
LaRouche

Kerry Is a Loser Unless Dems Open Convention

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Speaking to the *Newark Star Ledger* on June 3, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche pressed the theme which he has been striking in radio ads and appearances over the last days: either the Democratic Party opens up the Boston Convention for discussion of the real policy issues facing the nation, or Senator John Kerry will lead the party headlong into defeat.

LaRouche said: "My point is, we have to have an open convention. I think that Clinton might agree with me. Have an open convention, get the real issues out, get some excitement in the population. This Democratic campaign is getting more boring by the day. Let's make the campaign unboring! Let's have a real fight. Let's have a convention that's a real fight! Let's have some excitement."

If Kerry continues to run his campaign in the "me-too" manner in which he's now proceeding, LaRouche said, he will almost surely be defeated by President Bush's machine. By listening to those advisors who are telling him to "lay low" and let President Bush destroy himself, Kerry is demoralizing the electorate, perhaps beyond repair. In addition, the presumptive Democratic Party nominee is taking positions that will discredit him, and most likely lead to the majority of the lower 80% of income brackets staying home on Election Day.

Death by the DNC

Ever since the Democratic National Committee mafia took over Kerry's campaign, around the time of Super Tuesday, the primary process has been strangling the life out of the party. Consumed with the determination to keep Lyndon LaRouche and his FDR-style solutions out of the Presidential election campaign, the DNC has discouraged participation in political debate, and, by and large, done its best to make the primaries non-events.

As has been obvious to the local political machines in many of the primary states—especially Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Alabama, Arkansas, Oregon, and California—the only concerted campaigning "in the streets" was carried out by the LaRouche Youth Movement. In all of these states, and more, young people carried out mass leafletings, held motorcades, and in many instances, went door to door in order to engage the citizenry in discussion of the major political issues of the day, especially the depression and the war. Yet,

as a result of the Democratic Party machine's lock on the election process, if not out-and-out vote fraud, LaRouche's vote was kept way down.

But it would be fatal to judge the election by the mechanics, as LaRouche said in the *Newark Star Ledger* interview. The only hope for the party, and the nation, is for the real political issues to break through. LaRouche's campaign has, of course, made major inroads politically toward getting rid of Cheney, and creating the basis for a real solution in Southwest Asia. But, to realize these gains in the election, means that the Democratic Convention has to be thrown open for real debate.

"Clinton and I and a bunch of other people are going to work together," LaRouche said, "and whoever we select as the President, we'll convince the delegates to go for it, and we'll have a winner in November. But it won't be Kerry as you look at him now. It might be Kerry, but it won't be the Kerry you're seeing now."

LaRouche has been very critical of Kerry in recent interviews, and is looking toward the Clinton wing of the party to help rescue the flagging campaign. As he put it June 3, "He's doing everything wrong. He is acting like a me-too George Bush. He's not dealing with any of the real issues.

"First of all, the United States and the world is in a depression. We don't have the crash yet. But as I've said repeatedly, we have the rumble and tumble. We're on the edge of a crash, which is as bad or worse than 1929-33. And he's not addressing that problem. He's talking about this and that, but it's nonsense.

"Then, on the question of Iraq, the Iraq war policy, he's talking nonsense. He and other people acted in a cowardly, foolish fashion, in the Senate in particular, in granting war powers acts to a President who doesn't know what the time is, when they shouldn't have done it! And they swallowed fake information.

"The first thing Kerry should do, is tell the truth."

Meanwhile, LaRouche is involving the citizenry in dialogue everywhere he can, and deploying his youth movement to educate and agitate. A good example is a May 22 meeting he held with supporters in New Jersey, where he will be in the primary election June 8, the opening presentation of which we present here below.

By mid-June, LaRouche intends to launch a major new offensive, around the release of a *Children of Satan III* pamphlet that will take the gloves off on what the candidate calls the "Sexual Congress of Cultural Fascism." The pamphlet on this issue, which is currently in preparation, is planned to be released in a million copies in relatively short order, thoroughly saturating the political environment going into the Democratic National Convention. It is in the run-up to that convention that LaRouche's enemies, the friends and operatives of Cheney and Blair, are expected to launch a new campaign of slander against LaRouche, in hopes of preventing the opening up of the Convention. If the Democratic Party loyalists are smart, they won't let that effort succeed.