

Editorial

The Lemming Party?

Not too long ago, Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche noted that the only reason Vice President Dick Cheney is still in power, is that the Democratic Party leadership has kept LaRouche out of the primary process. True as that is, the reality is even worse, as members of the LaRouche Youth Movement found out on July 1. The head of the Democratic National Committee, Terry McAuliffe, actually *wants* to keep the murderous Cheney in office!

The LYM organizers found McAuliffe at a Washington, D.C. rally of the cyber-youth organization www.mobilization.org, and confronted him with the need to support the call for Cheney to be impeached or resign. McAuliffe responded: “We don’t want Cheney to resign. We want him to stay right where he is. It’s better for us.”

When the LYM organizer replied that Cheney could do a lot of damage between now and the election, getting the United States into more wars, or perhaps even engineering an emergency situation that would cancel the election altogether, McAuliffe brushed him aside. Oh, what can he do? the DNC chair asked, and rushed away into his car.

LaRouche’s comment on that exchange was: “We’ve heard this kind of thinking before. It came from the trade union leaders in January 1933 Germany, whose campaign against Hitler’s rival, Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher, enabled Schacht to put Hitler into power. Democrats who want to save U.S. soldiers’ lives, will act now by demanding that McAuliffe and [Kerry advisor Bob] Shrum be fired immediately.”

It is now clear why Democratic candidate Kerry has not stepped forward to support the Democratic Congressmen who have been taking on Cheney and the Bush Administration on their corruption and war crimes. Kerry is being told not only to lay low on the war, but also on Cheney himself.

But it’s not just McAuliffe—a creature of dirty-money networks who gauges all party affairs by the financial take—who is issuing such suicidal advice to Kerry. A similar political line is also coming from Kerry’s lead campaign advisor, Bob Shrum.

Shrum has a 30-year history of manipulating Democratic political figures and campaigns, working against

the best FDR traditions of that party, and much of the time, losing. Shrum was the chief advisor for Texas Lt. Gov. Ann Richards, in her losing campaign against George W. Bush for Governor of Texas. He also became the chief strategic for the Al Gore campaign in 2000, where he provided Gore with the advice that he never attack Bush’s competence to be President, steer clear of the country’s most popular Democrat, President Clinton, and quickly concede the election to Bush after the Supreme Court’s decision in favor of Bush. After that, Shrum did what some say he does best: wrote a “moving” concession speech.

Not only is Shrum a fervent proponent of “triangulation”—the centrist “third way” that attempts to attract GOP voters, while rejecting the FDR tradition of support for labor and minorities—but he’s by no means loyal just to the Democratic Party. During 2003, Shrum was the chief strategist and advisor to Kennedy family in-law Arnie Schwarzenegger, in his run for Governor of California! Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, who lost his job in that dirty operation, reacted to Shrum’s being brought onto the Kerry campaign by demanding that Shrum be fired for being a “traitor.” Kerry, for whatever reason, refused to do so.

With Shrum and McAuliffe running his campaign strategy, no wonder that John Kerry is failing to “catch on” with the traditional base of the Democratic Party—to put it mildly. As far as these characters are concerned, the huge amount of funds pouring into Kerry’s coffers is all he should worry about. This, despite the fact that poll numbers continue to show the presumptive nominee’s negatives outweighing his positive image. Don’t they know that, without engaging the lower 80% of income brackets into the election campaign, the Kerry campaign is either going to lose, or be beholden to the synarchist bankers who want to bring fascist economics to the United States under the “Democratic” mantle, if they can sell it more easily?

If Shrum and McAuliffe aren’t fired now, LaRouche said, “The Democrats might as well rename themselves the Lemming Party. These creatures will either lead the Democrats to defeat, or, if Kerry gets elected, ensure that he carries out a policy by which we lose the nation.” Considering the evidence, that is true indeed.