

young men. It is imperative that we understand that you must not let other people make up your mind for you as to with whom you should associate, or what you should think. People tried to tell me what to think about Martin Luther King, that he was a communist. I didn't listen, and the result was the battle of Selma and the March on Montgomery," which resulted in the August 1965 passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Two choruses aided the weekend's activities. The Schiller Institute Community Choir, comprised of D.C.-area residents, supplied the choral renditions of Spirituals for *Through The Years*, and the Institute's Children's Choir performed two selections at the May 26 concert, "Jubilate Deo" and Schubert's "Der Lindenbaum."

Unyielding Concentration

Lyndon LaRouche, the author of the Institute's initiative to restore the tuning of musical instruments at an A no higher than 432 cycles/second (the "Verdi A"), addressed the musicians and cast. He cited the rigorous *bel canto* voice-training of the St. Thomas Church Boys Choir in Leipzig, which he had recently observed, to discuss proper standards for training young voices.

When asked how such a standard could be replicated in the U.S., LaRouche said that first, one must understand and appreciate what the teachers and singers of St. Thomas (Johann Sebastian Bach's church) are doing, and have been doing for 800 years. "The important thing to understand is that music is performed in the head first," he said, and then by the body and the body's extensions, the instruments. It is the ability to develop an absolute, unyielding concentration on the perfection of every technical aspect that yields complete transparency of the voices. This can be achieved with children as young as seven, and would give each child the basis for the intellectual discipline required to master any area of scientific or artistic inquiry posed to him or her in later life.

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Washington, D.C. Conference 'Time to Reimpose The American System'

The ongoing collapse of the global financial system is unstoppable, Lyndon LaRouche told an audience in Washington, D.C. on May 17, in his keynote address to a Schiller Institute conference on global economic development. The conference was attended by elected officials, diplomats, and Schiller Institute supporters from across the U.S. and around the world.

The collapse will continue, said LaRouche, until the patient collapses—or until remedies are introduced equivalent to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. LaRouche said the measures he has proposed for ending the global financial crisis, which derive from the American System of political economy, must be adopted soon, or humanity itself will be at risk.

His wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, a former candidate for German Chancellor and the founder of the Schiller Institute, gave a second keynote speech, reporting on the growing awareness of the nature of the crisis in Europe. We can revive the world economy, she said, with the methods the Americans used after World War II, to rebuild Germany from a rubble field into one of the world's strongest economies.

Shape Public Opinion

The challenge to policy-makers, most importantly President Clinton, LaRouche stressed, is whether they are dominated by opinion polls, or shape public opinion.

Speaking directly to the policy-makers in the audience, which included many state legislators, LaRouche urged them to "not ask what the public thinks; instead, ask what the media has done to brainwash them." The public is illiterate, he said, watching television news programming that is worse than soap opera.

Congress is perhaps even worse, he

said, and more divorced from reality than politicians at the state level. A typical Congressman is looking for \$10,000 a day to finance his next election campaign. He hires a media consultant, or hitman, who says, "You have to talk to the money." But those with money are engaging in speculation, so the agenda of the media consultant is the same as Phil Gramm and Newt Gingrich. They tell the Congressman, "you must stroke these money sources as an ant strokes an aphid to get the milk."

"We must go against prevailing public opinion," LaRouche said, to provide real leadership, of the sort given by the best American Presidents: Washington, Lincoln, FDR, Kennedy. As Kennedy discussed it in his *Profiles in Courage*, we require leaders of people with the courage to *shape* public opinion, not follow it.

President Must Lead

LaRouche underscored the fact that the solution to the economic crisis lies in President Clinton's leadership. What we're asking the President to do, LaRouche said, in a period of great crisis and with little support even in his own party, is to stick his neck out; to come to a conclusion that corresponds with reality, not the opinion of CNN or Rush Limbaugh. We're asking it because he's President, and only from that office can leadership be provided to solve this crisis, as Roosevelt did in World War II, and as Kennedy did in his short tenure.

Our job, LaRouche stressed, is to see that President Clinton is well advised and supported in these matters. He has to do the job. And if he does it in the U.S., it would be welcomed and supported in Russia, Ukraine, China, Japan, and throughout Africa and South and Central America.