

START WITH IMPEACHMENT

Steger-Rogers Town Hall: End Drought with NAWAPA

March 9—A town hall meeting, hosted by the Steger for Congress campaign, on March 8 in Los Angeles, titled, “End the Drought: The Benefits of Nuclear NAWAPA XXI for California,” kicked off a new phase of LaRouchePAC’s election drive. Its theme, as stated in the invitations to the meeting, was “To solve the Texas-California drought emergency, impeach Obama!” Michael Steger, who is running for the seat now held by Democratic Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, was joined by Kesha Rogers, fresh from her upset victory in the Texas Democratic Senate Primary, in which her second-place finish secured her candidacy in the run-off election May 27 (see “LaRouche Dem Rogers Heads to Senate Runoff in Texas,” *EIR*, March 7, 2014).

Along with LaRouche Western States spokesman Harley Schlanger, all three speakers conveyed the urgency, not only to impeach Obama before his British-directed policies trigger thermonuclear war, but to also in-

spire people with strategic solutions to the decades-long U.S. economic collapse. The great Kennedy-era project NAWAPA was highlighted as the unique means to reverse the catastrophic drought now ravaging the Western United States, especially Texas and California, and

to spur a new period of economic and moral prosperity in America.

The meeting was held directly across the street from the California Democratic Party State Convention, where the focus was, as usual, on single-issue concerns, rather than on the principles needed to overcome the threats facing mankind. More than 50 supporters gathered to participate in an evening of real leadership based on such principles.

Steger and Rogers called on those present to join their campaigns to create a revolution in the United States and the world. The first tasks of this movement, they stressed, are to remove Barack Obama from the Presidency, to stop the march to World War III,



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Michael Steger's Congressional campaign hosted a town hall meeting in Los Angeles March 8, whose central theme was solving the Texas-California drought. Steger is challenging Nancy Pelosi in the Democratic primary for Congress.

and begin rebuilding the nation's shattered economy.

In his introduction of Rogers, Schlanger described the intent of her campaign: to change the discussion of all the 2014 U.S. elections to focus on Obama's impeachment, and to end "business as usual"; to end the stupid, meaningless discussion of hot-button "issues," and instead, to focus on what must be done, by presenting the ideas required for the future.

Schlanger reviewed the current policy of Obama and the London- and Wall Street-based oligarchical empire, especially the strategic showdown between the U.S/EU and Russia over the crisis in Ukraine, emphasizing that LaRouche had warned on Feb. 3, that the world would be on the cusp of thermonuclear war by March 1, once again demonstrating that LaRouche's forecasts must never be ignored.

By refusing to pull her punches, and putting the truth out about Obama's crimes, and what they have done to destroy the United States, including his refusal to come to the aid of drought-stricken ranchers and farmers, thus endangering the U.S. food supply, Rogers won a spot in the run-off election in Texas, despite all the pundits, the media, and the Democratic Party honchos saying, "She ain't going nowhere." Well, now, she may well go to the U.S. Senate, Schlanger said.

Her campaign, he said, also called for reenacting the FDR-era Glass-Steagall law, which will bankrupt Wall Street, and clear the way for a return to a Hamiltonian credit policy, to reverse the physical breakdown of the economy, and build NAWAPA to deal with the Western drought (see "Texas Cattleman—We Want To Feed the United States: End Speculation; Build NAWAPA," this issue).

The Democratic Party leadership attempted to stop her, claiming she was not a Democrat, because she wanted to impeach Obama and would not take a loyalty oath to him. What is this?, asked Schlanger. Joseph McCarthy time?

Then the Party tried to suppress the vote, and put up



Kesha Rogers, who will face her Democratic primary opponent for Senate in Texas in a run-off election in May, called for restoring the economic and scientific policies of JFK to rebuild the nation.

a millionaire candidate for Senate to run against Rogers, David Alameel, who has financed Republican campaigns, put \$3.5 million of his own money into his campaign, but even that was not enough to stop Rogers.

With that introduction, Kesha Rogers took the floor to loud applause.

In Kennedy's Footsteps

Setting the tone for the rest of the evening, Rogers reported that her campaign was launched just after the wonderful memorial concert of Mozart's Requiem Mass, by the Schiller Institute, in Vienna, Va., on Nov. 22, 2013—the 50th anniversary

of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy—to revive his legacy (see "Schiller Institute Presents Mozart's Requiem for JFK," *EIR*, Dec. 6, 2013). She determined then, she said, to bring that spirit and commitment into her campaign for the U.S. Senate.

