

Euro Conference: ‘A Turning Point in History’

The Schiller Institute held its European conference in Idstein, Germany on Sept. 24-26, 2004. Among the more than 300 participants, were guests from over 30 countries, including members and supporters of the LaRouche movement from around the world, representatives of European and Asian institutions, and a large contingent of youth who form the growing LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in Europe. The presence of over 100 LYM members was the defining characteristic of the conference, as it represented a significant step forward in the movement’s ability to mobilize the population of Europe to halt the global economic collapse and the drive for perpetual war led by Dick Cheney and his cohorts in the Bush Administration.

The conference came in the wake of a breakout in the movement’s activity in Germany, represented by the election campaign in the eastern German state of Saxony, and the mass protests against austerity which were launched by the LYM and Helga Zepp LaRouche, Schiller Institute founder and leader of the Civil Rights Movement-Solidarity party in Germany (BüSo)—protests which eventually involved tens of thousands and spread to 240 German cities, as well as to Paris, Vienna, Switzerland, and across the Netherlands.

This intervention, in which BüSo candidates quadrupled their vote in Saxony and forced the so-called “major” political parties to address the financial establishment’s attempt to dismantle the European social welfare systems, has thrust the



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Left: Helga Zepp LaRouche (fourth from left), with LYM organizers. **Right (clockwise from top):** Panelists Lothar Komp (EIR), Hrant Khachatryan (Armenia), Dr. Altay Unaltay (Turkey).

for very much worse, in a very long time.”

Strategic Context

LaRouche then gave an in-depth presentation of the strategic context in which the conference was taking place. The fight, he said, is between the

LYM into the center of German political life, and demonstrated the potential for bringing about a radical shift in the population during this period of crisis.

In his keynote address to the conference, Lyndon LaRouche told those listening in the conference hall and around the world on the Internet, that we are living in a time whose importance exceeds that of any in the memory of any living person on this planet. “What will happen between now and the date of the inauguration of the next President of the United States, will be the greatest turning point in history, for better, or

principles embodied in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, and the British imperial system, which has looted the world and attempted to reduce human beings to the level of cattle. In the Eighteenth century, the faction which sought to create a true republic was unable to do so in Europe, but they achieved their goal through the creation of the United States of America, as “a beacon of hope and a temple of liberty for all mankind.”

LaRouche explained the philosophical background to this fight, and the challenge before us today in guaranteeing the immediate survival of our civilization.

The following day, Helga Zepp LaRouche addressed the conference, detailing the shift which the BüSo has forced in German politics, and comparing it to the revolutionary ferment which led to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Dennis Small and Lothar Komp used data and animations developed by EIR’s economics staff to document the drastic collapse of the physical economy in the United States and Germany. On the same panel, representatives from Italy, the Czech Republic, Slova-



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LYM in Leipzig, June 2004: “In Saxony, the economy must grow.”



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kia, and Hungary reported on the crises in their respective countries.

Growth of the LYM

The youth panel on Saturday night gave an exciting demonstration of the process of creative development which the LYM has followed under LaRouche's direction. A group of youth organizers staged a chorus rehearsal of the Bach motet "Jesu, meine Freude," to allow the audience to "look in" on how discovery of creative principles proceeds. They showed video clips of the recent explosive developments in the Saxony campaign, and invited the audience to sing the African-American Spirituals and Classical songs which the LYM uses to organize the population through beauty. From this panel, and the numerous questions and interventions of the youth throughout the weekend, it became clear that the LaRouche movement's activity is moving to a new level in Europe, as a result of the development of the LYM here.

Other panels included one on the "strategy of tension" being carried forward by the insane forces in Britain and the U.S. who hope to force the disintegration of Russia through the destabilization of Central Asia. Five years ago, LaRouche had commissioned a video warning of this strategy, entitled "Storm over Asia." Today, the terrorist events in Russia and the Caucasus can only be understood in the context of this drive for global war, emanating from the circles of Dick Cheney and the neo-conservatives.



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Boston LYM chorus performs Bach's "Jesu, meine Freude" at November 9 webcast.

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could have been a good President.

How did it happen, then, that a George Bush, a "certified mental case," was *re*-elected as President? This is the tragedy of the American people today. Therefore, LaRouche said, we must talk about the remedy: Americans must relearn real economics. We must go back to the physical-economic policies that Franklin Roosevelt carried out, to bring the United States out of the Great Depression.

The Remedy: Real Economics

"You are the remedy," LaRouche challenged the audience. "Your freeing yourselves of the shackles of illusion, is the remedy. Your giving up belief in money, is the remedy." What you need, LaRouche said, is housing, food, clothing, education, medical care. "The dollar in your pocket is imminently worth nothing!" His comment that, "It's like the mathematician who married a plastic dummy, because her measurements were nice," produced uproarious laughter.

"We're now in the greatest depression in modern civilization's history. What I have to do, in this process, is to get Americans to understand what economics *is*," he said, and illustrated, with a series of animations, the collapse of the physical economy, using the state of Ohio as a case study. The principle of animations, he explained, "is to take what is happening, or will happen, in an economy, over a

period of years, or months at least, and to accelerate that into a lapsed-time picture of the actual changes occurring over that larger period of time." This was done in Cleveland, at a recent LaRouche PAC town meeting, and the audience understood for the first time what had been done to them: "They saw Ohio being transformed from one of the richest industrial states in the United States, over a period of about 10-15 years, into a rust-bucket, based on cheap, hotel maids' jobs and restaurant jobs. And they saw it! And they were shocked by it."

Using these methods—Classical art, science, and animations to educate our people in real economics—we will be a catalyst in reorganizing the Democratic Party. "For the fact is, that Bush is going to fail. The war in Iraq is lost. It's finished. The financial system, of the world, is collapsing. It's finished. There'll be a general financial collapse, worldwide, beyond anything that most of you in this room could even begin to imagine—and it will come on fast."

Therefore, LaRouche concluded, "We have to put the positive side, we have to bring the spiritual side forward, in the *real* sense, not this fake, tent-show, snake-oil, sense that we get from these fundamentalists. But, the real sense: That man is a creature made in the image of the Creator! And that man must be *respected* as that; man must be developed as that. Man must have regard for other human beings based on that. Nations must cooperate on that basis. Cultures must be developed on that basis."