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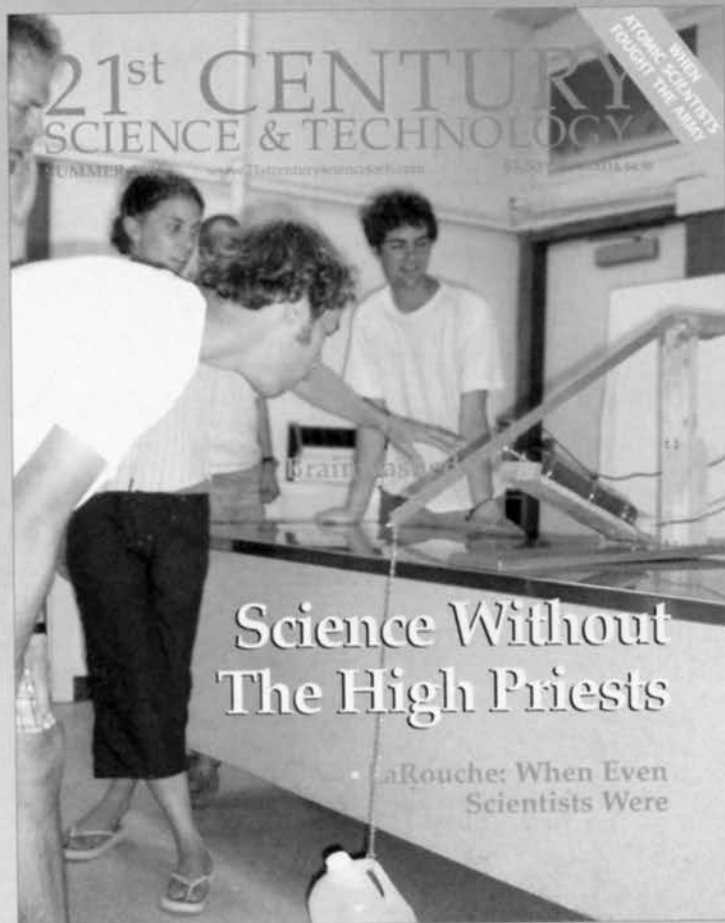
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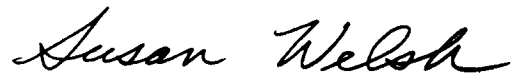
From the Associate Editor

We complete this issue of *EIR* at a time when two opposing universes are clashing, with ferocious intensity. On the one hand, it seems that we are living in a world gone mad. The hostage-taking of a thousand school children, with their parents and teachers, in North Ossetia has ended in tragedy, with many killed and wounded when Russian commandos sought to free them. The Anglo-American/Israeli drumbeat for war against Iran is becoming louder, even as the failure of the U.S. occupation policy in Iraq becomes more obvious every day. And the Republican Convention wrapped up, as a farcical replay of a Nuremberg Rally.

But yet, I write on an especially happy occasion: the eve of the LaRouche movement's Labor Day conference, which represents the hope and opportunity for a revolutionary change, away from oligarchism, war, economic collapse, and cultural breakdown. Our next several issues will feature coverage of this exciting annual event, which will be much enriched by the participation of large numbers of young people, many of them attending for the first time.

Leading this week's issue, Lyndon LaRouche situates the explosion of "international terrorism" within the broader strategic context. He explains that "international terrorism," as most people understand it, is a myth. It is not a cause, not a subject in itself, but rather "the terrible real effect of actions which are usually set into motion these days by those powerful interests, working from behind the scenes, who deploy what the world's press and other sources, such as the Bush-Cheney Administration, tell you is 'international terrorism.'" It is from this standpoint that we look at the "Franklin Case," presenting *EIR*'s dossier on the neo-con moles in the Pentagon.

We continue this week the project announced by LaRouche in our last issue: to focus our economic coverage on a graphic portrayal of changes in the physical economy, as distinct from monetary-financial considerations. Our case studies are on the decline of the U.S. industrial Northwest; the demographic catastrophe in Mexico; and the emergency shutdown of decrepit U.S. waterways. Our website (www.larouchepub.com) has graphic animations of some of these processes, with more to come.



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THE FACTS BEHIND THE FRANKLIN CASE

We Are Gripped by A Global Strategy Of Tension

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

September 2, 2004

Whenever the modern world has been gripped by the onrush of a threatened general collapse of the existing world monetary-financial system, as now, epidemic phenomena such as collapse of existing governments, revolutions, fascist regimes, and war happen. We are now living in a time of global crisis, comparable to what led into the 1931 collapse of the British gold-standard system, a time which unleashed the rise of the power of fascism with full force, a time which unleashed the war President Franklin Roosevelt was forced to fight during the course of 1939-1945.

Now, we have already entered the acute phase of a period of explosive, world-wide, economic and monetary-financial crisis like that which led the Trans-Atlantic financier cartel of that time to create the Basel-based Bank for International Settlements, and also the matching bond cartel which actually exerted a critical margin of control over the corporate assets, such as those of the famous Göring Werke, on both sides of the war during 1939-1945. That is the cartel which has managed to survive as a leading financial power in the world still today.

In the time of a crisis like this, the saner elements of, and around government act to attempt to prevent the kinds of panic which would-be warlords such as Vice-President Dick Cheney and their utopian cronies seek to exploit, as those would-be warlords seek to induce nations to destroy themselves. That is the significance of what has come to be known in the press recently as “the Franklin Case.” So, the influential saner forces within certain national, or international institutions have acted to ensure that the press play up the way in which former U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher’s son was caught red-handed in an intended murderous coup in Africa.



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In the terminal phase of a monetary-financial crisis, such as the present one, we see, as in the specific case of Argentina today, powerful financier-cartel interests react with violence, seizing the last drop of blood from nations, deeds done in the financiers’ desperate effort to save the creditors from bankruptcy. Such cartelized interests, seek to force existing elected governments to carry out such “fiscal austerity” programs of mass-murderous “triage” against the very citizens who had elected those governments. They use terrorism, organized on behalf of such cartel interests, to break the will of governments and their populations, and, in the end, overthrow those governments anyway, as they did in Germany during 1931-1933, however supinely complicit those governments might have become.

Such was the history of continental Europe, from the Soviet borders to Gibraltar during the 1922-1945 fascist takeovers of most of the nations of that continent. That is the underlying nature of the strategic threat to the existence of our republic, and other nations today.

Now, despite all the official outright lying from the Bush Administration and others, the U.S. economy is already plunging downward into an early state of financially driven physical collapse. This onrushing depression is hitting not only the U.S.A. The pathetically globalized world economy as a whole is in a far more dangerous economic crisis today, than during that 1929-1933 collapse of the U.S. economy by half, which occurred under the continuing fiscal austerity policies of President Herbert Hoover. We are in a time when wars, revolutions, and worse, are the effects to be recognized as the expected threats to civilization as a whole.

Now, with that thought in mind, face the ugly truth behind the name of “international terrorism” today. Face the truth about what poor President George W. Bush could not, and his putative controller, Vice-President Dick Cheney, would not tell you.

To understand what has now come to be popularly known, to somewhat misleading effect, as “the Franklin Case,” this reported case can not be understood without taking into account the larger strategic picture of what we knew, back during the 1970s, as “a strategy of tension.” That case, as reported in the press, is only a curious facet of a much wider, and even more deadly threat than the immediate threat of the setting off, rather immediately, of world-wide economic chaos through either a U.S.A., or Israeli, or joint U.S.-Israeli “preventive warfare” attack on Iran, Syria,, or both.

Asymmetric Warfare

Now, think of the map of the world, to see the relevant effects.

Currently, the international press does report a spread of terrorist and related modes of attacks and related operations, throughout not only the region of the Caucasus and Central Asia which was the focus of my 1999 “Storm Over Asia” documentary. The targets also include France, Germany, Russia, and the Balkans in Europe, in addition to the existing governments of the Arab world, and others.

Focus on those parts of the world where such terrorism is rampant now: the so-called “Middle East,” the Caucasus, Central Asia, Russia, western and central Europe. Cross-grid those presently targetted areas of terrorist operations which

Franklin: A Non-Partisan Institutional Reflex

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

August 30, 2004

1. The “Pollard Affair”-like issue of Paul Wolfowitz’s asset Larry Franklin, and others, is the subject of a non-partisan response of relevant institutions of the U.S. Presidency to the active threat posed by the role of certain frankly lunatic, contaminated, and obviously expendable elements inside Israel, whose actions threaten to set off a nuclear version of “A New Middle East War.” This would become immediately a globally spreading forest-fire of asymmetric warfare involving nuclear and other special weapons. Such a war would have immediately far, far more extensive immediate mass-homicidal ramifications and continuing reverberations than any earlier so-called “Middle East War” of modern times.

Oil prices of much more than \$100 a barrel would be only one among the likely early consequences.

2. The subsuming intent of the culpable elements within U.S. institutions, is to set some of the military capabilities of Israel into an activated form of what RAND and related institutions defined, already decades ago, as a “breakaway ally” mode of nuclear “chicken,” including use of nuclear weapons, against Iran and other targets of that region. That is, a U.S. ally, who, ostensibly impatient at lack of such desired military action from the U.S.A. itself, starts a war, sneering at the U.S. itself, as if to say: “We will start the war, and then you will have to fight it!”

3. The culpable instruments include Israeli fanatics who might do to Ariel Sharon today something similar to, but far worse than what Sharon did to Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the invasion of Lebanon. The culpable madmen are by no means predominantly Israeli, but also nominally “fundamentalist,” right-wing Protestant and

Catholic elements of many nationalities, including those represented by traditionally pro-“rat-line” and other long traditionally anti-Semitic elements of the British and U.S. institutions. Some of the fanatical supporters of this drive to war are ungodly religious fanatics, who are mobilized to force what they feel to be a hitherto non-feasant God, to bring on what they consider the promised “Battle of Armageddon.”

4. For example, the rapid chain-effect of a “preventive” attack on the power-plant sites in Iran, by Israeli or other forces, would unleash forces whose immediate effects would be, as more and more responsible, and justly fearful Israelis are warning, both the subsequently assured obliteration of the existence of Israel, and a wildly spreading fiery chain-reaction around the world.

5. This is not a Republican or Democratic partisan issue; it is an issue of national and global security posed by the actions of corrupt elements inside our own governmental and related institutions. It is a matter of one of the greatest sources of immediately active threats to national security today. On this issue, we who share that concern must be rallied as one.

6. Fortunately, some responsible elements of our Federal institutions have responded to this now clear and present immediate danger in a responsible, institutional, non-partisan way. The remaining question is, principally: Will this be carried out by a timely and adequate continuing action in this matter?

7. There are numerous forces around the world which would acclaim and support efforts to bring the enflamed and spreading situation in Southwest Asia under peaceful control. However, none of these are presently prepared to take effective action to that effect. The responsibility for initiating remedial actions to prevent what would become a global tragedy of humanity, lies with our United States.

8. Some of our institutions have taken highly commendable steps to disrupt the immediate threat of a “breakaway ally” war throughout that region. More is needed. This requires a present, or immediate future President with the morals, courage, and personal capacity for decision to put his shoulder to that wheel.

now provide the world as a whole with the majority of its most abundant and also the cheapest flows of petroleum and natural gas to the world as a whole. Chaos in the so-called “Middle East” and the current targeting, through the Caucasus, of Russia, suffice to point in the direction of \$100 a barrel price for oil, and going up, up, up, beyond—far above the relatively fixed central price, of slightly more or less than \$25 a barrel, at which the effect on the world’s economy would

be generally acceptable.

That is only one unavoidable conclusion to be drawn as the crucial implications of this pattern of threats. These threats do not come from a mythical entity of so-called “international terrorism.” Clearheaded, literate people know that “terrorism” is an effect, a predicate, not a cause, not a subject in itself. What is called “terrorism,” is the terrible real effect of actions which are usually set into motion these days by those

powerful interests, working from behind the scenes, who deploy what the world's press and other sources, such as the Bush-Cheney administration, tell you is "international terrorism." That effect is not caused by itself; it is caused, chiefly, by those forces which either deploy it in the guise of covert operations, or who, as Bremer did in Iraq, bring it into being by their enraging foolish behavior.

