

California Recall

Failed by Dems, Enraged Voters Elect A Hitler; LaRouche Is Sole Opposition

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Confirming with a shock, the collapse of the political strategy of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the pathetic irrelevance of all nine “DNC-approved” Democratic Presidential candidates, California’s looted, enraged, and leaderless Democratic voters elected a Hitler on Oct. 7, as a Republican governor. They were sucked in by a dirty trick of Vice President Dick Cheney’s “war and Wall Street” faction of the Republican Party, which financed and ran an openly fascist-profiled “Recall” campaign around Hollywood-movie “Beast-Man” Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Democratic national leadership did nothing to oppose it.

Gray Davis became only the second governor recalled in American history; and cartoonish robot-actor Schwarzenegger—whose admiration for Adolf Hitler and lifelong desire to wield fascist social-political power were on display during the brief Recall campaign—will be sworn in by Thanksgiving to replace him.

The election of Schwarzenegger should be the ultimate “wake-up call” for those in denial that the United States, under Cheney, is barreling toward fascism. From the Nuremberg-style rallies that characterized his campaigning, to the vacuous, yet menacing, appeals he made to voters to let him lead them, there was an unmistakable whiff of Hitlerian fascism emanating from Schwarzenegger.

California, the nation’s biggest state, now has an “imported Austrian head of state.” Beginning with President George W. Bush’s visit to California on Oct. 14 to rub Schwarzenegger

“charisma” on his own failing Presidency, the Republicans will now go for a fascist movement for the election in 2004, and will use this for their national campaign. Demands to amend the U.S. Constitution to allow Schwarzenegger to become a candidate for President, have instantly arisen not only from Republican Congressmen like Orrin Hatch of Utah, but in a *Washington Post* editorial, and in pathetically fearful echoes from liberal syndicated columnist

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The Return of the Beast

I admired Hitler... because he came from being a little man with almost no formal education, up to power. And I admire him for being such a good public speaker and for his way of getting to the people and so on. . . . We can't live without authority. Because I feel that a certain amount of people who were chosen to do this and control and larger amount, like 99% of the people, who we have to tell what to do and how to keep order. That is why I am all for it. . . . I feel if you want to create a strong nation and a strong country you cannot let everybody be an individual, because everybody has his own opinions and you can't just stick together as a strong nation. Then you have to tell people what to do and you can't just let them float away. In Germany there was a lot of unity. The German soldiers were the best, and with the police force and everything. . . . America. . . . There is one thing I don't like here and that people go on their own little trips too much. The unity isn't there anymore. And I don't think it's too much the people's fault. I think it's because we don't have a strong leader here. . . . To speak to maybe 50,000 people at one time and have them cheer, or like Hitler in the Nuremberg Stadium, and have all these people scream at you and just being in total agreement with whatever you say.

—Arnold Schwarzenegger, from 1977 transcript of interview with George Butler

A LaRouche campaign mass leaflet shows the country that Arnold Schwarzenegger is a project for fascism from within the Republican Party, with immediate national implications. LaRouche’s movement is the only serious Democratic opposition to it.

Richard Cohen, among others.

“Will Bush salute the new Führer?” asked Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche is the *only* leading Democrat whose forces fought the Recall by exposing the Cheney faction’s bankrupting of the state, with hundreds of thousands of *Who Robbed California* pamphlets, and constant rallies and interventions. LaRouche’s campaign and his LaRouche Youth Movement won a significant victory when Los Angeles County, where their forces were most active, voted against the recall—the only large county to do so in the southern half of the state. Moreover, LaRouche’s strategy, for California Democratic leaders to put the focus on “Halliburton” Cheney’s energy pirates and their looting of California, was working statewide in early September; then Davis and others abandoned the “Cheney flank,” on advice from the DNC.

The Democrats’ national fiasco is measured by the fact that California’s registered Democrats overwhelmingly blamed Davis for the energy-deregulation disaster, huge budget deficits, new taxes—all of which looting was run by Cheney Republicans. Some 25% of the state’s registered Democrats voted to recall Davis, and close to 40% of voters from trade-union households voted for Schwarzenegger—who has immediately demanded the unions agree to slash their wages and benefits to “solve” the state’s fiscal disaster.

