Nearly five hundred members and guests of the Schiller Institute from over thirty nations attended a conference in Eltville, Germany Dec. 2-3, on the theme, “The Future Determines the Present: 1996, The Year of Decision.”

Lyndon LaRouche opened the conference with a speech on the subject, “We Are at the End of an Era.” LaRouche explained the inevitable collapse of the present economic and financial system, which will occur with great probability before the end of 1996, if not as early as the coming weeks.

The decisive factor is the widening of the “scissors” between financial aggregates, monetary aggregates, and production of physical goods.

Real production in the world economy has greatly decreased since the 1960’s; the amount of money that has been put in circulation by governments has increased; the amount of worldwide financial titles is growing, as a result of speculation, with a daily turnover of $3 trillion. Since some of the speculative deals have to be financed by withdrawal of money from the physical economy, an end-point will soon be reached. The abandonment of International Monetary Fund policies of the last twenty-five years, which continue to fuel the crisis, is obligatory for humanity to survive.

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Other speakers on the first day of the conference included three extraordinary fighters for justice: former South Carolina State Senator Theo Mitchell; Dr. Josef Mikloško, who was Vice...
example, launching new joint space projects, as an alternative to the current “brain drain” of scientists and budget austerity.

9. Establishing a new system of public education and culture based upon the heritage of national and world Classical culture, as an alternative to counterculture and to “soap opera” mass culture, which promotes immorality, irresponsibility, and violence.

10. Cooperation among the great monotheistic religions for the sake of strengthening human morality, world peace, and development; active participation of national and religious minorities in the economic, cultural, and political life of nation-states, as an alternative to pagan cults, mysticism, fanatical ethnicism, and separatist terrorism run by deployed experts of the financial oligarchy.

The preconditions for this new policy of partnership and mutual respect are democratic parliamentarism, defense of the inalienable rights of man, and the assumption of responsibility by governments to strengthen their national economies and to guarantee a decent living standard for their people. A true community of interest should be the basis for the new global cooperation, and for this community of interest a knowable criterion exists: the mutual benefits and future well-being of all mankind that will result from this new type of cooperation.

We therefore appeal to all nations of the world to unite around these principles in order to prevent global catastrophe.

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Prime Minister in the first post-communist government of Czecho-Slovakia, and is a former resistance fighter; and Italian “Mafia-hunter” Judge Carlo Palermo. Both Mitchell and Dr. Mikloško had been participants in the Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Independent Commission hearings to investigate gross misconduct by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The End of the ‘Dinosaurs’
On the second day of the conference, the founder of the international Schiller Institutes, and its chairman in Germany, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, addressed the question of overcoming the present worldwide crisis through a “community of nations based on natural law.”

“While Leibniz speaks about the best of all possible worlds, the European governments are pursuing, with the Maastricht Treaty, a policy of the worst of all possible worlds,” she began. The European Union treaty prohibits the only possible means to achieve an economic upswing, through government investment in infrastructure, prescribing instead a brutal policy of austerity, which led, in France, to an enormous strike wave. The politicians committed to this austerity policy are “dinosaurs,” who will be swept away with the ending of the present financial system.

The solution, said Zepp-LaRouche, is cooperation among nations, following the principle of Nicolaus of Cusa: that the best development of the macrocosm occurs only if all the included microcosms—e.g., all nations of the world—are developing to their utmost. This contradicts absolutely the principle of “balance of power,” and the liberal, hedonistic concept of the individual which dominates today. Every person must fight to overcome the suffering of other peoples and nations, as he or she fights for his own nation.

The conference also heard Faris Nanic, who heads the Bosnian ruling party in Croatia, provide an analysis of the prospects for Bosnia in the aftermath of the Dayton, Ohio peace agreement.