

storing former programs of regulated basic economic infrastructure, as formerly regulated by the Federal or state governments. These include:

- i. In transportation: Railways, highways, bridges, harbors, maritime traffic, and regulated public utilities in air transport.
- ii. In water.
- iii. In energy: stable supplies and prices of generation and delivery of energy-supplies, for conditions of increasing energy-flux-density of primary supplies. These must be regulated in what was formerly traditional practice of the Federal, state, and local governments, as prior to January 1965.
- iv. Health-care. There must be an emergency override of the failed intent inhering in the current application of HMO and related measures contrary to the intent of the eminently successful, pre-Nixon Hill-Burton legislation. This must take into account the crucial rule of full-service general hospitals which are also teaching hospitals, as the first-line of mobilization of medical and related professionals for the defense of the health of the population, against previously established and new forms of epidemic and other diseases.
- v. Education. The recovery from the collapse of the present world monetary-financial system, will depend upon a reversal of trends in educational policies toward those consistent with the cultural basis on which former U.S. progress as a leading agro-industrial producer's society had depended.
- vi. Unemployment. As during the period of Franklin Roosevelt's Presidency, we are confronted with both an existing scale of unemployment far greater than officially acknowledged, and also a collapse of the "new economy" bubble, and imminently great increases in rates of unemployment among those who had been employed, until recently. This represents a social crisis of ominous implications for the security of our republic. As that President did, we must utilize urgent needs for repair and expansion of essential basic economic infrastructure, as the first line of defense against the tide of unemployment. We must use that work in infrastructure programs as a leading stimulant for flow of credit, through special banking channels, into the areas which are appropriate vendors to those infrastructure programs. As Franklin Roosevelt did, in preparing for the war he

knew was coming, we must prepare large-scale agro-industrial development for peace as Roosevelt was obliged to prepare a mobilization of production for future war.

The essence of success in reconstruction, is abandoning the bodyguard of lies which lately prevails as practice of our government, mass media, and duped popular opinion, for truth about the ugliness of the present situation, but combined with a truthful exposition of the principal causes for that situation, and, also, most urgently, the optimism inspired by bold and truthful remedial action.

Democrats Confess, 'Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens'

by Nancy Spannaus

One would think a more perfect opportunity for a comeback of the Democratic Party could hardly be found. A Republican President, smeared with scandal, less than intelligent (to be kind), lacking international credibility, and holding the bag, so to speak, of a pell-mell collapse of the U.S. economy, would appear to be a perfect target. The same economic conditions have begun to splinter his political party as well.

Yet, the national Democratic Party cannot even muster the courage to utter the truth about the depression collapse—out of fear that their role in creating these conditions will be exposed! Breastbeating about corruption the Democrats are willing to do, but they sense that this will fall flat. After all, if they admit that the deregulation and globalization insanity of the last decades has created this disaster, they will be implicitly admitting that the man they've tried to drive out of the party, Lyndon LaRouche, was right. Instead, they'd rather try to avoid the subject.

Such an abdication of responsibility by the Democrats—responsibility for addressing the real conditions and solutions of the desperate crisis hitting most Americans and the world—is very bad news for the nation. But there is a ray of hope. That is, that as the earthshaking crisis hits, Americans will finally come to their senses, and turn to the one man who could potentially fill the role of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt in these times, Lyndon LaRouche.

Stupidity Reigns

At the moment, however, the Democratic Party leaderships around the country are not only, for the most part, trying

to ignore LaRouche, but are rejecting the sane members of the party who follow the outlook of FDR, or who simply refuse to follow the Gore-Lieberman path toward global religious war.

Take the situation in Nevada. There veteran Democratic State Sen. Joe Neal, a self-avowed Franklin Roosevelt Democrat and 30-year veteran of the State Legislature, has filed to challenge the incumbent Governor, the first-term Republican Kenny Guinn, in this Fall's election. While there are three lesser-known Democrats who also filed for the Democratic primary, one would think that the Democratic Party would jump at the chance to promote Neal. Yet, the party, in a move reminiscent of the Virginia Democrats, who refused to challenge Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. John Warner, is backing away from a serious race as fast as possible.

