

The Democrats' New Suit

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Like the little boy in Hans Christian Andersen's famous story, the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) members appear to be the only ones left on Capitol Hill who are unafraid to tell the truth. As Lyndon LaRouche has stressed on many occasions, the Congress's recent foolish behavior, first in allowing the U.S. auto sector to be gutted, and now with their nearly unanimous support for Israel in what could become World War III, threatens to bring on the collapse of civilization. The members of Congress, especially those within the Democratic Party, have been swindled by fascist financier Felix Rohatyn. They are now carrying on their sophist's charade, in the vain hope that no one will point out their naked immorality.

Over the past several months, following the initiatives by LaRouche, the LYM has led a nationwide fight to rebuild the country. Through mass organizing, and lobbying the Congress, the LYM has worked to turn LaRouche's proposal, "The Economic Recovery Act of 2006," into legislation. The proposal calls for the immediate re-tooling of the bankrupt auto industry's machine shops, to convert to production for infrastructure development and begin to reverse the disastrous effects of globalization.

During the week leading up to LaRouche's July 20 webcast (see *EIR*, July 28), the LYM, along with dozens of union leaders and state elected officials from across the nation, lobbied Congress, holding over 30 meetings with Congressional offices. In spite of our insistence upon the immediacy of the economic crisis, as expressed by the first-hand accounts of many of the local officials, and in spite of a very viable solution to that crisis identified by the "Economic Recovery Act of 2006," as yet no such bill has been introduced. This failure, especially on the part of the Democrats, can be largely attributed to the malignant influence of Felix Rohatyn, as this has been documented in *EIR*. The LYM's organizing has become increasingly focussed on removing this corrupting influence.

The following cases will give a glimpse into an aspect of a political process which we are shaping.

What About the Economy?

At a recent D.C. press briefing by the Congressional Democratic Caucus, the recess election-campaign tactics were unveiled. A study was presented with very detailed opinion-poll data on the political likes and dislikes of the American people. The results of those polls were then substituted for actual thinking in the formation of the Party's national television ad campaign, and its six-point platform "Six in '06." The LYM asked the seemingly obvious question, which no one else even mentioned, "What will the Democrats do about the profound economic crisis, the collapse of the auto sector, and the man responsible for this: Felix Rohatyn?" The previously lethargic room full of journalists suddenly went berserk, and two Senators could be heard whispering to one another the name "Lyndon LaRouche." Amidst the fray, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi was so destabilized by the question, that she was unable to remember the name of the House Democratic Campaign Committee chairman sitting next to her. So went the kick-off of the mid-term Congressional election campaign.

In the recess period, gearing up for the Congressional elections, the Democrats will hold over 350 town hall meetings. These meetings shall be occurring in an environment shaped by the distribution of millions of pieces of literature from the LaRouche Political Action Committee (LPAC), exposing Rohatyn's fascism, and offering LaRouche's FDR-style solution. The LYM shall be at these meetings, as will union officials, state representatives, and the thousands of Americans who have been mobilized by the ideas of LaRouche.

Interventions in California

Our sphere of influence intersected the first of these meetings in Oakland, California, where a Democratic Congressman held a town hall meeting which we attended, along with nearly 180 people. He presented his constituents with the "cut



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The LaRouche Youth Movement organizes in front of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, during a week of action prior to Lyndon LaRouche's July 20 webcast. It seems that some Democratic Congressmen are a little nervous at the LYM's sharp attacks on fascist Felix Rohatyn.

and paste" opinion poll platform from the consultants in D.C., "Six in '06." From the beginning, the audience, in frustration, heckled the Congressman and his Party with aggressive populist questions such as: "Why are Democrats so dumb?" "What are you doing about the war?" "Will you protect our Social Security, really?" When the LYM asked their first question, on protecting the auto industry and reorganizing the bankrupt Federal Reserve system, the audience applauded loudly and demanded to hear the question read again. The Congressman's answer however, defending globalization as "here to stay," did not reflect the views or enthusiasm of his constituents.

When asked a question on Rohatyn, the Congressman pretended that he could not understand the question, badly mispronouncing the name Rohatyn. Throughout the evening, the audience was briefed on Rohatyn's fascist background, his attacks on U.S. industry, and his funding of the anti-FDR Democratic Leadership Council (DLC). The attendees at the meeting left with LPAC pamphlets and apparently with deeper agreement for LaRouche's ideas than the Democratic National Committee's.

The LYM also organized at the first town meeting of another California Democratic Congressman, one who has worked with our organization. He began his meeting in the same tragic way as the rest, citing a "very important recent poll showing that a two to one ratio of Americans feels that the country is moving in a bad direction." He went on to express the same bio-fuel-powered sophistry of the "Six in '06" platform. The LYM asked the Congressman, "What are you going to do for us to stop Felix Rohatyn and the DLC's

drive to destroy U.S. industry?" Shockingly, the Congressman, who knows better, answered by defending what Rohatyn had done with the "Big MAC" austerity program in New York City, calling Felix a "remarkable man." The LYM followed up by briefing the audience on the distinction between Roosevelt's principle of the general welfare versus Rohatyn's bankers' welfare. In further discussion, when we brought up Rohatyn's role in bankrupting the Delphi corporation, a principal feeder-industry to the auto sector, the Congressman snapped, "Rohatyn, Rohatyn, Rohatyn! Don't talk to me about Rohatyn! You can't say he is the root of all problems."

The Congressman, who clearly had made a decision to toe the "party line" in his public presentation, continued to defend the very Rohatyn whose policy it is to destroy U.S. industry. In an informal discussion, he insisted that the most important issue was winning the election in November, and defended the impotence of the Democratic Party by using the limp excuse that the Democrats "don't have a majority." The fact that the Democrats successfully stopped Bush's drive to privatize Social Security *without* a majority had clearly slipped his memory. The attendees at the event witnessed as their ostensibly "progressive" Congressman lost his cool, trying to defend a man who is in the process of collapsing the economy and democratic institutions of the United States.

These are merely a sample of the first cases of what will be our continuing intervention from coast to coast, until we blow apart fascist Felix's influence within the Democratic Party. Perhaps soon, we will replace the dying refrain of Democrats—"But we don't have a majority"—with a higher concept, that one person armed with the truth *is* a majority.