Editorial

Making Policy, Setting the Debate

On the eve of his July 2 international webcast from Washington, Lyndon LaRouche has set his agenda as the impeachment of Dick Cheney, to allow George W. Bush's Presidency—and the American and world economies—to be salvaged until the 2004 election can select a President LaRouche. He's been asked by political leaders and by interviewers, as by Bernie McCain of WOL in Washington on June 26, "How can Cheney be impeached?"—and the rest of the chicken-hawks removed with him. The evidence is mounting up—though some of these "political and intellectual leaders" may not be looking at it—that the answer to that question is simply, "Back LaRouche, and it will get done."

Only in March, LaRouche and his associates' exposure, in EIR and then in a mass circulation pamphlet, that the cabal which has grabbed control of the Bush Administration since 9/11 are [Leo] Straussians—and that meant fascists—was greeted in the same way. "What difference will this make to real power politics in Washington?" Three months later, LaRouche has changed the world. First, his exposé of the Straussians was echoed in press throughout the U.S. and Europe. Then it, and LaRouche personally, was viciously attacked for the exposé, precisely in the media which speak for international finance—the Wall Street Journal, the London Economist, the Swiss Neue Zürcher Zeitung, the London Financial Times. LaRouche was hitting the specific legacy of financiers' fascism—synarchism—which these publications support and represent in a global economic breakdown crisis.

On June 26, Germany's big daily *Die Zeit* published a devastating confirmation of LaRouche's definition of the fascist threat which must be removed from Washington. The essay was by Heinrich August Winkler, one of the most renowned historians of Germany, who wrote: "Is America presently living through the same thing that existed in Germany, more than seven decades ago: a *conservative revolution?* This is how people called and still call, that movement of the right-wing intellectuals who in the years after 1930. . . . One of its most influential representatives was the expert in state law, Carl Schmitt [the 'Nazis' Crown Jurist']. In 1927,

he presented one of his most famous essays, 'The Notion of the Political'. The specific political distinction, the one between friend and foe, was his core thesis, which soon was passionately discussed. The one reader who dealt with Schmitt in the profoundest way, was the German philosopher Leo Strauss. He had nothing against the friend-foe dogma. But he criticized Schmitt's critique of liberalism as not being radical enough. . . .

"From 1937 to his death in the year 1973, Strauss was lecturing in the U.S.A., spending his longest period at the University of Chicago. He became the center of a school that calls itself the *neo-conservatives* and which found under Bush the Younger what Carl Schmitt had looked for in vain: access to the one that had power. The most well-known Straussians of today include Assistant Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz; the founder of the neo-conservative central mouthpiece *Weekly Standard*, William Kristol; and Gary Schmitt, of the top echelon of the Project for the New American Century—one of the neo-conservative think tanks. They are on the way shown to them by Strauss: the perfecting of Carl Schmitt's critique of liberalism."

LaRouche has set the agenda: The entire world of U.S. allies is now looking at "the problem in Washington" in the way LaRouche defined it in March. And after a year of intense international interventions by LaRouche personally, the one hope in many of those countries is that LaRouche will carry out his intention to get Cheney impeached, and salvage the Bush Presidency with LaRouche's foreign economic policy for recovery from the global depression.

As the *Die Zeit* author admits in scholarly fashion, the problem in Washington is fascism, a relatively small cabal threatening fascism as Hitler's financial backers did when they conspired to get him appointed Chancellor. Nazism could have been stopped at that time, with the courage to adopt forms of the recovery measures FDR adopted in the United States. LaRouche can stop this cabal now, if its grip on the *Democratic Party* can be broken. How can Cheney be impeached? Watch LaRouche's July 2 webcast.

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