

LaRouche campaigns in Texas, tells Dems: 'It's still the economy'

by Harley Schlanger

In an address to the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 28 at the end of a five-day tour through Texas, Democratic Party Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche explained to the largely Republican audience why the race for the GOP nomination has been so unpredictable thus far. There is a "great volatility" he said, which "reflects the fact that the key issues which are rumbling within the population have not yet been effectively addressed in such a fashion by the candidates to get a consistent pattern of voting. Something is rumbling underneath." He continued, "In the immortal words of James Carville in 1992, 'It's the economy, stupid.' And that's the significance of this vacillation."

As he had on other stops during his campaign swing through Texas, LaRouche stressed that candidates who pander by focusing on "hot button" issues, and ignore the profound concerns over economic security, will find themselves left behind, as did Phil Gramm.

The Democrats 'threw' the 1994 elections

Then he dropped a bombshell. It is my opinion, he said, which I share with many Democrats, that "the Republican Party did not really win the 1994 Congressional elections. The Democratic Party threw the election. And today, there are still people in the Democratic Party, I regret, including in the Democratic National Committee (DNC), who would like to throw the Congressional elections" in 1996.

"But what I'm saying," he concluded, "what Ted Kennedy said in 1995, what Ted Kennedy said in a recent address, what is being said by Senator Daschle in a report soon to be issued, what was said yesterday in a Washington address by House Minority Leader Gephardt, these are the directions in which the Democratic Party, from underneath, is moving. And a lot of people at the top are moving in the same direction.

"We are going to take on the economic issue."

LaRouche was speaking within days of his 9.6% vote in the Delaware Democratic Presidential primary, and the day after he received 34.5% in North Dakota. He told the more than 300 participants at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon that, though the North Dakota total was slightly higher than he had expected, there will be more surprises coming in the weeks ahead.

LaRouche emphasized that this will occur not because of any problems he has with President Clinton. "I have many points of agreement with President Clinton," he repeated

throughout his tour. "While there are also areas of disagreement, my concern is with those on the President's staff, and with the DNC, such as its chairman Fowler, who are taking actions which will hurt the President's chances for reelection."

His concerns go beyond that of the Presidential race. It is necessary, he said, for a Democratic landslide to occur in the Congressional races, to bury the "Conservative Revolution" proclaimed by Newt Gingrich, Phil Gramm, and the glassy-eyed Republican freshmen, who he characterized as members of the "Newtzi Party" because of their support for programs which would result in genocide against especially the poor, minorities, and senior citizens.

These constituencies are in motion now, he said, referring to the Million Man March, a similar movement among Hispanics in New York-New Jersey and the Southwest, and senior citizens. The DNC should be out with LaRouche and the leaders of these constituencies, registering voters and rebuilding the Democratic Party, to defeat the "Newtzis" and their plans to deliver huge tax breaks to their patrons by further gouging what is left of the social safety net. Instead, they have refused to put forward any funding for voter registration, and have adopted a strategy of taking these constituencies for granted, pursuing instead "Generation X." Further, they are encouraging Clinton to limit his campaigning, even though Republicans such as Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, the campaign chairman for Sen. Bob Dole, and radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh (sometimes called "Bush" Limbaugh by Mr. LaRouche), fling a daily barrage of accusations and preposterous rumors against the President.

LaRouche took the opportunity of these events to throw down the gauntlet to the DNC, while rallying Democrats to a mission of rebuilding the party to pull the nation back from the brink of financial chaos and economic ruin.

The 'Newtzi Party'

LaRouche was blunt during his tour of Texas as to the nature of the "Newtzi Party." As a number of the key leaders of this group of traitors to the American System are from Texas, such as Gramm, Dick Armey, and Tom DeLay, his broadsides hit home.

"We must call Gingrich and his allies what they are. Under the standards established by the Nuremberg Code, anyone who 'knew or should have known' that the policies they were pushing will result in increases in mortality rates, was found

guilty of 'Crimes against Humanity.' "Under these standards, he said, it can be easily proven that the assaults against the poor, minorities, and the elderly by Gingrich and the "Army Ants" would be the basis of their conviction. "Winning control of the Congress is a matter of life and death" for these groups targeted as "useless eaters" by Gingrich and Gramm.

Therefore, LaRouche said, "we must tell the truth about them." Under the "kindly phrase of 'balance the budget,' they would condemn millions to premature death. This must not be tolerated. The American people already have a whiff of this," he said in a press conference in Dallas. "That is why they turned against Gramm, turning him overnight from Phil Gramm to Milli-Gramm, then to Micro-Gramm. There is no way to take on this gang, except to tell the American people the truth, that they [Gingrich, Gramm, et al.] are Nazis, and that there is a choice available to them on the ballot."

The candidate added that these networks function on behalf of higher-level networks, which have crucial operatives based in Texas. He singled out the Bush machine, including Houston's James Baker, whom he characterized as a "dirty mole in the Reagan administration, and still one today," and the Schlumberger/De Menil network. These networks operate across party lines, as many of the "Bush Democrats" in Texas voted for the bills in the 1980s—especially the Garn-St Germain banking bill, which fattened up collapsing savings and loan institutions for the slaughter through deregulation, and the Gramm-Rudman bill, which LaRouche said, citing *EIR*

studies he initiated, led to a doubling of the national debt during Reagan's second term. (See *EIR*'s Feb. 16 *Feature*, "Budget-Balancing Is an Exercise Doomed to Failure.")

