

## Candidate rips Bush 'coverup of coverup'

Lyndon LaRouche, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, commented on Feb. 14 that "in my view, the incident in New Hampshire involving Bush shaking hands with Roger Ham, is the most important event in the entire campaign; not just in my campaign, but all campaigns in the current 1992 presidential campaign series." As *EIR* reported last week, George Bush had been confronted on Feb. 12 by Ham, a LaRouche supporter, at a shopping mall in Bedford. The incident was covered internationally in wildly distorted media reportage, based on an Associated Press wire.

Ham asked Bush when he will release the government's documents on LaRouche. Ham then showed Bush a bumper sticker that read, "George Bush: Don't Barf on Me." Bush took a long look at the slogan and recoiled in horror.

As LaRouche noted, the significance of the incident "is located in the fact that the White House, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, felt it necessary to issue a deliberately false and misleading report of the incident, not only to the press for circulation throughout the United States broadly, but also into Europe.

"The two features of the Fitzwater hoax are essential to understand the significance of this. Let's review it.

"What happened was, Roger shaking hands with Bush, or Bush shaking hands with Roger. Roger, in effect, asked Bush to release the 12333 and related security files, or 12333 security files, on me. Bush responded to that, saying, 'He's in jail,' in other words, refusing with that phrase. Roger made a statement and whipped out the bumper sticker, and Bush continued to shake hands until his aides broke up the handshake," LaRouche said.

Roger Ham was challenging the President's willful suppression of over 50,000 pages of government files which would exonerate and free LaRouche, who was convicted on vague federal "conspiracy" charges after a trial in the notorious Alexandria, Virginia "rocket docket" in late 1988. The U.S. government refuses to release the files, some of which were amassed under an investigation of LaRouche under Executive Order 12333, claiming they are part of a "National Security Depository."

A few weeks ago, on Jan. 22, attorneys for LaRouche filed a 2255 motion seeking to vacate his 15-year sentence because his conviction and detention were unlawful. Based on massive amounts of newly obtained evidence, the motion charges that "the prosecution conducted and participated in a conspiracy and concerted action with others to illegally and

wrongfully convict him and his associates by engaging in outrageous misconduct, including financial warfare."

### Fitzwater conceals real story

"The fact that Bush continued to shake hands and kept looking with horrified fascination at 'Don't Barf On Me,' is the secondary feature," LaRouche observed about the Bedford mall incident, calling this "a psychological feature which is only significant, because it falls in the context of a much larger feature." The point is that "Fitzwater and company attempted to conceal, preemptively, the fact that what Roger had asked about, was the security file on me which Bush is sitting upon."

The candidate underlined, "Bush is sitting on a file which exonerates me, which keeps me in prison, and, by sitting on it, is keeping me in prison.

"Now, imagine the effect on the campaign if word gets around that the key issue of the campaign is that Bush is sitting on a file which keeps his leading political opponent in prison. A fraud. Then you add on to it the other coverups of Bush."

The Democratic political prisoner cited a few of these: "covering up the Syrian authorship of the Pan Am Flight 103 detonation sabotage, by blaming, falsely, Libya"; "the Bush coverup of the cocaine drug-running by Oliver North in the Contra operation"; and "the coverup of the 'October Surprise' issues by various agencies of government involving, of course, Cyrus Hashemi and his attorney, a member of the U.S. intelligence community known to Bush"—a story which LaRouche, his associates, and *EIR* have been exposing for over a decade.

"The point is that putting me toe-to-toe against Bush on this issue in the context of that little incident, is the key to the entire national campaign—not merely my campaign against Bush, but the campaign as a whole."

Bush's "little mental aberration" in reaction to the bumper sticker is, LaRouche added, "simply a fillip which adds comprehension to what's going on here, the tragedy, the sickness, of the presidency itself," which he characterized as "Caligula"-like.

He concluded: "We caught the White House attempting to arrange a coverup to protect a coverup; and the news is, that Bush is caught red-handed in a continuing coverup of the fact that he's keeping somebody in prison who's innocent. That is what indicts Bush as a presidential candidate and indicts his slate—internationally, not just nationally."

LaRouche supporters have challenged his Democratic rivals and Bush's Republican opponent Patrick Buchanan to force the opening of the LaRouche files. On Feb. 10 in a campaign appearance in New Hampshire, Paul Tsongas replied sheepishly, "I'd be delighted to see an investigation." On Feb. 15, Sen. Robert Kerrey (D-Neb.) accepted a packet of material on the issue, reversing his earlier position that he wasn't interested.