

## ‘Argentina Must Grasp The *Global* Crisis’

U.S. Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche gave this interview to the Argentine LaRouche Youth Movement radio program, “The Power of Truth,” on March 3.

Q: Good evening, Mr. LaRouche. Greetings from our program, “The Power of Truth” in Argentina, and it is our great pleasure to have you with us tonight.

LaRouche: I will try to offer something useful to Argentina.

Q: We want you to tell us what is going on right now with the election campaign in the United States.

LaRouche: Here’s the situation: I’m going to give you a briefing, which the President of Argentina should be getting. If I were the government in Washington, this is the briefing the Ambassador to Argentina would be receiving.

There are several points which have to be taken together. First of all, the world is now on the edge of the greatest financial crisis in modern history. The general collapse has so far been postponed by hyperinflationary methods. The rate of printing money reminds us of Germany in 1923. Many sane people around the world know that this collapse is coming at any time.

Globally, there are two principal factions on this issue. One, Argentina has already seen: the policy of international financial groups like the Synarchists of the 1922-1945 period. These financiers are saying that when the crisis comes, the bankers bleed the people. What they are demanding of Argentina today, they will be demanding of Brazil tomorrow, or maybe a few weeks from now, but soon. They also plan to do it to the people of the United States. This is the only real issue of the U.S. election. There is not only a division between the Republicans and the Democrats, but within the Democratic Party, there is a major crisis.

There are only two surviving leading candidates for the Democratic nomination now: Senator [John] Kerry and me. No other candidate has any importance right now, at least not for the Presidency. They may have secondary significance, on secondary questions.

Now, the enemy fears me and hates me. People like Felix Rohatyn, associated with Lazard Frères. These are fascists. They are fascists in the same sense that Lazard Frères was fascist in France during the period of Hitler. Lazard Frères was one of the key Synarchist elements during that period. They are determined that, under no circum-

stances, shall I become President. There is a fight within the Democratic Party, between those opposed to Schachtian methods, that is, the methods of Felix Rohatyn, and those who represent these fascist tendencies. Recently, it is this last faction which has been successful, so far, in minimizing my accessibility to the mass media. They have ordered a destruction of my vote.

Q: We know that the financial situation internationally is in collapse, and we can see the fall of the financial system. Can you illustrate for our listeners what is your proposal for getting out of this catastrophe?

LaRouche: Here’s the situation. As of yesterday, the only two leading candidates for the next President of the United States, are Kerry and me. And whether there’s a solution or not will depend on what happens between me and Kerry, and some other people in that circuit. If I don’t succeed, there is no chance for the world, from any source. This is the most dangerous crisis in modern history.

What Argentina is experiencing, the horror that Argentina is experiencing, is only an indication of the terrible things that are about to happen. And this comes down to a question of leading personalities; not what has to be done, but who is going to do it. For example, if Bush were re-elected, there’s no chance for civilization worldwide. And if Kerry and I do not come to agreement with others on the right solution, it won’t happen. That is the practical nature of the situation right now.

There are many people in Europe, in leading circles, who agree with my estimation of the danger, but there’s no government in Europe that’s capable of dealing with it. Unless the United States government is induced to take the right steps, there’s no chance for this planet. It will be the worst crisis in modern history.

We have to face the fact, that we’re in a time where the mistakes that have been made—that the whole planet may be plunged into a dark age, in which the population will rapidly decline to much less than 1 billion people. So, this is a desperate situation for all humanity. And the center of the solution to the problem is the United States government. And the center of the solution lies between Kerry and me, right now.

The problem is, Kerry is a good man, but he doesn’t understand economics. I understand the international situation; I understand economics. That’s where it lies.

So, two things are needed: We need the right initiative coming from the United States, and we need an international mobilization in each country around the same idea, so that we can come to agreement on solutions. Because mankind is at stake. This is not just a problem. This is: Mankind is at stake.

The problem is that 40 years ago, the United States changed its character from being the world’s leading producer nation, to becoming, like the Roman Empire, a decadent, post-



The LaRouche Youth Movement in Argentina rallies in Buenos Aires on March 1, in support of President Kirchner. The banner reads: “LYM-Argentina: Debt is the poison, LaRouche is the antidote.”

industrial, parasitical power. What we’re seeing now is the effects of that change in direction, from a modern progressive society to a decadent society, going down faster than Rome, but in a very similar way.

Just take the case of Argentina in 1945, and then in 1982. Think of the position in the world of the Argentine standard of living in 1945, and 1982, and now, today. And then you have a picture of which way the world is going. And humanity has to unite to demand a solution. And we have to make clear to humanity what the solution is.

Q: A lot of people are listening to this program right now. Perhaps among them is the President of the nation, Néstor Kirchner, or some of his collaborators. We would like to ask Mr. LaRouche what he would recommend to the President, to confront the situation in which Argentina finds itself today? LaRouche: Number one, the truth about the international economic crisis must be made clear: that it is an international crisis, and not an Argentine crisis. That Brazil will face a similar crisis very soon, and that the United States is about to go into a deep depression. The most important thing is to build a coalition of people who understand the problem, and who understand what kind of solution is required. If I were the President of Argentina, I would first want my people to know what the problem is, what the international problem is, because all of the problems of Argentina have an international origin. Therefore, the people must understand the international problem. They must have a sense that, outside of Argen-

tina, there are people who have the same knowledge, the same understanding, and the same attitude.

