

# LaRouche Leads Dialogue on World Crisis Bonn Conference Focusses on Ideas for New Bretton

Representatives from twenty nations came together in Bonn, Germany April 21, to hear leading thinkers from the United States, Germany, Russia, India, and China address, "The Way out of the Crisis: Europe, the World Financial Crisis, and the 'New Cold War.' "

Lyndon LaRouche, who is campaigning for the Democratic nomination for U.S. President, stressed the way in which the insanity of the world financial elite, based in Britain, has created the current crisis. We are now heading for world war, but one unlike World Wars I and II. The policy since 1971, the floating-exchange-rate system, has destroyed the ability of the world to fight wars as in the past. Super-weapons exist, but there is no way to win wars in the classical sense. Either a war is fought according to St. Augustine's principle of a just war, or we will see a return to the New Dark Age of the mid-Fourteenth century, or the Thirty Years War of 1618-48, where nobody can win, and nobody knows how to stop the war.

### Root Causes of War

We're in a period of conflict, as described by Prof. Friedrich van der Heydte in his 1972 book, *Modern Irregular Warfare*, and his earlier 1952 book on the origins of the nation-state. The Fifteenth century saw a fundamental revolution relative to all preceding periods, where the imperial-law concept of Plato's characters Thrasymachus and Glaucon was dealt a giant blow by the emergence of the nation-state, accountable for the general welfare of the people as a



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Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., addresses Bonn gathering.

August-October 1998 period, where a series of decisions were taken for hyperinflation and a new strategic policy. We must remove the starting-point for war. We have to reorganize the world economy. We have to put the world through bankruptcy reorganization, and rebuild a viable economy. We have to do what was done at the end of World War II, on a global scale.



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**Left:** Prof. Wilhelm Hankel, former chief economist, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, Germany. **Right:** Prof. S. Menshikov, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. **Bottom:** Prof. Quian Jing, Chinese Academy for Social Sciences, Beijing.



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whole. Since the 1960's, recent decades have seen a degeneration of that concept of law. This is a threat to the existence of Russia, and, later, to China.

To prevent this, we have to get the President of the United States to look at things in a new way. Instead of looking where the war will be next, the question is where to go to define the *end* of war. Find a solution to bring the end of war.

To do this, you must get at the *roots* of what is causing war. Go back to the



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### Distinguished Panelists

LaRouche was followed by a very distinguished panel of speakers.

• The first was Prof. Wilhelm Hankel, of the University of Frankfurt, Germany, former chief economist of the Kreditanstalt

für Wiederaufbau (the credit bank for reconstruction which rebuilt Germany after World War II), and former president of the Hessische Landesbank. Professor Hankel is also one of four German professors to bring suit in the

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German courts against the establishment of the supranational “Euro” currency. Professor Hankel outlined his own plans for replacing the bankrupt world financial system.

- Professor S. Menshikov, a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, laid heavy emphasis on the impact which NATO’s war against Yugoslavia has had on Russia, and its impact in burying the system of international law.

- The afternoon panel was keynoted by Helga Zepp LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute. She was followed by Prof. D. Kaushik, an historian from the Jawaharlal Nehru University of New Delhi, India, and then Prof. Qiang Jing, from the Chinese Academy for Social Sciences in Beijing.

- In his remarks, Prof. Qian said that the Asia financial crisis of 1997 did not surprise China, because they were familiar with bubble economies within their own nation. And “secondly, we kept in contact with the Schiller Institute, from 1994 until today. Since 1994,

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*Faris Nanic, Secretary General of Bosnia’s Party of Democratic Action in Croatia, and Initiating Signer of the “Call for Peace Through Development for the Balkans,” comments from the floor.*



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*Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum discusses U.S. cooperation with China, Russia, and India. Seated: Michael Liebig and moderator Debra Freeman.*

## U.S. Must Join ‘Survivors’ Club’

An EIR-Schiller Institute seminar in Washington, D.C. on March 24, titled, “Why President Clinton Must Ally the U.S.A. with the Survivors’ Club,” convened at approximately the same time that U.S. and NATO aircraft began bombing Yugoslavia. The event was attended by some 100 people, representing about a dozen nations.

Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum pointed to a crucial issue at the center of this crisis: U.S. policy toward China, and toward the emerging cooperation among Russia, China, India, and other nations which are forming what LaRouche calls the “Survivors’ Club,” in order to ensure continued existence and development of their people. This has been accompanied by a drumbeat in the U.S. media aimed at destroying the cognitive faculties of Americans. There has been no respite for over a year now, beginning with the Lewinsky affair, through the impeachment, and now the McCarthyite China scare.

