

## Editorial

### *The Youth Are Your Future*

History is made by youth movements, the generation of 18 to 25-year-olds passionately committed to seizing their destiny and creating the future. As in the famous case of the American Revolution, inspired youth often become the force which moves society, wielding ideas with the energy that shakes up their stodgy old parents, and creates a revolutionary change for the better. Of course, there have been evil youth movements as well, as the young stormtroopers of the Nazi era, or the Jacobin mobs, remind us. That reality rubs in the point that it is the youth, our children, who are our future—for good or for bad.

Looked at from this standpoint, the recent political developments in Boston at the Democratic Convention, and in certain parts of Western Europe, give us a great deal of hope. What we see is the coming of age of the LaRouche Youth Movement, to the point where it is capable of shaping a political environment through intellectual leadership, so that those adults caught up in that environment, once again are full of optimism that they can solve the problems which threaten us with disaster as nations.

It should be clear that we are talking about a youth *movement*, not simply an agglomeration of young people. DNC head Terry McAuliffe bragged that the Democratic Party had brought 5,000 youth to Boston, in order to “train” them to be part of the Presidential campaign. They might as well have brought chimpanzees, for the purposes they wished to use them for: carrying coffee, stuffing envelopes, scanning the Internet, screaming and yelling on the Convention floor. They just wanted a lot of young, energetic bodies.

By contrast, the LaRouche Youth Movement is committed to developing and spreading intelligent political discourse about ideas, ideas of statecraft, education, economic development, and culture. Youth—and adults!—who are involved in such activity are not so easily controlled, but they represent the promise of a society committed to working for the improvement of the general welfare of all people. They are committed to *thought*. One hundred of such youth can have more impact than thousands of “young bodies,” as the Bostonians and the Democratic Party have just found out.

Key to the LaRouche Youth Movement’s success, is that these young people are absolutely committed to seeking, and telling, the truth, no matter how unpopular or complex it may be. Yet they are also committed to the Platonic idea that the truth, and truth-seeking, is also *beautiful*, and loving. The propagation of truthful ideas must therefore lift people up—in intelligence, in spirit, in their sense of identity—making them capable of seeing themselves as contributing to humanity, both now and in the future.

As LaRouche pointed out in his July 30 press conference, one of the media by which this effect is most efficiently carried out, is through Classical music, a species which it would not be too far off to say has been nearly left to die in Western civilization today. The constant choral singing of great Classical composers such as Bach and Beethoven, as well as of Classically arranged Negro spirituals by the LaRouche Youth Movement in Boston, had a near-magical effect on the delegates and population alike. Even major media who are usually hostile to LaRouche, found themselves captivated by the beauty of the singing of Classical music, although they did not know why.

During the course of the next few months, the approach the LaRouche Youth Movement used in Boston will be duplicated around the United States. But this is not just a U.S. phenomenon. In the German state of Saxony, the European LaRouche Youth Movement is waging a campaign in the September state elections, through a revival of the Monday night demonstrations—the same sort which preceded the Revolution of 1989. Again, the youth are using the medium of Classical music, in order to inspire a downtrodden population to stand up for their rights as people, before it is too late.

Will the Baby-Boomer generation allow itself to be inspired by these youth to put aside their selfish concerns, and dedicate themselves to the future of humanity? Will the Baby Boomers provide support for those youth who have committed themselves to fighting the “impractical” fight for a new Renaissance? The LaRouche Youth’s intervention at the Boston Democratic Convention gives us a taste of what is possible. We need only seize the opportunity now.