

Interview: Helga Zepp-LaRouche



Nations of the North must be in solidarity with the South

The following interview with Helga Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Schiller Institute in Germany, was conducted by Nora Hamerman by phone on Dec. 3, shortly after a conference in Kiedrich, Germany at which a new political party, the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity, was founded.

EIR: In 1985, you catalyzed the founding of a movement called Patriots for Germany, dedicated to getting the Berlin Wall demolished and Germany reunified. Later, the Patriots ran candidates for public office. Can you describe what you think were the achievements of the Patriots, and why you believe a new framework is needed for intervening into German politics today?

Zepp-LaRouche: Remember that in 1985, no one in Germany thought that German unification would be a realistic goal. As a matter of fact, the late Willy Brandt [former chancellor] called the perspective of unification, which is written in the German Constitution, “the lie of our lives.”

If there was any possibility of German unification discussed at all, at best it would have meant that it would occur in a neutral framework, a kind of Finlandization. Against that, the Patriots for Germany were initiated, and if you read the founding principles today, you will see that already then, we predicted that German unification could only take place if the Soviet Union would collapse economically, and collapse as a system.

Extremely important in this development, was the trip my husband Lyndon LaRouche and I took in October 1988 to Berlin, where Lyn predicted and proposed an early German unification because of the economic decay in the Soviet Union, and proposed that the unified Germany should collaborate in a development plan for Poland, using western technology and industrial power to make Poland a model of similar developments of other East European countries. I, at the same occasion, proposed that Berlin under these circumstances should soon be the German capital.

In other words, we were the only ones thinking in terms of the collapse of the Soviet Union and German unification; and that’s why, when the peaceful revolutions occurred in the fall of 1989, we were the only ones really prepared for this development, and we supported it through leaflets encouraging the peaceful demonstrators to continue. We were later told by many, that that was an extremely important intervention.

Now, the reason why the same approach should be enlarged, is that now that Germany is unified, we need a broader perspective. We are still patriots, but that cannot be just for ourselves—not for Germany alone—but if you look at the world crisis, the condition of the developing countries, the crisis in the East, it’s very clear that Germany as an industrial power has a lot of what is needed for the development of the Third World and the East. We are basically thinking like Friedrich Schiller, who said that each patriot has to be a good world citizen at the same time, and therefore, we have now initiated a citizens’ Civil Rights Movement Solidarity, because of the absolute need to show solidarity with those countries which are now in crisis. It’s exactly what the pope called for, that the rich countries of the North must show solidarity with the poor countries of the South.

So our new movement which we have initiated, merging the LaRouche movement and the Martin Luther King movement at the recent conference here in Germany, is based on the idea of *caritas* and solidarity as the economic form of Christian *agapē*.

EIR: Founding a “Civil Rights Solidarity” movement in Europe is astounding, because there is no tradition of a civil rights struggle in Germany comparable to the black civil rights struggle led by Martin Luther King in the United States. Can you explain how this very original idea evolved, and describe some of the various forces who are collaborating in it?

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, that’s not quite true. As a matter of fact, there was something like a civil rights movement, even if in a different form, when the Prussian reformers around vom Stein and von Humboldt, introduced all the reforms in Germany at the beginning of the 19th century which later were fought for by the civil rights movement, i.e., the end of slavery, the end of *Knechtschaft*; and it was only due to the reactionary Congress of Vienna that that development was interrupted.

It was exactly the fact that that spirit against slavery was very alive among the German classical thinkers around Schiller, Humboldt, and the Prussian reformers, and the influence they had on the German population, which explains why it was especially the Germans who were key in the fight against slavery in the United States during the time of the Civil War, why the Germans supported Lincoln, and why

they were totally against the philosophy of the Confederacy.

It was that strong German influence in American politics against which Teddy Roosevelt was deployed.

So, there is a tradition linking that fight in Germany, with that fight in the United States.

