

Helga Zepp-LaRouche keynotes EIR Washington seminar

by Bonnie James

The outcome of the war in the Balkans will be determined in the precious days we are living through now, Helga Zepp-LaRouche told a seminar in Washington, D.C. on May 5. She added that at this moment, we are offered the chance to create a new, just world economic order out of the horror unleashed by NATO's air war.

Drawing on the historical example of the 1648 Peace of Westphalia, which ended the gruesome Thirty Years' War, Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Schiller Institute and wife of Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, demonstrated that even where long-standing hatreds and the commission of unspeakable brutalities have characterized the conflict, there can still be peace established, if a *passion* for mankind's welfare can be found.

An audience of 150 attended the *EIR* seminar, which was titled, "After the NATO Summit, What Next? The Post-Balkan War Perspective." Among these were 17 embassies (including three ambassadors and one defense attaché), representing East and Central Europe, Central Asia, Ibero-America, and Southeast Asia. In addition, there were elected officials, trade-union leaders, representatives from the Nation of Islam, local ministers, community organizers, and several international media.

Following Helga Zepp-LaRouche, *EIR* economic analyst Richard Freeman gave a short presentation that completely demonstrated the collapse of the physical economy and life expectancies throughout the world, proved the fraud of U.S. Gross Domestic Product figures, and debunked the myth of low unemployment. Using Lyndon LaRouche's Typical Collapse Function ("Triple Curve"), Freeman presented 15 charts to document what is really going on in key areas of the physical economy. One devastating picture showed population growth in Russia "before and after" the International Monetary Fund shock therapy was imposed. The audience saw — right before their eyes — about seven years of "normal" popu-

lation growth, immediately followed by a collapse to negative population growth. No tapering off, just a dramatic, deadly plunge, exclusively the result of the IMF economic policy.

LaRouche expresses 'cautious optimism'

Opening the afternoon meeting, Debra Freeman, Lyndon LaRouche's East Coast Presidential campaign coordinator, read a message from LaRouche, who was unable to attend:

"Until this planet is ruled by a general commitment to a just, new world economic order among perfectly sovereign nation-states, this planet is on the road toward a global catastrophe, a plunge into a prolonged new dark age.

"Happily, crisis sometimes breeds solutions. The present spiral of global financial crisis has brought the world to new wars, such as the recent series of attacks on Iraq and the current Balkans war. However, the severity of the global financial crisis also produced a new form of cooperation among certain nations of Eurasia: China, Russia, India, Malaysia, and others. This combination of Eurasian nations represents in itself the majority of the human race, and the area of the greatest opportunity for future growth of the world economy as a whole.

"If the world wishes to escape the danger," if it wishes "that NATO's present military quagmire in the Balkans does not lead into a new form of worldwide warfare, leading nations must create a new partnership in shaping the economic and other relations among the President of the U.S.A., some nations of continental western Europe and the growing Eurasia bloc centered around China, Russia, India, and other nations. Such cooperation, if based upon the principle of partnership among truly sovereign nation-states and their economies, is the only foundation on which the present tendencies toward a worldwide spread of NATO's Balkan war can be reversed.

"Therefore, I am optimistic — cautiously optimistic."



Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses the EIR seminar, "Alternatives to Worldwide Depression and War: The LaRouche Doctrine."

Debra Freeman noted that the greatest cause for optimism is Lyndon LaRouche's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

A new situation

Zepp-LaRouche began her presentation by observing that at the moment when the last *EIR* Washington seminar was taking place, on March 24, Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov's airplane, en route to Washington, turned back to Russia, and within hours, the bombing of Yugoslavia by NATO warplanes began. Yet, now, there are equally dramatic developments, which are much more hopeful for a possible solution to the war, she said. These have been signalled by President Clinton's statement at a joint press conference on May 4 with Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi that, among other things, a pause in the bombing is possible under certain conditions, and that peacekeeping troops could be deployed under UN command. This, she said, could mean that we are on the road back to the rule of international law, and it may be possible to avoid the catastrophe of a wider war.

This, combined with Clinton's recent speech in San Francisco discussing the need for a Marshall Plan-style reconstruction of eastern Europe after the war, creates an entirely new situation, wherein it becomes possible to ask: What is the peace plan? How will the Balkans *and Russia* look 20 years hence? By approaching the question this way, one can work back to a real peace solution, Zepp-LaRouche said.

The shock of the war—the continuing horror of the bombing, the streams of refugees (600,000 Kosovar Albanians)—has jolted the nations of Europe as well, and the realization that World War III is possible is far more real in Europe than here in the United States, she said. The shift can be observed in the intensity of diplomatic activity, especially that involving

Russia: Undersecretary of State Strobe Talbott's trip to Moscow, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's efforts, among others, are exemplary.

Yet, even with all this, there are still forces, especially the British, who are determined to escalate the war: "We are still potentially going into a quagmire," warned Zepp-LaRouche, with the possibility of an all-Balkan war expanding to world war, but this time with a nuclear component.