Whose are those hands which have either provoked, or who actually control "terrorist" operations which are directed from behind the curtain of official and similar lies which protects the true authors of terrorism today? Take a case in point.

Those middle-aged folk who were not born just yesterday, will look back to relevant precedents for this kind of thing during the last century, beginning with the 1970s waves of terrorist and related acts which were classified then, variously, as "A Strategy of Tension," "The Compass Plot," and so on. Take the case of the murder of Italy's former Prime Minister Aldo Moro.

Who, actually, killed Moro? Some left-wing group? Not at all. The operation was conducted by an offshoot of that part of the Nazi apparatus under SS General Karl Wolff, which had been laundered back, by the U.S.'s Allen Dulles and his James J. Angleton, into a crucial position within the officially created "stay behind" guerrilla organization which was known as "Gladio." The incorporation of the Nazi apparatus merely typified by fascist Spain-based Otto "Scarface" Skorzeny, into the body of "experienced anti-Communist fighters," into the U.S.A. and NATO system, created the kernel of breeding-stock in Europe, in Mexico, and various parts of South America, which are a crucial part of the currently active threats to the U.S.A. itself today.

This is what many highly-placed circles in the U.S. government (and others) knew during the 1970s "Strategy of Tension," that is an integral, tell-tale element of the threat to our security today.

That is not speculation; that is massively documented fact, fact known to relevant circles of governments, including our own. I have known a crucial portion of those facts, partly from U.S. government and other qualified sources over decades, and therefore I also know that relevant circles know very well what I have just written above concerning those Nazi links.

Who is protecting us against this real threat from those actually behind the mere tools of terrorism today? It is certainly not the current Bush Administration, absolutely not Cheney and his neo-conservative "chickenhawks." It is the circles of Vice-President Cheney within the U.S. government now, and also within relevant circles in Israel, who are being used to promote this spread of international terrorism under the cover of Cheney's doctrine of creating, or, otherwise seeking pretexts for "preventive, nuclear-armed warfare," as he did, by aid of fraud, in getting us into the war in Iraq. Why is this wave of terrorism aimed now at such intended victims

of "Chickenhawk" Cheney's doctrines as France, Germany, Russia, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia, South Asia, North Korea, and China? Such Cheney goals of his "preventive nuclear warfare" doctrine, have already brought the world, in effect, to the brink of the generalized spread of a kind of warfare which civilization itself would lose.

Why would patriotic circles inside the U.S. government act, as in the implications of the public exposure of the Franklin case, in response to the strategic importance of those violations of our national security which are the deep truth behind the somewhat coincidental case of the neo-conservative Larry Franklin? In the opposing camp: why did the Republican National Convention feature apostate Democrat Zell "Strange-love" Miller in his performance of a replay of the theme, "protect our precious bodily fluids"?

Modern Asymmetric Warfare

Take four examples of the varieties of use of what are classified as strategic use of terrorist methods. Two from the 1980s experience, two from the experience of the Bush-Cheney administration. 1.) The 1964-1972 Indo-China War, in which the Soviet Union sidestepped China to assist Vietnam in developing an "asymmetric warfare" defense against invading U.S. forces. 2.) The retaliation, by the U.S. and British, organizing "asymmetric warfare," using figures such as Osama bin Laden, against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, a case whose effects are still reverberating under Bush 43 today, from the time of his father's tour as Vice-President. 3.) The "Strategy of Tension"-directed waves of terrorism in Europe during the 1970s and beyond. 4.) The inevitable "asymmetric warfare" reaction to the kind of U.S. occupation of Iraq under blundering U.S. pro-consul Paul Bremer and his present successors.

During the 1980s, I covered, extensively, the subject of the nature of such methods of "asymmetric warfare" under the classification of "irregular warfare," or the German synonym "*Kleinkrieg*," as defined by collaboration on this subject with the noted international law historian General von der Heydte.¹ Asymmetric warfare was then a cornerstone of Soviet strategy, and of China's. It was a practice honed by the British during and following World War II, and became the cornerstone of U.S. irregular warfare during the post-war period to date. Notably, in addition to my own knowledge of such expressions of modern irregular warfare, I have also dealt, especially since 1983, with the special counterintelligence problem of the continuing threat to Mexico and the U.S.A. from the Hitler Nazi Party-created Synarchist organization there, a presently still active, leading threat, one of the princi-

1. Professor Friedrich A. Frhr. von der Heydte, *Modern Irregular Warfare*, with Introduction by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. (New York: New Benjamin Franklin House, 1986). Originally, *Der Moderne Kleinkrieg als weltpolitisches und militärisches Phänomen*, 1972.

pal terrorist threats against the U.S.A. today.

It was the precalculable emergence of asymmetric warfare, a result of the fanatical stupidity of the current Bush Administration, which has made a farce of the so-called U.S. victory of that administration in Afghanistan, and worse in Iraq today. Afghanistan is a worse mess, and a vastly bigger center of the international narcotics traffic than it was before the war; meanwhile, the Taliban are on the road back in the direction of power against a poor government virtually penned in within the national capital. The entire enterprise by the U.S.A. there has been, in net effect, a colossal strategic failure. The U.S. continuing operation in Iraq is a foredoomed excursion in folly, repeating the tragic mistakes of both the French and U.S.A. in the significantly dissimilar circumstances of Indo-China, and France's follies in the attempt to suppress the struggle for independence in Algeria, where the situation was more comparable to the U.S. predicament in Iraq today.

It was against precisely the lunatic folly of the U.S. adoption of the "military-industrial complex's" war in Indo-China, that prompted General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur to warn against any new U.S. land-war in Asia. It was the lesson of Indo-China which prompted those many veterans of that war, who went on to U.S. flag rank, to vow never to allow the U.S. to be sent to Hell in a war such as that in Indo-China again. Nonetheless, the same "military-industrial complex"

which outgoing President Eisenhower warned against, and for whom Vice-President Cheney works, has sent us again into the endless trap of "asymmetric warfare" in Southwest Asia, and beyond. Thus, we send brave and other soldiers to fight in wars, for the sake of those whose own corrupt motives, or reckless folly, condemn those honest patriots, the men and women to fight and die in the kind of warfare which is the worst, and most useless nightmare of folly, as is ongoing in Afghanistan and Iraq today.

The function of the terrorist methods used by both sides in the continuing Israel-Palestine conflict, is to be understood as the same logic of "irregular warfare" which the Nazis faced repeatedly in Warsaw, and from the strategy of asymmetric warfare, based on Prussian studies of the work by Friedrich Schiller on the Netherlands and Thirty Years War, to devise the strategy used by the Russia of Alexander I to entrap and utterly destroy the Grande Armée which Napoleon used to invade Russia. That was the same strategy later employed by the Soviet forces, holding Leningrad and Moscow at a terrible price, while setting the trap for the Zhukhov counteroffensive which was concluded with the western reach of the Allied defeat of the Nazis.

The case of the "Strategy of Tension" used against targets France, Italy, and Germany, among others, during the 1970s and 1980s, has the special significance of bringing into clearer view, the fact that terrorism targetting those states was deployed chiefly from within the high-ranking covert-operations capabilities of the Western Alliance. I write of this as a veteran of the political-intelligence side of efforts to defend civilization in those and related cases in both Europe and the American hemisphere. The most deadly of all of the forms of terrorism, is the terrorism which a government deploys to manipulate the minds of its own people. That is what Cheney and his crew represent inside the U.S. government today. The presence of that element within our government now, makes wise heads in high ranks of power worry, whether a U.S. November election might even occur, even now.

Where Do We Go From Here?

What I have written here is not new, at least not in principle, among leading senior professional diplomats, military, and intelligence ranks of our unique national Presidential system or similarly qualified veterans of service to our Congress. We know this game. Under a new U.S. administration which might bring together the core of such capabilities lodged among those senior ranks, we of the U.S.A. have the intellectual resources required to ensure that that President is competently advised in all matters bearing upon such crucial strategic issues.

My purpose, acting from where I stand today, is to ensure that our government is pulled back from the Hell into which the utopian "military-industrial complex" policies of Cheney et al. are already plunging our already bankrupt nation. I am

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dedicated to bringing into being a truly willing concert of nations, consistent with the principles of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which will act in concert to defend one and all against the terror and wildfire of religious warfare, which policies such as Cheney's have stoked in Southwest Asia, the flames of asymmetric warfare reaching out now, in such forms as terrorism, toward engulfing the planet as a whole. Religious warfare does not end until it has burned itself out, and has burned out the nations, such as our own, which might fall into its flames.

Put aside the often meaningless, technically schizophrenic verbiage of President Bush, together with the malignant, lying babble of the beastly Cheney. Rip aside the veil of paranoia which conceals the truth about so-called "international terrorism." Face the governing reality of the leading global threat enveloping the world today.

To succeed in doing that, we must face the reality of the onrushing doom of that presently hopelessly bankrupt, floating-exchange-rate international monetary-financial system. We must rush, as President Franklin Roosevelt did in March 1933, to rescue national economies now universally rotted-out by the pestilence of so-called globalization, and bring together the nations prepared to fight to save the world system of sovereign nation-states from the grip of that financial cartel which created the world's Hitler nightmare of the past, and might do something even worse to the planet as a whole today.

Behind the tumult, of which the planet-wide resurgence of terrorist and like activity are only one very important expression, the principal issues under which all others are subsumed, is the eruption of a titanic conflict between the vital interests of the sovereign nation-state as an institution, and its principal enemy, those financier oligarchical interests which are presently committed to dissolving the body of the nation-state within the aqua-regia-like acid bath of combined free-trade and frankly sulfuric globalization. This content is presently most clearly exposed by the case of Argentina's conflict with a predatory Anne Krueger's IMF, and the conflict of the nation-states of Europe with the attempted enforcement of the Maastricht conditions, a conflict expressed most clearly by the presently spreading and rising Monday demonstrations against Hartz 4 in Germany.

The fact that the election of President Franklin Roosevelt as President of the United States enabled the U.S.A. to avert a threat of fascist takeover of the U.S.A., and the decisive role of the U.S.A. in bringing about the defeat of Nazi Germany's lunge for world empire, then, is the beacon of hope for the U.S.A., and also for the other endangered nations of the world, today. The gigantic battle between what the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt represents for today, and the same financier oligarchy which brought fascist tyranny to Europe, is the only vantage-point from which a clear view and understanding of the implications of the Franklin case can be understood effectively today.

Franklin Affair Blows Neo-Con Moles at DOD

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On Aug. 27, CBS News revealed that the FBI was closing in on an Israeli mole inside the office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith, who had passed classified documents on Bush Administration Iran policy to officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), who, in turn, fed the material to an Israeli diplomat in Washington. The next day, the *Washington Post* and other news outlets identified the alleged Israeli spy as Larry Franklin, an Iran desk officer at the Near East South Asia (NESAs) policy office of the Pentagon. Subsequent news reports named the Israeli embassy's political counsellor Naor Gilan and AIPAC official Steve Rosen as participants in a lunch meeting, attended by Franklin 18 months ago, which was being surveilled by FBI counterintelligence agents.

The ongoing probe of Franklin's activities then unearthed what could emerge as the biggest Israeli spy operation against the United States since the November 1985 arrest of Jonathan Jay Pollard.

Pollard, a Naval intelligence analyst, passed a trove of classified Pentagon documents to Israel between 1982 and 1985, until his arrest. While Pollard is serving a life sentence without parole, an extensive network of American national security officials, known collectively as the "X Committee," which had been abetting the Pollard espionage activities, remains at large.

