

of the Non-Aligned Movement for a “new, just world economic order”—the only means by which “mankind will be spared a descent into barbarism,” because, as Zepp LaRouche noted, “the governments of China, India, or Malaysia are doing much more at the moment to defend the interests of their populations, and therewith, actually those of the entire world,” than are the governments of the West.

A short excerpt from a videotape commissioned by LaRouche on the global economic collapse—showing how the policies of the I.M.F.-World Bank, and international speculators like George Soros, have, virtually overnight, destroyed what nations such as Indonesia and Malaysia have built up over 30 years—provided the context for the panel presentations.

On Feb. 18, Lyndon LaRouche had warned that “by April or May of this year, we could be in something beyond belief, as a result of our government’s loss of nerve. . . . The next shoe to drop is going to be a big one.” Proving just how right LaRouche has been were the speakers on the panel: John Hoefle, *EIR*’s banking expert, whose exposés of the role of derivatives in the coming financial blowout have sent shivers down the spines of Wall Street bankers for several years; Rachel Douglas, *EIR*’s Russia editor, who presented the terrible truth behind today’s headlines about the crisis in the former superpower; and Dennis Small, Ibero-American intelligence director for *EIR*, whose tragicomic portrayal of what “bankers’ arithmetic” has done to the nations of South America provoked several shocked questions from the audience at the conclusion of the panel.

Nancy Spannaus closed the formal part of the session by urging the audience to “look at the principles” behind the New Bretton Woods and similar proposals. When America failed to follow up on Franklin Roosevelt’s anti-imperialist initiatives, the Non-Aligned Movement, founded in 1955, picked up the torch. Today the LaRouche movement, and its allies in the developing sector, “are coming together around this concept.”

LaRouche Movement Spurs Broad Coalition Passage of McDade-Murtha Bill:

On August 5, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly rejected, by a vote of 345-82, all attempts to remove the language of the McDade-Murtha Citizens Protection Act from the Commerce, State, Justice, and Judiciary appropriations bill. The vote represented a stunning victory for justice.

The McDade-Murtha legislation, which had first been introduced as H.R. 3396 on March 5, was designed to ensure that the rules of ethics and standards of conduct applied to all other attorneys, be also applied to the Department of Justice (D.O.J.). It also defines

punishable conduct and penalties, and creates an independent review board to monitor compliance.

From the beginning, the bill drew strong opposition from the permanent prosecutorial bureaucracy inside the D.O.J., which has operated with impunity as an out-of-control “political hit-squad” against elected officials, Civil Rights leaders, and political activists deemed threatening to the financial establishment. Indeed, the D.O.J. has functioned as a state-bureaucratic lackey of the financial oligarchy to eliminate any potential resistance to the latter’s

slave-labor economic policies.

Efforts to “keep a lid” on McDade-Murtha grew increasingly difficult as the LaRouche movement led a broad and powerful coalition of forces to build support for the bill and ensure that hearings not only take place, but feature the most dramatic

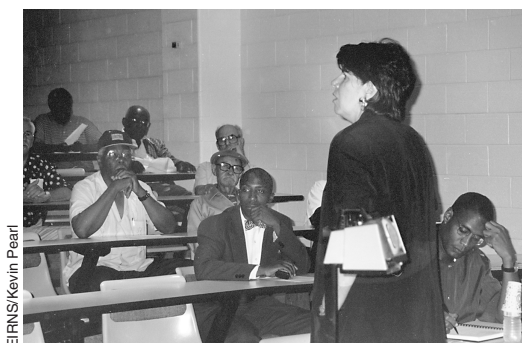


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Initial mobilization for McDade-Murtha. Top: Philadelphia town meeting, Rev. Carl Fitchett (podium), State Rep. Harold James, chair of Pa. Legislative Black Caucus (right of podium). Right: Chicago picket-line at Operation Push headquarters. Below: Debra Freeman addresses Maryland town meeting.



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cases of prosecutorial abuse, including the judicial railroad of Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, the frameup of John Demjanjuk, and the political targeting of African-American elected officials, known as “Operation *Frühmenschen*.” LaRouche movement activists launched an intense drive to mobilize elected officials, civic and political

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activists, and thousands of ordinary citizens across the nation, to contact their Congressional representatives and demand they co-sponsor the legislation.

Efforts to kill the bill were spearheaded by House Speaker Newt Gingrich and an array of D.O.J.-related front groups; by members of Congress with long-standing ties to the D.O.J. permanent bureaucracy; and, finally, by Attorney General Janet Reno herself. But, by the first week of August, the number of co-sponsors of the bill had climbed to more than 200 members of Congress from both parties.

Immediately following the House reading of the McDade-Murtha provisions, which were incorporated as an amendment to Title VIII of the Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary appropriations bill, three Republicans, Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), Bob Barr (R-Ga.), and Ed Bryant (R-Tenn.), all former U.S. Attorneys, moved to amend the bill by removing the McDade-Murtha language, thus triggering a floor debate.

Broad Bipartisan Support

What made it so difficult to defeat the McDade-Murtha bill, however, was the fact that it enjoyed broad bipartisan support. So, even when John Conyers (Mich.), the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, rose to offer a surprise “perfecting amendment,” broadening the McDade-Murtha provision to apply to independent counsels such as Kenneth Starr—a clear effort to split the bill’s supporters along party lines—other Democrats rose to offer passionate support of the Conyers amendment with appeals based more on the universal principles of justice expressed in the U.S. Constitution, than on rancor between the parties. Members

on both sides of the aisle responded. When the vote on the Conyers amendment was called, in a sharp



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Mobilization broadens to include NAFTA, prison slave-labor human rights abuses.

Top: EIR Law Editor Ed Spannaus displays ad for privatized prison labor at Manassas, Va. town meeting. **Left:** Nancy Spannaus speaks in Manassas. **Below:** Institute Northeast Coordinator Dennis Speed addresses Newark, N.J. hearings.



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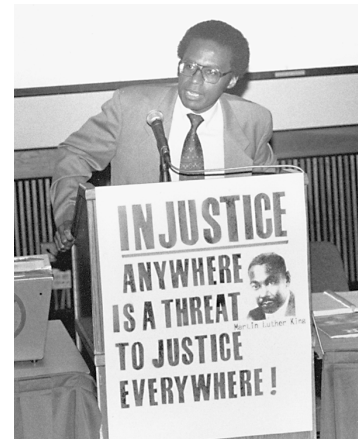


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Above: Speakers at Washington, D.C. town meeting (left to right): Dr. Fong Nengda, D.C. Shadow Senator Florence Pendleton, Minister Shawn Muhammad, former Burundi Ambassador Jacques Bacamurwankō.

rebutal to Gingrich—and to Starr—it passed 249-182. Forty-eight Republicans voted to support the measure, confirming that many Republicans simply feel that Starr has gone too far.

As the debate continued, one member after another rose to express their outrage, and the outrage of the American people, at the systemic abuse of the judicial process by the permanent prosecutorial bureaucracy inside the D.O.J. Many of the statements were among the most articulate presentations in Congressional history. Later, the House of Representatives passed the Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary appro-



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priations bill in its entirety.

However, the fight is far from over. The overwhelming support for McDade-Murtha seems to guarantee that the public hearings will inevitably occur, when the House returns in September. To ensure this occurs, the Schiller Institute has begun to expand its mobilization against D.O.J. tyranny through a series of broad-based town meetings throughout the nation, to expose the D.O.J. as the financial oligarchy’s enforcer of such slave-labor policies as NAFTA “free trade” and prison privatization.