He also pointed to Dallas lawyer and Democratic Party fixer Robert Strauss as one who cleared the way for the victory of the Conservative Revolution. Though nominally a Democrat, Strauss was appointed ambassador to Russia by George Bush after the fall of the Iron Curtain. It was Strauss who became the enforcer of the "reform" policy, the "free trade and democracy" policies, which have collapsed the physical economy of Russia by over 50% since 1989, while handing over much of the nation's wealth to Strauss's friends in the West, and murderers from the KGB, who dominate the economy today as a mafia. Strauss is also involved, through his membership on the board of British intelligence's Hollinger Corp. press empire, in the efforts to destroy Clinton through the phony Whitewater scandal.

Reverse the last 30 years' decline

LaRouche covered these themes in a series of press conferences, and public and private meetings. In press conferences in Dallas and Houston, LaRouche stressed that the present monetary and financial system is doomed, "it is incurably ill, and if nothing is done, it will disintegrate. No one among the media and the other candidates is discussing this. The American people are not being given the option to consider what to do.

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“Voters are poorer today, jobs are running out of the country, there is tremendous economic insecurity. This issue has made Buchanan a leading contender. . . . This will happen on the Democratic side as well. The leading issue of this election is whether or not we will act in time to make changes in the financial system.”

LaRouche’s statements on the economy were covered on KRLD, the flagship radio station of the Texas State Network, which put out the story to its 80-plus affiliates. His comments on the economy were featured in the *Houston Chronicle* and on two Houston television stations.

The tour was launched in New Boston, Texas, at a “chili cook” candidates’ night, attended by more than 800 people. New Boston is in the northeast corner of Texas in the 1st Congressional District, which was represented for decades by Federal Reserve foe Wright Patman. In his address there, LaRouche told the audience of mostly Democrats that the party must be rebuilt, to reverse the foolishness of the last 30 years, which has turned the nation from a thriving, agro-industrial power into a post-industrial wasteland. This can be done, he said, by using the powers of the U.S. Constitution to put the Federal Reserve into receivership, and establish a new system of credit through a new national banking system.

LaRouche addressed the North Tarrant County Democratic Club’s candidates night at a United Auto Workers hall near Fort Worth. In this short address, he emphasized that local clubs needed to “boot the DNC in the rear” to get them moving on voter registration, etc., to ensure a landslide in November 1996. Many of those attending showed impatience with candidates who had adopted the DNC line that it is necessary to appeal to Generation X and suburbanites.

He also addressed meetings of supporters in Arlington (between Dallas and Fort Worth) and in Houston. In both meetings, he developed the theme of how our foreign policy must be an extension of national economic security. “Just as we must protect our own industries, our jobs, and our farmers, as a policy of national security, are not other nations entitled to do the same with theirs?” he asked. “As we should improve infrastructure, our health care, and education, should we not help other nations do the same?”

He said that he could, as President, negotiate a series of trade and economic agreements with most other nations that would benefit both them and ourselves. If we respect the right of others to economic security, we can get the world out of its present miserable state.

But it is also necessary, he said, that people know who the enemy is, who it is that is responsible for U.S. support for the policies imposed by the International Monetary Fund, which are responsible for genocide in Africa, and which are generating hatred for the United States around the world.

National economic security means defeating the British Empire and all that it stands for, he concluded, and that includes the moles for the British, such as George Bush, “the cat riding on the end of Thatcher’s broom,” and Robert Strauss.

Gephardt pledges new era of ‘income politics’

House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) gave the speech excerpted here on Feb. 27 at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington, D.C. It was titled “Better Late Than Never: Income Politics on the GOP Campaign Trail.” Subheads have been added.

I thank you for having me here today, to talk about a cause I have pressed for more than a decade, and a crisis which has finally crept from America’s pocketbooks into its politics. I’m talking about America’s standard of living, and why it has become such a struggle for average families to simply pay the bills, send their children to school, and stake their claim in the American dream.

As a member of Congress, and even as a Presidential candidate eight years ago, it has been enormously difficult for me to focus attention on these issues. Maybe the press and the politicians didn’t want to know about the problem. Or maybe they just didn’t know what to do about it. But in the past few weeks, Republican primary voters put this issue at the front and center of our political discourse—and this time, we ignore them at our own peril.

The fact is, there is a revolution taking place in American politics—a revolution that is shaking every podium on the Presidential campaign trail, and shattering our most basic assumptions about the needs and wants of the American people. I’m not talking about the so-called Republican revolution—with its poll-driven Contract, clauses, its bumper-sticker bromides, and its Medicare-cutting manifestos.

I’m talking about an honest-to-God outcry from the grass roots, a call so powerful it’s finally reaching the board rooms of Wall Street and the cloak rooms of Washington.

The American people are beginning to send a powerful message, to say that, as much as they believe in a balanced budget, as much as they believe in a leaner, more efficient government, those kinds of budget bills are never going to help with all the bills they have to pay. And mobilizing every ounce of our political will to zero out a balance sheet in Washington is a hollow exercise, if we do nothing about the declining standard of living of the endangered middle class.

You see, we now have enough spending cuts on the table to balance the budget in about five minutes, if the Republicans are willing to do it. Sometime this year or next, that problem will be solved. And I think the right kind of