

## EIR Bonn forum: a dialogue on solving the world crisis

*On April 21, in Bonn/Bad Godesberg, Germany, EIR sponsored a seminar on “The Way Out of the Crisis: Europe, the World Financial Crisis, and the ‘New Cold War.’ ” The event drew more than 150 diplomats, economists, media representatives, parliamentarians, and businessmen from around the world. Here we present the speeches, the greetings, and the discussion. The keynote was delivered by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and the seminar was moderated by Anno Hellenbroich, Executive Director of EIR for Germany. We begin with Mr. Hellenbroich’s opening remarks:*

I would like to welcome you to our seminar. I would especially like to welcome the speakers here at the podium, and also those who will speak to us this afternoon. In a certain way, I would like to call them representatives of the “Survivors’ Club,” as Mr. LaRouche calls the representatives of Russia, China, India, and all the other nations which no longer want to follow the destructive policy course which has been pursued up to now. In a sense, we can also say that the speakers today, from Russia, China, and India, represent, together with Southeast Asia, the majority of mankind. At this moment of great turmoil, about which we are all concerned, it is particularly important that we have this forum today.

I would like to contribute a thought which I believe is important for the aim of this seminar. During a political briefing recently with Mr. LaRouche, we were talking about how today’s political elite, the politicians, are behaving in the face of this dramatic crisis. LaRouche threw a remark into the debate, which I think is important. He said: Some of these politicians, who tend to react to the events of *yesterday*, are usually the really dumb ones. Those who react to the events in the future, or what will happen in *three weeks*, and orient their actions accordingly, are the clever ones. Perhaps this would be a good motto for this seminar, i.e., the solution, how to find the way out of the crisis.

After the joyous hopes of the beginning of 1989, 1990, 1991, we are again in a situation where everything we had hoped for—that there would be a reconstruction of Europe and the former East bloc—has been shattered.

That brings me to my introduction of our first speaker, on “The Way Out of the Crisis, or the Alternative to a Third World War.” About Mr. LaRouche, I would only like to make a brief remark: Many people have read his writings over the recent years, on global financial, monetary, and economic developments. I would like to remind you, in particular, of his writings in 1988-89, which led to the concept of the Productive Triangle, and by extension, to the concept of the Eurasian development initiative. In this context, Mr. LaRouche always argued energetically for a change of course.

But, he is important to us not only as an economist, but as a representative of those political forces in the United States which stand for another America. Following years of political assaults, and his incarceration under the administration of George Bush, in the meantime his name, his person, and his political program have penetrated into the pores of American society, especially in the Democratic Party. Through the Committee for a New Bretton Woods, LaRouche’s Presidential campaign committee, this wing of the Democratic Party is waging a fight for a change in policy, reflected in many talk shows, in video programs, and in his book, *The Road to Recovery*, 50,000 copies of which are going out to the constituency base of the Democratic Party. This message is gaining support in many ways, not only because of the respect which LaRouche has won, but also because he is a bearer of hope.

And, LaRouche’s voice is heard in the White House. Whoever reads carefully the speech of President Clinton a few days ago in San Francisco, what Clinton said there at a conference of newspaper publishers, will recognize this.

I give the floor to Mr. LaRouche: