

LaRouche on Hustings: Bush Too Dumb To Dump Cheney Now?

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In an eventful three-day tour through Arkansas, which held its Democratic Presidential primary on May 18, candidate Lyndon LaRouche repeatedly demonstrated the mission orientation required of a President, to extricate the United States from the devastating twin crises of war and financial disintegration.

The Democratic Presidential candidate, who is the only serious remaining alternative to Sen. John Kerry for the nomination, spoke with urgency and passion during meetings held with religious leaders, political officials, and the media, at which he elaborated his principled approach to peace in Southwest Asia—the LaRouche Doctrine—and his proposals to create 10 million jobs in the United States with a Franklin

Roosevelt-style financial reorganization to rebuild necessary infrastructure and defend the general welfare.

LaRouche has a base of support in the state, which first became evident in the Democratic Presidential primary in 2000, when he received enough votes—more than 52,000—to qualify for at least eight delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The subsequent corrupt and illegal actions by the Gore campaign and Gore’s allies in the Democratic National Committee—which disenfranchised those 52,000-plus voters in the same way that, in 1964, the then-racist Democratic Party in Mississippi threw out the votes cast by African-Americans—made LaRouche a folk hero among Democrats who are fighting the Wall Street interests which



Candidate LaRouche toured Arkansas in mid-May, speaking to groups of supporters and students (above) and ministers, and receiving prominent coverage of his challenge to Bush: “Fire Cheney and Rumsfeld now, or prove yourself the dumbest President in U.S. history” (with local ABC-TV station, right).

have captured the Kerry campaign since his emergence as the “front-runner.”

It was leaders of this potential alliance of civil rights activists and farm and labor Democrats, who invited LaRouche to the state for a series of meetings in January, and participated again in a dialogue with him this week.

LaRouche’s visit coincided with the exposure of the escalating scandal of the treatment of Iraqi prisoners. While Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his deputy, Straussian Stephen Cambone, lied to members of the Congressional committees looking into the Torquemada-type torture used to “extract information,” arguing that only a few low-level

types are responsible, LaRouche identified the reality in a memo drafted while in Arkansas. The responsibility for these actions comes from the top, LaRouche said, from whence emanated the mindset with which the war is being conducted. LaRouche also directly challenged President Bush to show the brains to dump Rumsfeld and Cheney—or stand convicted of being the dumbest President the United States ever had.

This was part of the message he delivered to members of the Christian Ministerial Alliance of Little Rock, when he addressed their weekly meeting on May 10. If Cheney and the neo-con crowd controlling their puppet Bush are not re-

The Mark of the Beast

This statement was released on May 11 by the LaRouche in 2004 political campaign committee.

Tell those lunatics who have been praying for the Battle of Armageddon (in the hope that they will be rewarded by a removal of their obligation to pay next month’s rent), that the Bush Administration’s behavior in the Iraq prisoner scandal proffers any competent intelligence officer clear evidentiary proof, that these pictures are clues pointing to a crime committed by those who, like the notorious Grand Inquisitor Tomás Torquemada, bear “The Mark of the Beast.” The perpetrators of the crime against Iraqis held captive, are the same circle of Vice President Cheney et al., who we exposed as nothing other than “beast-men” in my campaign’s report on the Synarchist roots, which today’s neo-conservative followers of Chicago’s Professor Leo Strauss share with the fascists Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Francisco Franco, and their like, of 1922-1945 notoriety. There, in the intention expressed by those Synarchist traditions—that at the highest level—lies the essential culpability, the essential criminality.

Most people today, think as if they were running around on a giant pool-table, bouncing off one another according to the mechanical rules of some Hobbesian-nightmare universe. Thus, they seek to explain nearly every experience in terms of “Who hit whom.” For persons sharing that confused state of mind, the crime lies, essentially, in the willful action by the individual. An educated, sane person rejects that “Who hit whom” approach. The competently developed mind recognizes that an individual crime such as that reflected in the pictures from the U.S. prison in Iraq, is not essentially the result of the individual will, but the influence of the system on his, or her will. In such cases, as in the notoriety of the Inquisition, or the

similar case of the U.S. Iraq prison-system today, the essential responsibility, the essential criminality, has been generated by those responsible for the Defense Department’s design of the conduct of the continuing war in Iraq.

Consider a few relevant points.

The foolish President of the United States once announced that the war in Iraq had been won. What a fool he was, to put on a uniform, as if it were a clown-suit, stand on a carrier, and proclaim himself a mastermind in matters of warfare! The war has not ended to the present day; what the poor, mentally limited President mistakenly thought was the end of war, was the beginning of its more deadly, protracted phase, as Classical asymmetric warfare in the tradition of the post-MacArthur phase of the Korea War, again in Indo-China, and so on. The President started a war, could not end it successfully, and then blamed the nation which he had attacked (on fraudulent pretenses concocted by his Vice President’s cronies) for refusing to play by what the President thought were his God-like powers to declare the war won at any time he just happened to chose.

