

LaRouche announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination

Recent actions by Democratic National Chairman Charles T. Manatt and former Gov. W. Averell Harriman force me to place my name in nomination to become the 1984 presidential candidate of the Democratic Party. I state herewith the reasons I am obliged to take this step, and also state the very special ground rules under which I will conduct my campaign for nomination.

On Sept. 20, 1983, Chairman Manatt and Governor Harriman in speeches at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., announced that they, and all announced Democratic presidential candidates excepting Ruebin Askew, are committed to the Soviet-created and Soviet-steered Nuclear Freeze movement. Subsequently, Mr. Askew issued a statement clarifying his position, announcing that he is in sympathy with the Nuclear Freeze movement's propaganda efforts, but not necessarily willing to bind himself to each and every punctuation mark of existing Nuclear Freeze dogmas.

At the same time, I have been informed from the most reliable sources, that the Soviet government is presently committed to aiding Chairman Manatt and Governor Harriman in securing the nomination and election of one among these Nuclear Freeze candidates.

The patriotic Democrats of this country deserve a candidate of their own. It appears that presently I am the only available candidate likely to fill that requirement.

Therefore, I shall campaign for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination using my candidacy to spearhead the mobilization of a great mass movement of our citizens against the Soviet-supported and Soviet-influenced Manatt-Harriman leadership of the Democratic Party.

However, the immediate purpose of my campaign will not be to promise great and glorious deeds, beginning at the January 1985 next inauguration of the President. Our republic presently faces three of the gravest domestic and international crises in our history: a worsening worldwide economic depression, an imminent international financial collapse worse

than those of 1931, and a Soviet commitment to force a thermonuclear showdown during the months immediately ahead. These are crises which require decisions by the President of the United States during 1983 and 1984, long before the November 1984 general election. President Ronald Reagan is that President, and therefore every serious patriot will now dedicate his or her efforts to assisting this President to adopt the right decisions on time, and to support the President in those decisions if and when he makes them.

This nation of ours requires an economic mobilization echoing that which President Franklin Roosevelt set into motion during 1939-43. That mobilization must begin now—not after January 1985. This mobilization must be centered around the development of strategic anti-missile defenses, in agreement with the new U.S. strategic doctrine announced by the President on March 23, 1983. This must be a "crash program," like that of the 1939-43 period, which produces the needed strategic defenses more rapidly than most would imagine possible, and which also spills over the benefit of these new technologies massively into the civilian economy.

We require over \$300 billion for defense right now, and we require the massive expansion of our civilian economy which enables us to support such urgently needed defense expenditures. Every farm, every machine tool, every idled part of our industry, every unemployed person, available to be employed now in expanding our output, must be employed quickly—as we did during the 1939-43 period.

The President has indicated his sympathy for steps in this direction, but at the same time he is being pressured from various sources to hold back, the greatest pressure coming from forces in Congress and in the news media which back the Nuclear Freeze movement. If we are to do quickly what we must begin to do very quickly, we must demonstrate to the President and the Congress that a powerful bipartisan movement exists in this republic in support of necessary actions.

The forces within the Democratic Party which do or would support such a bipartisan movement are being held back from effective courses of political action for lack of a rallying point around which to assemble themselves for concerted political action. I offer myself as that needed rallying-point.

That is the purpose of my candidacy, and that is the principle which shall govern my conduct as a candidate.

To that purpose, I herewith outline the ground rules by which I shall be governed in this campaign. I wish these ground rules clearly understood by the White House, the Congress, the Federal Election Commission, the leadership of the Democratic Party, and the citizens generally.

First, I shall continue to do what I am doing presently

My present functions are as follows.

I am presently contributing editor of an international newsweekly, the *Executive Intelligence Review*, an organization which is one of the important privately operated political intelligence activities in the world on strategic issues, on economic and monetary policy, and in the fight against the Nazi International and against international terrorism. It is important to our republic and to our friends abroad, that I continue to meet those responsibilities.

I am also co-chairman of an international philosophical association modeled on the earlier academy movements of Plato, Gottfried Leibniz, and our own Dr. Benjamin Franklin. The work of this association helps, among other things, to create new strategic options for the United States and its friends abroad. This is important, and my responsibilities on that account must continue to be fulfilled.

