

D.C. Primary 'Vote' Was a Whiff of Hell

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The blatant rigging of the results of Washington, D.C.'s Democratic primary of Jan. 13, gives the American population a whiff of the hell which it will face, if it continues to try to ignore the realities facing the United States strategically and economically. Democratic candidate Lyndon LaRouche, whose youth movement had the dominating presence in the streets of Washington over the weeks going into the election, had warned—in his webcast three days before the election (see *Feature*, p. 34)—that the D.C. vote would not be decisive in the Presidential election process. Rather, he emphasized, the “Erinyes Principle” will expose those who commit great evil, and act to bring them to justice. This will come about in the United States as new great shocks in the financial and strategic realm hit the population—or the United States will die as a nation.

The results in the primary confirmed LaRouche's warning. The announced outcome, of Howard Dean and Al Sharpton coming out far in the lead, with LaRouche's vote coming in far below the so-called major candidates, simply defied political reality.

Asked to comment about the primary during his Jan. 14 interview on the Jack Stockwell radio show, LaRouche put it this way: “We had polls which were run before the day of election, which showed both Sharpton and I running about 20%. He was suddenly getting a boost from the Moonies and

so forth, and being played up by the *Washington Post*. So, he suddenly came out of nothing. He had an office there, with just scrap paper in it, and no sign of him. And then three days before the election, and so forth, he appears with a big boost from that crowd.

“Now, at that point, we had a 20-20% ratio between him and me. Then comes yesterday—I'm down to 1%! And, obviously, something happened. Now, our assessment is, this was not the Democratic National Committee that did it—though the Democratic National Committee was all over the case. The Democratic National Committee did not do what was done, yesterday. It came from a different source—and there's only one source in the nation that fits that schedule: That's the Vice President.”

LaRouche has reserved any further comment on what happened in the primary pending more extensive investigation. We may never know what happened, the candidate said election night. “The Erinyes will settle this question.”

A Revolution in Process

LaRouche and his youth movement had, over the last month, made the ouster of Cheney the central issue of the primary campaign. It had been a major theme of LaRouche's two half-hour TV broadcasts, including one in prime time, and of his hundreds of radio spots. And in the last days of the campaign, several tens of thousands of copies of a new campaign pamphlet targetting Cheney, *The Children of Satan II—The Beast-Men*, were distributed by LaRouche's mostly young campaign organizers.

And it was the message of the aggressive street-organizing campaign by more than four-score LaRouche Youth, which brought politics back to the streets of this city in a way no one had seen before. LaRouche's message on Cheney, as well as his message on the ongoing economic collapse and what needs to be done about it, were brought to the forgotten men and women of the District's poor wards, and those

LaRouche Backs DC Vote Investigation Call

This release was issued on Jan. 15 by the LaRouche in 2004 political campaign committee.

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche today endorsed the calls for an investigation of the vote tabulation in the primary election of Jan 13. Members of the District City Council, and Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, are calling for an investigation of widespread problems with the newly-introduced touch-screen

voting machines, which reportedly resulted in a sharp jump in the total turnout figures early Wednesday morning, Jan. 14. LaRouche said that he is endorsing the calls for an investigation in light of the fraudulent character of the reported voting results, which, he stated, have no correlation to polls conducted in the 24-hour period prior to the primary, which had shown LaRouche to be running neck-and-neck with Al Sharpton.

LaRouche noted the known peculiarities of the touch-screen voting system, reports of problems with the vendor who operated the machines, and irregularities in the delivery of the touch-screen tallies to election headquarters.

The chairman of the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics, Benjamin F. Wilson, has said that he would welcome an investigation of the vote tabulation.

people responded to this organizing, in many cases, by joining in the campaign's rallies, marches, and literature distribution. More than 50 people were recruited to this effort for primary day alone, while other people helped round up their neighbors to bring out the LaRouche vote. No other campaign had anywhere near the numbers of active supporters, as was reported to the LYM by many envious backers of those other campaigns; in fact, their campaigns, including Sharpton's, were mostly invisible save for some signs on street lamps.

What was being organized was not merely a "vote," but a political revolution in Washington, whose full effects have yet to be felt.

Fighting for Victory

During the last week before the election, the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) had travelled with a flat-bed truck, full of organizers and signs, throughout Washington, but particularly in the poorer neighborhoods. On top of the intensive door-to-door organizing and rallying, which they had carried out before, this deployment created tremendous excitement, as the "forgotten men and women" of Washington saw that there was a candidate, and a movement, which cared about them and their future. Many commented that the youths' constant singing of spirituals and Classical music, brought back the days of hope of the Civil Rights movement, before Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated.

In a meeting the night before the election, the LaRouche Youth made an all-out commitment to win, vowing to do whatever was necessary. They worked into the night, planning routes for sound-cars and literature distribution, working in four-hour shifts to collate thousands of get-out-the-vote packets that were dropped on doorsteps in targeted wards.

The following report from LYM leader David Nance describes the Election Day organizing: "The street organizing day for the LaRouche Youth Movement began at 4:30 a.m. with plans to ensure that everyone registered to vote in the city came out to vote. In the darkness of the Winter morning, we drove or rode metros to the buses, where we hopped on with our 'Vote for LaRouche—the Real Democrat' capes and challenged each and all to come out to their polling places and cast their vote for the only Democrat who can beat Bush!

"While that was going on, up and down the major bus routes, some LYM members were strategically located across from every voting place in the District, putting up LaRouche for President signs on every street light, pole, and fence. And, one cannot forget the flatbed truck blaring the Handel *Messiah's* 'Hallelujah Chorus,' loudly invading every corridor. Neighborhoods across the city saw swarms of youth members knocking on their doors, convincing them to be citizens.

"No predicates can describe the spirit with which we deployed over the last two weeks. On the last day of this election,



LaRouche Youth Movement "freedom truck" as they organized around one of his half-hour televised campaign broadcasts. Does this look like 1% of the vote?

we did it all. We marched. . . . We sang. We did impromptu intersection deployments. We lifted people on top of our flat-bed truck: 'Get on the freedom truck!!!' the youth shouted across the city, tossing literature from the truck as bystanders ran to grab it, and ask what all that noise was about.

"Back in the office, our small staff was inundated with calls from our constituents asking for help, advice on voting, polling places, possible vote fraud, etc. One of our youth phone organizers personally got over 50 calls from people informing him that they had just voted LaRouche. On this night, we showed our people how to get to heaven. . . ."

Aware of this activity, LaRouche said on the Stockwell show: "What I've been doing, of course, is to take a youth movement, which I helped craft, based on an understanding of what we have to do: To get a generation that can turn the United States back to the best that it used to be. And youth of this type, have shown they can do that.

"So, we have a big fight. We have a fight with a Democratic National Committee which is brain-dead, effectively. They are, as I've described them, currently, politically 'dead meat.' They could not win an election—any of them, or all of them combined—could not win an election against George Bush, and George Bush's machine."