

It is essential to deliberate on the establishment of a new world financial order which conforms to the interests of all sides, through dialogue and consultation between developed and developing countries in compliance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and on the basis of extensive participation of the international community.

I agree that the APEC Finance Ministers meeting should study the questions related to the restructuring of the international financial system and put forward relevant proposals.

3. To respect the independent choices made by any countries or regions on overcoming the crisis. The countries and regions stricken or affected by crisis differ in their level of economic development and historic traditions, and also differ in the causes and course of the financial crisis. Therefore, there is no, and cannot be, a fixed model or a similar remedy for them all to come through the crisis and revitalize their economies. Instead, they should be given support in taking measures in light of their own situation.

The international community and international organizations should respect the right of a country to make decisions

on its own, and help lift itself out of the difficulties as rapidly as possible, through consultation on an equal footing. Developing countries, and particularly countries and regions stricken by the crisis, should make the necessary realignments of their economic structure and policies in light of their own conditions, properly handle the large problems of their economic development, and increase economic dynamism by taking full advantage of favorable conditions, both internal and external.

China's initiatives

The financial crisis has also brought negative effects and great pressure on economic development in China. The Chinese government has assumed a highly responsible attitude. China has provided assistance to the relevant countries within the IMF [International Monetary Fund] agreements and through bilateral channels. Proceeding from the overall interests of maintaining sustained economic growth and international economic development, China has made the decision to not devalue the RMB [China's currency], for which, China

Neme Salum says, Clinton must bring in LaRouche

In his weekly financial column in the Mexican daily *Excelsior* on Nov. 9, José Neme Salum reiterated that President Clinton should appoint Lyndon LaRouche as his economic adviser.

"People have questioned those — among them, this columnist — who have joined the campaign calling upon Clinton to appoint as his adviser, the U.S. economist, physicist, geometer, musician, politician, and historian, Lyndon LaRouche," Neme wrote. "The answer as to why, is simple: that person has demonstrated over the course of the last three decades that he is capable of 'understanding the universe,' as his nine successful economic forecasts over that period prove, the last of them — presented in August 1994 — referencing the systemic crisis which oppresses, and threatens to finish off today's civilization."

When Neme refers to "understanding the universe," he is speaking of a quote from Gottfried Leibniz, taken from a letter to the Princess Elector Sophia on Nov. 4, 1696, with which he opened his column. The quote, Neme wrote, was written by the "philosopher, geometer, physicist, jurist, economist, and historian — that is, the genius! — Gottfried Leibniz." There, Leibniz wrote that the most elevated of all souls, are those capable of understanding true eterni-

ties, those capable of representing the universe, and having "distinct ideas" of its beauty and magnitude, and of God Himself.

Neme reminded his readers that one year ago, certain Mexican authorities, under pressure from Wall Street and other financial groups, had taken steps to prevent LaRouche from visiting Mexico, "despite the fact that he had been invited by industrialists, academics, students, journalists, and citizens in general." Neme added: "People had to be satisfied, after being stripped of their rights by the cowardly attitude of authorities, with having contact with LaRouche only by a telephone hook-up to a conference, and to having access to some of the man's wisdom through very few media, fortunately one among them, *Excelsior*." Had Mexicans at that time listened to the "advice of this genius of our day, on how to avoid these cutbacks and greater sacrifices of people," Neme argued, perhaps Mexico would be today in the lead of countries headed toward a New International Order, such as China and Malaysia.

Providing his readers with an update on LaRouche's evaluation of the current status of the world battle for global economic justice (in the course of which he strongly defended Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, whose name, he wrote, has become synonymous with the struggle against today's colonialism, called globalization), Neme recommended that his readers get ahold of LaRouche's article, "Time to Tell the Truth," published in *EIR*, Oct. 16, 1998, and in No. 20 of *EIR*'s Spanish edition, *Resumen Ejecutivo de EIR*.