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From the Managing Editor

International conferences held by the Schiller Institute in Europe for nearly 30 years now have always been a source of rich inspiration to participants. But the April 13-14 gathering in Germany was a particularly powerful one, to judge by the reflections of those who attended. Reports reaching this side of the Atlantic say that both first-time attendees and “old hands” felt that their idea of what could be done—and what they could do—to reverse the world’s crisis had been transformed. Two ideas stood out: that the economic/cultural breakdown in one’s own country must have an *international* solution; and that the gateway was Lyndon LaRouche’s Glass-Steagall and national-credit policy.

The program alone (see *Strategy*) gives an overview of the breadth and depth of the presentations made, as well as the geographical diversity of the speakers. We begin our coverage this week with the speeches by Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche; future issues will deal with the Strategic Defense of Earth, the fight for Glass-Steagall, energy security for the 21st Century, the future of Eurasian cooperation, and a renaissance of Classical culture.

Lyndon LaRouche’s *Feature* article, on the subject of natural law, poses the startling thesis that “the apparent principle for what might be defined as a body of ‘knowable law,’ in any meaningful sense,” is to be located in the evolution of the stars, of life, and in “the noetic expression of the qualities and powers *uniquely specific* to human life.” And that, you see, is what lies behind the article’s headline: “Why Her Britannic Majesty Is Illegal!” To unravel this perhaps puzzling assertion, read on.

In *National*, we have exclusive reports on the organizing for Glass-Steagall, as well as opposition to President Obama’s economic and military policies from within the United States. An accompanying article documents Obama’s lies about drone warfare.

The *International* section highlights the danger of world war. We also cover what’s behind India’s sovereign decision to prevent pharmaceutical companies from claiming phony patents—patents that keep the cost of life-saving drugs out of reach for most Indians. And an unusual contribution from our Copenhagen bureau concerns Hans Christian Andersen’s collaboration with Hans Christian Ørsted—the confluence of poetry and science, for the enrichment of both.

