

EIR Feature

Spotlight is on LaRouche, as global crisis deepens

by Susan Welsh

A growing number of top-level policy analysts are currently looking to Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. for leadership, in what they have come to realize is an international financial, economic, and strategic crisis of hitherto unheard-of dimensions. This is most sharply reflected in the publication by China's Xinhua news agency of an article titled "LaRouche Vows to Change U.S. Politics If Elected President," reporting on the press conference that LaRouche gave over the Internet on Oct. 13. The article quoted LaRouche: "We're on the verge of the collapse of the world financial system. There's nothing like it in this century. . . . It is systemic, and therefore, inevitable."

Policymakers who have been hearing for a long time about LaRouche's warning of the bankruptcy of the current financial system, and the need to replace it with a New Bretton Woods system, are beginning to realize that he is right—even when, in the past, they may have dismissed his warnings as exaggerated. This recognition is combined with the perception by many analysts, especially in Europe and Asia, of the danger of nuclear war arising out of British-backed policies of confrontation against Russia and China.

In this context, LaRouche's Internet press conference, convened as part of his campaign for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination, created shockwaves worldwide, as you will see from the selection of press coverage and endorsements in this *Feature*.

This is precisely what induced the British monarchy to warn, in an article published in *Take a Break* magazine on Aug. 5, titled "Shut This Man's Mouth," that LaRouche was capable of reaching millions of people by putting his ideas out on the Internet, and that this would be very damaging to the Queen (see *EIR*, Aug. 13).

One leading European strategist, in a discussion with *EIR* on Oct. 26, commented that LaRouche is playing "a very important and crucial role internation-



Lyndon LaRouche meets with an African delegation in Germany.

ally.” What is most critical, he said, is the “sustained business” of LaRouche making “pronouncements and advertisements” about “the extent of the crises” in the financial and strategic realms. “This is really a reasoned alternative in the world, a point of reference. . . . I see it working by osmosis. LaRouche’s interventions and perspectives seep through. We can clearly see that there *are* alternatives. I would call this is a ‘second constituency,’ against the rubbish about the market economy that we hear. The fact that this has been initiated, and is making progress, with national and international momentum, is what is important.”

The Xinhua release, which appeared on the website of *China Daily*, is “very relevant,” said the source, since “there are warning signs all over the place, about the international financial crisis, but there is no rationality or retrenchment. It is very alarming. The signs and portents are there.”

The Presidential campaign

LaRouche’s campaign committee has announced that another “webcast” with the candidate will take place, live over the Internet (www.larouchecampaign.org), on Nov. 4 at 12 noon Eastern Time, this time with labor leaders. Campaign volunteers are mounting a petitioning drive, with the intent to put LaRouche on the ballot in up to 48 states.

Speaking by telephone to a conference of the Citizens Electoral Council in Australia on Oct. 23, LaRouche emphasized the opportunity which the Internet provides, to break

the establishment media’s control over politics, and to carry on a dialogue directly with the citizenry, about *ideas*.

“We’re having great fun,” LaRouche said. “The Internet is a fairly competitive, low-cost, relatively, communication device, by which people who intend to communicate with one another can utilize that medium for not only written material, but for spoken material, like telephone conversations, or things like that, and even for video representation. . . . Looking at it in its real aspects, as opposed to its legendary, non-existent ‘virtues,’ the campaign is functioning that way.”

The mass media syndicates, he continued, are “nothing but the Josef Goebbels apparatus of today, working for the Hitlers of today—that is, the financial establishment Hitlers of today.

“So, therefore, the fact that we have this communications device, points us to the fact that we can have ways of dealing directly with people on a much more localized level, in terms of leading people in localities, in a more immediate way. . . . People want *ideas*. They may not know it, but they’re searching for something, something better than Mr. Micawber’s wish that ‘something would turn up.’ ” (a reference to Charles Dickens’s novel *David Copperfield*).

“I’m the only competent candidate running for office,” LaRouche said. “People of any perception, at least ordinary people who *think*, perceive that very quickly. They recognize I’m the only qualified candidate running. And that’s having an effect.

“We would hope, by our continuing the process, which is going to be a laborious effort on our part, a great exertion, beyond our means — we’ll have to find the means to do it — that we can change the world, in this time. And I’m at the center of changing the world.

“And running for President, puts me in the position where Americans and others recognize me as a contender among prospective leaders, official leaders of the world. And therefore, they listen to what I say and do in that respect. And this is having an effect. And, I intend that it shall have a good effect.”

