

LaRouche: 'Super Bowl Tuesday's Results'

This statement by Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. was released on Feb. 5 by the LaRouche in 2004 campaign committee.

Thumbs Up! Or, Thumbs Down! The Roman Empire, too, had its Super Bowl Sundays and Tuesdays. So, in the course of time, Rome's spectators died in their own arena.

There was the Super Bowl on the day before Groundhog Day, Sunday. Then, there was the Super Fishbowl game on Election Day, Tuesday. On Tuesday, the citizens marched from where they had been sitting as spectators, to take their places as the gladiators dying in the bloody arena below.

Joe Lieberman was among the first to be struck down. Howard Dean limped from the field, mortally bleeding. The Village Voice felled Al Sharpton in a single, ugly, crushing blow. Gladiators Clark and Edwards are waiting their turn to go down. The trumpets sound again for the

next event. It warns us, that once the field has been swept of fallen gladiators, the slaughter of the citizens, the general *mélée*, will then begin. It is not time for you to leave, dear citizen; your turn in the arena is next!

So, great empires have died, now as then. The citizens, thinking themselves only spectators, free from harm, play the game of "Thumbs up! Thumbs down!," not suspecting that soon it will be their turn to go. So, Pericles' Athens had its champions in the Peloponnesian Wars; so, the little Athenians, the admirers of those champions, went to the doom which their choices had brought upon them. The Master Croupier laughs: "For the U.S. citizens today, there are more SuperFishbowl Tuesdays still to come."

Do you like to gamble with your vote? Not the one-armed bandit, this time! Touch the computerized screen. The Master Croupier appears, smiling: "Make your choice." You vote, or don't. It makes no difference. The Master Croupier who built and runs the machines, will cast your actual vote for you. In a neat touch of Satanic Irony, the Master Croupier's stage name is "Will"; "Popular Will," that is.

After all, it is your choice! You propose, but who disposes? Who will win in the end? George or John? The Master Croupier leers: "Me!"

showing, Howard Dean sent an e-mail to his supporters telling them to go all-out to win Wisconsin, or he's finished. Dean wrote: "All that you have worked for these past months is on the line on a single day, in a single state. . . . The entire race has come down to this: we must win Wisconsin. . . . We will get a boost this weekend in Washington, Michigan, and Maine, but our true test will be the Wisconsin primary. A win there will carry us to the big states of March 2 and narrow the field to two candidates. Anything less will put us out of this race."

Behind this declaration is the fact that Dean's support was in fact paper-thin, a creation of the Internet, the media, and the fervent desires of the White House, which had figured that he was the easiest Democrat to beat. Increasingly, it became clear to the voters who had hoped that he was an anti-establishment voice, that Dean was a flake, whose underlying sentiments were for Republican-style budget austerity, but who was too unstable to maintain his image, much less be President.

Gen. "Screw-up" Wesley Clark is also headed for the door. Associated Press reported on Feb. 5 that two Clark campaign officials, who wished to remain anonymous, said that Clark considered dropping out after the Feb. 3 races, despite the fact that he had narrowly prevailed in Oklahoma. Clark's record will not allow him to compete against John Kerry, who has mobilized a network of veterans, and who, unlike Clark, did not make high-profile errors, born of egotism, during his

military service.

That leaves John Edwards, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio), and Al Sharpton, in addition to LaRouche and Kerry. Of these, only Edwards, who scored a big win in his birth-state of South Carolina on Feb. 3, has the potential broad base of support to be a serious contender into the later primaries.

The Sharpton Factor

As we note in another article in this issue, the candidacy of Al Sharpton is worse than a joke. His function in the Presidential race is basically as a saboteur, and a voting line in which votes for Lyndon LaRouche can be dumped.

With the publication of the Village Voice exposé of Feb. 5, Sharpton's days as a candidate may well be numbered. There are reports that his campaign is being hit with a flood of credit card chargebacks, and one conservative watchdog group has called for the Federal Election Commission to withhold his matching funds, which were only achieved with the financial magic of his patron, Republican consultant Roger Stone.

While Sharpton is simply pathetic, the recent exposés should raise more serious questions among serious Democrats about Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe, who has consistently excluded the broadly supported LaRouche candidacy (including among prominent African-Americans), in favor of the joke campaign of Sharpton.