was entitled, "Heads Will Roll, but Whose Heads?" It described the frustration of Defense Policy Board members over American military leaders' opposition to their planned war on Iraq, opposition that includes the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "The members of the DPB threatened that 'many heads would have to roll' in order to ignite the war against Iraq," Steinberg reported.

"Lyndon LaRouche," Steinberg wrote, "announced that Richard Perle's behavior and that of the members of the DPB reminded him of the Adolf Hitler's circles, who targetted German military leaders for liquidation who were opposed to Hitler's crazy war plans. General von Schleicher, who was German Chancellor before Hitler's election in 1933, was actually assassinated by the Nazi Party due to his public opposition to the Nazi war propaganda. LaRouche asked: 'Are Perle and his friends proposing to assassinate American military leaders?' "

Steinberg gave many examples of the growing opposition inside the U.S. military against the proposed war against Iraq, and that they prefer the continuation of the "containment policy." He cited warnings that a war against Iraq now would create a series of grave crises in many parts of the world, especially in the Islamic and Arab states. He concluded the article, describing the nightmare of the top U.S. military leadership—Ariel Sharon. "The military leaders are convinced that Sharon is against any peace plan, and that he would find the first excuse to trigger a war in the region, in order to justify the forced transfer of 2-3 million Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan. Sharon would start that war the minute the U.S. starts its military operations against Iraq. The



Lyndon LaRouche was widely covered not only in Saudi Arabia in early August, but elsewhere in the Mideast as well; here, Turkey's Yarin newspaper carried several analyses by LaRouche associates in one issue.

coincidence of the U.S. attack against Iraq, and Israel's war against Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians, would convince the Arab and Muslim world that the U.S. and Israeli are conspiring against Islam."

Steinberg's conclusion went to the heart of the U.S. leadership fight, in which LaRouche is centrally engaged, and which vitally concerns *Al Watan*'s readers: "Richard Perle and his cohorts at the Defense Policy Board were right when they said that 'heads will have to roll.' Far better that it is their heads that roll, and that President Bush stands up to the pressures of these lunatics."

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