Moreover, with the inauguration of George W. Bush on Jan. 20, 2001, the "X Committee" returned to government, taking up critical policy-making positions at the Pentagon, the National Security Council, and the State Department's arms control office. In the Spring of 1988, *EIR* obtained and published a list of suspected "X Committee" members, who were under investigation by the Secretary of Defense's General Counsel Office. The list included such former and current officials of both the George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush Administrations as Paul Wolfowitz, Doug Feith, and Richard Perle; as well as "Bush 43" consultants and fellow-travellers Michael Ledeen, Steven Bryen, and Frank Gaffney.

An Institutional Move

Immediately after the revelations of the "Franklin Affair," Lyndon LaRouche issued an assessment that the exposure of the Pentagon mole was part of a move by U.S. institutions, to pre-empt a potential Israeli "breakaway ally" attack on Iran's nuclear facilities—an attack that would throw the entire

Southwest Asia region into perpetual war, and possibly bring the planet to the brink of a limited nuclear war. These institutions had reason to worry.

On Aug. 19, UPI senior political analyst Martin Sieff had warned that a U.S.A. war with Iran, possibly involving the use of American nuclear weapons, could erupt as early as September. And on Aug. 21, Israeli military historian Martin van Creveld wrote in the *International Herald Tribune* that a joint American-Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear sites could take place prior to the Nov. 2 U.S. Presidential election.

Indeed, on Aug. 31, a well-placed U.S. intelligence source confirmed that AIPAC was about to launch a multimillion-dollar propaganda and lobbying campaign, pressing for military action against Iran. The source was uncertain whether the Franklin revelations would force AIPAC to pull back from the war propaganda offensive. What is certain is that the news revelations about Franklin's alleged spying for Israel may have stymied a further FBI probe into the AIPAC/Israeli nexus, and have reopened a long-standing war inside the Washington Beltway, over the role of the much larger, neo-conservative "mole hill," which today has dominated the Bush-Cheney Pentagon civilian bureaucracy and the Office of the Vice President, and which was responsible for the Iraq war fiasco. The network spotlighted by the "Franklin Affair" and subsuming the Pollard era "X Committee," has been under investigation, on and off, on suspicion of espionage for Israel, for more than 30 years.

The stakes in the Franklin investigation are enormously high.

Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized that the pivotal issue is not one of "friendly espionage." The neo-con apparatus in Washington, and their Israeli allies, typified by Ariel Sharon and the even more rabid right-wing circles in Israel, pose a menace to the survival of both the United States and Israel. It is their utopian fantasies about world domination through perpetual war that pose a far greater threat than the passing of classified documents from Washington to Israel.

Nevertheless, the currently unfolding "spy scandal" offers a perfect opportunity for a long-overdue clean-out of the neo-con "mole hill."

Who Is Larry Franklin?

Sources in the military and intelligence community have provided this news service with a profile of the suspected Israeli mole: Larry Franklin is a Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) analyst, who shifted from Cold War Soviet studies, to a specialty in Iran-Iraq. A protégé of DIA Sovietologist Winnifred Joshua, Franklin also studied at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where he was reportedly picked up by Paul Wolfowitz, now Deputy Secretary of Defense, and an individual who has been probed for passing U.S. secrets to Israel since 1978, according to a February 2004 in-depth study by Stephen Green, which catalogued long-standing espionage allegations

against, and investigations into Wolfowitz, Feith, Michael Ledeen, Stephen Bryen, and Richard Perle.

In the Summer of 2001, Franklin was transferred from DIA to the Pentagon's policy office under Feith, where he took charge of the Iran desk at NESA, and later worked for the Office of Special Plans (OSP), the Iraq war-planning unit under Feith and NESA head William Luti. Luti had been a military aide to former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and had been in the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney at the start of the "Bush 43" Administration. According to Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski (USAF, ret.), who served in NESA from June 2002 to March 2003, Luti bragged at staff meetings, that he was reporting directly to "Scooter," which she learned, was a reference to Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

As an Air Force Reserve officer, Franklin had served several tours of duty at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, where, according to one military source, he had gotten in trouble for unauthorized contacts with Israeli intelligence officials. According to one news account, the current FBI probe into Franklin's activities was triggered by a June 2002 leak in the *New York Times*, which detailed American war plans against Iraq. While on the NESA Iran desk, Franklin was also reportedly the subject of a probe into his mishandling of classified documents; however, a serious probe into that incident was blocked by the intervention of Luti and Feith, according to a confidential Pentagon source.

Franklin, according to an eyewitness, was part of a neo-con inner circle that met frequently, behind closed doors, in the office of Doug Feith. The group included Feith, Luti, OSP official Abram Shulsky, Office of Net Assessment Mideast specialist Harold Rhode, former Defense Policy Board Chairman Richard Perle, David Wurmser, and Michael Maloof. As a group, they worked closely with Wolfowitz and with Libby, whose own ties to the Israeli Mafiya and Israeli intelligence run deep: Libby was the former attorney for Israeli Mafiya boss Marc Rich.

The Libby-Rich relationship opens a Pandora's Box of investigative leads, yet to be taken up by U.S. counterintelligence investigators. As Rich's attorney during the 1990s, Libby played a pivotal role in orchestrating Bill Clinton's last-minute Presidential pardon for Rich. Rich, based as a fugitive in Zug, Switzerland and Israel, had fled U.S. Federal charges of tax evasion and "trading with the enemy." In this 1998-2000 effort on Rich's behalf, Libby worked behind the scenes with a leading Israeli spook, Zvi Rafiah, who was at the center of the U.S. Justice Department's 1978 probe of accused Israeli spy Stephen Bryen.

Franklin, Rhode, and Ledeen

In the Summer of 2003, it was revealed that Larry Franklin had been part of a Pentagon team, composed also of Rhode and self-professed "universal fascist" Michael Ledeen, who had travelled to Rome, in December 2001, to open unautho-



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (left) and Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz are sitting atop what could be the biggest Israeli spy operation against the United States since the arrest of Jonathan Pollard in 1985.

rized channels to the Iranian government, through a widely discredited Iran-Contra figure, Manucher Ghorbanifar. According to one news account of the trip, the troika sabotaged talks then under way between the State Department and the Iranian government, involving the turning over to the United States of five top al-Qaeda figures, who were in custody in Iran.

Virtually every member of the neo-con grouping is reported to be currently under investigation for espionage, fabrication of intelligence, and other treachery against the United States. Sources, for example, have identified Rhode, a longtime protégé of British intelligence's Dr. Bernard Lewis, and a close collaborator of Ledeen, as the target of a separate espionage probe, involving his passing of U.S. national security secrets to Israel, while he was in Baghdad last year, as part of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). While in Baghdad, Rhode practically lived out of the home and office of Iraqi National Congress head, Ahmed Chalabi.

Ledeen is also, according to law enforcement sources, a target of inquiry, concerning his suspected role in passing forged Niger government documents to the Italian intelligence service, SISMI. The forged documents purported to "prove" that Iraq was seeking uranium from Niger, to build a nuclear bomb. Vice President Cheney and other Bush Administration officials used the threat of Iraq's alleged imminent possession of a nuclear bomb, as a bludgeon to force Congressional approval of the Iraq war. When President George W. Bush cited the Iraqi efforts to obtain uranium "yellowcake" from an African state in his Jan. 28, 2003 State of the Union address, the whole issue blew up, leading to the ongoing Federal criminal probe.

Although both the State Department and CIA had cautioned that the Niger yellowcake story was dubious, Bush and Cheney went ahead with their shrill allegations. Then International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) director Dr. Mohammed ElBaradei revealed in early March 2003, that the Niger documents were shoddy forgeries. According to several former U.S. intelligence officials, one prime suspect in the document forgeries scam is Chalabi's Iraq National Congress (INC). Chalabi is now under indictment in Iraq for counterfeiting; and U.S. officials charge that he passed damaging U.S. national security secrets to Iran. Ledeen, a longtime Chalabi booster, has also long been a paid "consultant" to SISMI. A September 2004 *Washington Monthly* article reports that when Ledeen, Franklin, and Rhode met in December 2001 with Iranian government officials in Rome, the head of SISMI and Italy's Minister of Defense also attended the meetings.

Ledeen, Franklin, and Rhode's efforts to revive 1980s Iran-Contra channels to the ayatollahs in Tehran (Ghorbanifar is said to be associated with the powerful faction headed by former Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani) have raised further concerns, according to Congressional sources and an Aug. 30 story in the *Boston Globe*. Staffers from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Judiciary Committee are probing whether the Office of Special Plans engaged in unauthorized covert operations, involving efforts to destabilize or overthrow the governments of Iran and Syria. Another OSP official, Michael Maloof, was stripped of his security clearances in 2003, as the result of his collusion with a Lebanese businessman, Imad el Hage, who has been linked to efforts to destabilize the Lebanese government.

Threat of War Against Iran

Over the course of the last two months, the drumbeat for a potential immediate strike against Iran's nuclear construction sites, either by Israel or by the United States, has been getting louder and louder, to the point where some have anticipated such a move occurring even before the November election. It is likely this momentum which led some to act on the "Israeli spy" scandal.

Highlights of this public drive include:

July 3: Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom attacked Iran during a meeting with U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. "We cannot allow the Iranians to move forward in their efforts to develop nuclear weapons. The Iranians still continue to do everything they can in order to develop nuclear weapons that might, of course, be used against Israel," he told her.

July 18: The *Sunday Times* of London cited "Israeli sources" claiming that Israel has "completed rehearsals for a strike against Iran," and that "Israel will on no account permit Iranian reactors—especially the one being built in Bushehr with Russian help—to go critical. . . . If worse comes to worst, and international efforts fail, we are very confident we'll be able to demolish the ayatollahs' nuclear aspirations in one go."

July 21: Israel's Military Intelligence branch presented its National Estimate of the Situation report to the Israeli Security Cabinet, which declared that "the development of unconventional weapons in the Middle East is the most important existential threat to Israel," and warned that Iran could produce a nuclear weapon as early as 2007.

On the same day, Shin Bet domestic intelligence director Avi Dichter briefed the Knesset (parliament), during which he held Iran responsible for the actions of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

July 29: On a visit to the Gulf region, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell made threatening statements toward Iran, saying it was not abiding by its commitments, and the U.S. would likely take the case to the UN Security Council.

Aug. 8: National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice issued a statement declaring that the world was "worried and suspicious" about Iran's nuclear program, believing that the Islamic Republic was seeking nuclear weapons.

Aug. 17: Neo-conservative Undersecretary of State



This Iranian nuclear power plant is a potential target for a strike—even a nuclear strike—either by Israel or the United States.

for Arms Control and International Affairs John Bolton told an audience at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. that Iran's nuclear program had to be urgently taken up by the UN Security Council, because Iran was allegedly moving rapidly to get nuclear weapons, and the ability to deliver them.

Aug. 19: UPI senior analyst Martin Sieff warned that the danger of a war between the United States and Iran was very real, and could lead to the use of nuclear weapons. "Forget an October Surprise," Sieff wrote. "A much worse one could come in September: Full-scale war between the United States and Iran may be far closer than the American public might imagine."

Aug. 21: Israeli strategist and military historian Martin van Creveld wrote in the *International Herald Tribune*: "Ariel Sharon may be on the warpath again and the target is Iran," he said. But, he continued, "The claim that Iran is working on nuclear weapons and would have them within three years has now been floating about for a decade and a half and, so far, has always proved false. Perhaps this is no wonder. Having witnessed the Americans' vain hunt for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, some of us may be less inclined to accept whatever intelligence does or does not say—including Israeli intelligence, which has more than once invented nonexistent threats."

—Nancy Spannaus

Rafi Eytan . . . Again?

According to one Israeli source familiar with the Franklin case, in the wake of the CBS revelations, a team of as many as 30-40 Israeli operatives, led by former Jonathan Pollard controller Rafi Eytan, fled the United States for safe havens in Canada and Mexico. Although there is no direct evidence linking Eytan's purported presence inside the United States with the AIPAC/Franklin case, both *EIR* and UPI had reported last year about Eytan's renewed activities against the U.S.A.; and Zvi Rafiah has been identified by one Israeli source as a longtime Eytan deputy.

