

## Alabama Martin Luther King Celebrations

# LaRouche: ‘Put this Country on the March Again!’

The Northwest Alabama chapter of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee invited Lyndon LaRouche to be their featured speaker Jan. 19-20 in celebration of Dr. King’s birthday. In three appearances, LaRouche addressed hundreds of residents of the Florence-Sheffield metropolitan area, along with elected officials, ministers, and Civil Rights leaders, on Dr. King’s unique Christian qualities of leadership, which the Civil Rights movement needs to emulate today.

The high point of the King celebration was a march, on Monday, Jan. 20, by three hundred adults and children through Florence, culminating in an outdoor rally at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. After various choral performances, and after speeches by the Mayor and the Chief of Police of Florence, James Barnett, a leader of the King Memorial Committee, introduced Lyndon LaRouche as the guest speaker. [SEE pages 4-5 for the text of LaRouche’s remarks.]

On Sunday, Jan. 19, LaRouche addressed sixty people at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church. As he was speaking, Amelia Boynton Robinson, the legendary Civil Rights fighter from Tuskegee, Ala., who is vice-chairman of the Schiller Institute, entered, at which point



James Barnett welcomes Lyndon LaRouche to the St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

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LaRouche interrupted his remarks to embrace her. A picture of their greeting appeared on the front page of the *Times Daily* the next day, with excerpts from LaRouche’s presentation. Mrs. Robinson also spoke at the courthouse rally.

She told the crowd that Martin Luther King Day “is a day of atonement in a small way. . . . When you think of the man who gave his life, then I think it is a good thing for us to realize, what are we giving—what are we doing? When I think of Martin, when he finished, the good Lord said, well, you

have finished your course, you have run the race, now come up a little higher. . . . I hope that each and every one of us will realize that we have something to live for, and we have something to leave to these younger people. Let us realize that Martin will never die. He will live as long as we keep the legacy alive.”

The culminating event of the program was on Monday evening, Jan. 20, at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Sheffield. The featured speaker was Dr. Larry McCoy, president of the Northwest-Shoals Community College, who stressed the importance of education in fulfilling Martin Luther King’s dream. LaRouche was asked to speak once again, this time to make the closing remarks.



Amelia Boynton Robinson addresses crowd outside Lauderdale County Courthouse.

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## NBCSL Calls for

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL), at its 20th Annual Conference in Biloxi, Miss. on Dec. 3-7, unanimously endorsed Resolution 97 in “Support for an Investigation of the Role of U.S. Government Agencies Regarding the Flow of Drugs into the United States.”

The resolution was introduced by