

## Chicago teach-in begins new phase of anti-war movement

by the EIR Intelligence Staff

An anti-war teach-in called by the international Schiller Institute drew student leaders from at least 46 colleges around the United States, to two days of deliberation in Chicago Dec. 15 and 16. Together with other political activists at the more than 350-person meeting, the students committed themselves to escalate anti-war activity in the month coming up to Jan. 15, 1991, the date after which the U.N. Security Council has authorized the use of military force against Iraq.

What is at stake in the threatened war in the Persian Gulf was laid out dramatically in the keynote presentation by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche. Speaking by videotape, Zepp-LaRouche located the Bush administration's war drive as part of the Anglo-American campaign for a neo-pagan New World Order that would lead to genocide against non-white Third World people. The only alternative to the horror of a Gulf war that could easily lead to World War III, are the economic development policies of my husband, she explained. But to implement those policies, Lyndon LaRouche will have to be freed from his political imprisonment.

By the conclusion of the teach-in, the participants overwhelmingly endorsed what will be called the Chicago Manifesto, which outlines immediate political demands for ending the war. The Manifesto demands the "immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and allied military forces from the Gulf region," as well as the "launching of a new Marshall Plan for the economic reconstruction and development of the Middle East in the interest of all nations in the region."

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should Bush take the unconstitutional actions he threatens."

The call for impeachment if Bush proceeds with war without congressional approval, was also raised by a teach-in sponsored by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark's Committee to Stop Intervention in the Gulf, meeting in southern California on Dec. 16.

### The urgency grows

An angry political mood against the administration is being fed by the increasing signs that President Bush intends to ignore all constitutional considerations in his drive for war against Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Not only has the President put stumbling blocks in the way of discussions with the Iraqis, but he has repeatedly stated that he will not be deterred by domestic opposition from striking Iraq.

Meanwhile, Bush and Secretary of State James Baker are leaning on U.S. international allies to join in demanding unconditional surrender from the Iraqis. The capitulation of states which have consistently insisted on negotiations, such as Germany, underscores the fact that it is the American population which must take the leading role if Bush's genocidal war against the Third World is to be stopped.

### Lunacy of war

The lunacy of the war drive was underscored by the first panel of the teach-in, which featured the cultural attaché from the Iraqi embassy, Dr. Mayser Y. al-Mallah. Dr. Mallah had to speak to the audience by videotape, since the State Department arrogantly refused to give him permission to travel from Washington, D.C. to Chicago (see p. 36).

Dr. Mallah told the crowd that Iraq did not want war, but that the Bush administration seemed to be committed to it.

He then challenged each of the U.S.'s rationales for moving to war.

Dr. Mallah began with the issue between Iraq and Kuwait, explaining that Britain had severed Kuwait from Iraq back in 1913-14, and describing how Kuwait had been waging war against Iraq over the past two years, by means including the seizure of territory and economic war. Iraq has had a longstanding claim to Kuwait, he said, and in fact, Iraq's military action was leading to negotiations on the issues—when the U.S. intervened to prevent the Arabs from solving the problem among themselves.

The Iraqi representative showed the ludicrousness of all Bush's rationalizations for war. Iraq has no problem with the Saudis, he said. It wants to sell oil to the U.S. in exchange for agro-industrial goods. A Middle East oil cutoff does not hurt the U.S., but rather Germany and Japan. Iraq's military power is a counterbalance to Israel in the area, but does not threaten anyone.

Webster Tarpley, U.S. president of the Schiller Institute, then spoke about the strategic insanity of launching war in the Gulf. Tarpley explained how a military confrontation would create the political repercussions that would lead to a global conflict, and how Israeli intervention could well lead to an atomic-biological-chemical warfare confrontation. The least damage that would result from the war, Tarpley said, is an Arab oil embargo that would mean the "end of world civilization as we have known it."

