

## Call for probe of New Hampshire fraud

On Feb. 26, the presidential campaign of Lyndon LaRouche, Democrat, released to this news service a copy of a report it will soon submit to the international Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations, documenting widespread use of fraudulent election tactics in the Feb. 16 New Hampshire presidential primary, where LaRouche was officially credited with only 188 votes. The independent Commission, based in Paris, released findings in the "LaRouche case" last September, urging that action be taken to stop the use of "KGB-style" tactics against LaRouche and his supporters by the U.S. Justice Department and by factions opposed to LaRouche in the Democratic Party.

Prior to the election, LaRouche volunteers had registered more than 5,000 new voters, focusing its "new civil rights movement" on the poor and the elderly. In the course of that voter registration drive, the report states, it became clear to the campaign that the "machine" that runs elections in New Hampshire wanted to prevent LaRouche from realizing the results of that effort, and to keep his official vote total below one percent.

The LaRouche campaign's report presents evidence of outright vote stealing, as well as thuggery against volunteer pollwatchers. Numerous affidavits from campaign workers are included, documenting practices that more bring to mind the Soviet Union, than an election in a democratic state. Also documented are statements by election officials of the State of New Hampshire, indicating a coordinated effort by the current leadership of the State Democratic Party, to prevent the LaRouche vote from being honestly counted.

### 'I'm a thug!'

Following are highlights of the revelations in the report:

- In the week following the election, the report shows, LaRouche campaign workers in more than 18 wards had already gathered more sworn affidavits from LaRouche voters than the total number of votes officially credited to LaRouche in those wards.

- Reversing longstanding precedent, New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner on Feb. 8 ordered his staff to announce that pollwatchers would not be allowed in

the polling places on election day. After legal intervention by the LaRouche campaign, Gardner was forced to retract his arbitrary and illegal order by election day.

- Despite the retraction, the confusion resulting from Gardner's order resulted in repeated violations of LaRouche pollwatchers' rights at the polls, including the arrest and physical abuse of two LaRouche pollwatchers.

- Judy Hodgkiss, a LaRouche campaign volunteer, was arrested in Manchester's Ward 4 polling site, for asserting her right to monitor the final counting of the vote at the close of the day. Her hands were manacled, wrenched, and scratched to the point of bleeding, by the arresting officer, who told her, "I'm not a policeman, I'm a thug! I'm here to throw out people like you!"

- Janice Hart, the former Democratic Party nominee for Secretary of State in Illinois, was arrested together with George Laurence, another LaRouche campaign volunteer, at the Ward 12 polling site in Manchester. After attempting to determine, through close observation, why a machine was not functioning, they were told by Moderator Alphone Duval and other clerks to sit down. When they continued to ask questions about the malfunction, the police were called. Refusing to be silenced, the two volunteers were thrown around by the arresting officers, handcuffed, and arrested.

- A "Chronology of Election Day Irregularities" documents a consistent pattern of action by election officials to prevent LaRouche pollwatchers from entering the polls, even where pollwatchers for other candidates were permitted entry. LaRouche pollwatchers were repeatedly told that they required a letter of authorization from the Secretary of State or the State Democratic Party, before they would be permitted to enter the polling place. In some cases, the intervention of the Town Clerk was required, after hours of waiting, to reverse this illegal exclusion. In many cases, the pollwatcher was successfully excluded.

- The Chronology also includes numerous reports by LaRouche pollwatchers of malfunctioning voting machines, and lax or absent security procedures for identifying voters.

Under American election law, legal action against such fraud is to no avail, unless the complainant can prove that the outcome of the election would be changed by proof of fraud. The LaRouche campaign estimates that it can easily prove that it won at least 7% of the vote. However, to prove that it garnered the 15% required to win a delegate, would be an enormous drain on valuable time, effort, and money, that would be better spent on rapidly approaching primaries in the South.

Therefore, the LaRouche campaign has requested that the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations examine the report, and issue independent findings on its merit. The campaign will also circulate its report to judicial and human rights associations internationally, to bring a spotlight to bear on the "KGB-style" election that just took place in New Hampshire.