

Zepp LaRouche Opens Strategic Flank in Mexico

From Nov. 28 to Dec. 7, Helga Zepp LaRouche visited Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey, the three cities which determine the political agenda of Mexico. By the conclusion of her 10-day tour, she had addressed more than 1,000 Mexicans in five major public events, and had privately met representatives of the various institutions which form the backbone of the Mexican nation.

Her trip provoked a national debate, after José López Portillo, President of Mexico from 1976 to 1982, joined Zepp LaRouche at a public forum in Mexico City Dec. 1, and endorsed Lyndon LaRouche's strategy for world recovery. "It is now necessary for the world to listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche," the former President told the select gathering of more than 100 people who had come to the prestigious Mexican Society for Geography and Statistics to hear Zepp LaRouche and López Portillo. "Let us hope, Doña Helga," he said, "that your husband can influence the government of the United States, so that the proposals which you so brilliantly have laid out to us, can, in some way, be realized."

The next day, Mexico's current President, Ernesto Zedillo, personally criticized López Portillo for suggesting Mexico has any alternative to I.M.F. policies. Those who argue thus are merely "nostalgic" for a past which was never any good, Zedillo said in a speech in Queretaro.

Zedillo's comments made banner headlines around the country. Several newspapers reported that the President was answering remarks made by López Portillo at "an address given by the economist Helga Zepp LaRouche."

Zepp LaRouche responded, at a Guadalajara event, that it is very useful

that a debate is now raging in Mexico. I did not come to Mexico to criticize the government, she said, but to present a message of hope, to let Mexicans know that there is a new strategic configuration in the world, which opens the opportunity to defeat the globalization which is destroying nations.

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The explosive interest which Zepp LaRouche found in Mexico for her briefing, demonstrates how quickly the overall world strategic situation can be

received significant press coverage. The national daily *Reforma* reported Dec. 1 that "the wife of renowned economist Lyndon H. LaRouche" warned that, "unless the governments of the G-7 and other countries totally change their present policy course, we will see in the next few weeks the next phase of the collapse of the financial system." She said that "the question is to influence President William Clinton, to promote an alliance with China and Russia, along with Malaysia and India, and to create a Bretton Woods, a new, just economic order," wrote *Reforma*.

Excelsior, Mexico's leading newspaper, ran articles on Zepp LaRouche's visit for four days in a row, Nov. 30 to Dec. 3, and another on Dec. 7. Its Dec. 3 coverage was headlined: "No Country Has Benefited from the I.M.F.'s Prescriptions or Policies: Helga Zepp LaRouche. Everyone who has tried its medicine is sicker than ever. China-Russia Alliance, the hope in the face of the collapse of the Financial System."

By the time she departed the country, more than twelve articles on her visit had appeared in at least seven newspapers, and several radio and television news stories were monitored. On Dec. 9, one of the country's most popular weeklies, *Siempre*, ran a prominent two-page interview with "German economist Helga Zepp LaRouche," the "wife of U.S. politician Lyndon LaRouche (an ex-political prisoner in his country who argues that the British oligarchy is the principal cause of the current world economic chaos)." Two television channels in northern Mexico have announced that they will be broadcasting interviews taped with her during her visit.



Former Mexican President José López Portillo greets Helga Zepp LaRouche. López Portillo is famous as the last President of Mexico who fought to develop his country into an industrial power.

shifted. Zepp LaRouche, who visited several cities in China in November, detailed for Mexicans that, while the world depression is creating chaos and disintegration, they need to know that there is a new strategic correlation of forces shaping up globally, centered around China, and its initiatives towards Russia, Japan, India, and other nations, for the common development of the project known as the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

She asked: If one-half of humanity is breaking with globalization, why, then, should your nation, or other nations, commit suicide under I.M.F. policies?

From her first press conference on Nov. 30 onwards, Zepp LaRouche's visit

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