I am a member of the board of directors of a most useful scientific association, the Fusion Energy Foundation, an association which has contributed significantly to promoting the kinds of technologies required for energy resources, for strategic needs, for advances in industry and agriculture, and in biological science.

I am an official of an international pro-life organization, the Club of Life, the only association openly challenging worldwide Malthusian, pro-genocide associations such as the Club of Rome. This work, and my continuing fight against the international drug traffic, are integral to what I am morally, and represent activities of mine which must not be diminished.

It is my continuing joy to be a friend of nations abroad, and to enjoy special confidence from among many leading circles in those nations. I am perhaps much better liked in Mexico and South American nations than our State Department. Governments and other leading circles in Israel, Arab nations, black African nations, and Asia, have placed trust in me as their true friend, as a voice which will speak up for their concerns and true interests within the United States. I must continue to meet those responsibilities of friendship in Western Europe, in Asia, in Africa, and in Ibero-America.



A Sept. 15 Capitol Hill rally by the National Democratic Policy Committee calling for crash development of the President's proposed anti-nuclear missile beam-weapon system.

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Also, although I have rightly denounced the Soviet leadership for its wrong policies and wrong things it does, and although the Soviet government views me as its intellectual Public Enemy Number One today, most leading circles in the Warsaw Pact nations know me to be honest, humane and fair, and governed by genuine commitment to the sovereignty of all nation-states and the well-being of their peoples. It is important that every candidate for high office in the United States clearly keep open the door to peaceful cooperation with those states. As harsh and ruthless as I may be obliged to be on strategic issues, I shall always keep that door open.

Second, I am a patriot first and Democrat second

There are some foolishly clever fellows around the Democratic Party who gloat over the wish that President Reagan be turned into a "new Herbert Hoover" before the elections of November 1984, and who would do nothing to save our republic from worsening economic depression or financial collapse, lest an economic recovery contribute to the re-election of the President. I despise such sentiments, and will have nothing to do with such wickedly sly practices.

For me, the special genius of the Democratic Party is that heritage of President Franklin Roosevelt which impels the Party to seek to bring together as a unified force industrialists, farmers, labor, minorities, and professionals, in search of policies which are simultaneously in our vital national interest, and which policies provide our nation the means to fulfill its responsibilities to each section of the electorate. This party, if it returns to that traditional commitment of "harmony

of interests” among various constituencies, can be a great force for good once again.

I am for the entrepreneurs of industry and agriculture. Let them prosper to the advantage of our nation and to the advantage of every person seeking employment.

I am for labor. Let it be strong and skilled, and employed in such fashion that technology continuously advances its productive powers.

I am for the successful integration of all our so-called minorities to full rights and personal respect as citizens, enriched by good education and with access to every opportunity to contribute good to present generations and posterity.

I am for the American System of political economy, on which our federal constitutional republic was founded, according to the strict terms of Article 1 of our Constitution and the outlines provided by the administration of President George Washington, through Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton’s reports to the Congress on the subjects of credit, banking, and manufactures. I am determined to restore that system and its policies to our national practice.

I am for the doctrine of foreign policy most efficiently articulated by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams in support for his drafting of the 1823 Monroe Doctrine. We of the United States require neither empire nor quasi-imperial spheres of influence. We require a community of principle for common advantage and common defense, among sovereign republics committed to those same principles upon which our own republic was founded. I am for the realization of such cooperation in our hemisphere, first of all, and for the extension of that same cooperation from the united forces of our hemisphere, to Africa, Asia, and Europe. This is no weakening of our strength, but is rather a mustering of the most powerful force of allied nation-states on this planet, an alliance of political equals equally jealous of common advantages and common interests in that kind of world order.

I am for ridding our nation of the ruin and decay of our recent drift into what is called a “post-industrial society.” I am for rebuilding our basic economic infrastructure: our water management, our production and distribution of adequate supplies of energy, and restoration of the collapsing infrastructure of our urban centers. I am for ridding the world of hunger and misery, through use of what were once traditionally American methods of promotion of technological progress in building infrastructure, agriculture, and industry. I am for the employment of at least half the total labor force of our own and other nations as skilled agricultural, transportation, and industrial operatives in producing the physical output upon which decent human existence depends. I am for employment of not less than 5 percent of the total labor force in producing the benefits of scientific and related research and development, for both our own and other nations. I am for at least one qualified teacher for every 20 or fewer pupils in public education, and for a program of classical and pre-scientific education suited to develop fully the potentials

of each new member of society. I am for ridding our nation of the spread of evils better left to the inglorious memory of Sodom and Gomorrah, for a society in which citizens may stroll freely during the evening, free of terror on the streets and secured against the pandemic of burglary and related crime invading our homes.