LaRouche and *EIR*'s Track Record

As this issue of *EIR* goes to press, there are reports that the FBI counterintelligence probe of Larry Franklin may soon snare several top AIPAC officials, suspected of conducting classified U.S. government material to Israel. Among the documents believed to have been passed from Franklin, to AIPAC, to Israel, are Bush Administration policy working papers on Iran.

According to one U.S. government source, Israel radically modified its spying operations against the United States in the wake of the 1985 Pollard arrest. No longer are Israeli spies tasked to heist classified documents in classic espionage fashion. Now, Israeli officials maintain personal ties to U.S. government officials and Israeli lobbyists, and garner vast amounts of vital data through verbal briefings, often conducted over Washington "power lunches." However, the source emphasized, on some occasions, it is vital for the Israelis to obtain physical hard copy, to maximize their ability to tilt U.S. policy. According to the source, FBI counterintelligence professionals detected a high density of communication between Israeli embassy spooks and AIPAC officials, some of whom, because of former government postings, maintained access to classified materials. This was the backdrop to the current Franklin Affair.

Readers of *EIR* over the years, know that the nexus of American neo-conservatives, right-wing Zionist Lobby activists (Dr. Bernard Lewis' son, Michael Lewis has been, for years, the head of AIPAC's vast "opposition research" unit), Christian Zionist fundamentalists, and Israeli Jabotinskyites has been a continual subject of scrutiny by Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche and the publication's counterintelligence team.

As far back as March 1986, *EIR* published a Special Report on "Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia," which provided a comprehensive road map of the American and Israeli-based circles behind the Jonathan Pollard spy ring, including such neo-con figures as Richard Perle, Michael Ledeen, Elliott Abrams, and such Israeli right-wing figures as Ariel Sharon and Rafi Eytan. The report, for the first time, exposed a vast, criminal real-estate grab for the occupied West Bank and in the Old City of Jerusalem, near the Islamic holy site, known as Haram al-Sharif or the Temple Mount. The "Landscam" plot implicated Sharon, along with



Richard Perle is a key part of the neo-conservative network that has been operating against U.S. national security interests for three decades, dating back to Perle's and Paul Wolfowitz's first collaboration, under the sponsorship of "X Committee" godfather Albert Wohlstetter. The X Committee was suspected of abetting Jonathan Pollard's espionage on behalf of Israel.

top British aristocrats, and even former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. The documentation contained in the Sharon report triggered a U.S. national security investigation into the "Landscam" project.

The report's release also triggered an hysterical response from the European-based circles of fugitive swindler Marc Rich, hiding out Switzerland and Israel. Rich activated an agent-of-influence, then recently cultivated, inside *EIR*'s European bureau, Laurent Murawiec. Murawiec successfully suppressed the circulation of the Sharon report in Western Europe, peddling the line that an attack on Sharon and the Jabotinskyites would provoke charges of "anti-Semitism" and would shut off the spigot of funding from Swiss financial circles into *EIR*'s European offices.

The Murawiec operation was kept in place up through the early 1990s, at which point, Murawiec formally split from LaRouche, peddling the "anti-Semitism" slanders on his way out the door. Murawiec next surfaced as an asset of Marc Rich's Swiss banking circles, through a Geneva-based front company, Geopol, which was housed in the offices of the George Soros-linked Union Bancaire Privée of the de Picciotto family. The same De Picciotto interests would promote Marc Rich's January 2001 Presidential pardon by Bill Clinton, an act which the former President would later publicly renounce, citing Lewis Libby's prominent role in the incoming "Bush 43" White House.

Murawiec was next dispatched to the United States, where he became an asset of Richard Perle, first at the RAND Corp., and more recently at the Hudson Institute. On July 10, 2002, Murawiec delivered a power-point briefing to the Defense Policy Board at a Pentagon conference room in Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's office. In his rant, Murawiec called for the United States to militarily seize and occupy the oil fields in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province.

Despite the Rich-Perle-Murawiec sabotage efforts, the LaRouche/*EIR* exposés of the neo-con treachery continued to gain political traction. In 1988, *EIR* published a sequel Special Report, “The Kalmanowitch Report: Moscow’s Moles in the Reagan-Bush Administration.” The report traced the Israelis’ arrest of accused Soviet spy Shabtai Kalmanowitch to the very Marc Rich circles of international organized crime and “asteroid” intelligence operatives that were implicated in the Pollard affair.

Shortly after the publication of the Kalmanowitch report, *EIR* published its June 2, 1988 exposé of the “X Committee” (see *Documentation*).

In late 1992, *EIR* released a book-length dossier on the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith, exposing its long-standing role as an Anglo-Israeli intelligence front. The report was based, in part, on thousands of pages of FBI documents, detailing both collusion with, and investigations of the ADL by the Bureau. Just as the *EIR* book, *The Ugly Truth About the ADL* was coming off the presses, the FBI and the San Francisco Police Department announced a far-reaching espionage probe into the ADL, then headed by Abraham Foxman, who would re-emerge as an intimate of Lewis Libby and Zvi Rafiah in the Marc Rich pardon caper eight years later. The FBI and SFPD probes were launched when it was unearthed that a private investigator on the ADL’s payroll, Roy Bullock, was spying on a wide range of civil rights, labor, and Democratic Party-linked activists and organizations, and selling his work product to the governments of South Africa and Israel.

The very right-wing Zionist and neo-conservative circles implicated in the Pollard era “X Committee” and the ADL spy efforts, surfaced soon after the Bullock scandal, as major opponents of President Bill Clinton’s Oslo land-for-peace initiative with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat. When the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, LaRouche launched a Committee to Save the Presidency, which exposed what Hillary Clinton would later call a “vast right-wing conspiracy”—comprised of the same Perle, Gaffney, Ledeen circles, plus their longtime moneybags Richard Mellon Scaife.

The network has been operating against U.S. national security interests for three decades, dating back to Richard Perle and Paul Wolfowitz’s first collaboration, under the sponsorship of “X Committee” godfather Albert Wohlstetter. With the April 2003 to Summer 2004 circulation of more than 3 million copies of the *Children of Satan* series of exposés of the neo-con perfidy, the climate has been created, at long last, for the full-scale purge of this poison from the American body politic. The *Children of Satan* reports have now been published, in a single volume, by the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee. The first copies hit the streets of Washington, as the CBS news story about Larry Franklin was beginning to break, and as Republican Party Convention delegates were converging on New York City, to renominate George Bush and neo-con patron Dick Cheney.

EIR Exposed Israeli Mafia/Neo-Con Nest

Executive Intelligence Review has an unparalleled record of in-depth reporting on the network of spies, gangsters, and largely Likudnik political operatives who are loosely identified as the “Israeli mafia” and the neo-conservative nexus today. The highlights of that publishing record follow:

March 1, 1986: “Moscow’s secret weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia.” This 125-page Special Report zeroes in on Sharon’s network as a continuation of the Jabotinskyites, whom Ben Gurion referred to as followers of “Vladimir Hitler.” Jonathan Pollard and his wife Anne Pollard, who had been arrested as Israeli spies against the United States in 1985, are identified as parts of the Sharon network, which itself is shown to be beholden to The Trust, a British-Soviet intelligence capability run by international financier interests.

This Special Report, of which we include excerpts below, provides all the basic leads coming into the Israeli spy scandals of later years, including the U.S. network of neo-conservatives-to-be, such as Elliott Abrams, Michael Ledeen, and Richard Perle, and the plot to blow up the Temple Mount (The Dome of the Rock). No wonder there was a significant effort by undercover agents in the LaRouche organization, notably the Mark Rich beneficiary Laurent Murawiec, to suppress this report’s circulation, particularly outside the United States.

April 1987: “Project Democracy: The ‘parallel government’ behind the Iran-Contra affair.” This special report contains 340 pages of documentation on the complex of right-wing social-democratic organizations centered around an organization named “Project Democracy,” which provided the key to the ongoing revelations in the so-called “Iran-Contra” affair, for whom Oliver North was the poster boy. The role of Michael Ledeen with Manucher Ghorbanifar, synarchist master Licio Gelli, and plans to blow up the Middle East were highlighted, as was the “cocaine Contra” operation and its funders.

March 17, 1988: “The Kalmanowitch Report: Moscow’s moles in the Reagan-Bush administration.” This 120-page Special Report takes off from the arrest of Shabtai Kalmanowitch by Israel in December 1987. Kalmanowitch, a diamond merchant and international playboy, was an exemplary case of a dual agent, who worked as a Soviet agent inside the Mossad, and then used those credentials to penetrate U.S. intelligence. Pulling his string, led to the identification of a network of moles in U.S. intelligence, and their money-bags, including most emphatically the leadership of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith. The report featured an in-depth profile of what it called “social democratic moles within

the intelligence establishment,” who misdirected the investigation, and were heavily involved in attacks on LaRouche.

In his introduction, LaRouche emphasized that the network in the U.S. should not be confused with the “Zionist lobby,” as the network represents neither the national interests of Israel nor the United States.

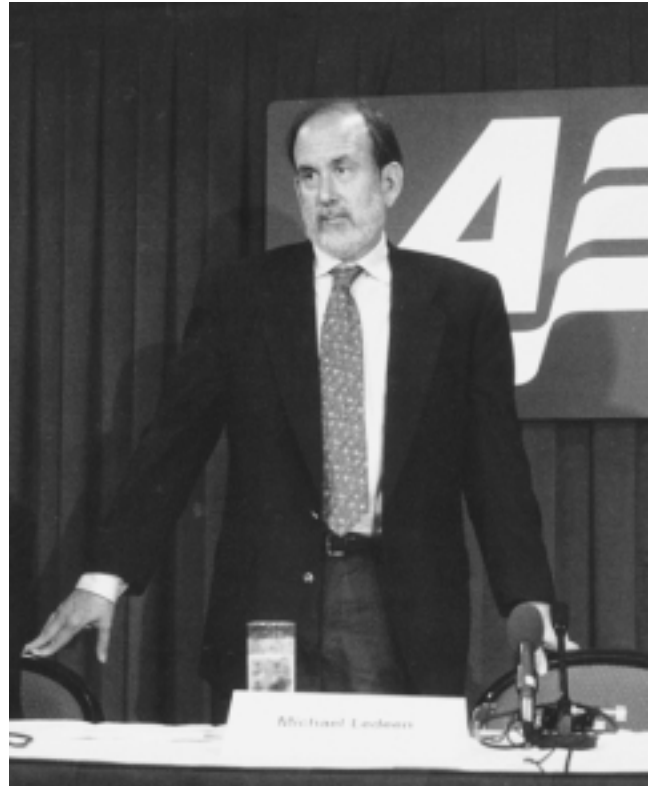
June 3, 1988: *EIR* published a cover feature entitled “Suspected Soviet spy cell wrote Reagan’s long-term strategy,” which exposed that the “Mr. X” who was suspected of passing top secret code numbers of classified military documents to convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, was actually an “X Committee,” buried deep inside the American national security establishment. The individuals identified in the report as being under investigation by U.S. Intelligence, were dubbed “Albert Wohlstetter’s children,” and included: Henry S. Rowen, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution; Andrew Marshall, head of the DoD’s Office of Net Assessments; Fred Charles Iklé, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy from 1981 to 1988; Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International, Economic, Trade and Security Policy, from 1981 to April 1987; Stephen D. Bryen, a Defense Department employee, who cofounded the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) with Perle, and was fired from a staff position with the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs in 1978, for passing classified information to the Israelis; Frank Gaffney, Jr., then at Herman Kahn’s Hudson Institute; Douglas J. Feith, a frequent deputy to Perle; John F. Lehman, Jr., Secretary of the Navy from 1981 through 1987; and Paul Dundes Wolfowitz, then ambassador to Indonesia.

1992: “The Ugly Truth about the ADL.” In the wake of revelations on Jan. 15, 1992 that the office of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith in San Francisco was at the center of a scandal involving the selling of illegally obtained information to agents of the South African government, *EIR* published a 142-page book on the history of the ADL, and its collusion with terrorists, dope running, and spies. Tens of thousands of copies were circulated.

