

Backlash grows vs. Starr's assault on the Presidency

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One week after Grand Inquisitor Kenneth Starr, also known as the "Porno Starr," released his salacious report to the U.S. House of Representatives, the battle over the U.S. Presidency is raging throughout these United States. Faced with continued signs that the President is still popular with the U.S. population—and in fact, probably more popular now that he is under such outrageous attack—the British-backed forces around Starr and the Republican Congressional leadership are pressing recklessly ahead in their attempt to destroy the Clinton Presidency. On the other side, a growing movement of American citizens, led by African-American state legislators and the LaRouche political movement, has taken up the battle to save the Presidency, so that President Clinton can address the overriding issue of the nation's survival, the worldwide financial collapse.

Anyone who merely reads or watches the major media in the United States could not possibly understand the state of this war. The nation's media establishment is overwhelmingly oriented toward tarring and ousting the President—and it just can't understand why large sections of the U.S. population have not been convinced to go along with them. This consensus against President Clinton is in sharp contrast to the coverage in many newspapers in Europe and South America, who see Starr's efforts as a blatant political attack. Many U.S. newspapers have gone so far as to editorially demand the President's resignation or impeachment.

One significant break in this treasonous pattern in the U.S. media was the publication of the banner shown in the accompanying picture, which was hoisted by LaRouche associates working with Americans to Save the Presidency, outside President Clinton's Sept. 14 speech at the New York Council on Foreign Relations. This photo has appeared in newspapers all around the United States, cutting through a lot

of the sanctimonious garbage otherwise filling the pages.

But behind this banner, which is appearing now at every public appearance by the President, there is a much bigger story.

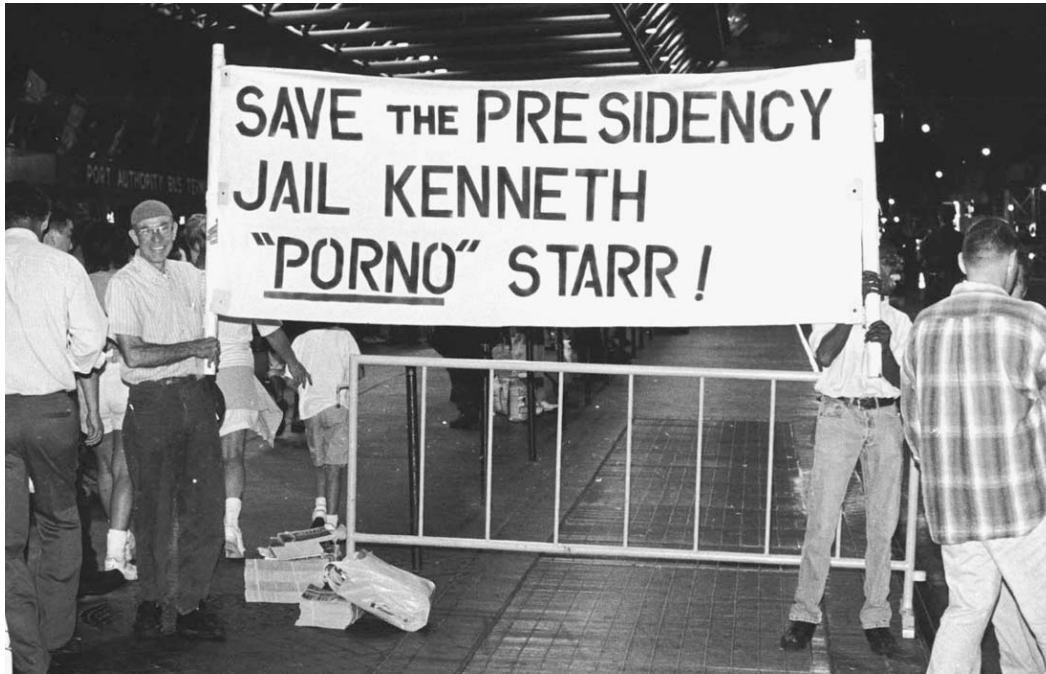
Americans to Save the Presidency

On Sept. 6, eight sitting state legislators and five other constituency leaders launched Americans to Save the Presidency, an ad hoc group committed to ensuring that President Clinton is "able to fulfill the unique responsibility of [his] office. We want you to devote your attention to addressing the crises of the day," they stated. It was the right idea at a time when there was a total vacuum of leadership in the Democratic Party, and the nation.

