

their nation, continued. Events that featured in-depth discussions of the LaRouche strategic studies that have been printed in recent issues *EIR* occurred in Houston, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Falls Church, Virginia; and Los Angeles and Oakland, California. Similar meetings had already occurred in Maryland, New York, and New Jersey. More events are scheduled to occur.

No wonder the British Crown is becoming unhinged! An article that the LaRouche campaign has called a “savage and violent attack” appeared in a leading British women’s magazine on Aug. 5, arguing that the rapid growth of LaRouche’s influence constituted a serious threat to the British monarchy itself, and demanded in the headline, that Prime Minister Tony Blair and others move to “Shut This Man’s Mouth.” The attack is viewed by experts as a serious threat to the Presidential candidate’s life (see *International* lead).

U.S. politics torn in petty civil wars

by Michele Steinberg

With the greatest financial and strategic dangers in history unfolding in the immediate future, and with a cultural collapse in the United States, where enraged workers or enraged students are committing mass murders on nearly a weekly basis, the nation is faced with a complete leadership vacuum, except for the Presidential campaign of Lyndon LaRouche.

LaRouche’s strategic study, “How to Save a Dying U.S.A.” (*EIR*, July 16), warned of this state of affairs. He said: “Today’s new threat of apocalyptic times, should impel us to examine, and to revive, once again, that lately neglected capability and wont of the human mind, by means of which the level of the human condition had been moved upward and forward, despite even the darkest among intervening periods of calamity. . . . We have come into a time when the only basis for an optimistic outlook, is the fact, that history — and what we know of pre-history — shows us, beyond doubt, that there is something essentially good within human nature. Indeed, this is rightly recognized as a *divine spark of goodness*. . . . It is this spark of goodness, which has brought about the great steps of progress in the human condition, even despite the relatively ‘dark’ ages, which have struck all or large areas of this planet at one or another past time.”

Dull and dullard

According to *U.S. News and World Report* magazine on July 19, LaRouche is wrong about the dignity of the human mind, because Americans are scared off by “too much intelligence” in their Presidential candidates. Author Roger Simon makes a convincing case that the crop of Presidential candi-

dates is stupid, beginning with George W. Bush, the fruit of the poison tree. But Simon doesn’t know the human mind, and like most of the Wall Street- and British-controlled media types, he is conditioned to leave LaRouche out of the picture.

“Is It Wrong To Call Him George Dubya Bush? He’s No Genius, but Presidents Often Aren’t” is Simon’s headline. (Dubya is Texas-talk for W, Bush’s middle initial.) Simon writes, “Is Dubya Dumb? Is George Bush not the sharpest knife in the drawer? We know he doesn’t know Slovakia from Slovenia, Greeks from ‘Grecians,’ or that there is no ‘standard’ version of the Ten Commandments,” but, “How bright do you have to be to be President?”

Cute. But Americans aren’t as stupid as the editors of *U.S. News and World Report* would like to think. Former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower (D) told Simon, “Let’s face it, Gore vs. Bush is going to be a race between Dull and Dullard.” There is a tidal wave of resistance rising within the electorate to such a scenario, and pressure for changes will intensify as the LaRouche campaign, and the global financial crisis, move into the “hot phase.”

Catch a falling star

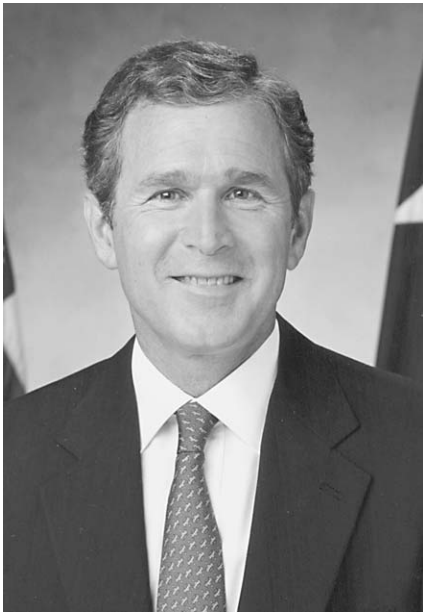
Al Gore’s campaign is reeling, but the fact that it is not closed down presents a danger to the nation, because of his ability to sabotage policies inside the Clinton administration.

On Aug. 5, Gore’s Chief of Staff Ronald Klain resigned from the campaign, for a lucrative law firm job. But, he is reportedly not the only top Gore staffer looking for a private career future. Gone are the days (just a few months ago!) when the Gore loyalists were claiming that there would be a “third Clinton Presidency.” Now, resumés are clogging the information highway, according to many Washington reports.

