

## Four primaries show LaRouche Dems' backing

The Sept. 11 primaries in Maryland, New York, Minnesota, and Wisconsin provided further evidence that the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party is expanding its influence among American voters. Faced with an expanding depression at home, and a Vietnam-like war deployment abroad, Americans are responding to the LaRouche candidates' calls for industrial and agricultural expansion, support for LaRouche's Productive Triangle program for a unified Germany, and an end to the Mideast war.

In Maryland, where cargo tonnage passing through the Port of Baltimore is down 14% compared to 1989, and the number of bankruptcies filed in June shows a 50% increase over June last year, congressional candidate Cornelius Morgan polled 38% in the 2nd C.D. "Neil" Morgan was well-known for his attacks on the anti-human policies of the Anti-Defamation League, and his stand against the "Jap-Bashing" of Republican incumbent Helen Delich Bentley. Morgan repeatedly stated that "the U.S. should ally itself with Germany and Japan, rather than making them our enemies." Six LaRouche Democrats running for the Maryland House of Delegates received votes in the

20-25% range, and Pat Albright, running for State Democratic Central Committee on the Eastern Shore, won her seat.

In New York State, LaRouche Democrat Keith Perez received 34% of the vote in the 29th C.D., which includes part of the City of Rochester. Breaking through the appalling lack of policy discussion in the media, best characterized as "whatever you do not speak about, does not exist," Perez called himself an Old Democrat, "believing like LaRouche or John F. Kennedy that industrial and agricultural progress is the backbone, the very source of existence of this nation." The district Democratic machine reacted by challenging Perez's ballot status, thus delaying his campaign, and when that failed, fielding another candidate with the avowed purpose of stopping Perez, who was denounced as "not a real Democrat."

In Minnesota, where Governor Rudy Perpich's "New Age" speculation policies have produced glittering but empty office buildings and condos along the Minneapolis waterfront while Mississippi River trade declines, LaRouche Democrat Gary Legare polled 26% in the 2nd C.D. primary, and three LaRouche candidates for state representative received 21-23% of the vote. In Wisconsin, LaRouche Democrat Peter Taylor received 20% in the 5th C.D. against incumbent Jim Moody, one of those who had complained about the strength of the LaRouche movement on the floor of Congress.

The pattern continued throughout the day, with reports of election judges tampering with the backs of machines, accompanying voters into the voting booths, and, in several cases, instructing certain voters to vote on as many as three or four machines. When pollwatchers challenged improper procedures, they were ousted by the judges.

At the end of the day, in almost every precinct, pollwatchers were not permitted to view vote totals on the machines. In a significant percentage of precincts, the number of votes the machines recorded exceeded the judges' own records of the numbers who had actually voted.

The irregularities were so widespread, that it is impossible to ascertain who actually won the election. However, political observers agree that it is absurd to credit Abdul Alim Muhammad, a tremendously popular challenger who campaigned aggressively, with a mere 21%, especially since statistically, almost anyone who opposes an incumbent in a two-way race is virtually assured 20% of the vote. One political veteran said, "Sure, it would have been more credible to give Muhammad 40%, but the machine is sending him a message. They don't care if the theft is blatant. They're trying to demoralize his supporters and black voters in general. They're saying, 'You'll never upset the machine.'"

If the mood at Dr. Muhammad's campaign headquarters on election night was any barometer, that message didn't get through. Several hundred campaign workers waited until midnight to hear from their candidate and, despite the fact that most had been on their feet for 20 hours, they were exuberant.

When Dr. Muhammad and his family arrived, they were accompanied by Congressman Savage, who reminded the crowd that he had run five times before he finally took his congressional seat. Dr. Muhammad, who made clear that he was not ready to concede to Steny Hoyer, read a message of congratulations from Minister Louis Farrakhan, who noted that as the first member of the Nation of Islam to seek a congressional seat, Muhammad's campaign had opened a new era. He said, "You didn't just open the door, you knocked it down! Now, we are going to walk through it!"

Attorneys for the campaign are still compiling evidence of irregularities, and further legal action is expected. Whatever happens in that regard, however, one thing is clear: Abdul Alim Muhammad brought hundreds, and probably thousands of citizens into the electoral process in an active way for the first time in their lives and, as a result, politics in Prince George's County will never be the same.