

LaRouche to Democrats: Break the fix and take back the party

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In an address to more than 200 supporters in Philadelphia, and 200 more around the country, on March 31, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche challenged his party's base to mobilize to break the current election fix, and take back the party for the "general welfare" policies of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the U.S. Constitution.

LaRouche's hour-long address focussed on two issues, as he summarized at the beginning. First, he addressed the fact that a radical change had occurred in the political situation over the preceding week and a half—namely, the public recognition in the United States of the fact that the financial bubble is about to burst. And second, he took on the question of "what's wrong with the American people," that they would tolerate the election "fix" which is currently in the works.

How the game is rigged

Now, even Wall Street is admitting that the bubble is going to burst, LaRouche argued, and this is going to bring down the facade of prosperity which Americans, all the way up the President, are so hysterically clinging to. But, if this happens, without a fundamental shift in the pattern of political participation in the United States, now confined primarily to the top 30% of income-brackets, the results will be disaster. As he put it:

"The game is: If, given the kind of parameters I just described about voting patterns in the United States, if Al Gore were to be nominated, as was deemed likely, at the Democratic convention in August, and if a financial crisis were to bust, a real Hoover-style crisis, were to bust in September or very early October, guess what would happen in the election?"

"The Gore base would disappear. And the Bush base, which is about the same composition as the Gore base, but of a different temperament, would go in like Herbert Hoover. That is the Republican war plan from behind the scenes for this election.

"Now if Wall Street decides it's going to go that way—it's going to go that way, as of now. Therefore, Wall Street, which is backing Bush as their preferred candidate, and using Al Gore for nuisance value, can pull the string on Gore any time they want to. Now, there are certain limitations, because they don't entirely control the process.

"So, that's the game. So, anybody who is thinking that Al

Gore is a shoo-in for the Democratic nominee, and thinks that Al Gore, even with Clinton's backing, could win the Presidency in November, is wrong."

LaRouche blasted the actions of the Democratic Party, in conjunction with the neanderthal U.S. Supreme Court, in contributing to the election fix, through their racist nullification of the Voting Rights Act. This action has gone a long way to sending the Democratic Party down to defeat, unless it is politically reversed.

What's wrong with Americans?

But, to reverse the situation, LaRouche continued, we have to reverse the voting trend in the United States, in order to bring back into the process, those who have left in disgust. Today, he said, Americans are acting "like the Romans," and treating politics like the bread and circuses which the oligarchy serves up to the mob.

"Now the only chance of saving this nation, lies in getting the people to stop this bread-and-circuses game, to get back into politics, and go in and swamp that 20% of upper income-brackets, move into the ballot box, take it back again. Take back the clubhouses and take it back."

LaRouche proceeded to give his listeners a lesson in American history, pointing out the contrasting traditions of the republicans (Democrat and Republican), and the racists. What is crucial, he stressed, is that citizens reject the role of the Roman mob, and begin to take responsibility as individuals made in the image of the Creator. In this context, he cited the words of President James Monroe's first inaugural address, where he said:

"It is only when the people become ignorant and corrupt, when they degenerate into a populace, that they are incapable of exercising the sovereignty" given to them. "Usurpation is then an easy attainment, and an usurper soon found. The people themselves become the willing instruments of their own debasement and ruin. Let us, then, look to the great cause, and endeavor to preserve it in full force. Let us by all wise and constitutional measures promote intelligence among the people as the best means of preserving our liberties."

President Monroe was echoing a tradition that goes back to Solon of Athens, LaRouche said, and that is the tradition which we must revive today. It is his role, he said, to inspire leadership, like that shown by Martin Luther King, so that the "have-nots" mobilize to take the measures necessary to restore the republic.

"We would hope that finally on this planet, we can bring forth, not good things, such as the things that Monroe and Lincoln or Solon earlier brought about; but this time we hope we can not only achieve good things and bring the nation back to itself, but that we can mobilize and engage the people in that to such a degree, they will not go back to their old, wicked ways, and play the game of bread and circuses all over again, as we've almost destroyed this nation with such folly today."