LaRouche in Italy

‘Restore Moral Economic Policy’

Lyndon LaRouche travelled to Italy Sept. 22-24, 2002 for a series of public meetings in the country whose Parliament has called for a “new financial architecture” along the lines of LaRouche’s proposal for a New Bretton Woods.

During his visit, LaRouche addressed members of the Lombardy Regional Council, an association of Catholic Journalists, and an international conference at the Milan “Europe House,” an association of entrepreneurs, professionals, and politicians. Then, on Sept. 25, LaRouche was officially received by the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino, where he addressed two meetings of politicians, bankers, and government officials.

LaRouche explained how the drive for war against Iraq had been temporarily derailed, and emphasized that it was now necessary to make major changes in the institutions of Europe and the U.S., in order to reverse the disastrous effects of the economic policies of the past 35 years. “The world is now in the worst systemic crisis in centuries,” he told the participants at the Europe House event. “This is a general breakdown crisis,” which represents “a failure of existing institutions, not a normal conjunctural problem within them. … We have destroyed the culture upon which the successful development of European civilization depended.

Budapest Meetings: Economics, Immortality

The quality of leadership required to bring mankind out of the current crisis, was the subject of an impassioned speech by Lyndon LaRouche, at a major Schiller Institute event in Budapest, Hungary on Dec. 12, 2002. LaRouche was addressing 120 people, including youth, at the St. Lazslo Academy.

After contrasting the inspiring leadership of Jeanne d’Arc, as against the bungling of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, LaRouche summarized the role of leadership in this period of the collapse of the international financial system. The physical economy must be saved, LaRouche said, but to achieve that, popular opinion must be changed. “As the case of Schiller’s portrayal of Jeanne d’Arc illustrates the point,” he conclud ed, “you must inspire people with love, to desire to free themselves from the degra-
We've engaged in a vast destruction of essential capital, of infrastructure, industry, and agriculture, upon which our prosperity had depended. Therefore, we have to change the system."

LaRouche called on the nations of Europe and Asia to agree on great projects for the development of the Eurasian continent, and called on the U.S to return to the policies of economic development to promote the “common good,” as typified by the work of great leaders such as Benjamin Franklin and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

LaRouche’s return to Italy comes just two months after the Italian House of Deputies took up the proposal for a New Bretton Woods, in a discussion prompted by the chaos engulfing Argentina. On Sept. 25, the Deputies approved a resolution calling for creation of a "new financial architecture," in order to "support the real economy and avoid speculative bubbles." This vote broke open international discussion of the economic and financial crisis, in a period when the "Chickenhawks" in the Bush Administration were heavily pushing the neo-imperial "Clash of Civilizations" plans of Zbigniew Brzezinski and Henry Kissinger.

dation of popular opinion, and to demand leaders who are committed to the principle of immortality. A national leader who’s not committed to immortality, is not capable of morality, in response to the challenges of this time.”

A New Bretton Woods
Earlier that day, LaRouche had keynoted a quite different kind of meeting, a seminar organized by the Committee on Finance of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, in cooperation with the Schiller Institute and the Hungarian Economic Association. The seminar was held at the Protocol Room of the Ministry of Finance, and brought together a highly distinguished group of about 20 professionals, including Prof. Tamas Bacskai, former chief economist of the Hungarian Central Bank, who chaired the event.

Other speakers included Prof. Hajna Lorinc-Istvanffy (Budapest University of Please turn to page 86

Civil Rights heroine Amelia Boynton Robinson is interviewed by Vatican Radio in Rome.

Amelia Robinson Brings Peace, Development Message to Italy

Schiller Institute vice-chairwoman Amelia Boynton Robinson, the 91-year-old Civil Rights heroine, returned to Italy in November 2002, to press that nation to join Lyndon LaRouche’s fight to stop the “Chickenhawks” in the Bush Administration and their planned war against Iraq, and to implement LaRouche’s New Bretton Woods monetary and financial proposals.

Mrs. Robinson began her trip Nov. 12, 2002 at a conference organized by the Methodist Church in Rome, and chaired by Paolo Naso, director of the magazine Confronti, on the role churches should play to stop the war on Iraq and the “Clash of Civilizations.”

Mrs. Robinson was interviewed by Italian national television Rai Due, in its transmission “Protestantism.” The second channel of Rai Due also interviewed her.

She spent two lively hours with 80 students of languages and literature at the State University “La Sapienza” in Rome, whose teacher had interviewed her in September for the Italian daily Il Manifesto; later in her visit, she addressed the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University.

The next day, Mrs. Robinson was received officially at the International Fund for Agricultural Development, a United Nations-affiliated organization representing 80 nations, at a luncheon with its leadership and public meeting with its 80-person staff. In the afternoon, she spoke at the Casa delle Donne (House of Women), which hosts 12 women’s organizations; there she was introduced by Marguerite Lottin from Cameroon, who represents the Intercultural Center Griot in Rome.

‘Month for Peace’
On Nov. 15, Mrs. Robinson was received by the Mayor of Lari (Pisa) and two other mayors of the Tuscany region, for their official “month for peace.” She spoke at Lari schools, and at a meeting of 200 citizens of Tuscan cities, organized by the Lari Buddhist Center.

On Nov. 17, Mrs. Robinson moved on to the nearby Republic of San Marino, an ancient independent republic still governed by two Captains Regent, representing two opposing political factions, who govern together, according to an ancient Renaissance tradition, to avoid a dictatorship. They received her with all honors in the ancient government palace. Please turn to page 86
LaRouche Returns to Mexico!

For the first time in 20 years, on Nov. 4, 2002 Lyndon LaRouche arrived in Mexico. LaRouche had visited our closest southern neighbor four times between 1979 and 1982, but when President José López Portillo seized control of national credit from the hands of Wall Street in 1982, Wall Street blamed LaRouche. LaRouche had met with López Portillo that May, and in July, had outlined his famous “Operation Juarez” strategy for an Ibero-American debt bomb and Common Market. Henry Kissinger vowed that LaRouche would never be allowed to visit Mexico again.

LaRouche visited Saltillo, the capital of the northern state of Coahuila, which borders Texas. During his stay, he delivered a major address at the Autonomous University of Coahuila (U.A.C.), the state’s public university, on “Alternatives in Light of the End of Globalization”; held a press conference attended by 18 media; gave an exclusive half-hour interview to the leading TV newscaster of the nearby city of Monterrey, whose show is viewed throughout Northern Mexico; and was received by the state’s Governor, Enrique Martínez y Martínez.

In his meetings, both public and private, LaRouche pointed to the urgent need for large-scale development of basic economic infrastructure—power, water, and rail—in the Southwestern U.S. and Northern Mexico, as a politically practicable approach to restoring friendly U.S.-Mexican relations, as well as providing needed employment. Among LaRouche’s private meetings, was a gathering of 45-plus youth who came from several cities across Mexico to meet with him.

At the welcoming ceremony at U.A.C., both the Dean and former Dean of the University spoke on the importance of statesman/scientist LaRouche’s visit. Coahuila’s Secretary of Education was introduced, and Dr. Rafael Arguello, U.A.C.’s Director of Graduate Studies and Research, read a curriculum vitae of LaRouche, emphasizing his contributions to science, economics, and politics.

LaRouche’s U.A.C. presentation was the center of the trip. Not only did over 450 students, researchers, faculty, invited dignitaries, and members of the LaRouche’s Movement from the area attend the presentation; it was also broadcast simultaneously to the U.A.C.’s campuses in two other cities, and to classrooms in four other state universities (Tamaulipas, Sonora, Guadalajara, and Zacatecas), and was broadcast live on the Internet.