Helga Zepp-LaRouche on TV

The BBS solution: Think like Schiller!

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chancellor candidate of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity party (BBS), participated in a broadcast on Germany's public television station, ARD, on Oct. 12. The program was devoted to the "small parties" which were campaigning in the national elections of Oct. 16. Although the time allotted to each party and candidate was only five minutes, Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche was able to convey the essence of her party's programmatic intervention, and her view of the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Observers commented that her statesmanlike message and demeanor were in marked contrast to the "zoo" presented by the other parties.

Film footage shown of the BBS featured the party's famous campaign slogan, "Wir haben das Patentrezept" ("We have the cure-all prescription"). The slogan has generated tremendous controversy, as Chancellor Kohl and other politicians insist that there is no Patentrezept—by which they mean that there is no solution to the current economic crisis. A BBS campaign organizer told an interviewer, "We do have the Patentrezept, and those claims that there is no such Patentrezept are nothing but a lame excuse by those who have made the wrong policies in Bonn during the past years."

The following is the text of Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche's summary statement:

You will remember the mood in November 1989. Then, Europe was given the unique chance to put East-West relations on a completely new basis, and for the first time in this century, to build a real order of peace in Europe. At that time, we proposed an infrastructure program for the development of the East, an all-European infrastructure program. Only now, five years later, President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl have started to speak about similar programs. But you know yourself what has happened: This program for the development of the East has not been implemented, but rather the scorched earth economic policy of Margret Thatcher and George Bush. As a result of that, we stand now before an absolute catastrophe in Russia, with the possibility of a miltary coup with very dangerous consequences.

Later in the program, the television announcer interviewed Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche:

Q: I read in your publication, that you say that Helmut Kohl is in a way the guarantor against chaos.

Now, I ask myself, why do I have to vote for [Civil Rights Movement] Solidarity, if I can vote for Helmut Kohl directly?

Zepp-LaRouche: I have clearly differentiated, that I honor the achievement of Chancellor Kohl during reunification as important and historic. But I hold the view that Chancellor Kohl will not be in a position to implement the necessary economic programs in time. We stand before a financial collapse; we stand before the disintegration of the entire global financial system. It is even written in Handelsblatt, in Neue Zürcher Zeitung, that speculation has turned into a cancerous ulcer, which is killing the real economy. This means, that speculation really—as Denis Healey, the former finance minister of England has said—represents 98% of all daily financial transactions per day, and only 2% is real trade.

Q: If one wants to change that, then I look again into your program. It says there: "We have a *Patentrezept*, the *Patentrezept*: Think like Leibniz, Beethoven, Schiller"—

Zepp-LaRouche: I must correct you a little. The *Patent-rezept* refers to the kind of infrastructure programs to overcome the world economic crisis, as have been recently discussed now by [outgoing European Commission President] Jacques Delors in his *White Paper*, as have been discussed by President Clinton during his recent visit to Berlin, when he said that there should be no limits to create productive jobs for the East.

Q: But I want to come back to Leibniz, Beethoven, Schiller. You have your own association, the Schiller Association, which in the new states—

Zepp-LaRouche: Schiller Institute.

Q: How can I imagine that: "Think like Schiller, Beethoven, Leibniz"?

Zepp-LaRouche: The problem is, we not only need a global economic reconstruction program. If, for instance, you look at the situation in the Third World, then it is obvious that it cannot go on like this.

Q: You do not want to have anything to do with Trotsky—who is the leading figure of the Fourth Socialist International—even though your husband, I believe, the American LaRouche, once started as a Trotskyist?

Zepp-LaRouche: This is one of the many media lies which are circulated about us. But let me come back again to Leibniz. It is not only an economic reconstruction program which is at stake, for the whole world, for Africa, Latin America, for Eurasia. We need the connection of western Europe, eastern Europe, Russia, China, South Asia, Southeast Asia, as a unified economic area.

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