

LaRouche mourns Nahum Goldmann's death

The following open telegram was issued by EIR founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. on Aug. 30.

Hang out the flag at half-mast around the world. Let President Ronald Reagan decree a national day of mourning, and let the Congress, wherever the members may be, stand for a solemn ten minutes of thoughtful silence at sunset today. A great world leader, Nahum Goldmann, the grand old man of world Jewry, died last night.

We all have suffered a great loss. In a time when the leading circles of most nations are chiefly composed of little, bungling, petty careerists, this 87-year-old giant from the better-age past was one of the few voices of true grandeur of intellect and lovingness to rally something better from within us.

My wife, Helga, and I were privileged to meet privately with Nahum Goldmann only once, during late 1979 at his home in Paris. We both fell in love with this man at once. Since then, it has been a source of joy to both of us to witness his interventions into critical moments of current history, and to support his efforts in these matters.

This man was a true Jew, as he himself described the function of Jewish culture most recently. I know something of the work in which he was most recently engaged, not as intimately as those closest to him, but enough to say that the level and quality of his actively leading role would astonish most persons if the full facts of this matter could be made public. This man has been a giant among us.

Helga and I shall miss him very, very much.