Bill Bradley has them “sleeping in the aisles,” according to Democrats who heard him speak at the Indianapolis meeting of National Conference of State Legislators. But, in the crucial state of New York, the latest poll shows Bradley *beating* Bush by seven percentage points, 46% to 39%, even though the same poll has Gore still ahead of Bradley among Democrats. In the general election, that poll has Gore only two points ahead of Bush, 45% to 43%.

Gore has nothing but growing problems. In California, the Democratic Party, which was planning to ride into the year 2000 elections in the Congress and state legislature after its stunning gubernatorial victory in 1998, is reportedly in fierce debate about dumping Gore because of his lack of appeal, especially among Hispanic voters, who show an unusually high percentage favoring Bush. Democrats criticize Gore for going to California only for raising funds and not for political events, according to columnist Robert Novak.

Gore is also losing out on the campaign funding front to both Bradley and Bush in the high-tech telecommunications and computer industry belt in “Silicon Valley” California. The Clinton-Gore campaign *heavily* depended on this sector in 1996. But, today, Bradley’s campaign has reported well more than \$408,000 in contributions from this area, Bush’s



Left to right: George W. Bush (“not the sharpest knife in the drawer”); Al Gore, Jr. (his campaign staffers are heading for the hills); Bill Bradley (he has them “sleeping in the aisles”).

money machine has about \$350,000, and Gore is trailing, with about \$242,000.

Wall Street, which was Gore’s other big ace in the hole, is hedging — as much as it does in finances. Maurice Greenberg, head of AIG insurance, was reported to be one of the Gore “kingmakers,” who attended several of the Wall Street fundraising meetings for Gore. But, it turns out, Greenberg is listed as a member of Bush’s “Pioneer’s Club,” meaning that he is one of 420 other bigwigs who have each sucked in more than \$100,000 to Bush’s campaign.

In Hollywood, “big stars” are endorsing Bradley, leaving “Big Al” with only a few Clinton “leftovers.” The Hollywood endorsements are considered crucial for Gore’s campaign money, which he needs to survive — since he has no political support among voters and grassroots Democrats, and labor is balking at endorsing him because of his fanatical support of free trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The latest of those to turn on Gore is in Washington, D.C., where the *Washington Post* dedicated a seven-part series, backed up with several full-page features, to George W. Bush. This “family album” puff piece in the so-called liberal flagship newspaper has left Gore dumbfounded.

But, Bush’s fight for the nomination in the Republican Party is beginning to look like an ugly slugfest. In addition, one of the biggest threats to Bush’s election could come from the Reform Party of H. Ross Perot, which is now in the hands of former wrestler, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura. If the Reform Party fields a conservative candidate, George W. will be seriously hurt. On Aug. 5, details emerged that a powerful faction inside the Reform Party wants Republican Patrick Buchanan to be their Presidential candidate, a spot that brings with it a \$12 million war chest and ballot status in all 50 states

for the November 2000 general elections. Buchanan has angrily rejected the offer, saying that the report of the Reform Party drafting him is a dirty trick designed to hurt his showing in the Aug. 14 Iowa Republican straw poll, where the GOP campaigns are scrambling to buy up votes for \$25 apiece.

Charges and counter-charges are flying among the Republicans of criminal vote buying, money laundering, and other Federal Election Commission violations. Bush’s campaign, for example, cancelled an alleged scheme to have six GOP “big bucks” contributors pay for the straw poll by giving “soft money” through the Iowa Republican Party. And, Steve Forbes’s campaign has denied allegations by unspecified accusers, that he was trying to hire voters through a temporary employment agency.

Given such reports, the Iowa straw poll looks like a replay of the Roman Empire’s famous popular vote, “Give us Barabbas!”

And, if Gore is the “most corrupt politician never elected President,” George W. Bush is certainly the runner-up.

Bush is the only candidate among 12 declared Democratic and Republican candidates who *refused* to answer whether he had ever used cocaine, according to the Aug. 5 *New York Daily News*. He says that he will not “trash mouth” and reply to rumors in this campaign. He is also the only candidate about whom it was reported that he and his “frat” brothers used a red-hot wire clothes hanger to “brand” the symbol of their fraternity on the hides of the fraternity recruits they were hazing.

There’s no question that without Al Gore, Bush would not stand a chance. The sooner that Americans realize that *a vote for Gore is a vote for Bush*, the closer our nation is to ensuring its survival.