The ‘Beast-Man’ Phenomenon

LaRouche said in an Oct. 6 statement, “Schwarzenegger was selected because his training for film-acting had produced a type who fit the essentially Satanic, ‘beast-man’ role played by leading fascists such as Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Francisco Franco, and so on. He was another such ‘Dionysos’ from the pages of Friedrich Nietzsche’s wild rants. . . . Hitler was developed as a figure of charisma. Schwarzenegger has been transformed to similar effect, by Hollywood productions. Transformed from a sleaze-ball sex-freak of the body-builder sweat parlors, into a figure of charisma of a special kind: the charisma of the beast-man.”

The smell of fascism around Schwarzenegger’s emergence was also picked up across the Atlantic within the British political establishment, and expressed by a long-term adversary of LaRouche, Lord William Rees-Mogg, in his editorial column in the *London Times* on Oct. 8. “Schwarzenegger relies on catch phrases and on empty generalization. He does not debate the issues. His campaign exists outside rationality, in the world of celebrity and sensation. The politics of mass emotion are the politics of fascism. The core of all fascist movements is the direct relationship between the leader and the masses,” Rees-Mogg wrote. “What does the leader do? He provides leadership. What allows him to provide leadership? The strength of his will. What is the evidence of the leader’s



Newly-printed Who Robbed California? pamphlets for just the last five days of the Recall fight, in the LaRouche office in Los Angeles, give an idea of the mass leadership effort made by the LaRouche Youth Movement. A core of 200 youth mobilized hundreds more—and in a significant victory, Los Angeles County, almost alone, voted “No” on the Recall.

Lyndon LaRouche Wins Matching Funds

The Federal Election Commission declared Democrat Lyndon LaRouche’s Presidential campaign was declared eligible for matching funds on Oct. 8. Only one other Democratic candidate, Vermont Governor Howard Dean, is eligible so far. LaRouche’s certification followed the scandalous capitulation of his rivals to the Arnie “Hitler” Schwarzenegger in the California recall campaign. LaRouche effectively fought the recall as “Dick Cheney’s dirty trick,” and fielded a highly effective youth movement deployment, which could have defeated Schwarzenegger if the national party had done the same. LaRouche has thus emerged as the only Democrat with the capability to force Cheney’s removal from office, and effectively oppose the Republicans’ fascist project.

While not in the running for the “big bucks,” LaRouche’s popular support has made him number two in the number of contributions received from those giving more than \$200 to a candidate. As of the end of the second quarter, his campaign had raised \$4.6 million. The third quarter figures are not yet available.

The next major event of the campaign is an international webcast scheduled for October 22, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, during which LaRouche will address the prospects for “the post-Cheney era.”

will? The exciting feeling he creates of ultimate ruthlessness.”

The identification of Governor-elect Schwarzenegger with Hitler is evident from his own words, as brought out in the last days of the campaign by the release of an interview transcript where he gushed his admiration for Hitler’s charisma and power over masses at rallies—while saying he abhorred Hitler’s “use” of that power. Schwarzenegger also insisted, “We can’t live without authority. Because I feel that a certain amount of people who were meant to do this and control, and larger amount, like 95% of the people who we have to tell what to do and how to keep order . . . You have to tell people what to do.” That identification is also clear in his promotion of an aura of power around his Hollywood-manufactured “type”—particularly his main Hollywood movie role as a robotic super-killer, “The Terminator.”

The day after the Recall vote, LaRouche said, “It is not a question of his quotes, what he said. They are valid, in that we have seen them. There is no doubt—and I’m an expert in

this—he is a Hitler, I have seen him appear on TV, and I have seen the face of Hitler in his appearances. He must be stopped, now. This is why you have to dump Cheney, now.”