March 1994: LaRouche’s Presidential campaign released a pamphlet entitled “Assault on the Presidency!” which exposed the attack on President Clinton as a conspiracy by British networks, including the neo-conservatives and “Christian fundamentalists,” who are also part of the plot to blow up the Middle East.

April 26, 1996: *EIR* featured “The ADL is a racist, right-wing hate group” on its cover, a comprehensive profile which led off from the role which the ADL played in opposing the Oslo peace accords of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, and documented the role of leading ADL-linked operatives in the Democratic Party, and government policy circles. Included is a review of the “Sharon Report Ten Years Later,” which uncovers the role of the operatives identified there.

Feb. 27, 1998: *EIR* published an “Investigation” under the title “The Netanyahu Factor in President Clinton’s Troubles,”



Michael Ledeen, the self-proclaimed “universal fascist,” has been under EIR investigation for two decades: for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal, the Jerusalem “Temple Mount” conspiracy, and a host of other dirty operations.

which highlighted the Netanyahu alliance with the neo-cons and the so-called Christian Fundamentalists in the U.S., in order to attack President Clinton, and spur the U.S. into a new Middle East war, specifically against Iraq. The Monica Lewinsky scandal is located in this context.

Sept. 16, 1998: *EIR* initiated a story on the Mossad role in the attack on Clinton, citing published reports on the possible role of the Mega networks in setting up the Lewinsky affair.

Nov. 6, 1998: *EIR* An investigation under the title “Meat-head Netanyahu Brings in Butcher Sharon,” profiled the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), the group which produced the “Clean Break” document. The X Committee and its role was again reprised, and updated to note that U.S. intelligence was still searching for an Israeli agent code-named “Mega,” whose embedding in the White House became a matter of public speculation in the Spring of 1997.

Jan. 29, 1999: “Pollard is an enemy of Israel, too, not just of the United States.” In this article, *EIR* followed up on the story of Soviet-Israeli espionage, and how Pollard’s supporters were still involved in sabotaging peace in the Middle East.

December 2000: *EIR* published a Special Report entitled “Who is Sparking a Religious War in the Middle East?” a

167-page review of the intelligence and political networks, within Israel, Britain, and the U.S., which have maintained that region as a cockpit of war. Written in the wake of the Temple Mount provocation which Ariel Sharon had staged on Sept. 28 of that year, the report located the war drive in the history of the long-term British Masonic operations.

Aug. 31, 2001: “Israeli Spies: ‘Mega was not an agent—Mega was the Boss.’” This article identified, prior to 9/11, the push of this network for a Clash of Civilizations.

November-December 2001: *EIR Alert* and *EIR* featured the emergence of an Israeli spy network in the context of the events of Sept. 11.

February 2002: LaRouche in 2004, the Presidential campaign committee of *EIR* Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche, published a Special Report entitled “Zbigniew Brzezinski and September 11th,” which includes extensive dossiers on the “Mega” group, and the nest of think-tanks with which they were associated, namely the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, the American Enterprise Institute, and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Aug. 30, 2002: *EIR* ran exposés of the Defense Policy Board, with leading members Richard Perle and Douglas Feith, combined with a review of businessman Michael Saba’s book *The Armageddon Network*, which provided a timeline, from 1978 through to July 1983, of the skullduggery against U.S. interests being carried out by the network headed by Perle and his close collaborator Steven Bryen.

Sept. 7, 2002: “The Pollard Affair Never Ended!” was the title of a leaflet put out by LaRouche’s campaign committee, which was later reprinted in *EIR*. It identified the network of Perle, Feith, Ledeen, and others with the push for a new war against Iraq, and spotlighted the “Clean Break” document which members of the X Committee located in IASPS, had produced for Netanyahu back in 1996.

April 2003: LaRouche’s campaign committee released “Children of Satan: The ‘Ignoble Liars’ Behind Bush’s No-Exit War,” which features a review of the neo-conservative network pushing the lies about weapons of mass destruction, and Sept. 11, which led to war against Iraq. This network, not surprisingly, featured members of the old X Committee: Paul Wolfowitz, now revealed to be a disciple of fascist philosopher Leo Strauss; Richard Perle, head of Rumsfeld’s Defense Policy Board, the Office of Special Plans network, and three of their collaborators: Harold Rhode in the office of Marshall’s Office of Net Assessments; William Luti, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Special Plans, and Near East and South Asian Affairs; and Reuel Marc Gerech, a secret liaison between the OSP and the Iraqi oppositionists.

June 4, 2004: “The Crimes of Iran-Contra Have Never Ended.” This article exposed the way in which the neo-con network was coordinating with Iraq’s Ahmed Chalabi, to pursue the very same kind of espionage with Iranian radical networks, that was being carried out back in the 1980s.

Documentation

The following three articles are key illustrations of EIR’s decades’ long investigation into the spy ring operating from inside the U.S. administrations. The articles are reprinted, respectively, from EIR June 4, 2004; Sept. 20, 2002; and June 3, 1988.

The Crimes of Iran-Contra Have Never Ended

by Jeffrey Steinberg

A funny thing happened, early in May, when President Bush met with Jordan’s King Abdullah II in Washington. According to news accounts, the Jordanian ruler provided the President with a dossier, revealing that Ahmed Chalabi—the head of the Iraqi National Congress (INC) and the darling of the neo-cons in the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney, the civilian apparatus at the Pentagon, and such Beltway think tanks as the American Enterprise Institute and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)—was passing top secret U.S. government material to the most radical ayatollahs in Iran.

It is no secret that the Jordanian government has had deep misgivings about Chalabi’s prominent role in the postwar Iraq occupation government. Chalabi has a 22-year jail sentence awaiting him in Jordan, as the result of massive fraud at his Petra Bank in the 1990s. The Jordanian Ambassador in Washington and King Abdullah II have both publicly accused Chalabi, and his INC, of being behind the bombing of the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad in August 2003.

The King’s dossier bolstered intelligence already in the hands of the CIA and the National Security Agency, indicating, among other things, that Chalabi’s so-called Free Iraqi Force was heavily penetrated by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. National Security Agency (NSA) intercepts had revealed much deeper ties between Chalabi and radical factions within the Islamic Republic than had been known to American officials previously.

The dossier, provided by King Abdullah, checked out, and, as a result, the White House ordered Coalition Provisional Authority boss Paul Bremer to raid Chalabi’s home, and the INC offices. That raid occurred on May 20, catching both Chalabi, and some of his neo-con allies in Washington, flatfooted.

On May 24, the *New York Times*, *Time*, and *Newsweek* all reported that U.S. Federal investigators are now conducting a high-priority criminal probe, to determine who in the Pentagon was passing classified documents on to Chalabi. Al-

though the news accounts did not name any names, they all reported that there is a narrow list of people with access to the secrets, who were also close collaborators and boosters of Chalabi.

Among the leading candidates to join convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard in the hoosegow, or at least, in the hall of shame, are: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith; Near East South Asia/Office of Special Plans head William Luti; Feith deputies Harold Rhode, Abram Shulsky and Michael Rubin; Office of Special Plans staffer Col. Bill Brunner; and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. All have been known to maintain intimate ties to Chalabi. Another Irangate “veteran” and Chalabi booster, Elliott Abrams, who was convicted of perjury (and later pardoned by President George H.W. Bush), was named the top NSC official on the Middle East in late 2002, a post he still holds.

The authoritative Republican Party insiders newsletter, *The Big Picture*, reported on May 24, that, following the raids, an angry Chalabi phoned the Pentagon, and demanded to speak to his longtime friend and patron Wolfowitz. Wolfowitz refused to take the call. Wolfowitz’s snub mirrored the actions of other neo-cons, who are desperately clinging to their positions in the corridors of power at the Defense Department and the Office of the Vice President—and are, therefore, anxious to cleanse themselves of links to the now thoroughly discredited Chalabi.

Even Mark Zell, the longtime law partner of Doug Feith, announced his break with Chalabi, accusing the INC chief of renegeing on his vow to seize power in Baghdad, recognize the government of Israel, and reopen the oil pipeline between the Iraqi fields and the Israeli port of Haifa. Following the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq, Zell, a West Bank-based lawyer, had formed a Baghdad business partnership with Salem Chalabi, Ahmed’s nephew and business front man, which reportedly arranged contracts for Israeli security firms for postwar “reconstruction” and security missions in “liberated Iraq.”

Several well-placed U.S. and Israeli sources have claimed that the Chalabi-Zell firm arranged subcontracts, that allowed as many as 50 Israeli interrogators to work in Iraq. In January 2004, “Jack” London, the CEO of CACI—a northern Virginia-based company that provided interrogators at Abu Ghraib prison—traveled to Israel on a business junket, to drum up joint-venture business with Israeli security firms. According to a former top U.S. national security official, both CACI and Titan, the two American firms implicated in the Abu Ghraib torture scandal, have had longstanding business dealings with Israeli high-tech companies. The Feith and Zell international law firm recently established a Washington-based front, FIST, dedicated to pairing up Israeli and American high-tech companies for joint venture contracts on homeland security and Defense Department outsourcing.



The now-discredited Ahmed Chalabi was vigorously promoted by the same neo-con Pentagon officials during 2001-03, who also conducted extensive talks with Manucher Ghorbanifar, the “Iranian connection” of the 1980s Iran-Contra scandal.

Other neo-cons outside of government, including Michael Ledeen, Richard Perle, Kenneth Timmerman and Laurie Mylroie, are equally hysterical, defending Chalabi, and even touting his work with the Iranians as being in the interests of the United States.

One particularly bizarre item surfaced, as this particular neo-con group scrambled to defend their longtime Iraqi asset. Following the raid on Chalabi’s home and offices, two attorneys, John Markham and Colette Goodman, fired off an angry letter of protest to the Bush Administration. Goodman, with the international law firm of Shea and Gardner, is the official registered lobbyist for the INC, according to papers on file with the Department of Justice. A leading attorney at Shea and Gardner is R. James Woolsey, the Clinton era CIA Director, who, as a member of the Bush Administration’s Defense Policy Board, has been one of the biggest promoters of the urban legend that Saddam Hussein was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on Washington and New York.

Lawyer John Markham, a longtime leading member of the overtly Satanic cult known as the Process Church, was later a Justice Department attorney, responsible for railroad prosecutions of Lyndon LaRouche. Markham, at the Boston U.S. Attorney’s office, was a leading protégé of William Weld, the Boston Brahmin who ran the “Get LaRouche” drive, and was later defeated by John Kerry in a bid to enter the U.S. Senate.

It Didn’t Stop With Iran-Contra

Beyond the latest falling out among neo-con thieves and the bizarre resurfacing of John Markham, lies a much deeper scandal: The Iran-Contra crimes of the 1980s never ended. The usual suspects—in Washington, in Israel and in Iran—just merely went underground, for much of the Clinton era,

only to resurface, with a vengeance, under the Cheney-Bush regime.

Indeed, the very same American, Israeli and Iranian neo-con liars and shady arms dealers who brought you the Ollie North Irangate saga, have been caught, engaged in the same dirty dealings, all over again.

Chief among the Iran-Contra veterans, who are up to their eyeballs in the present Irangate II caper, is Michael Ledeen, the self-professed “universal fascist,” who is also, according to several U.S. intelligence community sources, a prime suspect in the scheme to forge Niger government documents, purporting that Iraq was seeking uranium precursor to build nuclear bombs. A U.S. Federal grand jury is probing the forgery scheme.

In December 2001, Ledeen first moved to revive the Reagan-Bush era Iran connection, setting up a meeting between two Pentagon civilian neo-cons and Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian arms dealer, whom the CIA denounced as a criminal and a liar. Three days of meetings took place in Rome, involving Harold Rhode, Larry Franklin, Ghorbanifar, and two still-unidentified officials of the Iranian regime. According to an Aug. 9, 2003 *Washington Post* account, the Iranians were offering to help the United States in the war on terror. Citing an official Pentagon statement the previous day, the *Post* reported, “The first contact, in late 2001, had been formally sanctioned by the U.S. government in response to an Iranian government offer to provide information relevant to the war on terrorism.”