Although Europeans have little trouble connecting an economic crisis with war, here in the United States, Americans are lost in a fantasy state over the stock market, which has now gone over 11,000. Americans think: "We will all be rich . . . forever!" But, she pointed out, the policy of the Federal Reserve since the events of last summer and fall—the Russia default and the Long Term Capital Management blowout—has been exactly that of pre-World War II Weimar Germany: hyperinflation! Fed chairman Alan Greenspan, who described the stock-market ballooning two years ago as "irrational exuberance," has now produced "insane exuberance," by lowering interest rates three times since last summer's events.

In reality, said Zepp-LaRouche, we cannot solve the Balkan crisis without solving the financial crisis.

A New Bretton Woods system

For lasting, just peace in the Balkans, there must be a return to *at least* the system of relations established under the United Nations, Zepp-LaRouche said. But this must take place within the context of a New Bretton Woods system, characterized by two features: First, we must apply the lessons of the successful post-World War II reconstruction of Germany, as was done under the previous Bretton Woods system up until 1958, with the role of Germany's Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau as a model for financing the rebuilding of the

country. And, second, we must return to the commitment of Franklin Roosevelt during the Second World War to end all forms of colonialism throughout the world.

This is the program now on the table, said Zepp-LaRouche; then she detailed the horrific economic and social conditions prevailing throughout the Balkans and the nations of the former Soviet Union. She also presented a dramatic review, using maps and other images, of the history of the Balkan region, where wars, partitions, and the re-drawing of borders have been used by the British to prevent the unification of continental Europe around a program of mutually beneficial economic development. Today, as a result of all this, *the Balkans are completely destroyed*, she said.

Thus, the question is posed: How can peaceful relations ever be reestablished in this region? To answer this, Zepp-LaRouche employed the model of the Peace of Westphalia.

Using principles later adopted by American President John Quincy Adams, wherein Adams asserted that U.S. foreign affairs must be based on the policy of a “community of principle” among sovereign nation-states, the 1644-48 Westphalia conference succeeded, after 30 years of savage bloodletting, in bringing peace to a Europe divided among Protestant and Catholic, prince and emperor, nations and peoples. How? By assigning *equal status* to all warring parties; and, above all, by *forgetting the past, for the sake of peace*.

What we must do today, Zepp-LaRouche implored, is to view each nation as we would our own family, because, as

the Renaissance’s Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa said, peace in the macrocosm, can only be based on peace and development of the microcosm. If Clinton, harkening back to the best traditions of America, could but seize this historical moment, if he were to develop a *passion* for the idea of an international community of peoples, and find the kind of passion for mankind that a parent feels for a child, then we would have a just peace.

Animated dialogue among participants

The scheduled remarks were followed by an animated question and answer period; and then a brief, but very moving presentation by Kosovar Albanian Feride Istogu Gillesberg, a member of the Schiller Institute in Copenhagen, who has been on tour in the United States. A leader of Kosovar Albanians, she represented Kosova at the Helsinki Commission. Her statement graphically described how, back in 1990-91, it was *only* the Schiller Institute and the LaRouche movement which had organized against the Milosevic genocide.

One American suggested to Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche to call the reconstruction plan for the Balkans, the “Ron Brown Plan,” to acknowledge the efforts of the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce, at the time his plane crashed en route from Bosnia to Croatia in April 1996. Such a name, the questioner suggested, would also force President Clinton to look at what he must do. Zepp-LaRouche said she would give this idea more thought.

Unnatural born killers: video brainwashing and Littleton

by Anton Chaitkin and Jeffrey Steinberg

On Aug. 10, 1998, less than a year before the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colorado, Army psychologist Lt. Col. David Grossman (ret.) penned an article in the magazine *Christianity Today*, titled “Why Are Kids Shooting Their Classmates?” Grossman is from Jonesboro, Arkansas, the scene of an earlier teen murder spree. Grossman, according to the introduction to his *Christianity Today* piece, coined the term “killology,” to describe a new interdisciplinary field of study: the methods employed by military trainers to help soldiers overcome their inhibitions to killing fellow human beings.

As Grossman detailed, first, in his *Christianity Today* piece, and, again, last week, in an interview with *EIR*’s Anton Chaitkin (see below), the very same behavior modification

techniques employed so effectively within U.S. Special Forces, U.S. Marines, and other front-line combat units, are being used on a massive, and indiscriminate scale today, on our nation’s youth. Desensitization, operant conditioning, role modeling: The techniques developed by military psychologists to produce trained killers in uniform, are being used on a growing majority of pre-schoolers, pre-teens, and teens.

Quite literally, some of the very video game companies that have driven the NASDAQ “internet stocks” up through the stratosphere, contributing to the biggest asset bubble in modern history, have made their money by exposing our nation’s youth to “self-brainwashing” as “Manchurian Candidate” killers.