Editorial

Cheney, Pelosi, and the Next War

Congressman Dennis Kucinich announced, on a nationwide phone hookup Oct. 23, that he will go before the U.S. House of Representatives to introduce a "privileged resolution" for the impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney, to force a floor debate on removing the president of vice. Kucinich said he will do this before Thanksgiving. "This House cannot avoid its constitutionally authorized responsibility to restrain the abuse of Executive power," the Ohio Democrat said. "Impeachment may well be the only remedy which remains to stop a war of aggression against Iran."

Kucinich's action should be supported, responded Lyndon LaRouche. But reality is that most Democratic members of Congress are prepared to punk out once again, as they kowtow to the so-called Party leadership represented by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Kucinich's Resolution 333, which calls for formal impeachment proceedings against Cheney, has garnered only 22 cosponsors, and they, and their constituents, have been unable, or unwilling, to get Judiciary Committee chairman John Conyers to buck Speaker Pelosi's ukase that impeachment should be kept "off the table."

LaRouche has called for the immediate removal of Pelosi, as we report elsewhere in this issue, but he is concerned to convey the depth of what the Pelosi problem represents. It's not just that Pelosi is an asset of the George Shultz/Felix Rohatyn crowd; she and her family are also an asset of the Kennedy family.

"Pelosi is acting as a quasi-Republican spy, an agent, but she's actually acting as a Kennedy agent," LaRouche said. "And that's what has to be emphasized. The Kennedy family has to clean up its act. That is the problem we're dealing with.

"Everyone in the Congress, everyone in the campaigns, knows this," LaRouche continued. "The campaign is to get a Republican such as Giuliani into the Presidency. And how to do that—that can be done only by keeping Pelosi in the position she's occupying now! She actually should be retired. And any Democratic Presidential campaign, should say, 'retire Pelosi now, before she does more damage!'

"But, that's the game. And the game is, the Kenne-

dys have agreed, or at least the majority—some of the members have not agreed to that—but the majority have implicitly agreed to having a fascist regime in the United States, in the next election. A role which Giuliani would be a suitable agent for, if people actually know what his real background is."

But there's an even more immediate problem created by Pelosi's control—as indicated by Kucinich's decision to bypass traditional procedures to take his impeachment resolution to the floor. The smell of war is in the air.

It would be hard to find a more striking indication of how close a Cheney-determined war against Iran would be, than the statements made by Russian President Vladimir Putin in Lisbon, Portugal on Oct. 26. Putin, who has personally been on a non-stop diplomatic effort to prevent a new war in Southwest Asia, first declared his commitment to enforcing the Non-Proliferation Treaty, with respect to Iran and other nations. He then turned his attention to the U.S. government, which had just declared unilateral sanctions against Iran:

"Why exacerbate the situation now, pushing it towards deadlock and threatening sanctions and military action? Only a short time ago it seemed as though it would be impossible to resolve the North Korean nuclear issue, but peaceful means were found nonetheless, and we are now well on the road towards settling this problem. I do not think that running around like a madman with a razor, brandishing it in all directions, is the best way to resolve problems of this kind."

When the second major nuclear power in the world calls the U.S. Vice President a "madman with a razor," even if not by name, can there be any doubt that the situation is on the edge of going out of control?

We as a nation face a deadly peril, not just because Cheney is a war-mongering sociopath, and Kennedy-Rohatyn asset Nancy Pelosi has determined to submit to his madness. The fundamental problem we face is a failure in our own citizens' willingness to take responsibility for our nation's future, rather than try to wish the danger away. Listen to LaRouche, and deal with the Cheney and Pelosi problems, once and for all.

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