

After Wall Street election fix, sane leaders endorse LaRouche

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Approximately 48 hours after the polls closed on the March 7 “Super Tuesday” primary elections, two volunteers organizing support for Lyndon LaRouche’s drive for the Democratic Presidential nomination, in a Maryland suburb just outside the nation’s capital, prominently displayed a sign that read, “Over 100 International VIPs Endorse LaRouche — *You Got Stuck with Gore and Bush! Feel Stupid Yet?*” It seemed to be a fair question.

Since the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 1, the American people have stood by and watched what has been, without doubt, the most blatant, top-down rigging of both major parties’ primary campaigns, in an effort to secure the anointing of two otherwise unelectable men — Al Gore and George W. Bush — by March 7. As one extremely knowledgeable and well-placed analyst remarked, “The dirtiest money Wall Street could muster has bought the most corrupt and incompetent candidates you could imagine.” And without a doubt, part of the game was to try to postpone any eruptions of the inevitable blowout of the global financial system until after that date.

International endorsements for LaRouche

March 7 has now come, and gone. Bill Bradley and John McCain are out of the way. But, despite the lies being spewed out by America’s print and electronic media, the Presidential campaign is far from over. Indeed, perhaps the most telling — and important — development during the course of that week, has been the accelerating pattern of endorsements by prominent international figures and institutions for Lyndon LaRouche’s Presidential candidacy.

Although it is highly unusual, perhaps even unprecedented, for foreign dignitaries to voice their support for a particular candidate, LaRouche has, from the beginning of his campaign, enjoyed high-level international support. Former

Mexican President José López Portillo, many well-known Russian Academicians, and other prominent figures from Europe, as well as South and Central America, have voiced their support. Each stresses LaRouche’s fight for a new, more just financial and monetary system, and his fight to defend the sovereignty of all nations against “globalization,” and to avert the dangers of war and economic disintegration it necessarily carries along with it.

The latest endorsements are from a prestigious think-tank, the Robert Schumann Center for Europe; from Gen. Luigi Ramponi, a four-star general who served as Military Attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., as the head of the Italian Military Secret Services, and as a member of the Italian Senate; and from Prof. Alberto Servidio, a founding member of the Christian Democracy, and former president of the Cassa del Mezzogiorno, the Italian state lending institution created after World War II, to promote the industrial, agricultural, and infrastructural development of Italy’s southern regions.

Clearly, the acceleration of vocal support for LaRouche’s candidacy from Europe is linked to the fact that most high-ranking Europeans, and the European financial press more generally, are acutely aware of the fact that the U.S. financial bubble is about to burst, and that the entire U.S. government, including the Clinton administration, is (hysterically) avoiding that reality, thereby endangering the entire world. And, it is their growing assessment, that not only is LaRouche the only person qualified to lead the United States at this time, but that it is important that they identify themselves with him.

DNC exclusion of LaRouche continues

In stark contrast to the statements from abroad, which come from individuals who not only know LaRouche personally in many cases, but who have also studied his work, are

the actions of the Washington-based leadership of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). The latter, operating under the combined influence of Wall Street and the most corrupt elements of the Washington, D.C. permanent bureaucracy, particularly inside the Department of Justice, continues its suicidal attempt to exclude LaRouche and his supporters, with an unending barrage of black propaganda and slanders.

On March 6, DNC Chairman Joe Andrew fled the podium in panic during a National Association of Counties conference in Washington, following a sharp confrontation with LaRouche supporters. Andrew had just concluded a presentation, and was fielding questions from the audience, when Ted Andromidas, a leading LaRouche representative from the West Coast, challenged him on his racist exclusion of delegates pledged to support LaRouche.

Andromidas cited the fact that close to 1,000 civil rights leaders and Democratic elected officials have demanded that Andrew stop the assault on LaRouche's candidacy and his attempts to overturn the 1965 Voting Rights Act. A clearly disgusted Andromidas insisted that Andrew explain why he knowingly lied in a letter sent to Democratic leaders, in which, ironically, Andrew called LaRouche a racist.

When Andrew attempted to evade the question, another LaRouche supporter, Stu Rosenblatt, refused to let him off the hook. "Joe Andrew, you are a liar! You stole *my* vote in Virginia. We won the [1996] caucus, and you refused to allow our delegates to be seated! You did the same thing in Michigan last week. LaRouche won the Democratic primary, and now you say you won't allow his supporters to participate in March 11 caucuses. You are a liar, a vote-stealer, and a racist!" Rather than respond to the charges, Andrew fled, as the audience erupted in pandemonium.

A suicidal policy

It is a well-established fact that each and every time the Democratic Party has engaged in operations against LaRouche, the results have been disastrous and led to major defeats for the party. In 1986, two LaRouche associates won statewide primary bids for the offices of Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State in Illinois. DNC officials, and others, forced the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Adlai Stevenson III, to disassociate from the LaRouche Democrats, and withdraw from the ticket. Since then, *all* Democrats have consistently been shut out of any leading statewide position in Illinois.

Similarly, in Houston, Texas, in 1988, a LaRouche Democrat was elected chairman of the Harris County Democratic Party, one of the largest local organizations in the nation. He was prevented from taking office, and the Democratic Party was defeated in elections across the state, and has not held a statewide office since.

In Virginia, despite the fact that LaRouche Democrats were responsible for Oliver North's humiliating defeat in his bid for a U.S. Senate seat against incumbent Democrat Chuck

Robb in 1994, the Democratic Party moved aggressively against the LaRouche Democrats. Today, Senator Robb is the only remaining Democratic statewide officeholder, and during this year's primaries, some leaders of the Virginia Democratic Party urged Democrats to come out and vote for Republican John McCain!

International observers in Michigan

As we go to press, a high-powered team of international observers is in Detroit, to monitor the conduct of the March 11 Michigan Democratic Caucuses. So far, the Michigan Democratic Party, acting on instructions from the DNC, says that it will not permit LaRouche supporters to participate, despite the fact that LaRouche won the Feb. 22 primary.

A letter addressed to Mark Brewer, the Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, asks that the observers be given access to a select number of the Saturday caucuses. It states, "As you know, the U.S. State Department and various U.S.-based private organizations, have been very prominent in criticizing various foreign nations, including Peru, Indonesia, Malaysia, and China, for alleged violations of democratic electoral procedures and principles. However, it has come to our attention that the Democratic National Committee and, under its directions, various state Democratic parties, including the Michigan Democratic Party, may be engaged in practices, which violate both the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965 and universally recognized standards of fair elections, which the State Department and various international agencies insist should be adhered to by all members of the international community of nations, who wish to be considered democratic."

The team of observers includes Dr. Godfrey Lukongwa Binaiisa, former President of Uganda, and his nation's first Attorney General elected after independence; Amelia Boynton Robinson, a recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Medal, and a leader of the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama—the event that led to the long-overdue passage of the Voting Rights Act; Prof. Ernst Florian Winter, former Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria; JL Chestnut, one of America's most respected civil rights attorneys and author of *Black in Selma*; and Ortrun Cramer, representing the International Progress Organization, a non-governmental organization. They were scheduled to report on their findings at a press conference in Washington, D.C. on March 13.

Meanwhile, LaRouche continues his drive to bring the vast majority of Americans who are otherwise frozen out of politics, back into the process. On March 11, LaRouche held a webcast town meeting with constituencies in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, all states whose Democratic primaries are on March 14. LaRouche's Michigan delegates also participated. The proceedings will be available on LaRouche's campaign website (www.larouchecampaign.org).