World Appeal for Africa: Help Save 40 Million People!

On August 10, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche released an appeal for Africa, excerpts of which follow.

A catastrophe of apocalyptic dimensions is currently unfolding in Africa. Forty million human beings are threatened with death by starvation in the coming weeks and months.

At present, approximately one thousand people are dying each day in Somalia. In Madagascar, 1 million people may have died of starvation by the year’s end. In the Horn of Africa, 23 million people are in acute danger of succumbing to a combination of starvation, wars, and the agony of a refugee existence. In southern Africa, yet another 18 million face the same fate. But there is still time to prevent horrible mass death, provided that we in the industrialized nations muster the requisite political will. So far, the European Community and other states have promised approximately 4.3 million tons of food, but about 3.2 million additional tons are needed, according to information from the World Food Program and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. And that is nowhere near adequate for a diet fit for human beings, but is only the bare essential for sheer survival.

Do you really believe that we can look on as an entire continent dies right before our eyes, while we ourselves remain alive? No: Our moral failure to help, when it would be so easy for us to do so, would mean the collapse of our own civilization as well. Under those circumstances, we would fall victim to the results of our own egoism and our own moral senility.

Only a combination of immediate emergency aid in order to save 40 million people acutely threatened with starvation, in connection with a comprehensive program for developing infrastructure, independent agricultural production, water and energy supplies, industrial development, as well as medical care and schools—only this can prevent the death of an entire continent.

Every one of the 40 million people who are now acutely threatened with starvation, feels pain and suffering just as do you and I. Every one of the children threatened with death, has the right to laugh and frolic. How we react to those catastrophes in Africa, is a measure of our own moral capacity to survive.

Stop the Genocide in the Balkans!

On July 22, Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued an appeal to stop the genocide in the Balkans, excerpts of which follow.

Contrary to the often deliberately misleading reports coming from certain news media, this conflict is not one of civil war between two sides who equally share the blame; rather, the burden of guilt lies on one side only, namely, that of the unprovoked Serbian aggression against Croatia and Bosnia.

The Serbs would never have dared to commit the war crimes they have committed, had they not been absolutely assured of support by representatives of the collapsed Yalta order of Baker and Yazov, Eagleburger and Carrington.

It was Baker who gave the Serbs the green light for their war of conquest to carve out a “Greater Serbia,” when, just after Croatia and Slovenia had declared independence, Baker stated, “The United States insists on the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia.”

It is precisely this kind of geopolitical folly which led to World War I, and which, via the Versailles Treaty, ultimately led also to World War II; and it will just as surely lead to a great catastrophe this time around.

We therefore call upon Europe’s governments and parliaments to immediately make possible the following measures:

- Unequivocal condemnation of the role of representatives of the collapsed Yalta order in promoting the spread of war.
- Effective neutralization of the Serbian Air Force.
- Effective buildup of the defense capability of Croatia, and of the Croats and Muslims in Bosnia.
- Recognition of the Republic of Macedonia by its legal name.
- Extension of the embargo to Greece, Romania, and all others who are evading the embargo against Serbia.
- Banning of ship transport on the Danube into Serbia.
- Opening of the borders for refugees, whose suffering must be blamed in part on Europe’s failure to act.
- Immediate implementation of an economic reconstruction program for the entire Balkans region, as part of the Eurasian infrastructure program proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, as the basis of a peace plan.