

## Bush policy leading to war, says LaRouche

*In statements issued Feb. 4-5, statesman Lyndon LaRouche warned that George Bush's economic policies are leading to war. Excerpts follow.*

"George Bush so far has done nothing—nor has Ronald Reagan, except for the Strategic Defense Initiative proposal—to save the U.S. economy. All during these years, year after year, six-month period after six-month period, the U.S. economy has been collapsing. That is to say, basic economic infrastructure has been collapsing, agriculture has been collapsing, the number of farms has been collapsing, the number of acres of land in cultivation has been collapsing, the size of livestock herds has been collapsing, the amount of food produced per capita has been collapsing, manufacturing has been collapsing, exports have been collapsing, and the only thing that has helped the balance of trade is that imports have been collapsing, because we can no longer afford to buy imports, as we did years ago. This has been true under George Bush; in fact, the rate of collapse of the U.S. economy has been accelerating under George Bush, consistently, virtually every month, every quarter.

"Forget the money figures, forget the GNP, the so-called paper values; the fact is, the economy physically has been consistently collapsing over this period.

"The per capita indices of potential existence is another way of putting it: Potential population density, and productivity have been collapsing. They're collapsing in a different way, but to worse effect, in the Soviet empire . . . [and] in the Communist Chinese domain.

"Unless these collapses are reversed, there will be a physical disaster for entire nations. We're approaching the point that we can no longer sustain, effectively, half of the present population of the United States if this process continues a few more years.

### **Economic collapse will mean war**

"We are now at a point that, unless the railroad program, the Triangle Program, which we have specified for Central Europe, is implemented, we will have an international disaster. We might even have a new world war, erupting in the next couple of years, as a result of a failure to implement the Railroad Triangle program.

"There is no possible basis for anyone to oppose the efficient implementation of this program. And thus are sane men separated from fools.

"We are presently headed for World War III, that is, presuming that there is no effort to correct the effects of the condominium. If George Bush continues his present policy, we are headed for World War III in the short run. Not 100 years of peace, not 20 years of peace. We might have two years of non-war. That's the best we can have.

"We're headed for war. And we're not prepared for war. If you're not prepared for war, you're not prepared for war avoidance. And there's only one war we can have, apart from idiots' wars like that disgusting episode in Panama, and that's a war with the Soviet empire.

"It is precisely the U.S. buildup of a credible deterrent again which will cause the Soviet leaders to hesitate to launch war. This will work, provided we are able to provide the Soviets alternative solutions to their internal economic crisis, the kind of solutions which George Bush at present abhors.

"Developing the force capabilities for dealing with this Soviet war potential, is the only basis for war avoidance. Anything else is faulty."

LaRouche warned that "George Bush and his crew are in such a fit to defend both the special relationship to Soviet dictator Gorbachov, and to the ruinous and collapsing economic policies of the Reagan-Bush and Bush administrations, that they refuse to face any realities which might tend to show that Bush's present policies are unworkable or doomed.

"So those who say George Bush will 'continue' to stave off collapse are obviously some kind of idiots. George Bush has never staved off anything; he has accelerated the rate of collapse. It is inevitable, that one of two things must happen, unless George is to change his policies. If George continues his present commitment to ecological policies, like his so-called ecology minister William Reilly, if he continues to support International Monetary Fund conditionalities, continues to support deregulation, etc., then we can guarantee that either, very soon, there will be a collapse of about \$20 trillion of U.S. indebtedness, public and private, to maybe 20-25¢ on the dollar. That means wiping out real estate markets, wiping out banks, wiping out a lot of other things.

"Or, George might seek to avoid that by lowering interest rates and turning up the money machine, and giving us the kind of inflation experienced in Central and South America, which is another kind of collapse.

"So either way, if George continues his present policies, the U.S. economy is going to go through the worst collapse of the 20th century, with disastrous and murderous effects, quite literally. We're headed toward war, not peace, and we're headed into the greatest and deepest depression of the 20th century, as long as George Bush continues those policies for which he and his administration oppose me, the danger of war will increase, and the deepest depression of the 20th century will become a certainty."