What Kennedy represented for me, she said, was the willingness to take on adversity at all costs; to stand for the truth. You must have that conviction—to always do what is right. She told her audience about Kennedy's book, *Profiles in Courage*, and how, for her, the profiles of John Quincy Adams and Sam Houston inspired her to follow in that tradition, to always stand for the truth, and oppose that which is merely popular.

Echoing LaRouche's frequent attacks on popular opinion and linear thinking, she reported on the discussions she had had with some of the news media, on the day after the election. When they tried to dismiss her stunning victory, by claiming that people didn't know who she was and what she stood for, and only voted for a "name," she countered that, in fact, it was the media's attacks on her for calling for Obama's impeachment that won their votes. She reminded the press that she had won two previous elections—the Democratic nomination for Congress in 2010 and 2012—in spite of the media's oft-expressed certainty that she could never win an election by calling for the impeachment of this President. Maybe, she told them, people want to hear the truth for a change: that man

has the capacity to know and create a future.

As for the Democrats, they have destroyed their own party. Only 3.6% of the voters turned out for the primary election, because the voters know the media-backed candidates have nothing to say.

“We went into the streets,” Rogers said. Her campaign organized in the rural areas where the other Democrats don’t dare to go, and recruited former Kennedy Democrats to vote for her, telling them that the LaRouche Democrats would restore the nation by restoring the policies of JFK to push forward science and build infrastructure like NAWAPA.

The result was that Rogers is the first African-American woman to make it to a run-off election for the U.S. Senate, in the history of Texas.

So, on May 27, we are going to win again, she said; we are going to do the impossible again.

First on the agenda is the impeachment of Obama. Then, with my colleague Michael Steger, we shall focus on the drought that is destroying both of our states and much of the West. Obama supports fracking and the use of our depleted water supplies for extracting gas and oil. He supports using 50% of our corn harvest for bio-fuels, while people go hungry.

This must end now. Have the courage to take on Wall Street and end the looting of the population. Restore Glass-Steagall, return to the Hamiltonian principles of banking and finance, as John Quincy Adams and John Kennedy did. We must have a science driver policy and end the greenies’ genocide policy. Then we move to a fusion economy, using Helium-3 from the Moon. Is that not what John Kennedy would do? Yes!

With our joint campaigns we must transform and revolutionize it all. It will have a reverberating effect across the nation and the world. That is the way to end the threat of war. War and drought can be put behind us as we carry out the common aims of mankind.

One final word, she said: “Get this President out now!”

Real Politics To Transform the Nation

Schlanger introduced Steger by relating LaRouche’s frequent observation that the American people have been stupefied. Well, he said, one of the faces of that stupefaction is Nancy Pelosi. Her opponent this year, running for the Democratic nomination for Congress, is Michael Steger.

Steger challenged everyone to jump on board his campaign, saying that their participation was critical if

the country is to be changed. Moreover, he said, we won’t survive as a species unless we stop the intent of Obama to start World War III. But, he added, if we stop the war drive, we still face a collapse of the financial system and real economy.

Obama and the Democratic Party have no commitment to the future, which brings up the question: Why is anyone in politics? For us, it is because man only survives by revolutionary changes in society; the advancing of mankind through scientific and real cultural progress. It is only through a continuing revolution in the productivity of man that man can continue to exist.

California and Texas are two largest states in the contiguous United States. Steger pointed out. What they are today came out of what FDR initiated; his commitment to the development of the rural areas by water and energy projects and rural electrification.

That is the same commitment John Kennedy lived for, Steger said. It is what real politics must be—to transform the nation and humanity.

In addition, Texas and California have some of the most advanced scientific institutions of the nation, like Lawrence Livermore Labs, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and NASA, all working on the frontiers of science.

Now the Western states are barren and dry. Your future is dying right before your eyes, Steger told the audience. The most productive land in the world only lacks the water required to realize that potential. But, there is plenty of water in Alaska and the Yukon. We must bring it down to the West. NAWAPA was ready to go in 1964.

What prevents it from being built is the fascist oligarchy which wants to destroy the population, by killing great projects like NAWAPA. That is why they murdered John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and others who represented that outlook.

Our campaigns, said Steger, address what is at stake with a single revolutionary platform: Get Obama out; break the empire, restore Glass-Steagall and build NAWAPA. That is how we solve the crisis. It is not a crisis of policy, but of courage.

Steger then discussed the ongoing Democratic Convention across the street, saying that there is no love for Obama among Democrats, just a lack of guts.

Concluding, Steger urged everyone to join the LaRouche campaigns and use them to bring a higher level of political ideas to people. They will respond, he said.

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