The foolish President complicated his folly by putting Bremer, a known entity, in charge. Bremer occupied Saddam Hussein’s offices, violated all standing principles for a U.S. occupying military force, and copied every bad kind of act, to the present day, for which Saddam Hussein had been accused by his own Iraq opponents.

Under the Bremer regime, Iraqis were tortured for information, presumably for the “weapons of mass destruction” which had almost certainly never existed.

Shades of the inquisition against the Cathars: “Kill them all, and let God sort them out!”

To free himself from continuing culpability in the ongoing crime, let the President call the accomplices of Cheney and Rumsfeld into the Oval Office. Let the President tell them all: “I have found the enemy in Iraq, and he is us.” The President might add, pointing to his President of Vice: “Dick, get that damned rug out of your mouth!”

—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.



LaRouche Youth Movement activists from Texas organized students on Arkansas campuses while candidate LaRouche toured the state.

moved, he told them, we face perpetual war, including nuclear war. Under those conditions, there will be no chance that the economic collapse and bankruptcy facing the world will be addressed.

But this crisis, LaRouche continued, presents us with an opportunity, as “people are going to find themselves suddenly plunged into a sense of reality. They’re going to sense that their lives are meaningless; that this pursuit of bread and circuses is not reality. If we can communicate to them a sense of mission, a national and world mission, to give them a sense of being human and not part of a herd of cattle, then we can survive, and leave a better world.”

This message provoked an intense discussion, as the candidate’s challenge brought out the pessimism of some of the ministers—who expressed their fear that the “monied interests” are too powerful to defeat—and their desire to “fight the good fight.” In response to LaRouche’s discussion of immortality and the quality of the “sublime,” as exemplified by Joan of Arc and Martin Luther King, one minister expressed his full agreement, adding that “the only thing worse than dying, is being alive when you should be dead!”

Looking for Leadership

A similar dialogue ensued when LaRouche addressed a reception that evening, which included five Arkansas state legislators, as well as local elected officials. In addition to questions about LaRouche’s proposals for financial reorganization, job creation through infrastructure programs, and ways to combat the breakdown of rural communities and the effects of the “Wal-Martization” of the economy, there was an in-depth discussion of how to reverse voters’ apathy and the sense of impotence in the electorate.

LaRouche returned again to the question of the sublime, of humanity’s need for leaders who act for posterity, who show the courage to act against the foolish popular opinions of the moment. While his presentation took them through

physical economy and the history of the last century, to demonstrate the difference between the American System and the speculative bubble of consumerism, he kept returning to the central “spiritual” issue facing humanity: the distinction between man, organized in a human society, and the beasts. Human beings can stand up and fight, and must not be terrorized into submitting to Cheney and his Beast-Men. The function of leaders is to inspire people to act as creative, courageous human beings.

A key moment came when a state legislator said, “My wife and I voted for you. What else can we do?” It was agreed that organizing a big LaRouche vote in Arkansas’ primary is a necessary step toward sanity.

Bush Is ‘Dumbest’ President

The candidate’s trip included a well-attended press conference in Little Rock, which generated coverage on all three network TV stations, and an article in the state’s leading paper, the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*. The article captured at least a part of LaRouche’s message, by accurately quoting him with the headline, “LaRouche Says Bush ‘Dumbest’ President.” LaRouche was also the only candidate who appeared on the special debate organized by Fayetteville’s cable-TV station; this became a probing one-hour interview with LaRouche, conducted by local NBC news anchorman Don Elkins, when Kerry opted to attend a \$1,000/person event in Little Rock, rather than join LaRouche in a necessary political dialogue.

Accompanying LaRouche on this tour was a group of nine activists from the LaRouche Youth Movement from Houston. In addition to organizing attendees at the various events, they have been circulating campaign literature at campuses, downtown areas, and churches statewide, to get out the vote for LaRouche in the Arkansas primary, and to recruit young Arkansans to the LYM and its mission to advance civilization by initiating a new renaissance.

The candidate went from Arkansas to neighboring Alabama, where he is also one of three candidates on the ballot in the upcoming (June 1) Democratic Presidential Primary. His visit there will feature dialogue with leading civil rights organizations, including those who hosted LaRouche in Talladega for his famous Martin Luther King Day speech on Jan. 19 of this year.

At the same time, LaRouche is having a major impact in Washington and around the country, through his leadership on the question of the Iraq War, which he addressed by issuing his LaRouche Doctrine. Already that doctrine is being heeded on the ground in Iraq, in places like Fallujah, and debate over a withdrawal of U.S. forces is being informed by LaRouche’s proposal. Should Rumsfeld and/or Cheney be removed soon, an action indispensable to the positive future of the United States and the world, it will be in large part due to the initiative taken by LaRouche, intrepidly to identify the source of this war, and put forward a viable alternative for peace among the nations in the region.