

Rising drumbeat for Clinton to name LaRouche economic adviser

by Marianna Wertz

Demands are intensifying around the world, for President Clinton to tell the truth about the global financial crisis, and bring in Lyndon LaRouche to advise him on the necessary steps to avert an otherwise certain meltdown in the coming period. While international bankers and their media hounds are busily trying to brainwash people into believing the "crisis is over," saner forces are publicly supporting the Schiller Institute's Open Letter to President Clinton (see *EIR*, Oct. 16, p. 72), demanding that he appoint LaRouche as his economic adviser.

More than 20,000 citizens around the world have now added their names to this Open Letter, as have hundreds of sitting and former state legislators, nearly a dozen former U.S. Congressmen, and parliamentarians from five continents. An ambitious goal of 500,000 signatures by Thanksgiving Day has been set.

Following two International Days of Action, on Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, in which thousands worldwide signed the Open Letter and joined in rallies in its support, on Oct. 23, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche called for a third Day of Action, and a general escalation in the effort, leading up to the Nov. 3 mid-term Congressional elections. "I think we are in a truly revolutionary situation," Zepp-LaRouche said, referring to the deepening global financial crisis and its effects on whole nations. It is therefore incumbent on the LaRouche political movement, she said, to "assert leadership, to give people a clear sense of which direction to move."

The third International Day of Action, on Nov. 2, focused on shaping the growing ferment for a solution to the crisis, into the kind of mass political movement that can force Clinton to bring in LaRouche. A second focus of the rallies, demonstrations, and other action was the looming food crisis in Russia. As Zepp-LaRouche directed, "We have to address the extremely dangerous situation of starvation and freezing in Russia," with a competent "Food for Peace" approach (see "Food, Not Money, Is the Crisis," our *Feature* in this issue.)

An important indication of the growth in influence of LaRouche's ideas, and of support for him, as the global

crisis intensifies, is the number of publications which have devoted space to informing their readers of LaRouche's policies, and, increasingly, supporting them editorially. In recent weeks, LaRouche's writings have been featured in prominent journals in Mexico, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Russia, the United Kingdom, Georgia, Poland, Denmark, Malaysia, Taiwan, and the United States (see *Documentation* and p. 12).

Taking to the streets

The main feature of the LaRouche movement's activities, however, has been old-style street rallies, stirring up popular support for the Open Letter to President Clinton. In dozens of major cities across the United States, Europe, and Ibero-America, hundreds of activists and volunteers have manned literature tables to collect signatures and raise funds for publication costs. A sampling of reports from the Nov. 2 Day of Action gives the flavor of this:

- In New York City, 14 people led a rally outside the Chrysler Building, with signs including "Save Clinton, Appoint LaRouche, Fire Greenspan." With the bullhorn in use throughout the day, 550 pamphlets containing the appeal were distributed, \$200 was raised, and 75 signatures were obtained. Later, in midtown Manhattan, organizers intersected an appearance by First Lady Hillary Clinton at the Service Employees (SEIU) union hall. Raising their banner that read "Clinton, Exonerate LaRouche," organizers made sure the First Lady saw it, while others signed up 42 SEIU members on the Open Letter.
- In Philadelphia, seven activists rallied for three hours across from the City Hall, collecting 119 signatures on the Appeal to the President, raising funds and distributing hundreds of pieces of literature.
- In Wilmington, Delaware, three activists joined together for a downtown rally, where 104 signatures were collected. They then went door to door at a union hall, where the local president signed the appeal and took 100 pamphlets for distribution to his membership. At an AFL-CIO Get Out the Vote rally in Wilmington the same day, organizers encountered widespread support for LaRouche, collecting

23 more signatures.

- In Los Angeles, 13 activists held a Day of Action rally at the downtown Federal Building, getting the best response yet. With continuous bullhorn briefings on the economic collapse, people were lining up to sign the appeal. The general activation level of the LaRouche machine in California has risen in tandem with the Days of Action: Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 2, twenty-two volunteers joined full-time organizers for several hours of petitioning and fundraising at sites throughout the state.

- In Washington, D.C., the Day of Action was carried out in front of the Mayor's office at 1 Judiciary Square. Nine activists gathered dozens of signatures during the lunch hour. The event had been noted in the *Washington Times* that day, with the short announcement, "LaRouche Rally: The Schiller Institute rallies to urge President Clinton to appoint Lyndon LaRouche as his economics advisor and to support Mr. LaRouche's initiative to send food to Russia."

- A rush-hour candlelight vigil was held in Arlington, Virginia, at the East Falls Church metro station.

- In Houston, a car caravan, decorated with hot pink streamers and day-glow posters that read "Election Day Message to President Clinton: Jail Ken Starr, Appoint LaRouche," started out at the University of Houston campus, then went to a shopping center, where the bullhorn filled the breezeway with chants.

Similar activity was carried out throughout the United States, and in several major cities in Europe as well. In Germany, rallies in the country's heartland called for LaRouche's New Bretton Woods and for Germany to remain an "industrial country"—in opposition to the recently announced policy of the new red-green government. In Paris, activists rallied downtown at the Ecole Militaire and along other busy thoroughfares.

Town hall meetings

In addition to one-on-one organizing on the street, supporters of the Appeal to the President have held dozens of town hall meetings over the past two months, rallying thousands of citizens to take leadership, and giving an in-depth picture of the nature of the global financial crisis and LaRouche's proposed solutions.

