
Eyewitness Account

Vote thieves caught red-handed in Maryland presidential primary race

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Warren Hamerman, chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, directed the campaign of LaRouche Democrats in the May 8 Maryland primary and helped amass the evidence of fraud, which he presented at a press conference in Baltimore May 12.

In the Maryland Democratic primary on May 8, Lyndon LaRouche received a minimum provable vote of 15-25%, yet his officially announced vote was a mere 2%. The total vote officially cast so far in 1984 for candidates running with LaRouche in various elections is approximately 1 million, yet LaRouche's own announced vote total has been consistently under 1-2%. We knew that the cronies of Henry Kissinger and the Eastern liberal Establishment were desperate to "stop LaRouche" and that "the fix was in." Before the April 10 Pennsylvania primary, after all, patrician George Ball of the Lehman Brothers investment bank had bragged behind closed doors that he could "guarantee" that LaRouche would get no more than 1% of the vote—and he was as good as his word.

So, in Maryland the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) mobilized a "citizen's militia" to set up traps and stakeouts in key precincts before the election. Therefore, when vote fraud was committed, the criminals were caught in the act.

Within an hour of the closing of the polls, The LaRouche Campaign (the presidential campaign organization) and the National Democratic Policy Committee already had in nine precincts up to double the number of legal affidavits from voters who swore they had voted for LaRouche than the total LaRouche vote announced by the election judges!

On the morning of May 10, Judge Martin Greenfeld of the Maryland State Court for the Circuit of Baltimore issued a precedent-setting order sequestering all voting machines and voting materials in the nine precincts in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

Who is running the coverup?

The fact that extraordinary vote fraud was committed against LaRouche in the Maryland Democratic primary is not surprising. The NDPC has received reports from numerous sources that there exists a \$30 million war chest to stop

LaRouche and keep him from receiving publicity as a Democratic presidential candidate. The contributors to this illegal dirty operations fund are reported to include Charles T. Manatt's crowd in the Democratic National Committee, Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO, and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'Nai B'Rith. The fund is reportedly being used to finance dirty operations, press slanders, blackouts, candidate harassment, and outright terror against the LaRouche-Democratic citizens' candidate movement. We also have information that both the Soviet KGB and the FBI are involved in dirty operations against LaRouche's presidential campaign.

What was news in Maryland is that the NDPC caught the fraud in a way that it can now be proven in a court of law.

As in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the key to unraveling who was behind the conspiracy is to look at who is running the coverup. The wise student of the Kennedy assassination will skip over the mass of "pebbles" of disinformation in the Warren Commission files and focus on two facts: 1) the 6:01 p.m. call made from the White House Situation room by McGeorge Bundy to Lyndon Johnson to inform him that the assassination was definitely *not* the work of a conspiracy and therefore no special alerts were required; and 2) the fact that Allen Dulles and John J. McCloy were members of the Warren Commission and ran it on behalf of the most corrupt elements of the Eastern Establishment.

That is the method we are using to bring the criminals to justice today.

The evidence of fraud

Judge Greenfeld agreed with The LaRouche Campaign's demand that the evidence of crime must be protected. The Judge "ordered, adjudged and decreed that defendants Willard Morris, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, and the Baltimore City and County Boards of Election Supervisors, assemble and sequester, to the extent administratively feasible, all voting machines, voter authority cards, machine keys, key envelopes, and mechanics' or complaint logs or notes used at Baltimore City Ward 24 precincts 9, 10, and 11, Ward 24 precincts 6 and 7, Ward 23 precincts 3 and 4, and Baltimore County District 15 precincts 12 and 16, in a central and safe location."

The judge's order was intended to protect the evidence

and prevent or at least render more difficult any attempts by the criminals who committed vote fraud to try and cover up their foul deeds.

At a press conference outside the Maryland state courthouse in Baltimore May 12, I emphasized that in each of the nine precincts where the judge sequestered the evidence we had many more affidavits from citizens who voted for LaRouche than the totals announced by the election judges. For instance, in Baltimore County's 15th Election District 12th Ward in Essex, LaRouche was given an announced total of 23 votes, but within minutes after the polls closed we already had 56 sworn affidavits from LaRouche voters at that precinct.

