Meeting in Northern Virginia in the wake of the defeat of the impeachment coup against President Clinton, more than 700 representatives of the LaRouche political movement spent Presidents’ Day weekend, Feb. 13-15, discussing how to mobilize the mass forces which can put the United States on the “Road to Recovery.”

Lyndon LaRouche’s recently completed book, The Road To Recovery, provided the basis for the conference panels [see Books, page 89]. The sub-theme, which he also stressed during discussion by phone hookup with the conference participants, was the need to destroy the New Confederacy and Al Gore, which represent the British-led financial oligarchy’s attempt to destroy sovereign nation-states and civilization based on scientific and industrial progress.

Conference keynotes by both Lyndon and Helga LaRouche dealt with the challenge of political leadership in this kind of revolutionary period. Both leaders were introduced by Amelia Boynton Robinson, Vice-Chairman of the Schiller Institute. LaRouche’s remarks hit hard at the ingrained habits which have kept Americans from acting rationally to solve the current world financial crisis.

Helga Zepp LaRouche spoke on the topic, “What It Takes To Be a World Historical Leader Today.” She took up the question of justice, and leadership, from the works of the Greek philosopher Plato. It is in Plato’s Republic that the idea of the “common good,” later reflected in the U.S. Constitution’s commitment to the “General Welfare,” is first defined.

Particularly exciting to

this audience was Zepp LaRouche’s presentation of the work of the German Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, a contemporary of the U.S. Founding Fathers, in advancing these Platonic ideas in the realm of education and culture.

Nation-State, or New Dark Age

Following Lyndon LaRouche’s keynote, a panel of five presentations addressed the question of the nation-state versus feudalism.

- William Wertz’s “Birth of the Nation-State: The Revolution of the Fifteenth Century,” developed the crucial historical breakthrough which was made following the 1439 Council of Florence. Wertz contrasted the devastation of the feudal Dark Age, with the work that Louis XI of France and Henry VII of England accomplished, in forging the
concept of a nation-state dedicated to the common good.

• The threat which the Confederacy represented and continues to represent to the American constitutional republic, was the focus of the next two speakers.

Anton Chaitkin demonstrated the British origins of the Confederacy plot, showing that it was not “the South,” but an external oligarchy, which organized the insurrection. Fredric Henderson took up the real issues behind the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, involving Johnson’s complicity in attempting to reverse the Union victory after the Civil War.

• This section of the conference concluded with Edward Spannaus, speaking on the “Rule of Law Hoax” which inundated Americans during the impeachment trial, and Jeffrey Steinberg, on Al Gore’s “Fried Green Fascism.” Spannaus showed that the content of the “rule of law” which Henry Hyde championed, was nothing less than the British, anti-republican conception of “Anglo-American law.” Steinberg stressed the genocidal commitment of Gore’s Malthusian ideology, and the threat it represents today to

LaRouche Must Advise Clinton on the Economy

In October 1998, the Schiller Institute began to circulate an Appeal to President Clinton to appoint Lyndon LaRouche as his economic adviser. As of March 3, a total of 150,000 signatures had been gathered on the appeal. With the defeat of the attempted coup d’état against the President, the text of the petition was updated, and appears below.

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Dear Mr. President:

The attempt on the part of Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, in collusion with Al Gore and other deviant Democrats, acting in behalf of British-linked Wall Street interests, to misuse the American Congress for an impeachment proceeding against you in the style of the British parliamentary system, was the equivalent of a coup d’état against the office of the President and against the U.S. Constitution. Having failed to remove you from office and replace you with Al Gore, these coup plotters are still intent upon carrying out a cold coup d’état to prevent you from acting like Franklin D. Roosevelt to solve the global financial crisis in collaboration with such nations as China, Russia, India, and Germany.

If we are to put the world back on the road to recovery, the current British-inspired geopolitical attacks on China, Russia, and other sovereign nations must be stopped. Instead of a new Cold War “clash of civilizations,” what is required is an ecumenical alliance for progress. World peace must be based upon a community of principle among sovereign nations. That common principle is economic development. The global engine for such development is the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and the creation of a New Bretton Woods system to finance it.

You yourself have directly spoken of the fact that the world finds itself in the most dangerous economic and financial crisis of the last fifty years. Unfortunately, it has been demonstrated at various meetings of the Group of 7, the Group of 22, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, that these governments and institutions are incapable of dealing with the urgently required reorganization of the international monetary and financial system.

However, as the Asian crisis, the crisis in Russia, the crisis in Brazil, the LTCM collapse, and the imminent crises in Euro-land and on Wall Street demonstrate, the free market and “laissez-faire” economic system is today just as bankrupt as the Soviet Union was when it collapsed. Any attempt to respond to the crisis with austerity and hyperinflation will only lead even more rapidly to the nuclear meltdown of the
the continued existence of the U.S. and civilization as a whole.

