

There Are No ‘In the Meantime’ Solutions

As this issue of *Fidelio* goes to press, the world is in the throes of a global financial collapse—contrary to the virtual war-time “bodyguard of lies” in the news media. That inevitable and imminent financial collapse is driving the financier-oligarchy, centered in the Anglo-American Gang of Five nations—Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and a Wall Street-controlled U.S.A.—in a desperate effort to maintain its political power, by engaging in a geo-strategic chicken-game with Russia, which could lead to World War III. The danger to civilization is heightened by the nominations of Al Gore and George W. Bush as the Democratic and Republican U.S. Presidential candidates, neither of whom is remotely qualified to deal with this crisis, but, rather, both of whom are committed to one form or another of *universal fascism* under such crisis conditions.

On May 26-28 of this year, an historic conference took place in Bad Schwalbach, Germany, the full proceedings of which appear in this special double issue of *Fidelio*. The speeches delivered at that conference are a thorough-composed elaboration of the themes developed by Lyndon LaRouche in his keynote address, “On the Subject of Strategic Method,” which he characterized as a “manifesto.” This package of speeches provides you, the reader, with the intellectual tools required to save our otherwise doomed civilization.

As LaRouche repeatedly emphasized in discussions at Bad Schwalbach, Plato, in his *Timaeus* dialogue especially, stressed that civilizations die from one of two causes: natural disasters beyond the

current capacity of civilizations to prevent or control; and, disasters which derive from human follies, from failure to correct one’s own false, axiomatic assumptions and to nurture that cognition essential to scientific, technological, and social progress.

Rather than capitulating to popular opinion, the durable survival of civilization requires statesmen and citizens, who are committed to mastering the laws of the universe, to prevent or control natural disasters, and to uproot those human follies, which threaten our civilization’s doom today, just as in the Dark Age of the Fourteenth century.

Such statesmen and citizens must locate their personal identities in shaping the future. Instead of acting like Romantic, small-minded, manipulable children, concerned only about immediate pleasures and gratifications, a true statesman or citizen must understand the present, from the standpoint of past centuries and millennia, and he must think 25-30 years ahead. You must derive pleasure from what you contribute to a future which you yourself may not personally enjoy. The poignant example cited by LaRouche is space travel: In the near future, man may be able to travel to Mars within days; but, for more distant space exploration, decisions will be made to undertake voyages that will not be completed until after one’s death. To make such visionary decisions requires locating one’s identity in what LaRouche calls “the simultaneity of eternity.”

Lacking such an identity, and the Classical culture on which it is based, the typical Baby Boomer would

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prefer to deny reality, and cling to illusory, “in the meantime” solutions. Such a Baby Boomer says, in effect, “That may be true, but let us be practical. What can we do in the meantime?” But, there is no “in the meantime.” The crisis is now!

Since the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley, an Anglo-American empire has come into existence which, despite the efforts of Franklin D. Roosevelt, has increased its power to the point that now, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, it has declared a New World Order controlled by London and Wall Street. This empire is modelled on the Roman Imperial System, and its watchwords are “globalization,” “free trade,” and “democracy.”

Humanity’s only hope is that this fascist world empire be defeated now, at its most vulnerable moment of financial collapse. Ironically, the trilateral relationship between Japan, the U.S., and Europe, which spearheaded the consolidation of that empire over the last thirty years, has begun to crumble, owing to the need of the Anglo-Americans to cannibalize Japan and Europe to keep the financial bubble afloat. In fact, the Anglo-American financier-oligarchy’s ability to maintain its rate of looting of the savings of Japan and Europe through the yen and euro carrying trade, is diminishing. The cannibals are running out of people to eat.

To protect themselves, key nations throughout the world are moving to establish regional alliances to protect themselves from the predatory, Anglo-American imperial system. There is growing defiance of the so-called “Washington Consensus,” in Asia centered on the ASEAN-plus-three (Japan, China, and South Korea) moves to create an Asian Monetary Fund, and in Europe centered on France, and its

Wilhelm Tell

When powers raw break hostilely asunder,
And courage blind ignites the flames of war,
When in the battle furious factions thunder,
The voice of justice can be heard no more,
When every vice sets shamelessly to plunder,
When bold caprice the Holy throweth o’er,
The anchor’s loos’d, on which the nation’s clinging:
That is no proper theme for joyful singing.

But when a people, herds devoutly tending,
Content with self, nor other’s goods desires,
The yoke throws off, unworthy ’neath its bending,
Though angered, still humanity admires,
In victory, its modesty’s unending;
That is immortal and to song inspires
And such a view may I with joy have shown thee,
Thou knowest it, for all that’s great thine own be.

—Friedrich Schiller

efforts to create a Franco-German-pivoted, anti-British core of eleven continental European nations. These regional blocks have the capacity to become the stepping stones to the creation of a New Bretton Woods system, as proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, to replace the bankrupt I.M.F. system.

The still missing element to a new, just economic order, based upon a community of principle among sovereign nation-states, and committed to the principle of the General Welfare, is the participation of the United States under the intellectual leadership of Lyndon LaRouche. It is the revival of the Renaissance tradition of the U.S.A., the anti-colonial, nation-building tradition of the Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as that tradition has been advanced by LaRouche, which is the greatest threat to the existence of the Anglo-American Gang of Five.

But, to accomplish this, each of us must give up the illusion of any “in the meantime” alternatives. Now is the time to free the American population from the Romantic culture which enslaves it. Those who believe in Empire, don’t believe in the human mind. Our fight is for the triumph of the human species over bestiality. Our fight, is to foster the intellectual development of people, *to turn slaves into human beings*.