Finally, they must understand that there are practical solutions which their government is prepared to support. We would hope that other governments, together with Argentina, would recognize that Argentina’s problem is also their problem. It’s also the problem of Europe. And therefore, people have to understand the importance of solving this problem together. So, the idea of building international unity around leaders of governments or leaders of people, is the key to giving our people the courage to mobilize, to fight the way they must fight to save civilization.

The key problem is this: The key problem is predatory finance, typified by the Synarchists who brought us World War II. These people — what they tried to do with Hitler, Mussolini, and France, and with their collaborators in the United States and in the United Kingdom — they are now trying to do again. And there’s no Roosevelt in the Presidency. This is our problem. What we’re going to have to do — because the world product is estimated at about \$41 trillion, and we now have [400] trillions of dollars of financial derivatives as debt. This debt can never be paid! So therefore, governments must act to create a new international monetary system which cancels much of this useless debt.

For example, all of the debt of South and Central America is, in net effect, actually fraudulent. The countries did not incur the debt; the debt was forced upon them. If we have a union among nations to cancel this debt and reorganize it, we

can proceed, as Franklin Roosevelt demonstrated, to create new long-term, cheap international credit; to revive industry, infrastructure, and agriculture; to raise the income; and to raise the amount of employment. Under such terms of cooperation, we can rebuild our way out of this mess.

But the bankers will say, “Over our dead bodies.” They say, “Preferably your dead bodies.” This is the problem. If people would say the truth of the problem, if we would unite about simply telling the truth about the nature of the problem, and pointing to the lessons of experience which tell us what the solution is, then we would get the political force internationally to solve the problem.

This means that people have to no longer be afraid of the United States, and this requires a radical change in the political leadership of the United States. I’m trying to cause the education of Kerry, who’s a good man, at this point. I’m the one who’s qualified to be President, not Kerry; but somehow, together, we can maybe work something out. That’s what the situation is. There’s more to it, but that’s the essence of the matter.

Q: Mr. LaRouche, why is Argentina now the test for all the American candidates for the Presidency?

LaRouche: Argentina has a special history, which my friend Jacques Cheminade from France—who was raised in Argentina as a boy—would understand. If you look back to the time when Argentina’s standard of living was the fourth highest in the world—therefore, Argentina was the country they wanted to break first. And Argentina’s relative problem is that it was chosen to be broken, and this decision was made by the old Nelson Rockefeller, when he was working inside the Roosevelt Administration, during World War II. A certain Anglo-American faction said, “If you break Argentina, you can begin to break all of South America.” And as you know, the targeting of Argentina has been the most intense over this period. That’s the problem, and it’s the same problem other people have.

Q: In today’s newspapers, there was a note about Samuel Huntington and his new book, *Who We Are*. Taking into account that this person is the one who talks about the “Clash of Civilizations” and a New World Order, do you believe that Huntington’s new work could be the antecedent of another 9/11, but using the Hispanic population?

LaRouche: He would do that. Huntington is actually a product of a certain faction of British intelligence. Normally, he’s worked under the British Middle East operation. He’s very close to Zbigniew Brzezinski, and he has recently taken up this Spanish theme. There is a Synarchist plan—and Huntington is a Synarchist—and the plan is to stir up a conflict, to attempt to reclaim the Spanish empire of colonial times, for Spain. And the attempt is to use this to stir up terrorism and other kinds of bloody conflict throughout South and Central America, to do to South and Central

America, what Huntington’s “Clash of Civilizations” did against the Islamic world.

Q: I’d like to read an e-mail question from one of our listeners: “Are you thinking about going to Argentina, to organize a conference? Because we need to listen to you more.”

LaRouche: Well, I would like to do that. I was there back in 1984, and I would like to see the place again. And Argentina is one of the countries which I have a special responsibility for defending, which are largely Mexico, Peru, Brazil, and Argentina. Some other places, as well, but those are the ones which are, foremost, my responsibility.

Q: Uninformed Argentines accept that there is a crisis in Argentina, Ibero-America, and a great crisis in the United States, but these people do not believe that there is a crisis in Europe, because of the value of the euro, which is much superior to the dollar. And we want you to please explain to these people what is really going on.

LaRouche: Well, Europe is actually bankrupt. There is actually no part of the trans-Atlantic financial system which is not bankrupt. Europe’s only chance for economic growth, lies in its cooperation with countries such as Russia, India, and China. For example, Germany is in the center of this. They are the big export operation in Europe. France is also very important in this. Cooperation between France and Germany is extremely important. Among the Italian politicians, you have the most moral people, among politicians, in Europe. And in part of Italy, the northern part, there has been significant export activity from small industry; but overall, Italy is a disaster. The state of the internal German economy is a disaster.

The only reason the euro appears to be going up while the dollar goes down, is that the euro is collapsing less rapidly than the dollar.

One of the problems is that people in Argentina are underestimating the severity of the internal U.S. crisis. Without the support of China and Japan, the United States would have collapsed long ago. Look at the rise in prices of consumer goods in the United States, the collapse of employment, the great number of unemployed people who are not counted. The United States is in the process of threatening to disintegrate. Europe is also in the process of disintegrating, but the United States, being a leading country, is disintegrating more rapidly.

Q: We are sorry to say that we have run out of time, and so will have to conclude this interview. The wish of the LaRouche Youth Movement in Argentina is to have you soon in our country. And we wish to request your collaboration on this same program, “The Power of Truth,” again very soon. It has been an honor to have the man who knows how to solve the world’s problems on our program today.

LaRouche: Well, my best wishes, and thank you for inviting me.