More international figures deplore jailing of Lyndon LaRouche

As Lyndon LaRouche and six associates on March 11 entered the seventh week of their incarceration on political frameup charges, personal statements of support have come from many prominent world figures, and articles have appeared in the international press decrying the perversion of justice in the United States. We publish some of these below.

As we reported last week, the international Martin Luther King Tribunal on Crimes Against Humanity, took up the case at its Feb. 25-26 conference in Arlington, Virginia. Two men are now in the second month of a hunger strike, demanding LaRouche's release: William Ferguson of Boston, Massachusetts, and Andreas Ranke of West Germany.

Brazilian congressman Luiz Salomão

This speech was given from the floor of the Brazilian Congress by Congressman Salomão on Feb. 28. Mr. Salomão is a representative of the Democratic Labor Party (PDT) from Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. President, fellow Congressmen:

Successive American governments, including that of Mr. Bush, have issued several denunciations of the state of human rights in those places where democracy is not fully exercised, and now they are also criticizing the actions of those nations that have mismanaged the natural resources in their territories.

We welcome those denunciations to the extent that they strengthen the struggle for democracy and for the preservation of the environment for future generations. But we repudiate the attempts, using that pretext, of American intervention into the domestic affairs of Brazil. We also reject Mr. Bush's threats regarding the highway that will link the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We recognize the incompetence and the irresponsibility of the Sarney administration on the issue of the environment, and we hope that those will lessen as soon as the Institute on Environment and Natural Resources is established. But we are clear that this is a problem that will be resolved by the people of Brazil as they increase their awareness.

It is therefore ironic, Mr. President, that I who accept the denunciations while rejecting the American intervention, come before you to denounce something of the utmost gravity that has taken place in that great country.

I have been informed of the trial and sentencing of the polemical American politician Lyndon H. LaRouche to 15 years in jail. The details available to me clearly show that there was an abuse of the powers of the judiciary, due to political pressures by the Reagan administration, which was persecuting that member of the Democratic Party who had become a thorn for the American "Establishment" with his controversial ideas about the international financial system, the arms race, and drug trafficking, among others.

The evidence is abundant: The sentence was 15 years, which is equivalent, for a man of 66 years of age, to life in prison; the charge was of *attempting* tax fraud, which, according to several lawyers, was not even defined; the trial was concluded in two months and two days, which could cause envy to Brazilian justice were it not for the various abuses that damaged the sacred right of the accused to defend himself.

The illustrious jurist and professor of constitutional and international Law, Dr. Friedrich von der Heydte, of the universities of Mainz and Würzburg, has drawn a parallel between the trial of Mr. LaRouche and that of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, where political considerations outweighed the rule of law.

I bring this denunciation not because I am moved by political agreement with the thinking of Mr. LaRouche, because the little I know of it, seemed a little too exotic to my taste.

However, I could not but question the coherence of the government of a country that was once considered the "temple of liberty" on this lamentable occasion, in which someone has been victimized by sophisticated techniques of political persecution, clearly damaging the human rights of its citizens.

The ball is now in the court of the American Embassy, which could provide the explanations on this question.

Thank you Mr. President. [Applause and shouts of "very good, very good!"]

General Scherer, former German intelligence chief

Brigadier General Paul Albert Scherer (ret.), the former head of West German Military Intelligence (MAD), on Feb. 15 wrote this letter to Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche:

Dear Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche,

Due to my busy schedule of lectures and seminars, with which you are familiar, I have only just now had the opportunity to address this letter to you. I wish to convey to you, from me and my wife, our deepest personal sympathies in this most difficult period, concerning the fate of your husband.

My family, our friends, and those present at my lectures—to whom I have described the history of political persecution and the incredible sentence of 65 years imprisonment (running concurrently for a total of 15 years)—are deeply shaken to learn that something like this could happen in America, a country we esteem especially for its excellent Constitution. It is incomprehensible. We, who have known your husband for his selflessness, are deeply shocked. With profound regret and intense disappointment, we must recognize that in the West, too, moral degeneration of the State and political manipulation of the judiciary, of judges in particular, of the free press with its responsibility for the progress of society, and of the media in general—have gained the upper hand.

