

Amelia Boynton Robinson Brings Fight For the 'Real, True America' to Europe

Immediately after a tour of the West Coast of the United States, which began in mid-November, the 94-year-old Schiller Institute vice president, Mrs. Amelia Boynton Robinson, launched a high-profile tour in Italy and Germany. The honored U.S. Civil Rights Movement veteran, who began organizing African-Americans to vote in Alabama, in the face of what most people thought were insurmountable obstacles, 30 years before Dr. Martin Luther King came to the state, focussed on two major subjects during her tour.

The first was the creation and role of a youth movement for social change, specifically the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM), which organized a substantial number of her events. Her descriptions of her fight for voting rights, and against discrimination, are invariably inspiring to young people, and she addressed a considerable number of young audiences, including secondary school youth.

The second subject was what she calls "the real America," the majority of American citizens who reject the policies of torture and war represented by the Cheney-Bush Administration. To her European audiences, Mrs. Robinson provided a fresh look at the movement which is being built under the leadership of Lyndon LaRouche, in order to restore the policies of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

First Stop: Italy

Mrs. Robinson made an official visit to Rome from Nov. 28 to Dec. 4. She was received by the vice president of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Hon. Alfredo Biondi, together with a delegation of women parliamentarians from the Democrats of the Left Party. The leader of this delegation, Hon. Silvana Pisa, told Biondi that Mrs. Robinson "represents the true America." Mrs. Robinson had numerous other political meetings, including with the former mayor of Rome, Francesco Rutelli, with other officials and the media, as well as high school students. Her autobiography, *Bridge Across Jordan*, was officially presented at the City Hall of Rome.

Throughout her visit, she pointed out that she represented the majority of Americans, and emphasized the necessity of getting rid of Vice President Cheney: "We want to take the country back" (see *EIR*, Dec. 16, 2005).

Tour of Germany

On Dec. 5, Mrs. Robinson made presentations in Dresden, in eastern Germany, and in Berlin, at Humboldt University. She addressed the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Berlin Free University, on Dec. 8.

On Dec. 9, she had her highest-level meeting in Germany, with an hour-long meeting with the vice president of the Bundestag (parliament), Katrin Göring-Eckardt. Göring-Eckardt was especially interested in the work of the LYM, as well as the social and economic areas of U.S. politics.

She addressed large meetings in Magdeburg, Hanover, Düsseldorf, Munich, and the Frankfurt region.

She brought greetings from "the real United States," and when asked why Bush was elected, she pointed out that he was "selected, not elected," and said that "America's society is corrupt, especially at the top."

Despite the problems in the world and the United States, she was optimistic, because of the role of the youth. Pointing out that African-Americans had to fight for 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, to get civil rights, she cited individual contributions by Martin Luther King, but pointed out that without the courage of Rosa Parks (whom Mrs. Robinson had known for years and visited two weeks before Parks died), and many others, the spotlight would not have been turned on discrimination in the South. King's work would not have been recognized, and he would have been only a church pastor. The world needs leadership, she emphasized, stating that she was happy to work with the LYM and with LaRouche. Like LaRouche, King had also been vilified, shunned, and called names, she said.

One student responded: "Now I know things can change for the better. And as the example of Rosa Parks tells us, what we do can make a difference for the nation."

We Must Fight To Overcome Obstacles

The following is the speech given by Mrs. Robinson at a Dec. 7 political meeting in Berlin, Germany, sponsored by the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity, the political party headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche. She was introduced by Mrs. LaRouche.

I bring you greetings from the *real* America, the Americans who believe in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." It is very understandable, that what is going on now in the United States of America is not because of the fact the