

Yakunin: LaRouche Warnings Were Crucial for Us

Oct. 18—Vladimir Yakunin, the CEO of Russian Railways, and a longtime associate of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, said in an Oct. 16 interview with the Baltic Information Agency (BaltInfo), that Lyndon LaRouche's warnings of a systemic global crisis prepared him and his company for what has happened during the past three years.

Yakunin was asked, "How does Russian Railways view the world crisis—as an annoying event, or as an incentive to make bold decisions and an economic and technological breakthrough?"

He replied: "In 2006, already, the American economist Lyndon LaRouche, who uses non-traditional systems in analyzing the economic situation, warned that the crisis had already begun. Few people listened to him, but we were among those few. Now we are trying to keep our hand on the pulse. Last year Russian



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Railways set up an anti-crisis committee, which monitors the situation in the carriage market and inside our company on a daily basis."

One year ago already, in an Oct. 2, 2008, interview in the business daily *Kommersant*, Yakunin said he had known of the coming crisis years in advance, because of the warning he received from LaRouche. In February of this year, Yakunin took the same message to a conference at the London School of Economics, where he again named LaRouche as the "very rare" economist who predicted the collapse of the world financial bubble.

Yakunin is co-founder of the World Public Forum "Dialogue of Civilizations," known as the Rhodes Forum. LaRouche and his wife, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, were speakers at the Seventh annual Rhodes Forum, held Oct. 8-12.