

Schiller Institute Meets: 'Securing Mankind's Future'

by Our Wiesbaden Bureau

BERLIN, Feb. 27—"Securing Mankind's Future" was the theme of an international Schiller Institute conference here on Feb. 25-26, attended by some 180 guests from 28 countries.

The Institute was founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche in 1984. In dedicating the association to Germany's Poet of Freedom, Friedrich Schiller, she stressed that "Schiller's special method of approaching world-historical problems is the only one which can still bring about a solution today. The kernel of this method can be defined in Schiller's own words: 'Man is greater than his fate.' Even if the objective situation looks almost hopeless and desperate, we, like Schiller, are sure that a courageous spirit and human reason will always be able to find the higher level where the problems are solvable."

In that spirit, the Berlin conference had a twofold purpose. First was to mobilize internationally to stop the rising dangers of thermonuclear war and systemic economic breakdown. Second was to build support for a completely different paradigm than the one that brought us to this moment of crisis: bringing civilization into cohesion with the physical laws of the universe by discovering new scientific and artistic universal principles.

Zepp-LaRouche opened the conference with a keynote speech titled "Overcoming the Existential Danger of a Thermonuclear War." A thermonuclear war, she stressed, means the end of human civilization. The situations in Syria and Iran are just the pretext; the real crisis

is that of the trans-Atlantic monetarist system, and the response to that of the British Empire (understood as the financier oligarchy, central banks, hedge funds, and other operatives, not only in Britain). They are driving ahead with war policies that have resulted in the giant military buildup in the eastern Mediterranean and the western Indian Ocean, with nuclear weapons capacities many times what would be required to attack Syria or Iran. The real targets, she said, are Russia and China.

She described the current crisis of the European Union as another aspect of the situation that points toward new conflicts and war. This supranational Europe is meant by its promoters to be a post-modern empire, and its citizens are being manipulated like the subjects of the Roman Empire, who were distracted by bread and circuses.

And what is going on on this planet, she said, is not even the full reality: There are serious galactic influences and challenges to be faced. With the malthusian and anti-technology ideology of the Greenies, mankind is doomed to share the fate of the dinosaurs, which became extinct. But mankind is the only potentially immortal species, and we can use our creativity to overcome the threats to our existence.

The Current Crisis

After Zepp-LaRouche's speech, panelists presented a number of unique reports from some of the front lines of the war to save humanity. A presentation on "The In-



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche (left) addresses the Berlin conference: As both Friedrich Schiller and Nicholas of Cusa showed, mankind is a potentially immortal species, because we can act to overcome the threats to our existence. On the right, Claudio Giudici of Italy is speaking on his fight against EU austerity conditionalities.

formation War Against Russia: Operation Anti-Putin,” was read on behalf of **Prof. Igor Panarin** of the Academy of Military Sciences in Russia. Describing London as “Russia’s unique historical enemy,” he outlined the British-steered propaganda campaign against Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, and the prominent role in it of the new U.S. ambassador to Russia, Michael McFaul, whom he described as “a theoretician and practitioner of coups d’état.” McFaul is coordinating the opposition’s anti-Putin operations in Moscow with Mikhail Gorbachov, the “Judas of Stavropol,” Panarin charged.

Next, **Claudio Giudici** spoke on “Resistance in Italy to the EU Dictatorship.” Giudici, a regional leader of the Italian taxi union, delivered a rousing report on his battle with techno-fascist Prime Minister Mario Monti. A member of Movisol, the LaRouche movement in Italy, he gained widespread publicity and support for his challenge to the EU’s demands for crushing austerity against Italy.

Gene Douglas, representing the LaRouche Irish Brigade, reported on his group’s fight for republican principles against British liberalism and imperialism. Ireland was the first victim of the EU’s demands for brutal austerity in the current crisis. Douglas also conveyed greetings from Gerry Adams, president of the Sinn Féin party and a Member of Parliament in Ireland, who has played a key role in fighting the EU policies, and regretted that he was unable to attend the conference.

Mohammad Mahfoud, an independent Syrian ac-

tivist, chairman of the Syrian-Danish Friendship Society, reported on “Truth Versus Propaganda: The Situation in Syria.” He sketched the history of the recent events, which began in March 2011, with large and peaceful demonstrations calling for reform, which launched the process of dialogue with the Syrian government. This was followed by a demonstration where an obvious “third element,” with support from outside the country, began a campaign of violence. This soon expanded, as foreign fighters with weapons and financing from abroad perpetrated terrible crimes and atrocities against Syrians, with the view toward creating sectarian conflict. Syria has been targeted, he said, because of its relationship with Iran.

