

in Michigan, that you can relate to us?

- What kind of heat is recommended that we turn up on Democrats, to get them awakened to this possibility, this tragic possibility, of the Voting Rights Act being ruled unconstitutional, knowing that you've got Republican-appointed Supreme Court justices, dying—licking their chops—to do this?

- How would you protect the Social Security Trust Fund?
- I wanted to ask a questions about the trend, the mega-merger mania trend that you spoke of. And it appears that

everything in our economy is pulling away from the normal people, who need living wages and need to get along. And the question is, basically, how do we address this? I mean, there are too few voices speaking to working folks, and too many economic forces pulling away, sort of alienating us from our economic forces and money.

- You speak about free trade, which I think is a detriment to our economy, but everybody, you know, it seems like most of our political leaders, are in favor of it, on both sides of the aisle.

DNC caught lying on Voting Rights Act

The following release, entitled "DNC Washington Office Caught Lying," was issued by Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's campaign committee on Nov. 23.

Faced with a growing revolt against a frankly racist court action, in which attorneys representing the Democratic National Committee (DNC) have argued for nullification of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, officials in the Washington, D.C. DNC office have been caught lying to Democratic elected officials and activists who have called the headquarters of their national party to voice their alarm and concern.

At issue is a 1996 lawsuit brought by Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, and Democratic voters from Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, and the District of Columbia. The lawsuit charges that Donald Fowler, who was then Chairman of the DNC, violated the Voting Rights Act, when he ordered state Democratic parties to disregard the votes of thousands of Democrats in the 1996 Democratic Presidential primaries and caucuses, who cast their votes for Lyndon LaRouche.

Fowler hired Washington, D.C. attorney John C. Keeney, Jr., whose father, Jack Keeney (Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice), has been a key figure in the racist campaigns which the permanent bureaucracy of the U.S. Department of Justice has been conducting against targetted African-American elected and public officials throughout recent years.

The younger Keeney proceeded to argue before a three-judge panel in Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., citing a (dissenting) opinion recently authored by Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, that although national political parties are, indeed, covered under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the act itself, which represents the crowning achievement of the civil rights movement,

should be declared unconstitutional.

Understandably, the Washington office never informed members of the Democratic National Committee, Democratic elected officials, local Democratic Party officials, or anyone else, of the raging legal battle.

Representatives of Democratic Presidential candidate LaRouche have learned, that in an effort to calm a tidal wave of fury directed at the Washington, D.C. office, Duane Ingram, the DNC's Director of Correspondence, is disseminating what he knows to be false information to the growing number of angry Democratic Party officials and members.

Debra Freeman, Lyndon LaRouche's national spokeswoman, released a statement on Nov. 23, in which she states, "We have learned that Duane Ingram is responding to inquiries by simply lying to callers.

"Although there seem to be a few variations of Mr. Ingram's theme, the heart of his comments are that Mr. Keeney's actual intentions were *not* to support nullification of the Voting Rights Act, but *to save it!*" Freeman, who said she had reason to believe that Ingram was also about to put the response in writing, said she was astonished that Ingram would lie so blatantly, especially when the court transcripts leave no room for "interpretation" (see www.larouchecampaign.org, or *EIR*, Nov. 5, p. 62).

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"The facts are simple and irrefutable. And, Ingram's lying cannot explain away what every veteran of Presidential politics has been telling us: This is not about a group of misguided party hacks desperate to keep Lyndon LaRouche out of a party convention. We all know that, right or wrong, there are a dozen ways that could be accomplished *without* arguing for nullification of the Voting Rights Act. Keeney, Fowler, and that crowd simply used this occasion to move to do something they have wanted to do for some time, and that is to turn back the accomplishments of the civil rights movement. It is racism, pure and simple," she charged.

Freeman concluded her statement by repeating Mr. LaRouche's demand that President Clinton, and the relevant DNC members, effect "a public repudiation of the frankly racist policy of Keeney and his culpable DNC clients."