

## Editorial

### *They still fear LaRouche*

On July 14, at the NAACP annual convention, a panel was held ostensibly to launch a voter registration drive. It was chaired by one Loretta Ross. Strange to say, her speech was devoted to an attack on Lyndon H. LaRouche and the movement which supports him, the only political movement in the United States which is defending oppressed peoples around the world. Her remarks appear to have been largely scripted by the Anti-Defamation league (ADL).

Ross identified the right-to-life movement as a white supremacist ideology, and she equated opposition to "gay rights" with racism. She then honed in on her real target, LaRouche, by attacking civil rights leader Rev. James Bevel for working with him. Since Ross not only attacked LaRouche, but called Dan Quayle the leader of a new white supremacist movement, and went after Bush, Perot, and Bo Gritz as racists, her real message was obvious: Vote for those two sons of the Confederacy, Clinton and Gore.

In a private discussion following her speech, Ross openly pushed Dennis King's scurrilous slanders against LaRouche, urging people to read his book—a clumsy attempt to portray LaRouche and his associates as anti-Semites. Thus she exposed herself as a deliberate liar and her whole speech as a hoax. She did not appear before the audience in order to support NAACP policy, but to use the NAACP meeting as a platform from which to attack LaRouche.

LaRouche was framed up and then imprisoned in January 1989, by a Justice Department-led task force which used the services of the ADL, precisely because Democrats and Republicans alike feared the potential power of the movement which he was building. They thought that they could destroy this movement by imprisoning him. Yet even from his Minnesota jail cell, he and his associates have created a situation in which it is LaRouche's policies, and only his, which must be addressed—if only by slanders—because they are the only policies that provide solutions to the economic and social crisis.

The recent Democratic Party convention was an-

other case in point. No delegate had access to a microphone without first clearing his remarks with a representative of the Democratic National Committee. Not only was a LaRouche-supported, official minority plank opposing the death penalty illegally suppressed by National Committee fiat, but delegates were warned not to oppose this at caucus meetings, because no breaches of unity would be allowed at the convention.

Then let us look at the Ross Perot campaign. During the primary period, Perot was touted by the press as a serious challenge to Bush and Clinton. Not only did he come under increasing press attack, in terms reminiscent of the attacks against LaRouche, before he bowed out, but he was accused of associating with LaRouche. Thus in a commentary which appeared in the July 15 *Washington Post*, Molly Ivins wrote: "Perot is seriously into paranoid, right-wing conspiracy theories. . . . But now we have to do some serious thinking about what it means to have a President whose grip on reality is both infirm and elastic. By now your humble servants in the ink trade have documented Perot's connections to Lyndon LaRouchies."

Perot has no connection with Mr. LaRouche, but were this not the case, perhaps Mr. Perot would have something substantive to say in his campaign, rather than merely repeat rhetorical assertions that the U.S. economy must be put back on track and that jobs must be created. The point to be made, is that the same media slander campaign which has been orchestrated by the ADL against LaRouche and his associates, was then turned against Perot. Yet many of the people who gave their support to Perot are in fact LaRouche supporters who felt support to LaRouche to be impractical, while believing that Perot had a chance of victory.

The truth is that you get what you pay for in this world. By not supporting LaRouche, even though his campaign suffers from the terrible disadvantage of his unjust imprisonment, these pragmatists have strengthened the hand of the thug apparatus which framed and incarcerated him, and which still rightly fears the strength of the movement which he has inspired.