

Elephants and Donkeys by Mel and Kathleen Klenetsky

Dole wins big on 'Junior Tuesday'

Junior Tuesday, March 5, gave Robert Dole a big boost toward the Republican Presidential nomination. Dole took 194 of the 259 delegates in the eight primaries and two caucuses (996 delegates are required to secure the GOP nomination).

Dole, with the largest war chest, saw his win in the South Carolina primary on March 3, as the turning point. Party leaders, from House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) to New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, in order to ensure that Pat Buchanan's New Hampshire upset was not repeated, all let it be known prior to Junior Tuesday that Dole was their man.

Dole still faces serious difficulties

Dole's campaign scored from 40% in Georgia, to 67% in Rhode Island. But his victories could not sweep away the fact that he has not touched upon the issues that concern the American population. Polls showed that a majority of Republicans would have preferred another candidate.

The Buchanan candidacy, according to Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, despite its racist and chauvinistic aspects, touches upon a desire for national economic security among American voters. As LaRouche has pointed out, Buchanan's Louisiana victory, which knocked Phil Gramm out of the race, came about because the religious right, which originally went with Gramm on moral issues, did not buy into the Conservative Revolution. When Buchanan offered them a platform of moral values and economic nationalism (against the North American Free Trade Agreement and other free trade pacts, and for protective tariffs), they bolted from Gramm's rad-

ical free trade doctrines.

Dole did not win the Ross Perot voters, although, in Georgia, he won the independent vote. This means there is still the possibility of a third party challenge from the Perot quarters, which would threaten Dole more than Clinton, come the general election. LaRouche pointed out that the Buchanan vote is there for Perot, if he wants it. (Clinton would be affected more by a Jesse Jackson third-party effort.)

While Dole does not represent the Conservative Revolution ideology of a Gingrich, Dick Armey, or Gramm, he is of that mentality that would cut basic entitlement programs. During the 1980s, Dole set up the National Economic Commission to push for just such cuts. Gingrich and Gramm's declining popularity underscore the difficulties Dole will have selling a Republican program of entitlement cuts, free trade, and balancing the budget, especially if Democrats rebuild that party.

And some Democrats are doing just that. Lyndon LaRouche has defined the programs to revive industrial and agricultural development, thereby reversing the last 30 years of the post-industrial society, and the last decade of junk bond and derivatives trading. Others, such as Sens. Thomas Daschle (S.D.) and Edward Kennedy (Mass.), have laid out a defense of minorities, the elderly, and the working population.

Buchanan and Forbes still in the race

Buchanan (with 63 delegates) and Forbes (72 delegates) will stay in the race. Buchanan runs a shoe-string campaign, depending more on radio interviews than paid advertising. Forbes has spent \$24 million, most of it his own money, and has indicated that he will continue, despite poor

showings since his Arizona and Delaware victories. He has launched a million-dollar advertising spree in hopes of taking the New York primary (93 delegates) on March 7.

Buchanan's New Hampshire victory put his anti-big business, anti-free trade policy on the map. But his negativism has led voters to start to turn against him. Polls indicated that voters thought him too extreme, even in Georgia, where he was hoping for an upset against Dole. (Buchanan equated "Dixie" with the Civil Rights movement anthem "We Shall Overcome.")

Buchanan is an avid fan of Teddy Roosevelt and the Confederacy. LaRouche commented, "To understand Buchanan personally, what you need is a set of Teddy Roosevelt false teeth, a big stick, a mustache, a pince-nez, and a lot of recorded messages of 'Bully!' What he is, is a real Confederate creep, underneath . . . who raised the Confederate flag over his campaign headquarters. . . . But . . . he has another aspect to him. And the aspect is, is the populist pitch, is to protect American jobs, to attack NAFTA, GATT, and so forth. Now he does it from a completely racist, chauvinist way. But what do you expect of Teddy 'Bully!' Roosevelt, particularly in a reincarnation."

Lugar, Alexander drop out

On Junior Tuesday, Sen. Richard Lugar's campaign generally garnered under 3% of the vote. The Indiana Republican's campaign said that he would drop out later that week.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander had said that his decision would depend on the Super Tuesday Florida primary on March 12. However, ABC News reported on March 5 that he will drop out before Florida and endorse Dole. His media purchases have been pulled.