

'To Save Macedonia, Change the World!'

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As Macedonia faced a renewed assault from terrorist gangs of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) in May, in Washington's Lafayette Square near the White House, a gathering of Macedonian-Americans opened a new "flank" in defense of their country. Formally, the May 12 event was just another peaceful political rally in Washington, but the delegates of the Macedonian-Americans accomplished a strategic breakthrough, understanding something that many other countries and populations suffering under the blows of the lords of globalization, have not been able to see.

As the main speaker at the rally, Prof. Nestor Oginar, put it, "the real war is a war of ideas. The battlefield is here in the U.S., and we are fighting for a principle. My friends, to save Macedonia, we have to help save the world." Professor Oginar, the leader of the Macedonian-Americans, invited the participants, and in fact all the Macedonians, to look at the war waged against their country as part of an unlawful system that is engulfing the whole world.

"The world financial system is indeed collapsing under an avalanche of speculation that has nothing to do with real economy, with real production, with real labor," stated Oginar. "This unlawful system is, by its own nature, provoking conflicts and wars. In fact, there is an alternative to this destruction. It would work, but it's unacceptable to the puppet-masters that have unchained the KLA. It's the New Bretton Woods system proposed by Lyndon LaRouche! Can little Macedonia contribute to catalyze such a process? Can Macedonia change the world? It depends on us!"

Professor Oginar also proposed to link up with the movement fighting against the shutdown of Washington's D.C. General Hospital.

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This extraordinary intervention electrified the rally. It was evident that the weight of psychological warfare waged against the Macedonians was being lifted. Rather than the people of a small country attacked by a small ethnic minority, who are expected to react with fear and rage within an ugly "blood-and-soil" game, they were defending not only Macedonia, but also a universal principle. They saw concretely the possibility to change the world, to realize the New Bretton Woods reform.

The second speaker, Dr. Vasil Babamov, the President of the Macedonian-American Friendship Association, called on



LaRouche organizers outside Washington's Lafayette Park, where Macedonians from the United States and Canada were rallying on May 12 against the dismemberment of Macedonia—and for LaRouche's New Bretton Woods.

the community to be united, and to wage a battle of ideas in Washington. He was followed by this author, representing the Schiller Institute and *EIR* magazine, who explained what the LaRouche movement is doing all over the world and how the "puppet-masters" can be really be defeated now.

Pascali outlined how the KLA was given the "European franchise" for the distribution of heroin, mostly produced in Afghanistan. "Macedonia may be a small country geographically, but if it fights for these principles, it is in fact one of the biggest countries in the world," he concluded.

Another speaker was the former Prime Minister and Defense Minister of Macedonia, Nikola Kljusev, who gave an exceptional speech in Macedonian. A group of young leaders, including the 17-year-old Methodija Koloski, Mirjana Kaleski, Victor Zekuloski, and others, had organized the rally and its logistics. They pledged there that their organizing drive in the United States would never fall into the trap of racial war.

Violeta Duchevska, who chaired the rally, started her intervention quoting Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have a Dream," ideally linking up the defense of Macedonia's sovereignty with the civil rights movement. She recalled the principles of the American Constitution and Declaration of Independence. She stressed that Macedonia wants to be "a nation, indivisible, under God," a nation of free and sovereign individuals, and not a collection of racial groups.

Nestor Oginar's organizing speech, completely free of the narrow ethnic preoccupations usually heard at such events, stated fundamental principles of action for the common good of mankind. "Macedonia is under attack, not just by the KLA—those are the puppets. We have to look at the puppet-masters, because what we are defending is not just one country or one society; we are defending a principle: the principle of national sovereignty, of national independence, the right of a people to be free from violence, and to organize its own economic and cultural development." But it was Professor Oginar's statement of Macedonia's "mission" towards a new order of nations, which had the greatest impact on the crowd.