

LaRouche movement vows to save U.S. from unraveling

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Assembled under a banner reading "History as Science: Get the Devil Out of Davenport!" the Schiller Institute and the International Caucus of Labor Committees — the philosophical association founded by Lyndon LaRouche — met in northern Virginia on Sept. 4-6 for their annual Labor Day conference.

The primary theme was LaRouche's latest book-length essay, "History as Science: America 2000," in which the American statesman and political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche warns, as he did again in keynote remarks delivered to the conference by audiotape, that the United States could disintegrate as early as 1996, just as the Soviet Union did in 1989-90.

Two themes provided the counterpoint. First was the battle, inspired by LaRouche, against the satanic New Age culture epitomized by "outcome-based education" (OBE) subversion of the schools, and the suicidal decision of the citizens of Davenport, Iowa to refuse to build levees to contain the Mississippi floods — because such levees might threaten the riverboat casino gambling business. Second was the great significance of the just-concluded Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, whose strong emphasis on economic development bears the imprint of LaRouche's decades-long influence (see *Feature*, pp. 18-35). In that spirit, the conference adopted a resolution to initiate a new forum for Christian-Muslim dialogue on the same principles that sparked the 15th-century Renaissance.

LaRouche's essay appears in the Fall 1993 issue of *Fidelio*, the quarterly journal of the Schiller Institute. Veteran civil rights leader and Schiller Institute Vice Chairman Amelia Boynton Robinson introduced LaRouche's keynote: "Lyndon LaRouche is no ordinary man. He is 71 years old. He is in prison for life, yet he is more free than you or I. . . . While darkness is falling and midnight is approaching, there stands at the door of the Capitol Lyndon LaRouche, the

politician, the statesman, the physician of economy, who can offer a cure for this dying world."

LaRouche warned that "in the worst case scenario, the United States begins visibly to disintegrate as a political organization within approximately three years. . . . If the disintegration process is not prevented during this year, the coming 12 months or less, then the disintegration will surely occur by the end of this century." As causes, he pointed to the emphasis on "radical free trade, radical deindustrialization, and radical environmentalism," which, he said, "have systematically destroyed the economy of the world — especially those aspects of the economy which depend upon the technology of western Europe and North America."

With "deficit reduction as the primary goal of government," LaRouche said, the government has responded to this crisis with a "stronger dose of the disease that is killing us." A malthusian population policy — with a growing older population and shrinking birth rate — has resulted in a collapse of the entitlement programs, unable to support this "tilted" population pyramid. This is combined with the "satanic" outcome-based education, in which our "high school matriculants are savagely more poorly educated . . . than those of the pre-1968 generations of students."

The spirit of the Golden Renaissance

LaRouche then elaborated his "History as Science" thesis, that the "magic recipe" of the Golden Renaissance, which occurred as a direct result of the 1438-40 Council of Florence under the influence of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa, reversed the collapse of global population during the previous Dark Age.

That "recipe," upon which the 15th-century Renaissance was based, LaRouche said, is the "European Christian principle of *imago Dei* and *capax Dei*, that is, that every human being, by virtue of possessing the potential for developable



About 800 marchers demonstrate in front of the White House on Sept. 4, calling on President Clinton to free Lyndon LaRouche.

reason, is in the image of the Creator; and that every individual, through use of the creative powers in a way which is motivated by love of mankind, that such behavior is participation in the work of God, or *capax Dei*.”

We are doomed, LaRouche concluded, if we reject this founding principle of civilization. Instead, he challenged the conference to “name the evil, attack the evil, eliminate the evil, and define the action which we propose to take to replace the evil which must be removed. That is the spirit of the Golden Renaissance; that is the difference between success and impotence.”

‘Blow the myth of the 20th century’

In the second keynote address, delivered by videotape from Germany, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche called for her husband’s freedom in the month of September, as the “signal of a change in U.S. policy” that is required to prevent World War III. Having recently been in the former Soviet bloc, including in Moscow itself, Mrs. LaRouche conveyed in sensuous terms the scope and seriousness of the immediate crisis facing humanity, thus underscoring the urgency of her husband’s warning.

“We have warned during the last months,” she said, “that the non-action of the West in the face of the Serbian aggression and the genocide against the Bosnian people would lead to the potential danger of World War III; that is exactly what we are on the verge of right now.” What we are facing, for instance in the growing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, she said, is “several years of the horrible, bloody Nemesis of destruction, of a global Thirty Years’ War of which Bosnia

would only have given us a foretaste.”

But in the horrible fate of Bosnia-Herzegovina, she said, we have “the straw which breaks the camel’s back.” “I believe that this genocide was — and is — so horrible and such absolute proof of the failure of this political system which governs this entire century, that it will lead to the revelation of the truth; and that the ugly face of geopolitics, of British colonialism, of oligarchism, of the balance-of-power crisis management and the idea of running the world through ‘splendid little wars’ on the back of innocent people; the rotten image of man that goes with oligarchism; the ugly face of British liberalism — this all will become public knowledge, and it must become public knowledge.”

