

Voters respond to LaRouche Presidential campaign

by EIR Staff

On March 2, Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche aired his second national half-hour television campaign broadcast, on the NBC network, on the theme of restoring national economic security. On March 5, in the so-called "Junior Tuesday" primaries, LaRouche continued to shake up the political establishment, taking a significant share of the vote in the six states in which he was on the ballot, topped by a vote of 11.1% in a race with President Clinton in Colorado.

The results, despite the continuing blackout of LaRouche's campaign by the major media, and outright lies that President Clinton has been running "unopposed" in the Democratic Party primaries, followed upon the 9.6% LaRouche received in the Delaware primary on Feb. 24, and the 34.5% he received in the North Dakota primary on Feb. 27. LaRouche came in second in the three-way race in North Dakota, in which President Clinton was not on the ballot.

Although the candidate has not yet won any delegates, which requires that he take at least 15% of the vote (the North Dakota primary was non-binding and the delegates will be selected in caucuses), he continues to qualify for federal matching funds. His campaign has announced that it has purchased time for another national half-hour televised broadcast, on April 18 on the CBS network, between 9:30 and 10 p.m., Eastern Time.

In Colorado, LaRouche polled over 20% in eight counties, according to the March 7 *Denver Post*, and received 5,941 votes statewide overall. In rural Dolores County in the southwestern part of the state, he received 30.6%. The *Denver Post* headlined its coverage of the results, "LaRouche Vote of 11% Jolting." Several Democratic Party officials in the state told the paper that they were shocked at the LaRouche vote. One

county chairwoman said that she is curious to know who voted for LaRouche, "just to see why they did it." "Our [Democratic] central committee has a regular meeting on Friday," she said. "We're going to have something to talk about."

In the other March 5 primaries, LaRouche polled 4.4% in Maryland (12,710 votes), 3.4% in Massachusetts (4,317 votes), 4.8% in Rhode Island (381 votes), and 2.7% in Maine (697 votes). In Vermont, where votes were not totalled statewide, a sampling of local results indicated that LaRouche polled over 3%.

The campaign is 'doing its job'

LaRouche said that his campaign "would do much better if the major news media would cover me as it would any normal candidate, instead of trying to black me out; nonetheless, it's doing its job," in an interview on the "EIR Talks" radio program on March 6.

As LaRouche has made clear throughout the campaign, that "job" is to prepare the President to respond effectively to an imminent disintegration of the global financial system, and to build a political force in the population and in Congress that will back the needed bankruptcy reorganization of that system before the disintegration occurs. As LaRouche noted recently, the ongoing global financial collapse could, under certain circumstances, hit a point of implosion, in which the system could disintegrate over three to four days.

"One must understand that what is going on in the campaign, is essentially that even though Dole seems to have been securely placed in position, with help from quarters which I prefer not to mention at the moment, nonetheless, the turbulence which we have seen in that—what has been the 'Gong Show' called the Republican primary—and the turbulence

which we're seeing, also, in a different way, on the Democratic side, reflects the fact that none of the campaigns, I think, except my own, has so far addressed the underlying issue which is causing an uneasy rumbling among the voters on both sides" of the party aisle, LaRouche told "EIR Talks."

"That is, we're now facing the worst financial and monetary crisis in modern history, which is coming up fast, and most people seem to prefer to believe that that's not happening, even though it is.

"At the same time," he said, "we have a collapse in the living standards. We have also a social crisis in the United States, in the sense that the top, approximately, 10% is widening its prosperity enormously, aided by tax giveaways, while the ordinary people, at least, say, the bottom 60%, are plunging down rapidly in their standard of living.

"So we have an emerging social crisis expressed behind this divergence between the top and the lower strata, the lower tier and the top tier, which is going to explode. We're seeing the explosion in the fact that people are screaming about their jobs; we see an explosion reflected in the sensitivity of Senator Kennedy or Senator Daschle, or someone like Representative Gephardt; we see an *explosion* reflected in their sensitivity. Representative Gephardt refers to a 'political earthquake' going on, a political crisis going on. There is."

The only one addressing the questions

LaRouche continued that, "so far, apart from the fact that Buchanan, who had some other features which are less pleasant, did address the jobs issue, the economic issue—he seems to be out of the picture, at least for Republican purposes now—I'm the only one who's really addressing the questions.

"So we're seeing a very significant increase in the vote for me," LaRouche continued. He summed up the election to date, in the context of building a national political movement: "For example, we have—9.6% in Delaware is not generally significant, unless you take into account the pressure against me by the news media and others, other circles which I won't bother mentioning. But it's a significant vote. And 34.5% in North Dakota, which occurred in a blizzard, means there was some pretty determined percentile of the voters who did turn out, was concerned to support me; second in a three-plus race.

"Then," he said, "Colorado, overall, 11.1%, is doubly interesting, because you have five counties in which between 20.9 and 30.6% of the vote went to me in the primary, and in the sixth one, it was 18.4%, and there are, I think, nine total which are over 15%—essentially, the Denver vote pulled down my average for the entire state significantly. The rest of the state was pretty much going for me, in a very strong way.

"Now, while they're only in the single digits, approaching, reaching up toward the double digits in the New England primaries of this Tuesday, nonetheless, these two are significant, when you consider the realities of what was going on there behind the polls; which indicates that it's not possible

any longer to pretend that I'm not a major factor in shaping not only the Democratic Party policy, but having a very significant impact on the thinking of Republicans. People denouncing my most recent show from the Republican side, really were denouncing it because they considered it very effective, and as hurting their man, Gingrich, and the crowd around him. For which I can offer no apologies. I can offer condolences to my Republican friends, but no apologies. That really was the right thing to do. So we see that tumult."

In his March 2 broadcast, LaRouche said that Gingrich "is a Hitler-style criminal. His entire mafia are Hitler-style criminals," because they are proposing policies which they know will result in an increase in death rates in entire sections of the population (see the March 11 *New Federalist* weekly newspaper, for the full text of the broadcast).

LaRouche continued: "What you have, is a public which does not yet understand what the problem is, but does understand the *acuteness of the symptoms* which they're experiencing. They recognize that the leading candidates, including Dole, and even the President, in what he's doing as campaign work, is *not* addressing the reality of the situation.

"For example, the President's State of the Union message signalled a reluctance at the moment to address any of the realities of the real situation in the United States, in terms of the overall situation. The public is reacting to that. I don't think the public knows *what* the problem is; they do know the symptoms. And they do know that what's being said, both in large degree by the President, not entirely, but in large degree, and almost entirely by the Republicans, has no relevance to anything."

'The truth is breaking out'

LaRouche, who has so far campaigned in most of the states in which he has been on the ballot, took his campaign to Mississippi and Louisiana the week of March 4, where he is on the ballot on March 12. In Mississippi, he spoke at Jackson State University and at the Central United Methodist Church in Jackson. At the latter event, sponsored by the Schiller Institute and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, LaRouche told the audience, which included city and state officials and civil rights leaders, that "the truth is breaking out," about the nature of the crisis facing the United States. We have to keep this earthquake going, LaRouche said. We have to get our fellow citizens to force these politicians to get off their behinds.

On March 6-7, LaRouche visited Louisiana. He gave an interview to KTLB radio in Alexandria, and held a press conference. In Monroe, he spoke to a meeting of supporters, and, in his capacity as *EIR* Contributing Editor, addressed the Downtown Rotary Club. You must not approach the crisis with fear, LaRouche told the Rotary members. His generation, he said, has a special role to play, given what it faced with the depression in the 1930s, World War II in the 1940s, and the explosion of optimism at the end of the war.