

most. Pollster Curtis Gans: “Nothing is exciting [voters] right now, but if the economy gets worse, it can drive the election.” Democratic pollster Alan Secrest says Democratic voters consider the economy to be crucial: “The domestic issues are not being drowned out by the debate over Iraq. That is vastly overstated.” Pollster John Zogby was quoted: “Everybody in Washington is talking about war with Iraq, but as soon as you leave Washington, you find everybody is talking about the economy.”

Pew Research Center pollster Andrew Kohut complained in his Oct. 14 op-ed in the *New York Times* that voters were being inscrutable: If poll-takers fed answers, such as terrorism or Iraq, to respondents about major issues in the Congressional elections, over 70% agreed these were important. But, when voters were asked to list their own idea of election hot topics, without prompting, “the economy dwarfs all other issues.” In the non-prompted survey, 40% cited the economy, 4% Iraq, and 11% mentioned terrorism as important.

The national economy is also catching the Bush family in a bind; Florida Gov. Jeb Bush could lose re-election, if the trade unions take out their anger over President George W. Bush’s labor policies (almost certainly including his invoking Taft-Hartley against locked-out West Coast longshoremen) on the President’s brother. The *Wall Street Journal* quotes an AFL-CIO political director, that labor is “as jazzed about this [Florida election] as they are about any other race in the country.”

Only LaRouche Democrats Are ‘Electable’

No “Miss Manners,” LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, who is contesting the U.S. Senate seat long held by Virginia patrician John Warner, has been running radio ads in Metropolitan Washington and Virginia featuring Lyndon LaRouche, especially on the only alternative to the economic collapse. Virginia has been hit by two rounds of large budget cuts and layoffs; the second, announced on Oct. 16 by Gov. Mark Warner, eliminated about 2,000 jobs and cut nearly \$1 billion in state services. In one 10-second ad, Spannaus asks:

“Do you want to get out of this economic depression? Listen to Lyndon LaRouche:

“Today, we’re now at the point, we’re in the worst depression, in the experience of any living person on this planet, right now. This system is coming down, coming down hard, like you’ve never seen before. The only thing that will save us, now, is a return to the policies like those, that is, the attitude of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Administration.’ ”

“LaRouche’s FDR-style policies would restart our economy. He’s demanded a new world monetary system based on the same principles. On Sept. 25, the Italian Chamber of Deputies passed a resolution modelled on LaRouche’s proposals.”

In another ad, she urges: “You, the voter, face two test cases on election day. Lyndon LaRouche described them this way: ‘One, We have to stop the bleeding of the national railway system. That is, stop the disruption right now, and start

Democrats Have No Economic Plan

Having bowed to the White House on war, the Democrats’ leadership now believes that it can “focus” on economic issues. This was demonstrated by an “economic forum” sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) on Oct. 11; and by what was billed as a major policy speech by Gephardt on Oct. 15. The Democrats charge the Bush White House with ignoring the hardship that many people across the country are experiencing as a result of the decline in the economy. But these events demonstrated that the Democrats, other than Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, have little more idea of how to address the economic collapse, than the GOP.

The main point of the Oct. 11 event was stated at the outset by Daschle, who complained of Bush, “We’re asking him to focus on the economy and join us in a bipartisan summit.” Gephardt added, “We must come together on a new bipartisan plan to restore growth and create jobs.” But the *economic policy* thrust of the Democrats was to restore the glorious 1990s boom in the stock market and the “New Economy”! This approach—which wrecked the economy—was exemplified by the Club for Growth’s Stephen Moore, who advocated a reduction of the capital gains tax to 10%, explicitly to get “investors” back into the markets.

In his Oct. 15 speech, Gephardt laid out a five-point plan to “restore economic growth”: a short-term stimulus package of \$125 billion for school construction, domestic anti-terrorism infrastructure and health care assistance, with one-time tax rebates for working families; balancing the Federal budget; limiting CEOs’ stock ownership; making employee pensions portable; and increasing the minimum wage and extending unemployment benefits. Given the Dems’ underlying assumptions, they too await Hoover’s “recovery just around the corner.”—*Carl Osgood*

to reverse, to rebuild.

“Number two, we must intervene, with the imminent collapse of United Airlines, into bankruptcy—and many other airlines will go with it, if we don’t stop it—we must have emergency legislation, which takes the situation over, and stops the breakup of our national airtravel system.’ ”

I’m Nancy Spannaus . . . and I support LaRouche’s emergency infrastructure plan. It will create millions of decent jobs, and save our national transport system.”