Rhode and Ledeen go back 20 years, according to Ledeen’s own acknowledgements, in a recent book. Both are protégés of leading British intelligence operative Bernard Lewis. And both are also prime boosters of Chalabi. Following the U.S. invasion of Iraq in March 2003, Rhode was dispatched from Washington to Baghdad, to be the contact point between the Office of Special Plans and the INC chief.

Franklin, a Defense Intelligence Agency officer, was assigned to the Near East/South Asia shop at the Pentagon, where he served as the Iran desk officer, reporting to Bill Luti.

While official Pentagon statements claimed that there was no followup to the Rome talks, Ghorbanifar, in a Dec. 22, 2003 interview with *Newsweek*’s Mark Hosenball, reported that he maintained contact with Rhode and Franklin “five or six times a week” up through June 2003, when he had a second meeting with Rhode in Paris. Pentagon officials later admitted that there were also meetings in Rome during 2002.

Word of those meetings with Ghorbanifar got back to Secretary of State Colin Powell, who reportedly hit the ceiling, and went to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and National Security Advisor Condi Rice to demand that all contacts with the discredited Ghorbanifar be severed.

Ghorbanifar had been used by Reagan-Bush National Security Council staffer Oliver North, as the intermediary between the Iranian government and Israel. Ledeen, then a consultant to the NSC, had promoted Ghorbanifar as a

trustworthy asset. As part of an elaborate scheme to win the release of American hostages in Lebanon, Ghorbanifar had brokered the secret sale of 508 TOW missiles to Iran. Proceeds from the missile sales were illegally funneled to the Contra rebels, waging a U.S. and Israeli-backed insurgency against the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. In October 1986, a plane carrying arms to the Contras was shot down over Nicaragua, and an American crew member was captured, along with documents and other evidence of the American covert backing for the rebels. This began what became the “Iran-Contra scandal.”

When word of the Ledeen-Ghorbanifar-Pentagon machinations in 2001-2003 surfaced, Powell also accused Feith of running an illegal channel to the Iranian regime, undercutting his own sanctioned, but secret diplomacy with Iranian officials in Geneva, Switzerland.

But as late as August 2003, Ledeen and Ghorbanifar were at it again, pressing their allies in Feith’s office to open up contacts with the U.S. occupation forces in Iraq. This time, Ghorbanifar claimed he had Iraqi Shi’ite contacts who could lead U.S. weapons inspectors to Iraqi weapons grade nuclear material, which had been smuggled into Iran. He claimed that his sources had “saved American lives” by providing details of Iranian terror plots against American GIs in Afghanistan.

When the so-called source insisted on a \$250,000 payoff before he would reveal where the nuclear material was hidden, the deal fell through. Ledeen still insists that Ghorbanifar’s information was solid.

By the time the 2003 schemes came to light, Ghorbanifar was also peddling a different tale about his dealings with Pentagon officials Rhode and Franklin. No longer was he a broker of “war on terrorism” collaboration between Tehran and Washington. According to *Newsweek* reporter Mark Hosenball, who interviewed Ghorbanifar in Paris in November 2003, “Ghorbanifar, a former Iranian spy who helped launch the Iran-Contra affair, says one of the things he discussed with Defense officials Harold Rhode and Larry Franklin, at meetings in Rome in December 2001 (and in Paris last June with only Rhode), was regime change in Iran. Ghorbanifar says there are Iranians capable of organizing a peaceful revolution against the ruling theocracy. He says his contacts know where Saddam Hussein hid \$340 million in cash. With American help, he says, this money could be retrieved and half of it could be used to overthrow the ayatollahs. (The other half would be turned over to the United States.) Ghorbanifar says he told his U.S. interlocutors that ousting the mullahs would be a breakthrough in the war on terror because top al-Qaeda leaders, including Osama bin Laden, are in Iran.”

One senior U.S. intelligence source told *EIR* that, were it not for Colin Powell pitching a fit, the Irangate II schemes would have gone a lot further. The extent to which this descent into Hell actually gripped the Bush-Cheney Administration is now a question for Federal investigators to ferret out.

The Pollard Affair Never Ended!

We reproduce here the text of a 500,000-run leaflet circulated nationwide by the LaRouche in 2004 Presidential campaign. It was issued on Sept. 7, 2002.

Lyndon LaRouche reports that there is now firm evidence that the ongoing drive to induce President George W. Bush to launch a war against Iraq, is a 1996 Israeli government policy that is being foisted on the President by a nest of Israeli agents inside the U.S. government. This Israeli spy network inside the United States was unable to achieve their objective until President Bush was entrapped by the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and the falsified accounts of those events provided by this foreign intelligence apparatus, and lured over to their policies. Lyndon LaRouche demands to know: Is this not the motive that explains the who and why of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001? LaRouche demands an immediate Congressional investigation, to help purge the U.S. government of this foreign intelligence apparatus, which attempted, with the 9/11 events, to seize control over U.S. foreign policy. The network of Pollard “stay-behinds” inside the Bush Administration is engaged in a witting hoax, to induce the President and the U.S. Congress to go to war.

When you read the summary evidence below, you will certainly share Lyndon LaRouche’s conclusion that all of these people must be immediately fired from their Administration posts, and that the U.S. Congress must launch public hearings to get to the bottom of this criminal scheme.

The summary facts are as follows:

On July 8, 1996, Richard Perle, now the Chairman of the Defense Policy Board, an advisory group that reports to Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, presented a written document to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, spelling out a new Israeli foreign policy, calling for a repudiation of the Oslo Accords and the underlying concept of “land for peace”; for the permanent annexation of the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip; and for the elimination of the Saddam Hussein regime in Baghdad, as a first step toward overthrowing or destabilizing the governments of Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. The document was prepared for the Jerusalem and Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), a think-tank financed by Richard Mellon Scaife. The report, “A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm,” was co-authored by Perle; Douglas Feith, currently the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy; David Wurmser, currently special assistant to State Department chief arms control negotiator John Bolton; and Meyrav Wurmser, now

director of Mideast Policy at the Hudson Institute.

Two days after he received the foreign policy blueprint from Perle, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered a speech before a joint session of the U.S. Congress, which strongly echoed the IASPS outline. The same day, the *Wall Street Journal* published excerpts from the IASPS document, and the next day, July 11, 1996, the *Journal* editorially endorsed the Perle document.

Beginning in February 1998, the British government of Prime Minister Tony Blair launched a concerted effort, in league with the Netanyahu government in Israel, and the Perle Israeli agent-of-influence networks inside the United States, to induce President William Clinton to launch a war against Iraq, under precisely the terms spelled out for Netanyahu in the “Clean Break” paper. The war was to be launched, ostensibly, over Iraq’s possession of “weapons of mass destruction” (WMD). United Nations weapons inspectors were, at this time, still on the ground inside Iraq.

To buttress the war drive, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook issued an official lying “white paper” on the Iraqi drive to obtain WMD. On Feb. 19, 1998, Richard Perle and former Congressman Stephen Solarz released an “Open Letter to the President,” demanding a full-scale U.S.-led drive for “regime change” in Baghdad. The dangerously incompetent military scheme for the overthrow of Saddam that was published in the Open Letter, has been recently revived by the Perle-led network of “chicken hawks” in the office of the Secretary of Defense—but has been summarily rejected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Among the signators on the original Perle-Solarz letter were the following current Bush Administration officials: Elliott Abrams (National Security Council), Richard Armitage (State Department), John Bolton (State Department), Doug Feith (Defense Department), Fred Iklé (Defense Policy Board), Zalmay Khalilzad (White House), Peter Rodman (Defense Department), Donald Rumsfeld (Secretary of Defense), Paul Wolfowitz (Defense Department), David Wurmser (State Department), and Dov Zakheim (Defense Department).

President Clinton rejected the February 1998 demand for war, sending both Netanyahu and Blair into fits of rage.

On Aug. 6, 1998, Angelo Codevilla, the Washington, D.C. co-director of IASPS (along with David Wurmser), penned an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal*, demanding the freeing of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Codevilla argued that Pollard had been right to pass U.S. classified material to Israel, because of the threat posed by Saddam Hussein. Days later, two members of the Netanyahu cabinet contacted Vice President Al Gore, demanding Pollard’s release.

After again rejecting the Netanyahu and Blair demands for war on Iraq in November 1998, President Clinton—under the impeachment onslaught, led by the Mellon Scaife-funded apparatus—finally caved in and authorized Operation Desert Fox in December 1998, as he was returning on Air Force One from a visit to Israel. But the 70 days of bombardment did not



The Pentagon civilian leadership pushing war in the Mideast have long been full of active advisors and lobbyists of the Likud party in Israel: explicit and implicit supporters of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard (left). In 1996 they gave the same war plan to the incoming Netanyahu government, which the Sept. 11 events later allowed them to carry out. Typical of the problem is Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith (right).

eliminate the Saddam Hussein regime, and the issue remained dormant for the next three years . . . until Sept. 11, 2001.

Within moments of the 9/11 attack on Washington and New York, the same Pollard-linked American networks who had designed the Netanyahu foreign policy were on the war-path, demanding that President Bush go to war against Iraq, despite the fact that, to this day, there is no plausible evidence linking Iraq to the September 2001 irregular warfare attacks. The Sharon government in Israel instantly declared that the attack had been ordered by Saddam Hussein, and called for massive retaliation against Baghdad.

On Sept. 22, 2001, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz made a feverish pitch for war on Iraq at a Camp David meeting with President Bush and most of the Cabinet. Wolfowitz had been brought into the inner circle of George W. Bush a year before the 2000 Presidential elections, at the initiative of former Secretary of State George Shultz. By 1999, Wolfowitz and Condi Rice had become co-responsible for pulling together the Bush campaign foreign policy and national security team, which Ms. Rice dubbed “The Vulcans.” Wolfowitz immediately brought “X Committee” Israeli agent-of-influence Richard Perle into the inner sanctum, from where he has been peddling the Netanyahu-Israeli foreign policy agenda from day one. Perle most recently staged the July 10, 2002 Defense Policy Board session, which demanded the purging of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of all opponents of the Iraq war, and called for a U.S. military occupation and takeover of the Saudi oil fields and a total break with the House of Saud—just as his July 1996 IASPS “Clean Break” study had proposed.

This is but the briefest of summaries of the massive evidence in hand. The current campaign to induce President Bush and the U.S. Congress into a war with Iraq, one that would surely unleash the “Clash of Civilizations,” is a direct continu-

ation of the Pollard affair. President Bush is being pressured—from inside his own national security apparatus—to adopt an Israeli Likud foreign policy! What nation is dictating policy to the United States? This is a scandalous hoax, far worse than the Gulf of Tonkin affair of the late 1960s.

From the point that Perle, Feith, the Wurmsers, et al. first delivered the “Clean Break” policy to Netanyahu, this crowd has been obsessed with inducing the United States government to adopt and implement it. All prior efforts failed, until Sept. 11, 2001 created a new context for reviving and pushing it—under the guise of the “war on terrorism.” Does this raise questions about the true, mysterious authors of the 9/11 attack? What are the links between the events of Sept. 11 and the subsequent unabated drive for war against Iraq?

From Perle and Feith, to others pressing the Netanyahu scheme from outside the Administration—including Frank Gaffney, Steven Bryen, and Michael Ledeen—the entire crew were among the leading suspected Israeli spies, tasking Jonathan Pollard to steal the most precious national security secrets of the U.S.A., from inside the Reagan-Bush national security apparatus. They avoided prosecution, and later emerged as “The Vulcans,” assigned to “teach” President Bush the ins and outs of foreign and national security policy. Isn’t it time that these co-conspirators joined Jonathan Pollard behind bars? Isn’t it time for President Bush to give these clowns a “September Surprise”?