The General Welfare

After the second keynote presentation, former Chicago Democratic Alderman Virgil Jones, a recent victim of the Justice Department’s “Operation Frühlmenschen” prosecutions, gave a short greeting.

- He was followed by Dennis Small, Executive Intelligence Review Ibero-America editor, who contrasted “bankers’ arithmetic”—the way the financial oligarchy systematically destroys nations—with “human arithmetic,” that is, the method by which increasing powers of man’s thinking can be measured in an economy.

- The discussion then turned to Africa, the most shocking example of the deliberate oligarchical destruction of human civilization today. The Honorable Godfrey Binaisa, former President of Uganda and now the head of the nascent African Civil Rights movement, spoke first, on the history of how the colonial powers have continued to keep their claws in the potentially vastly rich African continent. Then, Uwe Friesecke of the Schiller Institute in Germany, presented an update on the current British strategy for recolonizing Africa.

- Lastly, Michael Liebig, director of intelligence for EIR in Europe, spoke on “Von Schleicher, the Schroeder-Schacht Plot, and Hitler’s ‘Legal Coup.’” Liebig dissected the decisive period of December 1932 to the end of January 1933, in which a Hitler who in December was demoralized and potentially destroyed, was able to ascend to political power legally less than two months later.

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Classical Art

As is its custom, the Schiller Institute conference featured a number of Classical music performances. Mezzosoprano Sheila Jones, noted baritone Aaron Leathers, and the Leesburg Schiller Institute chorus all provided musical introductions to various of the panels.

During the final panel, the discussion itself turned to the role of Classical art in shaping how decisions are made.

- After the chorus’s rendition of the
Russians Feature LaRouche in I.M.F. Debate

While the Primakov government of Russia has taken steps in the direction of reviving the national economy of the country in opposition to the austerity demands of the International Monetary Fund, economic policy circles and press outlets in Moscow are paying an unprecedented degree of attention to the economic proposals of U.S. economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., who in 1994-96 conducted seminars in Moscow with Academicians who are now advising the Primakov government.

On Feb. 4, the Institute of Comparative Political Science of the Russian Academy of Sciences held a seminar on “The Third Phase of World Systemic Crisis,” which featured Prof. Taras Muranivsky, president of the Schiller Institute for Science and Culture (Moscow). The seminar was attended by sixty scientists, representatives of industry, and journalists.

Muranivsky summarized LaRouche’s analysis of the terminal phase of the world financial and economic system, noting it has created a revolutionary situation, and reviewed the plans for reorganization of the world financial system which LaRouche has put forward.

Even more extraordinary was the publication, in the Feb. 11 edition of Economic Gazette, a Moscow weekly, of extensive answers by LaRouche on the question of escaping the deadly effects of the foreign debt. Editor Aleksandr Chekalin had previously published an open letter addressed to a number of religious figures, including Pope John Paul II, some heads of state, including Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, and two scientists, Lyndon LaRouche of the U.S. and Andre Franck of the Netherlands. In response to the question, “What would be the benefit to the peoples of different countries and to humanity as a whole, if existing debts were abolished?” LaRouche wrote:

“To save the world from what would be otherwise an assured ‘new dark age’ for this planet, it is necessary to effect a global debt-reorganization, and a new financial and monetary system, and, also launch a new system of credit devoted to the growth and increased productivity of the physical economy, while suppressing financial speculation and the evils inherent in so-called ‘free trade.’ Any forces which might succeed in resisting this change in affairs, would find themselves soon sitting in a Hell they themselves could not survive. That is already a certain kind of benefit.

“We require the mobilization of large masses of presently idled or otherwise wasted productive potential. Economic recovery of this planet from the present peril of global doom could occur only through relatively vast amounts of long-term new state and private credit, at discount rates of not more than between one and two percent per annum, over medium- and long-term periods extending to between 20 and 30 years into the future . . . .

“In aid of this, the masses of accumulated, honorable forms of debt must be rewritten as long-term debt at low interest rates, and with special terms of deferred payments as may be required. By this device, earlier proposed and used successfully by the first U.S. Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton, otherwise useless private and other debt can be held in deposit in banks, as security for the issuance of credit used to promote development of infrastructure, agricultural development, and industry. This use of such restructured debt in aid of such lending, keeps the debt from default, and current. It becomes a sane alternative to bandit and other lunatic forms of desperado ‘privatization,’ as a part of the base-line for developing the private sector’s increasing role in a successfully growing national and world economy.”

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first two movements of Ludwig van Beethoven’s Mass in C, Kathy Wolfe, joined by Philip Ulanowsky at the piano, delighted the audience with a presentation on how music exists “between the notes,” and not simply by banging them out. John Sigerson showed how Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in various pieces, developed ideas he derived from the great composer J.S. Bach.

• Tony Papert and Gerald Rose directed the audience’s attention to ancient culture. Papert discussed the frauds of British archaeology, and the prehistoric maritime culture of the Indian Ocean region, and Rose spoke on the cultural significance of the Homeric epic poems, especially The Iliad.