
Australia

Melbourne conference links LaRouche movement across five continents

by Our Special Correspondent

An international conference held in Melbourne, Australia on May 28-29, has pointed to the need for Australia to develop a mission in Asia. Entitled "Reconstruction of Sovereign Nation-States, Post-International Monetary Fund," the conference and a three-day class series which followed were sponsored by *EIR* and the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), an Australian political party. Over 180 people attended the conference and school, which featured a distinguished international panel of speakers, including leaders of the U.S. civil rights movement, the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement, the Schiller Institute, the Germany-based Civil Rights Movement Solidarity, and the Australian CEC.

The Anti-Defamation League's Australian network had planned a violent disruption of the conference (see *EIR*, June 4, p. 51). But that fizzled due to international pressure on the Australian government, which provided a strong police presence.

A bridge to Asia

The opening address to the conference was a message by Lyndon LaRouche from federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota. LaRouche said that the challenge for Australians is to act as a bridge between the Christian-Platonic traditions of the West and the Confucian values of China. Australia must develop "cultural purpose for existing in terms of the Pacific area. . . . Leibniz previously wrote of these two tendencies," and "every advance in China had been under the influence of Confucius and every cruelty had been under Taoism." Australia's mission in the Indian-Pacific basin is to become "an outpost of the very best for the benefit of all," and to "bring the Confucian heritage of China to its proper realization," for there will be no secure future in the region until this philosophical tension in China is addressed, he said. Critical is the need for a revolution in transportation, and the Japanese have already begun work on magnetohydrodynamic drive, which could increase ocean-going shipping speeds to over 100 kilometers per hour. Every economy in the region should be integrated into this new technology.

Conference speakers emphasized that to prevent World War III and a deepening depression, British geopolitical strategy must be exposed and defeated. The only clear alter-

native is peace through economic development centered on the Productive Triangle program devised by LaRouche.

Al Douglas from *EIR* addressed the issue of "The American System of Economics versus Versailles/Bretton Woods Imperialism." He pointed out that the world is at the "end of an entire epoch of world history, the end of slavery and looting known as the Versailles system," but that the "Anglo-American establishment's attempt to preserve this ordering of world affairs has caused the ongoing chaos in world affairs, in particular the slaughter in Bosnia."

Douglas counterposed the British free-trade looting policy of Adam Smith to the principles of American System economists, and showed how the British East India Company's free-trade principles were developed further by the geopolitical strategy of Sir Halford Mackinder. This was a strategy aimed at destroying economic growth and peace in the Eurasian heartland.

Marivilia Carrasco, who had just completed a nine-day tour in New South Wales and Queensland, brought greetings to the conference from Mexico and the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement. Carrasco outlined the deadly heritage of International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities in Ibero-America where, over the past 10 years, grain, meat, and milk production has fallen over 30%. The drug trade has taken over, she said. "Engineers, teachers, and doctors have become jobless and thrown out onto the street trying to survive as street vendors." The forces defending this murderous system, who are associated with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, are "provoking a new bloody war against Catholic Mexico."

John Koehler, a CEC founder, highlighted the massive debt burden of Australia (over \$200 billion) and how the worldwide pattern of debt, unemployment, and economic collapse has been caused by the free-trade policies of Australian governments. "In the 1950s Australia led the world in nuclear technology, but our scientific and technological advances were closed down by successive Australian governments beginning with the arch-Anglophile Sir Robert Menzies." Australia must begin with a debt moratorium and then industry and agriculture will have a chance to redevelop, Koehler emphasized.

Tibor Kovats, founder of the Association of Former Polit-

ical Prisoners in Hungary, described what it was like to live under communist and Nazi tyranny. Those who survived this persecution were the ones who had the moral qualities to lead the nation in the rebuilding and healing process, he said, explaining that Hungary has had to "dismantle the entire legacy left over after the fall of communism in just two and half years." On April 22, an IMF team had visited Hungary. The conditionalities imposed as a result mean that adequate finance for industry and farms will not be made available, austerity will be imposed, and economic collapse is assured.

