

scalawags protecting him—these people are committing crimes for which the U.S. government hanged Nazis at Nuremberg!” LaRouche stated.

Volcker is an “agent of foreign power, who deliberately set out to wreck the U.S. economy,” LaRouche said. The NDPC’s task is to build so powerful a political force in this nation that it can take over the Democratic Party from the anti-industry Harriman faction that has run it since the end of World War II.

Under Volcker’s regime, the U.S. economy is now “turning inflation inward.” Although some figures show a slowing of inflation, price inflation is actually being absorbed by cannibalization of the entire real economy—and this includes the American population.

It is only because Americans have become “too pragmatic, put up with too much” that they allow Volcker to commit treason against the continued existence of the United States, and allow “too many elected officials to take their orders from the *Washington Post* or the Brookings Institution.”

The organizing process begun by the NDPC after the Carter debacle in the 1980 presidential election can reverse this process, he said. The NDPC is not simply building another political action committee, as Reagan did in 1976 to support his own election. “We are actually creating political institutions through which citizens will have an influence on the policy process. The question will stop being, ‘Can I trust this guy LaRouche?’ and will become, ‘Can I trust myself to do the job?’ ”

NDPC chapters at a new take-off point

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Lyndon LaRouche’s keynote at the first major conference of the National Democratic Policy Committee in the nation’s capital Feb. 19 was a “showing of the flag” by the 1½-year-old group, which announced plans to increase its membership tenfold, to 100,000, by the end of this year. Economic crisis has imparted renewed urgency to the NDPC and its constituency. In early February, LaRouche set the short-term goal of 500 NDPC local advisory chapters through the country. By Feb. 19, the NDPC’s Chairman, Warren Hamerman, reported to the more than 300 participants in the Washington gathering that 91 chapters had already been formed.

The multi-candidate political action committee was founded by LaRouche, a contender for the 1980 Demo-

cratic presidential nomination, in September 1980 after the Democratic National Convention renominated Jimmy Carter and set itself on the course to the party’s worst electoral defeat in the 20th century. LaRouche announced the NDPC’s major target would be the Carter-nominated Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker. Over the past 18 months, the battle against Volcker’s credit strangulation policies and other assaults on the U.S. Constitution—especially the Abscam-Brilab crime-creating apparatus in the U.S. Justice Department—has drawn into the LaRouche group increasing numbers of mainstream Democrats who are horrified at the takeover of their party by zero-growth “Aquarians” like Democratic National Committee Chairman Charles Manatt and House Speaker Tip O’Neill.

LaRouche told the Washington audience that the onset of depression due to Volcker’s continuing control of economic policies, and the assault on constitutional government that is coming to a head with the effort to expel Abscammed Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey from the Senate (see page 50) have made it a matter of national survival for the NDPC to “organize the best forces in both parties . . . to pull together across the country. Then, we have to move in and *take over the Democratic Party.*”

The Trilateral Commission and Socialist International circles supporting Manatt are known to be concerned that the NDPC may fulfill its threat. The following survey of the fastest-growing U.S. political action committee indicates why:

- **California:** The NDPC has already consolidated 57 local chapters here, focused on former Regional Coordinator Will Wertz’s campaign to get the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator. Wertz is opposing incumbent Governor Jerry Brown, nationally known as a guru of the “post-industrial society.”

Wertz has targeted Brown’s ally, Tom Hayden, as the leader of the drive to turn the Democratic Party into an instrument of fascist policy (see *EIR*, Jan. 26, 1982.) Hayden’s Campaign for Economic Democracy controls a quarter of the state’s Democratic Party Central Committee. Wertz is counterposing the high-technology development potential of such programs as the NAWAPA project to bring water from Alaska for agricultural and industrial use, which would help maintain the state as a leader in both economic and population growth.

- **Washington State:** Ninety people founded the state chapter of the NDPC in a Seattle meeting Feb. 15, which was reported the next day in the *Seattle Times*. There are now 15 chapters in the state. Republican Rep. Sid Morrison met with the Chairman of the Yakima chapter after the NDPC’s rating system for congressmen was explained to him. The “scorecard” uses four issues: 1) Volcker’s high interest rates; 2) policies promoting genocide, such as the *Global 2000 Report* commissioned by the Carter administration; 3) drug trafficking and 4)

organized crime, including the Justice Department's Abscam entrapment operation.