I am for any elected official or candidates who efficiently supports such policies, whatever his party affiliation, but I am determined to rebuild the Democratic Party as the party best qualified to represent those policies.

Third, I will make no deals

As a candidate, I will of course state my support for or opposition to proposed and existing policies, and will declare my support for any cause or policy openly. I will reject any secret deals of the sort which have become customary practice of candidates. It is a dirty business, and I will have none of it. I will not soil my honor with such agreements.

If my candidacy is sufficiently successful to warrant this, I will of course, assemble short lists of prospective candidates for appointments, and will do so to the included purpose of assembling a coalition of forces for the campaign and administration of government. There is presently no indication that such a point will be reached by the course of my candidacy’s development. If such a point were to be reached, I would seek the kinds of agreements such decisions imply, but that will not be contrary in any way to the policies I publicly avow.

As for the office of President, I do not need the job, and have no compelling personal ambition for that position. I would be good for the nation were I President, but whether that occurs or not is your choice, not mine. What is essential for me is my influence over the policies of our nation, my success in informing and mobilizing our citizenry to the effect of bringing such policies into effect—whoever might be President. I am wise enough to know that any pleasures of the flesh or status die in my grave with me; it is that of my work which lives after me for good of present and posterity which is my only true self-interest, the only true self-interest of any prudent individual person.

No post is worth corrupting myself to obtain, and no true benefit would accrue to me or to you by my permitting such corruption to occur.

Many of you know exactly what I am speaking of, and I need say no more on this subject.

Fourth, I have certain personal problems

It would be foolish for me to campaign as most candidates campaign. Since late 1973, I have been repeatedly the target of serious assassination threats, and my wife has been three times the target of attempted assassination. We are both presently confronted with assassination threats which hover around a score of 8 on a scale of 10, high on lists of targeted public figures by known terrorist groups as well as occasionally

targets of professional assassins, in North America and in Europe. This risk is increased by high-level political targeting against me by the Soviet government, in Soviet publications, and by other channels. Although no direct Soviet assassination threat is so far detected, political allies of the Soviet leadership in the West have increased their threat levels.

However, I believe that it is not necessary for me to expose myself—and my audiences—to unnecessary risk. My adversaries, including powerful circles in Swiss financial centers and the New York Council on Foreign Relations, as well as the international drug-traffickers, have made me one of the most prominent public figures of our time internationally, as well as within the United States.

I am not unfamiliar with the use of the typewriter, nor tongue-tied before a microphone or TV camera. It is not difficult to arrange meetings with representatives of constituency organizations. You, the citizen, will have no difficulty in discovering where I stand on issues if you are concerned to discover my views first-hand in writing, through broadcast media, and through your representatives. Debates with spokesmen for opposing views can be arranged, if those spokesmen have the courage they have lacked in the past to face me in debate.

As for the controversy itself, I have never known a public figure to have been so much the target of wild lies through major news media and other channels as I have been. Some

call me an “anti-Semite,” which leading officials of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) are on record as saying they do not believe, and which only a mental case would believe. All of these lies and other numerous lies against me have been refuted a thousand times over, in any case, and you need only consider the source of these lies to brush them aside.

My enemies are the circles of McGeorge Bundy, Henry Kissinger, Soviet President Yuri Andropov, W. Averell Harriman, certain powerful bankers, and the Socialist and Nazi Internationals, as well as international drug traffickers, Colonel Qaddafi, Ayatollah Khomeini, and the Malthusian lobby. Since most citizens dislike my enemies, the fact that those enemies hate me and lie about me can only be to my credit in your eyes and ears.

Where you need my presence, I shall come as soon as possible. Otherwise we shall be efficiently in communication with one another.

My principal job during this campaign will be to continue doing what I have been and am doing, and to provide you and the thousands of new candidates now beginning to run for local offices with a rallying-point around which to build a new political movement in this country.

Let us work immediately to build a mass-rally in Washington D.C. to show President Ronald Reagan that massive bipartisan support exists for his new strategic doctrine, and for the 1939-43-style “crash program” needed to get this economy of ours moving again.

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