

## LaRouche movement sets '92 campaign agenda for U.S.

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While the U.S. media were avidly following the collapse of Democratic Party presidential prospects and the debate at a 400-person national convention of the Libertarian Party, a conference occurring in Alexandria, Virginia on Labor Day weekend may well have set the agenda for the coming presidential campaign year. The joint conference of the International Caucus of Labor Committees and the U.S. Schiller Institute brought together over 900 people for intensive discussion on how to seize the historic occasion of the new Russian Revolution to bring about a fundamental global change toward world economic development.

Most notable about the participants was the fact that they represented most of the freedom movements which have swept the world over the past two years. Representatives of Hungary, Azerbaidzhan, Croatia, several African nations, Ibero-America, and the Chinese democracy movement joined Americans from all walks of life in discussing how to realize the promise of the revolt against tyranny. All acknowledged that political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche and his wife, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, had the indispensable leadership role to play in defeating the future of war and starvation promised by George Bush and his new world order.

Most of the conference was devoted to intensive discussion of the basic philosophical axioms which have led the world into the current New Dark Age and the United States into a fascist economic and political policy. Before it concluded, however, Mrs. LaRouche issued an impassioned plea for the participants to join an international coalition for implementation of her husband's Productive Triangle program (see *Documentation*, p. 58). Within the United States, organizing for this coalition will center on building LaRouche's presidential campaign.

### Plato versus Aristotle

The themes of the conference were struck by keynotes given by LaRouche (by audiotape) and Helga Zepp-

LaRouche (by videotape), which set the task of overturning the Aristotelian philosophical premises which have dominated "modern" culture. Aristotelianism, and its Enlightenment offshoots like Cartesianism in science, proceed by negating the nature of man as a creative mind acting on the universe, LaRouche argued. Thus oligarchical families have spread Aristotelianism as a witch-hunt against creative science and art, with demonstrably disastrous results for the mass of mankind (see full speech, p. 59).

Mrs. LaRouche presented the situation as follows:

"One can already say now that the continuation of the new world order, could very well mean the end of civilization. We cannot continuously violate the laws of creation without bringing upon ourselves our own destruction. The crisis is so existential, that it can only be solved if we accomplish a just, new world economic order. . . . The neo-malthusian policies right now are causing the biggest genocide in history. Entire continents are murdered in front of the world public. . . .

"I think that the only solution is that we bring the political order into cohesion with natural law. The solution to this world crisis can only be found on the basis of the highest principles—not some foul compromise, not some secondary issue. The solution cannot be found in pragmatic politics-as-usual. The political order must be brought into cohesion with the laws of creation, and these laws are knowable. The laws of the universe are intelligible, but in order to know them, one has to investigate the axioms of one's own thinking, because it is these axioms which cause people to act in a specific way."

Mrs. LaRouche then developed at some length the historical conflict between the Platonic and Aristotelian methods of thought, which continues through today. The key issue is creativity, she said. On the Platonic side, as furthered developed by Augustinian Christianity, stands the conception of man as *imago viva Dei* (in the living image of God) who acts as a co-creator in a developing physical universe.

Drawing heavily on the work of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa, Mrs. LaRouche discussed how mankind can achieve the infinite in this mortal life, and the ontological unity of faith and knowledge, matter and spirit. When dualism comes in, she argued, as it does with Aristotle, man's creativity is ruled out of the system, and one is led into the materialist world of Adam Smith and Karl Marx.

The contrasting methods of Aristotle and Plato were elaborated in two later panel discussions, one of which concentrated on science, and the other on music. The music panel, given by John Sigerson and Anno Hellenbroich, previewed the contents of the *Manual on the Rudiments of Tuning*, which is under preparation with LaRouche's collaboration, and contrasted that method, based on the human singing voice, with "modern music" like that of the degenerate Igor Stravinsky. The science panel dealt explicitly with the method of hypothesis in a universe created by an Absolute Infinite (God), versus empiricism.

