

‘The Danger to the Nation’

Lyndon LaRouche issued the following summary statement of “inconvenient truths,” as the concluding section of his “Lying and Racism by a Cabal Inside the Democratic National Committee: What Are the True Facts? What Are the Implications?,” released by his Presidential campaign committee, LaRouche’s Committee for a New Bretton Woods, on December 9, 1999.

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It is a time to speak plain facts, even if many will protest that we are impolite in publicly stating inconvenient truths which they consider hurtfully insensitive to their personal feelings and collateral arrangements.

The painful truth is, that the “Emperor Bush” has no clothes. In other words, the truth is, that a pack of Wall Street’s political ventriloquists are running the worst nationally recognized dummy available, Texas Governor George W. Bush, for the Republican Party’s 2000 Presidential nomination. Similarly, at the same time, on the Democratic side, the putatively leading, but failing candidate, is an intrinsically unelectable, dishonorable man, who has shown himself, while Vice-President, by his crude thuggishness, by his backstabbing against the incumbent President, by his published writings, and by his stated policies, to be emotionally, morally, and intellectually unfit to serve in that office.

Those scandalous facts only scratch the surface of the issue. When we consider both the nature of the world crises now descending upon us, the survival of our nation now requires a President with the kind of patriotic outlook and concern for the general welfare which we recall from the greatest Presidents of the past, such as the Franklin Roosevelt of the Great Depression and war-time years.

We have come into a time in which the world is dominated by an explosive mixture of looming and escalating global and national crises, worse than anything experienced during the Presidencies of Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt. Therefore, what must we say of political machines and voters who propose to elect, as our next President, a person known, at his best, to be a poor, pathetic figure, such as either of those two “bozos” have shown themselves to be?

Admittedly, the excuse which sundry Republicans or Democrats offer in defense of their support for such candidates, is the customary rule of “go along, to get along.” In short, the leading supporters of such candidates are supporting these bozos, despite the evidence that neither candidate is fit to serve as President. The commonplace apology which those supporters offer in their own defense, is that they are doing this, because that is the way one plays “the traditional rules of the party game.” “Lord of the Flies, behold!”

Such is the way each “pays the dues” which define him or her as an acceptable player in the party as a political game. Such substitutes for truthfulness and justice have heretofore generally defined the understood rules of politics as “closed-membership party clubs.” It is past time to shuck such traditions and their damnable rules.

The simple truth is, that too many Americans—and others around today’s world—are letting other people, such as the mass media, do their thinking for them. Inside the U.S.A. itself, as few as thirty percent of the eligible voters are often determining the outcome of local and statewide elections. Worse, in the U.S.A. itself, this thirty percent is currently dominated—usually—by voting blocs drawn from the upper twenty percent of the family-income brackets. That control over many elections by voting blocs from the upper twenty percent of the income-brackets, is key to understanding what Vice-President Al Gore and his co-thinker “Dick” Morris had defined as their “centrist,” “triangulation” policies.

The fact, that the upper twenty percent of the nation’s families, by income-bracket, claim half the total national income currently, is, even by itself, a shameful spectacle, a spectacle which, in effect of practice, makes a farce of even the bare names of “democracy” and “representative government.” That is only the most superficial aspect of the political and moral disease lately corrupting our nation’s electoral processes and law-making generally.

This same shift in patterns of income-brackets has much to do with the recent quarter-century trend toward reversing the 1960’s and earlier gains of the Civil

Rights movement, and the rising incidence of increasingly overt displays of racism by our nation's judicial system. As the radical change to "post-industrial" utopianism, has sent our industrial and agricultural sources overseas, and as agricultural and industrial production vanishes from our national economy, the farmer and industrial operative, and their families, together with our senior citizens, have been pushed more and more into the categories of unwanted eaters. The trend is, that senior citizens should not burden us with their propensities for unduly prolonging their lives, and that the families of former skilled industrial and agricultural operatives should be content with working three or more jobs, for a total real income far less than what they used to gain with one or two.

The shift in sources and composition of national income associated with post-1971 long-term policy-making trends, toward "post-industrial" utopianism, has produced a vicious kind of class society, a society divided, economically, socially, and politically, between an upper twenty percent and a lower eighty percent. The increasing concentration of electoral power in the hands of the upper twenty percent, is a reflection of that gradual degeneration of our nation, from a republic, into the kind of oligarchical society which the founders of our constitutional republic viewed with revulsion, as the depraved state of affairs in the United Kingdom.

In this state of affairs, we should not be surprised to see the relatively worst choices of candidates as a trend fostered by the Wall Street bankers and lawyers who tend to control not only the major news media, but both the major parties, and also the top layers of the permanent bureaucracy in entire sections of the Federal government. That cabal of oligarchically-minded, parasitical bankers and lawyers in the Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson tradition of racism, does not wish Presidents who can actually think, but rather those who will do as such dummies are told to speak and act by the ventriloquists who own them. Nor should we be surprised, that such candidates will tend to represent a more or less outrightly racist attitude toward those "lower classes" which comprise the lower eighty percent of today's income-brackets.

The ability of this republic to survive, now depends upon the ability of the lower eighty percent to secure its constitutional rights to a government which promotes the general welfare. That can be accomplished only by

a union of the overlapping organic leaderships of African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, labor, farmers, senior citizens, and relevant others, to take over the control of the Democratic Party, and as much as possible of the Republican Party, too.

The present danger is, that in the collapse of the world's hopelessly bankrupt financial system, the financier oligarchy, supported by a desperation-ridden upper twenty percent of our income brackets, will attempt to foist what is in effect a fascist tyranny upon our United States and the world as well. There are immediate, rational, Franklin Roosevelt-style solutions for the world's financial crisis, but these mean that the financier oligarchy must accept a massive write-off of its present, nominal financial wealth; it means that that oligarchy must submit to government-directed, Franklin Roosevelt-style, financial reorganization of all salvageable financial and related institutions. It is that conflict between the desperado faction among oligarchical financier interests

and the Franklin Roosevelt precedent, which is the battlefield on which all real politics will be fought out within the United States during the year 2000.

If the oligarchical faction could succeed in terrorizing the African-American constituents into tolerating the racist actions of Keeney *et al.*, that intimidation of the African-American would tend to prevent any effective alliance of so-called minorities, labor, farmers, and senior citizens from taking back power in the national Democratic Party. If we can bring that coalition together today, we will be able to re-create the kind of response to crisis which President Franklin Roosevelt typifies in the party's memory. That is the only real chance we have, to save this nation under present conditions.

To make that kind of coalition work, we must have the kind of leadership provided by Presidential candidates who can actually think, as Governor George W. Bush can not, and Vice-President Al Gore so clearly will not. The fate of our nation and much of the world, too, depends upon it.

"Stop Racist Attempt To Overturn Voting Rights Act," an open letter sent by former South Carolina State Senator Theo Mitchell to the national chairmen of the Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee, and signed by hundreds of elected officials, constituency leaders, and prominent citizens from across the country, appears as a paid advertisement beginning page 79 of this issue.

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