

59 Days To Change History: A Moment Of Epic Decision

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The semi-annual conference of the LaRouche movement in the United States brought together approximately 900 persons at locations in Northern Virginia and Southern California on Sept. 4-6, to deliberate on how to save the United States, and the world, from disaster—specifically, the re-election of George Bush and Dick Cheney on Nov. 2. As Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. put it in his keynote address, entitled “A Moment of Epic Decision,” this is not a fight to win an election; “it’s a fight to turn the course of history.”

LaRouche, speaking before a polemical conference banner that read, “The Crash You Were Hoping for Is Here!” developed the key themes which define how this fight for the nation can be won, in the course of his keynote (which we print below). These themes were then picked up by subsequent presentations. In the evening of the first day, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the leader of the German political party Civil Rights Movement Solidarity, and LaRouche’s wife, spoke on the theme, “The Crash Began in Germany.” She stirred the audience with a lively account, full of audio-visuals, of the progress of the 1989 Peaceful Revolution in Germany, which led to the fall of the Berlin Wall, and set the basis for the growing mass strike which the LaRouche Youth Movement is leading today.

On the morning of Sept. 5, two members of *EIR*’s economics team, Marcia Merry Baker and John Hoefle, gave a powerful review, with visual animation, of the rise and decline of the U.S. physical economy, in the form which LaRouche said must be used to awaken the lower 80% of income brackets of the United States, into action in the coming election.

That afternoon, LaRouche joined with his national spokespersons, Debra Freeman and Harley Schlanger, to present “The War Plan for November,” an outline of the method by which the LaRouche Youth Movement, in particular, has created the conditions in which LaRouche can shape both a landslide victory for the Kerry candidacy, and a Kerry Presidency armed with a team which can allow him to deal with the economic, financial, and strategic crises the world faces.



Lyndon LaRouche addresses the Labor Day weekend conference of the Schiller Institute, in Reston, Virginia: “Young people have to . . . get a sense that we can change the direction of society, in the direction of creating a landslide victory for Kerry. Not for Kerry—but Kerry, as the instrument of our victory.”

This was followed in the evening by a music panel devoted to the recently deceased vocal coach Sylvia Olden Lee, which served as a pedagogical demonstration of both the power of Classical music, and the quality by which an individual achieves immortality, by devoting his or her life to truth, and the welfare of future generations.

After a business meeting on Sept. 6, the hundreds of youth attending, both on the East and West Coasts, threw themselves into a cadre school, from which they intended to emerge on the morning of Sept. 8 with an all-out political offensive into the elections, determined to accept nothing less than victory.

Creating a Landslide Victory

As LaRouche pointed out in his opening remarks, the conference was occurring in the aftermath of a significant shift in the Kerry Campaign, which had just accepted the advice of the grouping around former President Bill Clinton, and downgraded the mis-advisors, like Bob Shrum, who have been blunting the Democratic message. Specifically, Clinton advisor Joe Lockhart has been brought onto the campaign. Shrum was responsible for the victory of Arnold Schwarzenegger in California’s gubernatorial race last year, LaRouche said; what idiot would want him in charge of this Presidential campaign?

The Clinton grouping has been consistently working in parallel with LaRouche and his youth movement, with the purpose of getting candidate Kerry to make contact with the forgotten men and women of the Democratic Party, and to sharply differentiate himself from Bush. For this reason, the sudden hospitalization of the former President on Sept. 3, in preparation for heart bypass surgery, is strategically signifi-

cant, because it will likely prevent him from campaigning in the crucial pre-election period.

When she opened the question period after LaRouche’s keynote, Debra Freeman called for the audience to authorize a message of best wishes for a speedy recovery, to President Clinton. This was done by acclamation.

Over the two days before the conference, Kerry had begun to counterattack the President, particularly in pointing out the outrage of draft-dodger Cheney attacking his Vietnam War record. There was no confusion in anyone’s mind, however, as to the responsibility that lies with the LaRouche movement itself, for ensuring a Kerry victory. The crucial factor, LaRouche emphasized, was the role of the LaRouche Youth Movement in sparking a transformation in the Democratic Party, and the forgotten men and women of the country, to begin to see themselves as moral citizens who must determine the future of their country, rather than as herded, or hunted, cattle. What has to be generated is a social *movement*, which will pull people into the political fight en masse, in order to bring about a landslide.

Such a landslide is the only way in which the plans of the Cheney-Bush team for fixing the elections, by voting machine fraud or otherwise, can be defeated, and in which conditions can be created for Kerry to govern as a great President, in the interest of the general welfare of the population, LaRouche said. What makes a great President is not just a good person, but a good person faced with a world-shaking crisis, and surrounded by a team of advisors who can provide him with the proper guidance on the crucial issues of the day. We have to create the circumstances in which Kerry becomes a great President, because that is what the times demand.