

Editorial

Criminal Insanity

In the weeks immediately prior to the Nov. 2 Presidential elections, Lyndon LaRouche was very straightforward with the American people. The issue, he said, is that President George W. Bush is insane, and that, unless the American people vote him out of office, the effects of that insanity are going to be played out with devastating consequences for the U.S. population, as well as the world.

Today, we are faced with a re-elected George Bush, who is apparently crazier than ever, denying the reality of the disasters which his policies have wrought in Iraq and the world financial system, and seemingly determined to get rid of anyone in his administration who might dare challenge his insanity. You'd have to be a fool not to be alarmed.

In addition, as could be expected, the media that suppressed evidence of the Administration's criminality in the run-up to the election, is now spewing forth reams of evidence of the *criminal* insanity of the Bush Administration's actions, particularly in relation to the war in Iraq and against terrorism. The evidence includes new reports of horrendous physical abuse of prisoners under U.S. control in Guantanamo and Iraq, coming from both reports by the Red Cross and the U.S. Army, and the incontestable assertions that the Bush Administration has decided to disregard the U.S. Supreme Court decision on due process for Guantanamo prisoners.

What's to be done about a criminally insane Administration? Two approaches immediately suggest themselves.

First, we must face the fact that the U.S. population *itself* had to be at least substantially insane in order to elect this President, and his evil-intentioned Svengali, Dick Cheney. There was no special knowledge required to figure out that the President's approach to the economy had savaged the living standards of the lower 80% of income brackets, and would do so even more in his second term. Nor did you need to have special intelligence to see that the war in Iraq was blowing up in our faces. Only the desperate, or deluded, desire on the part of people to ignore these realities, could have led them

to vote for Bush-Cheney once again. Admittedly, some of these pro-Bush voters were certified irrationalists, in the form of religious fundamentalists, or "Christian" Zionists. But others were not.

So, the first order of business, in order to save our nation from the lunatics in power, is to make our fellow citizens sane. This is the leading mission of the LaRouche Youth Movement, which is currently engaged in intensive dialogue with the population on the streets, throughout the country. Classical music, geometry, and pedagogical discussion on the actual dynamics of the physical economy are tools which they are wielding with some visible success.

Second, as is suggested in our article on vote suppression in this issue, we must *tell the truth* about what happened in the Nov. 2 elections, and seek to have the population come forward to defend its civil rights.

In his post-election webcast, held Nov. 9, LaRouche didn't pull any punches about the election. He said that what had occurred was the equivalent of a not-so-cold coup, through the exercise by Republican Party officials of *vote suppression*. Vote suppression, LaRouche went on, is a violation of the Voting Rights Act, which itself is an implementation of the Constitutional right to vote. Thus, the use of thuggery, subterfuge, denial of resources, and other means in order to deprive people of the right to vote, is a *crime* against the U.S. Constitution, which should be punished.

It is not at all clear that the exposure of this crime, and pursuit of criminal charges in the courts, will be successful in derailing the fraudulent election of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. What we are dealing with here is not a tactic, but a determination to tell the truth, and to act on that truth. But it is clear that if the truth about the crime of vote suppression is not told, there is no chance in the world that the results of the election can be overturned, and the American people brought back to sanity.

Let's not let the White House become a facility for the criminally insane. It's not too late to pursue our civil rights, and ensure the truth be told.