
LaRouche Youth Movement

Mobilization To Stop Shultz's Fascism

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On March 1, Senator Minority Leader Harry Reid issued a press release announcing a series of high-profile events around the country, to mobilize citizens to protect and strengthen Social Security. These events, scheduled to begin in New York City and Philadelphia on March 4, will feature many members of the Democratic Senate leadership, including Senators Clinton, Schumer, Durbin, Dorgan, Kerry, and Reid himself. This initiative represents a qualitative escalation on the part of the Democrats, and a show for force against the Bush Administration's desperate drive for privatization.

The environment for the Democratic leadership's move has been created by the aggressive campaign the LaRouche movement began against Bush's Social Security heist at the end of December, a campaign that has escalated dramatically over the last 10 days.

Following a national conference over the President's Day weekend in Washington, D.C., and Pasadena, California, members of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) and LaRouche PAC initiated a daily escalating mobilization to deliver a final blow to the Bush Administration's efforts to destroy Franklin Roosevelt's legacy of protecting the general welfare of the U.S. population through its frontal assaults on the Nation's social security system.

The organizers are out in the streets, armed with the first hundreds of thousands of copies of the newly revised mass pamphlet "Bush's Social Security Fraud—Stop George Shultz's Drive Toward Fascism!" The pamphlet includes newly developed material on the role of long-time oligarch towel boy George Shultz in pushing the Chilean Pinochet austerity model, and promoting Hitler admirer Arnold Schwarzenegger. The pamphlet takes on the ugly truth which most Americans still do not want to face: that before there were the populist demagogues, the Hitlers and the Mussolinis, and now the Schwarzeneggers, there were the "liberal" bankers, who demanded, under financial collapse conditions such as those of the present economy, that the bankrupt banks be saved at all costs. Bush's current Social Security swindle is nothing more than a final desperate grab on the part of these banking circles to shore up their collapsing system, analogous to the measure taken by Hjalmar Schacht in Nazi Germany. This pamphlet, along with its companion piece, the *Children*

of Satan book, is being distributed by youth at hundreds of campuses throughout the country, as well as at metro stops, DMVs, intersections, neighborhoods, and constituency meetings, with an intention to saturate the population with millions of copies, and to reduce the Bush Administration, along with all its fascist backers, to the status of "lame duck."

From Stockton to Wall Street

While many of the LYM organizers are hitting the nation's major metropolises, the campaign is not confined to urban centers. Immediately after the President's Day Conference, three LYM organizers based in Oakland, California, stuffed a pick-up truck full of bundles of literature and travelled the inner regions of the state. They sought out areas that Shultz protégée Schwarzenegger is expected to heavily target in his drive for a statewide privatization prototype, should the Bush national drive fail. Despite Stockton's traditional conservatism, at intersections in the area, the organizers found tremendous interest in their signs condemning Bush and Arnie's "Enron II" swindle. Close to 100 bundles of the pamphlet were distributed in a day and a half in this area.

In New York City, a team of LYM organizers boldly went to Wall Street with the message on Shultz. They set up the now-famous literature "pyramids" with both the pamphlet and its companion *Children of Satan* book strategically located on the street, and told people to "get the latest from Lyndon LaRouche." This approach had pedestrians screeching to a halt to grab pamphlets. One woman asked if this was against Bush: when told 'yes,' she grabbed the literature, looked at it, and said, "Thank you for doing this, and especially for doing it on Wall Street." One young fellow was among many who asked for extra copies of the pamphlet. He told the youth that he works for a think-tank and plans to have his staff read it.

In Boston, LYM members went to the Massachusetts State Legislature and got pamphlets into the hands of every elected official and aide they could find. As people were drawn out of their offices and into the hallways by the youth singing "Oh Freedom," they were engaged in discussions of the fight against Shultz and Schwarzenegger.

Another major focus of youth deployment has been the

hundreds of Town Hall Meetings on privatization being sponsored by Democratic members of Congress throughout the country. At these meetings, which have assembled elected officials, constituency leaders, college students, concerned seniors, and other citizens, the LaRouche Youth movement literature tables have become the focal point of dialogue and debate on the reasons behind Bush's crazy drive to destroy Social Security, and on the overall state of the collapsing economy.

