

Hitting hard on the issues

LaRouche tells Illinois antidrug dinner 'we must fight to win'

On Sunday, July 22, presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche of the U.S. Labor Party addressed 400 persons attending the First Annual Awards Dinner of the Illinois Anti-Drug Coalition in Chicago. We present excerpts of the candidate's remarks, followed by some samples of the press coverage that LaRouche's tour has provoked in the south and the midwest. LaRouche has said that his campaign will define the issues of the 1980 presidential race. The following speech brought him standing ovations at several points, and the media have begun to take notice.

I want to speak to you about three points tonight. First, I want to indicate what I see as the hope that should inspire us to desire to realize the potentialities of our children's minds.

Second, I want to define the fight against drugs as a fight. It is not a matter of going out and doing good things to try to prevent children from becoming drug addicts. Those things are absolutely necessary, but many parents who have done those useful and necessary things have found themselves the victims of the drug culture. Despite the family's attempts at developing a child, trying to give the child guidance, giving the child all the things a parent is capable of, including inspiration to ensure that that child becomes what that child must become, the child still finds itself dragged down to the peer group of the street, the peer group of the drug addiction rampaging in our schools. We must improve our efforts to make that child stronger. But we cannot succeed unless we destroy this *organized* menace of drugs.

Drugs is not an individual decision, although, there is an individual decision involved. The child capitulates under pressure; the pressures are greater, the susceptibilities are greater from case to case, but drug addiction would not exist in the way it exists unless it were organized. We have to fight the organization of drugs; otherwise efforts on the local level will fail, as necessary as they are otherwise.

Finally, I want to indicate to you that the fight can now be won. We can win the fight in the same sense as winning a war...

Developing our children's minds

Let me talk to you about India, which may seem far removed from drugs, but it isn't. India presently has an urban labor force of 54 million people. This labor force includes the third largest number of scientists and engineers and similar professionals of any nation in the world. ... Within a few years, India will have an urban labor force of 100 million people. If we use only existing technologies—those known to us or those about to be known to us—India by the year 2025 will have approximately a quarter of a billion people as an urban labor force. This labor force will be producing by standards that we associate with skilled workers in the United States, or better. India, at that point, will be producing *double* the gross product of the world in 1979.

India is unable to realize that potential so far because it lacks the capital goods. It has the people; it has a very high culture among many of its people. It also has a section of its people who are very much deprived and left in backwardness. Development has been inadequate to bring all the Indian people to that level of culture. But India is a great nation with great potential.

We in the United States, we in Japan, we in Western Europe have the technology, the means of production to provide India... with new technologies. We can give India a nuclear industry. Indian nationals are the largest component of nuclear scientists and technicians of any nation in the world. Many of those scientists are working in the United States, in Britain, in France, in Germany, in Italy.

We can give India an enlarged chemical industry. It already has a good chemical industry and a good pharmaceutical industry, which need to be expanded. We can give India an expanded steel industry to produce specialty steels of the type they need. They now have a good basic steel industry that needs to be improved.

India will not benefit only for itself. We have a half billion people in Southeast Asia. We have a billion more people in the rest of the region, along the Indian Ocean coast of Africa and India, the subcontinent, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. One billion and a half people

will be developed and lifted out of backwardness, underdevelopment and hunger through the contributions made by India as the central base of technology for this region. We, and Japan, and Western Europe have to develop India, so that India can play a part in lifting the entire region out of backwardness and hunger.

Our children will do that. Our youth today, our children, will be employed in producing the things that the people of the developing sector need. It is they who will make the machine tools; it is they who will make the capital goods that go out to these countries as our capital-goods exports.

The challenge, the opportunity for our youth and our children as a labor force is great. Our children, our labor force, will play a vital part in lifting the world out of misery. If we do not do this, then between now and the year 2000, the world population of perhaps four billion today might fall to two billion or even one billion persons through famine, epidemic, and social chaos.

We are not merely people who have to take care of ourselves. We don't live our short lives on this planet between birth and death merely to stuff our guts or to please ourselves, or to satisfy our animal side. We die. What do we take with us? Can we take gratification with us? Can we take the gratification of lust with us? Can we take status with us? No. What's important is what we do with this body and mind of ours in that short interval between life and death. Do we make that life meaningful? Do we distinguish ourselves from the laboring ox or talking parrot? Can we look at ourselves and say we today and future generations each have the right to stand proud because we know the human race is benefiting from what we're doing?

A mother can say, "I'm developing children. Look at their minds; look at what they're doing; look at what they're accomplishing." Parents who sacrifice can say, "We're developing children; look at what they're doing."

We have a mission, we of the United States. We have a mission to use the great potential we have to transform this world. Each of our people, each of our children, has a right to say, "I am a part of that; I have a purpose in life. I can stand proud before all future coming generations because I have lived my life for a purpose."

Those means now exist to us. It is our duty to give our children, our youth, that self-image, that perspective of hope, and say, "You, your mind, your life is of eternal, immortal importance if you make it so...."

We must destroy the evil of drugs

You have to fight drugs and the people who push them. You can't be nice with a burglar, with an assassin. These are not just petty assassins, not just petty criminals. They're people who stand above suspicion, people

of great prestige and, collectively, of great power.

The reason we still have the drug problem is not because our children are guilty. When you see a child who has OD'd, don't blame the child. Yes, the child should have had the strength to resist, but don't blame the child. Somebody was pushing drugs; somebody was benefiting from it; somebody was using drugs to destroy our society—and deliberately so—and profiting great wealth from that.

