Emergency Appeal to President Clinton

Convene a New Bretton Woods Conference!

A n appeal to President Clinton for a New Bretton Woods conference [see pages 4-5] was published as a full-page advertisement in the May 15 edition of Roll Call, the semiweekly Washington, D.C. newspaper. Roll Call is distributed in bulk to the staff and members of the U.S. Congress and the White House.

The appeal, initiated by Helga Zepp LaRouche and Ukrainian economist Natalya Vitrenko, member of Ukraine’s Supreme Rada (Parliament), has been signed by hundreds of world leaders, including Gen. (ret.) Joao Baptista Figueiredo, former President of Brazil (1979-85), and Godfrey Binaisa, former President of Uganda (1979-80). Other endorsers include:

**United States:** Nine former U.S. Congressmen; 192 current and former state representatives from 37 states; dozens of city and county council members from across America; trade union, Civil Rights, and religious leaders.

**Europe:** Seventy-three current and former members of parliament from eight nations, including Russia, Poland, Italy, Georgia, Ukraine, Armenia, Bosnia-Hercegovina, and Croatia; dozens of economists and scientists from leading academic institutions; German and Polish trade union leaders; and leaders of human rights organizations from several Eastern European nations.

**Ibero-America:** Thirty-one current and former members of Congress, from ten nations, including Argentina, Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Trinidad-Tobago, and Venezuela.

**From Africa, Asia, and Australia:** Dozens of current and former government officials and members of parliament, as well as trade union, religious, and human rights leaders from Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Republic of South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, Zaire, Pakistan, Jordan, Australia, and New Zealand. From the embattled nation of Sudan alone, 20 current Members of Parliament endorsed the appeal.

Schiller Institute Conference

It’s the Poets Who Shape History

In his keynote address to the semiannual conference of the Schiller Institute and International Caucus of Labor Committees, held in Virginia on Presidents’ Day weekend, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., focussed on confronting his listeners with the reality of the world economic depression, and the fact that popular culture today calls for denying that such a depression exists. Yet, he pointed out, the depths of the collapse have already begun to provoke a mass strike process—in Europe, Ibero-America, Asia—which holds the hope of stopping the rush into worldwide devolution, as long as the right ideas dominate.

LaRouche challenged the mentality of looking for a scapegoat. Surely, there are evil people and institutions, he said, but there has been an overall paradigm shift away from the outlook of a nation-state committed to scientific and industrial progress, which has created a consumer culture of immorality. Thus, when people look around for the causes of the problems they face, they usually overlook the most fundamental one: the flaws in thinking within themselves. Those flaws are caused by the lack of an orientation to, and education based upon, the nature of every individual, man and woman, as being a creative mind made in the image of God.

The first day of the conference concluded with an evening concert in which violinist Seth Taylor and pianist Monica Ripamonte performed Schumann, Schubert, and Brahms.

**Renaissance vs. Enlightenment**

Helga Zepp LaRouche’s presentation elaborated on the cultural crisis, to which her husband had referred, from the standpoint that the ideas of the Renaissance must finally defeat those of

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the Enlightenment, if mankind is to survive. The battle of such Enlightenment figures as Voltaire, Euler, and Maupertuis against the Platonic genius of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, was a major feature of her presentation.

Zepp LaRouche highlighted the fact that it is the poets who shape history, by contrasting Voltaire’s cynical attack on Joan of Arc with Friedrich Schiller’s poem entitled “The Maid of Orleans,” in which spirit she concluded: “Let us therefore make a solemn commitment that we will create a beautiful world with people with beautiful souls.”

The third panel provided six short proofs of principle, that the dominant academic method used today in education, and in society’s leading institutions, is a product of Enlightenment degeneracy, and must be scrapped.

• Bruce Director led off with a presentation on the fraudulent way mathematics as a whole is conceived; he used the work of Carl F. Gauss as the antidote.

• Anno Hellenbroich, a leader of the Schiller Institute in Germany, spoke about the great conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler’s fight for the principle of “performing between the notes.”

• Gail Billington exposed the “fraud of the economic miracle of the Asia Tigers,” showing how the growth of prostitution and gambling is being labelled “economic growth.”

• Rogelio Maduro destroyed the methodology of the “global warming” pseudo-scientists.

• Hunter Cobb demonstrated the fraud of the inverse square law, through demonstrations of several electromagnetic experiments.

• Lastly, Webster Tarpley demonstrated the direct role of the Venetians in destroying the culture of the English Renaissance of William Shakespeare.