

Editorial

Strong President For 'Hard Times'

All the current U.S. establishment blathering about a “weak President without a mandate, leaning on a national-unity coalition,” should send shivers down the spines of American citizens: They must realize now, what their misplaced respect for “public opinion,” for rigged, Roman-style election circuses, is about to do to them. The global financial system is in collapse. The American economy is hitting not just a hard landing, but *hard times*, of the depth of which, the vast majority of Americans are not allowing themselves to think—yet. The nation requires a President in the tradition of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, of his strength and Presidential power, and of his essential policy-outlook, based on the ideas of the “General Welfare” and the common interests of sovereign nations.

“Now we’re coming into the worst financial crisis in all modern European experience,” was the way Lyndon LaRouche began the conclusion of his crucial Nov. 14 Washington, D.C. webcast, “Now Comes the Aftermath.” LaRouche devoted the conclusion of that broadcast to a 25-year perspective for “the kind of growth which Franklin Roosevelt had *intended* to be U.S. policy,” which LaRouche called the “Partners of America” principle for recovery from the current global collapse. He ended with the leadership the United States requires now, the leadership he is uniquely ready to provide:

“If we take a long view, of the great financial mess around us, we’re going to have to put things into bankruptcy reorganization. We’re going to have to wipe out this and that; we’re going to have to manage to make sure people don’t go hungry. We’re going to have to keep firms going, communities functioning. . . . And it’s going to take us 25 years, of long-term, steady investment in infrastructure, in new industries, in improved technologies, and in trade, to build up the kind of world which we want to build. A world we bequeath to those children who will come to adulthood 25 years from now. And we as grandparents, or great-grandparents, can take satisfaction, that what we’re doing today, is for that purpose. And we can look forward into the future, and see the happy faces of those who will bless us for what we’ve done. We will live, we will survive. It’ll be tough times, but we’ll make it.”

Just when the United States and its citizens need the strongest President—in the true sense in which Abraham Lincoln as well as FDR combined the inner strength of the man with the power of the office—the Wall Street establishment and the party leaderships insist that we will have the weakest President possible. It is they who rigged the campaigns to impose two unelectable dummies of the “Southern Strategy” as the only ordained candidates. But every American—especially, every American Democrat—who allowed Al Gore to openly steal votes and convention delegates from LaRouche, to rig primaries and caucuses, is now facing the consequences of what Gore and the Democratic National Committee did to LaRouche.

Will those same Americans now allow Wall Street and its media to convince them that a weak President has to be subjugated, as a result, to the discredited Federal Reserve Chairman, Alan Greenspan, and to the Dixiecracker Congressional leadership? No such Dixiecrat-Bush League combination can face this crisis. That is where the unelectable dummies, Bush and Gore, came from. Either one in the White House, in such a crisis, invites the disaster LaRouche warned of in that same Nov. 14 webcast:

“We are in a situation which is described by the great English poet, Shelley, in his poem ‘Ozymandias.’ The United States, the world’s greatest superpower, at the apparent peak of its power, is about to collapse into the desert sand, its parts strewn upon the desert, and a sign, ‘Behold all you, the wonder of my power.’ That’s where we’re at.

“To fail to recognize this is the situation, is a form of corruption.”

As this issue is being printed, Dec. 12, LaRouche is presenting his second webcast in Washington, the second of his strategic interventions into this United States “election crisis” which he forecast as early as August, and predicted in precise detail in *EIR* three days before the election. On Jan. 3, before Inauguration Day, he will give the third of the addresses, in what he calls “an election campaign waged for the future of the human race.” He is the kind of leader the nation requires to face these hard times.