

## LaRouche's D.C. Declaration

*This is Lyndon LaRouche's Nov. 22 declaration of candidacy for the Washington, D.C. Presidential primary, defining the leading principles of his campaign for the capital district's voters' guide.*

There are two issues which define the present challenge to all candidates for the 2004 U.S. Presidential nomination. The first is U.S. military policy. The second is the failure of the present Administration and most among the U.S. Congress to acknowledge the reality, for the U.S.A. itself, of the world's presently onrushing general monetary-financial crisis.

The conditions of the poor within the District of Columbia itself contain a sharp and brutal reflection of those two much-neglected realities. This D.C. primary election puts the baby, those and related issues, on the doorstep of the Presidency and Congress, where responsibility for that neglected child of government belongs.

The present military policy of the United States gov-

ernment is that doctrine of preventive nuclear-armed warfare which Vice-President Cheney attempted to introduce, unsuccessfully, during his service as Secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush. This is the policy which Vice-President Cheney has been pushing since the immediate aftermath of the nightmare of September 11, 2001. Since January 2002, as a result of that policy, U.S. relations with the rest of the world have degenerated to a degree beyond anything in our memory of the past century and earlier.

The United States is gripped by a monstrous, cancerously growing national current accounts deficit. Our national debt spirals at an accelerating rate. Nearly all of the Federal states of the nation are now virtually bankrupt. The very name of ~~×general welfare×~~ has become a cruel insult to the sections of our national population within the ranks of the lower eighty percent of family-income brackets. This economic problem can be solved, if our nation is willing to think like the President Franklin D. Roosevelt who rescued the nation from Coolidge-Hoover catastrophe to build us, once again, into being the greatest productive power on this planet during the first two post-World War II decades.