

LaRouche: ‘Infect the U.S. population with optimism’

by Jeffrey Steinberg

“There is a mood shift in progress now, which is like the sand in the beach leading to the ocean. . . . Our problem is that we must be intellectually prepared, on two grounds: First of all, we must know—not as a matter of learning it, but as a matter of truthful awareness, that it will work—what has to be done. And, we must mobilize people, to get their politicians, and others in positions of influence, to agree to do it. We’ve got to get enough support for this President, for his doing this, that he has to do, to make it happen. And we can—if we can act like a virus, and become infectious. Infect the population with optimism, with a sense that there must be alternatives. If you’re on the *Titanic*, and there’s a lifeboat, shouldn’t you get into the lifeboat, if the ship is sinking? What do you think of the guy who says, ‘No, I’m going to stay with mainstream thinking?’ That stream goes all the way down.”

Those words were delivered by Lyndon LaRouche in his Aug. 30 keynote address to the annual Labor Day weekend conference of the Schiller Institute and the International Caucus of Labor Committees, held in Reston, Virginia on Aug. 30- Sept. 1, on the theme, “Towards a New Bretton Woods.” (The keynote address is published elsewhere in this issue.) Over 900 people attended, including foreign dignitaries from Africa, Central Europe, Ibero-America, and Asia, and a number of elected state officials and former members of the U.S. Congress.

The conference itself was a demonstration of the growing optimism and combativity in the American population. Attendance was significantly greater than the Labor Day 1996 conference, and many people attending had already taken up greater responsibilities, as local representatives and leaders of the LaRouche political movement.

Aesthetical education

The second keynote address was delivered on Aug. 31, by Helga Zepp LaRouche, on the subject of “How Aesthetical Education Determines the Moral Character.” Mrs. LaRouche is the founder of the Schiller Institute and one of the world’s leading scholars of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa and the German poet of freedom, Friedrich Schiller. She directly tackled the psychological requirements of leadership during the current period of crisis, likening it to the 14th-century Dark Age, in which half the population of Europe was wiped out by disease, famine, and war. Yet, the Dark Age was followed by the Golden Renaissance, the greatest outpouring of creativity in human history.

She counterposed the present threat of a new Dark Age of death and misery, to the appreciation of Classical beauty, which is key to overcoming the neurotic pathologies that prevent people from tapping their potential for true creativity and courage. Using the aesthetical writings of Schiller, and Lyndon LaRouche’s 1973 writings on the subject of “beyond psychoanalysis,” Mrs. LaRouche developed how individuals can develop their character through mastering the greatest discoveries in art, science, and statecraft. The full text of her speech will be published in a forthcoming issue of the weekly newspaper *New Federalist*.

Britain’s ‘invisible’ empire exposed

The concluding panel of the public conference featured presentations by four *EIR* intelligence directors, who produced the Aug. 22 cover story, “Britain’s ‘Invisible’ Empire Unleashes the Dogs of War.” Jeffrey Steinberg, Linda de Hoyos, Dennis Small, and Anton Chaitkin delivered a very chilling profile of the real British empire today. First, Stein-

berg provided an overview of the three faces of the British imperium: 1) the visible empire, associated with the Crown, the Privy Council, the Church of England, and the British Commonwealth, an alliance of 53 countries, on every continent, comprising nearly one-quarter of the land mass of the Earth, and inhabited by over 1.6 billion people; 2) the invisible empire, which also includes the Club of the Isles' interlocking combine of banks, raw material cartels, think-tanks, and private mercenary agencies; and 3) the "empire of the mind," the psychological warfare directorate, fueling the drug-rock-sex counterculture, as well as a plethora of irrationalist sects, such as the British Israelites, linked to the militia movement in the United States.

