

LaRouche Dems Release 'Platform for October'

The following press release was issued by LaRouche's FDR-PAC on Sept. 19.

Former Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's FDR-PAC has issued "The Fight for the General Welfare: A Democratic Platform for October" as a pamphlet for mass distribution, in a drive to return the policy and platform of the Democratic Party to one which represents the interests of the Party's traditional core constituencies.

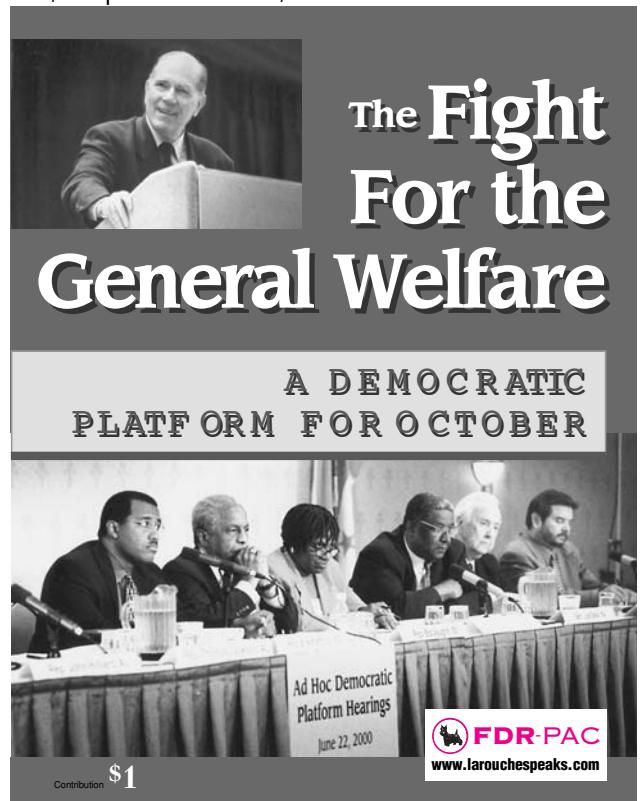
On June 22 of this year, LaRouche's Presidential campaign facilitated the convening of Ad Hoc Democratic Platform Committee Hearings in Washington, D.C., when the Gore-dominated Democratic National Committee (DNC) apparatus refused to do so. Eleven prominent Democratic state legislators from across the nation, joined by former U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy, heard testimony from dozens of elected officials, trade union leaders, farmers, and other constituency leaders in three major policy areas: the economy, the health care crisis, and constitutional law and justice. After almost nine hours of testimony, the panel concluded that, contrary to popular hype, "the fundamentals are *not* sound," and a radical change in U.S. policy was an urgent necessity.

A week later, the DNC, clearly embarrassed by the Washington event, hastily convened their own hearings in St. Louis. They issued a draft platform, which they proudly announced "appealed to Republicans and independents." Unfortunately, it did little to speak to the needs of the vast 80% of the American population who make up the nation's lower income brackets.

By the time the Democratic National Convention occurred in Los Angeles, approximately 750,000 copies of the complete Proceedings of the Ad Hoc Democratic Platform Committee were in circulation. However, there was *no debate of the Democratic Platform* permitted at the National Convention.

On Sept. 2, many of the legislators and witnesses who participated in the June 22 hearings, along with a dozen or so other leading Democrats, joined in a discussion with LaRouche to map a out strategy for the adoption of a Democratic policy that actually represents the interests of the American people, and that is capable of achieving a Democratic majority in November.

LaRouche told the gathering, "We can not tell people to mobilize to vote for Gore, a man morally and intellectually unfit to serve in any responsible office. We have to mobilize around the truth of the global and national crisis, in prepara-



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The image shows the cover of a pamphlet. At the top left is a black and white photograph of Lyndon LaRouche speaking at a podium. To the right of the photo is the title 'The Fight For the General Welfare' in large, bold, serif font. Below the title is a horizontal band with the subtitle 'A DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM FOR OCTOBER' in a smaller, all-caps serif font. Underneath is another black and white photograph showing a group of people seated at a long table during a hearing. A sign on the table reads 'Ad Hoc Democratic Platform Hearings June 22, 2000'. At the bottom left of the cover is a small box with 'Contribution \$1'. At the bottom right is the FDR-PAC logo and website address 'www.larouchespeaks.com'.

tion to [take leadership] in the period of catastrophic collapse ahead.

"The only thing we have that's clear, in terms of the election campaign, is that we've got to get as many good Democrats elected as possible, at every level around the country. Forget these two leading candidates. Neither one is going to do any one of us any good, or the American people any good. . . .

"Maybe we can control the Congress. Maybe if we can control the Congress, we can dictate terms to the next President of the United States. It's the only shot we've got. . . .

"Our basic point is, we have, implicitly, the majority of the lower 80% of income brackets on our side. They're demoralized. They're discouraged. They're demoralized not merely in the sense of lack of courage, but they're demoralized in the sense of being corrupt, morally corrupted, by their very conditions. If we give them a movement, which they're convinced is going to stand up for them, they'll get their dignity back. When you've got 80% of the population, or a good part of them, with a sense of dignity, and a fighting disposition, you're going to win."

The pamphlet is a reflection of that discussion. It contains a perspective for the immediate battles ahead in the key areas of national policy, as well as exemplary pieces of legislation.

Copies of the pamphlet are available from FDR-PAC, P.O. Box 6157, Leesburg, Va. 20178. The contents of the pamphlet are also available on the Internet, at www.larouchespeaks.com.