
Chicago

LaRouche Democrat sets mayoral program

Every Illinois voter who witnessed “the shot heard around the world” caused by the March 18 Democratic primary victory of LaRouche Democrats Janice Hart for secretary of state, and Mark Fairchild for lieutenant governor, knows that the “Irregular Democratic Party” got caught with its pants down. This includes former senator Adlai Stevenson, Alderman Ed Vrdolyak, Mayor Harold Washington, and the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune*.

Now, Lyndon LaRouche’s Midwest collaborator, Mrs. Sheila Jones, has accepted a mandate from the “forgotten majority” to run for mayor of Chicago in the primary in February 1987. Mrs. Jones, a life-long Democrat, ran for mayor here in 1983, and was subjected to the most unprecedented violations of civil and human rights by the “Irregular Democratic Party,” the Chicago media, and the League of Women Voters. Political observers in Chicago admit that had she been allowed her rights in that election, Chicago might have had its first black woman mayor then.

A well-known civil rights leader, a former trade-union organizer for the Milwaukee Teacher’s Association in Wisconsin, and a former educator, Mrs. Jones was the political strategist for the Hart-Fairchild campaign, and over 100 other Illinois candidates. Through that campaign, the controls put on Illinois Democratic voters were shattered. Whether the “Irregular Democrats” can suppress her campaign this time—under growing national crisis conditions—is a very big question.

Creating productive jobs

The main agenda of the Jones for Mayor campaign is to create productive jobs. Mrs. Jones stated:

“We are a city of tremendous potential wealth. This is not the wealth of real estate speculators, who are forever building office buildings, and condominiums, which the average citizen can’t even afford, since he is out of work, due to the shutdown of U.S. Steel, vital crucible steel factories, machine tool shops, brick kilns, and construction firms.”

She added, “We have extremely talented, skilled and

semi-skilled workers standing in long soup lines . . . because they are being killed by the mayor’s greater concern for Wall Street bankers and Gold Coast liberals who are more concerned about ‘gay rights’ than moral families.”

In her 1983 bid for mayor, Mrs. Jones and her science adviser, Dr. Robert Moon, professor emeritus from the University of Chicago and a physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project in the 1940s, wrote a proposal to reindustrialize the City of Chicago. This plan, which she hand-delivered to the Chicago City Council, included:

1) *Reopening Navy Pier as an industrial site*, for the purpose of encouraging trade deals with other nations around the world in need of basic infrastructural goods, that Chicago had become so famous for producing, from the time of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s war mobilization;

2) *Extension of the 63rd ‘El’ train Delano Roosevelt’s war mobilization;*

2) *Extension of the 63rd ‘El’ train line to Stony Island, to 95th Street, on the South Side, while simultaneously converting this to a high-speed, magnetic-levitation train, to facilitate the movement of people and goods;*

3) *Reopening and reinvestment in the remaining crucible steel plants around Chicago, for such enterprises as above, as well as the emergency crash program to build the Cross-town Expressway, which would open the entire state up to over-the-road trucking and trade throughout the area;*

4) *Urgent completion of the ‘Deep Tunnel’ project, a clean water system for the City of Chicago, which would involve thousands of re-employed skilled and semi-skilled workers, taking into account the related infrastructural goods needed for such an enterprise;*

5) *Re-establishment of apprenticeship programs for high school students throughout the city in basic industry, machine tools, electrical engineering, construction, mechanical engineering, etc., to give fruitful and useful employment to our “dying” youth;*

6) *Establishment of a pro-scientific task force to review the city hospitals, to deal with the re-emergence of a tuberculosis epidemic, to reopen hospitals which have been closed down to offer maintenance care and containment of such diseases, as well as establishing highly skilled and equipped research centers in such hospitals;*

7) *A war on drugs, including the confiscation of 100% of all property and profits of drug money launderers and politicians and law-enforcement agents who cover up, and are involved in, the proliferation of drugs in the city.*

How to fund it

Mrs. Jones is running on that platform, and has added several new planks for the 1987 mayoral race:

- Instead of taxing Illinois’s hard-working families and the poor, a tax on the Chicago Board of Trade; for every transaction, there would be levied a tax of 0.2%. This would bring a minimum of \$6 billion a year into Chicago for rein-

vesting in neighborhoods and wards.

- Emergency housing for the homeless—not flophouses—to be funded by confiscating drug profits and the Board of Trade tax.

