

## Editorial

### *Where Shall We Find His Like?*

Associates of *EIR* in nations all over the world are mourning the death, last week, of the man who most established the influence of the publications of this movement in Russia and Ukraine: Professor Taras Vasilyevich Muranivsky, economist and political leader, President of the Schiller Institute in Russia. His character and the accomplishments of his full life are presented in a special obituary on page 49.

From the moment in 1991 when he realized the crucial importance of Lyndon LaRouche's ideas in economic science, the bold intellectual fearlessness of Prof. Muranivsky, in the face of the IMF and State Department dogmas which seized total control of, and largely destroyed Russia and Ukraine from 1990 onwards, was indispensable in institutionalizing LaRouche's economic conceptions in those nations. That fearlessness, for which he most stood out, made every true and good idea *practical* to him, and a new mission for his activity, no matter how improbable or impractical it might seem to everyone else.

As early as November, 1991, Prof. Muranivsky made a public warning to the elites of Russia and the former Soviet bloc countries: Watch out, economic shock therapy is a wicked policy — no better, and perhaps worse, than the Communist system he had opposed. From then on, he created conferences; he brought publications into being; he won other publications over; he intervened into the highest organizations and academies of Russian culture; all to "spread the LaRouche ideas, all over the world."

Taras Vasilyevich Muranivsky was able to make this indispensable individual contribution to human history today, because his mind had that quality a great philosopher called "learned ignorance," always open to the truth even when it directly confronted his own experience and expertise. "You have inspired me to think through," he wrote to LaRouche, "and in a number of instances to rethink and revise, some of my previous scientific concepts and judgments . . . despite the fact that at the time I met you, I was already 'wreathed' with scholarly degrees and scientific titles. I am also convinced that certain of today's well-known authorities, whether in the U.S.A. or in Russia, would do well to acknowledge their own errors honestly."



*Taras Vasilyevich Muranivsky*

And Professor Muranivsky was boldly proceeding, against all odds, to make those "authorities" and other intellectual leaders in Russia and Ukraine, do just that, until his untimely death last week. His passing has saddened us greatly; it has reminded us of the brief time given us in our effort to turn humanity from disaster. But his extraordinary achievements, in nations among the most important in the world, will not end with his death. They will survive and endure for us, as long as those privileged to have worked with him, grasp the essential quality of mind and heart which made those achievements possible. History will acknowledge him one of the true founders of the ideas we represent for mankind in its present crisis.