Police agencies and other agencies have fought drugs since they were brought into this country in 1927. It was brought in by the same group that was running the Prohibition gangsters, the same big names—one big family name in Canada, Bronfman, has \$7 billion in wealth based on, first, illegal, bootleg, rotgut whiskey and, then, on drugs. These people infiltrate the leadership of our national parties. They control whole institutions in Washington, including a section of the Department of Justice.

You're not going to clean up the drugs by being nice. You're going to have to clean out the citadels of power in this country. Forget party labels as such—you're going to have to sort out the ones who fight drugs and sort out the ones who push decriminalization. That is evil—it may be done through weakness, cowardice, or complicity, but it is evil! And you have to fight it.

The same problem arose in Italy in connection with terrorism. Terrorism is organized by the same forces that organize drugs in this country, the exact same command structure. Italy was having thousands of people murdered every year through international terrorism, and nobody could seem to stop it. We and others proposed to use political intelligence methods to get to the citadels of power, to the people above suspicion. The leadership of one entire major political party in Italy was behind the terrorism and also behind the drugs in Italy, which is not as serious a problem as here. You have to get those people.

There is a great hue and cry about this, but we are succeeding even if we haven't yet succeeded. Our analysis of the terrorism problem has been used over the past 18 months by the Italian secret services together with the French intelligence services and other countries' intelligence services. We are beginning to crack terrorism. We are going into the Bank of Italy; people there are being cleaned out by police agencies. We are destroying an entire party in Italy which is responsible for drugs. We are cleaning out sections of intelligence services, including Israeli intelligence. The Chinese Communist foreign intelligence service had an agent arrested last week in connection with terrorism. Major bankers, people in high places in this country, are going to be indicted as complicit.

This is a fight; people are dying. One of our closest collaborators, Judge Alessandrini, in Milan was murdered by these people....Our friends....are being mur-

dered, but we have to save Italy from terrorism. We have to save Europe from the scourge of terrorism.

Some people want to bring it here.

The same thing is true of drugs: we must fight. You cannot be nice. You cannot say that you have to be nice to such and such a politician who tolerates decrim. No! That is the enemy of my child. That is the enemy of my neighbor's child. That is a person who is condoning the destruction of this country. *That is treason!*

If you don't use harsh, bitter, divisive words and if you don't mobilize hard, divisive action, you'll never clean up the drug problem. You don't do that by sitting back and saying, "Well, I can't do anything. I have to be nice; I have to educate people." If you say that, then you are condoning the problem because you are refusing to use adequate methods to prevent another child from being destroyed...

How we can win

Can we win? Yes. This country, like other countries, is in the greatest crisis in memory. The parties are falling apart; seventy to seventy-five percent of the people hate Washington and everything it stands for. They hate most city governments, most state governments—and with justification. Sometimes their hatred is a little misplaced; sometimes they blame Carter for things that may be the responsibility of Congress, but nonetheless their attitude is essentially correct.

These people are now moving. They are moving on the question of energy, on many questions. They see our way of life being destroyed. They know there were many faults with what this country did in the sense that it failed to deliver on its promise to many of our citizens. We have to get that train going. We have to make sure that those citizens who didn't get on the train get a chance to get on it. We made a promise to our citizens and the very possibility of delivering on that promise is being destroyed. Those who have, are losing it in the main. And those who didn't quite get it, are being denied the opportunity ever to get it.

The country is angry. The world is angry. It is in such times that the ordinary rules of political life and processes no longer obtain. It is no longer necessary to put up with this. Take the case in Michigan where a school board cleaned out drugs from the school, and the American Civil Liberties Union came in and protested the fact that the school had cooperated with the police department to find the drug pushers and their accomplices among the students. This was considered a violation of civil rights.

Then the school board sent out an inquiry to the parents to see what they thought of the whole business, and, according to the figures I received, they got back 3,000 "we approve" and 12 to 15 "no." That is exemplary of the attitude of most American parents once they are given hope that finally somebody will do something about this. Under these circumstances, it is possible to win.

Press sees a winner...

Marietta (Ga.) Daily Journal, July 20, "Labor Candidate Visits Cobb": Another president named Lyndon?

It's possible, according to Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the official presidential candidate of the U.S. Labor Party, who helicoptered into west Cobb County Thursday. [Mr. LaRouche is an independent candidate—ed.]

"The two-party system is finished," LaRouche said.

"This will be a third party year—the first third party year of any significance since Teddy Roosevelt was elected."

LaRouche held a press conference after helicoptering from Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta to the west Cobb estate of Mitchell L. WerBell III on Macland Road.

WerBell said he is not endorsing LaRouche, but was meeting with him concerning security which the WerBell organization provides for LaRouche and many other public figures.

LaRouche, 57, is chairman of the U.S. Labor Party and was also its presidential nominee in the 1976 elections, when his name was on the ballot in 26 states. He also appeared on national television on election eve in 1976, warning that the election of Jimmy Carter would lead the nation into nuclear war.

LaRouche said he is pulling together a multiple-party organization, trying to consolidate representatives of all groups into a core of support.

He said he is shooting for \$20 million to \$40 million in campaign funds, but so far has raised "only peanuts."

"But we have to get organized before we can raise the funds," he said.

His strategy, he said, will be to define issues so intensely that it will foul up the "beauty contestant" candidates from the major parties.

"We will stir up a whole nest of issues," LaRouche said. He said he is a serious contender for 1980.

"I'm going to win it," he said. "We're in danger of losing everything we've fought for for the past 200 years."

LaRouche advocates a return to the commitment to technological process. "That's how we became an industrial power," he said, "We have too many services and not enough productivity."

He believes nuclear energy should be expanded, and one of the hottest issues in the 1980 race will be the drug problem.

LaRouche helped establish the National Caucus of Labor Committees in the 1960s, which formed the U.S.