

Eastern Europe Seminar

'The Mind of Man Is the Source of Wealth'

At the invitation of *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine and the Schiller Institute, representatives from Russia, China, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland joined Lyndon LaRouche in Germany Dec. 16, 1997, for a far-reaching, all-day seminar on the world economic and political crisis, with particular attention to the situation in the Eastern European countries.

LaRouche led off the discussion by concentrating on the key issue underly-

ing all economics: the nature of the human mind. The former communist countries joined the West when it was collapsing, and most leaders never got an *idea* of why the Soviet system collapsed, or why the West was collapsing. What we need to concentrate on is developing ideas, not opinions, LaRouche said—specifically, the ideas by which all nations can elevate the condition of the individual person in the sense of identity. Such ideas rest upon understanding the fact that competent economic policy

depends upon knowing that the mind of man is the source of wealth.

The subsequent discussion constantly came back to the issue of designing an economic policy around a competent scientific conception of the human mind. This was interspersed with presentations and dialogue on the state of the economic disaster in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, contrasted with the relative success of the economic reform in China, and put in the context of the challenges of reorganizing the

Prague: Land-Bridge Key to Global Development

In cooperation with the Schiller Institute, the Czech Management Association (C.M.A.) on Jan. 28, held a one-day seminar in Prague on the theme, "European-Asian Bridge as a Motor for Global Economic Development." Keynoting the affair was Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp LaRouche; the event was attended by about ninety people, including at least fifty managers of large Czech companies, such as the famous Skoda Works, as well as of medium-sized and small firms, mostly in manufacturing and engineering.

The introductory statement to the seminar by Mr. Styblo, of the C.M.A. executive, addressed the effects of the Asian crisis on Europe, and the need to abandon the global regime of short-term speculation.

I.M.F. Script Means Disaster

In her keynote address, Zepp LaRouche outlined that the fate of the 4.5 billion people in Asia will decide the fate of the rest of the world; that today's financial crisis is no Asian crisis, but a global one, and that the I.M.F. scripts do not work.

Zepp LaRouche called on her audience to take a closer look at the alternative approach, which has been adopted by China: long-term investments in railway and other vital transport infrastructure, production of coal and other raw



Helga Zepp LaRouche presents Eurasian Land-Bridge program at Prague seminar.

materials, and electricity supplies. Politics, she said, must return to principles of truth and justice, and the desire to put at the center once more, man and the development of the common good.

Czechs Look to Asia

The theme Zepp LaRouche struck was taken up by Jaroslav Jirasek of the Czech Management Center at the Prague Academy of Sciences. He said that the Czechs and the West can learn from the Asians, because their economic strategies are based on sound principles of family, productive enterprise, and state support.

Next spoke Ruediger Janssen of the Prague office of Banque Nationale de Paris/Dresdner Bank, treating the theme of how banking facilities can be made available for industrial firms that want involvement in long-term projects in Asia.

Petr Kulovany of the Czech Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade emphasized that there exists a great potential for Czech industry to deliver power-generating facilities to China.

Also speaking was Rene Samek of Czechinvest, a government-run organization that is trying to revive the role once played by the state support program for exports.