When Lyndon LaRouche demanded that we must rebuild the civil rights movement, this occurred because both civil rights and human rights in the United States are today in much worse shape than during the 1960s. If you look at the situation of the justice system, the absolute brutality with which the death penalty is used as the legal version of what the Ku Klux Klan lynching policy used to be in the 1920s, if you look at the hardships caused by the economic depression, then you see that a civil rights movement today is much more important, even in the United States, than in the 1960s.

Then take the fact that the philosophy of the Confederacy today rules the United States, and not only domestically in terms of justice and so forth, but also in terms of foreign policy; look at the Thornburgh Doctrine [authorizing the seizure of foreign nationals abroad], which is basically the continuation of a Confederate philosophy toward the Third World.

In addition to that, we are in a global depression. We are heading toward the biggest crisis, maybe not only of this century, but maybe of civilization in general. And if this crisis is accelerated through the ongoing global depression, then the entire human race is threatened by a new Thirty Years' War.

It is my conviction that we will only come out of this crisis if we establish a just, new world economic order, end oligarchism in all its forms, and end slavery on the planet once and for all. So, therefore, there is an urgent need not only to rebuild the civil rights movement in the United States, but internationally. And that's exactly what we have started to do with the creation of this new movement in Germany. The Civil Rights Movement Solidarity is a movement for Germany, but at the same time, we have created an international advisory board assembling many prominent personalities from Ibero-America, eastern Europe, the United States, Africa, China, and many other places, to symbolize the international character of this movement.

EIR: There is major news coverage all over the world of the violent neo-Nazi gangs in Germany. As usual, it is slanted toward blaming everything on the Germans and their government, to the extent that the Israeli government has protested to Bonn. My question is in two parts.

a) First, to what extent do you hold Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the German elites responsible for the current breakdown, and to what extent are the provocations coming from outside Germany?

b) Second, would you comment on the Israeli position, given the circumstances of what many people feel is a Nazi-like policy by Israel toward the Palestinians in the Occupied Territories and Israel's failure to condemn Serbian genocide

in Bosnia and Croatia?

Zepp-LaRouche: Today, unfortunately, if we look back to 1989, one must say that Europe did miss its great historical chance totally.

It was Lyndon LaRouche who, in 1989, when he proposed an economic infrastructure program for Europe, especially eastern Europe, correctly said that Europe would meet its historical chance *only* if it would learn the lesson from the fact that not only communism had collapsed and therefore the economic theory of Karl Marx was discredited, but also that the Anglo-American world was in a depression, and therefore the economic theory of Adam Smith and liberalism was equally discredited. He said that Europe had to return to its own economic tradition of Leibniz, Alexander Hamilton, and Friedrich List, and especially to bring its economic policies into cohesion with Christian principles, and that that would then be the basis for the definition of an industrial policy for eastern Europe.

Now unfortunately, the Kohl government did not act on this basis—in large part, I believe, because the key German banker, Alfred Herrhausen, was assassinated because he proposed quite similar policies for Poland. There is now a heavy debate, both in German circles as well as in Italy, about the *cui bono* of these murders, pointing to the Anglo-American geopolitical intentions.

As a result of this, the Kohl government did not develop an industrial policy for the East. They left the definition of the economic policy entirely to the Anglo-Americans and the International Monetary Fund [IMF], and that has led to the present total collapse and catastrophe looming in the East. Even in east Germany, this has led to total economic destruction which indeed has created a social basis for these neo-Nazi movements to grow.

However, I want to stress emphatically, that despite the fact that, unfortunately, there are some neo-Nazis now in existence, this has been in large part orchestrated by the Anglo-Americans—through the Ku Klux Klan in the United States, which supplied the majority of the literature of these groups; through the skinheads, which is a British phenomenon, not a German phenomenon—and it all smells very heavily of Tavistock creations, if you look at the rock music, which was also tested in institutions like the [British] Tavistock Institute, a kind of *Clockwork Orange* scenario. And while there are some neo-Nazis today, they are also manipulated by intelligence services in a strategy of tension against Germany, following a geopolitical intention to weaken Germany.

To answer the second part of your question, the question I have is, why are those who are so upset about Germany right now, not upset about the genocide in Bosnia?