Within a week, these legislators and their collaborators in the LaRouche movement had gotten more than 750 prominent citizens to endorse the call, and thousands of ordinary citizens as well. Among the prominent endorsers of the petition which the group is circulating are eight former Congressmen, almost 200 state legislators, more than 50 city and county elected officials, close to 75 trade union leaders, nearly 200 Democratic Party officials, and dozens of civil rights, community, and religious leaders nationwide.

This is not a sectarian group. Forty-six of the 50 states are represented, and all races and creeds are involved. Downtown rallies in various U.S. cities have been drawing lines of citizens, enraged at Starr, who want to sign the petition. But the leading roles are being taken by African-Americans, who see the assault on the Presidency as being undertaken in the very same spirit as the persecution which they have undergone over the years.

In an interview during the week of Sept. 14 with a cable TV station, Americans to Save the Presidency initiators Rep.



President Clinton was greeted in New York on Sept. 14, by a LaRouche organizing team demanding a strong Presidency to deal with the collapse of the global financial system. An Associated Press wire photo of the banner was picked up by newspapers around the country and internationally.

Harold James of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Quincy Troupe of Missouri, both African-American state representatives, stressed that they see their drive as a critical intervention because of the failures of the Democratic Party leadership, and because of the onrushing financial and economic crisis. Both indicated that they believed the British-backed Starr assault would get worse, because the financial crisis is deepening, certain nations are moving to defend themselves, and the financial oligarchy is desperate to prevent President Clinton from acting on LaRouche's ideas to reorganize the world economy.

Already, an ad with the first 650 prominent signers has been published in *The New Federalist*, the paper of the LaRouche movement. The full text of the petition has also been printed in newspapers in the Dominican Republic, Argentina, and Venezuela.

Hitting the traitors

In addition to mobilizing petition signatures, which will be sent to the President and Congress, as well as published in newspaper ads, the movement to save the Presidency is hitting hard at the traitors in the Democratic Party who actually created the conditions for Starr's escalated assault.

Picket lines and demonstrations have been held outside the offices of Virginia's Rep. James Moran, New York's Sen. Patrick Moynihan, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and California Sen. Diane Feinstein. The spirited actions have been followed by delegations going up to speak with the Senator or Congressman, or their aides. The most upset was Moran's office, just across the Potomac from Washington, which actually turned off the elevator in the building, in the hopes

of keeping the delegation, which was led by civil rights heroine Mrs. Amelia Robinson, from reaching the office.

Democrats throughout the country have expressed their total disgust with their so-called leadership, for failing to defend the President, and dozens have been signing the petition at meetings throughout the country. One critical test of the ability of the party base to resist its treacherous leadership will occur on Saturday, Sept. 19, in Richmond, Virginia, when a bunch of traitors will try to have the Central Committee go on record condemning the President.

It is widely reported that leading Democrats who have publicly attacked the President, or made the stupid demand that he give up his legal defense, are suffering significant drops in their support from their core constituencies, who see them as the media-sycophants that they are.

The Republican insanity

Many Congressional Republicans have been able to stand back and appear relatively statesmanlike, while the Democratic leadership has stuck its knives into the President's back. But, from Starr and the House GOP leadership around Tom DeLay (Tex.), Dick Armey (Tex.), Henry Hyde (Ill.), and so forth, the hysteria over the fact that President Clinton has not folded, and continues to receive broad popular support, is growing.

