

## LaRouche takes his campaign to 'the forgotten man'

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With the Iowa caucuses over, and the New Hampshire primary just days later, without question, the race for the U.S. Presidency entered a new phase. From the beginning, it was the intent of the British-American-Commonwealth (BAC) financial establishment that this election cycle would be an election in name only. Carefully selected candidates were named as the pre-ordained nominees of both the Democratic and Republican parties. Those selections left many observers perplexed.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush is widely acknowledged to be a complete moron, and Vice President Al Gore, on top of his advocacy of policies that have alienated the vast majority of would-be Democratic voters, is a man with absolutely no personal appeal. But, in fact, the reasoning behind the unseemly choices is transparent. With the global financial system in a meltdown, any candidate with even the slightest potential to act in the interest of promoting the general welfare of the United States and its people is unacceptable.

The BAC establishment wants a U.S. President who will follow orders. Clearly, George W. Bush fits the job description. As for Al Gore, the Vice President is a man with unique qualifications. He is probably the only potential Democrat nominee to whom Bush can assuredly deal a crushing defeat.

The strategy was the next best thing to cancelling the Presidential elections, which, even under current conditions, would be very hard to sell—and it seemed to be working rather well. At least it was working well, until Lyndon LaRouche, who is seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, came in and upset the apple cart. In fact, he did so in a really major way.

With his small army of determined volunteers, which has already achieved ballot status for LaRouche in about 30 states, and is expected to do so in at least another 15 states within the next weeks, LaRouche has engaged in a relentless assault on the BAC scenario. He had vowed early in the campaign to

direct his efforts toward mobilizing the constituencies from the lower 80% of the family-income brackets who have otherwise been frozen out of recent U.S. elections—those whom President Franklin Roosevelt called “the forgotten man”—and he has.

Since the beginning of December, LaRouche has engaged in a continuous dialogue with traditional FDR Democrat constituencies across the nation, hitting them with the full truth of the scale of the current crisis, and offering them a way out, with policy initiatives dedicated to defending the United States and its people. And, despite a continued effort to deny citizens access to what LaRouche is saying, his aggressive use of the Internet, including live audio and video broadcasts of these dialogues from his campaign website ([www.larouchecampaign.org](http://www.larouchecampaign.org)), has made the candidate available to millions.

### LaRouche addresses California caucuses

On Jan. 23, LaRouche spoke with more than 300 delegates and supporters, who were gathered in 52 separate Democratic caucuses in California. The extensive exchange, which lasted for almost two hours, was simultaneously broadcast in both English and Spanish via his website.

The day before the California webcast, LaRouche engaged in an in-depth discussion, also broadcast on the Internet, on health care policy. He was joined by Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, director of the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C. and Minister of Health of the Nation of Islam; Dr. Kildare Clarke, assistant director of the Emergency Room at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and Richard Freeman, of *EIR*'s economics department. The panel addressed town hall meetings simultaneously gathered in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, and Ithaca, New York as well as in Boston, Massachusetts and Hartford, Connecticut (see *Economics*).

All the panelists addressed the General Welfare principle raised by LaRouche, as it is expressed in the catastrophic state of U.S. health care delivery. Dr. Muhammad confronted the citizens with the implications of the global AIDS epidemic:

“Abraham Lincoln put forth a principle in a political context, that it was impossible for there to be a nation that was half-free and half-slave. What I think, is that the epidemic of AIDS, which is global in its nature, emphasize that underlying principle in another way.

“That it is impossible for there to be a world of humanity, where part of that world is prosperous, relatively well-off, and the beneficiaries of a health-care system, and then, another huge portion of that humanity, that is deprived of that same thing. What AIDS forces humanity to do, is to either accept, acquiesce, to extinction, or to come together on the basis of the best principles of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and the other great faiths, and say, in the spirit of compassion, ‘Yes! I am my brother’s keeper.’ ”

### **A somber warning**

The next day, LaRouche began the discussion with his California delegates with a somber warning: “The fact is, that if the Democratic Party is continuing its present direction, that it’s been continuing for the past weeks, then it’s assured that the Democratic Party will not only lose the Presidential campaign, but will also lose the Congressional campaigns by a significant margin in the coming year, in the coming elections.

“If the Democratic Party continues to play the game of the so-called ‘Third Way,’ trying to capture the 20 to 30% or so that are expected to vote, then they will not attract the support from the 80% of the population which lives in the lower half of the total income of the nation, and whose conditions of life are becoming worse.”

LaRouche said that if we do not bring a Democrat in as the next President, and if we do not take back the majority of the Congress for the Democratic Party, “There is no foreseeable future for the United States and its people.”

He challenged his delegates, and all Americans, to join him in organizing that 80% which is ignored by Gore and the Democratic National Committee’s treasonous leadership, to elect a President in the tradition of FDR. “Only with a President in the spirit and tradition of Roosevelt, only with a Congress which will support him, however reluctantly and only with such a President pulling together other nations to cooperate with the United States in reforming the international financial system and monetary system—only under those conditions, can we be assured that the nation is going to come out of the early years of this century in good shape, or even as a nation. You see all the signs, accelerating, of disintegration around us. We’ve got to reverse the trend, not follow it.”

His message was sobering, but also embodied the optimism and leadership LaRouche has so generously shared with all his audiences. He told this group that, in order to lead when the crisis hits here—and, he asserted, it will hit very soon—

they had to use every opportunity that the Presidential campaign afforded, to bring together those who represent the majority of the population. “If we can begin to get a significant number of people to turn out to vote, who otherwise would not vote, who represent these constituencies, we have very easily the power to overwhelm those of a contrary disposition, in both the Republican and Democratic Party. We have the power, potentially, to change things.”

It is precisely these interventions, which are growing in number and intensity, and which are on the verge of upsetting the plan for a totally controlled Presidential election, that has LaRouche’s enemies howling. But, their efforts to halt LaRouche’s candidacy and regain control over the election are also forcing these enemies into the open.

In an effort to block the threat which LaRouche’s candidacy poses to Gore capturing the Democratic nomination, Gore’s friends in the Democratic National Committee have gone so far as to call, in open court, for nullification of the Voting Rights Act. And, DNC chairman Joe Andrew, following the shockingly racist precedent set by his predecessor, Don Fowler, has issued a letter in which he seeks to cut off LaRouche’s campaign by denying duly elected LaRouche delegates access to the Democratic National Convention set for August.

On Jan. 22, LaRouche responded to Andrew in a letter, in which he warned the party of the dire consequences of continuing to seek to block his candidacy. LaRouche has authorized the public release of the letter, printed here. As *EIR* goes to press, Andrew has yet to respond.

## **Open up convention to secure Democratic victory, says LaRouche**

*The following letter by issued by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. to Joseph Andrew, National Chair, Democratic National Committee.*

January 22, 2000

Joseph J. Andrew  
National Chair  
Democratic National Committee  
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Subject: Your Letter to Harpootlian

Sir:

My representative has been issued a copy of your letter, datelined January 11, 2000, addressed to Dick Harpootlian,