

## The Next Shoe To Drop

LaRouche, who is running a Presidential campaign directed to shifting the direction of national policy now, as well as preparing for the Presidency, will not be leaving the Democratic race. He will be on the ballot in more than two dozen upcoming primaries, and is deploying his Youth Movement, and other supporters, to bring the anti-Cheney fight, and the fight for reversing the post-industrial plague of the last 40 years with an FDR-style program, to the American population.

In addition, the LaRouche campaign is airing half-hour TV broadcasts in targetted areas, including St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Virginia. More are anticipated in the weeks ahead, going into the March 2 "Super-Tuesday."

There are ongoing signs of a break in the DNC containment on the local level of the party as well, especially among African-Americans. LaRouche was escorted onto the floor of the Missouri Senate by State Sen. Maida Coleman, who introduced him as an "historic individual" who is having a powerful impact on the political scene. Other invitations which reflect this shift are also being issued.

But LaRouche does not expect a major break in the containment of his campaign, until the economic-financial crisis reaches a new breaking point, something which is being anticipated in behind-the-scenes discussions among bankers and policymakers, especially in Eurasia.

In his press conference in St. Louis on Feb. 2, LaRouche outlined the following perspective: "At present, we have two issues before the voters—two crucial issues, which decide everything else. Number one: the war question. Not just Iraq, but the fact that Cheney has committed impeachable offenses, in pushing the United States, through fraud, into a war which should not have happened. But worse than that, that Cheney has a policy of extending this war policy to other nations as targets. Number two, however, the real issue, is the economic crisis. The world is going into the worst depression—worse than we experienced during the 1929-33 period, now. And this issue has to be faced. What is going to happen now, with the recycling of veterans returning from the war in Iraq, and reporting what they've gone through to their families and others, here; and with the economic crisis, the issue is not going to be voting for a candidate, but voting for a candidate in a way which is relevant to their own interests. In other words, it is the voters themselves who are up before the camera, not the candidates. The question is, what are the problems that the people of the United States face, in this period? And how are the candidates relevant to solutions to those problems?"

"So, the agenda's going to change. Where people are voting as spectators up to now—they're going to stop voting as spectators. They're going to begin to vote as people who are in the arena themselves. And it's their problems that have to be solved. Not the problems of which candidate has the best slogans. So, that's what my primary mission is, at this point."

## Sharpton 'Outed' As Right-Wing GOP Mole

The *Village Voice* of Feb. 5. exposed Al Sharpton as a tool of right-wing Republican dirty tricks operative Roger Stone, who is "financing, staffing, and orchestrating" Sharpton's Presidential campaign. Author Wayne Barrett quotes Stone saying that he and Sharpton share "a mutual obsession: We both hate the Democratic Party."

According to the article, Stone, who is a protégé of the late Roy Cohn (the organized-crime witchhunter and lawyer for Sen. Joe McCarthy) is running all the finances for Sharpton, and personally funding much of the campaign. Stone got GOP friends to contribute \$250 each so Sharpton could qualify for matching funds, and he has "loaned" the Sharpton campaign over \$200,000, without likely repayment. Stone is acting as Sharpton's campaign manager, for virtually no pay.

The *Voice* reports that two of Stone's operatives, who had worked on the campaign of rightwinger Tom Golisano in New York, ran Sharpton's campaign in Washington, D.C. Not noted by the *Voice*, is the fact that Sharpton's vote total in D.C. appears to have been augmented with the votes of Lyndon LaRouche, who had visible presence and support in D.C., as contrasted with Sharpton's virtual non-existence.

Sharpton's previous record as an informant for the FBI against black leaders, and his role as a "rent-a-black" asset of the Republicans, also gets coverage in the article.

This is not the first time that Sharpton has emerged as an asset of the Roy Cohn wing of the GOP. Several years ago, Sharpton travelled to Sudan, with a group of *New York Post* reporters and editors, in a public relations stunt aimed against the regime in Khartoum. The *Post* is owned by Rupert Murdoch.

As sleazy as Al Sharpton is, Stone is sleazier. His career began as early as age 20, when he infiltrated the McGovern campaign on behalf of Richard Nixon. He participated in creating the National Conservative Political Action Committee in 1975, an organization notable for its funding of the Nicaraguan Contras, and for its unorthodox sexual practices (including tours of the White House after hours for homosexual buddies of NCPAC).

Stone's company, Black, Manafort, and Stone, was the long-time handler of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), now retired, and worked closely with the neo-cons who took over Helms' operation in 1984, through none other than Roy Cohn. Stone also is a fixer for the gambling casino world, and is well-known for working with both white racist extremists and left extremists, depending upon what suits his political objectives.