

Vitrenko Presents LaRouche's Record

by Rachel Douglas

May 28—Speaking at an April 24-25 conference in Kiev, titled “The Council of Slavic Peoples of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine,” Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine leader Natalia Vitrenko made her latest presentation featuring Lyndon LaRouche. Vitrenko, a doctor of economics, was co-initiator with Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in 1997, of the international movement for a New Bretton Woods conference. She campaigned for the Ukrainian Presidency in 2000 under a poster showing herself explaining the Triple Curve, LaRouche’s pedagogical demonstration of the systemic crisis. She has continued to brief people throughout Ukraine, as well as in Russia and Belarus, on how LaRouche’s forecast came true. Such a briefing was included in her recent DVD, “Save Ukraine and Rebuild the World.”

At the Kiev conference, Vitrenko said: “Let’s get back to economics. The whole point is that cranking up financial speculation, through the liberal economic model, lawfully led to its complete and fundamental collapse. The well-known American economic scientist Lyndon LaRouche warned about this, very convincingly, already 15 years ago. And the crisis arrived, in June 2007! Under economic and financial globalization, with the U.S. dollar functioning as the world reserve currency, naturally the crisis became global. If we look at the monstrous dimensions of the currency bubbles, the so-called derivatives, i.e., the volume of financial speculation in the world (and it’s estimated at \$1.4 quadrillion!), it is absolutely clear that mankind will not survive, without radical surgery.”

Vitrenko paid lip service to Joseph Stiglitz’s heavily publicized UN Commission on the Global Crisis, but then she returned to LaRouche: “LaRouche poses the objective in a tougher form: not to reform the institu-

tions of an already bankrupt international financial system (the IMF and others), but to get rid of them. In a March 16, 2009 statement [“It Should Be G20 Minus 1—Without the British Empire!”], LaRouche said: ‘Any reforms based on looking for agreement with the existing institutions, with the British Empire’s monetarist system, will be a disaster. Eliminate the monetary system. Go with a credit system, for long-term investment projects in infrastructure. Eliminate the monetarist characteristics of the world system.’

“LaRouche insists that an emergency has to be declared in the U.S.A., that the Federal Reserve System has to be declared bankrupt, and that President Obama should take control of the banking system, force the banks through bankruptcy, and direct the credit resources of the Federal government only into the traditional types of commercial banks, in order to build industrial and public infrastructure.”

While many figures in Eurasia have embraced the George Soros agenda of “reforming” the IMF and using its special drawing rights as a stepping stone to a supranational currency, Vitrenko went after the failure of the G20 London summit in April: “It is not only a U.S. problem,” she said, “it is a problem for all mankind. But, alas, the G20 summit which took place in London in April 2009 did not identify these problems and did not solve them. On the contrary, it was decided there to reinforce the IMF and increase its resources by \$500 billion.”

The conference where Vitrenko made this presentation was attended by leading Russian figures such as Academician Sergei Glazyev, now secretary of the Customs Union of the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC), and Gen. Leonid Ivashov (ret.), formerly head of the foreign relations department of the Russian Ministry of Defense.

High-profile coverage of LaRouche’s strategic initiatives continues through other sources in Ukraine, as well, in the wake of his representatives speaking at a conference on “Physical Economy” at the Kyiv National Economic University (KNEU) on April 9. In the May issue of the KNEU newspaper *Ekonomist*, economist Lyudmila Vorobyova reported on that conference. Included in her article was a full Ukrainian translation of LaRouche’s message of greeting to the conference, titled “Science and Society Now.” (See *EIR*, May 1, 2009.)



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