

LaRouche: 'My Rivals Are Like Goldfish in a Bowl'

From an interview given by Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche to Al-Bayan newspaper of Dubai, published on Dec. 14:

The astonishing corruption and political ineptness of the leading figures of the Democratic Party . . . is a reflection of the 1994-2003 degeneration of the intellectual and moral fibre of that Party, through what is usefully described as a 1964-2003 cultural-paradigm down-shift of the U.S. from a great, to a thoroughly decadent, and currently bankrupt nation. All of my rivals for the Democratic Presidential nomination are victims of the influence of that cultural-paradigm down-shift. The typical expression of that decadence among them is found in their essentially anti-industrial, anti-technology economic policies, and their complicity in the continuing destruction of the basic economic infrastructure on which the former economic power of the U.S. had depended.

They are like goldfish in a bowl. The bowl is their

confinement to ideas which are in agreement with the post-1964 cultural-paradigm down-shift of the U.S. economy and popular opinion. Now, we have reached the point that that 1964-2003 down-shift has brought the U.S. to the verge of an early general economic-breakdown crisis. We could escape the effects of that crisis, if we returned to pre-1964 values associated with the tradition of President Franklin Roosevelt. My wretched rivals, some of whom are otherwise decent, intelligent persons, have been incapable of accepting the path to safety which exists only outside the presently doomed cultural fish-bowl.

This is typical of history as studied in the long term. It is defects in cultures which lead nations to the brink of doom; it is appropriate changes in cultural paradigms, even at the brink of catastrophe, which allow threatened cultures to recover, and then move forward. So, it is said, "the dead seize the living"; the failure to escape from the tradition of the habits acquired during a presently doomed past, is the mark of the doom of once great powers.

Meanwhile, one poll has shown that all of my rivals for the Democratic Presidential nomination would be defeated by Bush in 2004, but, another unnamed candidate would win. I am that candidate; and what I have just said is key to understanding the significance of my candidacy in light of the failed qualities of my rivals.