Press Coverage

China: LaRouche vows to change U.S. politics

*“LaRouche Vows to Change U.S. Politics If Elected President,” Xinhua release appearing on the website of **China Daily**, Oct. 25.*

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche has recently released a statement vowing he would make a revolution in politics in the United States.

The statement, which was made at an internet press conference on Oct. 13, was published in the latest edition of *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine, released on Saturday.

In the press conference, LaRouche warned, “We’re on the verge of the collapse of the world financial system. There’s nothing like it in this century. . . . It is systemic, and therefore, inevitable.”

LaRouche said the United States and some other nations in the world have built up “the biggest financial bubble in all history” and the financial system is on the [verge of] bankruptcy.

He put forward a remedy to salvage the current financial system: to have a number of nations gather together in an emergency session “to declare the existing financial and monetary system to be bankrupt” and “to use the model of Bretton Woods, organized by late U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, to create a new monetary system, with matching financial, trade, and related agreement.”

He envisaged that nations of Asia, such as China and India, will have to play a much greater role in his proposed system than was played under the old Bretton Woods system.

LaRouche also touched other issues at the press conference, including U.S. relations with China and Russia, and nuclear weapons policy.

LaRouche said he is opposed to any kind of interference in China’s internal affairs and to imposition of sanctions because of U.S.-alleged “religious” suppression such as the actions on the outlawed cult group “Falundafa.”

“The idea that the United States should apply sanctions to China because the United States wishes to interfere in defence of some cult group in China. This is not the basis for foreign policy,” he said.

Knight Ridder: ‘He’s Back’

*Mary Otto, “He’s Back,” published, in full or in part, in many **Knight Ridder** newspapers, Oct 21. (See accompanying box, for the response of LaRouche’s campaign spokeswoman Debra Hanania-Freeman.*

WASHINGTON: Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. calls ecology a “destructive cult belief,” warns that the world economy could collapse within the next year and believes the president should be a “philosopher king.”

At 78, he has launched his seventh bid for philosopher king, but while his writings are voluminous and his charts put Ross Perot’s to shame, he is facing some formidable obstacles.

For one thing, it isn’t clear how many voters will rally behind his discourse on the “growth of European population, population density and life expectancy at birth, estimated for 100,000 BC-AD 1975.”

For another, he can’t even vote for himself in his home state of Virginia because he is a convicted felon.

Nevertheless, LaRouche, who has been called “the dean of the American political fringe,” will be using the taxpayers’ money to help finance his run for the presidency. His prison record notwithstanding, he meets the legal requirements and qualifies for federal matching funds.

“We are in a disaster. Some people feel it. Others smell it,” LaRouche declared in a recent teleconference kicking off his campaign from Germany, his wife’s home.

LaRouche is recovering from a minor heart attack there, says aide Debra Freeman, who has been working for LaRouche nearly 30 years. She says this crusade will be a piece of cake compared with the 1992 race he ran from the Federal Medical Center, a penitentiary in Rochester, Minn.

There he served five years for fraud and tax evasion, after he and six associates were convicted of swindling lenders out of \$30 million, promising high rates of return on loans that prosecutors say they never intended to repay.

Freeman contends that the convictions were politically motivated. Still, she allows, “there were people, as a result of bankruptcy, who were not paid back. Those were unfortunate times. A lot of people were victimized.”

So far in this election cycle, LaRouche has collected more than the \$100,000 needed in small donations from 20 states to qualify for matching funds. His aides say the campaign is entitled to \$300,000 to \$600,000 in matching money. . . .

So far, according to LaRouche’s latest campaign expense reports, he has raised \$1.29 million, amassing more money than Republican Pat Buchanan in some key metropolitan areas, including places as diverse as Dallas, New York, Wash-

ington and Los Angeles. As of Sept. 30, LaRouche's report shows, he had spent almost all the money he had collected. . . .

Greek-American press

George Ionyyou, "Presidential Candidate Lyndon LaRouche," Proini, an independent Greek-language daily based in New York City, Oct. 21.

This past week, economist, and political candidate for the Democratic Party primary in the Presidential elections, Lyndon LaRouche, gave his first global interview to the American mass media and international press. On a telephone conference call, representatives participated from Russia, China, Canada, Latin America, Turkey, Greece, Japan, etc., and many American journalists.

