

LaRouche launches global campaign to destroy IMF

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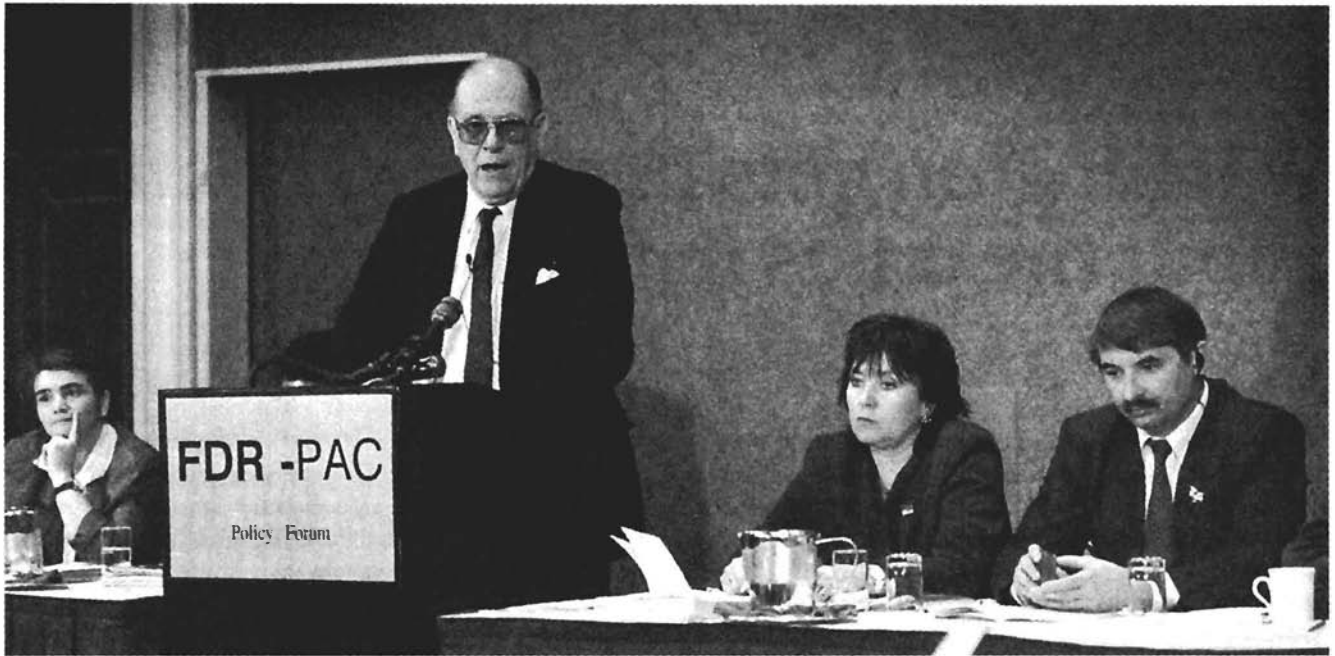
“Whole nations are being murdered by the International Monetary Fund. Many will say, ‘Well, you’ve got to defend reform and democracy. You must uphold the IMF’s authority.’ That’s like saying you must uphold Hitler’s authority! What’s the difference? This is worse. The IMF is more dangerous than Hitler.”

With these words, Lyndon LaRouche kicked off a week of intensive public and private meetings in Reston, Virginia and Washington, D.C. with over 800 leading political allies from six continents, during Feb. 16-21, to lay out the battle plan for what he described as a “war of annihilation against the IMF,” and the global financial oligarchy that stands behind it.

“You have come to a point, where the human race has a *casus belli* against the IMF,” LaRouche explained. “Now, according to Augustinus, the question is: Is there any other way of dealing with the IMF, except by annihilating its power over this planet? No. Can you save any country from the IMF, except by annihilating the power of the IMF? No. Then, why are you talking about trying to save individual countries, if you’re not committed to annihilating the power of the enemy, the IMF?”

