

Editorial

Listen to the Wise Words of LaRouche!

The Schiller Institute, led by chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche, issued the petition excerpted here on Oct. 21, under the title, "Put the LaRouche Plan To Save the World Economy on the Agenda!"

The hour of truth has come. The same zombie banks that have driven the world economy to the brink of total chaos, and deprived hundreds of millions of people of the means of existence, that have shifted the costs of the destruction onto taxpayers, and saddled the public budgets with astronomical debt, are at it again, engaging in high-risk operations and paying mega-bonuses to their managers.

The real economy is in a free fall, internationally, massive layoffs are throwing people into despair, and the number of hungry people has gone over the 1 billion mark for the first time. . . .

And, the most incredible of all, is that no analysis of the causes of this crisis has been made, even though it threatens to become the greatest challenge in the history of mankind. Rather than facing the fact that the entire caste of economists has failed miserably, the various experts are making the absurd claim that no one could have forecast the crisis, and that everyone was taken by surprise. Or, alternatively, all kinds of investment advisors and so-called gold bugs now claim they had long warned of the crisis.

The truth is, that many people in high-placed positions, as well as ordinary citizens in many countries, know that there is one man who foresaw the crisis a long time ago: Lyndon LaRouche. To cite just one example among many, Massimo Pini, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Italian state company IRI . . . wrote in the January 2008 issue of the Italian monthly *Area* that LaRouche was the only economist who had in fact forecast the catastrophe . . . when no one else sus-

pected such a thing.

As anyone interested in the truth can verify for himself, LaRouche has warned of the systemic crisis since 1971, and at every branching point where decisions were made to strengthen the monetarist system, he warned of the dangers involved and, especially since the beginning of the '90s, of the coming systemic crisis.

Over 12 years ago, the Ukrainian economist Natalia Vitrenko, and the President of the Schiller Institute, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, released a call for the New Bretton Woods System proposed by LaRouche, which has since been signed by many thousands of people in important institutions on five continents.

It is now of existential importance to grapple with the economic method that allowed LaRouche to recognize the systemic errors of monetarism, because this method is a reliable guarantee for finding a way out of the crisis. In this crisis, we should definitely not listen to those who were surprised by the crisis, and who have learned nothing in the meantime.

One basis for optimism that the Four-Power Agreement among the U.S.A., Russia, China, and India, which LaRouche has proposed, can be realized, lies in the recent comprehensive agreements for cooperation between Russia and China, which represent an important step in the direction of a new credit system, and the realization of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, as the principal project for the reconstruction of the world economy.

The fate of humanity is hanging by a thread. What we urgently need is an open discussion on the forecasts and solutions of LaRouche. As the former President of Mexico, José López Portillo, put it already in 1998: It is time to listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche!