

LaRouche's forecasts in Nigerian press

Lyndon LaRouche's forecasts of an imminent disintegration of the global financial system, and his solutions to the crisis, received prominent coverage in the dual English- and French-language African magazine *Conscience Internationale*, which hit the newsstands in Nigeria and throughout West Africa in the third week in October. The issue, which circulates throughout all the ministries of Nigeria, was released at the point that stock markets around the world were shaken by new major falls.

The cover headline of the magazine, which contained a 12-page interview with LaRouche in both English and French, read, "Exclusive Interview with Lyndon LaRouche, American Presidential Aspirant and World's Strongest Critic of IMF and World Bank." The glossy four-color cover features a picture of LaRouche; other, smaller pictures on the front are Princess Diana, Gen. Sani Abacha of Nigeria, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Inside, the lead editorial prefacing the LaRouche interview calls for a summit on LaRouche's "revelations," and to put forward a comprehensive

development plan for Africa.

The lead story in this issue of *Conscience Internationale*, headlined "Malaysian Prime Minister Attacks Speculation and Free Trade Policy," also reflects LaRouche's leadership in putting forward a plan for a just, new world monetary system. The article says that LaRouche's forecast is coming to pass, and reports on Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir's intervention at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Annual Meeting in Hongkong in September, and notes the *Wall Street Journal Europe* article on LaRouche's influence on Mahathir. The article states: "Dr. Mahathir has thus revived the sentiment of the Non-Aligned Movement of the 1970s and gives hope to other developing countries, especially in Africa, that someone is standing up to the blackmail pressure of the old imperialist powers behind the IMF."

The interview with LaRouche is prefaced by an editorial, entitled "Africa Must Rise Against the Imperialists' Bad Dream." The editorial says: "Walter Rodney prophesized perpetual doom of Africa under European rule." Rodney was tagged a radical Marxist for this, and paid the price for exposing the evil designs of the British—Rodney was assassinated. The editorial also cites the anti-imperialism of Frantz Fanon, but says:

"Lyndon LaRouche, renowned economist and the United States' number-one opposition leader, is playing the same tune, and *Conscience Internationale* cannot afford not to bring this message to the hearing of African leaders and African people at home and in the diaspora."

A summit on LaRouche's ideas

The editorial continues: "In the past 20 years, all predictions of LaRouche on the world economy and politics have come to pass. What about his revelations concerning the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund? He has sounded the alarm about how the Bretton Woods system and its imperial sponsors would not permit the development of Nigeria." He has sounded the alarm on how the so-called development programs of the imperialist countries are great gifts to cripple the African countries.

"*Conscience Internationale* believes it is high time Africa recognize the unchanged bad dream of imperialism—reduction of the population by fanning the embers of intolerance, resulting in the fratricidal wars we have seen in Nigeria, Burundi, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Algeria, Congo, Liberia, Gabon, Angola, and Chad in the recent years.

"It is our belief that Africa should regard LaRouche's apocalyptic revelations as a godsend. We strongly hold that Africa and Africa's leaders should never allow Britain's bad dream for the African continent to come to pass."

The editorial calls upon African leaders to call a summit on LaRouche's ideas. "We believe African leaders should hold a summit on LaRouche's great revelations and come out with a sincere blueprint for a rapid techno-economic advancement into the 21st century."

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