

LaRouche Youth Movement Hits European Parliament

“These LaRouche people are everywhere!” Such was the impression that more than 50 members and friends of the international LaRouche Youth Movement left in the French city of Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament, during the first week of June. The aim of the week of action was to make politicians and the public aware of Lyndon LaRouche’s program for urgent economic and social reforms, as well as a cultural renaissance.

The leaflet written for the occasion, in three languages, carried the headline, “Give Young People a Future With a New Bretton Woods System.” The text took up the famous phrase of Dr. Martin Luther King, telling today’s Europeans: “If you never give up, you will make the arc of history bend toward justice. It is in such times of great crises, when the existence of entire civilizations is threatened, that we must act in the name of mankind.”

The name LaRouche was soon the hottest topic of discussion in the streets of Strasbourg and the corridors of the European Parliament. The youth delegation held around 40 meetings with European Parliamentary deputies and their assistants, with two to five LaRouche activists at each

meeting. Some of the discussions were very serious, stirring up the usual administratively cool atmosphere. At the same time, there were book tables all over the cities, and leaflets and other literature were handed out everywhere, so that the local population and tourists were informed on the political aims of the LaRouche movement, in seven or eight languages. There was also a three-hour rally at the main entrance to the Parliament building, where the politicians, bureaucrats, and visitors were greeted with big banners, placards, literature, and song—notably the “Ode to the Joy” by Schiller and Beethoven.

Youth organizers regarded this week of action as a true breakthrough of the LaRouche Youth Movement in Europe: First, the intense cooperation of the participants brought the different local groups into the realm of all-European unity; and second, the lobbying effort with the members of the European Parliament, and the public presence, had an impact whose effects will only show in the future. With the dynamic created in Strasbourg, it should be possible to break up stiff political procedures and economic orientations of the ruling institutions, and prepare for a change of direction in international affairs. At the same time, the enthusiasm of these young people will infect others, who are similarly interested in dealing effectively with the global crisis, and thus increase the pressure on those in charge.