Those who fear your husband and his policies for a renewal of our society, which are not the least bit extreme, are now cast in a peculiar light. For, how can such an honest man as Lyndon LaRouche, a man intensely concerned with improving justice in the world, be subjected to a draconian punishment as if he were a murderer, led out of the courtroom and thrown into jail in spite of the pledge to appeal the ruling, and all this without proof of his having committed any concrete crime? I have often enough visited the United States and stood in contact with high officials there, to know how to distinguish between the morally degenerate atmosphere of political mafias on the one side, and the solidarity of responsible American men and women, who fortunately still exist, on the other. In this sense I remain a friend of the millions of Americans, who yesterday as today desire to make the world a better place, and who are allied with us against a ruthless and sophisticated opponent-an opponent with no respect for human dignity, who acts as if he deserves a blessing for his withdrawal from Afghanistan and his inflationary proliferation of disarmament proposals.

Your husband is one of those Americans, upon whom we Europeans can always count, without suspicion. With his conception of politics as the path to restoring the morals of men and of states, and his proposals for renewing productive activities in our distorted consumerist "service" economies and among the exploited nations and peoples of the world, who are suffering from imposed backwardness, he has shown a practical way to insure peace and the survival of classical Western civilization.

We have witnessed the subversion of parts of our own governments, of the churches, of the judiciary, of political parties and trade unions, of the media and of sensitive sectors of industry, by agents of influence, provocateurs, saboteurs and spies. When we contemplate the totally unexpected negative developments on our side, we can only hope, that the coming outbreak of chaos and confusion in the Soviet empire, will awaken the forces of conscience among us, to combat these evils with greater force than has been the case up to now. If we show the way, this process of self-cleansing will wipe out the subcultures and counter-cultures. That can and must occur! By "we" I mean all persons of good will, from societies which are still free, as well as those which will become free. The latter will bring to us their bitter experiences, and show us what we must avoid, in order to guarantee a lasting Renaissance in the future. In the context of this process, soon to occur, your husband would be freed from prison, where political death threatens him as a result of the fear of certain circles, that they might be dethroned from their positions of wealth and power.

Perhaps these prognoses of mine concerning developments in the East and their consequences in the West, may provide some comfort for you in this difficult situation. I am convinced that the colonial empire of the czars—and now, after a bloody shift of elites, of the Red Czars—is doomed to death in the "play" between East and West, by a disease which has grown more and more acute over the decades since 1904-05.

In this spirit I remain, with best wishes also from my wife, sincerely yours,

Paul-Albert Scherer

French resistance leader Gen. Revault d'Allonnes

Gen. Jean-Gabriel Revault d'Allonnes (reserves) is a Compagnon de la Libération, the closest associates of the late Charles de Gaulle. He sent this letter to Mr. LaRouche on March 4:

Dear Mr. LaRouche,

I am totally scandalized at the way you are being treated, both materially and morally.

The pretexts invoked by the court which has tried you are wrong, as is quite obvious from the fact that your lawyers did not even have the right to comment upon them. All of your



Paris, Feb. 17, 1989. In Europe, the jailing of LaRouche is being compared to the notorious frame-up trial of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus in the period before World War I.

friends in the civilized world, and you have an immense number of them, are also scandalized by what is inflicted on you. I would like, in order to relieve your distress the best I can, to transmit you certain thoughts which I owe to my personal experience of nearly 50 years ago.

In the history of modern societies, it has happened quite often that prominent personalities have, too, been judged in a summary way without their defense being able to assert its rights. It is undoubtedly rarer in countries with a democratic tradition, but, alas, it can happen, and it is precisely what is happening now to you and your associates.

The examples are numerous when, at the end, the results are completely the opposite of what the instigators or their accomplices expected. How many would-be statesmen, how many great political men, scientists, researchers, have seen their fame grow on the occasion of such injustices! The Virginia judges and all those who have encouraged them in their nasty job are giving you, quite involuntarily, a publicity which they certainly did not wish.

Keep holding on! The forces of evil can attack our carcasses. They cannot, they can never, attack our souls!

The Alexandria jail is horrible. To have locked you up in there is a cruelty which gives the true measure of your influence. But it is mostly a blunder rather than an error: a miscalculation. For, already now, such malevolence confirms the influence of your ideas, tightens up the links between your friends and yourself, and makes the pretension to reduce you to silence more and more impossible.

