Use Constitutional Powers To Restore the General Welfare!

Speaking by teleconference to a Washington, D.C. EIR seminar, and by webcast live to an international audience on November 14, former Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., addressed the current electoral crisis in the United States, as a unique opportunity to deal with the stench of corruption from the entire political process of the election.

In a 50-minute address, LaRouche called upon Americans to use the immediate period before the convening of the Electoral College on December 18, to follow the intent of the U.S. Constitution, and engage in calm, sober reflection on how to remove the danger of fascism, and to restore the General Welfare, in the midst of the onrushing global economic and strategic crisis now threatening all nations.

LaRouche emphasized that the election crisis which has erupted in the U.S. now, is to be regarded as a probable act of Providence, in the sense that it compels the U.S., its leading institutions, and its citizens—including the institution of the Electoral College—to use that crisis itself as the occasion to reexamine the evidence of the sundry qualities of combined fraud and other wrongs against the intent of our Constitution which had brought the process of the Presidential election to that cumulative state of pervasive and systemic corruption which expressed itself in the circumstances of the November 7 election crisis.

**Ghost of 1933**

The world at large, and the United States itself most immediately, are now haunted by the ghost which menaced Germany in January 1933. During that January, the elected next President of the U.S.A., Franklin Roosevelt, and forces, such as those centered in the Friedrich List Society of Germany, were committed, on both sides of the Atlantic, to kindred policies for dealing with the effects of the worldwide Great Depression of 1929-1933. Then, as now, the opponents of President Roosevelt’s policy aimed to defend the overreaching power of those very Anglo-American financial interests which had caused that depression, by using measures of austerity based upon a savage looting of the populations, and by brutal political measures designed to destroy the peoples’ means to resist such depredations.

The leading forces of sanity in the world then, were typified in a most significant way by Roosevelt’s occupancy of the U.S. Presidency, over the hateful objections of Wall Street-centered financier interests, and of forces in Europe then politically allied with those same financier interests. Roosevelt and Germany’s Chancellor von Schleicher were leading elements of the resistance to the support for fascists from those same international financier interests, including the Wall Street interests, which funded Hitler’s rise to power at the close of January that year. A few weeks later, Roosevelt succeeded in his timely occupying of that Presidency to which he had been elected, but the financier interests associated with Britain’s Montagu Norman, had already imposed the choice of Adolf Hitler on Germany. We know the hateful consequences of that Hitler takeover for the world at large.

‘Southern Strategy’

Today, such an internal, Nazi-like threat to the U.S. itself, is represented by the overreaching, fanatical power attained by that combination of the slaveholder and shareholder legacies—the so-called “Southern Strategy”—which exerts today what too often amounts to virtual control over the political decision-making processes of the leading parties. This combination’s domination of powerfully funded forces controlling the recent Presidential selection-process, up to the point of the November 7 election, was the agency which polluted the conduct of the elec-
LaRouche zeroed in on the case of France’s Napoleon Bonaparte, the “first modern fascist,” as a crucial historical example of how empires create their own doom. In fact, as she stressed, the very dynamic of imperial looting dictates that, “the more an empire expands, the faster it brings about its own destruction.”

The case of Napoleon is particularly critical, she said, because it shows how such fascist dictatorships base themselves on the ideas of ancient Rome and the later Romantic movement, which glorify irrationalism and the cult of the will. The fact of the matter is, that the culture of the U.S. today is totally Romantic, Zepp LaRouche said, and we need a movement for the General Welfare that will oppose and destroy this.

LaRouche’s Forecasts

Edward Spannaus, Jeffrey Steinberg, and Nancy Spannaus devoted the final conference panel to an elaboration of the history of LaRouche’s forecasts. Edward Spannaus expanded on the first long-term forecasts, from the 1950’s, and then showed how devastatingly precise these forecasts had been. Nancy Spannaus picked up and discussed the other seven forecasts from LaRouche’s “Ninth Forecast” pamphlet.

Steinberg concluded with the stunning tenth forecast by LaRouche, his 1974 memorandum on the threat of biological holocaust if certain economic development measures were not taken, the accuracy of which is reflected in the AIDS holocaust today.

Political Prisoners Released

Pictured here are (l. to r.) Paul Gallagher, Anita Gallagher, and Michael Billington—the last of the “LaRouche” political prisoners—who have now been released from prison. They send a heartfelt thank-you to all those, throughout the world, who followed their cases and supported them during the time they were imprisoned.

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toral process, and which, in that process, created the vast and systemic corruption now presented to us by the unwholesome stench of the abortive Presidential election of November 7.

The Constitutional Question

At the conclusion of his presentation, LaRouche read the following statement, which poses the Constitutional question he sees currently before the United States:

“Two Constitutional questions are posed to us at this juncture. Considering the present circumstances, in which this election-crisis has erupted, does the U.S. have both the right, and the obligation, to pause now for calmed, sane, and sober reflection, during these weeks the Electoral College is being prepared: to consider, thus, the implications of that present danger to the very existence of our Constitutional republic and the welfare of the world at large? Have we the national will, as well as the Constitutional right, to consider thus the causes of that vast corruption which permeated the process leading into the Presidential election-crisis of November 7?

“My reading of the intent of the framers of the U.S. Constitution, and my reading of the circumstances of the choice of Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr, the selection of President John Quincy Adams, and the Tilden-Hayes crisis, indicates that we have not only precisely that right, and also that solemn obligation, to the founders of our republic, to our Constitution, and to our posterity, and to the world within which we have exerted great power, to use the means which our Constitution has prepared for like contingencies, to ensure the continued existence of our republic according to that solemn, Constitutional intent to promote the general welfare, that commitment to the common good, upon which the very existence of our republic was premised.”

On December 12, Lyndon LaRouche presented the second webcast in his “Election 2000” series, entitled “The Fall of Ozymandias.” The next webcast will be heard on Wednesday, January 3 at 1:00 p.m. EST, over www.larouchespeaks.com