
Democratic Party

Why Hayden's greenies lost in California

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On April 12, the Tom Hayden-backed incumbent slate for City Council was thrown out of office in its home base of Santa Monica, California. The vote was a shock to the Los Angeles press, which had pronounced victory certain for the "heavy favorite" Hayden slate a full 10 days before the election, and had gloated over the Hayden machine's unchallengeable power as "the establishment."

How was Hayden beaten? Through the campaign of two city council candidates backed by *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee, Kevin Zondervan and Rodney Sabel—even though hundreds of anti-nuclear activists had poured into Santa Monica for the election. The LaRouche Democrats hammered home a simple, unassailable idea: Hayden's organization supports the same policies as Adolf Hitler, and is officially linked to the neo-Nazi Green Party of West Germany today.

It will be very difficult for the U.S. press, even after the fact, to come up with an explanation of why Jane Fonda's well-financed husband lost. They may chatter about the absentee votes and organizational measures taken by the self-designated opposition slate, the All Santa Monica Coalition. But the answer lies in the determination of the LaRouche candidates to organize Santa Monica voters against the "green" fascism Hayden represents.

Kevin Zondervan, an engineer employed in the aerospace industry, and Rodney Sabel, an electrical contractor, threw down the gauntlet in the campaign with a brochure that charged, "With Tom Hayden's victory in the State Assembly race in 1982, fascism has been consolidated in Santa Monica." The NDPC identified Hayden's policies on economics and energy as the same as those of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini: rabid opposition to high-technology investment in capital goods, in favor of labor-intensive economics of the sweatshop and, ultimately, the concentration camp.

A shock effect was added by the Zondervan-Sabel campaign when it exposed that Hayden's CED is officially linked to the West German Green Party through the Green Alliance, located in Newport Beach, California. Werner Vogel, the senior member of the West German Green Party slate to parliament elected in March, had been forced to resign his seat one week after he was exposed as having helped to carry out the Final Solution, as a Nazi interior ministry official.

The NDPC-backed candidates immediately issued thou-

sands of green-colored leaflets with Werner Vogel's picture. In a press conference and at candidates' nights sponsored by the NAACP and other organizations, the candidates had nearly-daily press coverage in the last 10 days of the campaign.

The NDPC candidates placed three half-page advertisements in the Santa Monica *Evening Outlook* over a seven-day period. The first targeted an estimated 35 percent Republican vote with the title "LaRouche Democrats Endorse President's Beam Weapon Program,"

The second half-page ad proved to be the heavy artillery of the series. Appearing the day before "Holocaust Week" in the United States, the ad was headlined, "To Commemorate the Holocaust: Drive Green Fascism Out of Santa Monica." The ad quoted Rudolf Bahro, the leader of the Green Party, on the party's neo-Nazi anti-industrial program: "It is not our goal to put everybody back on the payroll. . . . This industrial economy can never be rebuilt. . . . There are not too few people working, but far too many." The ad also quoted the Israeli Parliamentarian Ehud Olmert on the danger of the rise of anti-Semitism the Green Party represents, and a statement signed by five Reform rabbis in New York City denouncing the Green Party as neo-Nazi. The indictment of the CED-Greenies was again counterposed to the future of development and sense of national purpose the President's beam weapon development program had opened up.

The third ad was the coup de grâce: a half-page targeting the CED-Greenie-backed policy of euthanasia against the elderly. The message took as its starting point the murder of a 55-year old patient, Clarence Herbert, in California's Kaiser Permanente Hospital System when the patient failed to come out of a coma immediately after optional surgery. "The Nuremberg Tribunals, which hanged the Nazi doctors guilty of committing euthanasia, stated that the concept of 'a life not worthy to be lived' was the 'small beginnings' of the Holocaust of 20 million souls," the NDPC candidates said.

The CED has promoted the work of death cult priestess Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, while Petra Kelly, the Jane Fonda of the Greenies, has opened a hospice for terminally ill children. In talks before the senior citizens of Santa Monica—a beautiful city on the Pacific Ocean chosen as a retirement home by many—the NDPC candidates contrasted to the Hayden death cult, Dr. Barney Clark's heroic fight to contribute to mankind with his artificial heart—a NASA spin-off.

The NDPC ads endorsed only one of the three candidates in the All Santa Monica Coalition, because one had worked with Hayden in 1976 and another had worked for Hayden candidates and supported Jane Fonda's nomination to a public position. Four days before the election, the ads were perceived as so damaging to Hayden that City Councilman-Elect David Epstein demanded not to be identified as a past supporter of Hayden.

A defeat for Manatt

The NDPC's aggressive exposure of the neo-Nazi character of the city government succeeded as nothing else would

have. Hayden's CED, with the active support of Democratic national chairman Charles Manatt, a California banker, controls one-third of the central committee of the California-Democratic Party. It maintains a substantial organization throughout the state of California, with patronage bestowed through its administration of government grants for studies, CETA projects, and art projects.