Food for Peace researcher Marcia Merry then highlighted the lunacy of the war drive from another perspective—the feasibility of creating peace in the Middle East through economic development. She used slides to demonstrate the way in which the water resources of the area could be developed in order to make oases in the desert, and provide for prosperity.

## Building a movement

The third session of the teach-in was devoted to the questioning of organizing a movement in the United States, drawing heavily on the expertise of the civil rights movement.

Setting up the discussion were two investigators into government operations, who gave the audience a shocking view of what they were up against. Gene Wheaton, a criminal investigator and professor of criminal justice at the University of California in Orange County, dropped a bombshell by telling the participants that the reason why the Gander, Newfoundland air crash of December 1985 occurred, was never discovered because *the belly of the plane contained arms being smuggled to the Contras!* Wheaton is pursuing the case for the Families for Truth about Gander, Inc. Two hundred and forty-two soldiers were killed in the explosion, which was attributed to "ice on the wings" in Washington before the plane stopped burning.

Wheaton was followed by investigative journalist Sherman Skolnick, who described an ongoing attempt by the Justice Department to close a company that had also been

involved in Iran-Contra. Shockingly, the company—Wire Cloth Products, Inc.—is now the only supplier of military filters and nozzle seals which are needed for the Gulf deployment.

Four of the next five speakers were veterans of the U.S. black movement, who posed the tasks of the current situation as they saw them. First was Mrs. Amelia Boynton Robinson, a veteran of the Selma, Alabama civil rights movement and colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr., who is now a leading member of the Schiller Institute. Mrs. Robinson laid out a perspective for building an international peace movement against Bush's racist Gulf deployment, with the centerpiece being freedom for U.S. political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche.

Civil rights organizer Rev. James Bevel then addressed himself to the students in the crowd, confronting them with their own hesitancy to get involved in changing the world. Referring to LaRouche, he said, "If you allow a righteous man to be in jail, there's something wrong with you." He presented the hideous case of child sex abuse in Nebraska as a test case, and the necessity for immediate action to free the children from the "white homosexual power structure." "Homosexuals can't run democratic institutions because they can't come to grips with who they are," Bevel argued. "You can't live like a civilian while our children are under attack. You've got to be a soldier."

Panamanian professor and former diplomat Onofre Alphonse then confronted the audience with the crimes of the Bush administration against his nation. Alphonse used the United Nations Charter and the Nuremberg Tribunal proceedings to argue that the U.S. government was in violation of law. The first casualty of war, he said, is truth—and we must restore that first. "We should demand that Neil Bush be sent to the front lines in Saudi Arabia, along with Dan Quayle and the children of wealthy congressmen," he concluded.

Dr. Charles Knox of the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities presented the content of his campaign for city clerk of Chicago on the LaRouche slate with Sheila Jones and Mark Fairchild. Knox tore into the idea of the "lesser of two evils" and insisted that LaRouche had to be freed. "LaRouche has a plan," he said. "He has a plan to prevent war. He has a plan to industrialize Africa. He must be allowed to implement that plan, because we need it."

## Nation of Islam calls for unity

Abdul Wali Muhammad, the editor of *The Final Call*, the newspaper of the Nation of Islam, gave the final presentation on this panel. Muhammad said that Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, opposed the war, because it is a war to destroy the Third World both inside and outside America. In his view, the U.S. government is seeking to exterminate black people.

Muhammad urged the audience to, above all, seek the

truth. Minister Farrakhan has been lied about in the press, he said, and threatened by groups known to be run by the FBI. What the Nation of Islam appreciates about LaRouche and his associates, is that they seek to get people to think, and learn the truth. When we unite, he said, we will unite on the basis of truth.

### **The basis for freedom**

The fourth panel of the conference brought together representatives of various freedom movements, which have been abandoned by the Anglo-Americans, and left to face genocide and repression. They were joined by U.S. Club of Life president Nancy Spannaus, who presented the programmatic basis to defeat this evil.