The meetings have varied in size, but typically have drawn hundreds, and in one case, that of a Chicago event sponsored by Illinois Senators Durbin and Obama, and Representative Janice Schakowsky, 2,000 people of all religions, races, and ages jammed the main ballroom of Loyola University's downtown campus. The crowd was so large that two overflow rooms had to be utilized. In addition to distribution of literature, organizers at this meeting were able to briefly address the crowd with a blistering attack on Shultz and the Nazi international, warning Democrats that they must name the names and fight passionately against these latter-day fascists. One indication of the tenor of the crowd came from a woman who chided the Democrats for being much too passive, and wanted to know what former Presidents Clinton and Carter were doing. In this context, the LaRouche pamphlet went out like a hot potato being passed from hand to hand, up and down the crowd.

At meeting after meeting, the presence of LYM organizers has taken the discussion beyond well-meaning but limited power-point presentations on the details of the Bush privatization fraud, and introduced dialogue on the fundamental causes, the collapsing world economy, and the determination of the financial interests to shore it up through fascist austerity.

In New York, long-time New York Congressman Charles Rangel, one of the most prominent black lawmakers, wholeheartedly welcomed four young LaRouche organizers and two local supporters to his Feb. 26 Town Meeting, in Harlem. Rangel himself raised the level of discussion to the question of the individual's role in history, when he recounted his own experience as a soldier in the 1950s, and as an almost reluctant participant in the Civil Rights campaign. Wounded and left for dead in a hole during the war, he realized that the solution was to "get out of the hole." And today, "America is in a hole, and we need to work and pray to get out of it." We often think today, Rangel said, "What were people doing when Hitler came to power in 1933?" We are reaching a point like 1933. Is this how this happened to 6 million Jews in Germany?"

At a Michigan meeting sponsored by Congressman John Conyers, the LYM organizers were once again welcomed, and played a critical role in elevating the discussion. Midwest LYM member Joel Moise situated the discussion in the overall economic collapse, and made the point that you won't have a problem with Social Security if you have a national economy characterized by technological progress. Later a trade union official

came up the the LYM literature table and indicated that he was hoping that the Congressman would address his meeting. After a briefing on the LYM mobilization, he arranged for a LYM representative to address the meeting.

One of the more challenging dynamics developed in a Town Meeting sponsored by Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich. When LYM members arrived at this meeting, one uninformed aide attempted to prevent them from entering and speaking on the "Chile model," making the ridiculous assertion that people did not want to hear "this philosophical stuff," and threatening that the organizers would be dragged out if they attempted to raise the issue of the fascist model. After some back and forth, the organizers were allowed in and brought the issue to Congressman Kucinich in the question and answer period. Nick Feden, speaking for the LYM, gave the crowd and the Congressman a timely reminder that there is a lot of work to be done in the streets. It is good, he said, you have these older people here, but the young people are out in the street being seduced into supporting privatization because they don't see any future. It doesn't help when the leadership is not telling the whole truth. We were told that if we brought up Pinochet and the Chilean model in this meeting, we would be dragged out. Congressman Kucinich was visibly concerned and immediately said, "I never said that." It was clear that this was not his intent and the organizers remained in the meeting, and at the end nearly everyone came up to grab a pamphlet and engage in discussion with the youth.

And It's Not Just the Democrats

There are also encouraging indications that at least some Republicans are getting ready to face reality.

In Northern Virginia, LaRouche organizers catalyzed an outbreak of truthfulness from Republican Congressman Tom Davis, who took an unexpected public stand in support of the LaRouche organizers, probably to distance himself from Bush, but also because political reality is making it impossible to back a program which will impoverish your own constituents. A ranking Republican, Davis told three Town Hall audiences repeatedly that he does not support the push for privatized accounts, while at the same time clinging to his typical free-trade axioms. Nevertheless, he deliberately called on LaRouche organizers and quieted hecklers who interrupted. He also promoted the LaRouche PAC pamphlet and announced, "I'm going to be reading everything pertinent to proposals to solve these problems, including this LaRouche pamphlet on the table here."

By the third meeting, he held up the pamphlet for everyone to see, and said, "This pamphlet is being distributed here, by LaRouche PAC, and it goes into a lot of the background. . . ." It is not coincidental that Congressman Davis's district, which is adjacent to the LaRouche national headquarters in Leesburg, Va., has long been a stronghold of mass distribution and organizing.