

LaRouche's D.C. Declaration

This is Lyndon LaRouche's Nov. 22 declaration of candidacy for the Washington, D.C. Presidential primary, defining the leading principles of his campaign for the capital district's voters' guide.

There are two issues which define the present challenge to all candidates for the 2004 U.S. Presidential nomination. The first is U.S. military policy. The second is the failure of the present Administration and most among the U.S. Congress to acknowledge the reality, for the U.S.A. itself, of the world's presently onrushing general monetary-financial crisis.

The conditions of the poor within the District of Columbia itself contain a sharp and brutal reflection of those two much-neglected realities. This D.C. primary election puts the baby, those and related issues, on the doorstep of the Presidency and Congress, where responsibility for that neglected child of government belongs.

The present military policy of the United States gov-

ernment is that doctrine of preventive nuclear-armed warfare which Vice-President Cheney attempted to introduce, unsuccessfully, during his service as Secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush. This is the policy which Vice-President Cheney has been pushing since the immediate aftermath of the nightmare of September 11, 2001. Since January 2002, as a result of that policy, U.S. relations with the rest of the world have degenerated to a degree beyond anything in our memory of the past century and earlier.

The United States is gripped by a monstrous, cancerously growing national current accounts deficit. Our national debt spirals at an accelerating rate. Nearly all of the Federal states of the nation are now virtually bankrupt. The very name of *general welfare* has become a cruel insult to the sections of our national population within the ranks of the lower eighty percent of family-income brackets. This economic problem can be solved, if our nation is willing to think like the President Franklin D. Roosevelt who rescued the nation from Coolidge-Hoover catastrophe to build us, once again, into being the greatest productive power on this planet during the first two post-World War II decades.

People said, "those are the white guys who tried to keep D.C. General open and now they are trying to kick Cheney out of town. They're okay." At one public school, when the kids heard the LaRouche youth singing spirituals, they begged them not to leave.

At the same time as they conduct daily rallies and motorcades, the youth have also been hitting the halls of Congress, holding face-to-face meetings and discussions with aides and well as Congressmen on the vital issues facing the country, trying to educate them on the urgent nature of the crisis.

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Going directly into the communities, the youth have been stopping in barbershops, restaurants and grocery stores as spreading-points for campaign literature to deliver the message that Cheney must go. They have also gone onto the campuses such as UDC, Howard and George Washington University, urging students to join them in the "hot phase" of the campaign to put LaRouche's leadership on the table. They report that older people, especially African-Americans, have been coming out of their houses and onto the street to find out what the campaign is all about. The campaign is also resonating with African-American youth, both on campuses and off, who are part of the "no-future" generation.

The power of victory is being conveyed by LaRouche youth veterans of the landslide re-election victory of Mayor John Street in Philadelphia on Nov. 4, after LaRouche and

the LYM were asked by Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Democratic leaders to spearhead the fight against the police-state onslaught of Cheney's friend, Attorney General John Ashcroft. In Philadelphia, as earlier in Los Angeles County and other areas where the LaRouche Youth mobilized against the California Recall, it was proven that when the people of a nation recognize that their vote has the power to effect a change in society, and, even more importantly, to change history, they will respond.

This is why the LaRouche Youth movement has dedicated itself to taking the country back by giving the population a "sense of mission," such as last seen during the Civil Rights movement in the 1950-60s. To capture the quality of leadership of these turning moments of America's past, and give rebirth to them, as LaRouche has emphasized in recent campaign speeches, is their goal.

LaRouche told an educational weekend retreat of the East Coast LaRouche Youth Movement on Nov. 23: "Your object is to create a movement for that result, and the movement will recruit the voters." The ability to get people to move, lies in recognition of their immortality in the contributions that they make to the future, LaRouche has also stressed. For them, this idea of immortality lies bound up in their recognition of their power to win victories for change against the odds, in what the LaRouche Youth Movement has laid out as their paramount task: the election of LaRouche and the political destruction of Cheney.