
California

Incumbents fear 'LaRouche lightning'

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"I am not taking any chances . . . the LaRouche 'lightning' might strike my district. . . . We're taking nothing for granted." These remarks were made, not by a nervous Democratic committeeman, but by three-term incumbent Congressman Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.). Dymally is one of 11 Democratic Congressmen in California being challenged in the June 3 primary by candidates associated with 1988 presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche. According to sources, many of these incumbents are "running scared," from the LaRouche forces' growing constituency machine.

Over 150 LaRouche candidates are on the June 3 ballot in California, one for U.S. Senate, 16 for Congress, 7 for state assembly and a least 120 running for state Democratic (and Republican) central committee. Four state assembly candidates and one congressional candidate are running as LaRouche Republicans. The bipartisan slate is led by Brian Lantz, Northern California coordinator for the National Democratic Policy Committee.

The NDPC has endorsed the California LaRouche candidates as part of a national drive to "take back Congress" from the liberals and "appeasers" whose policies are sabotaging U.S. economic development and undermining America's relationship with its key allies.

NDPC candidates have distributed over 50,000 pieces of literature, in a campaign to educate voters on the treasonous activities of their elected legislators, and to present a sane approach to economic and foreign policy. Many of them have made slide presentations before civic associations and Democratic clubs on the "fraud of the recovery," the Soviet drive toward a "global showdown," and on "AIDS: More Dangerous Than Nuclear War."

The LaRouche candidates are heading a drive for a public-health approach to AIDS, by petitioning to place a referendum on the November ballot mandating state authorities to label AIDS an infectious disease and take emergency measures to prevent its spread. Working with PANIC (the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee), the candidates are mobilizing grassroots groups to collect 400,000 signatures required to put the measure on the ballot. Over 1,000 churches and civic organizations are involved in the petitioning effort. The initiative directly challenges advocates of "civil rights" for the AIDS virus.

Brian Lantz, LaRouche candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate and co-chairman of PANIC, maintains that there is "no better way to overturn California's drug-rock-sex counterculture" than by backing this initiative. Lantz is challenging the very liberal Sen. Alan Cranston, who works with "civil libertarians" behind the AIDS Lobby.

Rep. Mervyn Dymally faces opposition from LaRouche Democrat Kevin Zondervan in the 31st Congressional District. An aerospace engineer, Zondervan recently returned from Japan where he spoke at the first conference ever held there on the Strategic Defense Initiative, sponsored by the Fusion Energy Foundation and the Schiller Institute. Just before the primary, Zondervan will release what he calls the "Dymally Dossier,"—a documentary report on Dymally's treasonous track record on issues which directly affect his constituents. The dossier points to Dymally's support for suicide-cult leader Jim Jones, his pro-Cuban leanings, his connections to organized crime, and his "sympathy" for Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi. It will show that his activities make him an accomplice to the drug mafia and its terrorist networks. Dymally is "taking nothing for granted."

Democratic incumbents Barbara Boxer, Ron Dellums, Leon Panetta, Ed Roybal, and Fortney Stark are also facing powerful opposition from LaRouche candidates. In the 16th CD, Monterey businessman Art Dunn has thrown down the gauntlet to Republican-turned Democrat Leon Panetta, a supporter of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. Dunn, a lifelong Democrat, won substantial support when he ran for state legislature in New York.

In the 8th CD (Oakland-Berkeley area), LaRouche candidate Ruth Williams has put together a machine of volunteer campaign workers to mobilize the "forgotten voters" who oppose Soviet-run incumbent Ron Dellums. In the 5th CD, Andrew Klein, who left the district because of high concentration of AIDS cases in San Francisco, vows that the AIDS risk can be reduced if the PANIC initiative is passed. Klein has made support for Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres's "Marshall Plan" for Mideast development a plank in his campaign program. His opponent is Rep. Sala Burton. The campaign of LaRouche candidate Jim Legare, in the 6th CD, is also being taken "very seriously" by his opponent, Rep. Barbara Boxer.

The LaRouche slate, which also includes five congressional candidates running against non-incumbents, has caused great consternation in the Democratic camp. The state party has mobilized its local apparatus to "identify the LaRouchians" on the ballot. In April, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich asked the state Human Rights Committee to "investigate" the LaRouche group. And Democrats in the 40th CD mobilized a frantic effort to recruit a write-in candidate when they realized that LaRouche candidate Art Hoffman was running unopposed. Their choice was Orange County Democratic party chairman Judge Bruce Sumner, whose links to organized crime and the dope mafia make him the perfect foil for Hoffman.