

ADL 'cult' slander countered in Germany

The growth of support for the freedom of U.S. political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche, coupled with the woes of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in the United States, is being answered by a flurry of renewed slanders of the LaRouche political and intellectual movement in Germany.

The British-modeled Hamburg news weekly *Der Spiegel*, in its issue No. 33 of 1993, attempted to discredit the advertisement which had run six weeks earlier in the *Washington Post*. In that ad, 300 parliamentarians from 25 countries called on President Clinton to free opposition leader LaRouche, who has now spent nearly five years in federal prison following his unlawful frameup on conspiracy charges in 1988. Among the signers were the celebrated Italian anti-mafia judge, Carlo Palermo, and former Argentine President Arturo Frondizi. Out of all 300 lawmakers, *Spiegel* only managed to strongarm two Germans and 11 others to backtrack on their support for the letter. The liberal magazine went on to pack an astounding number of defamatory lies into an article of merely 40 lines.

This ADL-liberal hate campaign, which is also being channeled through organisms of the ruling, nominally Catholic, Christian Democratic Union party, flounders in the face of open challenge. For example, in late October, the CDU in Mainz called a public meeting on "Cults on Our Doorstep." The speaker, local "cult expert" Mr.

Türk, heavily focused on three groups inspired by LaRouche: the European Labor Party, the Schiller Institute, and the Anti-Drug Coalition. As criteria for deciding what a cult is, he mentioned, among other things, the "leadership principle," the alleged difficulty of leaving the group, claims to a monopoly on truth, allergy against criticism, looting, the "penchant for finding a reason for everything," and "camouflage."

Representatives of the Schiller Institute, founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, were among the 15 or so people present, and they quickly set the record straight. The "cult" label, they showed, had originated from the ADL, and was circulated by official institutions in Germany. The spread of cults is facilitated by the tendency to destroy all moral values and by the loss of understanding of any differentiation between good and evil, they said, reminding people that it would be good to study *Veritatis Splendor*. This new papal encyclical reiterates the Catholic Church's insistence on absolute truth, one of the "criteria" which Türk had tried make into the hallmark of a cult. As Türk sputtered, the Schiller Institute members briefed participants on its positive program. Finally, Türk lost control: "These people are very dangerous, they are world-conspirators."

At the end of a stormy debate, people came up to ask for copies of the Schiller Institute's newspaper with comments like: "Well, after all, you are right, according to his criteria, the Catholic Church would also be a cult, since they have fixed criteria," or, "You were right in what you said, that there is no justice any more."

at present, and are determining the policy of certain Anglo-American circles. The hallmark of this policy is the relentless insistence on the "special relationship" between Great Britain and the United States, and the obvious attempt to build up a condominium with the dictators of a new imperialist Russia in order to exert dominion over the world.

It is monstrously indicative of the spirit of the age that the liberal American writer Gore Vidal has come out calling for a new Confederacy in the "white" lands of the North against the "colored" lands of the South, while Social Democratic politician Erhard Eppler is not ashamed to present quite "objectively," in *Spiegel* magazine, a book by French author Jean-Christophe Rufin, *The Empire and the New Barbarians*, which alleges that it is inevitable that all the rich lands of the North will build a new "Roman wall" to defend themselves against the starving people from the South.

In short, the idea of establishing an Anglo-American/Russian condominium is directed against the South, but also against an independent and economically strong Europe. The privileges of a tiny, vanishing, moneyed elite should ulti-

mately be defended at all costs—hence the "free market economy" and liberal reforms in the East—even if the whole world sinks into chaos as a result.

What is the real basis for the current massive campaign of Great Britain against German-Iranian trade, and why is such trade even being defended by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, from whom one would expect the traditional reservations against Iran? Perhaps in Israel there is a better grasp of Anglo-American geopolitics than in Bonn.

Whatever is being played out in Bonn, it is not taking place in a vacuum, and the arguments presented up front are not always identical with the real intentions. Let us hope that Helmut Kohl is clear that the problem with Mrs. Thatcher does not primarily stem from the fact that her thinking goes back to the "pre-Churchill era," but that it is to no small degree thanks to her actions, that the historic opportunity of 1989 was lost. And perhaps he will also find the time to think over what this has to do with those who describe those who oppose her as a "cult." So in a way, Herr Kohl, now we're both sitting in the same boat.