Keep holding on! Your friends are thinking of you. Keep holding on! This is what can hurt your enemies most. The

dark days which are imposed on you can only lead to a glaring light: that of Truth and Greatness.

This is my dearest wish. Your friend, General Revault d'Allonnes

Munich psychiatrist: 'Freedom for LaRouche!'

On March 1, psychiatrist Dr. Friedrich Weinberger of Munich, West Germany, wrote the following letter to Andreas Ranke, who has been on a hunger strike since Feb. 7. Ranke is the grandson of Gustav Heinemann, the first President of the Federal Republic of Germany. Dr. Weinberger, who wrote the letter as a private person, is the chairman of the German Federation against the Political Misuse of Psychiatry, an organization mainly concerned with abuse of psychiatry in the Soviet Union. Dr. Weinberger is also a prominent anti-drug fighter.

Dear Mr. Ranke,

In the situation of a hunger strike for Lyndon LaRouche which you have engaged yourself in, words of sympathy and support are necessary. I have been following the work of LaRouche for some time. Many of his statements I often considered as hardly believable, as exaggerated or even superfluous. On other points, for instance his fight against the drug plague or his defense of our system of values and our security, I learned to esteem his positions all the more highly, as our politicians were giving up the fight more and more. Therefore, I want to thank you for standing up with such high personal commitment for a man who has become destitute. Even higher than your standing up for the prisoner, I esteem your standing up for the state governed by law [*Rechtsstaat*], since all evidence does indeed indicate that Lyndon La-Rouche became the victim of a political show trial. Perversion of justice, however, cannot be tolerated, especially when it happens in a *Rechtsstaat*.

For obvious reasons, I so far have fought against the political misuse of my own specialty, against the political misuse of psychiatry, rather than against abuse of justice. Thus I had to concentrate mainly on events in the Soviet Union. In this connection, sympathy and support for hunger strikers rather went eastward. But from this work, which I never considered one-sided, I now convey to you my support.

I wholeheartedly wish your endeavor early success. Freedom for LaRouche!

With best wishes,

F. Weinberger

From India: 'Martyrdom of an American Bhutto'

The following article by Ravi Atroley, released in India by Publication Syndicates, was published in several Indian newspapers, among them the Hindi-language Lion of Haryana daily in Taridabad. The version here is from the Feb. 6 issue of Dainik Bhaskar, in Bhopal.

A small item published in a remote corner of some Indian newspapers earlier this week hardly attracted any notice. The news item was about the conviction of a "political extremist" in the United States. Behind this small item is a story which is as bizarre as it is shameful. The story unmasks the real face of those who control power levers in the United States which is said to be a literal democracy championing human rights and the virtues of individual dignity and the freedom of expression.

The "political extremist" is Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, Jr., who has unsuccessfully contested the U.S. presidential election four times. The 66-year-old LaRouche who is known for his secular views on world affairs, is basically a political economist, who spends his time in reading, writing and running his political organization.

The political beliefs of LaRouche and his band of highly dedicated followers do look strange. He firmly believes that most of world problems are because of British imperialism and its dangerous diplomacy. While the British colonial empire collapsed after the Second World War, its hidden ideological face continues to dominate and ravage the world. This British ideological colonialism dominates the United States and is the enemy of the people of America.

LaRouche calls the protagonists of the British ideological domination as the Eastern Establishment. They carry on their ideological warfare from institutions like Harvard University and Heritage Foundation. Thanks to the domination of the Eastern Establishment on the U.S., the country is becoming weak and bankrupt.

LaRouche and his followers are strongly opposed to the British liberalism which was the handiwork of Fabian socialists and anti-imperialists of the 19th century. LaRouche says that British liberalism was a fraud whose aim was to give a humane face to the ruthless exploitation of British colonies. He feels that the Eastern Establishment in the U.S. is perpetuating a similar fraud on the world now.

All this can be easily understood. However, LaRouche goes one step forward and links up British liberalism with Soviet Communism. He says that the interests of the two are complementary. Developing his logic LaRouche says that the Eastern Establishment is in fact a friend of the Soviet Union. Unless this international Eastern Establishment in the U.S. is checkmated, the U.S. will become a second fiddle to the Soviet Union.

