

LaRouche: 'We've Won Two Billion People to the IDB. What's Next Is Easier'

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BOSTON, Aug. 22 (NSIPS)—U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., told campaign workers and organizers at a rally here this afternoon that the historic actions taken by the Third World at the Colombo, Sri Lanka meeting of the Non-Aligned Nations is “our victory.”

We have succeeded in mobilizing 85 countries and 2 billion people around our program. This is what I have worked for all my life. Our small organization has accomplished what many termed impossible. Now what comes next is much easier—we must adequately mobilize the entire U.S. population behind the Labor Party's program.

We have created the situation where the U.S. worker can win.... Now he has to win.

We have brought the international monetary system to the brink of collapse. Any organized activity by a portion of the developed sector toward the creation of a new monetary system, and the entire Eurodollar market, and the New York banks with it, collapse in three to five days. The Andreotti government in Italy is strategically situated to take such action. Similarly, if as little as 30 billion of the outstanding Third World debt is repudiated—less than 20 per cent of what is immediately due—from the developing sector—the monetary system would collapse within three to five days. This would immediately pose the necessity of forming a new monetary system, as we have outlined, or the world would be faced with complete chaos. We in the Labor Committees started out with very small numbers, with tasks to accomplish of very great magnitude. There are two essential things involved in organizing larger forces by a small cadre group: First, you must be right in what you say and do. Second, you must be given credibility through the cumulative weight of experience.

What happened in Peru last month, where the New York banks were able to remove a pro-development leadership, showed the Third World that they had made a stupid error in not pushing the issue of debt moratoria as we told them. The leadership of several Third World

governments came to us and said "You know, you were right; we should have pushed harder." The lesson of Peru has helped us shape what went on at Colombo.

The stupidity of our enemies also helps. You can sometimes get where you are going by riding on the back of a pig. Henry Kissinger's efforts to blackmail Third World leaders against collaborating with the U.S. Labor Party has helped us. Third-World leaders have reported, "He does not even do this to us when we negotiate with the Soviets.... The Labor Party must really be something."

We had set out to organize the Third World to our program, because we lacked the correlation of forces in the OECD countries (the advanced sector) with the guts to buck the Rockefeller family.... We have accomplished our first objective.

Where Are Your Guts, Buddy?

We must use our victory at Colombo to organize the American working class behind our program. The constituency-based political machines have been destroyed. Seventy per cent of the American population is horrified by the threat of general war, by the threat of worse plagues than have ever been seen before. They want to do something; but the average person lacks the sense of how to fight. He is not about to stick his neck out only to get it chopped off—as his wife reminds him every day. These workers are not prone to acts of heroic desperation.

Colombo changes this perception. We had to one, critically weaken, and two, visibly weaken this Rockefeller monster. Well, we are doing that. We have to get Rockefeller and Kissinger down on the floor, frothing at the mouth screaming "I saved my savings."

The Labor Party now has approximately 13,000 cell and network organizers across the country, and 500,000 workers who in a broader sense identify the International Development Bank and the Emergency Employment Act as their program. Colombo has shown these forces what can be done on a world scale with a cadre of 2,500.

We say to workers, "Look, we did this with a handful of people. Where are your guts, buddy?"

People in the U.S. ruling strata outside the Rockefeller-Carter monetarist camp, people such as Ford and the conservative Republican layers who back Reagan, as well as the industrialists who support them, such people are beginning to have the clear perception that the Labor Party was correct. What happened at Colombo has impressed them to this effect—they are recognizing that they may have to do what we specify.

We are, therefore, by what we do, significantly shaping the state of mind of an important section of the ruling class. If these layers don't include a key role for the Labor Party in their future plans, they are effectively saying that they don't have the will to survive. I know what has to be done and I know these people's capability—they can't accomplish what must be done without us.

We have an excellent chance of winning in the November election. Between now and Nov. 2, the IDB must either be operating, or be the fully committed policy of appropriate forces. This presumes that debt moratoria will have already been declared or enacted. The U.S. will have to integrate itself into the IDB. Under, such circumstances, our chances in a fair election in November are excellent.