

Halfway across the country in Pierre, South Dakota on March 27, nearly half the South Dakota Democrats attending the statewide Party Presidential caucus at the VFW hall in the capital were LaRouche supporters. The Kerry and LaRouche campaigns had the two large caucus delegations, and were the only ones which qualified their delegates and candidates for the June 1 Presidential primary ballot. Of the 101 LaRouche delegates who had been elected from 35 local caucuses on March 13, some 57 attended this Congressional District-level caucus for this state's single, statewide "at-large" Congressional District. The minimum attendance requirement for qualifying LaRouche for the primary ballot was 48.

Other LaRouche supporters, not delegates, also attended the caucus. The response to this LaRouche show of force from the other 70-odd Democrats who attended (most were pledging to support Kerry, and a handful were for Rep. Dennis Kucinich or were "uncommitted"), was extremely open and friendly. One of the state Democratic officials told the LaRouche delegation, "You are energizing the Democratic Party—we must work together to defeat Bush."

The walls of the VFW hall were plastered with "Vote LaRouche! Continue the American Revolution!" posters featuring the large picture of the LaRouche Youth Movement in action. Initially, the whole caucus gathered in this main room where they received instructions from the state official chairing the proceedings. She told them, "the major delegations, for Kerry and LaRouche," will each meet on separate floors for voting, to elect committed slates from among themselves, for the delegates whose names will appear on the ballot with their candidate. The large Kerry and LaRouche blocs were each to elect 9 delegates and 3 alternates. Other delegations were instructed to meet on the stairway.

The top delegates on the LaRouche slate are two LaRouche Youth Movement leaders, Liz Unruh and Leah Hanson, and Steve Nelson, a young farmer. All 57 delegates will organize the campaign's outreach to the "forgotten man" in this poor rural state, and to the state's colleges, including those owned and run by the Lakota Sioux nation.

Some of the LaRouche delegates went directly to the floor where the Kerry delegates were meeting, to organize them to campaign for the LaRouche's "FDR approach" to solving the economic collapse; many of the Kerry delegates asked for extra broadsheets to distribute.

Asked in Harrisburg about Kerry's apparent "lock" on the Democratic nomination, LaRouche said, "The financial crisis hitting hard, new crises like the Spain terrorist crisis, hitting in other parts of the world, including the United States, or the Americas in general—this kind of thing is going to tell the citizen, that he's not a spectator, cheering for a gladiator in the arena. *He's* in the arena. And when the American citizen realizes *he* is in the arena, then he's got to vote for himself—not choose which gladiator he's going to back up—then his thinking's going to change."

Rep. James: LaRouche Needed at the Convention

Pennsylvania Rep. Harold James (D) issued this statement to press and officials in Harrisburg on March 29.

In politics, it is important to do the right things, whether or not it agrees with what is on TV or the evening news. Doing the right thing means thinking about who represents the real concerns of our constituents, now and in the future. This means strategizing to develop an agenda that effectively represents the true interests of the people. It also means remembering who your friends are, now and later.

Currently, the Democratic Party has begun to rally behind the banner of Sen. John Kerry, who is no doubt a better man than what we have in there. However, the Democratic Party is continuing to take many of its leading constituency groups for granted, such as African Americans, other minorities, labor, and others. Our concerns, at this point, are not being adequately represented by the Kerry campaign, and we want to remedy that.

For this reason, I decided to invite Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. to Harrisburg today. Mr. LaRouche is one of three active candidates that will be on the Pennsylvania primary ballot on April 27. As of the Federal Election Commission's February 2004 report, Mr. LaRouche leads all of the Democratic Presidential candidates in the cumulative number of individual itemized contributions. LaRouche has 36,281 cumulative itemized contributions as compared to 25,899 for John Kerry, the second-ranking candidate.



Pennsylvania state legislators, labor officials, and youth met with candidate LaRouche following his March 29 press conference: State Rep. Harold James, his host, speaks to the group.

By the time of the Democratic National Convention, Mr. LaRouche will have appeared on the ballot in 32 states and the District of Columbia. Also, as of the February FEC report, Mr. LaRouche had raised \$6,735,378, and he qualified for Federal matching funds.

