Webcast Warns of ‘Guns of August’

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n July 24, addressing a crowd of diplomats and political leaders in Washington, D.C. by teleconference, and world leaders over the Internet, 2004 Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., presented a clear vision: Without a shift towards his leadership in the U.S., there will be either financial collapse, or war by the end of 2001. In this, his fifth webcast since the 2000 elections, LaRouche drew on his own successful work with international leaders, toward the establishment of a New Bretton Woods monetary system and a Eurasian development perspective, to provide a picture of how a worldwide recovery from the current onrushing systemic financial collapse could be put into effect.

The problem, LaRouche emphasized, is that the international financial elite, centered in the Anglo-American money centers, is desperate to prevent that Eurasian development from being realized. Just as the London- and New York-centered powers managed to detonate World War I, and World War II, to prevent the realization of Eurasian economic progress, so this grouping today is willing to launch World War III. The most likely detonator for such a global war would be the sparking of religious warfare, of potential nuclear dimensions, in the Middle East.

What we are looking at right now, LaRouche said, is the danger of the “guns of August”—a war danger which can only be stopped by the emergence of a movement for leadership in the United States which will reject geopolitics, and support a perspective for the general welfare of all people, and nations.

And where is the leadership to prevent such a threat to civilization? LaRouche asked. While there are signs of receptivity to the solutions in Asia and Italy, for example, the governments of Western Europe and the United States refuse to address the crisis. At the same time, the nominal leadership of the Democratic Party is refusing to lead, and clinging to the anti-Franklin Roosevelt outlook of the Gore Democrats and the Democratic Leadership Council.

In fact, as was crystal clear to the U.S. audience, and to world leaders listening, LaRouche is the leader of the Franklin Roosevelt wing of the Democratic Party, who alone is willing to fight for a new financial system that will prevent disaster.

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Johannes Brahms’ “A German Requiem,” and a series of Negro Spirituals, presented by political organizers, and by vocalists Reginald Bouknight, Dorceal Duckens, and Eleugh Butler. The highlights of the evening, as usual, were the stirring performances by renowned baritone William Warfield, and famous pianist/vocal coach Sylvia Olden Lee.

The evening began with a children’s choir singing Spirituals from Mrs. Robinson’s play Through the Years; then, a letter was read from Rosa Parks, the Civil Rights heroine who refused to give up her seat on the bus and sparked the Montgomery bus boycott of the 1960’s. A 20-minute slide show presentation about Mrs. Robinson’s life was given by Schiller Institute vice-president Marianna Wertz.

Near the conclusion of the celebration, both LaRouches spoke. “This is a fine way to celebrate the life of a woman like Amelia Boynton Robinson, done in the proper style, by people who appreciate what she is and what she’s done for the world,” Lyndon LaRouche said. Helga LaRouche remarked that, “to know a person like her makes your life so much richer.”

Schiller Institute Delegation Visits China

In late July, a Schiller Institute delegation visited Beijing, where Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum and Mary Burdman gave a seminar sponsored by the China International Economic Relations Association. Some 30 people, including from the central bank and Bank of China, government commissions, leading economic policy-making institutes, universities, and some senior advisers to ministries, attended.

The Schiller Institute representatives also met with members at several leading policy institutes, with economists and others, as well as visiting the now-completed experimental High-Temperature Reactor (HTR) project, and an institute engaged in developing water projects in China.