

Tragedy, or Triumph: Which Shall It Be?

As we enter the Twenty-first century with the U.S.-led attack on Iraq, the world is faced with a choice between two diametrically opposed conceptions of man and the organization of this planet. The choice between these two, will determine whether mankind will be plunged into a new Hobbesian form of universal fascism and perpetual war; or, if humanity will be capable of achieving true peace, based upon the economic development of the planet—and eventually the universe—through the realization of the principles of the American Revolution.

Unfortunately, the efforts of Lyndon LaRouche and the Schiller Institute were not sufficient to prevent the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq; but, they did succeed in delaying the outbreak of war, and through their exposure of the role of the “Chickenhawk” followers of the late Leo Strauss within the Bush Administration, they have created the possibility of defeating the immediate fascist threat.

In this issue of *Fidelio*, we report on two critical international conferences sponsored by the Schiller Institute. The first, convened in Bad Schwalbach, Germany in mid-March, concluded with the release of a declaration entitled “This War Must Be Stopped” [SEE page 5, this issue]. This conference, which occurred immediately after the launching of the war, recognized that the invasion of Iraq would only be the beginning of an unfolding “Clash of Civilizations,” through illegal, imperial preemptive wars, possibly even employing mini-nuclear weapons, until an international resistance were successfully launched—a resistance aimed not just at stopping this particular war, but at solving the underlying cause of the threat

of war, through the reorganization of the global financial system according to the guidelines for a New Bretton Woods laid out by LaRouche.

Because of the resistance to the illegal war, which arose both in what Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld called the “Old Europe” of Germany and France, and among the most populous nations of the world, centered in Eurasia—Russia, China, and India, a new Eurasian Union has emerged as an *ad hoc* alliance against Anglo-American unilateralism, which has the potential to become a positive force for the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and for a new, cooperative global system of sovereign nation-states.

It was for the purpose of realizing this potential that, on May 26-27, the Centre for Social Justice and the Schiller Institute organized an international conference on the “World Situation After the Iraq War,” in Bangalore, India.

The Bangalore Declaration, “Toward a New World Order,” issued by this conference, states: “What we need is a new community of nation-states, non-aligned in military terms, but aligned against all forms of political, social, and economic injustice, and a global movement to pursue a new, just political-economical order” [SEE page 6, this issue].

It is in this context that we report on the introduction in the Italian Senate of a Resolution, co-sponsored by 29 Senators, calling on the Italian government to adopt the aim of creating “a new international monetary system,” to “define those measures necessary to eliminate the mechanisms which have led to the formation of the speculative bubble, and to the systemic financial crash, and to put into action programs of reconstruction of the world economy based on large infrastructure projects of continental dimension and on investments in the real economy, to increase the effective productivity of the economic system.”

But the key to the directionality of the world at this moment in history, lies in whether or not Lyndon LaRouche can successfully organize a Constitutional

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“counter-coup” in the United States, against the neo-conservative followers of Leo Strauss—the men who, in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, effected a coup d’état on behalf of a totally un-American, imperial policy.

The mass-distribution pamphlet *Children of Satan: The “Ignoble Liars” Behind Bush’s No-Exit War*, reviewed in this issue, identifies Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, Attorney General John Ashcroft, and their minions—Doug Feith, Lewis Libby, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, *et al.*—as followers of the fascist Leo Strauss and the Straussian policy. The objective of the LaRouche-organized counter-coup is to force the resignation or impeachment of this circle, beginning with the Vice President. Cheney is particularly vulnerable, owing to his use of forged documents and other intelligence, known to him to be false, to justify the invasion of Iraq, on the basis of Iraq’s alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction—none of which has been found as of this writing.

As LaRouche writes in our feature article, “The Historical Individual”:

“During each tragic moment of great crisis, every nation, every culture is gripped by the need for a sudden and profound change in its quality of leadership. Its survival then depends upon its willingness to choose a new quality of leadership which is typified by those extraordinarily exceptional individuals who stood, in retrospect like immortal souls, apart from, and above mere popular taste of their time. Through all the future history of mankind, as during the past, this presence, or absence of the determining role of the exceptional individual will always be, as it has always been, one of those milestones which mark those pathways of choice, toward either serenity or self-destruction, choices which close in on every culture at its moments of such great, self-inflicted peril as we face today. . . .

“In the course of future history, the only likely improvement over that record of the rare contribution by the exceptional personality, will never be more than,

Longing

Ah! from out this gloomy hollow,
By the chilling mists oppressed,
Could I find a path to follow,
Ah! I’d feel myself so bless’d!
Yonder glimpse I hilled dominions,
Young and green eternally!
Had I wings with supple pinions,
Thither to the hills I’d flee.

Dulcet concords hear I ringing,
Strains of sweet celestial calm,
And the tranquil breeze is bringing
Me its sweetly fragrant balm.
Golden fruits I see there glowing,
Bobbing ’midst the leaf and root,
And the flowers yonder growing
Will not be the winter’s loot.

Oh, it must be fine to wander
In eternal sunshine free,
And the air in highlands yonder,
How refreshing must it be!
Yet the current’s raging daunts me,
Which between doth madly roll,
And the torrent rises sharply,
To the horror of my soul.

I perceive a small boat swaying,
Ah! but look! no helmsman’s there.
Quickly in and no delaying!
For her sails are live with air.
Now you must have faith and daring,
For the gods accord no bond,
Only wonder can you carry
To the lovely wonderland.

—Friedrich Schiller

hopefully, a greater number of such exceptional individuals than what is the unfortunately rare individual active in our imperilled nation today. The greatest peril of any crisis-wracked nation, such as our own, is a proliferation of moral mediocrities, or worse, mediocrities occupying the leading places where intellectual and moral giants are needed. Such is the choice provided now, between the opportunity, or doom awaiting the U.S.A., in particular, at the present moment of global crisis. . . .

“Our nation has a choice; you must choose your leaders accordingly. Tragedy, or triumph: which shall it be?”