Dr. Mohammad Said, a Palestinian-American from Washington State, gave his presentation as a representative of the Arab-Americans against U.S. Military Intervention in the Gulf. He described his trip to Kuwait in late August and early September, where he discovered that the U.S. government and media were just plain lying about the Iraqi occupation of that country. It is a lie that infants were ripped off incubators, he said, and he brought back a videotape to prove it.

Dr. Said also enlightened the attendees on the operations of the Anti-Defamation League and other sections of the Zionist lobby against the Democratic Party, and urged the audience to stand up against the small crowd which is trying to drive U.S. policy toward war. He urged those present to participate in his group's international actions in mid-January—fasts in front of legislative offices on Jan. 10 and demonstrations Jan. 12.

Said was followed by a Chinese student leader who wishes to remain anonymous. He spoke in place of Dong Wei, the president of the Canadian Association of Chinese Students and Scholars. Wei was unable to attend because he had chosen to return to China in an effort to stop the show-trials against student leaders. His replacement gave an emotional appeal for solidarity with the freedom movement, and greatly encouraged the audience with reports on the spread of LaRouche's writings in China. He even reported that, ironically, the Chinese communists have begun to use LaRouche's imprisonment as an "answer" to U.S. complaints about their human rights violations.

The Chinese issue provoked considerable discussion through the rest of the conference, including calls on the body to send observers to try to stop the show-trials. In the final plenary session the full body passed a resolution condemning the Bush administration's China policy, condemning and demanding an end to the trials of the democracy movement's leaders, and calling for full economic and diplomatic sanctions until China shows respect for human rights.

### **The right to progress**

Colonel Ho Tren, the former director of counterintelligence for the Republic of South Vietnam, then addressed the

audience on the crimes of Henry Kissinger. Colonel Tren presented himself as a supporter of Lyndon LaRouche, and an ardent opponent of Henry Kissinger, whom he blamed for destroying his country, and for plotting to destroy the world with this new war in the Gulf. The colonel said he is often asked whether a Gulf war would be a new Vietnam. He answers: "No. Then, 2,000 body bags a month reached American shores. This time, it will be 2,000 body bags an hour. It is high time that all men of good will drive Kissinger completely out of policymaking."

The final panel presentation developed the economic policies consistent with the sacred quality of human life—in particular the Productive Triangle policy which LaRouche has developed for Central Europe, as an engine for reversing the world depression.

### **Stopping genocide**

The final four presentations dealt with the issue of genocide through International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities and free trade, particularly the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's (GATT) policy of destroying agricultural production. Former Guyanese Foreign Minister Fred Wills, European Food for Peace director Rosa Tennenbaum, Sudanese representative Shingeiti, and Australian farmer John Koehler all gave devastating indictments of the current financial system which is destroying the means of sustenance.

Tennenbaum spoke of her recent tour of the American Midwest as well as giving an overview of the success of the cartels in putting farmers out of business. The family farmer will be wiped out, she argued, and you will be slaves of food control, unless you fight politically to save the family farmer.

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## **Documentation**

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### **The Chicago Manifesto**

*Conference participants endorsed the following call to action:*

We call on the American people and persons of good will everywhere to take immediate political action to prevent the outbreak of an atomic-bacteriological-chemical war in the Gulf that would initiate World War III. We condemn the war psychosis gripping the Bush administration. We reject the Kissinger balance-of-power doctrine and other demagogic arguments for military adventurism offered by a psychologically unstable President. Bush's Gulf buildup is an act of incalculable folly undertaken in the service of a bankrupt

policy of imperialism and colonialism. This policy has been inspired by the degenerate British oligarchy in order to promote the racist slaughter of non-white populations.

