

D.C. Primary 'Vote' Was a Whiff of Hell

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The blatant rigging of the results of Washington, D.C.'s Democratic primary of Jan. 13, gives the American population a whiff of the hell which it will face, if it continues to try to ignore the realities facing the United States strategically and economically. Democratic candidate Lyndon LaRouche, whose youth movement had the dominating presence in the streets of Washington over the weeks going into the election, had warned—in his webcast three days before the election (see *Feature*, p. 34)—that the D.C. vote would not be decisive in the Presidential election process. Rather, he emphasized, the “Erinyes Principle” will expose those who commit great evil, and act to bring them to justice. This will come about in the United States as new great shocks in the financial and strategic realm hit the population—or the United States will die as a nation.

The results in the primary confirmed LaRouche's warning. The announced outcome, of Howard Dean and Al Sharpton coming out far in the lead, with LaRouche's vote coming in far below the so-called major candidates, simply defied political reality.

Asked to comment about the primary during his Jan. 14 interview on the Jack Stockwell radio show, LaRouche put it this way: “We had polls which were run before the day of election, which showed both Sharpton and I running about 20%. He was suddenly getting a boost from the Moonies and

so forth, and being played up by the *Washington Post*. So, he suddenly came out of nothing. He had an office there, with just scrap paper in it, and no sign of him. And then three days before the election, and so forth, he appears with a big boost from that crowd.

“Now, at that point, we had a 20-20% ratio between him and me. Then comes yesterday—I'm down to 1%! And, obviously, something happened. Now, our assessment is, this was not the Democratic National Committee that did it—though the Democratic National Committee was all over the case. The Democratic National Committee did not do what was done, yesterday. It came from a different source—and there's only one source in the nation that fits that schedule: That's the Vice President.”

LaRouche has reserved any further comment on what happened in the primary pending more extensive investigation. We may never know what happened, the candidate said election night. “The Erinyes will settle this question.”

A Revolution in Process

LaRouche and his youth movement had, over the last month, made the ouster of Cheney the central issue of the primary campaign. It had been a major theme of LaRouche's two half-hour TV broadcasts, including one in prime time, and of his hundreds of radio spots. And in the last days of the campaign, several tens of thousands of copies of a new campaign pamphlet targetting Cheney, *The Children of Satan II—The Beast-Men*, were distributed by LaRouche's mostly young campaign organizers.

And it was the message of the aggressive street-organizing campaign by more than four-score LaRouche Youth, which brought politics back to the streets of this city in a way no one had seen before. LaRouche's message on Cheney, as well as his message on the ongoing economic collapse and what needs to be done about it, were brought to the forgotten men and women of the District's poor wards, and those

LaRouche Backs DC Vote Investigation Call

This release was issued on Jan. 15 by the LaRouche in 2004 political campaign committee.

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche today endorsed the calls for an investigation of the vote tabulation in the primary election of Jan 13. Members of the District City Council, and Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, are calling for an investigation of widespread problems with the newly-introduced touch-screen

voting machines, which reportedly resulted in a sharp jump in the total turnout figures early Wednesday morning, Jan. 14. LaRouche said that he is endorsing the calls for an investigation in light of the fraudulent character of the reported voting results, which, he stated, have no correlation to polls conducted in the 24-hour period prior to the primary, which had shown LaRouche to be running neck-and-neck with Al Sharpton.

LaRouche noted the known peculiarities of the touch-screen voting system, reports of problems with the vendor who operated the machines, and irregularities in the delivery of the touch-screen tallies to election headquarters.

The chairman of the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics, Benjamin F. Wilson, has said that he would welcome an investigation of the vote tabulation.