The conference was broadcast live from the Internet. Mr. LaRouche answered tens of questions, after making an introductory statement about his program. He reported on the impending collapse of the global economic system, just as he had estimated, which he compared to an economic bubble which will burst soon. Therefore, what is needed, he said, is the collective development of the global economy, a sanction on free trade, the elimination of non-intervention at the ex-

pense of mindless isolationism, and a need to introduce a new monetary system. LaRouche warned that the sheer force of the collapse will occur in a few weeks, or months, but, definitely, during Mr. Clinton's Presidency.

Because the official mass media entertainment has excluded him, he characterizes the election as mass media-orchestrated politics, seeking to direct the candidates' programs, away from his Classical methods, in order not to project his candidacy. LaRouche says that he will exploit the opportunities to broaden the field that the Internet offers. He believes that none of the other candidates can claim the required qualifications to be President of the U.S.A., in addressing the impending collapse of the economic system, and that's why he's seeking to get elected, in order to have the opportunity to reorganize the global economy.

He expressed unfavorable comments about Mr. Gore, whom he considers completely unfit for the Presidency, under any circumstances. By contrast, Mr. Bradley's candidacy, he says, would be acceptable under different circumstances, but, not now, with the collapse of the global economic and monetary system. He distinguishes himself from the other politicians, because he has, to use his expression, fathered original

Freeman refutes lies of Knight Ridder article

LaRouche campaign spokeswoman Debra Hanania-Freeman sent the following letter to the editors of the Knight Ridder newspapers that ran the article by Mary Otto (see accompanying quotes.) A copy was also sent to Otto.

To the Editor:

After serving as Lyndon LaRouche's national spokeswoman for a number of years, I've learned a few things. First, it's futile to complain about coverage, even when a reporter who participates in an intense 90-minute press conference with your candidate, can't find more than 12 words by him to quote! So, I won't complain about that aspect of Mary Otto's article, written following LaRouche's Internet broadcast press conference of October 13.

The other thing I've learned? When talking to reporters, make a tape. I did exactly that when I talked to Ms. Otto the day after LaRouche's press conference. Ms. Otto correctly reports that I said that the trial and subsequent incarceration of LaRouche, and of several of his associates, was politically motivated. But, then, she has a state-

ment from me, which she places inside of what a reasonably bright fourth grader would recognize as quotation marks. The statement in question: "There were people, as a result of bankruptcy, who were not paid back. Those were unfortunate times. A lot of people were victimized."

Here is what I actually said: "There were people who did give us loans. And, we were in the process of paying those loans back. But, when the federal government moved, as the loan petitioner, in a forced bankruptcy action against those companies, that stopped. So, yes, there were people who were not paid back. Much later, after LaRouche was already sitting in federal prison, the chief bankruptcy judge — Martin Bostetter was his name — ruled that the bankruptcy itself was illegal. He called it a "constructive fraud on the court." It was a very unfortunate time. A lot of people were victimized for no other reason than their decision to associate with or give support to Lyndon LaRouche."

I've learned enough not to complain about the fact that Mary Otto didn't print what I said before — or after — I said that. But, if a journalist is going to actually quote someone, even if that someone is a public figure, they have an obligation to quote the person accurately.

I'm glad I learned to make a tape.

Sincerely,
Debra Hanania-Freeman

ideas, and he doesn't espouse, like the other politicians habitually do, the Third Way, without originality and creative elaboration.

Mr. LaRouche's thesis assists the reader to understand why he is so controversial as a politician and economist. His conceptions about the need for development of the world economy, with investments in all corners of the globe, will naturally find eager audiences everywhere. However, they are listened to with much skepticism in the U.S.A. His theory of an immediate impending collapse of the economic and monetary system is heard with deep skepticism, because he's the only one to speak of it. He is, though, absolutely confident that this collapse will ensue, and that it is inevitable and lawful. He believes that he will be vindicated with the evolution of events, and that he will receive the responsibility to overthrow the unpleasant situation which is prevalent today.

As many objections as one may have with his thesis, one thing is certain about this man: He has a concrete and internally consistent system of politics and economic philosophy. He deserves, I think, as a fellow countryman, for us to follow his journey and thesis, not only because he states many original points of view which require attention, but because his thesis calls for the total development of the global economy, and the respect for the sovereignty of nations. His views are substantially different from those of today's Westerners, which are hostile to the Greek community.

Dominican Republic

"LaRouche on the Offensive," Hoy, Santo Domingo, Oct. 21.

