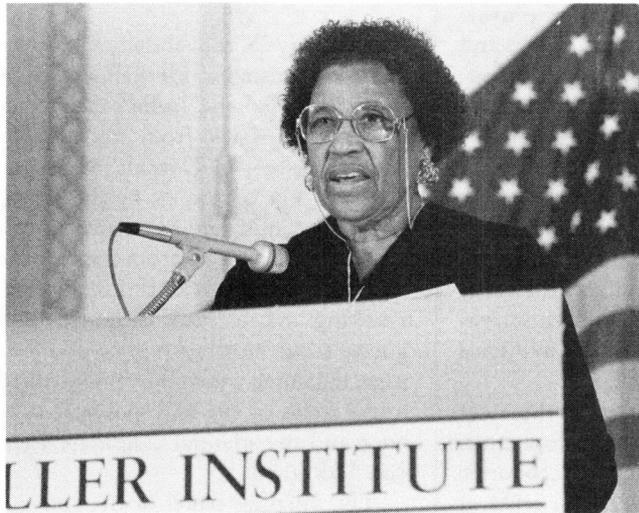


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Call for worldwide day of prayer: Amelia Boynton Robinson (left), Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

Judge Denies LaRouche New Trial; World Day of Prayer for LaRouche Freedom

Despite overwhelming new evidence that the U.S. government suppressed exculpatory evidence in order to obtain the politically motivated conviction and imprisonment of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and in the face of growing international opposition to this violation of human rights by the U.S. government, Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan issued an arrogant and brutal decision on May 15 denying the motion for a new trial filed by LaRouche and two of his co-defendants.

Mr. LaRouche issued the following statement upon hearing of the decision:

“An appropriate comment in response to the denial of the 2255 motion in my case by Federal District Judge Albert V. Bryan is to cite Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz in *Der Spiegel*, where he compares the Supreme Court under William Rehnquist to Nazi judges of the Third Reich.”

Bryan’s 18-page decision characterizes the 2255 motion as “a reiteration

of assertions voiced at the trial, namely, that there was a ‘conspiracy’ to silence the political movement of defendant LaRouche and his associates; that the goal of the conspiracy, insofar as the trial in this court was concerned, was to destroy the movement through criminal convictions of the defendants; that it involved the destruction of the movement’s financial ability to repay loans which were the subject of the indictment. . . . The conspiracy in this scenario is said to have begun as early as 1982 and included among the conspirators the former Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger; the Director of the FBI; the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; attorneys in the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney’s office; officials of the CIA, IRS, and the FEC; agents and agencies of Loudoun County, Virginia, and other counties and states, including Virginia, Massachusetts, and New York; the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith; and the National Broadcasting Company and other media.

“Unable to prevail on this argument at trial, the defendants claim that new evidence developed since trial reveals a massive cover-up by the government and others. . . . As a consequence of this conspiracy, the defendants say they were convicted.”

Bryan puts in a footnote, “The notion that the movement’s significance would prompt such retaliation was characterized by the court at sentencing as ‘arrant nonsense.’ The term when transcribed appeared as ‘errant nonsense.’ Either word will do.”

Bryan then spends fifteen pages adopting the Government’s position on the evidence presented. He then concludes:

“If everything that the defendants now say should have been revealed at or before trial had been revealed, there is not the slightest possibility, much less the probability, that the result would have been different. This was not a close case. In their ranging attack on governmental behavior, characterized by seeing in a multitude of public and non-public figures acts of persecu-

tion, the defendants pay scant attention to the real issues in the case. . . .

"The evidence that these defendants never intended to repay the investors was overwhelming. To say that the government, or anyone else, caused the defendants to be convicted because it was motivated by a desire to destroy LaRouche's movement is to ignore the evidence in the case."

He concludes, "Nor will the court permit further discovery or an evidentiary hearing. After three years in which the defendants have had access to transcripts of numerous intervening state court hearings, had numerous investigators pursuing the histories of jurors and witnesses, and interrogated everyone remotely connected with the case, they have come up short. Further proceedings in this court are unnecessary."

World Day of Prayer

In response to this development Helga Zepp-LaRouche, LaRouche's wife and the founder of the Schiller Institute, and Amelia Boynton Robinson, civil

rights activist and recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Award in 1990, issued the following call for a worldwide ecumenical day of prayer:

"The world is heading more and more towards an apocalyptic crisis, with conflict and war flaring up in many areas of the world. A horrible war is being waged in the former country of Yugoslavia, while terrible danger is looming in the Transcaucasus. Poverty, disease and starvation are taking an incredible toll, with twenty million people threatened with starvation in the immediate future in Africa alone.

"Also in the United States there are extremely worrisome developments. Because of a total lack of economic development, an accelerating crisis of the cities is emerging, of which the events in Los Angeles may only have been the foretaste. Judicial barbarism is reigning, as illustrated by the increasing number of virtually public executions, a travesty which cannot happen in a civilized nation.

"There is one man, who has devoted his entire life's work to overcoming the source of all of these problems, by fighting for a just New World Economic Order based on Christian principles in economics. Such a just economic order would allow the development of all human beings living on this planet, all of whom are created in the image of God with inalienable human rights.

"This man, Lyndon LaRouche, has spent the last three and a half years as a political prisoner in jail in the United States, despite the fact that thousands of legal experts and parliamentarians from around the world, have expressed their conviction that he is innocent. Now the court has refused to allow a new trial to present an overwhelming mass of new evidence. So all legal routes are exhausted.

"We therefore call for a worldwide day of prayer between the 5th and 7th of June, when churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples should designate one minute of silent prayer for the freedom of Lyndon LaRouche and ask all people of good will to pray to God to intervene."

LaRouche Allies

On May 28, near the site where the conquistador Hernando Cortés first assembled the Indian army that won Mexico back from the hideous Aztec empire—in Tlaxcala, Mexico—a convention sponsored by the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSI) drew together forces from most of the leading Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking nations of America and guests from North America and Europe, to launch a new movement allied to the ideas of the U.S. political prisoner and presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

The opening panel of the convention must have sent shock waves around the world, as imprisoned leaders of the continent's resistance to the fascist austerity policies of the Anglo-American financial interests, and to their all-out assault on national sovereignty, expressed their support to the gathering. Speaking from their respective prison cells by written and recorded messages were **Lyndon LaRouche**; **Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín** of Argentina, the hero of the Malvinas War who is serving a life sentence for having led a military action in December 1990 against the Menem government's betrayal of the nation; and prisoner of war **Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega**, who was abducted, tried, and convicted by the U.S. government in a monstrous military invasion of Panama which trampled on international as well as U.S. constitutional law. In addition, the imprisoned **Commander Hugo Chávez Frías** of Venezuela, leader of the February military uprising against the corrupt "democracy" of President Carlos Andrés Pérez, was represented by his brother, Adán Chávez, who attended the convention, brought special greetings, and read the program of the insurgent patriots.

Warm greetings and a blessing were also given at the opening of the convention from the Catholic bishop of Anápolis, Brazil, Dom Manuel Pestana Filho.

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