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LaRouche's Ideas Discussed At ENI Conference in Milan

Oct. 9—The former general director of the Italian Labor Ministry, Nino Galloni, a longtime collaborator of the LaRouche movement in Italy, addressed a Milan conference today at the Italian energy company ENI's offices, dedicated to infrastructure projects. He quoted Helga and Lyndon LaRouche at the beginning of his keynote speech on the Sicily-Tunisia undersea tunnel.

"The first time I discussed this project," he said "it was at a seminar in Wiesbaden with Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, on large-scale infrastructure projects and the need for a new world economic order. . . . Such projects are all the more important in the present crisis, since we are all orphans of great projects, such as Mattei's," citing the founder of ENI.

Galloni exposed two frauds: the "recovery," and the fraud that great projects cannot be undertaken because there is no financing. He said, "There will be no recovery. On the contrary, the present crisis of the financial system is systemic. Money is being invested into finance rather than in the real economy, and into such traps as derivatives. If we go on this way for years, we will have the total collapse of the economy," he said. Projects such as the Sicily-Tunisia tunnel would connect Italy to North Africa and on to the Sub-Saharan regions, with which one could expect an increase of trade, but "instead of financing them, private companies are waiting for the recovery to happen," and banks prefer to promote short-term financial investments.

Czech President Klaus May Yet Disrupt Lisbon Treaty

Oct. 9—Czech President Vaclav Klaus has called the acting chairman of the EU

Council, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, to tell him that he would sign the Lisbon Treaty, only if a note is added to the text. Klaus did not specify what the note should say, but, "as far as I understood, it has to do with the EU Charter on Human Rights," Reinfeldt told Reuters. "He demanded that this addition be approved by the Council. I told him that this is the wrong message at the wrong moment, and what we need now is his signature. I do not want this demand now involving a further delay in the Treaty ratification.

"We must understand what exactly Klaus is asking. But he told us that we must wait for the [Czech] Constitutional ruling, and then, he will make clear what he wants. But since the President is actually asking for additional measures, he must clarify what he wants, and this is what I told him," Reinfeldt said.

In recent days, Reinfeldt had arrogantly dismissed Klaus's role by claiming that the Lisbon Treaty will be effective the moment the Czech Constitutional Court issues its ruling. This is factually untrue, because the President must sign it before it can become law.

Momentum for LaRouche Plan Builds Across Globe

Oct. 9—Momentum is building behind the LaRouche Plan for U.S. and world economic recovery. (For details of the plan, see this week's *Feature*.) In the past 24 hours, the following developments highlight the pattern of breakout.

- Two websites, The People's Voice in the U.S.A. and Scoop.co.nz in Wellington, New Zealand, have posted either the text or the audio of LaRouche's statement on the urgent need to implement his recovery plan, highlighting the "blue-collar recovery."

- Today, *EIR*'s Dennis Small was interviewed on Ecuador's Patricio Pilajo radio show. In an hour-long interview, Small outlined the details of the

LaRouche Plan, including LaRouche's call for a manned Moon-Mars mission, as a crucial science and technology driver. The focus was on bankruptcy reorganization. Small exposed the problems with proposals for a replacement to the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

- The Mexico LaRouche Youth Movement's (LYM) intervention today at the Second World Forum on Renewable Energy, held in Leon, Guanajuato, with a large "Obama mustache" poster and LaRouche Plan leaflets, was covered widely by the Mexican press, including the national daily *El Universal*, *Vanguardia* of Coahuila, and *El Imparcial* of Sonora. *Universal* and *Vanguardia* ran a prominent picture of the LYM intervention, with the large photo clearly visible, including the LaRouche identification, and a caption which noted that, "A group of 15 youths handed out leaflets with images of the U.S. President and Hitler next to each other, with phrases such as 'Obama's policy is Nazi genocide.'" The *Universal* headline is: "Youths Protest Against Nobel for Obama."

'There's a Limit to The Tyrant's Power!'

Oct. 9—Germans today marked the 20th anniversary of the day when half a million people took to the streets of Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin, and other cities throughout East Germany, to stand up peacefully against the communist SED regime, under the banner of the slogan "There is a limit to the tyrant's power!" The slogan was taken from Friedrich Schiller's drama *William Tell*. In Leipzig, 70,000 people gathered at Nikolaikirche and other churches for a candlelight demonstration, while the police had orders to disperse the marchers, using if necessary, violent means. However, when faced with this completely peaceful move-

ment of people, the police withdrew and the tanks stayed in the barracks. The regime was not prepared for this dynamic.

