

## 'The only candidate that labor could support'

*On May 14, California labor leaders, led by Tom Hunter of Plumbers Local 467 in San Mateo, formed the California Labor Committee for LaRouche, the third major candidate for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. The following is taken from an endorsement of the LaRouche candidacy issued by Hunter and the California Labor Committee.*

We are supporting LaRouche because he is the only candidate whose platform is aimed at making things better for working people. All the other candidates, Republican as well as Democrats, are busy talking about austerity, increasing unemployment, continuing inflation and all the other code words and terms that translate into *hard times* for our members and their families. We know that in this land of ours with all of its resources, space, technology, food, and most of all, its people, that there is no need for unemployment or hard times.

LaRouche is openly in favor of increased use of nuclear energy in the short term in order that the needed new jobs can be created now in industry. He is adamantly opposed to any energy policy that has as its main component cutting back or conserving on the energy we now use. Without *more electricity there can be no more new jobs*.

For the long term LaRouche favors increased use of technology and science to create new sources of energy and new jobs. He supports Labor Law Reform, opposes repeal of Davis/Bacon and the deregulation of the trucking industry and is for repeal of 14 "b" of the Taft Hartley Act.

We feel that LaRouche is the only candidate and his is the only program that a labor leader can feel comfortable supporting. We cannot support candidates who really believe that things can only get worse. We can rally behind LaRouche who believes that we can once again grow industrially as a nation, lower interest rates, stop inflation and put all of our people ear for all of the working people in America.

At the present time because of the fiscal policies followed by each Administration since 1968 the present generation of young people, 35 years and younger, are the first generation in the history of this nation who don't have it better than their parents. They can't afford to buy a house.

LaRouche is the only candidate in either party who believes in attacking the twin problems of inflation and unemployment along the lines that we have outlined above and we are supporting him because of that, and in the hope that somehow the message can be gotten out to the people of this nation that there are alternative policies, that there is hope, and that once again we as a nation can regain our rightful place as the morally, economically and militarily strongest nation on earth.

that we are cranking out the amount of goods that we require for export.

In addition we must use nuclear energy. All this talk about soft alternative energies is pure bunk. Solar energy is a fraud. Wind energy is a fraud. Biomass is a fraud. These things won't work; they'll just ruin the environment, at best. We have to go to nuclear energy; we have to put up 30 to 50 starts a year in terms of nuclear plants. Otherwise this nation isn't going to make it, otherwise we're going back toward the Dark Ages. We have to export nuclear plants, we have to crash ahead on fusion—because in the next century we *will* begin to run out of resources unless we have new technologies to develop new resources, and fusion is the only way to do it. We've got to do that.

### Youth being destroyed

We've got to do some other things, things which

pertain to the quality of our people, the quality of our labor force, our ability to produce. We have at present, in large part, a lost generation, of our young people between 12 and 25. Under Carter's policies, figures indicate that drug usage among youth in this country has tripled. Carter said, when he proposed marijuana decriminalization, that that was not drug legalization; but that's double talk. When you decriminalize marijuana, you are in effect legalizing it. We're getting figures now from official agencies that 60 percent of children in this age group are users; 20 percent and higher are substance-dependent.

That's not all of our problem.

Look at our schools. Under 20 years of liberal reforms in our school system, the children who are coming out of secondary schools now, entering the job market potentially, are not qualified for work. Their educational level is such that they're just not qualified for the jobs