Many California voters, who were angry about the economic crisis and fearful about the future, voted for Schwarzenegger for the perception of power—that he, the Beast-Man, would impose his will, to save the impotent little man incapable of acting in his own self-interest. “I will terminate the car tax,” he snarled, during his rallies. “I will terminate ‘special interests.’ And I will terminate Davis.”

Frenzied crowds of little men ate this up at the rallies, which were punctuated by the out-of-tune blaring of rock bands shouting, “We’re Not Gonna Take It,” while a wrecking ball demolished a car with “increased car tax” scrawled on it. The mood of rage was fed across the state by right-wing radio talk-show “shock jocks,” like Ken Champeau of KFI radio in Los Angeles, who repeated constantly that if the “liberal bureaucrats” stood in Arnie’s way, there would be “bodies

Hitler & Schwarzenegger As Beast-Men

Many Californians and others have found it difficult to explain how and why Hollywood geek-act Arnold Schwarzenegger could have become so suddenly a prominent contender in an impromptu race for Governor. They have been caught off guard by Schwarzenegger, because they never really understood how Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany. They have overlooked the fact that Schwarzenegger was chosen for politics because he is, in real life, the unhuman beast-man, whose role has been his most lucrative Hollywood screen-role. They do not understand what fascism really was, and is.

Schwarzenegger was thought of as only the kind of actor whose natural talent was giving Narcissus a bad name, for a co-starring role in real-life sleazy peep-shows, on- or off-stage. If they liked his movies, it was because they liked the smell that reeks around dirty peep-shows. How did he suddenly get into politics? Schwarzenegger was never really an actor, not a political thinker; he was, like the worst of his film characters, essentially a freak: a “Freddie,” a “Jason” from “Friday the 13th.”

Hitler, too, was a freak, a bizarre, predatory beast from the pages of Satan-cultist Friedrich Nietzsche. It was his success in training as an actor that Hitler was trained to play the theatrical role through which he campaigned for and became the beast-man dictator of Germany. Schwarzenegger was selected because his training for film-acting

had produced a type who fit the essentially Satanic, “beast-man” role played by leading fascists such as Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Francisco Franco, and so on. He was another such “Dionysos” from the pages of Friedrich Nietzsche’s wild rants.

The role Schwarzenegger was selected to perform on the California political stage was a Hollywood “remake” of a kind of evil which modern history has met in leading figures of France’s Jacobin Terror, in Napoleon Bonaparte, and in each of the whole pack of leading fascist figures from the 1922–1945 interval.

An Exotic Cult

The origin of those political figures in what has become known as the fascist tradition, is an exotic freemasonic cult, known originally as the Martinists, which was used by a relevant network of private bankers to launch the French Revolution and the tyranny of Napoleon Bonaparte. It was the same Martinist cult, known during the Twentieth Century as the Synarchist International, which created the fascist beast-man figures of the 1922–1945 interval, and has produced a new batch of Synarchist figures, including the U.S. neo-conservatives and Arnold Schwarzenegger today.

Schwarzenegger, like Hitler, is set apart in a certain way from more ordinary neo-conservatives such as Paul Wolfowitz, Lewis Libby, and so on. Those neo-conservatives are beastly in their own way; but they lack that exotic appeal implied by the term, charisma.

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flying out of windows in Sacramento,” the state capital.

It took the complicity of the national Democratic Party, led by frightened DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe, and the nine irrelevant “official candidates,” to insure victory for the new Hitler project.

Democrats Capitulate

Schwarzenegger and the Recall populist circus which elected him were both managed by a millionaires’ and billionaires’ club, all of whom were instrumental in looting California into bankruptcy through energy deregulation since 1999—Dick Cheney, George Shultz, Warren Buffett, disgraced Enron CEO Kenneth Lay, former Gov. Pete Wilson, and Las Vegas casino moguls like Steve Wynn who provided Schwarzenegger’s two-month campaign with \$6 million through the City National Bank.

The LaRouche Campaign provided documentary evidence in its pamphlets that the gang of high-level Synarchist

freak of the body-builder sweat parlors, into a figure of charisma of a special kind: the charisma of the beast-man.