The most important and dangerous leader of the Eastern Establishment is Dr. Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. Secretary of State. Now most of the people find it difficult to believe that an avowed anti-Communist like Dr. Kissinger could be a secret agent of Moscow. However, LaRouche proves this by his masterly analysis of the deteriorating economic situation in the U.S. and Latin America which is paving the way for the ultimate takeover of the world by the communists. The LaRouche Organisation brings out innumerable pamphlets, periodicals and books to argue and propagate its viewpoint. These periodicals and books contain at times well-researched articles. However, the tone is propagandist.

LaRouche has deep sympathy for India. He feels that the reason why India has not been able to come up even 40 years after independence can be found in the ruthless colonial exploitation of the country by the British. The British not only plundered the country; they polluted its education system. The British economists deliberately propagated such theories as would make Indians feel justification of their misery in their own failings. Even to this day Indian economists and planners are victims of these villanous economic theories of Adam Smith and Malthus who, LaRouche says, were on the employ of the East India Company.

It is said that Mrs. Indira Gandhi remained in touch with LaRouche all along. After her assassination, the LaRouche organisation brought out a book "Who Killed Mrs. Gandhi." The book said that killers Beant Singh and Satwant Singh were encouraged by some foreign powers.

These peculiar beliefs, which his organisation propagates

with great zeal, have resulted in creating powerful enemies for LaRouche and his organisation. He lives in strict security in his home in Virginia. However, his most powerful and dreaded enemies are the drug operators all over the world against whom he has been carrying on a massive international campaign. His campaign against drug mafias is really unparalleled. When District Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan sentenced him to jail for 15 years of charges of economic fraud in Alexandria on Jan. 27 last, the representatives of drug mafias present in the court welcomed the sentence by clappings.

However, the trial of LaRouche, in which six of his close aides have also been sentenced, has raised many ugly questions. The way he was charged and the way the case proceeded gives rise to the suspicion that there was a massive attempt to frame him and the conspiracy had the blessing and support of the U.S. Administration. The political beliefs of La-Rouche may be peculiar but one has right to one's beliefs and a great democratic country is supposed to protect an individual's right to express himself.

LaRouche is not an ordinary criminal. He is a political figure. It is difficult to find a similar example where a political figure has been framed up and sentenced in the manner in the U.S. before. His supporters say that the case is similar to the one lodged by the military regime of late General Zia against Prime Minister Z.A. Bhutto. They also apprehend that LaRouche may be killed in jail.

LaRouche is a devout Christian. He feels that what he is doing is for the good of men and his country. He feels that like all those who have stood by the side of truth it is his destiny to suffer in the hands of the powers that be. He considers himself a martyr and calls his trial as the Third Trial of Socrates, the powers that killed Socrates and then Christ. Now it is his turn.

U.S. civil rights leader Amelia Robinson

Amelia Boynton Robinson, a 78-year-old civil rights leader from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, was closely associated with the late Martin Luther King. Her statement was released in Paris on Jan. 31:

... As an American citizen and a citizen of the world, I have always believed that I was born to help others to be lawabiding citizens of the universe. I worked in one of the most remote and poorest parts of the country, in the black section, where plantation owners still had slaves to pick cotton. I laid my life on the line, not fearing death, only with a determination that the hands that picked cotton would pick political offices. And that their civil and human rights would be given to them, that they might be respected as human beings.

Is LaRouche frame-up linked to a world depopulation plan?

This open letter was sent to members of Congress—including notably the Speaker of the House and members of the Black Congressional Caucus—by Samuel L. Evans, chairman of the National Council of Public Auditors, chairman of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs, and chairman of the Family of Leaders.

Dear Congressman:

This may well be one of the most important letters you will receive during your lifetime. . . . For I address this letter to you requesting a Congressional investigation into the "allegations" that our government is financing research and development through genetic heredity engineering—to multiply certain viruses to kill specific racial groups . . . blacks, Jews, gays, and other "non-Aryans" with an agenda of: global depopulation, emphasizing Africa and Asia.

The multitude of allegations, statements, news articles, and personal testimony demands prompt clarification. For instance, it is alleged:

1) That Col. David L. Huxsoll, commander of the U.S. Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland, has received \$60 million for research in biological ethnic weapons.

2) That it might be possible to wage ethnic warfare by developing substances that affect one race more than another. According to *Newsweek* magazine, January 16, 1989, an example would include "Valley fever, which is much more likely to kill blacks than whites." Another substance, developed at a southern California university, is believed to kill only people with melanin in their skin.

