

LaRouche candidates' movement upsets the campaign charade

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Review the "major" international press outlets on the U.S. presidential campaign, and you must conclude that, once more, the U.S. presidential election is a meaningless charade.

The "vicious" polemics flying between the Gary Hart campaign and Walter Mondale's entourage of AFL-CIO goons and organized crime fellow-travellers don't even make good press copy, much less signify any real debate on the pressing strategic and economic issues facing the United States. Ronald Reagan, considered by all "political insiders" as the odds-on favorite in the quadriennial horse-race, has totally abandoned presidential responsibilities for the showmanship generally associated with presidential campaigning. The only excitement around Reagan campaign headquarters is the feverish attempt to put off inevitable crises—such as the demise of the "recovery" or the outbreak of massive international terrorism—until after the show is over.

No wonder that voter participation in the primaries and caucuses has been the lowest in recent history, the average reader will conclude. After the thieves finish their infighting, the election will be fixed as before.

Once again, you have to look *behind* the stories put forward by the Eastern Establishment media in order to get the real story: the emergence of a political mass movement around the policies of Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., a movement that will determine in one way or another the outcome of the election.

This political movement, comprised of an electoral slate of 2,500 led by LaRouche, and a support base within the National Democratic Policy Committee of more than 30,000 people, has a unique perspective toward the presidential elections. While focused around a presidential candidate, as was the George Wallace phenomenon of the late 1960s, the LaRouche campaign is not an electoral phenomenon. Rather, it is a citizens' army, self-modeled on the concept of winning represented by the Third Army of Gen. George Patton, Jr.—an army which has determined that the United States will survive and once more become as the protagonist for republican principles, no matter how many individual battles are lost.



Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. speaking at a press conference in Baltimore May 6. Warren J. Hamerman, the chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, is seated to the candidate's left. Election victories by the "citizens' army" of LaRouche candidates have begun to break the press blackout against the NDPC.

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LaRouche's campaign "issues" show this approach: a crash program for a directed-energy beam strategic defense system; reorganization of the world monetary system along the lines of the first treasury secretary of the United States, Alexander Hamilton; and, above all, the elimination of Henry Kissinger, and all he represents, from U.S. public life. But ultimately the LaRouche campaign is not an "issue-oriented" campaign. It attempts to revive a *method* of republican government which has been buried beneath political garbage in the United States since the time of Abraham Lincoln, the method of mobilizing citizens to defend the constitutional principles of the republic.

By proceeding from this standpoint, the LaRouche campaign has wielded tremendous pressure against the defenses put up by the corrupt Democratic Party leadership, which has clung to the line that LaRouche is "not a real Democrat." While spending as much money on slanders against LaRouche in the local press as possible, buying judges, and utilizing their corrupt cronies in official government agencies such as the Federal Election Commission and the Secret Service, the political mafia running Charlie Manatt's Democratic National Committee has found it possible to hold LaRouche's officially counted presidential vote in the five states in which he has now run to the level of 1-2%. But even the millions of dollars made available to the DNC by the friends of Kissinger have not allowed them to contain the citizen candidates' movement.

The broad efforts which have been made by LaRouche's enemies in the Eastern Establishment have backfired. Beginning with the refusal of the Federal Election Commission to acknowledge LaRouche's right to matching funds, through

the 20-minute piece of flim-flam libel put together by NBC-TV, the Kissinger-allied forces have merely succeeded in drawing attention to the threat which the LaRouche campaign represents to their control of policy-making.

The LaRouche campaign is not only making ripples in the Democratic Party. Washington, D.C., has been rocked by the series of television documentaries by LaRouche. Each broadcast has focused heavily on the role of Henry Kissinger as a Soviet agent of influence; after each showing the unease in the administration about Kissinger's re-emergence in policy-making has rapidly increased.

The only tangible results now, detailed in the following articles, are the high number of votes registered for LaRouche's slate. But there is no way that the Establishment can predict that the containment of LaRouche will hold.

Now the Democratic Party leadership, going into the national convention, is faced with a situation in which the LaRouche movement has proven control of 20-30% of the Democratic vote throughout the country. That figure, which will undoubtedly mount as the LaRouche campaign moves into high gear in its strongest states—New Jersey and California—reveals the secret of the 1984 presidential campaign. *It is the LaRouche candidates' movement that represents the decisive margin for the outcome of the November election.*

If the KGB-Democratic Establishment refuses to acknowledge LaRouche's power at the convention, it has to recognize that the Democratic nominee will automatically lose 20-30% of the Democratic vote in November.

How long, in the midst of the real, if vacuous, political brawl within the official Democratic Party leadership, can the Democrats pretend to ignore the LaRouche factor?