

Exclusive Interview

“We’re going to pull an upset, and they’re scared”

Kenneth Dalto, a spokesman for the New Hampshire primary campaign of Democratic contender Lyndon LaRouche, granted the following interview to EIR this week.

Q: What do you think your chances are to take the New Hampshire primary?

A: At this point, we have Kennedy beat. In the next two weeks, we’re turning the heat on Carter. It’s LaRouche and Carter. We not only have taken Kennedy in New Hampshire, but we have devised a strategy whereby we are going to clean Kennedy out of New England, we and our allies. The issue on Kennedy is the Kennedy machine. When we develop the momentum in New England, we then clean Kennedy out of Washington, out of the Justice Department.

Kennedy will lose in Maine. He will be beaten by LaRouche in New Hampshire. We will take Rhode Island, and our forces will deliver him a stinging blow in his home state of Massachusetts.

We’re now in a race with Carter. At this point we focus on two issues against Carter. One, his foreign policy. The American population is more conscious of foreign policy issues at this point than they have been since 1945. We will go to the American population, not just New Hampshire, but the entire population, and not just with the so-called mess in Iran, but with the fact that this mess was a deliberate, created situation set up by the corrupt Carter administration to bring the United States to the brink of thermonuclear war. The second issue is the economy. We will not only tell the population that the economy is bad, but we will tell them that Carter created this mess deliberately, he’s fostering this mess consciously, and he’s lying and deceiving the population deliberately to cover up the real extent of the economic depression. In addition, we’re going city-by-city in New Hampshire, explaining how the economic depression being faced by all Americans is the result of the austerity measures that are being enforced brutally in plants, the city budget, senior citizens’ homes, hospitals.

Q: Would you put any percentage at this moment on your vote?

A: At this point, we have 10 percent of the vote already locked in. And we’ve just started.

Q: How have the Carter-Mondale campaign and its New Hampshire chief, Governor Hugh Gallen reacted?

A: The governor of New Hampshire and the president of the United States are complicit at this point in an ongoing assassination attempt against LaRouche, because the candidacy of LaRouche is upsetting the rigged game that is called the U.S. elections. The Carter/Mondale campaign especially thinks that the only way to get rid of us is to kill LaRouche. This is no exaggeration. The Carter-Mondale forces threatened senior citizens with a cutoff of heat in their homes, a cutoff of their social security checks, here in New Hampshire, in cities all over the state, in Rochester, in Nashua, in Portsmouth. We have heavy evidence of the same kind of treatment being given to other senior citizens. In some cases, reports are that the intervention was by Vice-President Mondale personally.

LaRouche is tapping the sentiment and the rage and the disgust that exists in this country over what this administration represents. We are finding something in this country that has not existed here in the postwar period. This is what our forces represent. The Carter forces in New Hampshire only represent threats and patronage that the administration is using to get the vote out. Carter is using federal tax dollars to win the New Hampshire primary. Carter does not have a campaign organization in New Hampshire, they have a bunch of political whores who depend, for their jobs, on a handout from Carter-Mondale forces. This is the decisive moral and political edge we have in New Hampshire—Carter and Kennedy forces go to the highest bidder.

The Carter-Mondale forces and the Kennedy campaign are well aware that LaRouche already has 10 percent and that 20 percent is well within reach. This would be a national upset of stunning proportions. I repeat, with what we will do in New Hampshire, LaRouche will be the hottest political item in the world. This the boys in the back room who are fixing these elections cannot and, if they have their way, will not stand for. Once we capture the necessary votes, they cannot stop us. They know that. They know that they must stop us now, and they are proceeding on a course to eliminate LaRouche.

We have this documented. In LaRouche’s own home town of Rochester, there have been physical threats, attempted assaults, attacks against the candidate, slanders about his background, and even attempts to black out his presence, to try to eliminate Lyndon LaRouche

politically and physically. The assassination threat is very live now.

Q: In light of all this, what has been the change in the recognition of Mr. LaRouche's candidacy?

