

## LaRouche on TV: Voters listened to the wrong people!

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This is not to be a normal election year. Lyndon LaRouche may be the only viable Democratic candidate by the time of the national Democratic Party convention in New York in July. While the reader may not consider this to be conventional wisdom, it is true. To a blindsided American political establishment, the remaking of American politics in the coming months will occur as if by magic.

On Feb. 1, the "LaRouche In '92" campaign achieved a tremendous political and intellectual victory. In its half-hour nationwide broadcast on the ABC television network, the LaRouche broadcast received a higher Nielsen rating and captured a larger share of the viewing audience than the much-publicized Democratic roundtable "debate" on the Friday night preceding, reaching well over 2 million homes. The response of the man on the street, as seen in a gridding of reports from across the nation, has been extraordinary. As a retired machinist in Los Angeles exclaimed, "It was great. I called a lot of people. The people now know the history of what he says. It was great! Hot dog!"

### Highly accurate forecasts

The broadcast distilled 10 years of LaRouche's record on economic and foreign policy, his 1980 accurate forecasts of the impact of the Federal Reserve's high interest rate policy, and the drive for deregulation started by the Carter administration which destroyed the industrial heartland of America. It reviewed the forecasts made by LaRouche on the impending economic and financial disaster, at a time when Ronald Reagan and George Bush were telling Americans that they were living through a period of unequalled prosperity, and LaRouche's May 1987 forecast of the October 1987 stock market collapse. The announcer directly challenged the viewer, "Do you think that President Bush has been listening

to the wrong people? No! *You*, the American voter, have listened to the wrong people."

On foreign policy, LaRouche's record was again contrasted to that of his opponents. Footage from LaRouche's Oct. 31, 1988 Berlin press conference, given two years before the reunification of Germany, was shown. There LaRouche stated, "The time has come for steps toward the reunification of Germany, with the obvious prospect that Berlin might resume its role as the nation's capital." LaRouche predicted that the economic crisis in the Soviet Union would bring about its demise. He urged that the United States "act to establish Food for Peace agreements, with the goal that neither the people of the Soviet Union, nor the developing nations, shall go hungry." Compare that to Bush's geopolitical schemes that would place the former Soviet Union and East bloc under the International Monetary Fund and bring about chaos and a new strategic threat.

Footage of LaRouche's November 1988 nationwide broadcast showed LaRouche standing in front of a map of the Balkans predicting the disintegration of the area, including the breakup of Yugoslavia. As one Hungarian-American said, "I'm inspired that Mr. LaRouche has a handle on the fishy business that is shaping up in the Balkans. He knew that the Anglophiles intended to redraw the map."

In regard to Ibero-America, LaRouche's 1981 proposal for a "debt bomb" and Ibero-American economic integration was counterposed to the scheme "to loot the indebted nations," the usurious policy of "Kissinger's New York bankers" carried out against the developing countries of Ibero-America and Africa.

LaRouche's call for the nationalization of the Federal Reserve, the only basis for rebuilding basic industry and infrastructure, was outlined as the means to put 6 million

Americans back to work, rebuilding the American and world economies. This elicited some of the strongest responses from viewers. From a Maryland building trades union official: "Why don't the other politicians talk like him? I guess they all get their money from those bankers he was talking about. That deal about the National Bank, does that mean it will put the big New York banks and world banks out of the business and the government will run all the banks? Explain to me again how the credit can get into the hands of the worker."

### **Feared by the establishment**

LaRouche is the only U.S. statesman feared enough by the Anglo-American establishment that they had him jailed. Since LaRouche was jailed just over three years ago, the broadcast emphasized, only days after the inauguration of George Bush, the United States has gone from economic decline into "the mudslide" of financial collapse, is unable to meet the most elementary needs of its own people, and is unable to provide the economic assistance needed by the newly emerged nations of eastern and central Europe and the emiserated countries of the developing sector. Footage of Bush's failed trip to Japan in January underscored the pathetic and insane nature of the Bush administration's attempts to clobber the Europeans and Japanese, as the U.S. depression worsens.

The broadcast, the first of a projected series, appeared one day after the first of a series of 10 full-page ads appeared in the *Washington Times*. The series, entitled "LaRouche Was Right," began with "On The Financial Crisis." The second, "On the Water Crisis," outlines a program of water infrastructure projects to meet urban, industrial, and agricultural requirements. Featured are nuclear desalination and the immense North American Water and Power Alliance (Nawapa) project to bring water from Alaska. The third of the series will outline a high-technology approach to solving the transportation crisis, including the rebuilding of the nation's railroads utilizing maglev technology. In short, LaRouche and his policies are again before the American people.

Simultaneous with these interventions through television and newspapers, LaRouche's campaign organization is waging an increasingly successful state-by-state fight for ballot status, against the very "secret government" that jailed the candidate. Despite every road block, LaRouche has qualified for the ballot in 14 of 38 presidential primary states: Mississippi, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Colorado, Louisiana, Maryland, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, and South Carolina. LaRouche is soon expected to secure ballot status in Kansas, Arkansas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Washington State. Other states will follow.

The millions of dollars being spent to stop the campaign underlines the threat a LaRouche presidency represents to

the Anglo-American establishment, a point not lost on angry voters. At the moment of this writing, legal fights for ballot status are occurring in Connecticut, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Florida.

The LaRouche campaign battle with the corrupt Federal Election Commission is also continuing. By the FEC's own admission, LaRouche qualified for federal matching funds more than a month ago. Commission members know that their continuing illegal denial of matching funds could cost LaRouche ballot status in states such as California. The LaRouche in '92 campaign appealed the FEC's initial decree and will go to court if necessary.

### **Bush on his way out?**

Only months ago, following the Iraq war, the establishment's 1988 presidential pick, George Bush, seemed assured of easy re-election. No longer. At the core of the American media attacks on Bush is his recognized failure to "manage" the financial and economic crisis. The breakdown of GATT and the North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations has led to a public rupture of the consensus which placed Bush in the White House in 1988. The President's State of the Union address on Jan. 28 was a political failure, aside from its economic incompetence.

And what about the Democrats? As an Arkansas housewife put it, "I really want him [LaRouche] to give these hypocrites a run for their money and ask them, 'Okay, what are you going to do *now*, just stand there and look pretty?'"

In a recent poll of voters in New Hampshire, home to the first presidential primary Feb. 18, eighty percent of voters polled did not want to vote for any of the "major" candidates. As if to underscore the point, a recent AP wire from New Hampshire reported that the chairman of the state Democratic Party was about to lose his home due to overdue mortgage payments.

Bush is fading fast and no one wants a Bush Democrat. The Versailles system, put in place at the end of World War I and carried forward through World War II and Yalta, has come undone. The world will not be the same. As LaRouche stated just before President Bush's State of the Union fiasco, "What George Bush's administration does not seem to understand is that as long as it pushes a free trade, or 'shock therapy' program as it's sometimes called, in eastern Europe, a recovery of the U.S. economy from its present depression is impossible; and, I would emphasize, a recovery from the U.S. economy's rapidly deepening depression.

"As long as the United States insists on subjecting the rest of the world to that crazy fascist Milton Friedman's idea of free trade, the United States itself has no chance of recovery.

"You know what it says in the Bible about 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' and I would add to that, 'Watch that what you are doing to others, you are not doing to yourself.'"