

## SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

Dear Supporter,

Probably you were not at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta last July, but frankly you did better if you watched it on television.

What you did miss was a particularly ugly episode, part of a continuing series, which I happen to think is a threat to this nation. I refer to Lyndon LaRouche and his followers and their latest dirty trick.

The target was Mike Dukakis and their technique, as usual, was character assassination.

The Convention was hardly underway when reporters (and delegates) began to find each morning that someone had slipped leaflets under their hotel room doors. Two weeks later, the Wall Street Journal trailed the handouts to LaRouche.

Governor Dukakis, the pamphlets stated, was mentally ill, and had been treated for mental illness. Soon the corridors were abuzz over this slander.

Journalists, doing their job, made inquiries. Nothing turned up. They then approached Governor Dukakis who understandably looked blank and said it simply wasn't so.

True enough. The lie was a lie. But that doesn't mean no one will believe it.

According to conservative columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak writing in the New York Post August 8, the Bush camp tried to spread the rumors "without leaving any vice presidential fingerprints." Evans and Novak reported that the rumors had actually "attracted the Bush campaign's interest long before they were spread by Lyndon LaRouche's minions."

And, in what must have been an incomparable thrill for LaRouche, the Big Lie reached the Oval office.

Specifically, when asked whether Mr. Dukakis should release his medical records, the President said: "Look, I'm not going to pick on an invalid."

Twenty minutes later, after horrified aides had gotten to him, the President said he had been "kidding."

Well, it isn't funny. Nothing about Lyndon LaRouche is funny.

Not that the episode did any lasting harm to Governor Dukakis. Once he realized that even the President was prepared to believe the Big Lie he had his personal physician clear everything up. The charge collapsed as a sheer LaRouche lie.

But that is not the end of it. Not at all. To the contrary, it is a new beginning. In their vile assaults on the Democratic Party, they have begun to find Republican allies. Let me make clear that I do not mean George Bush. He would not countenance any such thing. But "Bush operatives" -- as Evans and Novak call them -- are something else.

I worry. This neo-Fascist, anti-Semitic fringe is no longer a fringe. It can get its lies right into the Oval Office. I have fought these people before. Two out-and-out, toe-to-toe campaigns. I have thrashed them each time. But they keep coming back.

This LaRouche movement is dangerous.

"The people of the United States are not morally fit to survive," says Lyndon LaRouche. "Everything your parents says is evil -- they are like lepers, morally and intellectually insane."

"But," LaRouche continues, "We must save them anyway. We are missionaries in an epidemic of moral leprosy."

From what do LaRouche and his followers propose to "save" us?

There exists, they say, a "Zionist-British organism." It must be destroyed so that humanity may live."

They say that B'nai B'rith, whose Anti-Defamation League had the temerity to brand LaRouche an anti-Semite, "resurrects the tradition of Jews who demanded the crucifixion of Jesus Christ."

In the world according to Lyndon LaRouche, Abraham Lincoln was the victim of an Anglo-Jewish plot, the Queen of England is a drug pusher.

Weird? Bizarre?

Of course it is.

But so -- please remember -- was Mein Kampf. And by the time "respectable" opinion in Germany began to recognize National Socialism for what it was, the anti-Semitic political cult led by a kook named Adolf Hitler was on the road to power.

Like Hitler, Lyndon LaRouche presents himself as a leader -- "the greatest political leader and economist of the 20th century," says an adoring follower. "He's leading the battle to save Western civilization."

"I feel as if I've come in contact with something evil," said a woman from Lassburg, the small Virginia community where LaRouche has established his headquarters on a \$1.3 million estate. That woman is right.

The LaRouche organization must not go unchallenged. We've got to take these people on now.

In 1983, LaRouche ran over 600 candidates in 25 states for various public offices and Democratic Party posts.

In 1984, the number of LaRouche candidates rose to 2,000 and the number of states to 30.

And, mainly, by running for uncontested seats, LaRouche supporters claim this year, to have already picked up more than 200 Democratic County Committee seats in states from Massachusetts to California.

If we are complacent -- if we fall asleep at the wheel -- the LaRouche fanatics can destroy the oldest political party in the world.

What can we do about it?

I am convinced that the only thing we can do is what I myself did when confronted in my 1982 Democratic Primary by a LaRouche opponent.

This man -- Melvin Klenetsky -- ran a year earlier for mayor of New York City, and no party official bothered to challenge his credentials.

The party did not say, "Wait a minute -- this man is not a Democrat."

And by failing to challenge this extremist, the party gave him and his message a certain legitimacy.

When Klenetsky filed to run against me in 1982, I knew that there was no way that I could allow this member of a fascist, anti-Semitic conspiratorial group to present himself and his group as a legitimate part of my party.

The minute Klenetsky filed, I decided to fight the LaRouche crowd -- and if necessary, to spend every campaign dollar I had to do it.

My campaign challenged the 28,000 signatures on Klenetsky's nominating petitions.

We got the number down to 10,047 -- and fell 48 short of getting LaRouche's man off the ballot.

And so I ran against Melvin Klenetsky.

I spent every penny I had. I labelled them for what they were. Fascists. Anti-Semites.

I held my LaRouche opponent to 14.9% of the vote.

And above all, I used this challenge to expose Lyndon LaRouche for what he is.

I have tried to alert my fellow Democrats to the LaRouche conspiracy to capture our party.

At every opportunity, I have spoken out against them.

I intend to fight them in every arena available to me.

If you think -- as I do -- that this destructive movement must be stopped in its tracks, I hope that you will consider writing a check now to the "Moynihan Committee" to help me in my re-election campaign.

How much should you send?

How much do you dislike Lyndon LaRouche? Maybe \$1,000 worth? Or \$500? Or \$450? Or \$23?

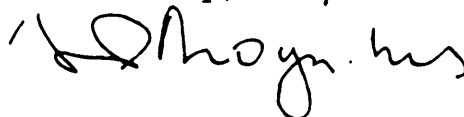
Whatever you decide to do, please do something.

Do something to help me fight these people and do something in your own community to help wake people up to what LaRouche is all about.

I am willing to lead this fight. I hope I can count on your help.

In advance, I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Daniel Patrick Moynihan