

LaRouche Takes on Cheney and DLC in Big Campaign Events

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“A turning-point in the Presidential election” saw Democratic candidate Lyndon LaRouche address 1,200 people directly and many thousands more by Internet in four campaign events in the New York-Washington corridor at the beginning of July, escalating his drive to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney and purge the neo-conservative gang from George Bush’s Administration. LaRouche spoke to 350 Pakistani-Americans at a New York City event on June 28 and to 400 New York campaign supporters at an event at LaGuardia Airport on June 29 (see highlights immediately following); and also addressed a “cadre school” of over 100 organizers of his LaRouche Youth Movement in Philadelphia that weekend, before giving an internationally-watched Internet webcast on July 2 in Washington.

From Capitol Hill to California and in all the other candidates’ Presidential campaigns, LaRouche’s mass mobilization to get Cheney and his flock of neo-con fascists impeached or fired now—so that the United States can join other countries in “New Deal” measures to stop the economic collapse—is being closely followed and discussed.

“Our purpose in this election campaign is not to win a game in 2004,” LaRouche told his live audience of 300 at the Washington webcast, which overflowed into a three-hour question-and-answer session after the candidate’s speech. “A great deal of my ‘first 30 days’ has to be accomplished right now.” He emphasized that people or governments around the world are counting on him to “be the lever” to boot out the imperial fascists—he had just returned from crucial visits to Italy, India, and Turkey, and his campaign is being widely covered in the Arabic media.

LaRouche warned that the United States’ quagmire of perpetual war and economic collapse was worsening because the Democratic Party, under the corrupt grip of the right-wing Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) cabal, has not moved

against Cheney. The other Democratic candidates have belatedly and opportunistically attacked Bush instead, for intelligence frauds and impeachable offenses for which Cheney and his chicken-hawks are clearly culpable.

Because “Dick Cheney represents the same kind of threat that Adolf Hitler represented in Germany in early 1933,” LaRouche told the webcast audience, “the issue is not who wins a prize in 18 months—but do we get the Cheney gang out now?” which means, he said, taking the Democratic Party away from the DLC. If LaRouche’s mobilization succeeds in getting Cheney out, the whole U.S. political situation will be changed, and real progress in foreign policy for economic recovery—where LaRouche’s leadership has been clearly manifest—can take place.

His Washington and New York audiences—especially the college-age youth who made up one-third or more of the crowds—were as enthusiastic and passionate as the candidate, about turning Americans to his campaign and leadership, fast, in this deepening economic and strategic crisis in which the country is being misled into perpetual imperial war. One young student took the microphone to tell LaRouche that he had changed his life in just a few days, by making clear to him the “mission” before the younger generation now. Besides the youth, the audience was notable for Democratic activists and state and local elected officials from around the country, as well as a group of diplomats representing other nations in Washington. The presence and vocal participation of the regional and local leaders, who are seeing depression and unemployment devastate their states, made clear that Americans more broadly are turning to LaRouche as the economic and strategic danger gets rapidly worse.

The Relevance of FDR’s Policy

The July 2 webcast had been offered by LaRouche as



circles would step in and dictate, as they did in the 1930s—except in Roosevelt’s United States. He named Lazard Frères bank, and its long-time operative (and DLC string-puller) Felix Rohatyn, as key to such an intended “economic 9/11.”

Other state and city leaders asked about the crisis of imploding state budget revenues, and were told by LaRouche that the states absolutely cannot tax their way out of the breakdown; nor can they, on their own, build their way out of it with local infrastructure initiatives they now can’t fund. Only rapid Federal action, like that which LaRouche has gotten launched in Italy and Europe, can drive these programs forward and save the states from looming further mass layoffs, school and hospital closings, etc. The candi-

date told them they have to “take the risks” involved in backing him in their states, against the DLC and Democratic National Committee blackmail, or they could win nothing—and it was clear his point was getting through.

‘Give Me 1,000 More Youth’

The entire final 75 minutes of a four-hour webcast was dominated by activists of the LaRouche Youth Movement, on-site and over the Internet, who coordinated their own question-and-answers with the candidate. The LaRouche Youth maintain their own websites for teaching and recruitment, and coordinate their own activity; their recent interventions are forcing the Congressional Black Caucus to choose between inviting LaRouche to their Presidential debates, or cancelling them. Their questions were fundamental ones: how to break their parents’ generation from its engrained habit of avoiding risks and “going along to get along,” in a nation sliding into deep depression and under a live threat of fascist takeover; how to recruit more college-age youth into the campaign more rapidly.

LaRouche said that his Youth Movement—there are already hundreds working full-time on his campaign, across the nation—was the key to the whole battle to remake the Democratic Party, and win the Cheney impeachment fight. “Give me 1,000 more youth” leaders like these, says the candidate, “and I’ll take over the country.” That could happen overnight, as the candidate’s regional “cadre schools,” at which universal history and physical geometry alike are to be mastered, and new campaign organizers are steadily recruited, now take place virtually every weekend.

A Washington, D.C. audience of more than 300 attended Presidential candidate LaRouche’s July 2 Internet webcast, on the subject of the relevance of FDR’s policies for today’s crisis. College-age youth were one-third or more of the crowd, as at previous days’ campaign meetings in New York City.

a debate among all the Democratic Presidential candidates, invited to discuss, “What is the relevance of the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt for today’s crisis?” Under intense pressure from the DLC faction which has seized the party and demands that LaRouche be barred from its leadership, none of the “nine” was willing to debate.

But international developments helped LaRouche make the essential importance of FDR’s policy clear. He announced that a “historic change in the economic policy of Europe” had been put forward hours before his webcast, when Italy’s Prime Minister Berlusconi proposed a “New Deal” public infrastructure investment policy to pull Europe from depression collapse. Italy’s policy has been shaped toward this by LaRouche’s personal interventions in that country, as the candidate explained; and his leadership in the Presidential campaign can move and expand similar proposals now stalled in the U.S. Congress.

The state leaders and other present or former government officials filled an hour of webcast discussion with urgent questions about how an “FDR recovery” could possibly be launched here. A banker and former government figure, and then an Alabama state legislator, asked LaRouche about “an economic 9/11”—could the present hopeless economic floundering of the Bush White House be mere incompetence, or were financial circles *seeking* a real economic disaster, in order to get emergency powers? The candidate explained: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan’s “zero-interest-rate” policy can build a huge new debt bubble and then turn, overnight, into a 7-10% discount rate, to cause a deflationary breakdown where international Synarchist-fascist banking