We warn in particular of the danger of terrorist provocation and sneak attack by Israel against Iraq, Jordan, and the Palestine Liberation Organization in an attempt to force the United States into war. We urge peace-loving governments to act at once to restrain the insanity of the Anglo-American ruling elite. We call upon the United States Congress to terminate funding for the Gulf expeditionary force at once, and to ready the sanctions of impeachment and the 25th Amendment against outlaw acts by the administration, should Bush take the unconstitutional actions he threatens. Congress must also investigate the existence of chattel slavery in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

We demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and allied military forces from the Gulf region. We repudiate the United Nations Security Council policy of genocidal economic blockade and military intervention. The Gulf crisis must be solved peacefully through a mediation of the Arab states undisturbed by outside threats of force. An international peace conference must be convoked to resolve the questions of creating a Palestinian state, of restoring the sovereignty of Lebanon, and above all of launching a new Marshall Plan for the economic reconstruction and development of the Middle East in the interest of all nations in the region.

A catastrophic economic depression is now devastating the world. The Soviet Union is experiencing a famine and economic breakdown, with increasing signs of a neo-Stalinist Tiananmen Square crackdown. Such breakdown in a superpower again raises the spectre of general thermonuclear confrontation. The Soviet military now threatens to crush the Russian democratic movement as well as the freedom movements in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, and other republics. The economic situation in Asia, Africa, and Ibero-America continues to deteriorate.

We support emergency measures for world economic recovery and war avoidance, centering on the LaRouche Paris-Berlin-Vienna infrastructural triangle, with technology transfer to the Third World. The triangle policy is the prerequisite for effective emergency relief for Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. In addition, we must end the evil policies of GATT, and stop attempts to control world food and raw materials. The Reagan-Bush economic policy of usury and speculation must now be abandoned in favor of the LaRouche program to fight the depression. This program is premised on the universal principle that all men and women are created in the living image of God. LaRouche himself must be freed from illegal political captivity. Permanent world peace can only be founded on independent sovereign nation-states sharing a community of purpose in scientific and technological progress.

## Helga Zepp-LaRouche rips population wars

*Excerpts from a videotaped address delivered on Dec. 15 to the Chicago anti-war teach-in "Civilization is at stake," by the chairman of the Schiller Institute in Germany, Helga Zepp-LaRouche.*

The key problem of the strategic picture today, is that the two superpowers are both economically collapsing: Both the Soviet empire, as well as the Anglo-American empire, are undergoing a collapse of their physical economy. . . .

The Soviet system, of course, is in a much more difficult position at this moment, than the Anglo-American empire, and . . . the Anglo-American power elite, whom Bush represents, are trying to use what they regard as a window of opportunity, to establish an Anglo-American world empire, in which, in their view, the Soviet Union is supposed to play the role of a junior partner. I can tell you: the arrogance of power reflected by this view . . . is a very dangerous miscalculation—exactly of the kind of which world wars then develop.

Bush is calling this, as Thatcher did before she was ousted, the "new world order." In Brazil, at his recent trip, he even talked about the "dawn" of a new order. . . . *The last time there was talk about a new world order, was exactly 50 years ago, in Nazi Germany.* . . .

The Gulf crisis—and this has to be clearly understood—has nothing to do with Iraq, or with what Saddam Hussein did, who clearly was manipulated into his action. What is happening in the Gulf right now, is that the Anglo-Americans are carrying out a policy which was already clearly visible in the 1970s. It's what Kissinger had worked out in 1975, namely, the division of Lebanon, with Lebanon to be divided up into Greater Syria and Greater Israel, and the state of Jordan, according to Kissinger's plan, was to disappear. . . . It was also in 1975 that the American ambassador to Saudi Arabia, James Akins, warned that Kissinger had plans for a permanent military control of the Saudi oil fields through the U.S. forces. . . .

The new order we are seeing right now is also the policy of the Trilateral Commission of the 1970s, of the "Project 1980s," as they called it then. This was the idea that they wanted to have, according to their own neo-malthusian policies, what they called a "controlled disintegration" of the world economy, which basically was the idea that no Third World country should ever have the right to industrial