Editorial

'A new era for inalienable rights'

On May 11, in cities around the world, citizens rallied against the International Monetary Fund and to commemorate the 180th anniversary of the death of Friedrich Schiller, the great German Poet of Freedom. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who founded the Schiller Institute two years ago, to rescue the Western Alliance by reviving Schiller's ideas, sent to those rallies the message we quote here. As an assessment of the events covered in this issue's news reports, we don't think it could be said better:

"This past week is filled with good news and also with bad news. The good news is, that during President Ronald Reagan's visits to Germany and to Portugal, the President announced his new policy toward Europe, a policy which is in full agreement with what the Schiller Institute has been working for over the past year. The bad news is that President Ronald Reagan had not yet broken with the policies of the International Monetary Fund.

"The policy which the President announced in Germany, in his magnificent address to Germany's youth, at Schloss Hambach, is a policy for which we should all cheer. The policy of defense of the inalienable rights of man, which the President announced in Portugal, is a policy we should all cheer.

"But, the famine and epidemics are spreading rapidly throughout Africa, and the so-called 'thrift diet,' on which many people in the United States are existing, is at the same level as the Nazi slave-labor camps. In the United States, and in parts of Europe, the conditions of poverty and decay exist, under which the same pandemics killing tens of thousands each week in Africa now, could spread into the United States and Europe, during the year or more just ahead.

"Let us take courage from the good things which the President has done this past week. Let us praise him and his collaborators in Europe, for what they have done to improve the cooperation between Europe and the United States. But, let us mobilize as never before, to awaken the United States and Europe to the murderous conditions of life which are destroying many hundreds of millions of human beings, not only in Africa, Asia, and South America, but also among the growing numbers of poor in industrialized nations, such as the United States.

"The clock is ticking. Every second the clock ticks, thousands of people die of famine and disease, people who would not need to die, except for the effects of the policies of the international bankers behind the International Monetary Fund. Every day, there are new reports, of major banks and other financial institutions, which have been caught up to their necks, in the money from the international drug-traffic; these financial institutions, who profit from the hundreds of billions of dollars of the drug-traffic, are the same bankers behind the genocidal policies of the IMF. Every day we do not mobilize people to change these IMF policies, is a day we are allowing tens of thousands of people to die of famine and disease.

"The Schiller Institute is working in many countries throughout the world, to organize the Indira Gandhi Memorial Summit, as soon as possible. We are working in Asia, in Africa, in Latin America, in Western Europe, and here in the United States. Unless, and until, the principles of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Summit are made the conscience of leading governments of the world, there will be no hope for any part of black Africa, and very little hope for the growing number of very poor people in the United States.

"To many, it seems, that only a miracle could turn this and other nations back to the road of simple morality and economic justice. Let that miracle happen! Let the power to make such a miracle flow through the divine power which lives inside the mind and right arm of every one of us. If only a miracle can save civilization from the horror now descending upon mankind, let that miracle manifest itself through our minds and our right arms."

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