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## BBS Campaign in Germany

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# Zepp-LaRouche brings reality to election

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The victory of Germany's main governing party, the Christian Democratic Union, in the June 12 European Parliament election, was a pyrrhic one indeed. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party should be alarmed about the fact that only 62% of the German electorate went to vote (a very low turnout by German standards), and of those, more than 8 million voted for parties such as the Greens, the former communist PDS, the right-wing Republikaner, or various kooky New Age groups (see preceding article).

Yet in this political environment, the voice of Helga Zepp-LaRouche and the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BBS) which she heads, introduced a much-needed dose of reality. Although the party's vote total was small (less than 1%), its impact was larger than the statistics would indicate. Four times, Mrs. LaRouche, the wife of U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche, appeared on German national television spots, where she addressed the reality of an immediate, unstoppable financial collapse in Germany: "Not only do we find ourselves in a global economic crisis, as we have warned for 20 years, but the final collapse of the financial system associated with the IMF [International Monetary Fund] and World Bank, has started." And further: "Speculation instead of production: This incompetent monetary economics has not only taken millions of work places, but the speculation has turned into a cancer, which is killing the patient—the real economy."

She reiterated the principal slogan of the BBS, "*Wir haben das Patentrezept!*"—"We have the cure-all prescription!" This slogan has created considerable turmoil in the political arena, since all other parties and leading industry spokesmen for years have hysterically denied that there is any such solution to the crisis.

### An international focus

On a poster which was put up on billboards in major cities and on smaller posters all over the country, Mrs. LaRouche appeared with African-American civil rights veteran Amelia Boynton Robinson. Mrs. Robinson came to Germany to campaign for almost six weeks, to support the party. Her presence was another element of reality injected into the elections, reflected in the fact that most her campaign events were well-attended, and several regional newspapers covered her



*Helga Zepp-LaRouche, leader of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity: "We are the party of the future."*

presentations in favorable articles, with headlines like "Faith in Idea of Freedom" (*Zwickauer Tagblatt*) or "The Fight Has Not Yet Ended" (*Osterholzer Kreisblatt*).

Besides appealing to German voters to learn from the struggle of African-Americans for the right to vote, and not to throw away this precious instrument of policy-shaping, Mrs. Robinson supported the BBS's campaign to stop the United Nations depopulation conference, planned to take place in Cairo this September. This issue was the subject of a press conference held in Bonn on June 6, addressed by Mrs. LaRouche, Mrs. Robinson, and Moscow professor Dr. Taras Muranivsky.

Professor Muranivsky and Moscow civil rights activist Viktor Kuzin had been speaking at campaign events of the BBS, presenting the disastrous economic situation in Russia, and calling for implementation of Lyndon LaRouche's Paris-Vienna-Berlin "Productive Triangle" program for economic development of eastern Europe and the states of the former Soviet Union.

The next battleground will be the campaign for the Bundestag, the national parliament, with election day on Oct. 16. The BBS is now petitioning to run slates of candidates in at least eight states in Germany, and will continue to confront the public with the looming international financial crash. In her TV appearances, Mrs. LaRouche expressed confidence that this campaign will eventually succeed: "Vote for us; we are the party of the future."