

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HISTORIC BAD SCHWALBACH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The World on the Brink of the Great Financial Crash

We publish here the fourth and final installment of the *Proceedings* of the conference of the Schiller Institute and International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC), held in Bad Schwalbach, Germany on May 26-28. This installment includes the two conference panels on “Cognition vs. Information,” with highly original and exciting presentations on the music of science—and the science of music. Thus do we break down the artificial division between these domains of knowledge, which has stultified intellectual life since the Enlightenment.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. characterized this conference as of exceptional historical significance, and also as “a timely promontory on which to view the June-July period leading into the August Democratic Party convention.”

In his keynote speech to the conference on May 26 (published in *EIR* on June 2), he underlined that the policies of the dysfunctional three branches of the U.S. government today represent a recipe for global catastrophe. The most ominous feature of this situation, is not merely the onrushing financial crash, but the state of mind of those citizens who have caused it. How might that mind-set be changed for the better? That is the subject of the panels here presented.

“The essential change to be made,” LaRouche said, “is the superseding of the relics of oligarchical rule, such as financier oligarchy, by republican self-rule. This means a cultural change, cleansing society of the old syphilis, that Romantic legacy common to most of the institutions and populations of extended European civilization today, to put society again under the cultural domination of the anti-Romantic, Classi-

cal legacy.”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in the second conference keynote on May 27 (see *EIR*, June 9), developed this clash between the Romantic and the Classical traditions, showing how Romanticism leads to the culture of violence which we see ripping apart our nations today.

In last week’s issue, we published the conference panels on the world financial crisis and how it can be solved, looking to the example of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who battled the British colonialists and brought the United States out of the Great Depression. To apply such a policy today, means to support LaRouche’s call for a New Bretton Woods reorganization of the bankrupt financial system worldwide.

The speeches published in the current issue have developed out of years of work by ICLC and other specialists. Many of the speakers made extensive use of musical examples, which we have conveyed here graphically—a poor approximation at best, even for those who are musically trained. *EIR*’s website will soon have audio versions of the presentations available, which will greatly enhance the reader’s enjoyment of this work. (On the web at the “EIR Talks” section of www.larouchepub.com.) Also especially useful for expanding one’s understanding of the musical discussion, is LaRouche’s study “The Substance of Morality,” and its appendix, “The Case of Classical Motivic Thorough-Composition.” These were published in *EIR* on June 26 and Sept. 4, 1998, respectively, and are also available in *Fidelio* magazine, Winter 1998.