The NDPC here has led the defense of pro-nuclear former State Senate President Gordon Walgren, convicted in an FBI Abscam-style frame-up, drawing many of his most active supporters in the Democratic Party into NDPC ranks. Walgren, who won a legal fight to remain out of jail while he appeals his conviction, called on the audience to join the NDPC, which "alone has shown the ability to fight" the destruction of the party's pro-growth leadership. National Farm Organization State President Wendell Prater, and Galen Windsor, a nuclear fuel re-processor, who have both joined the state Advisory Board of the NDPC, also spoke. Walgren also sent a message to the Feb. 19 rally calling the NDPC "the only national political organization that has recognized the need for forceful action in combatting the illegal and unconstitutional actions of the FBI and Justice Department".

- **New York:** Six chapters, including Rochester and Buffalo, have been formed here, following tours in the upstate area and on Long Island by Mel Klenetsky, candidate for Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Patrick Moynihan. Klenetsky was backed by the NDPC in a challenge to Ed Koch for the Democratic nomination for mayor of New York City in 1981. Klenetsky campaigned on a program to rescue New York from Koch's budgetary policies, which he compared to those of Nazi Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht. Klenetsky is equally blunt about Moynihan, whom he has labeled a "public disgrace, an unabashed racist, and an early advocate of Global 2000 policies: 'benign neglect' for American cities."

The Bronx, New York advisory chapter is joining the campaign of the New York Anti-Drug Coalition calling for investigation of the director of the Lincoln Hospital gynecology department, Dr. Antonio Silva Iglesia, who is attempting to replicate in New York his "Puerto Rican experiment" responsible for sterilizing 20,000 women in Puerto Rico while he was Sub-Secretary for Health there for three years in the early 1970s.

- **New Jersey:** Five chapters are being formed in this state, where the NDPC has mobilized in the defense of Senator Williams. On Feb. 11, New Jersey labor leaders joined with the state NDPC to form the first national-level labor organization committed to destroying the Justice Department's Abscam operation, the National Labor Committee to Defend Harrison Williams. A press conference following the meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was held by Robert Cericola of Teamsters local 331 and William Toland, President of International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades local 144. Manatt's Democratic National Committee instructed party officials in the state to stay away from the meeting.

NDPC National Chairman Warren Hamerman addressed the New Jersey state-wide NDPC meeting in

Elizabeth Feb. 22, which was attended by members and chapter heads. He told his audience that action must be taken because in the middle of a national crisis, a lame U.S. Senate may vote to commit suicide by expelling Harrison Williams. The meeting resolved to make its outrage against Abscam known to at least 10 percent of all the Democratic Party officials in the state, within a week, in a mobilization to prevent a Senate vote expelling Williams. Five new advisory chapters were formed.

- **Texas:** The Southwest is an expansion area for the NDPC. Its organizing is focused on the need for a NAWAPA-type water project to prevent another dust-bowl. LaRouche addressed the major NDPC Conference on Water from Alaska Feb. 27 in Houston. Tours of the region by Coordinator Nicholas Benton sparked the formation of chapters in Dallas, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Phoenix, Arizona. NDPC meetings held in Oklahoma and Kansas, also affected by the water development issue, resulted in a regional advisory chapter.

- **Illinois:** The NDPC is establishing four chapters in this state, and plans to endorse the congressional campaign of Sheila Jones, who is running in the 9th Congressional District. Although a member of the Democratic Party, Jones is running on the Anti-Drug Party ticket because, she declared when she announced her candidacy, the Chicago Democratic machine of Mayor Jane Byrne has been corrupted by illegal drug interests. Jones's opponent, 30-year incumbent Democratic Sidney Yates, is a favorite of the environmentalist Sierra Club.

- **Michigan:** The first NDPC advisory chapter here was founded in the auto city of Flint by moderate Democratic Party networks. Flint has one of the highest unemployment rates in the United States.

- **Pennsylvania:** The NDPC-supported gubernatorial candidate Steven Douglas began his first major campaign tour of the eastern part of the state Feb. 23. The head of the Montgomery County NDPC chapter represented Douglas at a 1,000-person Democratic Party candidates meeting held Feb. 21.

In Philadelphia, NDPC chapter head Bernard Salera has taken news of the official Italian investigations into terrorism and its links to the Propaganda-2 Masonic lodge and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig—blacked out by the American media—to local Italian-American organizations.

- **Virginia:** Advisory chapters formed in Richmond and Waynesboro jointly sponsored an anti-Volcker resolution that was passed unanimously by the Rules Committee of the State Assembly in early February.

- **Washington, DC:** The Greater Washington NDPC chapter was founded Feb. 9 at a meeting which continued the campaign to block passage in the U.S. Congress of the pro-euthanasia Natural Death Act of 1981 for the District. The chapter initiated a move to impeach Washington Mayor Marion Barry for allowing the Natural Death Act to pass the City Council.