

Schiller Institute Convention in Germany 'We Are the Conscience of Mankind'

We are the conscience of mankind," the only organized, uncompromised force for the good of mankind; an institution unique in that it does not wait, like all other institutions, for the catastrophe to happen, before thinking of action. With this concept, Helga Zepp LaRouche, chairwoman of the German Schiller Institute and founder of the movement internationally, keyed the June 27 biannual convention of the Institute in Germany.

While the Schiller Institute was not founded until 1984, the impetus for its existence, she said, began with Lyndon LaRouche's first forecasts in the 1950's, when the economist warned that a global financial and economic system based on consumerism and looting would lead to inevitable disaster. Taking those forecasts to heart, Zepp LaRouche set forth the agenda of achieving what Friedrich Schiller and his collaborator Wilhelm von Humboldt called "civilized mankind." She used as a point of reference Schiller's *Letters on the Aesthetical Education of Man*, which identify his perspective.

The *Aesthetical Letters* were written in the period after the French Revolution, and reflect the republican poet/drama-



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Helga Zepp LaRouche speaks in Oberwesel, Germany, July 1998.

tist's grappling with the failure of the French population, in particular, to take advantage of the potential of the situation—and, as a result of that failure, the horrifying effect of the French people's collapse into barbarism. That period of crisis, and Schiller's solution, should be studied today, to deal with the threat to civilization which we face.

Zepp LaRouche reviewed the Institute's interventions against the genocide in Bosnia and that in the Great Lakes region of Africa, and the fight the Institute has

led for a New Bretton Woods monetary system. She stressed the failure of the established institutions to provide an effective solution to the global crisis.

Zepp LaRouche put particular emphasis on the need for the revitalization of the Non-Aligned Movement, which in its early decades fought for the right to development for

developing nations. In China and India alone, live 40 percent of the world's population, and a new world economic system must implement measures which are in the interest of the majority of mankind.

The Institute leader urged the activists present to concentrate their energies on fighting the degeneration of the image of man, which has taken over as a result of the paradigm-shift 30 years ago. To do this, Zepp LaRouche called for a revitalization of Classical culture and philosophy.

'New Bretton Woods' Proposal Presented in Bratislava

Lyndon LaRouche's New Bretton Woods proposal is being discussed throughout Europe, largely in the context of European election campaigns. In the run-up to parliamentary elections in Slovakia in September, Dr. Jozef Mikloško, former vice-premier of the first post-communist government of Czechoslovakia and chairman of the Slovak Friedrich Schiller Foundation, gave a joint press conference June 24 with Michael Liebig of the German Schiller Institute and *EIR* news agency in Europe, in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"What is conventionally termed the

'Asia Crisis,' " Liebig said, "is devolving full force into the world financial crisis and a world depression." The key question is whether or not the disastrous "crisis management" policies being applied at present, will be dumped "in favor of a radical reorganization of the world financial system"—a New Bretton Woods system, as designed by Lyndon LaRouche.

Attending the hour-long briefing were 20 media representatives, among them the country's leading press agencies, financial newspapers, and Radio Slovakia International.



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