## LaRouche on the vote

From a statement issued early Nov. 7:

Although the results of the Nov. 6 national congressional and gubernatorial elections are so far incomplete, two things are clear: First of all, that President George Bush did receive a significant political black eye. A message in that degree was sent to Washington. However, the message was not strong enough, on several counts, and therefore, we are now faced with two great catastrophes, which will hit the American people as a result of the American people's failure to go far enough in yesterday's elections.

First, we will now begin to feel the full force of the worst economic depression of the 20th century. This depression will be a shattering one—at least until the point we reverse trends, and stop it.

Secondly, it is not yet certain, but it seems likely, as a result of the failure of yesterday's election to go far enough, that we shall have a war in the Middle East. If so, many Americans will find their relatives returning from the Middle East in bodybags. The prospect is, that we will have a world price of oil of between \$70 and \$100 a barrel, which will aggravate the great depression which is now rolling in, reaching toward gale force, and toward hurricane force.

These are the lessons of history. When a great people,

having reached the kind of power which the United States reached, become so corrupt and stupid, that they allow to continue the kinds of trends in policy-shaping which have persisted over the past 25 years, that people will be punished. Not merely for the sake of punishment, but in order to purge that people of those cultural weaknesses, those moral weaknesses, which encourage them to tolerate such errors for so long.

I hope that the punishment wrought upon our nation will not be as cruel as that which destroyed the Roman Empires, first in the West, and then in the East. However, I fear that we are going to move in that direction, if not all the way.

I can only hope that our American people will wake up soon enough; will give up their rock-drug-sex counterculture, will give up their malthusian insanity, and will give up a racist intolerance for the human rights of Arabs, people who speak Spanish below our borders, and Africans, generally. Until we learn to be less racist toward Arabs, toward black Africans, toward Mexicans, toward South Americans, toward people in Southeast Asia, we will probably lack in ourselves the moral fitness which a nation requires for durable national survival.

I think we'll wake up; I hope we wake up in time. I dedicate everything I can do, to causing us as a nation to wake up, and stop acting like fools. Yesterday, we took a step slightly in the right direction, with the humiliation of George Bush. We didn't go far enough; we must go far enough.

The LaRouche vote total was also wildly at odds with the level of citizen participation in the campaign in the district. Hundreds of residents had come forward to participate in some way or another in the LaRouche congressional campaign, breaking apart the taboo ordered by the national press and major political party bureaucracies on speaking seriously about the candidate's proposals for an emergency economic recovery program in order to avert the misery of depression and war.

The LaRouche vote was also inconsistent with results credited to senatorial candidate Nancy Spannaus, a LaRouche Democrat, in the northern Virginia area. Spannaus received 17.2% of the vote in Loudoun County where LaRouche resides, and over 18% of the vote in nearby Fairfax County, despite the sustained campaign of slander and mockery against LaRouche and his ideas in the area.

## Statewide breakthrough

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Vote-fixers were not able to prevent a significant vote for LaRouche Democrats from showing up in the rest of Virgin-

ia. The highest total was won by Harry Broskie, the LaRouche Democrat running against incumbent Democrat Owen Pickett in the Second C.D. (Norfolk area)—22.28%.

The next-highest statewide LaRouche vote was given to Spannaus, who ended up with 18.35% against incumbent Republican Sen. John Warner. Spannaus's vote, which occurred against a coalition of the Democratic Party and major media, as well as the Republicans, is considered to be a sharp warning to the Commonwealth's "Bush Democrats."

In the words of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* editorial on Nov. 7, "the fact that a fringe candidate, Nancy B. Spannaus, a Lyndon LaRouche adherent, captured almost one-fifth of the vote says something about the anti-incumbent anger in this political season, and perhaps about conservatives' discontent with Mr. Warner as well."

Indeed, if Spannaus had received such a percentage in a European country such as Germany, which does not adhere so strictly to the two-party system, she would have easily won a seat in the national parliament.

The breakthroughs reflected in the Spannaus campaign

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