More than nine hundred people attended the semi-annual conference of the Schiller Institute, convened in Northern Virginia over Labor Day weekend, to prepare themselves for leadership in the upcoming cataclysms of the international financial and political system.

In his keynote speech, entitled “The Coming Pearl Harbor Effect,” Lyndon LaRouche argued: “There is a mood shift in progress now, which is like the sand on the beach leading to the ocean. Our problem is that we must be intellectually prepared, on two grounds. First of all, we must know—not as a matter of learning it, but as a matter of truthful awareness, that it will work—what has to be done. And, we must mobilize people, to get their politicians, and others in positions of influence, to agree to do it. We’ve got to get enough support for this President, for his doing this, that he has to do, to make it happen. And we can—if we can act like a virus, and become infectious. Infect the population with optimism, with a sense that there must be alternatives. If you’re on the Titanic, and there’s a lifeboat, shouldn’t you get into the lifeboat if the ship is sinking? What do you think of the guy who says ‘No, I’m going to stay with mainstream thinking’? That goes all the way down.”

The subjective requirements for organizing the American population around the solutions, were then presented by Helga Zepp LaRouche, under the theme “How Aesthetical Education Determines the Moral Character,” an excerpt of which appears in this issue [SEE page 5].

LaRouche: The Coming ‘Pearl Harbor’ Effect

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.: “We must mobilize the population.”

Helga Zepp LaRouche: “Moral education of the child determines character.”

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‘We Must Infect the Population with Optimism!’

Labor Leaders Sign for LaRouche Exoneration

The AFL-CIO met Sept. 22-25 in Pittsburgh, Pa. at its 22nd Constitutional Convention, the first convention since John Sweeney assumed the presidency of the labor federation. Organizers from the LaRouche political movement confronted delegates and other participants with the urgent necessity of winning full exoneration for Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and found a receptive audience. Of the 1,000 delegates attending the convention, nearly 100 signed the Open Letter to President Clinton, including national, state, and local labor union leaders from the U.S. and Canada, Ibero-America, and Eastern Europe. Support in the United States for the exoneration of LaRouche has reached unprecedented proportions, as 834 current and former state representatives of both major political parties had, by Nov. 7, signed the same Open Letter.

In addition, the call has been endorsed by 30 former U.S. Congressmen, 532 elected U.S. municipal and county officials, 174 religious leaders, 555 human rights and community leaders, including 445 officials of the NAACP, and over 745 trade union officials from around the world, including 677 from the U.S.

The Invisible Empire

The final panel of the conference featured four editors of Executive Intelligence Review magazine, the authors of EIR’s recent feature on “Britain’s Invisible Empire Unleashes the Dogs of War.” Jeffrey Steinberg reviewed the “three faces” of the British Empire today: the visible empire, consisting of the Monarchy and the Commonwealth; the invisible empire,” which includes the Club of the Isles, the modern-day British East India Company cartel, the World Wildlife Fund, etc.; and the “empire of