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The U.S. Intelligence Search for ‘Mr. X’

by Joseph Brewda

U.S. government investigators are hot on the trail of “Mr. X,” the senior U.S. government official deemed responsible for having placed convicted Soviet-Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard in a sensitive post at U.S. Naval Intelligence. Without such an official, or officials, Pollard could never have reached his position. *EIR* has received a list of suspects currently being investigated by the U.S. government for having played that treacherous role. *EIR* investigations have independently confirmed that all the individuals on the list are likely KGB (Soviet intelligence) or Mossad (Israeli intelligence) agents or assets. It is *EIR*’s judgment, moreover, that the individuals on the list, far from being a random collection of suspects, constitute a tightly organized conspiracy, which was responsible, *as a whole*, for patronizing and protecting Pollard.

Perhaps the best description of them is “Albert Wohlstetter’s children.”

As reported in an accompanying article, “former” Trotskyite Albert Wohlstetter is the mastermind of the Soviet-sponsored U.S. strategic policy known as “discriminate deterrence,” that is, abandonment of allies in Europe and Asia. Wohlstetter was one of the founders of the Rand corporation, a center of crackpot strategies, together with Andrew Marshall, Henry Rowen, and Herman Kahn. In former days, Wohlstetter, Rowen, and Kahn were known as “the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost of Rand.” Others in Washington added Rand founder Bernard Brodie to the group, and condemned them as the “Four Pursemen of the Apocalypse.”

Altogether, the list includes:

Henry S. Rowen. Currently a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Rowen joined Wohlstetter and Kahn at the newly formed Rand corporation in 1951, following graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His most recent government post was chairman of the National Intelligence Estimates Board at CIA, 1980 to 1983.

In 1951, Rowen and Wohlstetter succeeded in expanding their penetration of U.S. defense circles through a Rand study on the vulnerability of Strategic Air Command bases to Soviet surprise attack. Rowen and Wohlstetter designed the insane doctrine of “flexible response” and “controlled escalation” at Rand, and later sold it to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

In 1959, Rowen, Wohlstetter, and Andy Marshall became key figures in the John F. Kennedy campaign. Follow-

ing Kennedy’s election, Rowen was appointed Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary under McNamara, where he advocated the “Mutually Assured Destruction” deterrence thesis, in opposition to the traditional military doctrine of “war-winning.” Rowen successfully imposed his views during the 1961 Berlin Wall crisis, one of the most important and cowardly U.S. capitulations to the Red Army in the postwar period.

Rowen served as President Johnson’s assistant director at the Bureau of the Budget, and then returned to Rand. Rowen reemerged as the leader, with Wohlstetter and Kahn, of the team which wrote Jimmy Carter’s notorious PD-59, a policy which removed the strategic nuclear umbrella from Western Europe. As CIA intelligence estimates director in the first Reagan administration, Rowen ensured consistent CIA misestimation of the Soviet strategic threat.

Andrew Marshall. Currently the director of the Defense Department’s Office of Net Assessment, a post he has held since 1973, Marshall oversees all Pentagon studies comparing the relative strengths of the U.S. and Soviet military. The office’s assessments have been notoriously incompetent. A founder of Rand, Marshall assisted Albert Wohlstetter and his wife, Roberta, in their influential study on the vulnerability of the Strategic Air Command. While at Rand, Marshall also trained future Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

In 1957, Marshall joined H. Rowan Gaither in directing the Council of Foreign Relations-linked Gaither Committee, which concluded that the United States would not be able to follow the doctrine of “massive retaliation,” and had to, they insisted, accept the idea of U.S.-Soviet strategic parity. The committee’s ideas were later picked up by Henry Kissinger. In 1973, Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger hired his mentor Marshall to become director of the Office of Strategic Assessment. Under Marshall, it became the key Pentagon office overseeing the subcontracting of strategic assessments to private firms, such as Rand. Marshall has also served as the key liaison with the Israeli Defense Ministry. In 1982, Marshall, Fred Iklé, and Richard Perle co-authored the Reagan administration’s guidelines on defense guidance.

Fred Charles Iklé. Product of an elite family associated with the National Bank of Switzerland, Iklé was trained at the Rand Social Sciences department under Wohlstetter and Marshall. From 1981 through February 1988, Iklé was Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. He is the co-author with Wohlstetter, of the recent Pentagon study, *Discriminate Deterrence*.

In addition to serving in his family’s Zurich-American Insurance Company and teaching at MIT, Iklé directed the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under President Ford. He has served as the main patron of the “X Committee’s” Richard N. Perle and Stephen D. Bryen within the Defense Department.

Richard N. Perle. From 1981 through April 1987, Perle

was Assistant Secretary of Defense for International, Economic, Trade and Security Policy, serving under Undersecretary Iklé. Perle is now based at the American Enterprise Institute. Perle formulated the treasonous “zero option,” and sold the policy to Ronald Reagan for the 1986 Reykjavik summit. He is married to Leslie Joan Barr, formerly a top officer at the Commerce Department and currently in the sensitive post of director of the Customs Service’s International Program Management Division.

Perle got his start by dating Wohlstetter’s daughter in high school. He was later a London School of Economics college roommate of another Wohlstetter protégé, nuclear strategist Edward Luttwak. Perle was sent into the Congress in 1970, as a top aide to the late Sen. Henry “Scoop” Jackson, with access to high-level classified information. In 1970, U.S. wiretaps of the Israeli embassy showed that Perle was feeding some of this classified information to the Israeli government, probably in association with Kissinger associate Helmut Sonnenfeldt.

In 1976, Perle left government to form the Abingdon Corporation, an arms trading company, with future Navy Secretary John Lehman. Perle maintained Abingdon’s lucrative account with Soltam corporation, Israel’s largest mortar manufacturer, which was later implicated in the Iran-Contra arms sales. Perle was later caught receiving over \$100,000 from Soltam, after he joined the Reagan administration in 1980, allegedly for past services due. Simultaneous with forming Abingdon, Perle founded the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) with Stephen Bryen; Michael Ledeen, a suspected Mossad or Soviet spy later central to the Iran-Contra affair; and Yossef Bodansky, reportedly the Israeli intelligence handler of Jonathan Pollard.

Stephen D. Bryen. Currently employed at the new post of Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Trade Security Policy, Bryen had been a deputy of Perle at Defense since 1980. Bryen got his start as an aide to Sen. Clifford Case in 1971, quickly becoming Perle’s closest associate in the Senate. Bryen co-founded JINSA with Perle, and his wife, Shoshana Bryen, has served as JINSA’s executive director since its inception.

In 1978, Bryen was caught red-handed with the Mossad’s Washington station chief, Zvi Rafiah, discussing giving the Israeli government classified information. Bryen was then staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Like Perle, Bryen escaped prosecution.

While serving as Perle’s assistant at the Defense Department, Bryen formed the Technology Transfer Center, with oversight over the smuggling of strategic technology. Bryen hired Pollard’s reported handler, Yossef Bodansky, to serve at the center, as well as Michael Ledeen’s wife, Barbara Ledeen.

Frank Gaffney, Jr. Now based at Herman Kahn’s Hudson Institute, Gaffney was deputy assistant secretary of defense for nuclear forces under Perle, and was slated to be

his replacement until his resignation from government last November. Like Perle, Gaffney got his start working for Sen. Scoop Jackson, and has often been described as a Perle protégé. Since his resignation, Gaffney has loudly criticized the INF treaty, whose worst features Perle masterminded. He has not broken with Perle, however, and co-authored a loyal “critique” of the treaty with Perle in February.

Douglas J. Feith. At his own Washington law firm since 1986, Feith served as Perle’s deputy in varying capacities at Defense since 1982, most recently as deputy assistant secre-

Far from being a random collection of suspects, these individuals constitute a tightly organized conspiracy, which was responsible, as a whole, for patronizing and protecting Pollard.

tary for negotiations policy. He had previously served on the Reagan National Security Council.

John F. Lehman, Jr. Secretary of the Navy from 1981 through 1987, Lehman is currently touted as a national security adviser or defense secretary in a Bush administration. A relative of the late Princess Grace of Monaco, Lehman got his start as the Oxford University roommate of David Walker, a future leader of Britain’s elite Strategic Air Services (SAS), and founder of KMS, Ltd., a firm which Lehman ensured handled much of the Iran-Contra arms trafficking.

Lehman was a senior staff aide and counsel to Henry Kissinger, both at the NSC and the State Department. Beginning in 1975, Lehman served as Iklé’s deputy director at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. During the Carter years, Lehman formed the Abingdon Corporation with Richard Perle.

Paul Dundes Wolfowitz. Currently ambassador to Indonesia, Wolfowitz had been Wohlstetter’s student at the University of Chicago, together with Donald Fortier, the recently deceased deputy director of the National Security Council. Wolfowitz’s first government post was as special assistant to Fred Iklé, 1974-77, then directing the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. After a three-year stint at the Defense Department Regional Programs Office, Wolfowitz became director of the Policy Planning Staff at the State Department, in 1981-82, and then assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs through 1985. At that post, Wolfowitz played a key role in the overthrow of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos. The coup was intended by Moscow to lead to the shutdown of the U.S. bases at Clark Air Field and Subic Bay, removing the United States as a Pacific power.

THE U.S. PHYSICAL ECONOMY

Northwest Still Devastated By California Dereg's Impact

by Richard Freeman

Starting in 2000, the insane California electricity deregulation policy delivered the final blow that destroyed the economy of the Pacific Northwest. Then-Enron chairman, crook Kenneth Lay, working under the protective wing of the synarchist bankers' frontman Dick Cheney, manipulated upward the price of electricity in the California energy market. Over the next 18 months, to the end of 2001, the Enron swindle looted the consumers of power, destroyed the existing generating and distribution networks, and drove up the price of power to the point of triggering chain-reaction collapses in the economy through unaffordable prices, power shortages, and unreliability. Jobs and industries vanished.

From California, dereg's damage soon spread to the Oregon-headquartered Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Gathering hydropower from dams on the Columbia River, BPA is the main supplier of power to the states of Washington and Oregon, and to parts of the states of Montana and Idaho.

The Northwest's industry was devastated in the process, led by the aluminum industry. The Northwest got its start in 1933, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt directed planned infrastructure building, especially dam construction, on the powerful Columbia River that dominates this region. This infrastructure produced flood control, sediment elimination, water for irrigation, and, in particular, plentiful, inexpensive electricity generation. It elevated the Northwest from its sparsely populated, water-deficient, non-industrialized underdevelopment, and enabled the emergence of the aluminum, aircraft, and other industries. With irrigation, the parched but fertile soil generated flourishing crops, like wheat.

Aluminum's entire history is intertwined with that of the

Northwest. It is indispensable for a modern economy: By weight, aluminum is the second-most-used metal after steel; and because of aluminum's outstanding qualities—strong, but light; highly ductile and malleable—it is used at the frontiers of industrial processing, and found in literally hundreds of thousands of products. For decades, the Northwest's ten aluminum smelting facilities produced one-third of the nation's output. Energy deregulation ravaged that. Today, most of the aluminum plants are shut down, some for several years; two are being dismantled.

The ongoing U.S. economic breakdown has intersected energy deregulation. The Boeing Company's main plant is located outside Seattle, Washington. Because of the cancellation of both domestic and international civil aircraft orders, Boeing has been frantically slashing employees and capacity. Many thousands of high-tech companies linked to the Information Age—Oregon and Washington fancied themselves a "Silicon Valley North"—have blown out, after the rupture of the dot.com bubble starting in March 2000. The economic collapse has cut tax revenues and set off intense financial crises on state and local levels. There has been a wave of budget-cutting, eliminating the repair or improvement of much infrastructure and closing down essential services. In 2003, the cash-strapped Portland, Oregon school system went to a school schedule of nine days on and one day off every two weeks, to save money.

