

tizens Initiative chairman Hans-Helmuth Wüstenhagen stated that his major goal now is to make the German population atone for the crimes of the Nazi period. Even more outrageous, Prof. Robert Jung, a leader of the Brokdorf demonstration, warned that the implementa-

tion of fission power will lead to a "totalitarian nuclear state... a continuation of the SS state by other means." The *Kieler Nachrichten*, a Stoltenberg daily paper, rightly excoriated this friend of animals for "daring to slander our democracy."

## LaRouche Hosts Nuclear Energy Conference In Milan

---

### ITALY

---

Despite personal visits from representatives of the U.S. Embassy attempting to discourage them from attending, a hundred business leaders, scientists, workers and students turned out in Milan Feb. 23 for discussions on *Energy: Perspectives of Fusion and Fission*. The conference was hosted by U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche and was widely publicized by the Italian press.

LaRouche began his keynote address, which was simultaneously translated into Italian, by declaring: "If the human species survives — if we stop a nuclear war that we are not totally sure we can prevent, we will be on the verge of a much more important breakthrough than that of the Renaissance." LaRouche spoke before the group assembled in the Museum of Science and Technology. Present were representatives of the giant semi-public industrial conglomerate, Montedison's foreign trade and R and D divisions; ENEL, the national power industry; the presidents of the nuclear technology firm ElettroNucleare Italiana and the professional organization Italian Electrotechnical Association (AEI); an entire high school class from the nearby city of Varese; and reporters.

After outlining Jimmy Carter's program to reduce the U.S. industrial sector by 20-40 percent, LaRouche explained that "the fight for scientific and technological progress is a political fight. An industrialist who is not a politician, a trade unionist who is not also a scientist can not exist. We are in a war against those who want to stop scientific progress. It is not a new struggle.

"It is the same struggle for which many people fought and died during the Renaissance. It is the struggle of the city of Florence against the house of Bardi; it is the struggle of the Renaissance thinkers to distinguish man from the lower beasts was not merely philosophical. In fact as we have demonstrated, the approach we have to use towards fusion is exactly the same that Ficino has towards knowledge." LaRouche referred to Marsilio Ficino, the Florentine philosopher of the late 15th century who developed the scientific conception of humanism.

LaRouche continued by discussing the progress of man from an ape like existence during the early Pleistocene

Era — a million years ago: progress centered on the technological improvements in the method by which man produces the material preconditions for an expanding population. "How is it possible that man can accomplish such a thing?" LaRouche said. "One might say because of experience. But why are mice so stupid since they have had the same experience? There is another activity other than learning mechanistically, like a circus animal or a sociologist."

#### *Fusion Investment*

In explaining how to justify to the population the massive investments which will be needed in fusion research, LaRouche outlined the avenues which general scientific research must take. He said that nothing less than a revolution in science was necessary to make the population understand the 10-15 years of so-called unproductive research in fusion energy.

This, LaRouche emphasized, is why it is necessary to fight all the "rubbish spread by sociologists and psychologists, — the main manipulators on the Italian left, especially, of resistance to progress.

LaRouche posed the responsibility that we have to future generations: "If we accomplish fusion power, future generations will look to us in the same way that we look today at the Renaissance." He concluded, "How do you make a scientific revolution? You make it by explaining to people their importance to humanity and teaching them not to waste their lives."

#### *Solar Energy*

Discussion centered on the questions of alternative energy sources, and the necessity of fusion. A director of the AEI Review suggested that LaRouche had only spoken of fusion as a solution 10-15 years away, and that we should be looking at geothermal and solar energy for now.

The head of the energy research department at Montedison, Mr. Biondi, answered the questions in part by saying that the uranium reserves are still so large that fission energy can be considered an unlimited energy source. What then, he asked, is the urgency of developing fusion? A reporter from *Energia Nucleare* expressed disbelief that Carter could really want to cut the funding for fusion and general scientific research.

*Il Sole*, the official newspaper of the Italian industrialists association, covered the event.