This is the big moral question, because what is going on in Croatia and especially in Bosnia, the genocide committed by the Serbians, is without parallel in this century. And again, the Balkans war would not have started without the geopolitical encouragement of James Baker and Peter Lord Carrington.

ton, again because of geopolitical wish to permanently have a war in the Balkans as a means to destroy the potential for Eurasian development.

EIR: At Kiedrich, the conference passed two resolutions. One was on the issue of political asylum, and the other dealt with the murders of Turks which recently occurred in Mölln. Could you tell us what these resolutions expressed and how they will be used?

Zepp-LaRouche: The issue of asylum is right now the hottest issue debated in Germany, and indeed, it is true, all schools, all sports halls, and so forth are filled up with refugees, because Germany, contrary to other European countries, has taken a very large number (I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of refugees), unlike England or France or Italy.

But obviously, if the South and the East collapse, then many, many more refugees will eventually run away from starvation and war, and therefore what we have resolved at this conference is that the answer cannot be to close the borders, which will not function in any case. And I have stated emphatically that if Europe tried to keep refugees away through both new walls and through guns, then that would be the moral end of Europe.

The only answer can be, to bring development to those regions where the people are coming from. But that would be the opposite of the IMF policy. It would mean going with massive economic development for eastern Europe and the Southern Hemisphere.

Concerning the murders at Mölln, we are demanding an absolute ruthless policy against these neo-Nazi groups. They should be forbidden, but also there must be an absolute ruthless investigation about their foreign intelligence agency links.

EIR: In your speech to the Kiedrich conference you spoke of the need to make a real revolution in Germany, and said that Germany has not yet had a revolution. Please develop for us the historical high points of German history as these relate to a positive national mission today. I am thinking especially of the conversion campaign of St. Boniface; the Carolingian era; the German contribution to the Renaissance, especially embodied in Nicolaus of Cusa, Leibniz, and the German Classical period of Schiller, Bach, and the Humboldt brothers. In short, can you give us an outline of the history of Germany's contributions to civilization, prior to the 20th century?

Zepp-LaRouche: The reason I emphasized the role of Boniface in Christianizing Germany is because I polemically said, that the pre-Christian Germanic myths were not so much different and not so much better than the Aztecs and Incas, simply to make a point.

Namely, if you look around the world and you see the absolute brutality with which certain forces behave, if you take the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, if you take Shining Path

The cowardly murders of foreigners must be stopped

The following statement was issued by Helga Zepp-LaRouche on Nov. 24 on the attacks on foreigners in Germany. Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche is the founder of the Schiller Institute internationally and the chairman of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity.

The cowardly and criminal arson attack in Mölln, in which two Turkish women and one young 10-year-old Turkish girl growing up in Germany were killed and nine other people injured, some seriously, must finally rouse citizens to action against these racist, chauvinist gangs. In the face of the more than 3,000 attacks by autonomist and right-radical perpetrators of violence during this year, which have already claimed 16 fatal victims, the failure of the government led by Chancellor Helmut Kohl is apparent. These are the results of the debate on asylum which has been conducted by all the parties in a reprehensible way.

Over last weekend, citizens joined together in a "Civil Rights Movement Solidarity," in order to oppose this ominous development in Germany. There we linked up closely with the civil rights movement of Martin Luther King, which fought for decades against racism between whites

in Peru, or the Serbs in the Balkans, committing brutalities of unbelievable dimensions, then you develop a new understanding of why the Christian notion of man is so important. Because you can see that in cultures where the Christian notion of man is lacking, it comes to these atrocities. Therefore, this Christianization was something extremely important.

Obviously also, the role of the Carolingian Renaissance and Charlemagne as, in a certain way, the father of both Germany and France, made a crucial contribution. Then the next step of development as it was achieved through the Italian Renaissance, in which the German Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa had maybe one, if not the leading intellectual role, questions which again are of extreme relevance today, because as Nicolaus of Cusa said already in the 15th century, peace in the world (*concordantia*) is only possible through the development of all microcosms—i.e., of all countries. There can be peace only if all countries can develop.

