Editorial

Politics, American-style

From the time in 1933 when Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office, at least up to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963, the Democratic Party was the constituency party, representing working people, farmers, and minorities. But over the past several years, the Democrats have embarked upon a path of self-destruction.

This was typified by the ludicrous case of Adlai Stevenson III, who forfeited a shot at the governorship of Illinois rather than accept the voters' choice of LaRouche Democrat Mark Fairchild as his runningmate. This year the classic example is the Virginia state Democratic Party, which moved with drastic, unprecedented bureaucratic action to wreck the party by mobilizing members to vote for "no candidate," rather than allow the LaRouche faction of the party to run openly in that election.

Last year in Harris County, Texas (Houston), home of the one of the largest Democratic district organizations in the United States, the Democratic Party machine locally wrecked itself in order to oust a duly elected county organization chairman who was an avowed LaRouche faction representative.

These draconian, bureaucratic actions from the top do not occur because the forces associated with LaRouche have a weak base among the voters. To the contrary: The Spannaus campaign in Virginia has shown support from constituencies among unions, blacks, and others who no longer feel that anyone else represents them.

Despite the heavy police-state attack upon LaRouche and his associates, around the country they are able to garner 20-30% of the primary vote, showing that there is an important LaRouche faction of the Democratic Party. This is so despite the libertarian mood which has seized both parties and a large section of the disoriented American citizenry and allowed the Anti-Defamation League to take control of the Democrats.

While the ADL poses as a Jewish organization, the truth of the vicious subversive role they are playing within and without the Democratic Party is shown by the Hate Crimes Bill which they forced through the

Congress. It is now dangerous in the United States to speak out on behalf of the family, against drug legalization, against abortion, against satanism—lest you stir up *hatred* against these evils; if you do, then you are committing a crime, according to this police-state bill. The ADL are not only avowed enemies of LaRouche; they are his foes on every point of policy today—especially within the Democratic Party.

In view of the fact that Democratic Party leaders, incumbents in various states, are wrecking the Democratic Party, wittingly and willfully, rather than allow the 20-30% pro-LaRouche vote to be represented, the question has posed itself to LaRouche and his associates of what to do about this wrecking operation. They have decided to continue, wherever possible, to try to cause the existing Democratic Party organization to function as it is supposed to function; however, where bureaucratic stunts prevent honest Democrats from functioning within the party framework, they will be running Independent Democratic campaigns. These will not be third-party campaigns, nor simply independent tickets, because they will be focused upon the task of rebuilding the Democratic Party, even if from without rather than from within, in order to restore it to its proper functioning.

Now, there's more involved than just the Democratic Party, of course. About 1982, the Congress voted up the establishment of an organization called Project Democracy or the National Endowment for Democracy, which is headed at the top by representatives of the Anti-Defamation League. This is the organization which conducted the Contra operations of Ollie North et al. in Central America and elsewhere.

Thus in reality, the Democrats and Republicans are being controlled by the same apparatus, and the appearance of a developing one-party system in the United States hides the even worse reality of a developing no-party system. This is the road to dictatorship or one-party government in the United States. This is the reason why the political campaigns of LaRouche and his associates are so vital this year—not only for the United States, but internationally as well.

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