

German Election a Pyrrhic Victory for Merkel, FDP

Sept. 28—Yesterday's parliamentary election in Germany put an end to the Grand Coalition of the three biggest parties, bringing to power a narrower bloc of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU/CSU, with 33.8%) and the ultra-liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP, 14.6%). Voters smashed the Social Democratic Party (SPD, 23%), which is now out of the coalition, thereby removing whatever small margin of resistance it might have offered to the austerity demands of the globalist financier oligarchy.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman and Chancellor candidate of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo), commented that the efforts of the "forces of the Empire" to put in their preferred candidate were successful. However, this is a Pyrrhic victory, she said, and the new government will soon experience a hard landing, as it confronts a

new phase of economic collapse.

The new coalition is expected to implement the same policies of cost-cutting and banker bailout which caused the crisis. This will further decimate the physical economy and lower living standards.

The majority that Merkel's new government will command in the Bundestag (parliament) is, in any case, slight, and the cost- and tax-cutting views of the new coalition partner, the FDP, will most likely give rise to dissidents within the CDU. In other words, this is not a stable government.

But the BüSo, the only party that posed a real alternative, reached a qualitatively new high point, putting Zepp-LaRouche's party in a position to reap the fruit of its work in the future. It crossed the 1% "barrier" in numerous districts, notably, in Berlin, and in the eastern state of Saxony (Leipzig, Dresden, etc.). This is the threshold below which popular opinion holds that parties are "not serious." The BüSo is now well situated to reach and cross the mandatory 5% threshold for representation in the Bundestag, in the next elections.