To thus “blow the myth of the 20th century” — to tell the truth about these underlying causes of World Wars I and II — she said, is the “absolute precondition for mankind to survive.” She cited specifically the necessity of winning over to this view of history, and to support of Lyndon LaRouche’s perspective for a European “Productive Triangle,” the forces in Russia for whom dissident writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn is a prominent spokesman. “Once that process of manipulation is clear to the Russians, everything changes,” she said.

‘The world makes more sense’

The four conference panels elaborated the themes presented in the keynotes. The first panel, “Renaissance Ideas and How They Transform Physical Economy,” dealt with the relationship between potential relative population density and the ability of civilizations to survive.

The second panel, “The Ideas of the Golden Renais-

sance," featured what was the emotional peak of the conference: the hour-length videotape of the speech of Michael Billington, "Confucianism and *Imago Viva Dei*." The tape was written and produced by Billington, with help from other inmates at the Virginia state prison to which he has been sentenced for 77 years for his political beliefs. Billington called for reviving the ecumenical method of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz and Nicolaus of Cusa to save China from the twin evils of communism and British free trade to which it is being subjected today.

This second panel laid the foundations for the alternative curriculum to the satanic outcome-based education. The four presentations which followed Billington's set forth the ideas of the Golden Renaissance in the work of Nicolaus of Cusa, Leonardo da Vinci, Georg Cantor, and Johannes Brahms, ringing a note of strong optimism which one speaker, Jonathan Tennenbaum, expressed directly: "We are on the brink of a new Renaissance."

The third panel, "The Enemies of the Renaissance: Stop Outcome-Based Education," featured Virginia gubernatorial candidate Nancy Spannaus, whose campaign is focused on eliminating OBE. Presentations on "The Role of Freemasonry" and "Freud and the Frankfurt School" zeroed in on the enemies of the Renaissance ideal.

Civil rights leader and 1992 vice presidential running mate of Lyndon LaRouche the Rev. James Bevel, speaking at the end of the panel, emphasized the importance of acting now on LaRouche's warning: "You say you have to hurry home to attend to your affairs?" he asked the audience. "What is there to go home to? You belong here, in this movement, all the time. LaRouche's vision has to be implemented while he is still alive."

"Get the Devil Out of Davenport," the fourth conference panel, focused on the Faustian "deal with the Devil" made by the people of Davenport, Iowa, located on the Mississippi River, who chose to build casino gambling riverboats instead of levees. This is the kind of evil that will result in the destruction of this nation, said speaker Marcia Merry, who is *EIR*'s agriculture editor. Panelists also spoke on "Populism: Its Epistemological Roots," and "Brahms and the Civil Rights Movement."

After the keynote panel, most participants attended a rousing candlelight vigil in front of the White House to demand freedom for LaRouche, on Saturday evening, Sept. 4. Later that night, a concert was offered to conference goers at Bible Way Temple in Washington, D.C. Music by Mozart and Verdi was sung by a large chorus. The highlight was the appearance of Metropolitan Opera baritone Robert McFerrin and pianist Sylvia Olden Lee, performing gems from three genres of Classical music: Italian opera ("Eri tu," from Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*; German art songs (Schubert's "An die Musik" and the first seven songs of Robert Schumann's immortal cycle of Heine songs, "Dichterliebe"); and American composer Hall Johnson's settings of several Spirituals.

Documentation

Greetings from Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina

This message was sent to the Sept. 4-6 conference of the Schiller Institute by Dr. Nedzib Sacirbey, Personal Representative in the United States of the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina.

Thank you very much for your interest and support for the people and the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina. Despite the fact that our people are suffering, being the victim of aggression, genocide and cultural genocide, our determination to defend freedom and our right to exist is unchanged. The new facts are that we are forced to talk with war criminals and listen to the dictates of David Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg. Milosevic of Serbia and Tudjman of Croatia wrote the plan for them that they are presenting to President Izetbegovic, with the clear intention of forcing us to accept it.

The plan is based on the Milosevic-Karadzic concept of ethnic division, in the name of which they have committed "ethnic cleansing," and on Tudjman-Boban's appetite for as much land as possible, imitating Milosevic and Karadzic in the grabbing of land, and the imprisonment and expulsion of Muslims. The plan is cruel and unjust to the government side, implementing the arms embargo only on us, in order to make us as weak as possible, so that we will be forced to accept their dictates.

Owen and Stoltenberg go far beyond their mandate, bringing the concept of "reality on the ground," that is, the result of military supremacy of the aggressor, which is the result of inheriting the aims of the communist J.N.A. (Yugoslav People's Army) with the assistance of Owen, Stoltenberg and Boutros-Ghali, and . . . some commanding officers of the Unprofor, beginning with Canadian retired General Lewis McKinsey, who is now on the pay list of the Serbian lobby in North America. Acting in such a way, Owen and Stoltenberg accept the concept of acquisition of land by force, contrary to the declared concepts of the U.N. and EC and international laws.

We believe in a united Bosnia and Hercegovina, with equal rights for everyone, to be the country of Muslims, Serbs, Croats, and others. We have to consider the dictated partition, but with a chance for Muslim people to survive. An exit to the Adriatic Sea will prevent her enemies from locking up Bosnia. Guarantees for implementation are the essence, such as the punishment of war criminals. There is no solution if all will not have civil rights, and the right to return to their homes, villages, and cities in safety and dignity.

Thank you again. We need and appreciate your support.