

## Editorial

### *The Sword of Damocles*

In the fourth century, B.C., a Greek soldier named Dionysius became the ruler in Syracuse. He was a tyrant, surrounded by flatterers, one of whom was Damocles. Like the kind of Presidential adviser around today—typified by Richard Morris or Donald Fowler—Damocles falsely tried to assure the ruler that happiness awaited him; but he was taught a cruel lesson which has come down to us.

As Damocles was seated at a banquet, preparing to feast, a sword, held by a single hair, was suspended over his head. Ever since, the Sword of Damocles has symbolized the perils attached to such flagrant, self-seeking disregard of truth.

The decision on Aug. 15 by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to reject Lyndon LaRouche's suit against Democratic National Committee Chairman Donald Fowler, who has attempted to read LaRouche out of the Democratic Party, is creating circumstances which threaten the President's reelection. On Jan. 5, 1996, Fowler circulated a letter to state party chairmen, slandering LaRouche and telling party officials to "disregard" votes he might receive in the coming Presidential primaries to elect LaRouche delegates to the Democratic Convention. (LaRouche received over 600,000 votes nationwide and won delegates in several states.)

President Clinton is not himself responsible for the decision by a federal court judge, but by failing to speak out against the Fowler letter, and by allowing Richard Morris to take on the role of "kingmaker" in his campaign, he will be held culpable by voters—particularly by black voters.

The U.S. District Court decision against LaRouche essentially nullifies the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That act's passage was arguably the high point of the civil rights movement. Abrogation of this act, coupled with passage of Newt Gingrich's misbegotten welfare bill, are not only the death knell of the New Deal, but will threaten the very existence of the Democratic Party.

African-American voters may not flock to become Republicans because they have been so betrayed, but they will certainly not be motivated to turn out the vote for the Clinton-Gore ticket. Their vote is an important,

if not crucial, factor in the upcoming election. The Sword of Damocles is now hanging over the party.

Comparison of Morris and Fowler to Damocles is a precise and accurate characterization. The problem is that unlike the tyrant Dionysius, President Clinton has not turned against his treacherous advisers, but is instead distancing himself from the honest Democrats to whom he should look for support.

What is at stake here is not just the future of the Democratic Party, but the very soul of the United States and of the world. A fundamental question of natural law is involved.

There has been the grossest miscarriage of justice against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, five of whom are still imprisoned in Virginia. But the injustice against them, and the latest attack on the achievements of the civil rights movement, could have been foreseen by those familiar with the history of the United States in this century. It was the actions of Justice Hugo Black in the post-World War II period, which sowed the seeds of the present situation. It was Hugo Black, who was praised by every soft-brained liberal, who actually set the legal system in the United States directly on the road to fascism. This began with his promotion of the so-called church-state separation, as a way of denying God and thereby, the moral imperative which must guide any lawful government.

For the United States to deal competently with the world situation, and successfully oppose the oligarchic forces led by the British House of Windsor, it is imperative that the standpoint of natural law be reasserted, against the doctrines of Hugo Black. We must again become a Godly nation, committed to defending the right of all people, those alive today and those unborn.

Only as we defend the hard-won gains of the civil rights movement; only as we reassert the rights of all Americans—even the jobless, even immigrants—to provide a home and sustenance for their families; only as we exonerate LaRouche and his associates; only then, will the Sword of Damocles be lifted. Yes, it hangs over the Democratic Party, but it hangs over you as well!