Editorial

Emergency Action in September

In an audio statement to the nation made Sept. 1, Lyndon LaRouche directly put the responsibility on all American citizens to mobilize for passage of his Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, as emergency legislation, *in September*. We cannot afford to wait any later than this month, LaRouche stressed, because the onrushing financial breakdown crisis threatens to *destroy our nation* in the immediate months ahead.

LaRouche expressed confidence that a mobilization could succeed in getting a veto-proof majority in both Houses of Congress, for his legislative proposal, as emergency legislation. (Go to www.larouchepac.com for the audio message.)

In addition to passing LaRouche's HBPA, the other urgent task is the removal of Vice-President Dick Cheney from office. LaRouche put it this way:

"The only other thing you might do, is get the ouster of the Vice-President. We couldn't throw out the President and Vice-President at the same time, and don't want the Vice-President to become the President. Therefore, we have to dump Cheney. That can be done, if enough Democrats and Republicans, especially their representatives in the Congress, decide to do that. It can be done. *Let's do it*. And let's get Cheney out, and proceed to the reform which I propose:

"Which means that no householder, under Federal protection, will be evicted from their home, and that no bank, or chartered bank, whether a Federal bank or a state-chartered bank, will be closed down. That does mean also that there is no possibility of tolerating putting valuable resources to bail out any other irregular financial institution. *The hedge funds must go.* The sooner they're gone, the sooner they're bankrupted, they're eliminated, the better off we're all going to be.

"Because we're going to have to rebuild this economy, including the physical economy. We're going to get back our industries. We're going to get back our agriculture, We're going to get back our infrastructure. We're going to get back dignity, and we're going to take our position of respected leadership among a community of nations in the world. And that's what we have to do.

"No funny stuff, no tricks, no games. Back to ba-

sics. *Think like FDR*. Act immediately in the month of September. Get the Congress to pass this kind of legislation, which creates a firewall of protection of every essential chartered bank, chartered on the state or Federal level. No matter what their problems are financially, we're going to keep their doors open. And we're going to give them Federal protection.

"We're going to give Federal protection to all householders, who are threatened with eviction. They're not going to be evicted. The states will help the Federal government do that. That is, the states will be the administrative arm, which locates the people who need the protection, and makes sure they're protected. But the states will act, through the Governor's office, on the basis of the support of Federal law. That's the way to do the job.

"Don't go with the monkey-business. Forget the gimmicks. We're out to save the nation. If we have, in September, the kind of legislation I've proposed, enacted, then, as emergency legislation, we can protect the United States with a firewall against destruction. If we don't do that, we may find a situation beyond recall.

"So, let's be patriots. Let's be neither Republicans nor Democrats at this moment. Let's be patriots—let's save our nation. Let's create a firewall to prevent the greatest depression that we've ever known."

It should be clear that the task which LaRouche has set out for the U.S. Congress is also of vital importance far beyond the United States itself. Without such a U.S. emergency domestic reform, the international reforms required—in specific, the re-establishment of a global, fixed-exchange-rate mode of Bretton Woods system of international and national credit—would not be possible. Shifting the United States to the FDR approach, is the first step toward getting U.S. cooperation with Russia, China, and India, in creating a nucleus around which to bring in other nations, for a world-wide recovery.

An uncontrolled hyperinflationary collapse of the present world monetary-financial system as a whole, would lead the world into a situation only comparable to the 14th-Century Dark Age. It is in September, within the U.S. Congress, where the crucial steps to stop that disaster for humanity must be taken.