In the Pennsylvania primary, one of the key ways in which Lyndon LaRouche's vote was stolen was through a centralized mechanical rigging of the machines. While the LaRouche-Democratic slate of congressional candidates received nearly 230,000 votes, LaRouche himself was given a minuscule vote tally. How? Voting machines across the state had been "fixed" so that no machine would show LaRouche with more than nine votes. In the Maryland primary on May 8 we were looking for this pattern of fraud—among others.

At my press conference, despite the fact that I am not mechanically inclined, I was able to demonstrate how in 4.5 seconds I could use a nail file to file down the little plastic "nub" between the single-digit counter and the tens-digit or hundreds-digit counter so that they would never engage. In other words, if the LaRouche tally on a given machine showed "9," it in fact could represent 9, 99, or even 999 votes on that machine. Others, more mechanically adept than myself, are able to demonstrate various means to "rig" the count. In the nine precincts in Baltimore City and Baltimore County where Judge Greenfeld sequestered the machines, there was a total of 30 voting machines. Our affidavits prove that at least 27 of those 30 machines showed wrong tallies.

If more than 90% of the voting machines where we happened to look were proven to be rigged within one hour after the polls closed, then we have every reason to conclude that the entire Maryland Democratic primary on May 8 was invalid. We are prepared to force a re-run of the entire primary as well as to seek criminal indictments against any individuals who were caught violating the law.

Caught in the act

Judge Greenfeld ordered that the sequestering take place *immediately*, provided that the plaintiffs provide and pay for security guards from a Maryland-licensed agency. He ordered that the sequestering continue to protect the evidence until two days after the official vote tallies are announced after the canvass procedure. More than 25 hours *after* the judge signed his order, however, Mrs. Doris Suter, the head of the Baltimore County Board of Elections, was caught blatantly defying the court order.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on May 11, Mrs. Suter confessed that she had withheld key evidence from the impound-

ing. At the offices of the Baltimore County Board of Elections, Mrs. Suter stated to a member of The LaRouche Campaign's legal staff: "I should let you know that we discovered that a box of voter authority cards did not get sent to the sequestered warehouse yesterday." Mrs. Suter then presented the box in question and explained that the Board of Elections had sent unused voter authority cards instead of the used voter authority cards. The used voter cards happened to be from precisely the key precinct where The LaRouche Campaign had already collected double the number of affidavits than the total votes registered. The box Mrs. Suter displayed did not have the official closing seal on it, but was wrapped with masking tape and had the appearance of having been tampered with.

The LaRouche legal representative demanded that the box of evidence be immediately taken to the warehouse and placed with the impounded materials. Mrs. Suter herself brought the box to the warehouse at 4:48 p.m. Officer Reynolds, the security guard on duty, is reported to have said: "This box indeed looks tampered with." Officer Reynolds accepted the box and placed it into the sequestered area.

Mrs. Suter's action was a blatant obstruction of justice, and the Maryland State Court found her suspicious behavior grounds enough to grant The LaRouche Campaign an emergency pre-trial deposition of Suter which took place on May 15, even before the official voting canvass had been completed.

The fight for an honest election

No more fundamental right is granted by the U.S. Constitution than the right to vote—and to have that vote counted. The vote fraud in Maryland May 8, and the subsequent criminal obstruction of the investigation, demonstrate that this right is today in grave jeopardy.

The right to vote is not something we can passively inherit from our fathers; it has to be defended, as the experience of the Maryland primary shows. On election day the NDPC in Maryland deployed photographers, poll-watchers, poll-workers, and organizers to over 100 precincts throughout the state. This mobilization made it possible to gather the affidavits which exposed the fraud. Only the active mobilization of the citizenry can guarantee that the corrupt and the traitors cannot get away with stealing votes.

Too many in the United States have grown cynical about our elections, manifesting the state of mind of the "victim" whose only choice is to vote every few years for "the lesser evil." Instead of going to jail, the perpetrators of vote fraud have been tolerated and their crimes have become the subject of cynical humor—in Chicago's Cook County, in Texas, Louisiana, and elsewhere. As Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized, this year the population can either vote for Henry Kissinger in the Reagan, Mondale, or Hart column *or* they can join in the campaign to get LaRouche's current 15-25% level of voter support counted—and to expand it.