

LaRouche warns of tragedy after New Hampshire fraud

Officially recorded “victories” in the New Hampshire presidential primaries for George Bush and Michael Dukakis will prove hollow. Fraudulent elections are no demonstration of political support.

Actually, no one knows the actual vote cast for any of the candidates; the fraud was that crude and thick.

Lyndon LaRouche was officially credited with only 172 votes in the Democratic primary, although it was generally acknowledged that LaRouche had the biggest independently organized campaign organization in the state, as opposed to those rented for the occasion—an organization instrumental in signing up 25,000 new voters.

In election night remarks to supporters, LaRouche dismissed so-called victors Bush and Dukakis as “slimeballs” morally unqualified to hold public office. Bush, he said, was “knee-deep in the Contra mess, despite his enraged rejections of all questions on that subject.” Noting that Bush is campaigning as “Mr. INF Treaty,” LaRouche called him “the type of man most likely to use a crisis as pretext for establishing a Soviet-soft fascistic police-state rule.”

The political forces behind Bush and Dukakis, he added, were among those principally responsible for covert and legalized theft of millions of dollars from LaRouche’s associates and campaign supporters and legal frame-ups against them.

In contrast to the rash of campaign dropouts like Babbitt and du Pont, LaRouche stressed that the primary results left him more determined than ever to pursue his campaign for the presidency. Repeating that the United States, under the Reagan-Bush administration, is facing an imminent financial breakdown crisis which threatens to become the worst depression in history, LaRouche said, “We fight because we have no moral choice but to do so; perhaps, in that way, we

might earn the miracle which would save our republic from the doom Bush’s candidacy portends for it.”

LaRouche continues to emphasize that he is running for President not out of personal ambition, but because he can see no other way to prevent catastrophe.

In an election-night address to approximately 100 campaign workers, LaRouche told them, “You are living in the middle of a tragedy—a Greek classical tragedy. It’s not something on the stage, it is you on the stage—it is reality. The problem of our educational system, the cruel, immoral, degraded defect of our education system is, it does not teach the classics.

“*Don Quixote*, in complete, is actually a classical tragedy, and it has humor, but that is not unbecoming a good tragedy. It’s a true tragedy. What is *Don Quixote* about? You have a fool, a relic of the past, this poor old Don Quixote who thinks he represents aristocracy. Then on the other hand, you’ve got Sancho Panza, who has difficulty deciding whether he should ride his donkey or his donkey ride him.

“Sancho Panza has the task of trying to govern an island, but he can never do it. It’s like the typical New Hampshire citizen. He stuffs his gut. He cannot govern himself, and he is not capable of being a citizen in a representative form of self-government, and therefore, he suffers tyranny, not only because there are tyrants, but because he’s incapable of representative self-government.

“What do we do in a society in which most of the citizens are Sancho Panzas? We have to save the society. We have to save these poor citizens for the sake of the grandchildren donkeys, which we hope will not be donkeys anymore.

“In every classical tragedy, you see that certain characters are betrayed. A whole mass of humanity is implicitly portrayed on stage. Their lives are at stake on stage, and yet, in

every tragedy, one or two persons must decide whether the nation goes to heaven or to hell. It falls on their shoulders. If they avoid that responsibility, the nation is doomed. Why? Because nations are made up of, largely, Sancho Panzas, and evil ones—a society of representative government that no longer exists, ruled by an oligarchy which makes Satan blush. This is real history. The loss of one or two individuals at crucial points in history, dooms entire nations. The failure of a few individuals, at crucial points in history, determines the success or failure of entire civilizations—and, so we are today.

“Don’t look for the great leaders. They don’t exist. Look to yourself. Accept the Gethsemane, in yourself. Accept the cup that is given to you. Do not reject that cup. You, and others like you, who are dedicated to saving this civilization and this nation, and its people, and the grandchildren of these people—you are the leaders. There are no other leaders. There are no higher authorities to be trusted.

“What gives you authority? Very simple: You accept the cup of Gethsemane, your own Gethsemane. When you say, ‘I accept this duty, for which I am not qualified,’ that’s the only thing that can save humanity.

“Unfortunately, our schools don’t teach classical tragedy. Our citizens don’t understand that. All we can do is hope that you do.”

The actual vote

LaRouche campaign organizers estimated the candidate’s actual vote in New Hampshire at from 7-10% minimum. Secret Democratic Party polls run shortly before the election projected this range. The LaRouche campaign’s own count of its organized vote projected the same results.

In many locations, the number of official votes for LaRouche was greatly exceeded by the number of candidates who ran for office at the invitation of the National Democratic Policy Committee, the political action committee which backed LaRouche; or subscribers to the *New Federalist*, the only paper which regularly covered LaRouche’s press conferences and major policy statements. For example, in the whole city of Manchester, there were only 35 votes reported for LaRouche, but 40 candidates and 500 *New Federalist* subscriptions; in Rochester, LaRouche’s birthplace, there were 2 votes for LaRouche recorded; but 8 candidates and 80 newspaper subscriptions.

As much as 20% of the total vote may have been scrambled.

In Manchester, for example, significant numbers of voting machines did not record the vote. Election officials simply made up the vote tallies after the polls had closed. Poll-watchers were not permitted to observe the vote being counted; they were restricted to another part of the room, under police supervision.

In at least two instances, pollwatchers were subjected to physical brutality by police officers and were arrested when

they tried to exercise their rights to observe.

According to Democratic officials’ confidential information to undercover investigators before the election, the plan was to dump the LaRouche vote into the Jackson and Gephardt hoppers, holding the reported LaRouche vote below one-half percent.

Probably, the Dukakis vote itself was nearly real, since it was on the order of about the total vote the Ted Kennedy machine is able to deliver automatically in a New Hampshire primary. It is highly improbable that Dukakis himself will become a serious national contender.

On the Republican side, it is doubtful that Bush actually won. Indications are that a massive theft of the Robertson vote was key to the general result. The intensity of the thugery around the primary as a whole appears to have radiated from the Bush organization.

Campaign perspective

“The reported vote is virtually meaningless,” LaRouche commented after the primary. But he stressed, “The New Hampshire campaign was not meaningless. There was relatively large-scale political organizing during that campaign, establishing a broad basis for building a new Democratic Party machine in that state over the months ahead. In the long run, it is the effect of that campaign which counts.”

LaRouche indicated that he expected to more than double a campaign organization of 4,000 or so in New Hampshire-Massachusetts.

Even before the New Hampshire vote, LaRouche had already moved his campaign into the March 8 “Super Tuesday” primary states in the South and West. The candidate said he intended to run a “put up or shut up campaign” on the issue of an emergency trigger price of \$26 a barrel for oil, to keep the bottom from dropping out of what is left of U.S. industry and farm production, and begin to turn the U.S. economy around.

Symptomatic of the crisis, LaRouche said, was the situation of state and local governments. “The state of Louisiana faces an unsolvable \$800 million deficit in the state budget right now. The state is on the verge of bankruptcy. Oklahoma is headed toward a similar condition.”

In Texas, he added, “You can drive into Houston, and you’ll find high-priced, high-rise, new office space going for about 25¢ a square foot.” The same thing is becoming true in Colorado, Wyoming, and elsewhere. “So, these states are going to have the wonderful opportunity of deciding whether they wish to survive.”

LaRouche said he expected the Atlanta Democratic National Convention to be “brokered in the back rooms, and the brokering will start before the convention occurs.” In addition to building up delegate support through state and local party officials, LaRouche indicated, “we’re running a primary campaign in about 30-odd states,” which he said would produce “a number of surprises.”