Democratic Party Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche is gaining ground among layers who have traditionally been loyal to better-known Republican and Democratic leaders. LaRouche says that "It is time to think of a revolution in politics in the United States," and he is a staunch opponent of the economic liberalism promoted by his country and the United Kingdom. His followers are organized in LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods, which is fighting for a grand world accord that would establish new rules of the game for international trade among all countries, as an alternative to the liberal or neo-liberal economic model. Not since Ross Perot created great expectations in the 1992 elections by obtaining 20 million votes, which sowed fear among the ranks of Republicans and Democrats, has a non-traditional candidate gained such phenomenal popularity. But unlike Perot, who ran as an independent, LaRouche has decided to take on Vice President Al Gore for the Democratic Party nomination. . . .

LaRouche, who does not have the millionaire resources of his Democratic and Republican rivals, is taking advantage of more suitable resources to reach the homes of Americans, such as the Internet. In this manner he has given conferences

and maintains an interactive communication with his followers. "This is an election campaign like none other in this century. We're on the verge of the collapse of the world financial system. There's nothing like it in this century. We don't know the exact day, week, or month in which this collapse will hit bottom, but it is systemic, and therefore, inevitable," LaRouche warns. Responding to journalists from the United States, Russia, Turkey, Peru, Greece, and Japan, LaRouche said that the international financial system is practically bankrupt.

Personal Comments

Italy

Hon. Roberto Formigoni, *president of the Lombardy Region; national leader of Forza Italia, the largest opposition party; prominent leader of Catholic movements in Italy; has served as a member of the Italian and of the European Parliaments, including vice president of the European Parliament; has served in the Italian government:*

For many years I have been following the analyses of the American economist and politician Lyndon H. LaRouche whom I had the pleasure to meet personally two years ago in Rome. What I most like about LaRouche are his creative and imaginative ideas, in the positive sense of the meaning, that is, ideas which go beyond the traditional schemas, which, in economics above all, have proved themselves incapable of dealing with the recent, repeated crises. The international financial and economic crisis has fully confirmed his analysis and shows that we need original ideas like those he proposes. The infrastructural and economic development projects that he has been proposing for years, like the Eurasian Land-Bridge, are also for us in Europe an urgent alternative to unemployment and the war danger, which has always originated from fundamental economic crises, and from the growing separation between finance and the real economy, between rich and poor, as also Pope John Paul II recently underlined in his speech "Ethics and Finance."

Georgia

Vakhtang Gogvadze, *former Speaker of the Georgian Parliament, "The Devil Is Frightening, Until He Is Named a Devil," open letter to the U.S. Ambassador to Georgia dated Oct. 14, published in the Georgian newspaper Asvali-Dasvali. Mr. Gogvadze was interviewed in EIR on Oct. 8.*

Dear Mr. Jalovitz,

I had pleasant and friendly state relations with your predecessor, Mr. Kent Brown. When I was Speaker of the Georgian Parliament in 1992-1995, Mr. Brown supported me in my

state activity during my gravest experiences. . . .

Now I am acting in another role. Proceeding from the objective situation, I am in opposition, not only to the course of the Georgian authorities, but first and foremost, to the implementation of the ideology of the U.S.A., in the way in which it is being done in our country. But my opposing point of view is completely within the framework of the Constitution of the U.S.A. I have always expressed my sincere, deep respect for the American people.

I am worried about the tragic, almost catastrophic fate of my people. . . .

I am happy to have political and intellectual relations with such a significant person of the present period, as Mr. Lyndon LaRouche is. The Georgian people must know, that America has such a progressive humanist, who can love, not only his home country, but also the whole world, including Georgia. His concept—both theory and practice—is completely opposite to that terrible process, whose name is a unipolar mode of “global order.” America should avoid the boomerang effect, which may follow that process. . . .

Dear Mr. Jalovitz, I am sending you my interview, issued by *EIR* magazine, which concerns just these global problems. More than 4,000 years have passed, but as Prometheus is groaning, chained to the Caucasus, he is again being pecked by crows. The Caucasus is really in the situation of Prometheus.

