

the Democratic primary. LaRouche received 11.9% in the Democratic presidential primary, while Claire Blomquist, running on LaRouche's policies, garnered 35% for agricultural commissioner. In this most recent primary, LaRouche swept the rural counties and the Indian reservations.

Even though this month's primary election was a "beauty contest" having no effect on the delegate selection process, LaRouche campaign organizers had a strong sense that it was not business-as-usual in this state. The first indication was the fact that at their April 3-5 state convention, the Democratic Party selected 12 uncommitted delegates and only 3 for the party's choice, Clinton, out of their 15 delegates for the Democratic National Convention.

On June 3, John Ruby, a popular radio talk show personality on the NBC station KFJR, took a presidential preference poll, asking viewers to call in their choice: Bush, Clinton, or Perot. The poll did not mention LaRouche's name. The phone lines were jammed for several hours. The result was announced by Ruby when a caller called in to talk about LaRouche. Ruby said his listeners had selected Perot, LaRouche, and Bush, in that order.

In the days leading up to the election, LaRouche campaign organizers reported widespread recognition and support for his candidacy at cattle shows, auctions, agricultural fairs, and from labor, pro-life, and farm activists. Many

meetings were held with people who had been victims of judicial harassment, who recognized that LaRouche was a political prisoner for his opposition to establishment economic policies. As LaRouche said to the voters in his statement of thanks, which appeared on the front page of the *Grand Forks Herald*, the political establishment is "savagely cutting the production of food at a time of murderous worldwide shortages of food. This, of course, is the leading issue in North Dakota, and it expressed itself in the way it did in the results yesterday."

North Dakota is the leading producer of the high-protein durum wheat used in the production of pasta. Over the last decade, 500,000 people have been forced to leave the state, because government policy has collapsed the farm economy, forcing farmers off the land. According to one trade union leader, it is impossible to get a full-time job in the state. Since 1988, drought and free trade have had a detrimental effect on the state's economy. The U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement has allowed the dumping of Canadian wheat in North Dakota.

### 'Wild Bill' Langer's heritage

Political activists in the state have been regularly railroaded into prison. "Wild Bill" Langer, who was governor in the 1930s and U.S. senator in the 1940s and '50s, survived a

## LaRouche candidates win in California

Candidates identified with the political and economic program of political prisoner Lyndon H. LaRouche racked up some important victories in local and state California elections June 2, demonstrating LaRouche's growing appeal to the electorate, even though his own vote total was kept to 1% in the Democratic presidential primary.

Alice Robb won the Democratic primary for the California State Legislature in the 65th Assembly District. Mrs. Robb took 60% of the vote, devastating her establishment-endorsed opponent Ray Strait, who reportedly spent tens of thousands of dollars trying to defeat her.

Mrs. Robb, a 75-year-old retired teacher from Yucca Valley, is a longtime LaRouche activist and supporter who made her ties to LaRouche the leading edge of her campaign. "First and last I am a LaRouche supporter. My campaign is his campaign," she would say to everyone. A veteran of many campaigns, she had been previously elected to the Lucerne Valley School Board and currently sits on the San Bernardino Democratic County Central Committee.

Mrs. Robb made water development a major issue of her campaign, calling for rapid implementation of the North America Water and Power Alliance (Nawapa) project as the antidote to state's worsening water shortage. She will face off against two-term Republican incumbent Paul Woodruff in the November general election.

LaRouche candidates also did well in other races. Elliot Graham won the primary in the 43rd State Assembly District. In that same district, LaRouche activists won five of the seven seats on the Democratic County Central Committee. Fifteen other LaRouche supporters were elected to the Democratic County Central Committee positions elsewhere in the state.

In other State Assembly races, Andrea Ingraham was given 40% of the vote, in what was probably the most media-covered campaign of the LaRouche slate, while Don Tirey garnered a surprising 30% in San Jose against incumbent John Vasconcellos, who was considered unsailable.

Other significant results included George Hanna with 30% for State Senate in Orange County; Scott Gaulke with 16% in the 29th Congressional District against incumbent Henry Waxman; and Art Dunn with 14% running against Rep. Leon Panetta, chairman of the House Budget Committee.