On Oct. 9, 1989, people overcame their fears of a dictatorial regime. That the police did not intervene, has often been called the “miracle of Leipzig.” Those who were supposedly powerless defeated those who were unjustly in power. A higher principle took hold, which strengthened those participating to assert: “We are the people.” One month later, the Berlin Wall came down.

Today, festivities were held in Leipzig. Normally, this date is played down.

Today’s celebrations were capped by a concert in the historic Nikolai-kirche, led by Kurt Masur, with his Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, and featuring the Thomaner Choir, once led by Johann Sebastian Bach. It included works by Beethoven, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Brahms.

Korea-China Tunnel Plan: 125 Miles Under Ocean

Oct. 9—An enormous tunnel, over 125 miles long, could be built under the Yellow Sea between the west coast of Korea and the Shangdong region of China, bringing huge benefits to the countries in the region. A study by the Gyeonggi Research Institute (GRI) under the sponsorship of China’s Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, identifies potential benefits of about \$240 billion.

The primary benefit would come from linking express railways in the two countries. The tunnel would shorten travel from Seoul to Shanghai to 5.5 hours, and to Beijing to 4.5 hours, he said. This could result in creating a huge economic sphere linking about 24 million people in the Seoul area with some 272 million in the Beijing and Shanghai regions.

If these tunnels then link to overland railways in Central Asia, a modern version of the Silk Road will be created.

The benefits of a China-Korea tunnel were calculated without including the vast synergetic effects of extending the link east to Japan and west to Europe. Were such a route to utilize maglev technology rather than standard high-speed rail, the benefits to the region would be multiplied many times over.

Russia, U.S. Join Against Afghan Opium Scourge

Oct. 8—The Russian Federal Service for Narcotics Control is going to provide the United States with intelligence on Afghan drugs, and expects the same from the U.S., Service head Viktor Ivanov said at a Novosti press conference in Moscow today. “Cooperation between the United States and Russia was on the rise,” he said. Ivanov also stressed the need for eradication of opium poppies, referring to the success of eradication operations in Colombia.

On Sept. 24, Ivanov had cited the very effective aerial spraying of hundreds of hectares of coca plants with defoliants in Colombia in 2008, during a speech at the Nixon Center during his working visit to Washington.

Ivanov stated, in an Oct. 7 interview with AP, that he hoped that the “open-minded dialogue will encourage the U.S. to take more adequate measures” on drug control. He said he had met with Gil Kerlikowske, director of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy; David Johnson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL); and Paul Jones, U.S. Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan in Washington. Both sides agreed to increased cooperation, Ivanov said, and with Kerlikowske, they agreed to continue discussions on aerial spraying.

Briefly

SECRETARY OF STATE Hillary Clinton will visit Moscow Oct. 12-14, the Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed Oct. 8. Clinton will meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to discuss a new strategic arms reduction treaty, Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea, and the Middle East.

THE IRISH PEOPLE were subjected to a campaign of fear and intimidation to achieve a “yes” vote in the Oct. 2 referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, reports Anthony Coughlan of The National Platform EU Research and Information Centre, reported by the UK Column. As has been widely reported, writes Coughlan, “The bankrupt Irish political Establishment, which has ruined its country’s economy, has opted through stupidity and fear to clamp an undemocratic Constitution on itself and most of Europe.”

IN LAVIA, a proposed law would limit a homeowner’s mortgage payments to the market value of the house. This would also apply retroactively. Since housing prices have fallen 70% since the peak, most mortgages are more than 100% of the equity in their houses. The law means that the majority of the price fall will be paid by the banks.

THREE DARFUR militant opposition groups met in Cairo Oct. 3-7, under the supervision of U.S. special envoy to Sudan, Gen. Scott Graton (ret.), and signed an agreement committing themselves to a peaceful solution in Darfur as the “best of all choices.”

THE PHILIPPINES remains crippled from the effects of tropical storm Onday that hit metropolitan Manila in late September. Flooding directly killed as many as 300, with widespread damage to houses, businesses, schools, and infrastructure.