

LAROCHE NATIONAL SLATE

Candidates Launch Campaign Against 'Sectionalism'

by Nancy Spannaus

Dec. 10—"And the reason we have a mess with government, today, is because it's incompetent. It's based on section, sectional interest, which is the death of Federal government. And if a guy can't talk about the Federal responsibilities, as such, but says, 'I only talk about this issue,' he should be kicked out of government, for incompetence. He's not competent to be a Federal representative if he keeps jabbering away about these little home-grown things. And it's not how well he represents the state, it's how well he represents the Federal government as a union, from his state! ...

"You're dealing now, therefore, with a fundamental question of Constitutional law. And the first thing we've got to do, is *get rid of anything which is sectionalist!* We do not need another Confederacy!"

That was Lyndon LaRouche speaking on Dec. 3, in a presentation which included a charge to the LaRouche national Congressional slate to launch a unified campaign against "the disease of sectionalism." On Dec. 8, the six LaRouche Democratic candidates did just that, in a 50-minute Internet discussion which was posted on www.larouchepac.com/campaigns. This was just the first shot in what will be a sustained campaign to restore the Constitutional principles of the United States, starting first and foremost, by removing the chief British-run impediment to that desperately urgent objective, President Barack Obama, and establishing a "New Presidency."

Introducing the Slate

Kicking off and moderating the discussion was Kesha Rogers, the LaRouche Congressional candidate from Texas, who has just filed for the Democratic primary in the 22nd C.D. On the line with her were the five other members of the slate: Diane Sare from New Jersey; Dave Christie from Washington State; Bill Roberts from Michigan; Rachel Brown from Massachusetts; and Summer Shields from California.

In Rogers' introduction, and throughout, she stressed the quality of leadership being presented by the six candidates as a unified national group. She identified "localism" as the major disease which the slate would attack, because it is "against every principle on which our nation was founded." The Constitutional principle means a fight for the general welfare of the nation as a whole, and going against popular opinion, which acts to prevent the necessary measures from being taken. It means going for the truth against popular opinion.



Kesha Rogers, Texas

Rogers then turned over the microphone to New Jersey candidate Diane Sare, to review the overall strategic situation at present as the necessary context for the discussion. Sare sharply conveyed the reality of the economic breakdown crisis, unfolding dramatically at that very moment in Europe, and the immediate threat of thermonuclear confrontation being manipulated by London.



Diane Sare, New Jersey

These existential crises demand a quality of leadership not now evident in the United States Congress or elsewhere—especially on the question of removing Obama.

Yes, said Rogers, we have a “crisis of leadership” in the United States, which our national slate is determined to address by exerting the necessary leadership. Take a look at these so-called Republican Presidential candidates; take a look at Obama. The situation is disastrous unless a new leadership emerges.

What Leadership Involves

At that point Dave Christie chimed in to present the model of competent national leadership, in the form of La-Rouche’s role within the institution of the U.S. Presidency from the 1970s on. It was then that La-Rouche developed the concept of the Strategic Defense Initiative, a concept which has been revived today by the Russians in the form of the Strategic Defense of Earth proposal, and Arctic development. Presenting such concepts represents the true content of national leadership, a change in conception which is crucial to preventing unthinkable nuclear war, and which will redefine everything, including the role of the U.S. military back to the engineering concept on which West Point was based.



Dave Christie, Washington State

Bill Roberts then took up the issue from the negative standpoint, specifically the way in which partisanship and sectionalism had subverted the mobilization of the trade union movement since the 2010 national elections. There was a time when unionists were also national political leaders, he said, citing the role of Walter Reuther in leading the United Auto Workers union in the 1930s and ’40s, and in developing the plans for the World War II industrial mobilization.



Bill Roberts, Michigan

But today, the unions don’t take such responsibility for the nation. Just look at how they failed to go beyond simply trying to counter the state-by-state anti-union campaigns which came out of that election, and refused to act to remove Obama, or even fight for Glass-Steagall. Such institutions have succumbed to a corrupting influence, in contrast to those lawmakers John F. Kennedy wrote of in *Profiles in Courage*.

Tolerating Obama

The next theme of the discussion—what leads to the toleration of the broadly despised nation-wrecker Barack Obama—was kicked off by Rachel Brown, who, after a comment on how ostensibly weak, but truthful forces (and reality) had led to the announcement by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) that he would not seek re-election, issued a challenge to all political candidates, to hone in on the issues of stopping thermonuclear war by getting rid of Obama.



Rachel Brown, Massachusetts

Sare seconded her challenge, and extended it to the American people. Why are they tolerating monstrosities such as Obama, and creatures like Newt Gingrich?

Summer Shields then reframed the question. Indeed, it is shameful that people tolerate Obama and atrocities like eliminating the space program and eviscerating the United States' industrial heartland, he said; but it is fundamentally because people do not understand the *large* oligarchical principle which stands behind these evils, and that they have



Summer Shields, California

to fight it. To do that, they have to comprehend the mindset of those who want to wipe out the world's population. The oligarchy is the "they" that people are always saying can't be stopped—but they can.

The alternative, Rogers emphasized, is to develop the ideas which can unify the nation, and the planet, ideas such as the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA). The commitment to such ideas, which are the essence of the commitment to scientific progress enshrined in the Constitution, means having the courage, and taking the responsibility for developing the nation. That's the very opposite of sticking to "local interests" and sectionalism.

The American Soul

In his last intervention, Christie took up another major disease of sectionalism, or localism—environmentalism. There is no idea more corrosive and belittling than this, he said, since environmentalists see man as the equivalent of a worm in the dirt. And this idea has been wielded by the British oligarchy as a means of destroying the historical character of the United States.

Deep within the American soul is a fundamental hatred of environmentalist ideas, Christie asserted. But, as the political parties are organized now, with environmentalism enshrined in their agendas, people have to buck popular opinion and the party leaderships to fight for progress. This particularly comes up with the question of Obama, because people refuse to see him as the British puppet he is, and therefore generally feel compelled to defend him out of loyalty to the party, when the fact is, that he and his commitments are fundamentally opposed to any Democratic Party worthy of the name.

But will the American people face this truth, and refuse to be manipulated by localist interests—which, indeed, only permit Obama to function as a virtual dictator over the government?


Sare addressed this issue by reciting the final lines of Percy B. Shelley's "Masque of Anarchy," which read:

"Rise like lions after slumber
 "In unvanquishable NUMBER!
 "Shake your chains to earth, like dew
 "Which in sleep had fall'n on you:
 "YE ARE MANY—THEY ARE FEW."

Yet, without an understanding of the principled basis for government, especially the U.S. Constitution, action by the "many" will only lead to disaster. The principle of leadership demands action by the few for the unified welfare of the nation in the *interest* of the many. That is the commitment of the LaRouche national slate in its campaign *against* sectionalism, and *for* the immediate removal of Obama, institution of Glass-Steagall, and launching the establishment of a new world financial system appropriate to the survival and flourishing of all mankind.

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