The Republicans have not had it easy from their constituency, of course. The irony of the publication of the pornography of the Starr report on the Internet—from those forces who allegedly stand for eliminating pornography—has not been lost on people. It has also been widely reported, and recognized, that the Starr report was written in the most

graphic, disgusting detail for reasons that had nothing to do with Starr's so-called legal case. The report itself was written by a journalist named Stephen Bates, who once wrote for *Playboy* magazine. But his work was reportedly edited by Starr himself, who, according to reporter Michael Isikoff, insisted that more lurid details of the sexual encounters (as reported by the questionable Monica Lewinsky) be included in the report.

Nonetheless, the House leadership is trying to increase the intensity of the attack on the President. Gingrich has indicated to Starr that he would like the Inquisitor to issue a follow-up report on matters other than sex—and Starr has made it known that he is keeping his grand juries active despite the initial report. Judiciary Chairman Hyde and Majority Whip DeLay have also taken steps to try to intimidate those who might dare to expose the hypocrisy of the Congressmen who are attacking Clinton. On Sept. 17, DeLay sent a request to the FBI, for an investigation of those who disclosed the story of Congressman Hyde's extramarital affair, claiming that the release of such stories could amount to "intimidation of Congress," and might even be included in the counts of impeachment, if it could be proven that the stories came from the White House.

If there has ever been a case of intimidation of Congress, ironically, it has come from the FBI—not those telling the truth about the backgrounds of Congressional leaders. An attempt to prevent the truth from being published would amount to nothing less than the imposition of *lèse-majesté*, the feudal prohibition against attacking the monarch for which the violator is punished more severely, the more true the charge is.

The view from afar

President Clinton has received significant support from European heads of state, who insist that he must not be distracted from dealing with the dramatic foreign policy and financial crises which are upon the world. The international press has also made trenchant observations about the insurrectionary nature of Starr's assault.

Sometimes one can see one's nation better through the eyes of foreigners. A Sept. 13-14 report in the French daily *Le Monde* was particularly acute in its lead editorial. The content of the Starr report is "worthy of those trials-by-words of the Inquisition that the medievalists study," the paper said. What is happening now in the United States is a "new McCarthyism, which replaces the panic fear of communism by the fear of sexuality. . . . Inquisitor Starr is the product of a long history: the promotion into political dogma of supposedly moral and family values."

It is precisely this McCarthyism that the movement to save the Presidency, so that Clinton might act to save the world economy, is determined to stop. There is going to be quite a fight ahead.

Character Tells

Senator Moynihan plays Marat

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Of course, he was drunk when he said it.
Drunk as a British lord, he might have been;
but, never blame the bottle for what a
drinking man brings to it.

President Bill Clinton is learning it the hard way. Experience shows, once again, that any politician or news media creature, who frequently slanders and libels Lyndon LaRouche, was going to show his colors as no friend of the President, sooner or later. The President was repeatedly warned of that fact.

What the back-stabbing Brutuses among the Democratic National Committee's New Democrats did, should not have surprised the President. He should never have let himself become upset by the behavior of these types of so-called "political advisors;" he should remember, I had forewarned the White House publicly of this. There is no reason for him to be surprised by the utterly predictable behavior of these scalawags, and less reason for him to care a fig about winning their good opinion of him. Treat them with the respect a wise dog shows to a skunk; don't try to caress it.

Take the like of veteran LaRouche-hater Senator Pat "Brutus" Moynihan, for example. If you know the facts of Moynihan's case, you might consider him a New York Democrat in the tradition of the most notorious Lincoln-era Copperhead, August Belmont. On that account, we have had significant personal experience with the Senator, as the latter may have been either drunk and sober on that occasion. The only unsettled question we ever had about his behavior, was the question, whether he acquired his familiar, flop-jowled speech-defect from liquid sandwiches, or his unfortunate attempt to cultivate what he may have imagined was a British accent, perhaps during his sojourn at Harvard University.

Moynihan never gave us any reason to doubt the compelling evidence that he is a rabid anti-African-American racist. His racism is of a type fully consistent with his general pedigree; he is, with certainty, a veritable "Leporello," an Anglo-