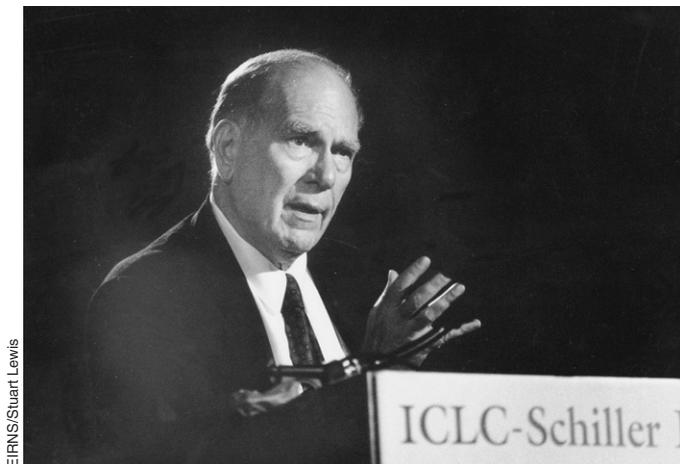


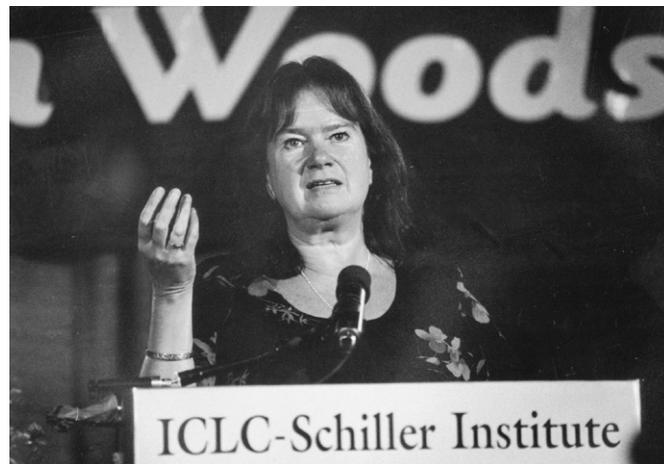
## Washington, D.C. Conference

# Can the United States Redeem Its Soul?



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Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.



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Helga Zepp LaRouche

“The fundamental issue is, can the United States redeem its soul, break from the British monarchy, and lead the nations toward the kind of world intended by the founders, by Abraham Lincoln, by F.D.R.?” With that challenge, former Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche keyed the Schiller Institute’s annual Labor Day conference convened in Northern Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C. About 650 political activists from around the United States, joined by international guests, attended.

In his presentation, LaRouche took up the theme of “Storm over Asia,” the topic he had addressed in an in-depth videotape produced in October 1999. In that video, LaRouche stressed that the financial oligarchy was proceeding to provoke war crises, in its attempt to protect itself from the inevitable and ongoing disintegration of its financial system.

LaRouche proceeded to identify the fundamental evil as the British Empire, today organized around the Commonwealth, and imposing globalization on the world economy to preserve its own power. What has to be understood, he emphasized, in order to do anything about this situation, is that the British Empire is the mortal enemy of the United States of America.

People must understand the “principle

of action,” the principle that distinguishes man from the beasts. This principle is *cognition*, the power that permits man to successfully command the universe, for the benefit of mankind’s power to exist. It is the principle which the financial oligarchy is determined to extirpate.

LaRouche then extensively reviewed the reality of the economic and financial situation and the *actions* which he personally had proposed over the past thirty years, in order to deal with the crisis.

### Classical Culture

In the evening following LaRouche’s presentation, Schiller Institute choruses from Leesburg, Virginia and Baltimore presented works by Beethoven, Schubert, and Brahms.

Two works from Beethoven’s only opera, *Fidelio*, were sung: the Prisoners’ Chorus, and the Finale, which praises the heroine Leonora for her loving courage in saving her husband from death.

Schubert’s “Vortüber,” based on Schiller’s poem “Elysium,” was sung by a men’s chorus. This was followed by the *a capella* choral quartet, “Dem Dunkeln Schoss,” which Johannes Brahms crafted from Friedrich Schiller’s poem “The Bell.” The last piece was Giuseppe Verdi’s “Va, pensiero,” from the opera *Nabucco*, a tradition-

al song of liberation for Italy and freedom movements worldwide.

Following the music, Sheila and Terry Jones, and the Chicago Schiller Troupe, gave a lecture and videotaped demonstrations from Shakespeare’s *King Lear*, showing how the Classical tragedy provides an indispensable antidote to the lying and infantilism of the current Baby Boomer-dominated American population.

