

Editorial

Since Super Tuesday

Ever since the “Super Tuesday” primaries on March 7, there has not been any Presidential campaign in the United States. The virtual-reality, Orwellian, Nuremberg-rally Republican Convention in Philadelphia, had only one message: There shall be no debate on the existential issues facing the United States and the world. Exactly the same thing is being prepared by Al Gore and his backers for the forthcoming Democratic Convention in Los Angeles.

The situation in the GOP is that ex-President George Bush was a tragedy, ending in a farce; his son is a farce, ending in a tragedy.

Under these circumstances, the aim of the political movement led by Lyndon LaRouche is twofold:

1. To force a national debate on these existential issues centering on the world financial crisis.

2. To get as many decent Democrats elected to Congress as possible, to build the new “FDR coalition” that LaRouche has called for.

An unprecedented pattern of events around the globe sets the context for these tasks:

We had the interval of the phony “soft landing” of mid-May to mid-July, including the White House conference on the “New Economy,” Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan’s personal conversion to the alleged miracles of the same, and so forth. But this is now coming to an end.

On Aug. 1, Germany’s business daily *Handelsblatt* punctured the fraud of the NASDAQ in a sober, one and a half-page article, showing that the insane asset-bubble of the 1920s was nothing compared with today’s.

France’s Foreign Minister Hubert Védrine stood up against Mad Madeleine Albright, at the Warsaw “democracy” festival she had organized in July with international financial pirate George Soros. French Finance Minister Laurent Fabius publicly supported a financial transactions tax, and re-regulation. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin supported similar policies.

Leading Italian politicians, including friends of LaRouche, have gone further, calling for a New Bretton Woods reorganization of the world financial system, and passing a bill through both houses of Italy’s Parliament, for remission of Third World debts.

Even the more intelligent opportunists, like Kurt Biedenkopf, Governor of the German state of Saxony, are speaking out. In a July 31 interview with Germany’s *Der Spiegel* newsweekly, Biedenkopf derided the idea of the “New Economy” and affirmed that politics is primary over economics, because only politics creates values out of economic activities.

On the other side, the Anglo-American Establishment, including elements around Gore, Bush, and Greenspan, also knows what is coming, and they are reacting with a killer rage, to wipe out any forces who could effectively deal with this systemic crisis.

In this context, look at the terrorism and other destabilizations erupting in East Asia, aimed at the ASEAN nations, and the crash of a Concorde jet near Paris.

To understand the Concorde incident, go back to 1995, and the French election campaign, when Jacques Chirac dared characterize financial derivatives as “financial AIDS.” In reply, British intelligence aired a television ad called “The Day of the Jacques,” targetting Chirac, literally, in a rifle scope, in a deadly parody of the movie “The Day of the Jackal.”

Now, we are in a situation which is orders of magnitude closer to a full-scale eruption of the financial crisis. The French have dared to take certain measures, such as re-regulation, with all the ambiguities and complications involved, and they are being hit full-force. An example is being made of them, via an act of strategic, surrogate warfare.

An article in the daily *Le Monde* on Aug. 1, spelled out the evidence that the Concorde crash could not have been the result of mechanical failure. They probably won’t say more than what they have said so far, but they have raised the issue in an extremely intelligent way, showing that the official explanations of the accident just don’t make any sense. They have stated that there is reason to believe that this may have been sabotage.

A wide range of people understand the reality of the current systemic crisis. But, any debate on this is being suppressed within both the Democratic and Republican Parties in the United States. That silence must be broken.