President Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., was the keynote speaker at a July 17 Executive Intelligence Review seminar in Washington, D.C., entitled, “It’s the Financial System, Stupid!”

Attending the invitation-only seminar were 120 people, including former U.S. Congressmen, current and former state legislators, diplomats and political leaders from nations in Africa, Europe, and Ibero-America, members of the press, and representatives of trade union, religious, and Civil Rights organizations from the Washington, D.C. area.

LaRouche’s subject was the “global, strategic” battle that is taking place in Pennsylvania, created by his call for the impeachment of Gov. Tom Ridge for Nazi-like crimes against humanity.

Cross the River

In outlining how he had chosen Ridge as his target, LaRouche pointed to the example of 1793 France, overrun by enemy armies that were victorious on every front. Military defeat was inevitable, said LaRouche, until Lazare Carnot reorganized the French military, firing major generals who had committed two “terrible crimes”: They failed to cross the river during the night, and spent too much time in the barracks.

Rather than confronting the enemy on a broad front, Carnot focussed the military power of France on specific points, to turn the flank of the enemy and rout him.

That is exactly what we’re doing in Pennsylvania, LaRouche said. In order to ensure that the Democrats win the House and Senate in November, and to defeat the “Contract On America,” the first thing you have to do is to get the troops out of their barracks.

Attack on Axioms

LaRouche explained that his attack is not on specific issues, but on axioms. “People don’t have opinions; opinions have them!”

To solve a political problem, such as why people tolerate the Nazi-like policies of Tom Ridge, we have to find the axioms, like Socrates in a Platonic dialogue. We must “smoke out the axiomatic assumptions that control people.”

The things in your mind control you, he said, precisely because you are unaware of them. “Think about the way you think,” he challenged the audience. When faced with an event, you will evoke a proposition in one way or other, and say, how shall I respond to this? You articulate a response; that’s a proposition. But you’re
not necessarily wedded to it. If you take the responsibility to examine what you really want to do, and act on it, then it becomes a theorem. You say, “Does this proposition pass the test?” Should you correct what is to become a theorem, you end up with an opinion, a considered opinion, which decides how you would act.

But, now step back and examine this, said LaRouche. You don’t respond to events, to reality. Your assessments are controlled by beliefs that are largely hidden from you. This is responsible for every decision you make. This is what controls you; it’s like puppets and puppet strings. You’re controlled by your axioms, your postulates, your definitions.

The progress which mankind has made over the centuries, LaRouche said, is based precisely on the fact that man can free himself from this process. He’s not just a jackass who has to be exactly like his father, and his father before him. If human beings behaved like this, like Prince Philip, like a higher ape, they would make monkeys of us all!

However, LaRouche said, we can examine beliefs. The process of scientific and technological innovation is a violation of what your father and grandfather did. It is the process of discovery, which sets us above Prince Philip. The basis for that process is described in Genesis 1:26-30—man is created in the image of God.

Impeach Tom Ridge

LaRouche reviewed the evidence against Ridge: “This is not an act of first impression. We have to impeach Ridge for crimes for which Nazis were indicted, sentenced, and executed at Nuremberg. This is not an analogy. This is a real, honest, God-fearing crime.”

“This man, under the pretext of balancing the budget, with other resorts at hand, set out to kill people, knowing, that this would kill people. He has targeted a group of 220,000 relatively helpless people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for withdrawing of their medical cards, which would cause, according to the best estimate, 3,500 deaths within the first six months.”

If you actually get Ridge impeached, LaRouche said, this will change the national elections. He pointed to the fact that Dole was then seriously considering

733 State Representatives Sign LaRouche Exoneration Call

Support in the United States for the exoneration of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., has reached unprecedented proportions, as 733 current and former state representatives of both major political parties had, by Aug. 3, signed an open letter to President Bill Clinton, calling upon him to exonerate Lyndon LaRouche. This represents approximately ten percent of the number of elected state representatives in the nation.

States in which more than ten legislators have endorsed the Open Letter, include: Alabama (29), Arkansas (17), Connecticut (14), Idaho (17), Indiana (12), Kansas (12), Kentucky (14), Louisiana (17), Maine (12), Michigan (19), Mississippi (60), Missouri (10), Montana (37), New Hampshire (52), New Mexico (25), North Carolina (21), North Dakota (37), Oklahoma (14), Pennsylvania (20), Puerto Rico (20), South Carolina (25), South Dakota (23), Tennessee (32), Utah (17), Vermont (19), West Virginia (16), and Wyoming (13).

In addition, the call has been endorsed by 29 former U.S. Congressmen, 415 elected municipal and county officials, 60 U.S. religious leaders, 300 human rights and community leaders, and over 100 trade union and farm organization leaders.

Internationally, signatories include three former heads of state, including former Presidents Arturo Frondizi of Argentina and Manuel Solis Palma of Panama, and other leaders, such as former Prime Minister Dr. Abdelhamid Brahimi of Algeria; Dr. Jozef Mikloško, former Vice Prime Minister of former Czechoslovakia; Prof. Dr. Hans R. Klecatsky, former Justice Minister of Austria; Yao-Tung Chao, Minister of Economic Affairs, Taiwan; and Mounir Chafiq, Chairman of the Islamic World Organization for Human Rights in Amman, Jordan.

Federal Judge Denies Habeas

Despite this growing movement for exoneration, on July 26 U.S. District Court Judge Richard L. Williams refused to overturn the fraudulent conviction of LaRouche associate Michael Billington in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ignoring all evidence presented in a two-day hearing in May, in which Billington proved he was denied a fair trial, the judge instead launched a venal attack on LaRouche, and anyone associated with him.

“Billington wished to make his trial a platform to defend and extol the virtues of various LaRouche entities and LaRouche himself . . . .” Williams blathered in his opinion.

Contrary to this politically motivated ruling, Billington proved at the May hearing that he was denied his constitutional right to a lawyer, while other evidence presented at the hearing showed that his lawyer’s trial performance was so poor, that he agreed to let the prosecutor present false evidence, which helped lead to Billington’s conviction.

Other documents showed that prosecutors withheld exculpatory evidence during the trial—but in January, Judge Williams refused to hear evidence of prosecutorial misconduct.

Billington and four other LaRouche associates—Anita and Paul Gallagher, Laurence Hecht, and Donald Phau—remain incarcerated in Virginia. Mr. Billington is serving a sentence of seventy-seven years.

Ridge, a mass-murdering criminal, as his vice-presidential running-mate.

LaRouche discussed the policy of putting a tax on speculative financial transactions, which has been introduced in Pennsylvania’s Legislature, as a real solution to the budget deficit—one which won’t kill thousands of people.