

## The Versailles order: Historical truth leads to liberation

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The report below must be seen as, in some ways, the darker foil to the optimism expressed in this year's special inaugural issue (Vol. 19, No. 1. Jan. 1, 1992) on the theme of Hamiltonian economics. Many readers noticed that there was, in the 1890s exactly one century ago, a worldwide upsurge of interest in what we called the "American System" of political economy, which had its roots in traditions of western Christian thought reaching back to Leibniz and earlier. And yet, the history of this century so far, has been one in which those fruitful ideas were not only abandoned, but indeed erased from the consciousness even of supposedly educated people. The reason is to be sought in what Lyndon LaRouche has described as the Versailles System.

The photograph on the facing page shows a few of the thousands upon thousands of grave markers which offer an unforgettably chilling sight to visitors to the Verdun battlefield cemetery in France. Although it honors a fallen American unknown soldier, the majority of those who died in that terrible battle were Germans and French. The Battle of Verdun in 1916 is perhaps the most sobering symbol of the mass butchery that was World War I.

The war ended with a series of diplomatic disasters calculated to lead to World War II: not only the Versailles Treaty in 1920, but the triumph of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1918 and the establishment of the Communist International one year later; the Balfour Declaration of 1917 promising a Jewish homeland in Palestine; the Treaty of Trianon of 1920 which cost Hungary 68% of its territory; the Sykes-Picot Treaty by which the British and French carved up the Middle East between them, and so forth. Above all, it was the commitment to debt collection by the international financial oligarchy that dictated these bloody "geopolitical" arrangements that ran roughshod over the human dignity of individuals and the rights to sovereign development of nations.

It is of more than symbolic significance that the "race hygiene" promoter Margaret Sanger opened her first birth control clinic in the United States in 1916, at the same time the Battle of Verdun was killing off the flower of youth of



*A scene in the cemetery at Verdun, where France and Germany together suffered 770,000 casualties in 302 days. The Allies only finally "won" in the unprecedented butchery that was World War I because of the arrival of fresh American troops. The Versailles "peace" that followed, laid the foundations for a new war.*

continental Europe. Jacques Cheminade describes in his article below, the brainwashing which accompanied that physical blow—the spread of hedonism and nihilism, the degraded counterculture of 1920s Paris and Berlin, the resurgence of the long-discredited theories of Malthus claiming that population growth would automatically outstrip the food supply. In 1930, the City of London banking establishment was imposing on Germany Hitler's later economics minister, Hjalmar Schacht, to enforce the Versailles war-reparations. In that same year, the Anglican Bishops of Britain became the first Christian body to issue a nonbinding directive to members that allowed the use of artificial contraceptives, which only a short time before Sanger had trumpeted as "the only true eugenics," designed to redress the "unbalance between the birth rate of the 'unfit' and the 'fit' " which she regarded as "the greatest present menace to civilization." With the advent of the Nazis, who vigorously applied the dictums of Sanger and her co-thinkers, eugenics became an unsavory term, but the policies have persisted under pleasanter monickers and become "social orthodoxy" and indeed, official policy, in every government of the so-called free world.

As Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized in many recent writings and speeches—one of which appears on page 60 of this issue—we are witnessing the collapse of the Versailles System. To the extent to which we are able to locate the truth about the history of this century, we will reach those people who are capable of becoming leaders among the debris left behind by the collapse of the Versailles System. We invite you to "read over our shoulders" as we do this.

For example, LaRouche notes, a Russian who is interested in the thesis of how Count Sergei Witte wanted to create a modern, productive nation out of Russia, is a Russian whose life is illuminated with a perspective which will enable him or her to understand what's going on in the world.

Similarly, in the United States, who is willing to face the fact that we have been living a lie for so long? Where is the person from the South, who comes from a family that was part of the Confederacy, who is willing to face the fact that the Confederacy were traitors working for a foreign power—Britain—to balkanize and destroy the United States? Where is the military man who can accept the truth that the Union commander, General McClellan, was philosophically a traitor who conducted battle to avoid a victory over the Confederacy?

LaRouche points out that when solutions are presented to a deep crisis of this type, and we find the resonance for this truthful view of history and science and philosophy, we will inspire and pull together the networks of forces throughout the world who will organize around this truth. These individuals will catalyze the future public servants who will be the instrument by which the implementation of policies consistent with that philosophy we have called American System, or more precisely, "the science of Christian economy," will be accomplished.

*EIR* is happy to present the sad story of World War I and the Versailles Treaty. The knowledge and conceptions contained here are destined to reach out among oppressed nations and inspire those who are capable of being inspired—the natural leaders of the new period now emerging.