challenging LaRouche's delegates, in the next issue. *EIR* pointed out that the Democratic Party is doing more than challenging it—they intend to give LaRouche's delegates to Gore, and that if that sort of thing happened in some other country, where 53,000 votes were just thrown out, or taken from one candidate and given to another, the State Department would have a lot to say about it. The tight-lipped Gorin demurred, saying: "I'd have to have our policy people figure that one out."

In the May 31 issue, the *Election 2000* newsletter did report on LaRouche's vote in Arkansas, on the Democratic Party's refusal to recognize delegates for LaRouche (and threw in the obligatory "racist and anti-Semitic" slanders), and that there will be a fight in the credentials committee at the Democratic National Convention, as follows:

"—LaRouche: Lyndon LaRouche, who is running for President as a Democrat but has been called a 'political extremist,' captured 22% of the vote in the May 23 Arkansas primary and earned at least 10 state delegates to the Democratic National Convention, although Democratic Party officials ruled last January that he would be barred from the nominating process.

"The U.S. Supreme Court upheld that ruling in March without comment. Party officials said they took the position because of LaRouche's 'explicitly racist and anti-Semitic views.'

"A LaRouche spokesman said these allegations were 'absurd' and would not be substantiated. The spokesman added that the party can 'count on a credentials fight' at the Democratic convention as the LaRouche campaign attempts to have its delegates seated."

### The 'Government-Approved Candidate'?

One of the publications featured on the website of the U.S. State Department's Office of International Information Programs (IIP) is a USIA pamplet entitled, "What is Democracy?" Its chapter on "Elections" includes the following:

"All modern democracies hold elections, but not all elections are democratic. Right-wing dictatorships, Marxist regimes, and single-party governments also stage elections to give their rule the aura of legitimacy. In such elections, there may be only one candidate or a list of candidates, with no alternative choices.

"Such elections may offer several candidates for each office, but ensure through intimidation or rigging that only the government-approved candidate is chosen."

Ironically, the IIP's own Internet web page on the U.S. elections lists only one Democratic Party candidate for President (although it lists two Republican candidates, George W. Bush and Alan Keyes). Even the U.S. Federal Election Commission lists two Democrats: Gore and LaRouche. Are we to take the State Department's blackout of LaRouche to signify that Gore is the "government-approved candidate" in the U.S. Democratic Presidential primary elections?

# The LaRouche Campaign Complaint to the OAS

To: Organization of American States Amb. Jorge E. Taiana, Executive Secretary Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 1889 F Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

May 30, 2000

SUPPLEMENT to the May 16, 2000 Complaint to and Request for Investigation by The OAS's Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Concerning Gross Violations of and Interference with Free and Fair Elections in the United States of America

This communication is a Supplement to our formal Complaint and Request for Investigation filed with your offices on May 17, 2000, and acknowledged by your letter dated May 22, 2000. As your acknowledgment letter stated our petition is "under study" by the OAS's Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), it is of the utmost urgency that you consider the newest evidence of acts being perpetrated to defraud over 53,000 American citizens of the state of Arkansas, and Presidential Candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. It is incumbent upon OAS IACHR officials to act on this Complaint before the June 24, 2000 Arkansas Democratic Party conventions at which the national convention delegates from Arkansas will be selected.

The facts detailed below, make it quite clear that should the OAS turn a blind eye to the ripping up of legally cast votes here in the U.S.A., it then would cast doubt on the OAS's professed concerns to protect democracy in this hemisphere.

#### I. New Facts

On May 23, 2000, the state of Arkansas held its primary elections. In the Democratic Presidential preference primary, mandated by Arkansas law (Code §7-7-201, and 7-8-201), candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. is reported to have so far received 53,280 votes, with 2,789 precincts reported out of 2,834 precincts all together. Mr. LaRouche's only opponent, Vice President Al Gore, reportedly has received 194,171 votes. Thus, Mr. LaRouche's current statewide percent of the vote is 21.53.