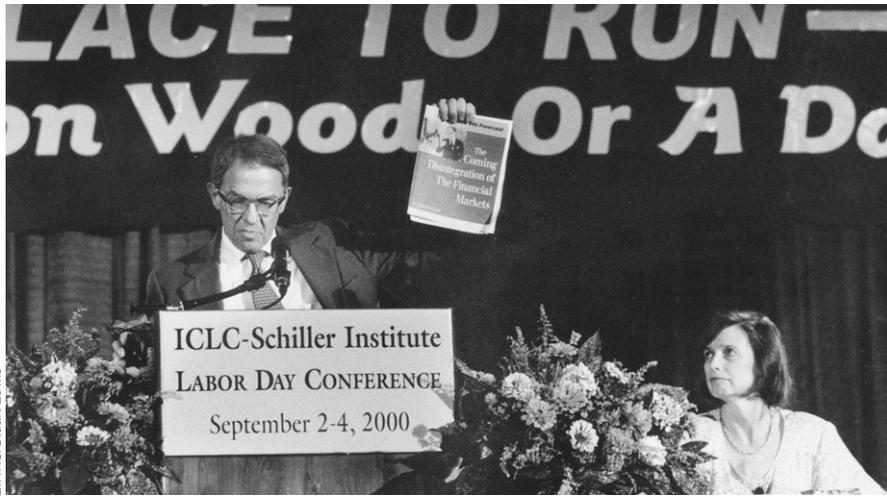
### Empires Destroy Themselves

The second day of the conference began with a keynote speech by Helga Zepp LaRouche, on the topic, “Empires Always Destroy Themselves.” After providing some pungent examples of the current imperialist mentality of the Anglo-American grouping, Zepp



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Terry Jones discusses Classical tragedy.



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*The accuracy of LaRouche's forecasts since the 1950's was reviewed by Edward Spannaus (podium) and Nancy Spannaus (seated).*

LaRouche zeroed in on the case of France's Napoleon Bonaparte, the "first modern fascist," as a crucial historical example of how empires create their own doom. In fact, as she stressed, the very dynamic of imperial looting dictates that, "the more an empire expands, the faster it brings about its own destruction."

The case of Napoleon is particularly critical, she said, because it shows how such fascist dictatorships base themselves on the ideas of ancient Rome and the later Romantic movement, which glorify irrationalism and the cult of the will. The fact of the matter is, that the culture of the U.S. today is totally Romantic, Zepp LaRouche said, and we need a movement for the General Welfare that will oppose and destroy this.

### LaRouche's Forecasts

Edward Spannaus, Jeffrey Steinberg, and Nancy Spannaus devoted the final conference panel to an elaboration of the history of LaRouche's forecasts. Edward Spannaus expanded on the first long-term forecasts, from the 1950's, and then showed how devastatingly precise these forecasts had been. Nancy Spannaus picked up and discussed the other seven forecasts from LaRouche's "Ninth Forecast" pamphlet.

Steinberg concluded with the stunning tenth forecast by LaRouche, his 1974 memorandum on the threat of biological holocaust if certain economic development measures were not taken, the accuracy of which is reflected in the AIDS holocaust today.

## Constitutional Powers

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toral process, and which, in that process, created the vast and systemic corruption now presented to us by the unwholesome stench of the abortive Presidential election of November 7.

### The Constitutional Question

At the conclusion of his presentation, LaRouche read the following statement, which poses the Constitutional question he sees currently before the United States:

"Two Constitutional questions are posed to us at this juncture. Considering the present circumstances, in which this election-crisis has erupted, does the U.S. have both the right, and the obligation, to pause now for calmed, sane, and sober reflection, during these weeks the Electoral College is being prepared: to consider, thus, the implications of that present danger to the very existence of our Constitutional republic and the welfare of the world at large? Have we the national will, as well as the Constitutional right, to consider thus the causes of that vast corruption which permeated the process leading into the Presidential election-crisis of November 7?"

"My reading of the intent of the framers of the U.S. Constitution, and my reading of the circumstances of the choice of Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr, the selection of President John Quincy Adams, and the Tilden-Hayes crisis, indicates that we have not only precisely that right, and also that solemn obligation, to the founders of our republic, to our Constitution, and to our posterity, and to the world within which we have exerted great power, to use the means which our Constitution has prepared for like contingencies, to ensure the continued existence of our republic according to that solemn, Constitutional intent to promote the general welfare, that commitment to the common good, upon which the very existence of our republic was premised."

*On December 12, Lyndon LaRouche presented the second webcast in his "Election 2000" series, entitled "The Fall of Ozymandias." The next webcast will be heard on Wednesday, January 3 at 1:00 p.m. EST, over [www.larouchespeaks.com](http://www.larouchespeaks.com)*

## Political Prisoners Released

Pictured here are (l. to r.) Paul Gallagher, Anita Gallagher, and Michael Billington—the last of the "LaRouche" political prisoners—who have now been released from prison. They send a heartfelt thank-you to all those, throughout the world, who followed their cases and supported them during the time they were imprisoned.



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