“You see what our problem is? People are in a *state of denial*. We are under *casus belli*. Our moral obligation for most of the problems on this planet, are, that we must destroy the IMF and what it represents: *annihilate it as a force upon this planet, with more urgency than the annihilation of Hitler.*”

The public centerpiece of the meetings was a Feb. 16-17 conference jointly sponsored by the Schiller Institute, *Executive Intelligence Review*, and the International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC), titled “Toward a New Bretton Woods Conference,” which addressed the present global crisis, and spelled out a detailed plan of action to exploit the looming monetary and financial disintegration, to return the world to sane economic and cultural policies. In his Feb. 16 keynote address, LaRouche called upon the assembled leaders to forge the preconditions to enable President Clinton to convene, with other heads of state of leading nations around the world, a new Bretton Woods conference to create a new, stable, global



Lyndon LaRouche (at podium) speaks at an FDR-PAC policy forum entitled "Why IMF Policy for Eastern Europe and Russia Must Be Scrapped," in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 19. At the dais are (left to right) Dr. Tatyana Koryagina, Russian economist, political figure, and Academician of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences; LaRouche; and Natalya Vitrenko and Volodymyr Marchenko, Members of the Parliament of Ukraine.

monetary system to replace the now-bankrupt IMF-World Bank system of global central banks. LaRouche defined the Eurasian Land-Bridge as the leading development project to carry the world into a new era of prosperity, and defined the "strategic Machine-Tool Principle" as the key to a competent industrial development policy for all nations of the planet.

The assembly voted unanimously to draft a formal call to parliamentarians around the world to endorse the convening of the new Bretton Woods conference, the implementation of the Land-Bridge, and the right of all nations to a "full-set" economy including a domestic machine-tool industry. It will be circulated in every country, and will form an important component of the "war of annihilation against the IMF."

The receptivity to such an initiative was signaled on Feb. 13 in Rome, where Sen. Publio Fiori, leader of the conservative Alleanza Nazionale, the leading opposition party, introduced on the floor of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, a "parliamentary question" to Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, asking whether, in view of the ongoing disintegration of the international monetary and financial system, the Italian state should undertake emergency initiatives, such as a new Bretton Woods conference and a tax on derivatives speculation. Fiori's parliamentary question singled out George Soros, the British Crown's banker and a speculator, as typical of the kinds of financier-vultures who have brought the world's economy to the point of disintegration.

On Feb. 19, LaRouche joined three leading economists from the Ukraine and Russia, at a policy forum in Washing-

ton, D.C., where, for the first time, the murderous consequences of the IMF policies toward eastern Europe and the states of the former Soviet Union were spelled out in graphic detail. LaRouche was joined by leading Russian economist Dr. Tatyana Koryagina, and Ukrainian members of parliament Dr. Natalya Vitrenko and Volodymyr Marchenko.

Participants in the policy forum (the latest in a series of such events sponsored by FDR-PAC) were provided with copies of the Feb. 21 issue of *EIR*, which featured a policy dialogue between LaRouche and Dmitri S. Lvov, the Academician-Secretary of Sciences of the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

In addition to the Lvov paper, "The Path of Russian Reforms," FDR-PAC participants were also informed that the proceedings of a Spring 1996 Moscow forum on the economic disintegration of Russia, attended by Dr. Koryagina, LaRouche, and a number of prominent Russian academicians and scientists, had been recently published in Moscow.

Increasingly, since the recent Davos, Switzerland World Economic Forum, leading bankers from Europe and the United States have been publicly issuing statements of "no confidence" in the crumbling IMF global monetary and financial system. On Feb. 18, the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* issued a front-page warning to its readers about the dangers of "Stock Market Fever." Lawrence Tisch, a Wall Street figure close to U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, more recently forecast the imminent collapse of the Wall Street speculative bubble.