
I. The New Mission on Earth and in Space

Celebrating Krafft Ehricke's 100th Birthday as the World Turns Toward Space

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April 3—The LaRouche movement celebrated the 100th birthday of German-American space pioneer Krafft Ehricke last week. During the week-long tribute to his life and work, we made available a number of his writings and videos, and our presentations gave insight into Ehricke's visionary ideas of mankind's unlimited potential for growth and development throughout the Universe. The celebration included a remarkable conference in Munich, Germany, under the joint sponsorship of the Fusion Energy Forum and the Schiller Institute, titled "Realizing Krafft Ehricke's Vision for the Future of Mankind." This issue of *EIR* prints some of the conference presentations, thereby continuing last week's theme in an issue dedicated to Ehricke and titled "What is Science?"

On March 25, during the week of celebration, President Trump gave a speech—one that most Americans missed—as one of his Saturday morning addresses, that should have dominated the media airwaves. This five-minute address followed his signing of the NASA Transition Authorization Act by just a few days. Apparently none of the major media reported on this very important speech. Instead, they were overwhelmingly focussed on increasingly attacking the President and creating more mass hysteria with fake news of Russian hacking and healthcare failure. Meanwhile, you were



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Krafft Ehricke speaking at an event in New York City, Nov. 28, 1981.

denied the opportunity to witness and be moved by this inspiring [address](#), given by the President to “renew our national commitment to NASA’s mission of exploration and discovery.”

In his short speech, the President declares, “This week, in the company of astronauts, I was honored to sign the NASA Transition Authorization Act ... We

renew our national commitment to NASA’s mission of exploration and discovery. And we continue a tradition that is as old as mankind. We look to the heavens with wonder and curiosity.”

This renewed commitment to exploration and discovery spoke to the very principles that the great visionary Ehrlicke championed for the greater part of his life, as he continued to develop his ideas and vision for the future of mankind in the universe.

The international conference in Munich included prominent speakers on perspectives and prospects for science, technology, and space exploration.

On that day, the planets must have surely have been aligned in a special way. On the day that President Trump gave his address—which was accompanied by beautiful images from the Hubble Space Telescope—Swiss astronaut Claude Nicollier, who flew on two Hubble repair missions, gave a speech to the conference in Munich, and displayed some of the same images taken by the Hubble that the U.S. President was showing across the ocean in his weekly address.

For Space Exploration, the American System

President Trump’s March 25 address came shortly after speeches he gave around the country that week (with very little media attention), in which he elaborated on the principles of the American System of economics, with emphasis on the contributions of great American Presidents and American System statesmen, including President Abraham Lincoln, Henry Clay, Alexander Hamilton, and others. President Trump has become the first President in 100 years to invoke the American System. The arc of these developments both nationally and internationally is very important in understanding the shift toward a new paradigm, toward a renaissance for all mankind, which is rapidly emerging throughout the world right now.

Consider President Trump’s addresses in the context of another major development, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson’s trip to China, where he invoked the commitment by the United States to the “principles of non-conflict, non-confrontation, and win-win cooperation.” Tillerson’s trip has opened the door to important, positive relations with China, which can only be enhanced in the upcoming meeting of President Trump and China’s President Xi Jinping.

In his March 21 speech to the National Republican Congressional Committee Dinner, speaking on the Principles of the American System, President Trump declared, “We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection, as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity.”

The American System of political economy has been the commitment and focus of Lyndon LaRouche and his movement for decades. Krafft Ehrlicke’s emphasis was to end the zero growth paradigm that has been killing human progress, renew the understanding that there are no limits to growth, and realize what he called mankind’s “extraterrestrial imperative.”

This is the same outlook that President Trump developed toward the close of his address on March 25, just one day after Krafft Ehrlicke’s 100th birthday. Trump said, “NASA’s greatest discoveries teach us many, many things. One lesson is the need to view old questions with fresh eyes. To have the courage to look for answers in places we have never looked before. To think in new ways because we have new information. Most of all, new discoveries remind us that, in America, anything is possible if we have the courage and wisdom to learn.”

With this renewed commitment to a national mission of space exploration, and the return to the principles of the American System of economics, we can once and for all break with the destructive policies of the so-called Anglo-American “special relationship,” which rejected economic progress and the uplifting of the world’s peoples. It should never have been allowed to take over U.S. policy. The escalating attacks against the President are precisely a result of his defiance of those destructive Anglo-American policies—destructive of our nation and the world.

The developments of the past week—our international conference in Munich and President Trump’s March 25 address—highlight the direction toward a new set of relations among nations already emerging throughout the world and in the United States. The key to the success of such a vision will be the acceptance, by the United States, of the offer of “win-win cooperation” with China, to enable U.S. participation in, and contribution to the great potentials of the Belt and Road Initiative for a better humankind.