

Democrats worry as Spannaus briefs NAACP

"Democrats would have freaked if they'd seen all the LaRouche literature in NAACP conventioners' briefcases this weekend," wrote the *Roanoke Times-World-News* on Oct. 10. "Just goes to show: Democrats don't have the black vote in the bag this run for governor." The article ran under the headline, "Black Vote Not Secure: Terry, Allen Fail to Impress NAACP."

The article warned that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Sue Terry must spend more time with black voters, and talk to them more about the social problems that worry them, according to delegates at the Virginia state annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article quoted reactions to Terry and GOP hopeful George Allen after a

debate at the convention on Oct. 8: "To me, it was a waste of time. Neither of them said anything," said one delegate. "They've given us a lot of fluff," said another. "What we want to hear . . . is manufacturers coming to give our children jobs," said a third.

The article continued:

"Conventioners were grabbing up literature on independent Nancy Spannaus, a follower of Lyndon LaRouche. He's a political extremist and frequent presidential candidate who's serving a prison term for mail fraud and tax evasion.

"Charles Brown of Suffolk probably will vote for Terry, but he admired Spannaus' 'straightforward answers' to questions Friday night.

"Spannaus got attention partly because she gave it. She spent hours at the convention Friday, and her staffers were still there Saturday, handing out a table's worth of literature.

"Terry needs to do the same thing, according to NAACP delegates."

Moore's threat apparently worked. Terry's assistant John Russell showed up on Moore's behalf in his 1992 trial for conspiracy to kidnap LaRouche associate Lewis du Pont Smith, to perjure himself. Moore was acquitted then, but his co-conspirator Galen Kelly has now been convicted and sentenced to more than seven years in a kidnapping Moore also participated in. The federal prosecutor says Moore is going to be indicted again.

Moore and Mary Sue

Mary Sue Terry was not always so afraid of being associated with Isom—whose office was raided by FBI agents on April 21, 1992, as part of an FBI investigation of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Isom was in fact her campaign manager during her 1989 run for a second term as Virginia Attorney General. And it was none other than John Isom who made the speech nominating her for her second term at the state Democratic Convention on June 10, 1989.

This was the speech that Don Moore says he wrote for Isom. In this speech, Isom described how he had allegedly "turned to Mary Sue Terry for help":

"Investigating the LaRouche organization was . . . opening up a hornet's nest of trouble that I didn't have the manpower to handle.

"So I called the FBI.

"I tried the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"I called every office I could think of. I talked to more government officials than you can imagine, and no one would

give us a hand. Nobody, until I called Attorney General Mary Sue Terry.

"Right away, Mary Sue sat down with my office and formed a task force. She called in the State Police and the Virginia State Corporation Commission to take part in the investigation, and then finally, we got a new U.S. Attorney in Alexandria who decided that this was a case worth pursuing.

"Because of that task force, and Mary Sue Terry . . . 16 individuals and five corporations of the LaRouche organization, [were] charged with violations of the Virginia Securities Act."

Terry, in fact, carried Don Moore's theme throughout her reelection campaign. In a statewide campaign mailer in September 1989, Terry announced a list of "Terry Talking Points" concluding:

"Coordinated Virginia's investigation and prosecution of key figures in the Lyndon LaRouche organization." In October, in the *Richmond News-Leader*, in a front-page article on her reelection campaign, Terry described her role in the Get LaRouche task force, "We moved into that situation, filled a void and made a difference."

Mary Sue in her 1993 brochure still brags that she "coordinated the investigation of the Lyndon LaRouche operation in Virginia and sent the criminals involved to jail. . . ." But she has been much quieter about the LaRouche cases and her ties to Sheriff Isom and Don Moore in this election campaign. Is it because she knows Isom's office is still under investigation by the FBI and by a federal grand jury? Is it because Don Moore has been indicted once for kidnapping, and, according