

With 'Nobody Home' in D.C., LaRouche Steps In To Lead

by Michele Steinberg

"I am the only visible person actually qualified to become the next President of the U.S.A.," said Lyndon LaRouche, in an interview published in a leading Mexico City daily, *Excelsior*, on Nov. 19, shortly after LaRouche, a Democratic Presidential pre-candidate for 2004, had visited Mexico. "Presently, I am functioning as an 'FDR Democrat' and also a future such 'President in the wings,' providing the policy-guidance which a President of the United States should be providing now, trying to make the incumbent President, in effect, a real President, despite the fact he was never, in fact, pre-qualified to become one." To fully appreciate LaRouche's point, one need only look at Washington, and the spineless behavior of the U.S. Congress, especially the Democrats, after the Nov. 5 elections.

On Nov. 22, with the country in the ravages of an economic depression, with tens of thousands more layoffs being announced for the coming months, and 46 out of 50 states reporting that they are in severe budget crisis, the Congress recessed and fled Washington. Congress left behind a "Go to Hell" message to more than a million Americans who will be cut off from unemployment benefits on Dec. 28, because the Bush White House, and both parties in the House and Senate, *refused* to reach an agreement on extending the desperately needed unemployment benefits.

Among the other things Congress ignored in the session was disaster relief for a collapsing agriculture sector. Over 78% of all 3,019 U.S. counties have been designated disaster areas this year by the Secretary of Agriculture, mostly because of severe drought; 40% of U.S. counties were declared disasters in both 2001 and 2002. A proposal for \$6 billion in aid for farmers and ranchers (livestock feed, crop loss aid, etc.) was before the Senate on Nov. 19, with Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and others backing it, but was dead when Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) said it must wait until the new Congress con-

venes in January. No overriding votes could be mustered in the outgoing, Democratic-led chamber. Of this failure, National Farmers Union President Dave Frederickson said, "Congress has essentially asked many farmers and ranchers to head into the holidays with increased debt and the threat of liquidation or bankruptcy."

It is in this context—of widespread flight from reality on the part of many elected officials—that LaRouche has developed the policy of a "Super-Tennessee Valley Authority," and is leading the fight to save the United States from this combined disaster of depression and the global war pushed by the neo-conservative faction in the Bush Administration.

LaRouche Moves Into the Void

In an interview on the weekly Internet radio program, "The LaRouche Show," on Saturday, Nov. 23, Dr. Debra Freeman, LaRouche campaign national spokeswoman, spoke bluntly about the failures of the Democratic Party, and also about Rev. Sun Myung Moon's sex-cult corrupting of Congress. Freeman said that in losing the Senate to the Republicans, the Democratic leadership of Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) and the organized crime-linked Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) had accomplished what had been virtually unheard of in recent American elections: allowing a sitting President to *gain* seats in a mid-term election. The "secret:" There was no opposition. Lieberman not only represented the legacy of Al Gore's defeat, but went full-tilt into turning the Democrats into "a second Republican Party." Democratic voters simply refused to support any candidate associated with Lieberman's war and austerity policies.

Under these conditions, "Mr. LaRouche stepped into the void and put the solution on the table," said Freeman, referring to LaRouche's idea of a "Super-TVA," to dispense long-term, low-interest Federal government-backed credits to kick-start

a massive infrastructure program, and put millions of Americans back to work. But, warned Freeman, “although it has precedent in U.S. history, in some of the policies of FDR, in order for us to enact Mr. LaRouche’s proposal, we are going to have to reverse deregulation, the crazy budget caps, and the entire balanced budget mentality. It requires . . . the most dramatic shift that we have seen, perhaps, since the American Revolution. This shift is 30 years overdue.”

The Moonie-Utopian Corruption

“Prior to the Nov. 5 election,” Freeman said, LaRouche “had very clearly targetted Joe Lieberman, and actually his alliance with Sen. John McCain [R-Ariz.], as something pernicious in U.S. politics that had to be wiped out.” Through his international efforts to expose the dirty, organized-crime networks behind war-mongers McCain and Lieberman, LaRouche had jammed up the drive for war against Iraq, at least for the time being.

