

LaRouche campaign reshapes U.S. politics

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In the midst of extreme, deepening crisis for the United States, the strategic and economic thinking of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche is breaking through the rubble of bankrupt policies in election campaigns from coast to coast. Under the banner of his own November challenge as an independent Democrat from Virginia's 10th Congressional District, LaRouche candidates are contending for a host of federal, state, and local offices in Democratic primary elections remaining to be held in half a dozen states in September.

Voters in Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Washington will be casting their ballots for LaRouche candidates for offices ranging from the U.S. Senate and House to governor and state legislator. Following the strong showings in primaries held earlier in August—when two congressional candidates campaigning for LaRouche's ideas received over 40% of the vote in Missouri, and another in Michigan won outright with nearly 60%—no political analyst worth his salt could fail to note that a sea-change is under way. The driving force is LaRouche's extraordinary campaign, waged from jail in Minnesota, and deepened in Virginia by the statewide candidacy for U.S. Senate of his longtime associate Nancy Spannaus, also on the November ballot as an independent Democrat.

LaRouche's analysis vindicated

LaRouche's unique competence to guide the nation to recovery was recently demonstrated again in a half-hour television program, broadcast from the nation's capital Aug. 15 and Aug. 19 to viewers throughout the metropolitan area. Featuring an address from his 1988 presidential campaign, the program presented his analysis of why the world economy and financial system were headed for collapse—and the measures required to get out of the mess and return to the path of progress. The paid political broadcast concluded with a statement updating the current political, strategic, and economic situation, by Nancy Spannaus.

Events have plainly vindicated LaRouche's 1988 forecast, whether Washington's current policymakers like it or not; and his campaign workers report that the voters are listening more and more closely to the daily barrage of analy-

ses and policy statements LaRouche broadcasts as campaign spots on WTOP radio, Washington's all-news station. George Bush's British-rigged military adventure in the Middle East, a potential trigger for general war more dangerous than the Sarajevo incident of 1914, has been the subject of a steady stream of LaRouche's statements, including a campaign leaflet distributed in 80,000 copies throughout the greater Washington area.

Spannaus recently completed a three-week campaign swing through rural Virginia, where many areas are reeling from the ruinous farm policies imposed over the last decade, and from a new onslaught of insane environmentalist restrictions. Whether addressing these constituencies, or the Newport News Central Labor Council in Virginia's vital naval and shipbuilding center, Spannaus is stirring up discussion of LaRouche's solutions to the depression that is no longer just around the corner. "Governor Wilder's announcement of a projected \$1.4 billion state budget deficit, should begin to wake up Virginians," Spannaus is telling her audiences. "The depression that I, and congressional candidate Lyndon LaRouche have been warning of, is here with a vengeance."

Dirty tricks against Spannaus campaign

The "Bush Democrats" currently controlling the party in Virginia are showing signs of greater desperation over the possibility that, under conditions of rapidly worsening crises, Spannaus could unseat her Senate opponent, Republican incumbent John Warner. As Spannaus pointed out in one of her regular radio ads, her campaign is the target of a "Project Democracy" dirty tricks operation designed to make it appear as though Warner is running unopposed.

The most glaring examples have involved the *Washington Post*, WTOP radio, and the Virginia AFL-CIO. Both the *Post* and WTOP have run major features on the Virginia Senate race which claim that Warner has no one running against him. While the *Post* ran a small correction in a subsequent issue, WTOP has so far refused to recant its disinformation. More astounding is the fact that the Virginia AFL-CIO decided to black out Spannaus's campaign at its convention in Norfolk, Aug. 16 and 17. Held under the title "Democracy in the 1990s," the convention nonetheless prevented Spannaus from even renting a table at the event, where the body was to make its election endorsements.

Leading the blackout is the man slated to become the next president of the state AFL-CIO, Danny LeBlanc. LeBlanc was on hand when Spannaus visited the state offices on Aug. 9, seeking an answer to her written request to appear at the convention. LeBlanc refused to talk to her, and threatened to call the police and have her arrested for trespassing.

As Spannaus replied in an open letter to the AFL-CIO convention, "Danny LeBlanc is acting like a scared agent of the Anti-Defamation League—and stabbing the labor movement in the back. If you don't like what the Bush Republicans are up to, you had better do something about it soon!"



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Top left and right: Senatorial candidate Nancy Spannaus and supporters campaigning at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia. Bottom left: Congressional candidate Ned Norris counters the environmentalists' "spotted owl" propaganda, in Kelso, Washington. Bottom right: A LaRouche for Justice campaign rally near the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.



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