

LYNDON LAROUCHE & FRED WILLS

Excerpted from Q & A of 1994 Presidents Day conference of the ICLC Schiller Institute conference after the main keynote speeches, Mr. LaRouche answered questions on organizing in Africa.

LaRouche: I'm telling you, I've been through this. The first time we got into Africa significantly was with a dear friend of ours, the late Honorable Fred Wills, who was the foreign minister of Guyana. We fought a war together. It was together with our friends from Peru, and other countries, which led into the August 1976 Colombo, Sri Lanka conference of the Non-Aligned Nations. The proposal which we had designed, for-which we had fought over the preceding several years, prevailed at that conference. The forces of London and New York overthrew every government which played a leading part in supporting that resolution. It overthrew the host government, that of Mrs. Bandaranaike, promptly. It overthrew the [Indian] government of Mrs. Gandhi a little later, with help from [Soviet] Moscow. It overthrew the [Pakistani] government of Mr. Bhutto. It not only put Mr. Bhutto in prison, but killed him, because he offended them by supporting that policy. It overthrew the government of Peru, the Velasco government, using Kissinger agents in the Peruvian government.

The same process has happened in Africa: Every government that got on to this has been crushed. It has been crushed by African forces which have been hired and which accepted the pay to overthrow a government that moved in the national interest.

One of the governments that is now resisting is the government of Sudan, and the government of Sudan is marked for extinction by the Church of England, which is leading the pack in the determination to unleash genocide in Sudan and has so far been unable to secure even with the help of forces in Egypt, the people who are capable yet of overthrowing the government of Sudan.

We have to understand that there is an inner problem in Africa, because they are not well-educated, because people who are educated and have power have a tendency to behave like yuppies, to live at the expense of people less fortunate than they are, rather than uplifting them; who would rather be accepted in London and not be executed the way it happened in Congo, when it was Belgian Congo, in the time of [Patrice] Lumumba. They would rather live in safety and have a nest egg in a London or Swiss bank, and be tolerated by the metropolitan countries. They are not going to fight for their people. And if the people themselves are illiterate and don't know, how are they going to fight?

In South America and elsewhere, in the United States, in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe, in Russia and in eastern Europe, and in China, and elsewhere soon tomorrow, round this world people are faced with the reality that what has happened cannot continue. And they are looking and *will* be looking for ideas. There are people I know throughout black Africa who are very well aware of what we are doing and who would respond, who have tried to respond in the past, but they are terrified. My being in prison didn't give them any courage either. Because they said: "Look at that fellow-he's the only fellow in the United States who is for this and they stuck him in prison. He's finished. There is no one to turn to," they said.

"... We know how to win, and we shall Win. But we do not have the almighty power to decree when victory will occur. We must do what we should do to bring about victory and have confidence that the opportunity will be presented to us. We will have the opportunity; let us be prepared; let-us be persistent; let us work through the frustrations and defeats; let nothing deter us. We will fight and we will fight until we win because that is our duty and that is our hope, and that will become our victory, whether we live to see it or not.

Hear the full exchange: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vALsGe_zS-E