

In early December, during a seminar by the Schiller Institute at the education center of the Peasants Party (PSL), the audience expressed a great openness for a dialogue of cultures. As one participant said: This dialogue is conditioned on a cultural identity of its partners—Germans and Poles could have perfect dialogue, if Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz joined Germany's Wolfgang Goethe and Friedrich Schiller as godfathers of this dialogue. Another connecting element is, of course, the Eurasian Land-Bridge. There was a lively debate about Poland's contribution.

We must also mention a book, recently published in Poland, which devotes a chapter to the "LaRouche school of physical economy": *The Unusual Achievements Of The Liberals—In The Destruction Of The Country*, by Dr. Rudolf Jaworek.

New Leadership, Or Social Explosion

Poland is deeply split and shattered. The youth are disillusioned by mass unemployment and economic decline; farmers fear mass destruction of farms when Poland joins the EU; but only very few think about serious alternative strategies. The nation's political leadership is crushed between the EU and Russia, under pressure from the United States, and also from their own population, which will not tolerate the social depletion forever.

Poland does not have much time in which to forestall a social explosion, and this was the view of everyone the Schiller Institute had discussions with in Warsaw. This means all the more so, that its intellectual and political leaders will have to decide, whether they will now allow themselves to be frightened by a former communist counter-intelligence chief and the Anglo-American-dominated media, or will follow LaRouche's ideas, in their own, well-defined self-interest.

Polish Media Recycle Lies Against LaRouche

This press release was issued Dec. 28, 2001 by the "LaRouche in 2004" Presidential campaign committee.

Beginning in December, leading Polish media have run an unprecedented slander campaign, directed against U.S. Presidential pre-candidate for 2004 Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and the Schiller Institute. The slanders, which were published in, among other places, *Trybuna Online*, *Gazeta Polska*, *Zycie Warszawy*, and *Rzeczpospolita*, referred to statements which had been made by Konstanty Miodowicz, former head of the UOP counterintelligence agency; Krzysztof Janik, Minister of Internal Affairs; and Bronislaw Komorowski, former head of the Ministry of National Defense. Using as a pretext the

so-called Lepper issue (which falsely claimed that Andrzej Lepper, the leader of the Samoobrona party, had been politically built up and financed by the Schiller Institute), the slanders made wild claims against LaRouche personally, and his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institutes.

The LaRouche in 2004 campaign committee denounces these lies and slanders directed against LaRouche as false, and stresses that anybody telling such lies—in defiance of all public record—is acting with "reckless disregard for the truth."

The eruption of slanders against LaRouche in Poland coincides with the outbreak of major turbulence in the global financial system, which is totally bankrupt, and collapsing under a gigantic mountain of unpayable debt worldwide. The rapidly unfolding developments in Argentina—which, in order to protect the welfare of the nation and in defiance to the neo-liberal policy of international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has just declared a debt moratorium on its \$132 billion foreign debt—may set a precedent for similar developments that may soon occur in Poland, which is facing a major financial crisis, as a result of the systematic policy of deregulation pushed by the IMF.

In May 2001, LaRouche addressed a seminar in the Sejm (Poland's parliament) on the principle of the "General Welfare." He became known both in Poland and internationally for his precise economic forecasts and his alternative program: a New Bretton Woods monetary reorganization and the Eurasian Land-Bridge development plan. Those who spread slanders and lies against LaRouche in Poland are playing into the hands of foreign interests, which are centered around political figures such as Zbigniew Brzezinski, and are being used as a tool by Wall Street interests. The fanatical American geopolitician Brzezinski would rather plunge the world into a New Dark Age—a new "Clash of Civilizations/Thirty Years' War"—than lose power over a dying financial system. As LaRouche stated in his presentation in the Polish Sejm in May, should Poland choose his New Bretton Woods and Eurasian Land-Bridge policy, it could function as a crossroads in the greatest economic, infrastructure, and social development program in history. By contrast, Brzezinski and his puppet-masters on Wall Street and in London would like to see Poland, once again, become just one more battleground in their "Clash of Civilizations" scenario.

One wonders: What is the connection of these slanders to the growing concerns over the collapse of Poland's currency, the zloty?

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