Today, Georgia is in hell. . . . I ask you to reconsider the [U.S.] doctrine of foreign relations, and to raise a question at the Department of State, about the danger of a boomerang effect resulting from the present ideology. *The devil is frightening, until he is named a devil.*

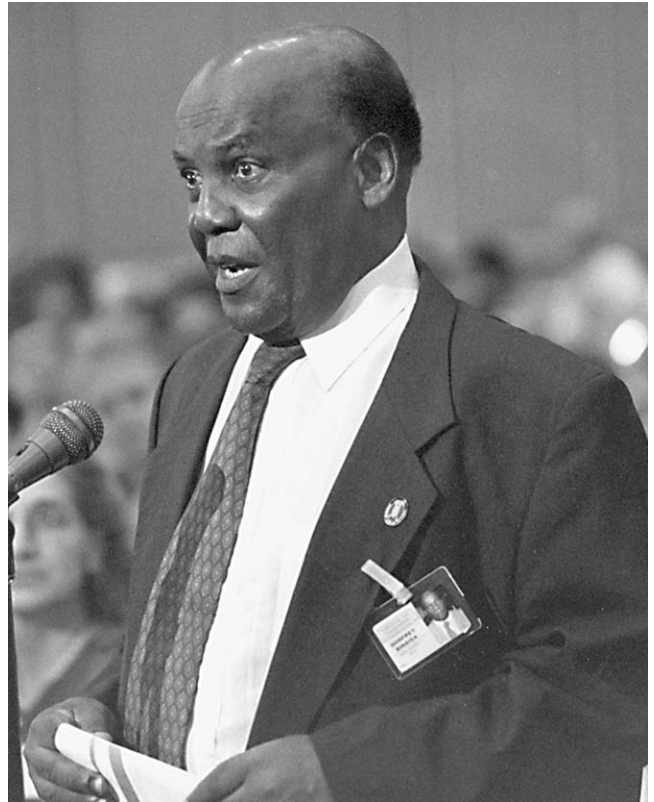
I ask you to raise the question of changing policy relative to the Caucasus. It is true that your intelligence service, to our misfortune, has succeeded in getting Russians and Georgians to conceive hatred against each other; but a reverse process has now begun. I am a humanist, and it is against my wishes that all this has turned into Americaphobia. America’s current policy, is unsuitable for the U.S.A. itself. If you desire that people like me should love America, then believe Mr. Lyndon LaRouche. Whether he will become President or not, I do not know—but I know one thing: No future President will be able to ignore his concepts.

Campaign Endorsements

Poland

Retired Bishop Mizolak of Warsaw:

Soon, we will celebrate the Jubilee 2000—a general debt relief and a just economic order must give a more human face to the Third Millennium.



G. Lukongwa Binaisa, chairman of the African Civil Rights Movement and former President of Uganda.

But we see war, financial chaos, and economic misery, also and especially in the poorest countries.

In the year 2000 however, also a new President is being elected in the United States—a great hope for the world and a decision of great importance for today’s civilization.

For many years, I have followed the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche, who is running for the Presidency in the year 2000. For 30 years he has been fighting for a just, new world economic order—in the spirit of the encyclical *Populorum Progressio*—as well as for an ecumenical dialogue among the religions and cultures.

This is the policy the world needs, so that the new Millennium becomes a millennium of peace, therefore, I support the candidacy of Mr. LaRouche.

Africa

The African Civil Rights Movement, chaired by G. Lukongwa Binaisa, former President of Uganda, currently resident in the United States:

Let people remember that Abraham Lincoln, who became one of the greatest Presidents this country ever had, lost elective office several times, including being kicked out of Congress. However, during that time of the greatest crisis this country ever faced, of whether the Union would be sustained

or the country would be fragmented into many, small weak states, Abraham Lincoln was the only person in the arena available who had the ideas, the courage, and ability to keep the Union together. Although many people did not support him in the beginning, the country later came to support him, and today, still cherishes his memory for keeping the country a sovereign state, strong and united under one flag, one government, and one destiny. Lyndon LaRouche is the American statesman left in the field today with the ideas, ability, and courage to lead this country through the imminent world financial catastrophe.

United States

Melvin Muhammad, *state president, Nebraska Association of Public Employees/American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (NAPE/AFSCME)*:

I believe that labor organizations must support Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. for President of the United States for numerous reasons. Let's start with LaRouche's plan for a New Bretton Woods conference, such as that which Franklin D. Roosevelt convened in the post-World War II period to rebuild the war torn financial and monetary systems. This financial and monetary plan succeeds to a large extent until 1971-1972 Nixon administration's adoption of the "floating exchange rate" system. This current cancer (financial bubble) will soon take the patient to hell, unless the current sitting President acts to make LaRouche the economic spokesperson for this administration.

NAFTA is another reason labor must accept leadership from LaRouche: He is the only Presidential candidate who has publicly stated that he would scrap this inhuman policy. This particular treaty has been a source of millions of U.S. jobs being eliminated and exported to Mexico, Central and South America, and to Asia. The chief proponent of this policy has been the unelectable Presidential candidate "Mr. Free Trade" Al Gore.