A: Recognition is approaching total. Our recognition factor is being connected to our economic program, to the issue of drugs, and to our energy policy. In addition, one further factor: LaRouche has emerged as the only candidate who pierces the lies and deceptions of the other frauds. LaRouche is truly the people's candidate. In New Hampshire, at present, we are targeting sections of the population for the actual voter turnout. Our strongest sentiment at this point comes from two areas. First is the largest ethnic population, and of that, most are French, Greeks, Arabs, and Irish; and second is the labor population, which in New Hampshire is facing virtual extinction by a combination of right-to-work laws, antilabor austerity measures, and plans to deregulate the trucking industry. We do not appeal to any special-interest group with special-interest programs, and our support lies in precisely that. We address the population of New Hampshire and the constituency groups in it from a higher level. For example, the explosive campaigning of the candidate's wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, a political leader in Europe, has brought home in a very personal way to the French-speaking population of the state—which is some 60 percent of the Democratic urbanized vote in the state—the idea and excitement that the American nation has an overall political purpose in leading the world internationally. Mrs. LaRouche's campaigning makes very personal to the Franco-American voter in New Hampshire that by allying with our friends in France and West Germany and the rest of Europe, the United States can be pulled out of the economic depression into which Carter is heading this nation. This makes the fundamental point that our foreign policy must be based on economic alliances that will turn America back into the engine of world industrial development, not geopolitical alliances based on creating further confrontation with Europe and the Soviet Union.

The fact that Mrs. LaRouche is a European is a plus when people look at the campaign overall.

Q: What is the size and plan of your organization in the state from here to the primary day?

A: First, we have the largest and most politically sophisticated campaign organization that has ever, in all probability, been put together in the United States. As of now, we have 140 fulltime people who have worked with Lyndon LaRouche over many years. Around that core we have upwards of 300 volunteers working night and day. We will do walking tours in at least 15 major cities

in New Hampshire; we expect to call by phone at least three-quarters of the total population in New Hampshire, not just Democrats, but Independents and Republicans as well. In our street campaigning, we are using the principle of the flank. In addition to campaigning in the major cities, we are encircling the cities with clusters of campaign organizations in the smaller towns, in places where the Carter and Kennedy campaigns would not even think of setting foot. We will pile up thousands of votes in places that Carter and Kennedy do not even know exist. Our three principal issues will be the economy, energy, and the drug plague.

Already, we have doubled the number of people attending our town meetings over the Carter and Kennedy campaigns. In Rochester two weeks ago, we had 250 people at an event where, five days before, Rosalyn Carter drew 70 people. In the next 10 days, we have a major town meeting scheduled for some 10 cities. There are LaRouche supporters from around the country coming into New Hampshire to campaign for LaRouche.

Internationally, the head of the French Right to Life movement, Dr. Emmanuel Tremblay, will tour the state for LaRouche. A farm leader from Michigan and a Teamster official from Wisconsin, are also coming in to campaign for LaRouche. In addition, where the media do not respond in New Hampshire, we will use the national media to break the press blackout we have encountered in New Hampshire.

Q: What has been the effect of Mr. LaRouche's nationwide television broadcasts on the New Hampshire campaign?

A: In his broadcasts, LaRouche has been represented to the American population as an international leader. The United States must become the leader of the world again, but there is one more important thing: LaRouche is a man with guts. LaRouche has awakened the population to the fact that the Carter administration is leading them to slaughter, and that the LaRouche candidacy is the instrument to break the fix. LaRouche's national broadcasts have broken the media blackout. We recognize the fact that the Carter and Kennedy campaign managers would never put LaRouche into a debate with imbeciles of the mental level of a Carter or a Kennedy. That is the major reason for the press blackout—and that blackout is now broken. They have done one thing more. They have shocked people, shocked them, for when they see that LaRouche is the only man who dares to address these issues they are shocked. They say to themselves, "Look at the depths to which the nation has fallen, that only one lone man dares address this national crisis with honesty." LaRouche is saying publicly what every working person in this country knows and says privately.