

Helga Zepp-LaRouche Organizes in Denmark

by Michelle Rasmussen

April 30—At the same time that Lyndon LaRouche was addressing the Obama Administration and the world during his April 28 webcast in Washington, D.C., his wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institute, was delivering an urgent message to international audiences in Denmark—her first visit there in 18 years. During three days of public and private meetings in Copenhagen, she told Danish politicians and citizens, as well as foreign diplomats and press, that the world is facing its greatest crisis in history. It will result in a hyperinflationary blowout and a new dark age, she said, unless nations move quickly to put the current financial-monetary system into bankruptcy receivership, and to create a New Bretton Woods credit system.

From April 28-30, Zepp-LaRouche had a public meeting, a diplomatic seminar, a press conference, as well as private meetings with Danish politicians, a ministry official, an ambassador, and the Schiller Institute in Denmark's core activists. In her meetings with Danes, she confronted the prevalent state of denial: that the crisis is "out there," and won't really affect them.

The diplomatic meeting was attended by representatives of seven nations, and a journalist from the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS (see box).

Free President Obama

Because of the key role the United States must play in forging a new credit system, Zepp-LaRouche warned that if President Obama is not freed from the control of Wall Street, notably through his chief economic advisor Larry Summers and a group of behavioral economists, there is no hope for the human race. Obama has a short window of opportunity to act to protect the general welfare, before he becomes as intensely hated as was President Bush, provoking social unrest, chaos, or even civil war. The speaker briefed her audiences on her husband's two most recent webcasts (April 11 and April 28), the mobilization of the LaRouche political movement in the United States to pass the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, and the drive for establishment of a new

Pecora Commission, to investigate the criminal activities of Wall Street and allied financial oligarchs in creating the current crisis. These mobilization efforts, she stressed, could produce the needed dramatic policy shift.

Zepp-LaRouche renewed her call for such investigative commissions to be convened in Europe as well, so that the rotten axioms that caused the financial and economic collapse may be uprooted, and replaced by the sound principles of physical economy taught by Mr. LaRouche. In her private meetings with members of a Danish parliamentary committee, she appealed to them to invite Lyndon LaRouche, hold a hearing, and/or establish such a commission in Denmark, where several banks have collapsed, with others in the danger zone.

The United States, together with Russia, China, and India, she said, could form a four-power alliance to initiate a New Bretton Woods agreement, begin the reconstruction of the world's physical economy, and take on the moral responsibility to alleviate the growing poverty in the world. Other nations could also join in.

The Worst Crisis in World History

Zepp-LaRouche began her meetings by painting a bleak picture of the devastating physical economic effects of the collapsing financial system—from the collapse of production and trade, to the decline of living conditions which will lead directly to a breakout of pandemics, of which the current swine flu that originated in Mexico is just one example.

This is not a financial crisis, but a civilizational crisis, she said. We are facing a new dark age, worse than that of the 14th Century, which could reduce the world population from more than 6 billion to 1-2 billion. Already now, two thirds of the world's population lives in poverty.

The G20 strategy of bailing out the speculators, as formulated at the group's London meeting on April 2, will not solve the problem, but, through what is euphemistically called "quantitative easing," will lead to a hyperinflationary blowout, similar to what occurred in 1923, in Weimar Germany. Since that meeting, President Obama has adopted the Gordon Brown-City of London "bail out the banks" strategy pushed by Summers and the behavioral economics kooks, including Office of Management and Budget director Peter Orszag.

Zepp-LaRouche stressed that these people are not really economists at all, but are bringing behaviorism's



Helga Zepp-LaRouche met with Danish activists, political leaders, and the press during her three-day visit to Copenhagen. She is shown here with Schiller Institute leader Tom Gillesberg.

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bestial image of man into economics. They submit that chemical processes in the brain determine a person's actions before the human will does, thereby reducing man to a robot or animal. They believe that man is not rational, and cannot be expected to rationally pursue even motives of greed. No, they say, there are other psychological factors, which economists can and should manipulate, to control the behavior of potential consumers. Now, in the behaviorists' view, the population must be manipulated to accept fascist austerity measures. These behavioral economists, many of whom are from Chicago, have been affecting Obama's policies for a long time, and since the G20 meeting, they have dominated his economic thinking.

President Obama must immediately fire Larry Summers, she said, and rely on the competent Cabinet members and economists, to shape an economic policy based on the principles of Franklin D. Roosevelt and LaRouche.

