

throw rocks, and hide his hand, but has made no secret in the fact that Lyndon LaRouche—the only man who actually has a platform to help people, the only one who actually, running for President, can articulate answers to problems that beset this nation, to help empower, and re-empower, people, people in need.

There cannot be a Democratic Convention without having this matter raised, that if this party is going to prevail in the future—I dare say that it possibly won't prevail in November, as far as the Presidential candidate is concerned. By the way,



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—Theo Mitchell

they've appointed a special prosecutor-investigator on the case today, to question our Democratic nominee [Al Gore], to investigate his fundraising tactics, where he's trailing at 41%, below 49% for George W. Bush. So, it looks as though members of Congress may be the beneficiaries of a fallout; stay at home, or maybe go fishing on Election Day. Because, what do we have to represent us, from the Republicans, or, at this point, the Democrats?

Lyndon LaRouche was wronged. But it sends a message not just to those of us who have held office, or still hold office, but it sends a message to the hopelessness, and the despair, of the poor and dispossessed, the disadvantaged individuals. The question was raised: Why is it that people treat some people the way they do? And it's because they are knocked down, kicked down, walked over, stomped—especially by the party that supposedly has traditionally been sensitive to the needs of the peoples of the United States.

So, I'm here to ask you, those who will be going to the Convention, to have a plank inserted in the platform, repudiating the call of Jack Keeney, Jr., whose father is the architect of Operation Fruehmenschen, that doctrine that perilled and prosecuted minority officials throughout these United States. Fascist, to say the least. But certainly someone who actually represents the Democratic National Committee, not a Democratic lawyer; someone who raised this, to have this act declared unconstitutional. If there is going to be any relief for this century, it's going to take us all to work toward making America what we all want it to be, and what we all know it can be, and what we know it should be.

And the Democratic Party is indispensable. I have been a lifelong Democrat, as I'm sure many or most of you. And if there's any relief for the peoples of these United States, I still say it's through this party. And I still say it's through full participation under the Voting Rights Act, for those who had been traditionally locked out, and kept out, but [were] brought into the system. That now their voices—seated in legislative halls throughout the United States—and certainly, if ever there is a time for those voices to be heard, to raise the kinds of sensitive issues that deal with human dignity, and human rights, it's now.

So that is what we are here asking you to do. Thank you.

Let Us Expose the DOJ 'Permanent Bureaucracy'

by Judge Ira Murphy

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Mr. Chairman, and distinguished panelists, I just want to briefly follow up on one of the statements made by Senator Mitchell, and that's on this doctrine, as he has characterized it, of Operation Fruehmenschen.

I'm sure some of you have heard about this doctrine. We just want to highlight it, and do everything we can to get it on the agenda, on somebody's agenda, and perhaps the place to start would be at the Democratic Convention.

Essentially, what we're seeking is a restructuring of the Department of Justice. Maybe some of you are not aware of the fact, that they have in place there, a permanent bureaucracy, and it's this bureaucracy that runs the department. The bureaucracy runs [Attorney General] Janet Reno. And this is

an element that most Americans are not aware of.

The operation began, as we believe, under the late Richard Nixon, and J. Edgar Hoover, and it has continued since that time. For a long number of years, we suspected that there was an orchestrated, and organized, conspiracy to harass and berate black appointed and elected officials. Dr. Mary Sawyer did an extensive investigation on this, and published two very distinguished works. But in about 1988, an FBI agent came forward, and gave Congressman [Mervyn] Dymally [D-Calif.] a sworn affidavit that the Department of Justice had a policy of investigating, without probable cause, black appointed and elected officials. So, this was a fundamental violation of the due-process rights.

Congressman Dymally then went before Congress, and tried to get an oversight hearing. And ever since that time, he was unable to do it, and we are here ten years later—or better—still trying to get an oversight hearing on this permanent bureaucracy in the Department of Justice. Because essentially, what that was about, was intimidating the black and minority community, black and minority officials who moved aggressively in the community. And, of course, the targets that they usually selected, were those who had high visibility, aggressive leadership, and were a threat to the system.

And there was no discrimination in the selection of targets. The targets ranged from mayors, Congressmen, judges, you name it. Some of the investigations show now that perhaps over 300 black and minority officials have been investigated at some time or the other. And of course, it rolled into this Administration. Several of the cabinet members have been investigated, beginning with Secretary [of Commerce Ron] Brown, and ending with Secretary [of Housing and Urban Development Alexis] Herman, and others, where a Special Counsel has been appointed. So, aside from besmirching the reputations of these people, they tried to bankrupt them. So, these are some very iniquitous consequences of this permanent bureaucracy.

Now, most people out here don't know about the permanent bureaucracy. When it comes out, everybody is shocked. But there is a pattern. Of course, I'm primarily familiar with the pattern with Congressman Harold Ford [D-Tenn.], and Congressman Mike Espy [D-Miss., former Secretary of Agriculture], because they were mid-South Congressmen. But, it always begins with a leaked story from the Department, and then after the story is leaked, we have FBI agents running around for approximately a year and a half, two years, gathering dirt, etc. Then, after that procedure, we have a grand jury inquisition for about a year. So, all this time the victim is expending precious resources, and then, finally, we have a trial. And in the case of Congressman Ford, they brought the trial—it first started in Knoxville, 400 miles away from the man's home. And then after several appeals, steadily exhausting the Congressman's funds, it was finally moved to rural West Tennessee, out of the Shelby County area.

But this is just an illustration of the malevolence involved in this type of prosecution. And essentially, it's still a denial of due process.

But, at this point, it's time that this community do something about the permanent bureaucracy, and as Senator Mitchell has indicated, it's going to take a vigorous effort, and a coalition, on the part of all of us. But we've not been able to really get after the permanent bureaucracy for a host of reasons. Of course, fear is one of them. But, I think it's probably due to the strategy of the Department itself. Because, what



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you see happening here, is that a black official is attacked over here, maybe in California, another one is attacked in Pennsylvania. So, you never have the focus where you can alarm the community. The targets are selected at disparate places, and disparate times. So that, it's somewhat of a stealth strategy to destroy the black leadership, and intimidate the black communities and would-be black officials.

So, until we formulate a strategy, and get this to the public's attention, it's going to go on, and the only question is, who is next? It could be you, your Congressman, anyone at this time. So, my purpose is to urge this hearing to formulate some type of strategy where we can put together a coalition to expose this permanent bureaucracy. They need to be exposed. We need a hearing. We need the Democrats to bring this issue forward, to put it on the front burner, and let's expose this permanent bureaucracy for what they're doing to our community.