There is nothing really mysterious about the quality of charisma as represented by the images of Arnold Schwarzenegger or the Hitler who is his original role-model. The street name for Hitler’s and Arnie’s charisma, is fear, the mystical impression that this is a man to be feared, awfully feared. According to the original doctrine of the beast-man developed by Martinists such as Joseph de Maistre, fear of such predatory tyrants is not the fear of the power they are believed to represent, but the kind of wild irrationality associated with Roman Caesars such as Caligula or Nero, or that image of the Spanish Inquisition which the Martinists admired.

In short, select geek-act-artist Schwarzenegger to play a role like that of a Caligula, Nero, Mussolini, or Hitler, on the living-theater stage of improvisatory real politics. Draw upon the pro-Hitler imageries which that actor had acquired from his family household and other elements of his surroundings, and then make the state of California the stage on which he is cast to act out that role.

The relevant lesson to be learned from the current situation in Iraq, is that neo-conservatives such as the fascists Vice-President Cheney, Richard Perle, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, and so on and so on, are not exactly geniuses. Their power lies not in the development of their mental powers but their lack of morals or rationality. Their power lies in their disposition to act in ways no sane and moral person would do. Their appeal lies entirely in the fear they instill because of the part they are disposed to play, in whatever roles, on- or off-stage, they are cast.

—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Oct. 6, 2003

bankers backing Schwarzenegger was identical to those who used electricity deregulation to loot the state. Wilson, Shultz, and Buffett—all top advisers and/or campaign managers for Arnie—and Cheney through his White House national energy task force, had played leading roles in draining more than \$70 billion from the state during the energy crisis of 2001. This precipitated the \$38.2 billion budget deficit voters blamed on Governor Davis.

Instead of using this to demolish the band of pirates, leading Democratic consultants tied to the DNC and Al Gore advised Davis to avoid “finger-pointing” and to be “concrete, accept the blame,” and *ignore economic issues*. Exit polls showed the disastrous folly of this approach, as voters said the energy crisis and the budget disaster were the two most prominent reasons they voted to recall Davis. The DNC’s only response to the interview exposing Schwarzenegger’s Hitler fantasies, was to ask him to apologize for it!

In California itself, Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante—part of Sen. Joseph Lieberman’s national faction of pro-war, right-wing, and organized crime-linked Democrats—stabbed Governor Davis in the back, deliberately misleading Hispanic voters to cast ballots to recall Davis and vote Bustamante in to replace him. Bustamante’s slogan, “Vote YES for Cruz,” confused masses of Hispanic voters since the only “YES” vote on the ballot was for the recall of Davis itself. More than 50% of Hispanic voters voted for Recall, which prevailed by 55-45% statewide. While Lieberman was there in person backing Bustamante’s treason, Lieberman’s pro-war Republican “twin” Sen. John McCain, was campaigning hard for Schwarzenegger.

Pyrrhic Victory

LaRouche is now the sole clearly-recognized leader of Democratic opposition to this fascist threat. On Oct. 8, LaRouche emphasized that California’s tragedy would be “a Pyrrhic victory” for Schwarzenegger and for Cheney. “We will alarm the country, and the world,” LaRouche said. Schwarzenegger has never had a plan to deal with the state’s fiscal disaster. In the days after his Oct. 7 victory, he arrogantly declared he would eliminate by executive fiat, new automobile taxes passed by the legislature; demanded unions give up wages and benefits; said he believed “legislators up there have gotten the message” to follow his orders; and threatened that he would make fiscal and economic changes by referendum if necessary. None of this, however, changes the reality that the state is looted dry by Cheney’s energy pirates; what is likely coming is a demand by Schwarzenegger to President Bush, for Federal aid to California. This will link the burning issue of the Cheney/Schwarzenegger fascist threat, with the collapse of the *national* economy and Federal budget revenues, which LaRouche alone has shown the ability to solve. The national fight by LaRouche and his movement to force Cheney out of office has now taken on an immediate urgency—“within 30 days,” as LaRouche said on Oct. 8.