Graham Lowry’s Historic Mission

Longtime LaRouche associate Graham Lowry died July 28 at Georgetown Hospital in the city of his birth, Washington, D.C., after a long illness. Lowry, who would have been 60 in August, was a leader in the LaRouche movement, a member of the National Committee of the International Caucus of Labor Committees, and—a former history professor who had left that career to work with LaRouche—the author (1988) of a seminal work on the history of America leading up to the American Revolution: “How the Nation Was Won: America’s Untold Story, Volume I, 1630-1754.” Lowry’s work most recently shaped the Spring 2003 Fidelio symposium on “Leibniz and the American Revolution.”

There are certain facts which must be noted, and said by me, at this time, so that we may seize the unique occasion of this moment, to mobilize our commitment to what we must do in honor of fallen soldier Graham Lowry’s importance for our association. We have in our hands an uncompleted mission, a mission for the benefit of humanity which he set into motion with his unique approach, as a working professional historian, to original researches into the Leibniz roots of the American Revolution of 1776-1789. On that account, I must take this moment to do something for our true patriot and historian Graham which he can no longer do for himself.

Graham has combined a sensitive regard for truth, with the addition of an indispensable, creative, personalized treatment of subject, which marks the distinctively irreplaceably personal mark left by the truly professional truth-seekers among historians. Such historians are the soul of the political intelligence profession, and the indispensable inspiration of the conscience of the true statesman. To serve those ends, the true historian’s challenge is to bring past history to life, as it actually was, as such among the greatest Classical dramatists and historians such as Friedrich Schiller did. So, the true historian brings belated justice to the sufferings and achievements of the past. He, or she breathes fresh life into a moment taken from the simultaneity of eternity. As I know of his state of mind from my discussion of this work with Graham himself, his approach in writing his celebrated book, was just that, and this shows in the reading.

The pioneering quality of his work, parallels that begin at a time before Graham defined his project, by the crucial, pioneering, 1970’s work of our deceased collaborator Allen Salisbury, by the contributions of the late statesman, freedom fighter, and friend Fred Wills, and by the two projects launched in echo of Allen’s work, the parallel undertakings by Graham and Anton Chaitkin. Yet, for more than a decade, the fundamental contributions to American historiography by Graham, and Allen earlier, lay fallow, unfinished, chiefly because of the takeover of the leadership of the organization in the Americas by a turncoat agent of our own association’s and the U.S.A.’s avowed Synarchist enemy, Fernando Quijano. The moment for justice on that account has come.

When that Quijano delivered his menacing, fraudulent version of world and American history, at a 1990’s conference, Graham, seconded by Chaitkin, had the courage to rise to the occasion to denounce that viciously fraudulent sketch which had been just delivered from the podium. Virtual illiterate Quijano promptly showed his special hatred for Graham’s work, just as Quijano had worked similarly in his attempt to discredit the 1970’s work of Allen Salisbury. In an especially vicious reaction to Graham’s intervention, the same Quijano and his corrupted accomplices, organized a political-lynch-mob effort at a rump meeting called for this purpose, to expel Graham from the National Committee, and to cut Graham out of the organization as much as possible.

As soon as I had the power to do so, years later, I organized the restoration of Graham to his proper position of leadership. Graham then moved to resume his work, as much as his seriously impaired health allowed. Now, only some important fragments of this more recent work survive, but we, Nancy Spannaus and relevant others, shall do our utmost to bring the intended result to completion, for the honor of our association, and for the benefit of mankind.

Graham will have his place in immortality. Thank you, Graham, for being.

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