

Hundreds rally for economic justice, against 'new order'

Several hundred individuals representing 25 nations and every continent rallied from noon to 3:30 on Oct. 7 before the United Nations in New York, in protest against George Bush's genocidal new world order. The rally was organized by the Schiller Institute to channel global resistance to the new colonialism, and mobilize forces behind a true Fourth Development Decade.

A message was read from Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who helped found the Schiller Institute in 1984. She demanded "immediate recognition of Croatian independence," and said, "The time has come to unite forces worldwide against all forms of injustice."

From Africa, Serge Munkendi, a spokesman of the Workers and Peasants Party of Congo, and Drimi Olaghare, chairman of the Union of African States (from Nigeria) addressed the rally. Olaghare attacked the International Monetary Fund approach. People from Sudan, Chad, Morocco, Cameroon, and Egypt took part in the protest.

From Asia came an Afghani freedom fighter and 10 members of his group. Imam Mohammad Sherzad, director of Jamaat e-Islami, attacked the new world order and its attempt to get the Afghan resistance to join with the butchers of Kabul. Also attending were Vietnamese, Bangladeshi, and Chinese.

Speaking for eastern Europe were two Romanians,

Charles Brasoveanu, the founder of the first free trade union in the Soviet bloc, and Father Dmitru Macaila. They supported the economic program of Lyndon LaRouche as a condition for true political freedom. Croatian activist John Horvath made an eloquent plea for an end to the slaughter of his countrymen by the Serbian butchers. Of the former Soviet satellites, Hungary and Lithuania were also represented in the crowd.

From Ibero-America, Colombian Schiller Institute president Gerardo Terán spoke of the battle against the new world order's drug traffickers, while Dominican and Panamanian speakers told how they are continuing their fight here in the U.S., for decent housing.

From the United States, Rev. James Bevel, a veteran with Martin Luther King of the voter registration drive and anti-war movement, stressed the need to move from a national to an international fight. Elisuha Israel, speaking for People in Truth, denounced the persecution of Yahweh ben Yahweh, a religious leader who has jailed without bail for nine months. Amelia Boynton Robinson, the 80-year-old heroine of the Selma, Alabama voting rights struggle, gave an inspiring message. U.S. farmer Don Jeffries reported on the efforts of a group of farmers who are donating powdered milk to the children of Iraq, and to dramatize the need to save farmers in the United States.



Mike Billington, a fellow political prisoner with Lyndon LaRouche, addresses rally at Ralph Bunche Park across from the United Nations.