These ideas were further developed by Leibniz, who basically developed a plan for universal development, where Germany had the role to develop the East, and France the task to develop Africa. This was all the more important because it

and blacks, and against the influence of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States.

For the restoration of internal peace in Germany, the following measures must be taken:

- The safety of those foreigners living in Germany must be protected under all circumstances. For that purpose, the local police forces need the broad support of the population. The fact that the greatest number of attacks occur in states led by the Social Democratic Party shows the bankruptcy of the "soft line" which has stood in the way of police requirements during the past years. These requirements include a functioning registration service, which can identify the still-unknown perpetrating circles and persons; protective custody; and severe punishment of deeds which involved bodily injury and murder.

- Federal legal measures and competent state legal measures must be employed to rigorously uncover, stop, and prosecute the men behind the right-radical terrorism, including the involvement of foreign intelligence services in their organization and propaganda work. The examples of the connections of neo-Nazi groups to KKK leaders and skinheads keep increasing, without the circles of these persons, who have been known for years, being prosecuted.

This is all the more important, because the huge campaign of filth, which was fomented by British and American press outlets after reunification against a supposed "resurgent Fourth Reich," only becomes effective propaganda through the bloody provocations from the neo-Nazi

and autonomist scene.

- In the longer view, however, the achievement of internal peace in Germany depends on a decisive change in course away from the failed economic and foreign policy of the federal government since reunification. In the face of the world economic crisis, the murderous policy of free trade at any price and of wholesale privatization under International Monetary Fund conditions must finally be abolished. The 7 million unemployed or underemployed people in east and west Germany must find work in large-scale Eurasian construction projects. Not shrinkage, but construction in the East and in the South of the world must determine the course of the next years. If I were in the government, I would immediately submit an appropriate construction and investment plan, and call upon the ministers to make Germany's cooperation in the international governing bodies of the European Community, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Group of Seven contingent upon whether the fundamental direction of world economic policy is changed in the direction of a policy of construction.

This change in course must also find expression in bringing about an end to the war in former Yugoslavia, which has robbed many people of their last hope for human kindness coming from the German people. The new "Civil Rights Movement Solidarity" intends to contribute with all its strength to restoring in Germany constitutional rights, fundamental human rights, and, first and foremost, the inviolability of life.

occurred after the destruction of the Thirty Years' War, and therefore this is why we have to go back to these ideas to look for concepts of how to overcome the crisis today.

I pointed out the continuity of this Leibnizian tradition, influencing Bach, influencing and making possible the German Classical period, from Lessing to Schiller, who had this extremely beautiful concept of a beautiful soul as the highest task of man—to develop a beautiful soul. And what could be more important, than to have such an idea?

I gave a short summary of the high points of German culture and tradition, to point on the one side to the tremendous wealth, including cultural wealth, of Germany, but to draw from there the same conclusion as Schiller did at the end of the "Universal History" presentation he gave in 1789 in Jena, where he said that if you look at the contributions of all of these generations of the past, then you have to have a noble desire to contribute with your life in the best possible way to enlarge that and give it to coming generations.

Now, it is that attitude which we must have, not only for Germany, but really for the world, which needs exactly our contribution. So from that standpoint, I defined a positive mission for Germany, to contribute to the development of

those areas which badly need it, in a similar way to how de Gaulle defined it for France, who said that Frenchmen were not some cows eating grass, but that they had a mission in the world, namely, the development especially of the Southern Hemisphere.

EIR: You referenced the Schleicher effort in 1932 to save Germany in the last days of the Weimar Republic. Could you tell us briefly what Schleicher's ideas were, and why he was overthrown and replaced by Hitler? Am I right in thinking that this was an operation engaging both the left and right? Like most aspects of the resistance to Nazism in Germany, this history is totally unknown to most Americans.

Zepp-LaRouche: Around von Schleicher there were different groups of professors, industrialists, and others, like Dregger, Leibenbach, and so forth, who developed very concrete ideas on how the depression, which was caused by the Versailles Treaty and the monetarist policies of that time—quite similar to the IMF policies today—could only be overcome through a dirigist program of productive credit generation for infrastructure.

