

is followed by Spannaus, who declares that LaRouche has been right about the financial collapse, and that people should join her in supporting his “road to recovery.” In the ads, Spannaus identifies herself, correctly, as “the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in Virginia.” In fact, there is no other Democrat on the ballot—and, although Spannaus will be identified as “I,” for Independent, that does not change the fact that she is a Democrat.

In response to Framme’s complaint, which was put out by Associated Press, along with a potpourri of slanders against LaRouche, Spannaus issued the following statement:

“First, Framme’s claim that I am not a Democrat, is false. It is a childishly petulant ejaculation, of no intrinsic merit.

“Second, Framme is the putative personal property of the Democratic Leadership Council of Michael Steinhardt, the extreme right-wing faction of the Democratic Party, and the leading campaigners against Franklin Roosevelt’s policies.

“Third, my association with the Democratic Party and policies of FDR, for which I am fighting today, make me the respectable Democrat, especially compared to the unDemocratic actions of the Virginia party in closing down this year’s Senate, and other elections.

“Fourth, the issue here is LaRouche, who is the leading defender of FDR policies internationally, and is being increas-

ingly looked to as the alternative to the war and depression policies of the DLC.”

## Uproar in Connecticut

A more sustained uproar has been building up in Connecticut, since Laurie Dobson, the Democratic candidate for State Representative in the 141st district, declared on Sept. 5 that she is “running as a LaRouche Democrat, which is synonymous with being an old-style FDR Democrat.” Dobson went on to directly challenge DLC spokesman and pro-Ariel Sharon war-monger Senator Lieberman. She wrote: “In addition to wanting to have the economy in the hands of the criminals who have put him in politics, Lieberman and other chicken hawks demand that Bush rush us into an insane war. . . . Lieberman is harming the Democratic Party, to the point where people are afraid to speak for basic democratic principles which relate to promoting the general welfare.”

Like lemmings, the local Democratic Party has asked Dobson to resign as a candidate, and voted on Sept. 17 to deny her support, including campaign contributions of any sort. Although Dobson was permitted to speak on her behalf, the Democratic Committee voted unanimously against her. But Dobson reports that support for her stand against the Iraq war, and for FDR economic policies, is growing.

## Lieberman/McCain Blackmailing Bush to War

Within hours of President George W. Bush’s disastrous speech before the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 12, Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-Ct.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) were once again, upfront, demanding immediate war against Iraq. Since their secret conclave at McCain’s Arizona ranch on the Fourth of July weekend 2001, the two Senators have been engaged in a political blackmail campaign against President Bush, aimed at forcing him into a needless and suicidal war against Saddam Hussein, that will only blow up the Middle East and trigger the broader Huntington-Brzezinski Clash of Civilizations war.

Key to the blackmail trap against the President is McCain’s threat to wage a third party “Bull Moose” campaign for the 2004 Presidency, thus splitting the GOP vote and throwing the race to a Democrat—just as McCain’s idol, Teddy Roosevelt, threw the 1912 Presidential race to the insane Woodrow Wilson. Lieberman makes no secret of the fact that he wants to be the Democrat who benefits from the Bull Moose gambit. Together, they have repeat-

edly stated that Bush’s willingness to go to war against Saddam is *the* litmus test for whether “Operation Bull Moose” will be unleashed.

On Sept. 12, McCain appeared at a joint press conference with Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.), damning Bush with faint praise, and reminding him that anything short of a military campaign to oust Saddam from power would be a failure. On Sept. 15, during an appearance on CBS TV’s “Face the Nation,” McCain babbled that a military victory against Saddam would be a cakewalk. “I don’t believe it’s going to be nearly the size and scope that it was in 1991,” he opined, betraying his own military incompetence.

Speaking on the floor of the Senate on Sept. 13, Lieberman bellowed that “every day Saddam remains in power is a day of danger.” While he endorsed President Bush’s consultations with the United Nations Security Council, he warned that the United States must take military action anyway.

In a March 7, 2002 *Wall Street Journal* editorial-page piece, Lieberman had ranted against Saddam, calling him the “world’s greatest terrorist,” and delivered a patronizing warning to President Bush: “I am encouraged that President Bush appears to have turned the corner on Iraq, and now seems committed to changing the regime in Baghdad.”—*Scott Thompson*