Not only that, but the Nevada state AFL-CIO has now come out and endorsed the Republican incumbent!

What is the problem? It's precisely that Neal does reflect the policies of Roosevelt, an orientation that leads him as well to working with LaRouche on such campaigns as stopping deregulation of electricity.

Neal, who is African-American, has a history as a fighter for civil rights, as an opponent of the death penalty, and as a strong proponent of increasing taxation on the state's lucrative gambling "industry," in order to put the monies toward underfunded schools. He has been consistently pro-labor, and led the successful fight to stop the ripoff called electricity deregulation in the state.

According to local press coverage, the Democratic Party's spurning of Neal is due to his confrontation with the gaming industry, and to his support for the Yucca Mountain nuclear-waste facility (with certain negotiated qualifications). But there's no need to be so specific. It's Neal's principled commitment to FDR-style policies that "offends" the "New Democrat" honchos.

Witchhunts

A more blatant campaign against what one might call traditional Democrats is evident in the drive to unseat those Democratic office-holders who have refused to go along with the war drive against the Palestinians, and Iraq.

The most dramatic campaign was that which unseated Alabama African-American incumbent, U.S. Rep. Earl Hilliard. Hilliard had been outspoken in his opposition to the Congressional cheerleading for the Nazi policies of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and the U.S. Zionist Lobby circles which work intimately with the national Democratic Party, were determined that he would not survive this election. Therefore, they put up an opponent, Arthur Davis, who had no political experience, but was willing to go along with the "party line." Davis was paraded around Capitol Hill by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Between March 31 and the June primary, about \$800,000 went into Davis's campaign warchest, and Hilliard was defeated.

But it would be wrong to see this defeat as simply related

to the issue of Middle East policy. Local sources report upsets against a wide array of traditional civil rights Democrats in Alabama—similar to the kind of purge which occurred in the national Democratic Black Caucus in 2001. What is occurring here is a purge of all constituency politicians, who might be expected to resist the fascist economic and police-state policies that the likes of Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) want the party to support.

Buoyed by its victory in Alabama, the pro-Sharon grouping in the Democratic Party is continuing its witchhunt, with Rep. Cynthia McKinney (Ga.) at the top of their list. Also in trouble is Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, who has been redistricted out of his Congressional seat, and is now running for Governor of Michigan in the Democratic Primary, where he is reported, at the moment, to be a distinct third.

The Case of Virginia

The Virginia Democratic Party is notorious for folding up its tents whenever the Republicans offer opposition, a pattern which began with its 1990 decision not to run a candidate against state's senior Senator, John Warner. But this year it's even worse.

Virginia, as the aspiring "Silicon Valley" of the 1990s, is headed into the pits, with more dramatic falls in view than for the rest of the country. WorldCom and AOL, two of the major falling stars, are headquartered in the Washington suburbs of Northern Virginia, which is also the epicenter of one of the most inflated housing bubbles in the entire nation. And the housing bubble is widely mooted to be the next to pop.

Yet, with economic disaster already hitting the budget, and much worse looming, the Virginia Democratic Party once again decided that it would not field a Senate candidate. In addition, the party declined to challenge four out of the eight Republican Congressmen, including two freshmen in this November's mid-term elections. In fact, even a large portion of the party's "New Economy"-dominated Central Committee, already shrunken to the core due to the party's turning its back on FDR-style Democratic constituencies (and LaRouche), objected to the party leadership's peremptory decision of "no candidate."

Ironically, this decision opens the potential for a revitalization of the party, through the campaign of LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, who, on July 3, qualified for ballot status as an Independent in the Senate race. Spannaus's campaign filed nearly 14,000 signatures, without relying on collection companies (as D.C. Mayor Tony Williams did), and is set to fill the political vacuum with a statewide campaign for LaRouche's policies of economic recovery.

Thus, while the Democratic Party officialdom holds obscene top-dollar fundraisers, including with Republicans, with occasional breaks for moralistic condemnation of corporate corruption, the base of the party has been left open to be organized by the only driving political force in that party, Lyndon LaRouche's Presidential campaign, and his wing of supporters.