In fact, the Survivors’ Club nations are not enemies of the United States; on the contrary, they fervently want good relations with this country. But the “Gang of Four” on the Principals Committee (Gore, Cohen, Shelton, and Albright) want to ram through a new “globalized” NATO doctrine to target so-called “rogue states.” President Clin-

ton was absolutely correct in warning recently that the anti-China hysteria in the U.S. can provoke a mirror-image reaction there.

It’s time, said Tennenbaum, for America to boot out the Gang of Four, and join the Survivors’ Club.

### It’s Not Too Late!

Michael Liebig, Intelligence Director for EIR in Europe, reminded his audience that the first world financial crisis culminated in World War II; now, the second world financial crisis has placed us in a strategic crisis and war.

Liebig outlined an historical “case study”—the two months leading up to Hitler’s coup d’etat—to demonstrate that there was no inevitability to Hitler’s seizure of power in 1933. Quite the opposite: had key individuals, especially Gen. Kurt von Schleicher, then Chancellor, acted in time, they could have prevented Hitler’s seizure of power. Hitler and the Nazis were, for all intents and purposes, finished. The Nazi Party’s support had collapsed. It was only a determined and secret operation, run by the Anglo-American “Morgan complex,” in cahoots with their inside man, the banker Hjalmar Schacht, and combined with a failure of Hitler’s opposition to seize the opportunity, that led to the horrors which followed.

## Prometheus Bound in Australia

The Citizens Electoral Council (C.E.C.) of Australia, a federal political party organized by the Australian co-thinkers of Lyndon LaRouche, sponsored two performances of Aeschylus's epic play, *Prometheus Bound*, as the centerpiece of its state conferences, "Classical Tragedy: The Pathway to National Sovereignty," in Victoria and New South Wales in December 1998.

The C.E.C. was inspired to attempt this, its first-ever performance of a full-length drama, by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche's frequent admonitions, that a political revolution were not possible, without the inspiration of an accompanying cultural revolution. C.E.C. National Secretary Craig Isherwood told *Fidelio*: "The two performances were extremely well received. We also did a high-quality video, so that, here in the heartland of the British Empire, Aeschylus's immortal work could serve to inspire a broader population, which is



*Prometheus is made captive and tortured, in Aeschylus's anti-oligarchical drama "Prometheus Bound."*

often convinced that the oligarchy is "too powerful, you'll never win." And, though we did not know it when we started, we discovered that the image of Prometheus was frequently used by the founders of the Australian Labor Party in the 1890's, who aspired to establish a republic here, based on the American model."

In introducing the drama, Noelene Isherwood challenged people to think about the kind of changes in belief required to overthrow an oligarchy, as Prometheus did.

After the performance there was considerable discussion, including a comment from an English literature lecturer, who insisted that *all* Greek drama was about how mankind was at the mercy of *Fate*, and that this play was no different. At that point, another attendee stood up and objected, saying that the whole point of the play was exactly the opposite—that Prometheus demonstrated that it is possible to act with reason and courage, in a noble way to change one's circumstances—that one doesn't have to be enslaved and a victim of so-called greater powers.



*Io is tormented by Zeus—but, as Prometheus foresees, her descendant Hercules will triumph over the Olympian gods.*

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Lyndon LaRouche's ideas began to be introduced and spread in China. Our press gave growing attention to him and the Schiller Institute, and even our very high level officials of the central government knew his main ideas and understood them."

Professor Qian also proposed the formation of a special foundation, designated "The New Triangle Foundation," to design programs for fostering the emerging strategic triangle of China, India, and Russia.

At the conclusion of the panel, Lyndon LaRouche noted that such events, with their discussions of seemingly far-flung ideas of the future, often plant the seeds for critical breakthroughs in politics, and that he smelled that such seeds had been planted during this day.

## Scandinavian Seminars

During the week after the Bonn conference, seminars were held in Copenhagen, Denmark and Stockholm, Sweden on the topic "Russia-China-India: Key to the Eurasian Economy in the 21st Century."

Both seminars, which were addressed by Dr. Jonathan Tenenbaum, director of the German Fusion Energy Foundation, and a frequent participant in Schiller Institute delegations to China, drew considerable diplomatic attention.

- In Copenhagen, 17 representatives from 12 different embassies, including three ambassadors, plus people from four other countries attended, including high-level diplomats from Russia, China, and India.

- In Stockholm, 20 diplomats from 16 embassies participated, again including China, as well as many smaller nations.