The conference featured a number of classical musical presentations, including an open rehearsal of sections of Mozart's *Requiem*.

One of the major institutions of Aristotelianism which came under attack by a variety of speakers, was the Frankfurt School for Social Research, a cultural institution that trained and virtually created the counterculture of the 1960s. Founded by Communist International agents devoted explicitly to the destruction of Western Christianity, the Frankfurt School spawned Herbert Marcuse, Hannah Arendt, Erich Fromm, Arnold Schönberg, Theodor Adorno, and a host of other modernist-nihilists. From this nest as well came the "intellectuals" who formed Hollywood and the degenerate Hollywood culture which has so perverted life in the United States. Not surprisingly, Frankfurt School notables have identified their philosophical mentor as Aristotle, because of his "correction" of Plato's concept of the Good.

## War and usury

An evil or incorrect philosophical approach has very real consequences in world history. Over the 20th century, the wages of tolerating a pragmatic, anti-Christian leadership have been a series of deadly wars, murderous usury, and epidemics which are threatening to wipe out whole continents. This point was stressed in presentations on the recent history of Ibero-America, and on the buildup to World War I.

Former political prisoner Dennis Small brought the audience to its feet, both in respect for his having spent two and a half years in jail as a political prisoner, and for his spirited attack on the International Monetary Fund's usury in Ibero-America. Small demonstrated how IMF looting through debt and terms of trade, has so impoverished the continent that most countries now have paid the full debt they owed in 1980, but still owe more than that to their creditors. As a result, Ibero-America is headed toward a revolution *against* the "democracies" which have imposed this genocide, he said.

French Schiller Institute President Jacques Cheminade followed Small with a devastating critique of the pragmatic, Aristotelian mentality which led France to form the alliance with England that led to World War I. Despite the good ideas of certain French leaders, Cheminade argued, they remained wedded to both the concept of imperialism and cooperation among the imperialist powers to "deal with" the underdeveloped countries. This proved to be a fatal flaw, since it denied to Europe a positive alternative to the horrendous bloodletting that was the First World War. Interestingly, one of the miscalculations of the French leadership was the expectation that the United States would come in to fund development projects—while the U.S. instead stuck with the British.

## The LaRouche campaign

One full panel discussion was devoted to elaborating the LaRouche campaign, present, past, and future. Nothing short of a combined economic and cultural assault, and positive alternative encompassing both economic and cultural programs, is required to heal our dying civilization, the panelists argued.

Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum, a close collaborator with LaRouche on the Productive Triangle program, kicked off the panel with a review of the current status of the European economies and the Triangle alternative. Because of the delay in implementing LaRouche's program after the east European revolutions in 1989, he argued, we not only have chaos and war in that part of the world, but the industrial heartland has become a sinking island of prosperity. This makes it all the more urgent to move forward with the LaRouche program.

But this program cannot be seen as simply a network of railroads, Tennenbaum stressed. The purpose of this infrastructure is to provide the conditions for the creative productive output of families in this industrial center. The building of beautiful cities and revival of Renaissance culture is therefore an indispensable part of a program which builds upon the impulse toward Western civilization and toward nation-building in the eastern part of Europe.

The LaRouche campaign "past" was presented by this author, under the title of "Our Unique Institutional Authority." What was shown in precise detail was that LaRouche's projections in 1971 of how the U.S. would devolve into fascism if it did not turn away from the post-industrial, usurious society, have been vindicated in full. One of the crucial elements of that devolution, as LaRouche had warned since 1968, was the embrace of the rock-drug-sex counterculture, which makes human beings incapable of taking responsibility for themselves and their posterity.

Bringing the LaRouche campaign discussion to a rousing conclusion was Gerald Rose, an executive member of the ICLC, who delivered a searing indictment of the Democratic Party of today as a creature of Dope, Inc. and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This cabal has virtually

broken off all connection with the traditional constituencies of the Democratic Party, leaving them unrepresented. Now the organized crime grouping from Hollywood and other dirty money centers controls the party, and this has to be destroyed, in order to give the American people the ability to defeat George Bush and his malthusian new world order.