There are four Congressional Districts. Mr. LaRouche's vote, so far, in those CDs is:

CD 1: 20.3%

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CD 2: 18.67% CD 3: 24.7% CD 4: 22.1%

The rules of the Arkansas Democratic Party with regard to allocation of national convention delegates to be awarded to Presidential candidates provide that allocation is based upon receipt of the percent of the vote cast by the electorate for the respective candidates. A candidate must receive at least 15% of the vote cast to be considered viable to receive delegates. As is clear from the above totals, Mr. LaRouche has received qualifying vote percentages in each of Arkansas' four CDs to be awarded state and national convention delegates, and sufficient percent of the vote, statewide, to qualify for statewide delegate allocation as well. (Exhibit 1, Rule C.3 and 7a, b.)

However, as indicated by comments reported in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* by Arkansas Democratic Party officials Chairman Vaughn McQuary and Executive Director Glen Hooks, as well as the Democratic National Committee's national spokesman in Washington, Richard Hess, those 53,280 voters' votes will be disregarded. Neither the Arkansas Democratic Party, nor the DNC will allocate delegates to Mr. LaRouche, despite the will of the citizens, and contrary to Arkansas law, and the Party rules. (Exhibit 2.)

Such egregious and blatant disenfranchisement, is in violation of all recognized international standards for free and fair elections. Further, this nullification of votes is explicitly in violation of the spirit and letter of the law as proscribed in the American Declaration of the Rights of Man and the American Convention on Human Rights. (See Original May 16, 2000 Complaint pp. 6-8.)

#### II. Laws and Party Rules Being Violated

As has already been documented for you in our May 16 Complaint (see pp. 5-6), laws of the United States as well as the Democratic Party are being violated, arbitrarily, at the will of a small clique of Party officials who claim the Democratic Party is a "private club" so that they can silence any opposition candidate. The media blackout employed has only amplified such totalitarian measures. The newly violated laws pertaining to the acts described in this Supplement are detailed below.

#### A. Arkansas Election Code

Arkansas Election Code states: "§7-8-201. Preferential elections required — Apportionment of delegates. Each political party in the state desiring to select delegates to attend a quadrennial national nominating convention or the party to select a nominee for [President] shall hold a preferential primary election in the state, and the delegates to the national party convention shall be apportioned to the Presidential candidates whose names were on the ballot at the preferential primary . . . in the proportion that the votes cast for each candidate . . . bear to the total votes cast at the election, rounded to the closest whole number."

It is important to note that Arkansas primary elections are paid for by the state, and thus are public elections, i.e., not for private parties. (Code §7-7-201.)

## **B.** Arkansas Democratic Party Delegate Selection Rules

The Delegate Plan clearly states, "The Presidential Preference Primary Election *shall* be governed by the election laws of the State of Arkansas. . . ." (Rule II C 3.) Further, "The Arkansas Presidential primary election is a binding primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions *shall* be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed Presidential preference of the primary voters in each district." (Rule II C 7 a.) (Emphasis added.)

Based upon the mathematical formula provided in the Delegate Selection Plan as applied to Presidential Candidate LaRouche's vote, he is entitled to 1 national convention delegate from each of the four CDs, 1 national convention delegate who is a Party Elected Official, and 1 national convention delegate who is selected as an At-Large delegate. This means that Mr. LaRouche is entitled to a minimum of 6 national convention delegates from the state of Arkansas so as to fairly reflect the will of the voters.

It is the announced position of Arkansas Democratic Party Chairman McQuary, his Executive Director Mr. Hooks, and the DNC under the direction of national chairman Joe Andrew, that the Party will refuse to allocate delegates pledged to Mr. LaRouche, and will refuse to allow the participation of Mr. LaRouche's elected delegates at the up-coming June 24 CD and State conventions in the state of Arkansas.

#### III. Conclusion

Based upon the new facts detailed, herein, and those presented to you in our May 16th Complaint, it is imperative that you act to reverse these arbitrary and capricious violations of electoral rights of tens-of-thousands of American voters, and those of Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. The very foundation of each sovereign republic on this earth to have and promote representative democracy is at stake in this case. If such violations go unchecked in the United States of America, then institutions such as the OAS will be condoning the practices of the once notorious Nazi plebiscites, or the racist "Jim Crow" "whites only" policies imposed on African Americans in the early part of the 20th century.

There is time to reverse these abrogations of human and electoral rights. If you take your mandate seriously to protect and promote representative democracy on this Continent, then act on this Complaint before the June 24, 2000 Arkansas CD and State conventions, and the August 14-17, 2000 Democratic National Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California.

Signed, LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods Kathy A. Magraw, Treasurer

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