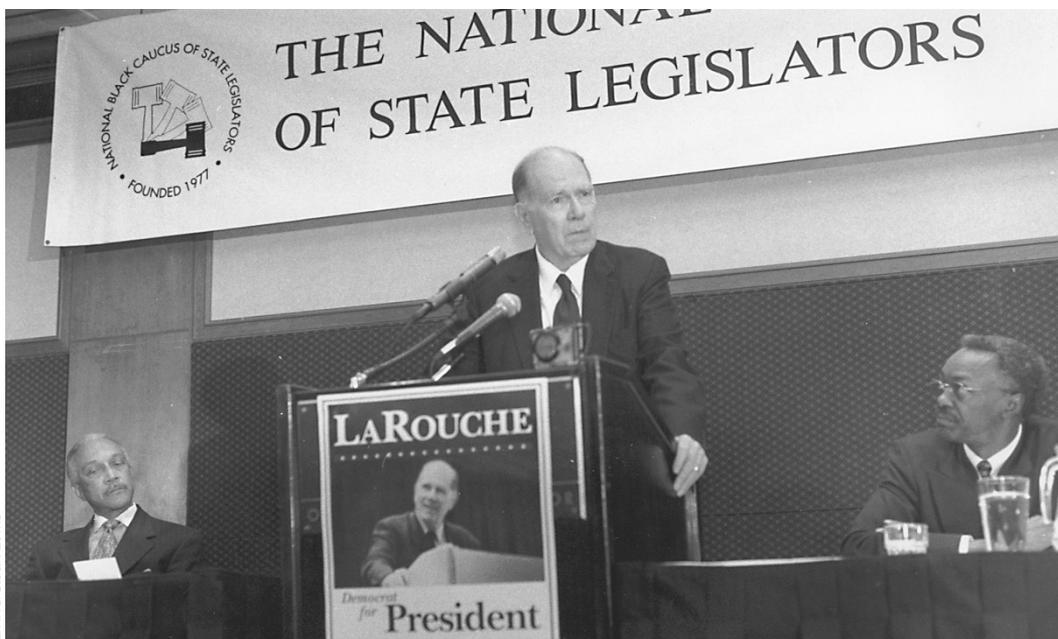


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LaRouche Addresses Black State Legislators

Reports on Strategic Crisis, DNC Racist Assault on Voting Rights



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Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., briefs legislators on world strategic crisis. Seated right, NBCSL president Rep. James Thomas of Alabama.

LaRouche's twenty-three-minute speech on the strategic situation held the 200-person audience in rapt attention. Following the speech, more than thirty-five legislators took the opportunity to chat privately with LaRouche.

"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 on page 79 of this issue.

On December 2, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., who is seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, addressed the 23rd Annual Legislative Conference of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL), in Baltimore, Maryland. The NBCSL, which represents close to 600 state legislators from 44 states, was founded in Detroit, Michigan in 1977.

In November of that year, ninety African-American legislators gathered for the group's first conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's Baltimore gathering, under the leadership of Rep. James Thomas, of Alabama, was said to be its largest gathering yet.

LaRouche, and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, who is also seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, addressed the Legislators' Business Meeting. Vice President Al Gore, whose campaign is flailing badly, insisted on speaking during a separate session in his capacity as Vice President. Republican candidate George W. Bush, Jr. declined the group's invitation to address it.

LaRouche was introduced by former South Carolina State Senator Theo W. Mitchell, one of NBCSL's founders, and the former Democratic nominee for Governor of South Carolina.

A Man Who 'Has Paid His Dues'

Mitchell, who enjoys tremendous stature in the organization, gave LaRouche a rousing introduction as someone who "has truly paid his dues and stood toe to toe against those who would destroy both you and me." He referred to the fact that LaRouche gave up five years of his life as a political prisoner because of his fight for economic justice, then emerged from prison, and took the point against the Department of Justice's "Operation Frühmenschen" campaign targetting Black public and elected officials. He also referred to LaRouche's fight against the Democratic National Committee's racist assault on the Voting Rights Act. When Mitchell concluded by introducing LaRouche as "the man who should be President of the United States," the audience responded with a standing ovation.



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