
Chicago

'Jones for Mayor' takes on ADL, media

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The Illinois campaign organization of the National Democratic Policy Committee, which shocked the world on March 18 by winning two statewide Democratic Party nominations for "LaRouche Democrats," set off a second political shock wave on March 28, when Sheila Jones, Midwest director of the NDPC, announced her candidacy for mayor of Chicago against incumbent Harold Washington.

Jones ran for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in the March 18 primary, heading the slate which won the Democratic nomination for Mark Fairchild, lieutenant-governor, and Janice Hart, secretary of state. Jones's announcement of her mayoral campaign for the 1987 election, launched Phase II of the NDPC's campaign to elect hundreds of supporters of leading presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche to the U.S. Congress and state offices in 1986.

On April 3, Jones and Hart held a well-attended press conference at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago, to launch a series of flanks against the opponents of LaRouche's policy initiatives. They endorsed the Israeli government's recent proposal for a Marshall Plan for the Middle East. They called on Rev. Jesse Jackson, whose Operation PUSH is centered in Chicago, to help convince Black Farrakhan to surrender to the proper authorities for questioning on charges of sedition against the United States, in relation to his participation in a recent terrorist conference of Libya's mad dictator Muammar Qaddafi.

At the same time, they released a newly published exposé by *Executive Intelligence Review* on the Anti-Defamation League, whose headquarters are in Chicago, titled *Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia*. The ADL has run a nationwide campaign of defamation and slander against Mr. LaRouche.

Jones opened the press conference by calling on Jackson to help her get Louis Farrakhan to repudiate what she described as Qaddafi's "declaration of war on the United States." One of the "biggest slanders against the LaRouches and our organization," she said, "is that we are 'anti-Semitic neo-Nazis.' All that goes out the window from now on. It has come to my attention that upon the announcement of this press conference, the Anti-Defamation League made it known that this very afternoon it would release a file, or dossier, proving the 'neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic' charge.

"This charge is being thrown at the very people who are

trying to protect the world from Qaddafi, who praises Hitler on the record, Qaddafi who is at best a Soviet agent, at worst a Nazi—not a 'neo-Nazi'—but a *Nazi!*"

"I am very amused," she said, "being a poet, that on the same day the ADL presents its file, we can present here for the first time the *EIR* report commissioned by LaRouche," which is "tantamount to a nuclear bomb," in exposing the "penny-ante mafiosi ADL" as "terrorist gangsters."

As it turned out, the ADL declined to present its "findings," having been notified that Jones was invited to reply to their charges on the same CBS broadcast.

In her "Open Letter to Jesse Jackson," Jones recounted Qaddafi's numerous crimes against humanity, including his call, reportedly seconded by Farrakhan, for American black servicemen and policemen to mutiny. She scored Farrakhan for "taking Qaddafi's blood money." She appealed to Jackson, whose critical support of Farrakhan gained national notoriety during the 1984 presidential election, to help her "convince Louis Farrakhan to repudiate Qaddafi, which would eliminate any potential charges that he is guilty of sedition, i.e., treason."

Attending the press conference was a reporter from *Final Call*, Farrakhan's newspaper, who called on Jones to think of her "roots" as a black American. She responded, "Libya is an outlaw nation. In 1982, they used Soviet pilots to napalm the black population of Chad. I asked Farrakhan to denounce this, and all I received in answer was death threats from the Fruit of Islam. . . . Roots? My roots are in St. Augustine, the great African bishop who challenged the magicians. Don't identify with race or skin color; racism serves only Moscow."

In her statement, the Democratic Party candidate for Illinois secretary of state, Janice Hart, called for "war" on the international "narco-terrorist mafia," and for American support for the effort of the Peruvian government against the narcotics traffickers and the International Monetary Fund. She denounced the "so-called respectable men in pin-striped suits who oversee powerful banks," which she called the "protection racket" for the drug traffickers. Hart declared, "My job, and the job of the other LaRouche-backed candidates around the country, is to get the United States to join its allies to eliminate the scourge of drugs and money-laundering from the face of the earth. And that's why I'm going to 'roll tanks down State Street.'"

International media attention to the NDPC's Illinois campaign has been unprecedented in recent political history. Asked how she saw the flood of press coverage of the LaRouche candidates, Jones replied, "My heart is just sick to think that, had LaRouche and our candidates gotten this kind of coverage over the past years, millions of lives would have been saved throughout this world. . . . Many children would have been saved from the killing drug trade. Many homeless and starving people of the world, would have been restored to their rightful places of dignity. . . . But instead, because of media prejudices against LaRouche, millions have died."