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LaRouche candidates' electoral breakout shocks Establishment

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"Politics as usual" came to an end in the United States, when Janice Hart, the nominee of the Democratic Party for secretary of state of Illinois, flew to West Germany in the middle of the Illinois election campaign, to work with the Patriots for Germany, a new party opposing the destruction of the Western alliance. Hart told her constituents, and an astonished press corps, that it was her concern for the United States and for Illinois that led her to travel to Europe, to express the commitment of U.S. patriots to the alliance, and to aid those who were fighting Soviet-directed irregular warfare.

On March 18, Hart and Mark Fairchild, leaders of the political movement being built around the 1988 presidential candidacy of Lyndon LaRouche, won the Illinois Democratic Party's nomination for secretary of state and lieutenant governor. The slate they headed polled 1,167,000 votes throughout the state, in what the astonished media called the "political upset of the century." Yet more astute political observers were not so surprised. Michael McKeon, a pollster for the Democratic Party, had warned the Democratic National Committee as far back as June 1985, that the LaRouche candidates were getting "a big core vote." "LaRouche knows how to connect with the population," he said. "They are not in Disneyland the way Washington, D.C. is."

'Sticking it to Washington'

In an address before a packed audience at the National Press Club in Washington on April 9, LaRouche said that the voters of Illinois, fed up with lies from the government about the "recovery," ignored the party bosses and the news media, and voted for the only candidates who were making any sense. "They don't believe you!" he told the press. "You have not been doing your job. And what happened in Illinois, and what is going to continue to happen, will demonstrate that the forgotten majority of voters in this country represent reality, and have asked me and my associates to stick it to you, to force you to recognize reality."

LaRouche hit hard at the drug lobby and its protectors in Washington and in the media. In a statement that made headlines around the world, he called for