- A “Protocol for Life,” to establish research centers for AIDS, to be set up with the assistance of pro-life, pro-science medical professionals being contacted nationally by Mrs. Jones. She sharply criticizes Mayor Harold Washington’s policy of allowing AIDS-infected children to attend public school and propagating the delusion that “condoms and clean needles” are sufficient to avoid contagion.

- Implementation of the anti-austerity policy of Peru’s President Alan García, of a *debt moratorium* for the City of Chicago.

A Zaire-Chicago industrial connection

In a statement released on Nov. 27, Sheila Jones announced her support for Zairean President Mobutu’s declaration Oct. 30, that Zaire will no longer abide by International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities. She pledged to do all in her power to build support for Zaire, a country in the African AIDS belt, which has joined Peru in deciding to allocate only 10% of its export earnings to debt payment.

Mrs. Jones commented that not only are President Mobutu and the central committee of Zaire correct that the IMF is trying to recolonize Zaire economically, but that this is the IMF’s plan for the world, as can be seen in the Davignon Plan for radically reducing steel production capacity in Western Europe and the United States. One of the clearest examples is the once-great industrialized center, the City of Chicago.

Mrs. Jones has proposed that Chicago and Kinshasa, Zaire become sister cities, and exchange representatives to discuss proposed projects, for trade and infrastructural transfer deals, dialogue and negotiations between the City of Chicago and Zaire.

Following the lead of Peru and Zaire, Mrs. Jones promised that her first act as mayor will be to declare a debt moratorium for the City of Chicago, in order to begin the replacement and build-up of vital industry, which will be placed at the disposal of Zaire.

Then, Jones would establish a City Development Bank, modeled on the one proposed by Abraham Lincoln in his Program of Internal Improvements, for the purpose of underwriting loans, to give credit to Third World nations, starting with Zaire, for the infrastructural projects they need. The Chicago City Development Bank would also underwrite loans for Illinois agriculture, to facilitate food trade between Illinois farmers and Zaire.

Great projects are essential

Since Chicago has lost 75% of its steel, 90% of its rail car production, 75% of its machine tool production, and 20% of its auto production, Sheila Jones seeks to set up a Hamil-

tonian, two-tier system of taxing, which will encourage re-investment into machine tools, the steel manufacturing, and manufacture of vitally needed capital goods for trade with Zaire.

As mayor, Jones would offer to purchase Zaire’s copper products at parity price. The copper is needed, among other things, for Chicago’s electricity grid. Mrs. Jones would organize the Chicago City Council to encourage franchises for Chicago entrepreneurs to develop a hydrogen-based economy, to run cars and heat homes and factories. One of Chicago’s greatest resources is its access to fresh water. This technology would be made available to Zaire as well.

The building of a new harbor at Chicago’s Navy Pier, which was already part of the Jones mayoral platform in 1983, will be critical to facilitate trade shipments from the Midwest to Zaire. This is planned to be a deep water port facility, to be used for ocean-going vessels.

Jones says she aims to make Chicago the public transportation showcase of the world, by building 300 miles of underground, magnetically levitated train systems. This technology could serve as a model for Zaire, while revitalizing Chicago’s devastated building industry. She has pledged to make available to Zaire the breakthroughs achieved by the medical research team she is assembling under the rubric of “Protocols for Life.”

Need for economic justice

In her statement of solidarity to Zaire’s President Mobutu, Sheila Jones praised Reverend Dibaba Mpolesha, a Zairean minister who has taken a leading role with the Schiller Institute in fighting for a New International Economic Order. “St. Augustine condemned the spirit of exploitation of man which motivates the merchants of false witness. Therefore, I concur with Reverend Mpolesha in asserting that there must be justice in competition and economic exchange with developed and industrialized nations, toward human development and the betterment of relations between persons and societies. Instead of exploitation, we must think in terms of sharing, because man is a traveler on this Earth, and must put whatever he has to the benefit to others, who are likewise created in the image of God.”

Mrs. Jones continued, “I, too, would like to see the underdeveloped countries fix the price of their products themselves, and freely do business with the clients of their choice, without intermediaries or constraints, and above all, receive the full share of the revenues to which they are entitled, for their internal development, which give so much to all inhabitants of this dear planet of ours. The themes of equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, and common interest must be the basis of North-South economic cooperation.”

Mrs. Jones, addressing President Mobutu of Zaire, asks him to “accept the heartfelt intent of my offer, as the next mayor of the City of Chicago, the future Workshop of the World!”