

Editorial

We Lost the Battle, But Not the War

It would be foolish to say that this magazine's editors are not extremely disappointed, and concerned, about the George W. Bush victory in the U.S. Presidential elections. We correctly forecast that Bush's re-election would mean a policy of perpetual war and deepening depression, and those outcomes can be clearly seen on the horizon. This *was* the election of a lifetime, and the Democratic Party blew it.

But, contrary to those who are wallowing in pessimism and despair, or spitting with rage, we do not intend to let our emotional reactions get the better of us. Now, more than ever, the world and the United States needs clear, determined leadership as to how to derail the looming disasters. Lyndon LaRouche and his political movement are determined to do their part—and we need our fellow citizens, and thoughtful people from around the world, to do the same.

Let's reiterate the nature of the threat.

Behind the Cheney-Bush machine, and its electoral efforts, was a group of international bankers bent on establishing a global fascist dictatorship. But, while Karl Rove's electoral strategy was able to get a large group of fools to support Bush in this election, these same fools are going to be hit very, very hard by the coming economic crash. Those who voted for Bush, will turn against him, enraged at being betrayed. The situation at that point will become extremely dangerous, with the threat of the emergence of a mass fascist movement, which would lead to the world descending into a New Dark Age. In this way the election of Bush may well be the deathknell for the United States, and civilization, for decades, or more, to come.

But if, at the point that illusions crash down around the heads of our fellow citizens, there is a positive alternative available, such a fascist outcome can be prevented. The task of true patriots at this time, has to be to participate in creating the potential for that positive alternative.

LaRouche, today's leading representative of the American System economic and philosophical tradition, has dedicated his life, and his organization, to creating this alternative. It is from this commitment that he

moved to create a youth movement several years ago, and dedicated himself to educating that movement in the ideas that could create a new Golden Renaissance. A youth movement passionately committed to Classical ideas of music, history, science, and politics is a unique lever for shifting society into an optimistic state of mind.

Speaking on the Jack Stockwell radio show on Nov. 5, LaRouche put forward this perspective uncompromisingly. We have to put everything we have into promoting the positive cultural heritage of the United States, the American System, he said. There is a cultural reservoir of the commitment to the common good which we must tap again, so that we can lead the world out of the current Hobbesian nightmare. We have to bet everything on being able to do that.

Don't wallow in the current mess, LaRouche went on. Don't start from how bad things are now. You have to approach our fellow citizens by first reminding them of the beauty and goodness that is inherent in every human being. Show them what is possible, in creating a future, and then they will be able to lift themselves up to be able to join the fight for an alternative.

It is from this standpoint that LaRouche will be directing his Youth Movement, his supporters, and the Democratic Party in the days ahead. Asked by talkshow host Jeff Rense on Nov. 3 how he saw the next months, LaRouche put it this way:

"Well, it's going to be a point of decision. And either this President, or this Presidency, will be tamed by the circumstances of the experiences that are going to come down upon it; or else, there isn't much of a future. . . .

"I'm on the positive side: I'm looking for the alternatives, the opportunities, constantly, to bring the changes that are needed about. And I'm not squawking too much about the bad things, because I know that I have to do *use* the bad things to bring people to their senses: Maybe we can change this. I think there is opportunity.

"But I must admit, the world, for the United States and for its people, is a far, far more dangerous place than it was before the vote on Nov. 2."