

LaRouche: ‘The Greatest Part of Our Food Supply’

Speaking on Sept. 15, 2005, at a webcast from Washington, D.C., after Hurricane Katrina, Lyndon LaRouche called for emergency re-building measures for the entire U.S. economy, stressing the significance of the Mississippi Basin:

Remember, the greatest part of our food and export supply comes from an area which is between the two mountain ranges, the Rocky Mountains and the Allegheny Mountains. And you have river systems which flow down there: These river systems are not only water systems, they’re also transportation systems. The greatest amount of our exports comes from these areas—western Pennsylvania on down on one side, and so forth on the other. They come down toward the mouth of the Mississippi, into the Gulf area. And there, they are exported to the world. And then, of course, you have some transport that goes up the river, in reverse, but more comes down.

So this area, the whole area, has been in a process of economic collapse, from western Pennsylvania—the whole area, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, the grain states in general. They’re in a process of collapse, and *have been*, in a process of collapse, over a period of more than 30 years. It’s actually industrial collapse. Whole communities have vanished, or virtually vanished.