As for Europe, the Eurozone is about to disintegrate. German taxpayers, for example, will neither be willing nor able to bail out the indebted countries of eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Baltic region—or rather, the Swiss and Austrian banks that they borrowed money from.

Program for Economic Recovery

Zepp-LaRouche then outlined her husband's plan to revitalize the economy, rather than attempting to bail out the bankrupt financial system: 1) write off "toxic" so-called assets; 2) change from a monetary to a credit system, by establishing national banks, as first developed by Alexander Hamilton; 3) establish an international New Bretton Woods agreement; 4) resume building the Eurasian Land-Bridge, with infrastructure and development corridors across the continents.

She concluded by urging her listeners to rise above our culture's fixation on money; instead of inscribing on your tombstone, "He ate five tons of caviar," she said, help us to revive the cultural and moral values which are worthy of the dignity of man, based on the unlimited perfectibility of cognitive powers, to achieve the advancement of mankind, and create a family of nations, each happy at the development of the other.

Asked what Germany's 18th-Century poet of freedom, Friedrich Schiller, has to say to people in crisis-ridden 2009, she replied that Schiller's notion of the beautiful soul, who passionately does what is necessary, and his concept of the Sublime, can help people

develop their emotions through aesthetical education, to nourish creativity, passion, compassion, and love.

She pointed out that since Denmark was once a great ally of Schiller, the Danes ought to celebrate his

250th birthday this year. Zepp-LaRouche's visit thus commenced a new era of closer collaboration between the nations of Friedrich Schiller and Hans Christian Andersen.

Russian News Agency Covers Zepp-LaRouche in Denmark

The following dispatch was issued by the Russian agency ITAR-TASS on May 1, 2009, under the headline, "German Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche calls for creation of a new international financial architecture," and signed by Nikolai Morozov. It has been translated by EIR, and is printed with permission.

COPENHAGEN, May 1 (ITAR-TASS)—The world economic crisis is "neither a recession nor a depression, but the collapse of an incredibly bloated speculative financial system." German Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche made this statement Thursday [April 30] in the Danish capital, calling for creation of a "new international financial architecture."

The current economic crisis, she said, resulted from the operation of a "casino economy," which led to unlimited globalization and predatory capitalism.

Attempts to fight the crisis by pumping liquidity into the economy, Zepp-LaRouche asserted, serve only to compound the catastrophe. Such injections "only lead to hyperinflation, like in Weimar Germany in 1923, and they help to destroy the productive capacities of society."

In her view, the results of the recent G20 summit "were an attempt to prolong the agony of the current system by a hyperinflationary policy, aimed at supporting financier interests, rather than defending the welfare of the population."

It has to be acknowledged that the previous economic model is bankrupt and that we must now "shift from monetarism to the real economy," the president of the Schiller Institute said.

For this purpose, the governments of sovereign nations should overhaul the international financial

system by putting it through organized bankruptcy, she asserted.

This means, in particular, the establishment of fixed exchange rates, the elimination of speculative financial instruments—derivatives—and the reduction, and, in some cases, write-off, of debts.

After the field has been cleared, then large state credits should be extended for the development of projects in the area of technology and infrastructure, in particular, for "the creation of a Eurasian development corridor, as the basis for reconstruction of the world economy."

Zepp-LaRouche emphasized the need to hold an international conference, which would make the decision to create a new world financial architecture. The institution of this New Bretton Woods system should be initiated by the U.S.A., Russia, China, and India, with other countries joining them later. Only these major economies are capable of posing and successfully acting on the question of a new financial order, in her view.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche is the wife of the prominent American economist and philosopher Lyndon LaRouche, who, for many years, has advocated the need to develop the real economy, rejecting the postulates of monetarist theory. "Trade and the market are tools of a health economy, but not an end in themselves," in his view.

LaRouche's principled scientific and civic stance brought the hatred of the financial oligarchy down on him. A legal case against him was fabricated in 1989, and he served several years in prison. As a result of a wave of international protests, however, the authorities were forced to release LaRouche before the end of his sentence, thereby acknowledging that he was a political prisoner.

LaRouche and his wife have visited Russia several times. Books and numerous articles by him have been translated into Russian. The American scholar highly values the works of Mendeleyev and Vernadsky, who influenced his system of philosophical views.