

Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Club Lands on the Beaches of Normandy

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We in the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) are continuing to see the realization of that potential, which LaRouche had forecast would be generated, as a function of an energetic, expansive youth movement, committed to ideas. As LaRouche reiterated in his Nov. 16 webcast, the older generations will be forced to respond to our outreach to, and mobilization of, the 18-35-year-old crowd, as typified by the recent midterm elections.

In Los Angeles, the Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Democratic Club is acting as that medium through which older institutional layers can interact with the intellectual front of the new generation, as typified by the participation of the Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and most recently the Secretary of the California State Democratic Party, in the FRLDC's monthly meetings; both acknowledge that their coming to us is a result of their seeing that we are the only ones recruiting large numbers of "intelligent" youth to political action. The most significant topic of the Nov. 9 town hall meeting of the FRLDC was the readiness of the LaRouche Youth Movement to provide the necessary leadership in the United States, now, for the immediate impeachment of the Bush-Cheney Administration, and this, in the impossible-to-omit context of the current breakdown of the world financial-monetary system, as foretold by economist Lyndon LaRouche, Jr.

The opportunists in the Democratic Party would try to ignore reality, attempting to impose their "quasi-rationale" onto the White House, thinking that Bush, having lost partisan control of both Congressional houses, will now be willing to work in unison with the Democrats. As we have seen in recent days' press conferences, though President Bush is rambling about "new approaches" in the Middle East, in his little world "The American people will accept nothing short of victory in Iraq!" "Stay the course." Picking up on the absurdity of this illusion on the part of many in the Democratic leadership, Creighton Cody Jones, vice president of the FRLDC, compared it to the expectation that "because a butcher's shop opened up around the corner from Jeffery Dahmer's house, he will probably stop cannibalizing and start buying his meat from the butcher." The fault is the assumption that Bush is either sane or responsible for the policies he sputters off.

With invited guest Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.,

who is the Secretary of the California Democratic Party, present throughout the evening, the LYM began by singing a selection from Bach's motet *Jesu, meine Freude* [for the importance of this choice, see LaRouche's discussion of music and creativity, in his Nov. 16 webcast, in last week's issue—ed.]. Next, Ardena Joy Clark, a member of the LYM and FRLDC, as well as a California Democratic Party Central Committee official, gave a poignant overview of a very special LYM deployment: the pre-election intervention in Missouri. Briefly summarized, a small group of our youth movement flew into St. Louis from various parts of the country, to totally shake things up politically. In two fast weeks, the LYM saturated the state's college campuses with the LaRouche PAC pamphlet, "Is Joseph Goebbels on Your Campus?" with the intention of mobilizing a massive voter turnout among the youth for the elections. What Clark illustrated was that, unlike most political clubs or grassroots organizations, which often find themselves bounded by bureaucratic blockades, the sway of popular opinion, or their own subjective withdrawals from a real historical fight, our movement provides leadership that inspires the transformation of political environments, even in unknown terrain, and even with very little infrastructure laid out before us.

Victory Is Not Yet Won

In explaining the strategic situation more generally, Cody Jones said, "The massive industrial and logistical mobilization that culminated in the landing of U.S. forces on the beaches of Normandy in 1944 was certainly a point of great historic achievement. But simply having landed on that beach did not secure victory. The battle remained to be fought and won. Similarly now, we have created the mobilization and garnered the forces, but victory has not been won for the Democratic Party nor for the nation." Audience members were warned that as long as Bush and Cheney remain in office, this nation might not even exist in two years.

Jones then brought up the Democratic National Committee-driven ouster of Franklin Roosevelt's fourth-term Vice-Presidential running mate, Henry Wallace, a man who would likely have continued Roosevelt's New Deal policies, but was replaced by the Churchill collaborator and red-button pusher Harry S Truman: a swap which was intended to stop Roosevelt's anti-British Imperialist policies. Just as the Anglo-

Dutch Liberal oligarchy of that time attempted to squelch the promotion of the general welfare, Jones said that today's descendant oligarchs fear nothing more than the "Lincoln Reflex"—the tradition in the United States that repeatedly rises up in rejection of fascism. This, Jones warned, is why we can no longer permit the domestic collapse of machine-tool industries, the hoarding of primary resources in the hands of the few, the reckless war-mongering of the George Shultz-driven war party, and the subversion of the Democratic Party by the likes of synarchist banker Felix Rohatyn.

Party Leader in a Quandary

When Reginald Jones-Sawyer spoke, he told us that our intelligence and commitment to a cause impressed him, something he said he hasn't seen in many (and then he admitted, *any*), Democratic groups on campuses or anywhere else. The higher level of leadership our movement seemed willing to achieve was something he hadn't seen since the civil rights movement, which was vividly alive in his own life's history, his uncle being one of the Little Rock Nine who were the first African Americans to integrate Little Rock High School in 1957. He indicated that this personal history weighed heavily on his own conscience, to where he was ready to make an upshift in his own action, and risk it all for a higher mission.

Although Jones-Sawyer's commitment and conviction are rare and admirable, especially amongst mainstream political strata, his pessimism leaked out in parallel to other more encouraging comments, leading him to say such things as, "The Democrats won both houses because Nancy Pelosi preemptively took impeachment off the table." He spouted off the myriads of excuses for why impeachment probably won't happen, all boiling down to his not wanting to jeopardize the 2008 race for the Presidency. Comments like these are made by minds yet unwilling to emerge from the cloud of "politics as usual." One who says such things could not recognize, as LaRouche does, the existential danger Dick Cheney represents to our republic.

Consequently, the audience, including some impassioned contacts, intervened. We told him that students were ready for impeachment; they just had to see that the Democratic Party would actually do it. This meant that more Democrats would have to get off their butts and into the streets. And so



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Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Secretary of the California Democratic Party, addresses the Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Club in Los Angeles on Nov. 9. FDR Legacy Club Vice President Creighton Cody Jones is on the right.

when Jones-Sawyer asked us where the data and the polls were, we told him, "Look around! Where's your youth movement?"

Leadership, and the difference, as Jones-Sawyer put it, between politicians who sell themselves to whatever they think people want, and that higher level which Plato, Lincoln, FDR, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. represent, was our next major point of dialogue. But look what happens to people that go to that level of leadership, he said solemnly: Look what happened to all of them! So we reminded him of the way his own family had risked all, including their lives, during the civil rights movement.

Finally we told him the big *secret* of why we were so "intelligent," as he had said earlier. The reason is LaRouche. So when Jones-Sawyer asked us who we thought was even in the right ballpark in terms of that quality of leadership we were all looking for, we sort of smiled with our lips sealed until somebody called out, "LaRouche! Dump Rohatyn and bring in LaRouche."

As a function of this interaction between the LaRouche Youth and institutional leaders of the Democratic Party, many opportunities are being offered for our participation in policy discussions. One official of the Democratic Party has promised to set up working groups of institutional figures, where we would be brought in, to as he put it, "really ruffle some feathers," as only we can do.