

Editorial

Open letter to President Reagan

On Dec. 16, 1988, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. the founder of this review, was convicted along with six of his associates, of criminal fraud, in a trial which was such a miscarriage of justice that it can only be termed a railroad. The jury was chosen from among a pool that included many government employees, in a two-hour period, and defense attorneys were denied the right to disqualify jurors who could reasonably be expected to be prejudiced against LaRouche by reason of their job.

Nor were the attorneys allowed to direct questions to these jurors to probe presumed areas of bias. For example, Buster Horton, foreman of the jury, is an official of the Department of Agriculture, which is a hotbed of anti-LaRouche sentiment. The defense was forced to allow him to remain on the jury rather than use up a peremptory challenge, because other members of the pool were employees of the Justice Department and other government agencies, but were allowed to remain when they replied to cursory questioning by the judge that they did not feel that they were biased against the defendant. This was only par for the course in a trial preordained to convict. In the end, the seven defendants were convicted of 48 charges, after the jury deliberated no more than 15 minutes on average per charge.

Lyndon LaRouche is one of the great patriots of the United States, but he is also an international figure, friend of many nations—known and loved in Ibero-America, Africa, Asia, and in Europe. If this trial is allowed to stand, it will feature, with the assassination of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, and of Martin Luther King, as a blot on the United States—particularly since jailing LaRouche makes him vulnerable to assassination, perhaps disguised as a heart attack.

The editors of *Executive Intelligence Review* urge you, President Reagan, to use your constitutional authority to redress this portended gross miscarriage of justice against Mr. LaRouche and his six associates, and that you pardon them. Not only are they innocent of any crime, but they have been the victims of a most blatant abuse of justice by their political opponents. There is an overriding security interest to the United States in preserving Mr. LaRouche's life, and his avail-

ability to continue to carry on national missions of importance.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. has been a particular target of the Soviets. His commitment to the defense of NATO, his role in elaborating and campaigning for the policy of the Strategic Defense Initiative, have made him the spokesman of those who fear that the United States will lack the determination to counter Soviet aggression.

LaRouche and his associates have been under an especially intense attack for the past four years, since Mr. LaRouche identified Walter Mondale as a Soviet agent of influence, on national TV. Pro-Soviet circles in the Democratic Party have been determined to destroy him, but your administration has also been penetrated by these forces. In this regard we mention the infamous Mr. Armand Hammer, who not only has a well-known Soviet pedigree but is a spokesman of the grain cartels who work with the Soviets to use food as a weapon.

LaRouche has been a dedicated foe of malthusianism, and those who deem the poor, the elderly, and developing sector citizens as potentially useless eaters, to be eliminated at their whim. Throughout the world, particularly in Africa, millions are dying from the effects of malnutrition. Even here in the United States, people are dying of hunger, cold, and disease. The farmers in the United States, Europe, and New Zealand, who could provide the food, are being driven into bankruptcy by policies run out of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Food for Peace movement which LaRouche initiated has become a fulcrum of opposition to the policy of cutting back on food production in order to create a man-made, global food shortage.

As a nation we have survived many blunders. We can reverse the policy of appeasement to the Soviets and subservience to the malthusians, but if we allow the perversion of our justice system to serve political ends, this nation will quickly degenerate as a world force. If we allow LaRouche to be destroyed, we will not see his like soon again. His is the voice of mankind's future and it must not be stilled.