When von Schleicher took office in December 1932, he

began to implement that program; and had he had only six months' time, Hitler could have been stopped. Unfortunately, through the treason of von Papen, who met at the beginning of January with Hitler in the house of the banker Schröder, it was decided to put Hitler into power, and therefore the von Schleicher option was defeated.

This only could function because it was the Anglo-American policy to put Hitler into power, because they admired his race policy, a scandal which must be discussed and which is described at length in the book *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography*, by Anton Chaitkin and Webster Tarpley.

The reason why the Anglo-Americans thought it in their interests to put Hitler into power, was guided by motives similar to why the U.S. government today is tolerating the American KKK support for the neo-Nazis in Germany.

Hitler was as much against the Germans as against the Jews, and it must also be emphasized, that when the German resistance again and again tried to contact the British or the Americans or the Swiss, they normally gave the contact and the names of those immediately back to the Gestapo so that this resistance was then smashed again and again.

EIR: In a few days I will be addressing a conference of the Movement for Ibero-American Solidarity in Colombia, one of the nations which has been targeted for destruction by the Anglo-American oligarchy. You yourself were recently in South America and participated in a conference in Brazil celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Evangelization, and promoting Ibero-American integration. Do you have any message which you would like to convey to our collaborators in Colombia, about how best they can contribute to the world coalition for peace and development which you are organizing?

Zepp-LaRouche: The world coalition to overcome the global depression and to establish a just, new world economic order has already brought together a vast variety of people who, even though they come from completely different cultures, nations, and religions, all agree that this just, new world economic order must be based on the idea of man as *imago viva Dei*. Because only if you have the human dignity and inalienable rights of man defined on the highest level, namely, in the image of God, can such an alliance function.

That's my message to the people in Colombia, because the question is, the image of what? Of what God? And to think about that, and to develop a clear understanding of that, is exactly the key to the ability to develop Christian love, because it has tremendous implications for the sense of identity of each person.

I'm totally convinced that we only can win if each person develops in him or herself this sense of *agapē*. This is a very concrete question, and it starts with each of us. It starts with you. And on that basis, we have to build a movement around the world.

Freemasons caught the neo-Nazi revival

by Umberto Pascali

The Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, the masonic order associated with Ku Klux Klan founder Gen. Albert Pike, is in the eye of the hurricane in Europe. A confidential memorandum—known by the code name “Operation 3K” and first revealed on Nov. 30 in the Italian daily *Unità*—details a plan to destabilize Germany and Europe as a whole, using the Ku Klux Klan and the former East German communist secret services, the Stasi, to create neo-Nazi groups to provoke a wave of violence.

As regular readers of *EIR* know, Lyndon LaRouche and Rev. James Bevel launched a mobilization in September 1992 during their independent presidential campaign, to bring down the Pike statue in Washington, D.C., which is a blight upon the American capital.

Already at the beginning of 1992, observers in Europe had called attention to the problem that would be caused by waves of desperate refugees from the war in the Balkans, from the collapse of the economies of the former East bloc, and from the systematic destruction of the Third World. It was the usurious approach of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its pusher, Harvard University economist Jeffrey Sachs, that had led to a situation in which these refugees would flee their countries looking for some way to survive.

“There will be something similar to the invasions from the East at the end of the Roman Empire,” one observer said. “Nothing will be able to stop it. Countries that are still prosperous will be overrun. There is nothing they can do to stop that. Of course, then it will be easy to stir up racist reactions and the most intense destabilization you can imagine.”

The revelations now coming out about “Operation 3K” are a confirmation of this hypothesis.

At the same time, a book just released in Germany (*The RAF Phantom, Why Politics and Economics Need Terrorists*), approaches another aspect of the same criminal operation: the use of terrorism to enable foreign powers to control a country. The book, which draws heavily from *EIR*, also quotes extensively from an interview with Col. Fletcher Prouty that appeared in *Unità* on March 19. Prouty is the real-life model for the “Mr. X” of Oliver Stone’s movie “JFK.” The interviewer was Antonio Cipriani, co-author of the re-