Mr. LaRouche's experience in foreign policy once again reflects the brilliance with which Mr. LaRouche speaks to the issues of reconstruction of the Balkans. This should suggest that unions can play a major role in helping both the European and Asian continents. Without the necessary rebuilding of these areas, the world will continue to decay. This ideal is envisioned in the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which is the financial and economic answer to these war-torn regions. There are the problems in Russia, Africa, Southeast Asia, and various other spots in the world, and LaRouche has solutions.

I believe that Mr. LaRouche's domestic policies also reflect his commitment to rebuilding the U.S. economy based on physical production, with industries, infrastructure, farming, education, health care, as well as water systems. LaRouche is out front once again on how America can return to the producing nation we once were and turn back the tide of America being a consumer nation.



Melvin Muhammad, president, Nebraska Association of Public Employees.

Finally, the AFL-CIO convention that took place a few weeks ago, with its decision to endorse Vice President Al Gore, was made in error. As the upcoming months will show, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., is the only possible candidate that can help America avert the destruction that awaits her. Labor must support and help elect Lyndon H. LaRouche as President of the United States in the year 2000.

David Casden, *small businessman, member of Congregation Shir Shalom Synagogue, Buffalo Grove, Illinois*:

I endorse Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., for President of the United States, because he is the only candidate who can understand the world situation in general, and shows great leadership in dealing with these kind of issues. His ideas are able to deal with the current financial crisis. I believe there is no current other candidate who has shown this kind of leadership.

As for me being Jewish, I believe there are other Jews who perceive Lyndon LaRouche as anti-Semitic. I believe this is a case of slander by the press and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. If you read his writings, and you understand what he stands for, he is clearly for Jewish idealism, such as the tradition of Moses Mendelssohn.

Therefore, I urge everyone to vote for Lyndon LaRouche.

What's behind all the hysteria against China?

China wants to buy *trillions of dollars* worth of U.S. capital goods, for the great infrastructure project of the 21st century, the Eurasian Land-Bridge. But the British-led financier oligarchy, determined to prevent such collaboration at any cost, has unleashed its mad dogs in Congress, to wreck President Clinton's efforts to forge a mutually beneficial partnership with China.

The Eurasian Land-Bridge

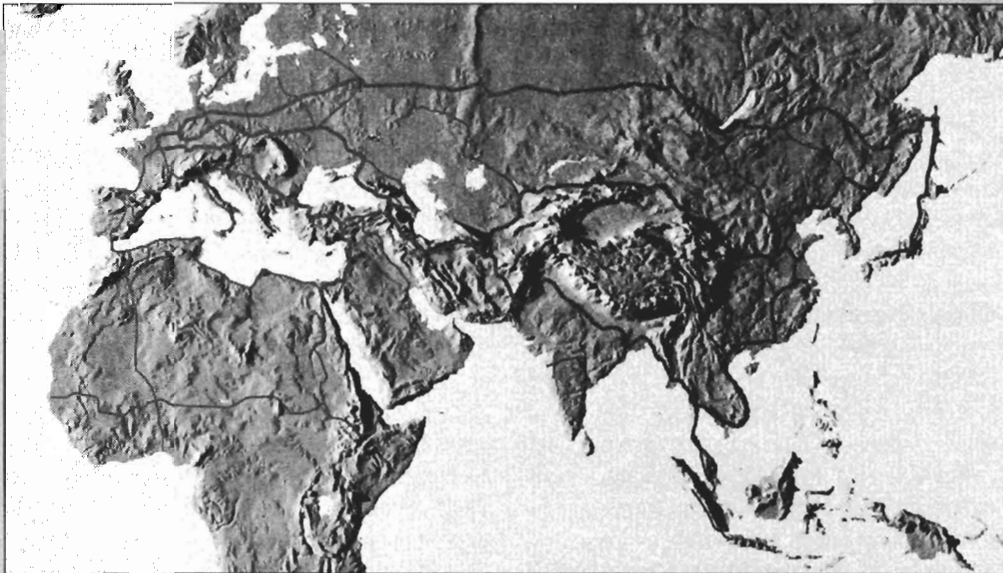
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Helga Zepp-LaRouche (right), known as "the Silk Road Lady," has played a major role in organizing worldwide support for the Eurasian Land-Bridge. She is shown here with Schiller Institute associates at Lianyungang Port in China, October 1998.



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