
Illinois

Stevenson losing, Fairchild campaigns

It has now been more than two months since two "LaRouche Democrats" scored stunning upset victories in the Illinois Democratic primaries—Mark Fairchild winning the lieutenant-governor nomination, and Janice Hart gaining the ballot position for secretary of state. At the time, gubernatorial nomination-winner Adlai Stevenson III vowed that he would not run on the same ticket with the "neo-Nazi" LaRouche candidates—and true to his word, he has proceeded to commit political suicide. As Lyndon LaRouche observed then: "Stevenson is walking out of the party in the service of something he knows to be a lie. If you do that in politics, you're finished."

On May 16, Illinois Federal Judge James Parsons ruled that "sore-winner" Stevenson cannot thwart the will of the voters and the law of Illinois by running as an "independent." The decision was warmly greeted by Fairchild, who has offered to step up from lieutenant-governor to be the party's gubernatorial candidate.

At a press conference in Chicago, he called on State Democratic chairman Vince Demuzio, who counseled Stevenson to run as an independent, to immediately resign, since he is thereby "a traitor to the party" who has "proven himself loyal to Adlai Stevenson and not the Democratic Party. It's one thing to be a radical disrupter and a wrecker as a rank-and-file member of the Democratic Party, but not as the state party chairman!"

Demuzio advised Adlai Stevenson to withdraw as the Democratic nominee and to seek, through legal channels, to run either as an independent or to form a third party slate. The advice, as LaRouche predicted, has proven a colossal blunder. When Judge Parsons ruled against Stevenson, he adopted the argument of Fairchild, an intervenor in the case, that Stevenson's tactics were an effort to factionalize and disrupt the Democratic Party.

Fairchild seeks commission on cults

Fairchild, Hart, and their supporters are working to take the issues of the campaign—a public-health approach to AIDS, an intensified war on drugs, the reconstruction of industry through cheap credit, etc.—to the voters, and unify the party in that effort toward defeating incumbent Gov. Jim Thompson in November.

Fairchild called on May 20 for a blue-ribbon commission to "investigate satan-worshipping and other cults" and their "connection to the missing children epidemic in the State of Illinois and in the United States." The proposal is meant to redirect the Illinois Democratic Party away from Stevenson's squabbling, to solve one of the state's most pressing problems. In a resolution on the subject drafted by Fairchild for the state legislature, the candidate warns that "... satan-worshipping cults are now operating in Illinois, according to numerous recent newspaper reports, including reports of human sacrifice and bizarre sexual rituals and ... many of these ... cults advocate the use of narcotics as part of their rituals." He calls on Governor Thompson to establish a commission to investigate this matter and then to join Fairchild in "destroying this menace to our children."

Not simply waiting for Thompson's reply, Fairchild is speaking at forums around the state on the problem. Fairchild has also charged Thompson himself with complicity in creating an environment in the state in which the cults are flourishing. "Under Thompson," Fairchild said on May 17, "the drug trade has flourished, poisoning and destroying the minds of our youth. The AIDS virus is silently spreading across our state, completely unchecked and unheeded by Mr. Thompson."

"The steel mills are now ghost towns," Fairchild continued. "The tractor plants and machine-tool industries are struggling for survival; we've been losing 5,000 farms a year for four years; there is 18% official unemployment in the Quad Cities and in other cities around the state; and 25,000 people in the city of Chicago have no home but the street."

"The voters have spoken," said Fairchild, "and it is now my duty to represent them. Thompson has been in office plenty long enough for us to judge his performance. I say let's get on with the job of winning in November."

Adlai's anti-Democratic campaign

Meanwhile, Stevenson hit another snag on May 20, when Ronald Michaelson, chairman of the State Board of Elections, issued the board's opinion that if Stevenson forms a third party, he cannot recruit the Democratic Party nominees already on the ballot, if that means they will be on the ballot twice. Stevenson must field a full slate of candidates if he runs as a third party candidate.

Adlai III has now resorted to bringing in party hacks and enforcers from out of state, who are fearful of a LaRouche challenge themselves. On May 21, New York Congressman Steven Solarz (D) appeared in Chicago. At two fundraisers, organized on Stevenson's behalf by Philip Klutznik of the organized-crime front called the Anti-Defamation League, Solarz urged support of Stevenson's (non-existing) candidacy as a way to deliver "a body blow" to Lyndon LaRouche, "mentor" of Hart and Fairchild. "If they ... destroy this candidacy [Stevenson's], it will only encourage them to mount additional efforts ... in the rest of the country," Solarz stated.