During the two-day conference, LaRouche's drive for the White House was endorsed by numerous political figures, including civil rights leader Amelia Boynton Robinson and Mexican Labor Party chairwoman Marivilia Carrasco. Asked about his chances to get out of prison in order to pursue the campaign in person, LaRouche said he felt that the international freedom movements were creating a good climate. It will be international action against the bullying Bush administration, not just political pressure from within the United States, that will make possible his release from prison.

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## Documentation

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### Call for an all-Europe infrastructure program

*This resolution of the European Committee "Peace Through Development of All Europe" was circulated and endorsed by many participants at the ICLC conference.*

Today, only a year and a half after the opening of the borders in Europe, our continent is once again confronted with serious economic crises, and with war on our continent. Once again, we seem to have frittered away a great historic opportunity. Even the idea of European integration in the spirit of de Gaulle, Adenauer, and de Gaspari seems to have been snuffed out. Now we are threatened with fragmentation—the ominous return of "balance of power" politics and of purportedly irreconcilable conflicts of interest within Europe. The Soviet empire in eastern central Europe has collapsed, because of the failure of collectivist Marxism as an economic model.

But instead of using this great moment to put East-West relations on a new ethical and economic footing, a new radical, unfettered "neo-liberalism" has been allowed to take hold in the new markets. The weakening political economies of eastern Europe are being butchered, instead of being materially and socially rebuilt. It is a proven fact, that the so-called "shock therapy" of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and of powerful Anglo-American financial interests has hurled the economy of Poland and other eastern European

countries into chaos. Wherever the liberal economic policy of the Harvard guru Jeffrey Sachs is applied, devastating political, social, and even military consequences are unavoidable. In Yugoslavia, the economic policy of the IMF has led to a 40% drop in industrial production in 18 months, and thereby has materially contributed to making impossible a peaceful transition to free self-determination for the peoples of the former Yugoslav Federation.

In this hour, when this war threatens to affect all of Europe, a courageous intervention of reason is urgently required. We need immediately a program of political stabilization through the real economic development of eastern central Europe! The history of the Near East clearly shows that political crisis management without the perspective of economic development does not function. The name of peace is development!

Therefore, we put forward a program for European-wide integrated infrastructure, which shall create the framework of conditions for the economic construction of a common market of 500 million people. Growing out of the "Paris-Berlin-Vienna Productive Triangle," representing in its capacities in industry and qualified labor power the premier region of the world in which the most rapid rates of growth are possible, we propose a European-wide high-speed rail network. This network of conventional rail and magnetic trains, must be combined with the construction of inland waterways and superhighways, and with energy production and distribution and communications.

Only in this way can optimal conditions be created for investment and the building up of productive small and medium-sized firms in the area of modern technology in eastern central Europe. Only in this way can the urgently required economic development of eastern Europe and the republics of what is now the Soviet Union be achieved. And only in this way can the European economy "from the Atlantic to the Urals" become the locomotive for the world economy. We do not deceive ourselves: The political economies of the West—above all the U.S.A.—are already either in a deep and dangerous depression, or at the brink of one.

The events of the past year have shown dramatically that western Europe cannot be an "island of the blessed," while the East and the Third World of the South go under. Today there are only two alternatives for Europe: either the so-called "militarization of the North-South conflict"—which would be the end of us morally—and the spread of catastrophic developments such as those in Yugoslavia, or Europe becomes the motor for a new just world economic order.

We, the signatories from eastern and western Europe, appeal to the governments and parliaments of Europe to show courage and energy in this hour of danger, before it is too late. The all-European infrastructure program we have proposed must be taken up in practice as an immediate offensive. At this hour it is directly posed: The true name for peace is development!