

LaRouche Educates Dems On How To Save Nation

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As the field of Democratic Presidential candidates dwindles, Democrat Lyndon LaRouche has accelerated his campaign's organizing drive, with his sights set on the dramatic changes that must be made in the Democratic Party and the nation, by the time of the Democratic National Convention, scheduled for Boston July 26-29. The candidate has had a set of high-profile personal appearances, and aired a new half-hour television show in New England, New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, over the weekend prior to the March 2 primaries. These initiatives occurred within the framework of escalated activity by the LaRouche Youth Movement, which is on a recruitment drive throughout the nation.

During an interview with NBC-TV in Arkansas on Feb. 24, LaRouche described the current state of the election campaign: "The . . . issue right now, is this: People behind the Democratic Party know the financial crash is on. They don't talk about it much, although they will tend to, more and more. But in the meantime, they know that the next President is going to face the greatest financial crash in modern U.S. history. And the bankers are saying, 'Yes, *we* can make a reform.' Say, bankers like Felix Rohatyn, of Lazard Frères. They say, 'We want an office boy as President in there, in the White House, to deal with the crash, because we want to dictate how it's done.'

"You see the policy toward Argentina: Collect every debt. And they'll do that to the U.S. people. They don't want someone like me in the picture. Because I'm not an office boy.

"Now, I don't think Kerry wants to be an office boy, but Kerry, on economic issues right now, is an office boy—on this issue. He does not know economics. He doesn't understand it. He's a good-hearted guy, but when it comes to the nuts, nitty-gritty of economics, he doesn't know it. And the point is, that if he gets in a situation where Kennedy and others decide to go with Felix Rohatyn and Lazard Frères, and people like that, then we're going to have a situation in the United States, which is what Hoover would have wished, but worse, back in the 1930s. And that's the issue.

"My concern now, is, I'm not just a rival of Kerry, I'm the only rival that means anything. But intellectually, my job is also to, between now and July, to educate the Democratic Party; and also, without being patronizing about it, to educate Kerry, so we have some insurance going into July; so the



More than 250 came to hear candidate LaRouche at this Salt Lake City campaign event on Feb. 24, introduced by well-known talk-radio host Jack Stockwell (at left); and 450 turned out for LaRouche's Los Angeles speech on Feb. 26. Leading the Democrats in campaign contributions, LaRouche plans to broadcast more half-hour TV presentations before the March 2 primaries.

Democratic Party is going to have some kind of unity, about the kind of policy I represent, and the kind of understanding I represent."

Serious Ideas

While many of LaRouche's rivals have now dropped by the wayside, in the face of their failure within the Roman arena-contest, the FDR Democrat is committing to *changing* the American electorate, so that they will be able to face the coming crises. His ability to mobilize the average citizen, without aid of the major media, was demonstrated through the significant turnouts at his campaign events in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles in the last week of February. Over 260 people showed up in Salt Lake City, and over 400 in Los Angeles, to hear LaRouche address how the nation must return to its Constitutional roots in order to survive the coming crisis, and also to engage in lengthy dialogue with the candidate.

As LaRouche emphasized at his well-attended press conference in Salt Lake City, as well as the campaign speeches, the major issues on the agenda are the need to get rid of Vice President Dick Cheney's influence in the Administration, and to prepare for a fundamental shift in economic policy, back to the policy influenced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's commitment to the general welfare. But, to address these issues, LaRouche says, the American people have to confront the cultural paradigm-shift which has taken over during the last 40 years, the Baby-Boomer paradigm of "live for the moment" hedonism, which has actually set the United States on a track for self-destruction, and the rest of the world along with it.

To provoke the abandonment of this Baby-Boomer pessimism, LaRouche argues, will require the inspiration of his growing Youth Movement, which functions as a "university on wheels," with a refreshingly direct address to their elders: "We want a future, and if you want to have a future through us, you had better join us." The LaRouche Youth Movement is an international phenomenon, and in late February, was devoting its energies to supporting Argentina's fight against IMF genocide by promoting LaRouche's New Bretton Woods proposal. Democratic Party events, university campuses, and the major thoroughfares of America's cities are venues where citizens can often expect a brigade of LaRouche Youth to show up and confront audience and speaker alike, with the difficult issues that must be addressed.

Standing Up to the Bankers

In his speech in Salt Lake City, usually considered the bailiwick of right-wing Republicans, LaRouche minced no words about the need for Americans to mobilize around his leadership. He told the audience that he is the political figure most feared by the financier oligarchy, because at this moment of impending doom of the global monetary system, he is the only person who knows what to do, and who has the guts to stand up to them.

LaRouche explained that none of the other candidates has the potential to be more than an "office boy" for the bankers, to carry out their orders for a fascist financial reorganization, plunging this country and the world into the nightmare of a New Dark Age. The battle, said LaRouche, will be to mobilize the unique power of the U.S. Constitution and the office of the Presidency to solve this crisis in the interests of the people,

not the bankers—just as FDR used these powers some 70 years earlier to neutralize the powers of the financiers. This time, the candidate stated, we will eliminate once and for all the ability of the financiers to place their power above the government of the people.

“We have a right to be human,” LaRouche said. “We have a right to maintain the welfare of our people. And to protect it against all contingencies, including bad bankers. We have an obligation to promote the education, and welfare, and development, of our children and others, in such a way that they can find a way in which to express—in a *meaningful* sense—to express their immortality: their connection to what went before them that was good; and their connection to what they are going to help bring into being in the future. . . .

“We, therefore, with our Presidency, which is the best Constitutional form of government in the world—when we use it that way—have the power to deal with any crisis; that is, any crisis within the means of man. We can take leadership in changing things. We can mobilize ourselves to act, in a way to correct our errors, even the errors of the past 40 years, and say, ‘It was a mistake. We’re going to correct the mistake.’ We have the influence, as an example, to reach out to other nations, if we treat them properly, to influence them. And to get them to join us, in making those great reforms in institutions of this planet, which will ensure the well-being of humanity.

“That’s what we are. There is no other nation on this planet which, so far, has that Constitutional legacy that we have. What we must do is, we as a people must demand, especially for times of crisis, that we select leaders, especially Presidents of our Republic, who have the capacity to express the obligations inherent in that conception of our Constitutional system. We’re now in such a time. If we do—then, from what I know of the world, from what I know of the problems in countries, in Europe, Russia, for example, or some situations in Africa, South and Central America, *we have the potential*; I know, that if I were President of the United States at this moment, as of tonight, that the governments in Europe would immediately take certain actions in anticipation of what I was, as President” going to do. “Governments, if they thought I was going to be nominated, would also tend to move in that direction, and change their ways, on the basis of that.

“The United States’ great power, is not its physical power—that’s important, but it’s not its great power. Its great power is its inherent moral authority on this planet, by virtue of the process which created this nation and its Constitution. And our job is to awaken to that reality.” And also to realize that “the objective of leadership, is not to exert power, though that’s necessary in leadership, but to make people happy, in the sense that Leibniz described: to give the nation a sense of purpose and direction, that we are doing something in our time, in our generation, that whatever happens to us, what we do, will be of a benefit to future generations, and will be considered honorable by our ancestors.”