

LaRouche on 'Cheney-Gate'

The Presidential candidate's political committee, LaRouche in 2004, released this actuality to the news media on Nov. 10; campaign radio ads based on it aired in Washington, D.C. beginning Nov. 13. LaRouche is on the ballot in the District's Jan. 13 Presidential primary.

This is Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche speaking. Also, of course, a Presidential candidate in the current Washington, D.C. Presidential primary selection.

There are several matters which have broken out, which are of specific relevance to us in the Washington area, as well as in Washington, D.C., itself. One, of course, is what has broken out on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

If you go back to Oct. 22, at the time that I made a public statement, saying that the time had come, to proceed rapidly on cleaning up the Cheney case, if we wished to have any government, or any decent election process. The following day, the Senate Select Committee heard, on the Valerie Plame case, testimony on that subject.

Since that time, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has been a central point of much of the debate about getting discovery on matters pertaining to the way in which Cheney and others faked up the reports, to get the United States into a war, for which there was no need—a war we're trying to get out of now.

Recently, on or about Nov. 4, Fox-TV responded to the announcement of an agreement between the Republi-

can head of the committee, and Senator Rockefeller, on sending letters to relevant parts of the government, to get discovery of the way in which some of the decisions were made, which might have affected the way fake intelligence was conduited through the government, to get us into a war. A perfectly legitimate question.

During that period, of course, people were trying to push things onto the CIA, as opposed to what we know is the problem—which is various agencies associated, particularly, with Vice President Cheney.

Then, on that date, on Nov. 4, Fox-TV sprang this leak, alleging it had a document from inside the committee, which was immediately used by the Republican faction, to try to jam up the entire investigation—really as a way of trying to save Cheney's neck. This is typical of the kind of problem.

The problem here, otherwise, is that the Democratic National Committee, and leading candidates for the Presidential nomination, have so far refused to deal with this thing in a straightforward manner. If they had, then you wouldn't have this jam-up in the Senate. And therefore, you should examine the qualifications of people for President, on the basis on which they are responding to this kind of important issue.

The D.C. Health-Care Issue

Of course, also, as you all know, I am insisting on restoring the D.C. General Hospital, as a full-service public hospital, in its former form. And at the same time, of course, reversing the present HMO health policy, back into a Hill-Burton-type policy—an issue on which I have a fundamental difference with Dr. Dean, who is for, in his own terms, the HMO policy.