

Crisis Will Change The Political Geometry

Lyndon LaRouche was interviewed on Nov. 25 on Radio Programas del Perú (RPP), which is a national institution, and has the largest national audience of any Peruvian station. It also broadcasts through cable television news, Channel 6. The interviewer introduced LaRouche as follows (paraphrase):

We will now have an interview with a polemical individual, Lyndon LaRouche, who will speak with us from Frankfurt. LaRouche is an economist who is well known internationally. LaRouche was a Democratic Party Presidential pre-candidate in the United States. Author of the LaRouche-Riemann econometric model, he has very controversial views and forecasts, which have a wide audience through both the international media and through his own publications.

Regarding Peru, LaRouche has issued highly polemical statements in recent days about the situation our country is going through. He has said, for example, that, with the fall of President Alberto Fujimori, falls the only government on the continent which fought against the drug trade. He also said that the new government will be more favorable to dialogue with narco-terrorism and tolerant toward the drug trade.

The full text of the interview follows:

Q: Mr. LaRouche, you have always had very polemical things to say about Peru and the world. Can you summarize for us your views about what is facing Peru?

LaRouche: The situation throughout Central and South America is, for all the nations, more or less a disaster, and the situation in the United States is one of the principal causes of the extreme disaster in the nations of South America.

My objective is to hope that we can change the situation in the United States, and to begin to reverse the damage to the republics to the south of the United States. I'm looking very closely at developments in Asia as a possible contribution to reversing this global situation.

The fact to keep principally in mind, is that the present international financial system is hopelessly bankrupt, and will collapse soon, and it will be a collapse that will hit the dollar the hardest. So, this is one of those times in history when you have to live through a period of grave crisis. I need not say that Peru is one of those countries that is living through such a crisis. And my wishes toward Peru are well known. So, I

shall do what I am able to do, but my abilities are limited at the moment.

Q: You've said in the past that Mr. Fujimori is one of the only governments in Latin America that is really fighting narco-terrorism. The drop in coca production, and so on, is very well known. However, there is also talk of the ties of people like [Fujimori's intelligence adviser Vladimiro] Montesinos to the drug trade. How can one explain these matters?

LaRouche: First of all, there are operations and counteroperations. The general method for successful counteroperations against drugs is to attempt, with intelligence services, to try to penetrate the inside of the drug trade, find out who's doing what, and then you can move. And therefore, all counterintelligence operations against drug traffickers run by intelligence agencies, tend to be involved with a lot of dirt.

But it's also true on the other side, that you can not have drug trafficking in the Americas, if powerful forces inside the United States and Europe were not assisting to run the drug traffic.

I've been looking at this drug traffic for about a quarter-century. We had big fights inside the United States between forces here who are for it, and those who are against it. The problem I have, is when those in the State Department are actually for the legitimization of the drug traffic. I hope that the present world financial crisis may change the situation, so that our State Department will cease to be for drug traffickers, and will finally come around again to being against them.

Q: As you know, the main process going on now in Peru is the upcoming elections in July. A new government will come in, undoubtedly with forces opposed to the Fujimori government. What awaits Peru?

LaRouche: We don't know, because the crisis which will hit long before then, will change the entire political geometry of the United States and the rest of the world as well. This is the greatest world crisis in three centuries, and people who think that policy is going to continue in the direction it seems to be going in now, are mistaken. Either the United States is going back to a Franklin D. Roosevelt attitude, or else it's going to be a terrible world. I see no other alternative at present. So, before July, there will be a completely different situation for Peru. So everything that is said now, is not necessarily true.

Q: Finally, you are known as a very polemical person. Your views are often characterized as exotic, and you have made apocalyptic forecasts that have on many occasions not come true. What can you say about this?

LaRouche: I've never made a forecast that didn't come true. There are some people who have said that I forecast something, but I put everything that I forecast on written record, and my friends and I check this very carefully. I've never made a forecast that has not come true.