Freeman vividly described the corruption inside the Democratic Party, around Lieberman, Gore, the entire DLC, and its “go-fers” such as former Gore campaign manager Donna Brazile, who was praising George W. Bush’s campaign guru, Karl Rove, as a “genius,” who should be copied by the Democrats. Brazile, working for Washington, D.C.’s Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, “is best known for single-handedly sabotaging our efforts [in 2001] to prevent the closing of D.C. General Hospital,” Freeman said. Brazile “operated literally as a lobbyist for genocide” (see *EIR*, Nov. 29, 2002).

This DLC crowd is an “enemy operation” inside the Democratic Party, not just because they are in league with the Republicans, said Freeman, but because they are, in the tradition of British Empire utopians H.G. Wells and Lord Bertrand Russell, enemies of the very idea of the nation-state and the American Founding Fathers’ concept of the General Welfare. And beneath the DLC’s corruption of the party, “We didn’t have to look too closely,” she said, to find the involvement of “the Unification Church . . . the ‘Moonies,’” which LaRouche has identified as “the biggest single source of corruption and perversion in the United States.” Using “dirty money, combined with sexual favors,” said Freeman, the Moon operation is “eating away at the very backbone of the institutions people have to depend on for survival,” even targeting clergymen across America, including African-Americans. There can be no solution to the crisis, “as long as you have a cancer like this operating in the United States.”

As a commitment to cleaning up this poison, the LaRouche in 2004 campaign has produced a million copies of a leaflet called “Is Your Clergyman or Congressman a Moonie Sex-Cultist?” Topping the list of those who have gotten Moon’s dirty money, are the Iraq war-mongers, Lieberman and McCain.

No wonder that Lieberman was the sponsor of key elements of a police state: the Department of Homeland Security,

and the creation of an “independent commission”—brain-child of him and McCain—supposed to investigate the “intelligence failures” of Sept. 11, 2001. Boasting that Homeland Security was really his idea, Lieberman directed Democrats to drop their opposition to the bill, ramming it through in the lame-duck session. And as for the “independent” commission—whose chairman was announced on Nov. 27 as Sir Henry A. Kissinger, self-professed agent of the new British Empire—that is nothing but a 9/11 equivalent of the Warren Commission, which covered up the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The 9/11 commission will sanctify the phony story of Osama bin Laden’s authorship, leaving U.S. domestic operatives off the hook.

Youth Movement Ready To Take Over

These dirty operations are being challenged by the most effective political force in the United States—LaRouche’s campaign. Freeman revealed that *because* of the depth of the crisis, “just below the level of Congress, we are seeing among state legislators and other elected officials, who have to answer to the population, a renewed sense of seriousness and openness.” Freeman said she expects that before the 108th Congress is sworn in, there will be emergency fiscal-crisis hearings in about 25 states. Even more crucial is LaRouche’s growing National Youth Movement. This is “an army of American youth who will fight for their future,” Freeman said, “because they know that without the Classical culture and the richness of ideas offered to them by LaRouche, the rest of society, especially their parents, the Baby Boomers, “are handing them a garbage heap.”

These youth “want a future, not only for themselves, but for everybody on this planet. . . . This represents the optimism” needed to conquer the panic that the American people are facing in this deepening depression. “They are a mobile strike force,” Freeman promised.

Crisis Spreads From Health Looter’s Blowout

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As the FBI, Securities and Exchange Commission, and other agencies step up their investigation of the fraudulent operations of National Century Financial Enterprises (NCFE), the number of bankruptcies growing out of its collapse is rising, imperiling a significant section of the U.S. health-care sector. The insane HMO system, and the increasing privatization of health-care, created the circumstances under which NCFE and its cronies could loot the health-care system nigh unto death.