Over the years, when I have asked Mr. LaRouche to become involved with issues that will improve the conditions of my community, he has responded, not with words alone, but with action. Several years ago, when it was revealed that black elected officials were being systematically targeted and harassed by the Department of Justice, Mr. LaRouche sponsored hearings and circulated crucial material exposing that horrible injustice. Those hearings were dedicated to the memory of our late, great, State Rep. Dave Richardson, whose tragic, untimely death precluded his planned participation.

When the Democratic National Committee failed to sponsor hearings to establish a fair and just platform in the 2000 campaign, Mr. LaRouche called for Democratic Platform hearings. My colleagues and I participated in these historic hearings which addressed the critical issues of healthcare, jobs, economic injustice, and government harassment.

When I asked Mr. LaRouche to help last Fall, after it was discovered that Attorney General Ashcroft had authorized the wiretapping of the office of Philadelphia Mayor John Street, in an attempt to influence the outcome of the election, Mr. LaRouche responded. He personally supported Mayor Street, and unleashed an army of young people in Philadelphia in that election. That effort helped to insure the Mayor's reelection by a landslide. While I invited all of the Democratic Presidential candidates at that time to speak out against that injustice, only two candidates, Mr. LaRouche and former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, responded.

Several years ago, when Washington, D.C. General Hospital was being shut down as a prelude to the closing of trauma centers and full service hospitals in urban centers across the country, Mr. LaRouche took up the challenge to defend public health in the nation's capital. I joined that fight. Today, Mr. LaRouche is pledged to upgrade our healthcare as a national security issue of the highest magnitude. And I salute him on that. Mr. LaRouche has championed the cause of universal healthcare. Healthcare is a right for all Americans and not a privilege for some.

Echoing the voice of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mr. LaRouche has called for defending the rights of America's forgotten men and women, and promoting the general welfare of the entire nation. Moreover, he has fought vigorously on behalf of the rights of the forgotten men and women of the world. He has waged a relentless campaign against the silent genocide which is ravaging Africa, while others have failed to adequately address this issue.

Without Mr. LaRouche's input and delegates, I am concerned that these issues will not be adequately raised or addressed at the Democratic Convention in Boston this Summer.

FEC Reports Show Kerry, LaRouche Two-Way Race

by Anita Gallagher

The March 2004 Monthly Reports filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) again place Lyndon LaRouche first, among all current candidates for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination, in the total of itemized individual contributions to his campaign. LaRouche's 37,867 contributions to John Kerry's 35,337 make it a two-way contest, as LaRouche forecast it would be, relative to the other candidates still in the race: Dennis Kucinich, with 7,622 contributions, and Rev. Al Sharpton, with 2,486.

As of the end of February, LaRouche led all candidates in the cumulative number of itemized individual contributions in 35 states; Kerry led in 14, plus the District of Columbia; and Kucinich led in Hawaii. In 12 states, candidate LaRouche is number one in the cumulative absolute dollar amount of contributions, as well as the number of itemized individual contributions: these states are Alaska, Delaware, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia. Overall, LaRouche is second to Kerry in the total amount of money raised from individuals, ahead of Kucinich and Sharpton.

"Itemized individual contributions," which the FEC requires every candidate to report, are those given by any individual who has contributed \$200 or more to a campaign. The figure indicates the combined breadth, depth, and duration—repeated contributions as the campaign progresses—of a candidate's base of supporters.

LaRouche Has a Mass Base

LaRouche's *average* itemized individual contribution is, at \$143.02, the lowest of any of the candidates: compared with Kerry, at \$844.60; Kucinich at \$297.75; and Sharpton, at \$203.44. This is because LaRouche has a large base of repeat contributors of small and medium amounts. He also currently has \$1.5 million in *un-itemized* contributions (i.e., from individuals who have not yet given \$200), which is an identified base of continued future support over the rest of the campaign ahead.

LaRouche's having the lowest average itemized contribution figure, and lead in total itemized contributions, show that he is the most successful candidate in organizing his base for ongoing support and activity. For example, a person who gives \$50 for the fourth time, has given four itemized contributions, according to the FEC. This is the mass-based organizing process represented by LaRouche campaign sta-