Next, Linda de Hoyos and Dennis Small provided a detailed roadmap of how the British have moved in to Africa and Ibero-America, to spread genocide, destroy every nation-state, and loot the continents of their strategic raw materials wealth. The original British banks that helped launch the 19th-century Opium Wars are now operating all over Africa and Ibero-America, facilitating the spread of narco-terrorist gangs, drug cartels, and death squads.

The concluding presentation, by Anton Chaitkin, detailed his investigation into the Church of England-spawned pentecostal penetration of the U.S. military, the FBI, and the so-called "patriotic militias." Using film footage of two of the leading British-inspired insurrectionists, Jim Ammerman and Pat Robertson (the latter interviewing Britain's Lady Caroline Cox), Chaitkin demonstrated that a grave national security threat has been all but missed, and must be acted upon now.

Policy perspective

At a business session on Sept. 1, Lyndon LaRouche spelled out his political priorities for the immediate period ahead, which were enthusiastically supported by the other participants:

"We are going for what is called a New Bretton Woods. We are not going to submit, or base the proposal, on a *program*. The New Bretton Woods is not a program. That is, it is not a design based on some already accepted set of axiomatic assumptions, which is what all programs are. . . .

"What it is, is a change in the axiomatic assumptions of government: overturning the Adam Smith economic liberalism system; putting all the institutions into bankruptcy, whatever that means; overturning economic liberalism in whatever form it presents itself; cutting off Satan's tail, wherever he presents himself—that's the policy. Not a program, it's a *policy*. . . . To set up a system, whatever that requires, which conforms to the best aspects of the former Bretton Woods, particularly before 1959. Why before 1959? That is during a period in which we had conditional convertibility of currencies, of well-regulated currencies. And we're going into a condition which has to be addressed, in significant degree, by reducing many currencies around the world to conditional,

as opposed to free, convertibility. Because you must have a national economic protectionist system, so that economies are not destroyed by the vicissitudes of price mechanisms in a monetary market. You must fix the value of currency on some rational basis, and defend those values, through international cooperation, as we did from 1946 through 1958.

"Which means, we have to have a system of exchange, a system of convertibility, which is based on formulas, which will be very similar, in many respects, to the kinds of formulas and mechanisms, the gold reserve mechanism, which we used back in that period. That is, a fixed price of gold: Declare the unlawfulness of holding gold privately, at any other price, buying or selling gold at any other price, than that fixed price. To establish that as a monetary reserve unit, which is not used in the internal economies, but is used only in terms of balance of payments, and balance of trade. Among national economies. Going back to a system of *sovereign national economy*, an absolutely sovereign nation-state. The economy of each nation-state must be primarily, and internally, a sovereign one. An end to globalization, of all forms and approximations. Going back to the conditions of relations among sovereign nation-states, which, in their best aspects, were used prior to 1959, prior to the first major crisis of the dollar, which led to the open convertibility.

"Secondly, we are going back to scientific and technological progress, or to what I have illustrated by reference to the machine-tool design principle. An emphasis on modern education, which is task-oriented, to foster high rates of investment, both in basic economic infrastructural improvements, and to foster, and to *favor*, investment in high-technology, physical production, and scientific discovery, over and at the expense of, any other form of capital investment. . . .

"So, it's going to be a selective, dirigistic system, under which things which should be favored will be favored, and those which should not be favored, will not be favored. And there will have to be *national policies* which govern these priorities. So, your morals are going to be the basis on which you get a loan. You don't show your balance sheet; you show your moral balance sheet, and your competency. . . .

"You are going to have to *control* the institutions of government under our Constitution, by a mass movement, the way that Roosevelt tried to do it.

"So, you have a mass of people, who really don't know what they're talking about, in general, but who know we've got to go in a new way, and are willing to accept the idea that there is truthfulness, which can determine what is right, and that there are certain moral principles which determine whether this is really truth or not. And that population will have to *discipline* the politicians, and institutions of government, so that those in leading positions, in and out of government, who are initiating the policies of recovery, that these people get support, popular support, and the guys who don't go with the program, are put to one side."