

The Week of Action: LaRouche vs. Rohatyn

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As the planet is being stricken with a worldwide Pericles' Athens syndrome, many among us take a linear, Euclidean approach to the events playing out around us. However, the ostensible build-up of "bad news," becomes less obscure, when one begins to understand the situation in the way that Lyndon LaRouche does. The method of identifying the underlying forces causing our Congress to leave their balls behind in the doctor's office (from which they received a relevant amount of Viagra instead), and the method of diagnosing every individual problem as a function of a superseding process of global disintegration, is the truthful, unique quality of problem-solving that LaRouche understands. This is the method he used to identify Felix Rohatyn, in his July 20 webcast (and previous webcasts), as not only a major culprit in the forced collapse of American industrial capacity, but how that action also reflects Rohatyn's Nazi roots.

During a Week of Action in Washington, D.C. on July 17-23, the LaRouche Youth Movement's (LYM's) task was to exterminate the political influence of this Nazi, who has slipped his way into the Democratic Party through the back door, causing a dangerous inaction in the Congress; a lack of response to LaRouche's Emergency Recovery Act; and a lack of movement to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney—not to mention an acceptance of the general world economic collapse. This mobilization will continue in the weeks ahead.

Classical Music and Humor

The strategy for the week was for a group of 70 youth to hit all the institutional layers of Washington, D.C. The strategy worked, as we were everywhere in the city, creating a great

visibility of LaRouche's youth movement. This started on Monday, July 17, with two rallies: one at the Executive Office Building and a second at Farragut North Metro station. With a chorus of approximately 25 youth singing Classical motets and canons the entire time, we drew a lot of people to stop and listen to something beautiful, which most people have no access to in today's decadent culture. This is one of the frontiers of the Youth Movement's work, because, as LaRouche said in his closing remarks at the webcast (see *Feature*), it is necessary to develop the soul, to be human. He said that one's immortality comes from being truly creative and developing that creativity in others. This is what we're doing when we bring beautiful music to the streets: We're nourishing people's souls. One older lady, who reads LaRouche's literature, was moved by the singing, and came over to our chorus, after having a discussion with one of our organizers, to tell us that we, the youth, are going to be the ones to save the nation, and that we have a job to do. Among the Classical pieces we sang, some were canons whose words we had changed, to be relevant to the current strategic situation. One song went after Congress for being whores, because they will not protect the auto sector from Nazi Felix Rohatyn.

Using humor as another efficient way of getting people to reflect, we made signs and a banner with Rohatyn strategically located behind the ass of a donkey and set these up at all of the places where we organized, on the theme, "Rohatyn: He's After Your Ass!" One sign stated: "Felix Rohatyn: Nazi Penetrator of the Democratic Party." As we were marching with our banner, some people asked us to stop so they could take a picture of it. We would say to people: "Felix Rohatyn is positioning himself to influence the Democratic



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A LaRouche Youth Movement rally during the week of action in Washington, D.C. on July 17. "We were everywhere in the city, creating a great visibility of LaRouche's youth movement."

Party." We talked to one lady who had worked for Rohatyn; she said emphatically that he was not a good man. Another lady knew of him through her friends and said he was a pig. Another person who also reads LaRouche, came up to ask what LaRouche was thinking about the Lebanon situation.

Interventions Throughout the City

Every Week of Action, we send almost 70 youth into Congress to kick ass. This week, we ran into many Congressmen in the halls, giving them literature, with a few laughing at the cartoon of Rohatyn. In one case, the Congressman put the person he was on the phone with on hold so he could hear a briefing from one of our organizers.

Our youth intervened on many events, including the National Energy summit and the Arab American Institute Summit. One forum we intervened on was completely impotent, discussing a bill on how to change bankruptcy laws so that health care and pensions could be protected, but saying nothing about how to actually save the auto industry itself. Attending were four Congressmen and a few speakers. We organized several of them, with most taking literature. Most people took literature on the way out, and one speaker was happy to be educated on the role of Rohatyn.

Another event we hit was the week-long NAACP conference, which focussed on a renewal of the Voting Rights Act. Through a few strategic interventions throughout the week, it had become apparent that the leading members of the NAACP had traded their principal human rights for an underling's concept of voting rights (the irony of an ever more expanding "freedom," while remaining under a feudal global financial

system!) This unfortunate characteristic was made strikingly obvious at the conference's end, when President Bush was "invited" to speak by the same NAACP which the President has ignored for the five previous years. But even as the President stood up in front of those underlings and lied about everything, the silently snickering underlings would applaud at the designated times. As Bush increasingly sped to an ending, so as to be quickly swept away, our LYM members saw it necessary to pull the underlings from under the behinds of the Administration. The LYM's gestures (interrupting Bush mid-lie) were not well received by those underlings who perceived us as tampering with their great opportunity. And even amid the disruption that occurred with that, the Determinator remained steadfast. Later, in a White House press briefing, White House spokesman Tony Snow snickered about members of "the Lyndon LaRouche whatever," in response to hearing about our intervention.

If there are people who are still wondering what has happened to their Democratic Party, LaRouche had an answer to just that question in his July 20 webcast: "Felix Rohatyn!" The Dems didn't listen when LaRouche warned them in March 2005, and after, about the upcoming crisis in the auto and machine-tool sector. They have stuck with a mentality of "go-along-to-get-along," or as LaRouche redefined it, "Go-to-Hell-to-get-to-Hell!" Our job, for the sake of the nation and its posterity, is to implement LaRouche's recovery program to "save the souls" of that relevant de-generation which is now running the United States (into the ground), and reestablish the moral infrastructure that will induce an opposite fate than that of Pericles' Athens.