

Amelia Robinson Tours Italy, Germany

Amelia Boynton Robinson, the 94-year-old heroine of the American Civil Rights Movement, vice chairwoman of the Schiller Institute, and longtime close collaborator of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, made an official visit to Rome, Italy from Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 2005, followed by a tour of Germany.

In Rome, she was received on November 29 by the Vice President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, the Hon. Alfredo Biondi and a delegation of women parliamentarians of DS, the Left Democratic Party. The Hon. Silvana Pisa, who was leading the delegation of women parliamentarians of DS, told Biondi during the official reception: “[Amelia] represents the true America, and the Italian left is not anti-American, as people in the government claim, it just supports this America rather than Bush’s.”

Meetings in Parliament

Later that day, Mrs. Robinson moved on to Berlinguer Hall in the Parliament, where she met a group of 30 women parliamentarians of DS, soon joined by the former speaker of the House Luciano Violante. Introducing Mrs. Robinson, the Hon. Elena Montecchi told the audience: “I spend one month in the U.S. each year, and in 2004, I was there during the Presidential campaign, and constantly met the LaRouche Youth Movement on various campuses, organizing for LaRouche’s New Bretton Woods. It’s an honor for us to have you here at the Parliament, Mrs. Robinson, since your fight for voting rights in the ’60’s, and to stop the war today are for us a reference point.”

At the European Parliament, Mrs. Robinson met Lucia Annunziata, a famous Italian journalist and former head of RAI, nation-



Schiller Institute vice chairwoman Amelia Robinson (right) meets with German Bundestag vice president Katrin Göring-Eckardt.

al TV, and Sen. Michele Lauria. Referring to the deployment of Italian troops in Iraq, she implored them as she did others: “Pull out your troops, and ally with the true America, that of Dr. King, that of Franklin D. Roosevelt, that of LaRouche.”

At the conference organized by the DS youth, she spoke of her battles in Alabama, with her husband Bill Boynton, 30 years before Dr. King came to Alabama, and then with Dr. King to achieve the Voting Rights Act of 1965, but also of her battles today, alongside the LYM.

Autobiography Presented

The recently published Italian edition of Mrs. Robinson’s autobiography, *Bridge*



Book signing by Mrs. Robinson for Italian DS youth, Rome.

Across Jordan, was officially presented the next morning, at Capitol Hill, seat of the mayor and City Council, by Maurizio Bertolucci, president of the Council Committee for Voting Rights to Foreigners, by Franca Eckert Coen, advisor to Mayor Veltroni on multi-ethnic policies, and by Bernardino Gasparri, president of

the permanent council committee on social policies.

The next day, Mrs. Robinson spoke to students, first at the Montale High School, at a conference commemorating Rosa Parks, attended by 500 students, and then at the University Department on Communication (Roma Tre).

The two main left dailies in Italy, *l’Unità* and *Il Manifesto*, covered her official visit, and the second national channel (RAI 2 Nettuno) will air a portrait of her at the end of the year, not only in Italy but also in Iraq, Morocco, and Syria.

Tour of Germany

On December 5, Mrs. Robinson made her first presentation in Berlin, at Humboldt University, to a class of 40 students. She addressed the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Berlin Free University on December 8.

Her highest-level meeting in Germany took place on December 9, when she had an hour-long meeting with the vice president of the German Bundestag (Parliament), Katrin Göring-Eckardt.

Her tour then continued throughout Germany, where she addressed large meetings in Magdeburg and Hanover, in northern Germany; Düsseldorf in western Germany; Munich in southern Germany; and finally in the Frankfurt region.