Jacques Cheminade, the leader of the LaRouche movement in France, gave a videotaped presentation on his campaign for the Presidency, the aim of which is to defeat the system of the financier oligarchy and also to being about a new Renaissance. **Christine Bierre**, an activist in Cheminade’s campaign, gave a report on the successful organizing drive to collect the required 500 signatures from mayors that would allow him to get on the ballot.

The ‘New Economics’

Lyndon LaRouche opened the afternoon panel on Feb. 25 with a videotaped address which we run in full in this section. He addressed three principal topics: the

danger of thermonuclear war, which could come on very quickly; the need to terminate the present bankrupt monetarist system of the trans-Atlantic region with a reform that would begin with the re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall law in the United States; and a science-driver policy to promote a general recovery, “based largely on the role of the development of exploration of nearby space.”

The rest of the panel took up some of the epistemological underpinnings required for such solutions to occur.

Bruce Director of the U.S. Board of the Schiller Institute, spoke on “Toppling the Tyranny of the Second Law of Thermodynamics.” He tore into the continuation of oligarchism since Aristotle: The survival of the financier oligarchy depends on declaring the universe as fixed, which the “Second Law” imposes in a modern form.

Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa, in the 15th Century, started to liberate mankind, Director said, by showing that the potential for life has a higher reality than merely living things. The potential to increase anti-entropic development, he said, requires a language beyond the limits of sense-perception, in the realm of true metaphor. Society’s upshift increases the complexity of new principles in science and culture.

The next speaker was **Dr. Sergey Pulinets** of the Space Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, whose theme was “Turbulence and the Modern Trend in the State of Nature and Society.” He created a metaphor connecting the phenomenon of turbulence in the natural world, with the emergence of turbulence, which can lead to catastrophe in human society.

Pulinets, who investigates space plasma, described turbulence in the natural world, starting with the fluid dynamics studies of Leonardo da Vinci, and proceeding to the microphysical world of chemical reactions, and then to galactic processes. In parallel, he showed that turbulence in society can lead to catastrophe when there is no leadership, economic and financial instability, climatic anomalies, and possible intentional destructive impact. Yet, using the example of current Russian politics, he maintained that a system passing through such a critical state, can reach a new stability at a new qualitative state.

Pulinets showed that there has been an increase of natural catastrophes in recent years. How do we reduce that threat? We need to increase the “viscosity” of the system by finding a common purpose for humanity in preventing global catastrophes. He highlighted the work of the Russian International Global Aerospace Monitor-

ing System (IGMASS), which is trying to increase man’s ability to predict earthquakes and similar phenomena, and the Russian Strategic Defense of Earth (SDE) initiative, of which Pulinets is the scientific advisor.

Sky Shields of the LaRouchePAC “Basement Team” of scientific researchers, then took the audience through an intense study of the latest breakthroughs of the team. Where was human creativity before man appeared in the universe? Where was life before living organisms appeared? These provocative questions focused on the principle underlying anti-entropic development. The example of the newborn organism developing from a single cell to the full-grown individual exemplifies the ruling principle of the whole process, which allows an understanding of V.I. Vernadsky’s conception of biological time. Morphogenesis under the rule of intention eliminates the common notion the survival of the fittest. On this solid grounding, he then showed that the anti-entropic increase of energy-flux density is the expression of the creative universe.

The day concluded with a delightful *Musikabend*, an evening of music. Among the highlights were an aria from Verdi’s *La Forza del Destino*, performed by renowned soprano **Antonella Banaudi**, and the Schiller Institute Chorus and Orchestra’s performance of the choral movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.

The Coming Renaissance

The first session on Feb. 26 began with **Rudolph Biérent** of the French aerospace lab ONERA, speaking on “Space Exploration—the Optimism of an Infinite Universe.” Next came **Ulf Sandmark** of the LaRouche movement in Sweden, on the subject of “Man in the Arctic—But How?”

The final panel was devoted to the subject of what it takes to be a great human being and artist. The speakers and musical performers were **Antonella Banaudi** and **Raymund Björling** (grandson of the great Swedish singer Jussi Björling).

The conference concluded with a lively discussion of “The Coming Humanist Renaissance,” which showed that participants were duly provoked by the paradox of the immediate danger of human extinction by thermonuclear war or a pending “Great Kill” as a result of galactic forces, and on the other hand, the alternative, based on the realization of man’s unique capacities as a willfully creative species.

Future issues of *EIR* will publish selected additional speeches from this exciting conference.