One recent such town hall meeting gives an indication of the quality of these events:

More than 150 citizens attended the Oct. 29 Cleveland town hall meeting to "Save the Presidency," organized by the Schiller Institute, and hosted by the New Bethlehem Baptist Church. The audience, which included labor leaders, ministers, community activists, church members, and LaRouche supporters, heard guest-of-honor Pennsylvania State Rep. Harold James (D-Phila.) endorse the "Appeal to President Clinton to appoint Lyndon LaRouche as one of his economic advisers, to deal with the economic emergency

now facing the nation." James is chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus.

Also addressing the event were Ohio State Rep. C.J. Prentiss, who was running for State Senate in the Nov. 3 election; prominent civil rights attorney Stanley Tolliver (see *Documentation*); LaRouche spokesman Phil Valenti; and Dr. Michael Thompson, pastor of the New Bethlehem Church.

Representative James discussed his endorsement of the Appeal to Clinton:

"His track record as an economic forecaster is second to none," James said of LaRouche. "More than this, he has put forward viable solutions, like his plan for a New Bretton Woods monetary system. He has devoted his life to studying history, including the economic policies of our forebears, like Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. At the age of 76 years, Lyndon LaRouche qualifies as a senior statesman of our country. President Clinton needs the benefit of his wisdom in this unprecedented crisis facing our nation."

Documentation

Prominent Cleveland attorney backs appeal

On Oct. 20, Cleveland attorney Stanley E. Tolliver, Sr. issued an open letter to Clinton.

Tolliver was elected to three consecutive terms on the Cleveland Board of Education, serving as a Board member during 1981-93, longer than any African-American in the history of the district. He was elected twice as board president, in 1987 and 1990. A former president of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, Tolliver also served as legal counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and was the only African-American attorney involved in the defense of the Kent State 25.

He is also a trained opera singer, having graduated in 1948 from the Baldwin Wallace College Conservatory of Music. He will be performing in December in a tribute to Paul Robeson on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Robeson's birth. His open letter reads:

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Make no mistake—the target of the political lynch mob led by Newt Gingrich, Ken "Porno" Starr, Pat Robertson, Richard Mellon Scaife, and other Republican ringleaders, is not just President Clinton, but also the institution of the

Presidency itself. What we are witnessing is nothing less than an attempted coup d'état, or overthrowing of the elected government of the United States, remembering that House Speaker Newt Gingrich is next in line to the United States President after Al Gore.

But there is another reason why the institution of the Presidency must be strengthened right now. President Clinton has himself acknowledged that our nation is facing the "biggest financial challenge in 50 years." From Asia, to Russia, to Brazil, to the ultra-rich 'hedge funds' of Wall Street, the global financial system is in the process of disintegration, and only the President of the United States has the power to lead the world out of this crisis, the way Franklin D. Roosevelt did in his time.

I am convinced that President Clinton needs the economic advice of Lyndon LaRouche to deal with this emergency, and I am joining with Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus chairman Rep. Harold James and other leaders, to appeal to President Clinton to appoint Mr. LaRouche as an economic adviser. . . .

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Buckeye Review says: Appoint LaRouche

*The Oct. 21 editorial in the African-American Youngstown, Ohio weekly, the **Buckeye Review**, carried the title: "Appoint LaRouche as Clinton Economic Adviser."*

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In many ways, the financial crisis today is much worse than the 1930s. FDR just had to deal with a stock market crash. President Clinton also has to deal with the collapse of the \$140 trillion financial derivatives market, which is seven times bigger than all U.S. stock markets combined!

Therefore, we support the appeal to President Clinton to appoint Lyndon LaRouche as economic adviser to his administration, as appeal which has been endorsed by Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Harold

James and other elected officials.

We support National Black Leadership Roundtable president, the Hon. Walter E. Fauntroy, who recently called on President Clinton to establish "a new Bretton Woods System like that suggested by the economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., one that imposes controls on speculation, institutes emergency measures for financial recovery, and employs American workers to rebuild our decaying infrastructure, at the same time that we establish an economic community of principle, consistent with Roosevelt's 'Good Neighbor' policy."

African-Americans and working people generally, have little problem recognizing that today's so-called "economic prosperity" is skin-deep, especially when most people are working two or three jobs just to survive, with low pay and little or no benefits, while good industrial jobs flee to Mexico, where workers are exploited at a dollar an hour wages or less; or where forced prison labor, sometimes incarcerated in private, for-profit prisons, replaces union-scale jobs at pennies an hour.

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Oklahoma daily endorses call

*The **Cushing Daily Citizen**, in Oklahoma, published an editorial on Oct. 28, endorsing the call to President Clinton. An excerpt follows:*

Viewpoint

Time to Listen to LaRouche?

In the current economic picture, if any one person could be saying "I told you so," it's economist and sometimes Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

You remember him? He's the guy that ran for President in the Democratic primary a few times—even branded by the more conventional in the party and at one time taken to task by the feds—LaRouche later coming out on top and surviving as one in the know about world economic systems.

And he's consistently forecast the ups and downs of the national and world economy. He was the first to warn of troubles coming in the Asian economy.

LaRouche has been enough out front on such matters, that more and more are agreeing with an appeal from his wife to President Clinton—that LaRouche should be named an advisor.

Given his record, that's a good idea.

[The article quotes six paragraphs from the Schiller Institute's Appeal to the President. It then concludes:]

There has not been a response from the White House but editorial writers from various sized newspapers, wrote last week about the appeal and said it merits consideration.