3) That it is a coincidence that Fort Detrick, which Col. Huxsoll's biological warfare research is being conducted, is also the site of AIDS research.

I admire, appreciate, and commend Lyndon LaRouche for his stand against injustice. If his conviction stands unchallenged, then the inalienable rights of man are doomed, along with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which by this decision have been torn to shreds, ripped, trampled on, and ignored. 4) That this coincidence fuels the rumor, whether true or not, that the AIDS virus was genetically engineered at Fort Detrick and intended for extermination and depopulation as outlined above.

5) Further, it is alleged that Michael Meiers, an engineer, stated in his new book that the development of ethnic weapons . . . is a reality, and listed factions within the CIA as participants. . . . Also, a former chief of the U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Warfare Division, whom Meiers named, is said to have cultured the AIDS virus.

6) That Zaire in Africa, as well as surrounding states, was targeted for the first experiment, and anywhere from 20 to 30% of the population has been infected with the AIDS virus.

Because AIDS is the perfect biological weapon, it can be confined to specific groups, and since the incubation period can be as long as seven years, thousands can be infected before the first person in the chain displays any symptoms. . . . So today in Zaire and other portions of Africa, millions are walking cadavers.

7) It is further alleged that the world depopulation plan is to be accomplished through the following means:

a. By feeding the specific virus to mosquitos, flies, bedbugs, etc. (in human contact and environments).

b. By lacing the cocaine now being distributed in targeted communities and nations with AIDS and other ethnic genocidal weapons.

c. By intentional and/or accidental infections in health institutions and by prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

d. By contamination of blood banks.

8) That the public is being misinformed concerning the ways AIDS can be contracted.

It is to be admitted that all of the above-stated allegations (whether true or false) are a thousand times greater than: hollering "Fire!" in a crowded theater . . . but when a large number of important people throughout the world begin hollering about plans for global depopulation, causing death to billions of people, and set in force methods such as the above to accomplish that end, it would indeed create a world panic of distrust, fear, and struggle, unequalled in human history. And—

Further, it is alleged that many important people around

the world, scientists and scholars, are in hiding in fear for their lives because of their opposition and threats to expose the world genocidal plan. And then, to add fuel to the fire, comes an insert from a statement by Lyndon H. La-Rouche, which states as follows:

"I am currently a political prisoner in the United States, writing to you from the federal jail in Alexandria, Virginia, because I dared speak out against the racist, genocidal, planned global depopulation. . . . Like many others who are in hiding, who dared to speak out, I fear for my life even here in prison."

A committee representing LaRouche came to my office and discussed plans seeking an appeal and requesting the court to establish bail, because of LaRouche's fear of incarceration's consequences. . . . Certainly, these are not just ordinary or local statements and allegations.

Further, in his statement, Lyndon LaRouche involved and mentioned the names of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), leaders of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, and U.S. Surgeon-General Koop, for his collaboration with the World Health Organization in misleading the people about the AIDS crisis and its dangers to the world population.

The questions the public wants answered:

1) Are there certain people in hiding for fear of being killed by government agencies to silence them concerning the global depopulation plan?

2) Is Lyndon LaRouche a political prisoner being held in jail to prevent him from "jumping bail" or to halt his campaign against the global, racist depopulation?

3) Why is Lyndon LaRouche afraid he will not leave jail alive? Has there been any act on the part of any of our government agencies—CIA, FBI—to generate this fear?

These allegations go to the very *root* of our constitutional form of government and basic world human rights, and must be responded to by elected governmental officials on all levels. Nothing less than a Congressional hearing and investigation that may lead to a full world conference in the United Nations is needed to clarify and defuse the alleged mentally-deranged plan of world depopulation by ethnic weapons through genetic engineering and prevent world panic and fear.

Sincerely, Samuel L. Evans

This is not a black and white issue. This is a fight to save America and the entire world, the same world for which I worked so hard to establish dignity, respect, honest, and integrity.

Dr. King changed the hatred of most of the world. Why should we crucify Lyndon LaRouche, who is only trying to

remind us that we are destroying ourselves. . . .

I hope that people will reflect on what happened to this nation when Dr. King was assassinated, and on where we might be today had he continued to live and preach. Let us not make the same tragic mistake today with the life of Lyndon LaRouche.