

Editorial

Crisis Requires Emergency Action By Congress

Upon hearing the reports, which circulated broadly over the weekend of May 13-14, that Bush confidante Karl Rove had already been indicted, and that Independent Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald was simply giving him time to wrap up his affairs, Lyndon LaRouche issued the following statement on May 14:

“A series of crucial developments around the looming indictment of former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove has created a situation in which Vice President Cheney is now overripe for emergency impeachment proceedings, and the President himself is experiencing the onset of a threatened personal systemic crisis. The mere fact of this situation, so fairly described, creates a threatened discontinuity in the functions of the Federal government, a discontinuity we can not permit to develop under the presently perilous global financial-monetary and related crises.

“In such a setting, it is imperative that sensible leaders within the Congress take some appropriate form of prompt initiative, to restore a sense of faith in our Federal government among the relevant institutions here, among foreign governments, and our citizenry generally.

“The pivotal economic and social crisis of the U.S.A. at this instant is the implications of an onrushing destruction of as much as two-thirds of the U.S. automobile industry. Failure to act immediately to prevent that catastrophe from being allowed to proceed, would have incalculable effects on public confidence in the U.S. society here at home, and abroad.

“At this juncture, my associates and I have elaborated a programmatic emergency action needed to prevent the collapse of the U.S. as a modern economy, through adopting the idled capacity of our automotive industry for urgently needed measures of reconstruction of lost and disintegrating basic economic infrastructure of our nation. Action to accelerate the adoption and implementation of that program now being prepared for Federal legislative action would restore public confidence in our Federal government at a time the Presidency itself has the lowest level of still sinking public confidence in its recent history.

“Cleaning the rascals out of the White House and Vice President’s office is, unfortunately, an urgently needed action, but it is not an uplifting experience. Action by the Congress which gives our people reason for confidence in our Federal system, is the positive note urgently needed at the perilous moment of Vice President Cheney’s looming, overdue downfall.”

As of this writing, nearly a week and two grand jury sessions later, Prosecutor Fitzgerald has still not announced any indictments. But keep the fundamental reality in mind: The future of our nation will be determined not by the speed with which the rascals, even traitors in the Bush Administration are cleaned out, but by how effectively and rapidly we succeed in putting the alternative policy of economic development in place.

The LaRouche Youth Movement is currently on a mobilization behind LaRouche’s legislative initiative. The youth are coordinating lobbying efforts between Washington, D.C., and state capitals and union halls around the country, and holding educational sessions where they are required. This, they are telling the public officials, is a battle that must be won.

While the youth are the spearhead, LaRouche’s Political Action Committee is also taking other action, including mailing copies of the legislation, an LPAC DVD on retooling the auto industry, and LaRouche’s platform document to elected officials, Republican and Democrat, in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, and California.

As Debra Hanania-Freeman, LaRouche’s national spokeswoman, recently put it: “We have simply come to the point where we are out of time. Action must be taken, and taken *now*. . . . It is imperative that state and local organizations pass resolutions demanding that their Congressional representatives move to introduce such legislation. I also urge you to contact your Congressional representative personally on this most urgent matter. . . . The fact that the entire House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate must stand for election this year makes all of them very attentive at this particular time.”

The time to act is *now*.