Besides running on government money, it is standard operating procedure for the Hayden organization, like the Hare Krishna and other cults, to lie to outsiders about its goals and supporters. Like Mussolini's blackshirts, the CED organizes around "local control" schemes. Only if the population is blinded and irrationally enraged can the CED's strategems work. Will Wertz, the NDPC's West Coast coordinator, commented after the NDPC's defeat of Hayden, "If he runs again, Hayden won't win if he spends \$10 million."

The defeat of Hayden's machine in its home base is the high point in a series of votes for sanity the NDPC has catalyzed in a state which Charles Manatt and Averell Harriman tried to make into a showcase. The trend started with William Wertz's campaign against Jerry Brown for the U.S. Senate primary last June, when Wertz nailed Brown as the tool of Tom Hayden. Brown never recovered, losing to Republican Pete Wilson in November, and taking down with him Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles (the Democratic candidate for Governor), with Manatt presiding over the debacle.

The Dellums case

The Socialist International's Rep. Ron Dellums is also on the ropes. First, the NDPC charged Dellums with backing genocide, exposing to the black community of Oakland his refusal to stop euthanasia in Washington, D.C. In March, Dellums came under investigation for buying marijuana and cocaine on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. The house staffer who turned state's evidence has since passed two lie detector tests.

Dellums's political machine lost four out of five seats for the Oakland City Council under opposition from two LaRouche Democrats in an April 19 election. Although NDPC-backed city council candidates Chris Goodey and Fred Lehmkuhl, who opposed Dellums protégé Wilson Riles, Jr. in District 5, were given only an official 3 percent of the vote each, it was their campaign for jobs in a beam-weapon economy that beat the Dellums ticket. Glendale is situated next door to Lawrence Livermore Laboratories. Riles not only gave a radio speech proposing the legalization of all drugs, which outraged the largely black community of Oakland, but told the same voters that there was no unemployment problem in Oakland if its jobs were kept from the largely white bedroom communities. Riles, the only member of Dellums's Oakland Progressive Political Alliance to win, did so through a suspicious increase of 20 percent in his vote total during the last two hours of counting.

The same network has been further weakened by the death of Rep. Phil Burton (D-Cal.) on April 10. Sources

report that Burton had collected damaging information on every anti-Manatt political figure in northern California.

LaRouche Democrats won double-digit votes in 4 out of 10 Los Angeles municipal elections on April 12, further cracking Manatt's hold over the party apparatus in his home state. Of the 10 Los Angeles NDPC-backed candidates, William Wertz won 14 percent of the vote in Los Angeles City Council District 10. Wertz's opponent was Democratic National Committee member David Cunningham.

In three of four campaigns it ran for the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees (a position which launched the political career of Jerry Brown), the NDPC also scored double-digit votes. Marianna Wertz, known citywide as a founding member of the Club of Life and an anti-drug spokesman, won 13 percent of the vote against Marguerite Archie in a five-way race. NDPC-backed candidate William Perry won 15 percent in a six-way race and Larry Hutton, also endorsed by the NDPC, won 15 percent in a three-way race.

Campaigns for beam weaponry

The double-digit votes for LaRouche Democrats represent a defeat for Manatt because Wertz's city council race, as well as the other campaigns, were run specifically against the Manatt-backed nuclear freeze, posing the LaRouche program of defensive high-energy beam weapons. The campaign emphasized the theme that the President's adoption of a high-technology strategic defense presents the opportunity to restore classical education and a future for youth.

It is possible that the actual NDPC votes may have been higher in the April 12 elections. Will Wertz, for example, won 30 percent of the absentee ballots; with 1.44 percent of the vote in, his total hit 31 percent, then dropped off subsequently to 14 percent.

The vote for Marianna Wertz in particular shows the NDPC's growing strength in the heavily Jewish San Fernando Valley, despite a campaign of Anti-Defamation League (ADL) slanders. The *Los Angeles Times* was forced to print a retraction when it called Democratic city council contender Khushro Ghandhi a "minor party" candidate. The *Daily News*, based in the San Fernando Valley, which ran an April 3 libel entitled "ADL Rips 14 Candidates," was compelled to publish a reply from Board of Trustees candidate Marianna Wertz on election day.

The NDPC's California membership of 10,000 has now achieved a succession of victories since the beginning of the year. George Hollis's campaign for mayor of San Diego established the NDPC as a force in that city; on March 29, the NDPC's Sam Kahl won 38 percent of the vote for Portland, Oregon School Board; and on April 5, Peter and Linda Carlston won 19 percent of the vote in the suburban Los Angeles Glendale school board race.

The NDPC has announced that it will back Evelyn Lantz in the special late-June election for Rep. Phil Burton's seat, against Sala Burton, a Harriman Democrat.