Haddasha Maryum, an African-American civil rights leader, charged that "something hideous has gone on across this planet to stop food production for people. The word for this is 'genocide.'" She called upon delegates to work for the release of LaRouche and to be "steadfast" in what the movement does. She outlined the immediate enemy as the freemasonic orders of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), and the IMF-World Bank gang. But, she explained that there was cause for optimism as the "civil rights movement has now married itself with the world movement." People were waking up to the IMF genocide around the world. People now, as occurred in the early civil rights movement, were "sick and tired of being sick and tired." A "constitutional movement for people" had begun around the world and this is why the Melbourne conference is "historic."

The Taoist-Confucian conflict

LaRouche in his opening address had highlighted the Taoist-Confucian conflict, and Linda de Hoyos from *EIR*, drawing upon the work of political prisoner Michael Billington, explained this in greater detail. The Confucian and neo-Confucian concepts of *jen*, *li*, and *ch'i* have close parallels with the Platonic-Christian principles of *agapē*, "universal reason," and *imago viva Dei*.

De Hoyos explained that Taoist-Legalist regimes in China have been disastrous, whereas when Confucian and American System principles are followed, such as under the great modern leader Sun Yat-sen, then prosperity and the pursuit of human happiness have a chance. It was no accident that "Mao was a rabid hater of Confucianism"; for Mao the highest moral ideal was "service to the state." The great Indian leader Bal Gangadhar Tilak had brought out the best traditions of his nation and begun to unite India before the effort was sabotaged by the British with partition. Sun Yat-sen and Tilak "were attempting to rescue their countries from colonial slavery and this required them to discover the soul of their own country, to create a renaissance in their own nation."

It was no accident, De Hoyos emphasized, that one of the reasons why the establishment had put LaRouche in jail was "because he is able to unite people and bridge differences." She reiterated that this was LaRouche's specific charge to the conference, that it was Australia's mission for the future to build a cultural bridge to China and unite the

finest Platonic and Christian traditions of the West with the Confucian principles of China.

Setting up a national bank

Denis Collins, an Australian member of Parliament, argued the case for re-developing Australia's Commonwealth Bank as a bank of sovereign credit for great rail projects. One urgent need to unite the continent, was to construct a high-speed maglev rail line to link the southern part of Australia with the northern city of Darwin, the port closest to Asia. A great project such as this would require credit created by a national bank.

Dennis Stevenson, another member of the Australian Parliament, also attended the conference and chaired one of the panels.

Ramtanu Maitra from *Fusion Asia* magazine explained the need for great water projects and for governments to develop agriculture to ensure security of the food supply. But, he explained, using examples from the Asian experience, the IMF and World Bank, in league with phony environmentalist movements, had often stymied these much needed projects. Without these developments, starvation and economic decline were very real possibilities in the future.

Melvin Klenetsky from *EIR* called upon delegates to bring to fruition the hopes of those students in Tiananmen Square and the promise of a better world that should have arisen after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Using Plato's analogy of those who sit in the cave and watch shadows thrown by the light from behind, Klenetsky outlined how we must bring these cave dwellers out from their fixation on the shadows dancing on the wall. We must bring them into reality. We must fight against the Aristotelian view of man as a beast and that all things flow from property. Aristotle's view that "some must be slaves so that others are free," is incompatible with our view that all people are made in the living image of God, and that all people have the power of creative reason, he said.

As Uwe Friesecke from the Schiller Institute in Germany argued, when institutions collapse in the face of the task that is required for survival, it is time for citizens to step forward and choose sides. Friesecke said how wonderful it was that "in a Commonwealth country, a movement such as this has sprung up, and this has given sleepless nights to some people we know in London."

"There is a momentous crisis of leadership both moral and intellectual in the world," and "the structures of sin," as represented by the IMF, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the World Bank, "must be removed from the affairs of mankind. We as a movement must fight for the release of Lyndon LaRouche from his unjust imprisonment, and for the inalienable rights of man. Economic justice will follow when we implement the Productive Triangle program in Europe to be the engine of recovery. Only with the implementation of this program will World War III be avoided," Friesecke concluded.