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From the Editor

Jimmy Carter tallied the necessary delegates to win the Democratic party nomination in the final round of primaries, but the national media has proclaimed this “the beginning of the end” for the President. Not only did Carter lose five out of eight of the last primaries, but the miserable turnout among Democrats and the large block of uncommitted voters proves that a Carter candidacy would lose big come November.

So the drive is on for an open convention and a Carter resignation to make way for a Democrat who can beat Ronald Reagan. And it is well understood that Kennedy, seen at best as the lesser of two evils, is not the man for the job.

This week's Special Report, “An open Democratic convention: Will the nation win?” analyzes the reasons for the collapse of the Carter candidacy. We also detail the possibilities for an open convention and the emergence of a dark horse candidate capable of taking the White House.

We document who's calling for an open convention and why. It has to do with the fact that the depression is on, and the blue collar and urban machine voters essential for a Democratic Party victory know it and know who's responsible. Even key factions of the same elites that pushed through the Carter candidacy in '76 fear things have gotten too far out of control. Europe's total rejection of Carter's cold war policies and the realization that the U.S. military capability has been systematically destroyed have caused certain shocks throughout the nation's power centers.

Another shock hit the nation on May 31, just days before the final round of primaries, when Democratic Party contender Lyndon LaRouche addressed the population in a half hour nationwide television broadcast. We reprint parts of the broadcast in which LaRouche calls for an open convention and puts himself forward as the only candidate capable of making the U.S. a first rate industrial power again.

