

Washington, D.C. Conference

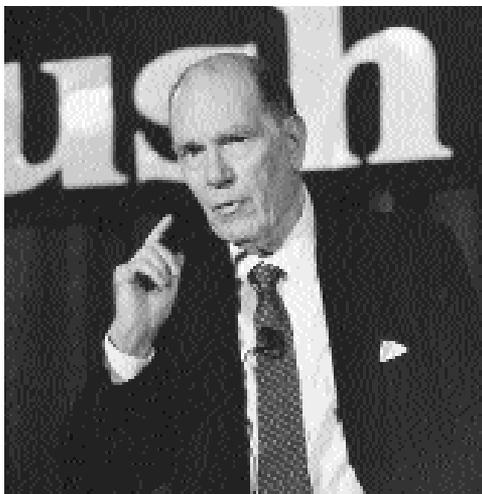
Is the U.S.A. Under Bush Doomed?

The annual Presidents' Day weekend conference of the LaRouche movement, meeting in Reston, Va. Feb. 17-19, was attended by more than 800 people from around the nation and the world, including more than 120 college-age students, who have begun to be recruited into the LaRouche movement over the past year.

LaRouche's keynote focussed on the question of why the Bush administration itself is doomed, and how Americans can keep the administration from taking the whole country down with it.

There are, LaRouche said, three elements to preventing that doom.

- The first is to develop a strategic policy which will outflank the Bush administration's intentions, creating an alliance between the U.S. and a Russia-China-India combination, centered around the Eurasian Land-Bridge.
- The second involves eliminating deregulation and other such obscenities,



Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.



Helga Zepp LaRouche

and returning to a policy oriented to the General Welfare.

- The third is to transform the American people into a nation of citizens *who think*. This means evoking from them the quality of mind, which will give them the courage to stand up and fight for a strategic perspective, and for a new, just economic policy.

After a short question period, LaRouche was followed by Bruce Director, with a demonstration of astrophysicist Johannes Kepler's method of discovery. Director engaged the audience in the question of how to gain knowledge about the universe, using video animations of the movements of the stars, planets, and constellations. These were accompanied by a series of quotations from leading discoverers, such as

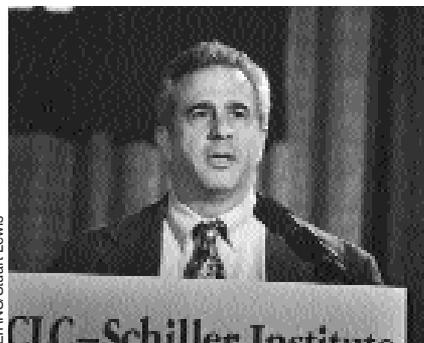
Kepler, Nicolaus of Cusa, and, at the conclusion, even U.S. President John Quincy Adams, who had commented on the link between knowledge of astronomy, and the moral conduct of politics.

That evening's session, "The Role of Cognition in Music, Poetry, and Speech," continued the theme of uplifting mankind to the level of reason. Following an introduction by Dennis Speed, both professional singers and a number of Schiller Institute amateurs performed Classical songs and Negro Spirituals.

The audience was then treated to a series of pedagogical interventions by Maestros William Warfield and Sylvia Olden Lee, coaching the Schiller Institute amateurs. What came across was a ruthless commitment to the truthful rendering of the *idea* of the music, as the singers were shown how they were distracted from conveying the compositional idea transparently [SEE page 69 for related coverage].

The Cult of Ugliness

The second keynote of the conference was given by Helga Zepp LaRouche, who dedicated her remarks to an attack on Romanticism as the source of the "Cult of Ugliness," counterposing this to Friedrich Schiller and his insistence that "beauty is a necessary condition for



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Panelists Bruce Director (top), Dennis Speed (left), Paul Gallagher (right).



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Discussion from the floor (clockwise from top left): former South Carolina State Senator Theo Mitchell, Korean journalist Harry Lee, Nevada State Senator Joe Neal, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, Minister of Health, Nation of Islam, Camden City Councilman Ali Sloan-El.



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poets, to contrast the fascination with the grotesque and ugly—which led to today’s embrace of the hideous—to the Classical poet’s concentration on beauty and the sublime as the means to develop the human character. The fascination with ugliness is nothing but the ideology of the Roman Empire, and the enslavement—including the literal enslavement—of mankind and its emotions, she argued. This contrasts with the

fied in the Classical Greek statue of Lao-cōn.

Economic Reality

After an afternoon session devoted to a dialogue with LaRouche, the final panel reported on the current economic situation, under the title, “The Demise of the Importer of Last Resort.” Using extensive charts and graphs, **EIR**’s Dennis Small, Paul Gallagher, Richard Freeman, and John Hoefle presented a picture of the ongoing devolution of the U.S. and world economy.



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Above and right: LaRouche in dialogue with students. More than 120 college-age students participated in the conference, both in the special session shown here, and in the full proceedings.



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Campaign for ‘LaRouche in 2004’ Launched

On December 27, Lyndon LaRouche, world-renowned economist and former candidate for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination, announced that he will run for the Democratic Party nomination for President in 2004, and released a statement. Excerpts from the statement follow.

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I herewith set my guidon at the top of the hill; those supporters of the Democratic Party, and others, who recognize the need to return to that quality of leadership out of a great financial crisis which President Franklin Roosevelt represents, must have a rallying-point around which to transform the efforts into an effective, mission-oriented mobilization, a mobilization to save this republic from what appears, presently, to be our assured ruin.

“Although the outgoing President Bill Clinton will be, still, the leading institutional figure around which the Democratic Party will continue to be rallied as a party, that is not sufficient. The world is gripped by a great moral crisis, which is also a great economic crisis. The great need, is to return this nation, from the past thirty-five years direction in policy-making, by which the nation has ruled and ruined itself, to those successful principles of policy-shaping by means of which the nation survived the great crises of 1933-1945. The fate of this nation depends upon our ability to choose, now, a kind of leadership qualified to lead our republic

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