

## Editorial

### *A matter of national security*

Pressure is building in the U.S. Congress, and around the nation, for hearings to be held on the Citizens Protection Act of 1998, H.R. 3396, also known as the McDade-Murtha bill. As of this writing, 158 Congressmen from both sides of the aisle have decided to co-sponsor the bill, and the number is growing day by day.

This bill, which represents an overdue correction of the abuses carried out regularly by the Department of Justice and its prosecutors, is a matter of urgent national security for these United States. Unless the corrupt bureaucracy at the Justice Department is exposed and uprooted, the country is headed for disaster.

The strategic context for this evaluation is the pace of the onrushing financial collapse. Just as economist Lyndon LaRouche forecast back in March of this year, the "Asian" crisis has entered a second, more deadly phase, and the crisis conditions are spreading into Russia and Ibero-America. The first signs of derivatives disaster coming out of the Asian bankruptcies are also appearing, sending cold chills down the spines of the sentient bankers and policymakers in Europe and the United States. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan may be putting on a brave face, but he is aware of the \$140 trillion in derivatives contracts outstanding, and he is bluffing.

What Greenspan, and the largely London-based financial interests who call the shots in the world financial markets, understand, is that the outcome of this inevitable crisis is going to be in large part determined by one crucial institution, the Presidency of the United States. Therefore, whoever most influences President William Clinton is going to control the response to the crisis. This reality is what lies behind the accelerated impeachment drive, and renewed scandals, against the President. A President boxed in and distracted by the assault which he has been under, is not likely to undertake the Franklin Roosevelt-style measures which are necessary to reorganize the financial system to the benefit of the population, and at the expense of the bankers.

Hearings on the prosecutorial abuse by the Justice Department would do a lot to put the brakes on the outrageous drive to destroy President Clinton, but in themselves would not do enough to free up the President to do what is necessary. That will require another step, the exoneration of the only individual who has shown an understanding of how to deal with this crisis: Lyndon LaRouche.

Which is why the LaRouche political movement in the United States has not only demanded that Congressmen sponsor McDade-Murtha, but also that they place the LaRouche case at the center of those hearings. There is no example of judicial abuse which more thoroughly exemplifies prosecutors' violations of citizens' rights, than the LaRouche case. Every flavor of abuse—from suborning perjury, to withholding exculpatory evidence, to intimidating witnesses (to name just a few)—was committed in the LaRouche case over the decades in which it was pursued.

Many Congressmen have not found it hard to reach the same conclusion which we have: Forcing hearings on DOJ misconduct in the LaRouche case is the most effective tool for preventing a politically motivated impeachment of the President, and facilitating the President making the right decisions to deal with the financial implosion.

Timing in this matter is crucial. The British tools in the Republican Party who are moving for impeachment are determined to move ahead this summer. If they succeed in beginning hearings on impeachment, there is no way that hearings of DOJ misconduct could occur. Therefore, the drive for hearings on McDade-Murtha has to gain sufficient momentum—preferably an absolute majority in the House of Representatives, of 218—to put those hearings on the agenda in June.

We are coming up upon five years of the politically motivated scandals against President Clinton, and ten years of the successful legal witch-hunt against LaRouche. It's time we got justice—for our nation's sake.