Economist Lyndon LaRouche warned strongly that energy deregulation is criminally mad, violating all fundamental economics as well as the U.S. Constitution's General Welfare clause. His warning is writ large in deregulation's impact on the Northwest—on top of the deep-seated deindustrialization

of the past 40 years, with special attention to the marker sectors of aluminum, aerospace, energy supply, and water management. We give here a first-approach assessment, using the method LaRouche recommended in “What the EIR Economics Charts Will Show You” (see *EIR*, Sept. 3): a county-by-county, and per-household and per-capita study of physical-economic reproduction.¹

The Principle of Electricity

The modern Northwest’s genesis was the command decision by FDR to build it up as a single, integrated regional economic unit, based on water infrastructure on the Columbia River. On Sept. 21, 1932, campaigning for President in Portland, Roosevelt unveiled the plan to build four extraordinary infrastructure projects in the “four quarters” of the United States:

“We have, as all of you in this section of the country know, the vast possibilities of power development on the Columbia River. And I state in definite and certain terms, that the next great hydroelectric development to be undertaken by the Federal government must be that on the Columbia River.

“Here you have four great government power developments in the United States—the St. Lawrence River in the Northeast; Muscle Shoals [the initiating project of the Tennessee Valley Authority] in the Southeast; the Boulder Dam [later renamed the Hoover Dam] in the Southwest [on the Colorado River], and finally in the Northwest [where the Grand Coulee and Bonneville Dams were built]. Each one of these, in each of the four quarters of the United States, will be forever a national yardstick to prevent extortion against the public and to encourage the wider use of that servant of the people—electric power.”²

The headwaters of Columbia River, which is the fourth largest river in North America, rise in British Columbia; the river wends southward into the American states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. About 85% of the enormous 259,000-square-mile watershed it covers, is in the United States. The Columbia was a flood threat. Conversely, its waters did not reach a portion of the expanse of the flood plain, which had rich soil, and required only water to become fertile. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did a study in 1931, which recommended a comprehensive plan for constructing ten dams on the Columbia for irrigation, flood control, navigation, and power generation. The Grand Coulee Dam would be uppermost in the chain of dams located in Washington state, and the Bonneville Dam would serve as the key downstream project, located in Oregon (see **Figure 1**). The Grand

FIGURE 1
Columbia River Basin



Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Coulee and the Bonneville were the systems’s crown jewels, each an engineering marvel.

The Grand Coulee is 530 feet high and 4,173 feet long, and contains 10.5 million cubic yards of concrete, making it the world’s largest structure. Because of its huge generators, it was the world’s largest hydroelectric plant until the 1980s, when Brazil’s Itaipú generating facility was built. By the early 1980s, the U.S. part of the Columbia River basin was covered with 31 Federal multi-purpose dams, with powerhouses which possessed a combined generating capacity of more than 18 gigawatts. The Northwest was furnished with abundant electricity to power factories, farms, irrigation pumps, local electricity grids, etc.

In 1937, the Bonneville Project Act was passed. The agencies that constructed the dams would continue to operate them. But a new authority was to be created, soon to be named the Bonneville Power Administration, which would build the transmission lines and market the electricity. The Bonneville Project Act directed the Bonneville Power Administration “to encourage the widest possible use of all electric energy . . . and to prevent monopolization thereof . . . to insure that the facilities for the generation of electric energy shall be operated for the benefit of the general public.” This reference to the General Welfare clause is the guiding principle for the devel-

1. There, LaRouche made clear that graphic animation is the clearest depiction of historic physical economic changes. This cannot be done in print; it is beginning on *EIR* online, at www.larouchepub.com/eiw.

2. See Richard Freeman, “Then and Now: Why Roosevelt’s Explosive 1933-45 Recovery Worked,” in *Economics: At the End of a Delusion*, Washington, D.C., LaRouche in 2004, April 2002.

FIGURE 2a

Aluminum: Operational Production Capacity, 1955



Sources: U.S. Geological Survey; Department of Commerce; EIR.

LaRouche asks, “Do we make life better, firms, cities, and states, more efficient, by allowing Enron-like swindles, which loot the consumers of power, loot and destroy the existing generating and distribution networks, and drive the price of power up to the point of triggering chain-reaction collapses in economy?” Here is aluminum production in America’s Northwest states of Washington and Oregon, which grew on President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal’s bountiful and cheap hydro-electricity, and from the mobilization for World War II.

FIGURE 2b
Aluminum: Operational Production Capacity, 1970



Sources: U.S. Geological Survey; Department of Commerce; EIR.

By 1970, aluminum production expanded with inexpensive, reliable power, under a beneficial regime of regulation by the Bonneville Power Authority. (Counties that are white have no aluminum production.)

FIGURE 2c

Aluminum: Operational Production Capacity, 1990

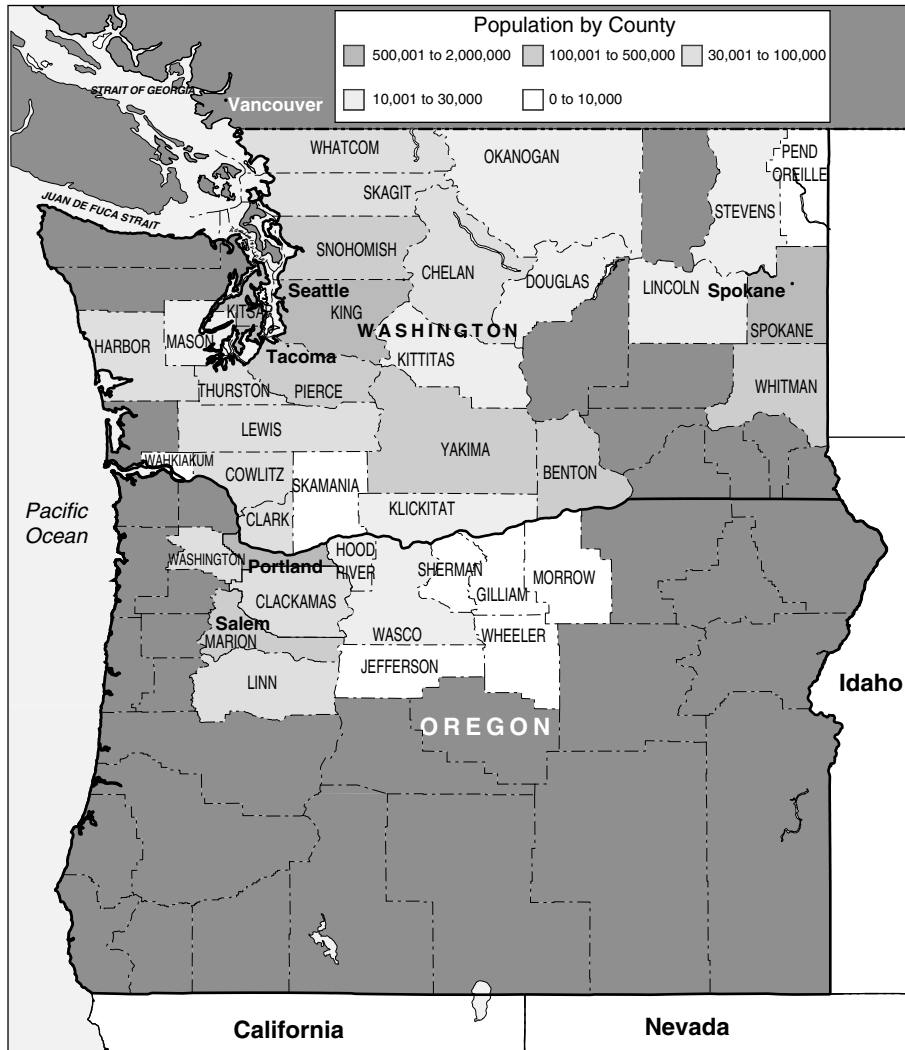


Sources: U.S. Geological Survey; Department of Commerce; EIR.

In 1990, the Northwest accounted for one-third of all of America's aluminum production.

FIGURE 3a

Population of Counties in Aluminium Production Region, 1950



opment of the Northwest.

The efficiency of the Grand Coulee’s and Bonneville’s hydropower pushed the price of electricity down to less than 2¢ per delivered kilowatt hour.

Aluminum and Northwest Development

In March 1940, Roosevelt called for America to build 26,000 planes. Scientists pointed out that the outer skin of the plane should be made of strong but light aluminum, and emphasized that aluminum production requires enormous supplies of cheap electricity. The choice of sites for new aluminum plants was trivially obvious: As the number of dams built on the Columbia River increased, the expanding electricity supply of the Bonneville Power Authority was the foundation for the growth of the aluminum industry. The Aluminum

Company of America (Alcoa) had begun operating an aluminum plant in Vancouver (Clark County), Washington, in September 1940. In 1941 and 1942, additional production sites were built at Mead (Spokane County), Longview (Cowlitz County), and Tacoma (Pierce County) in Washington state, and at Troutdale (Multnomah County) in Oregon. At the peak of operation, these five plants alone utilized nearly 500 megawatts of BPA electricity.

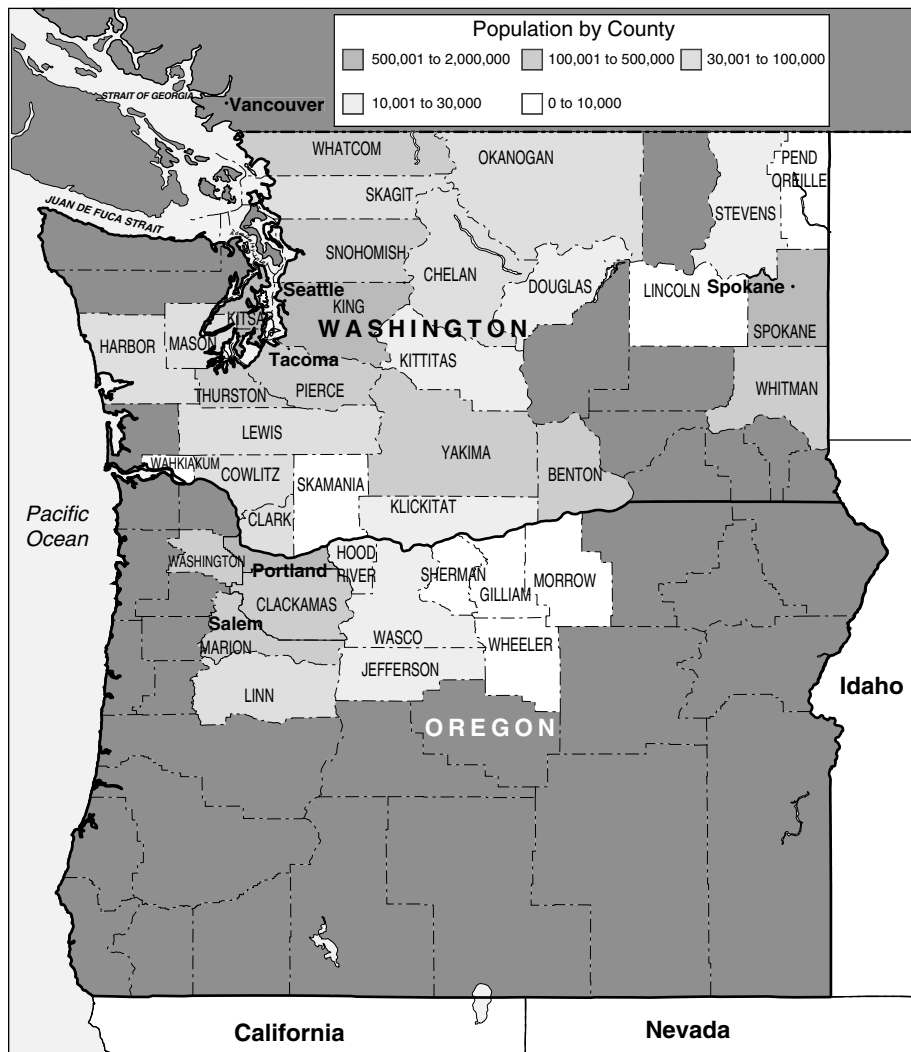
It was during this time, also, that Boeing Aircraft seriously expanded its production at Renton (King County), Washington, near Seattle; and at Everett (Snohomish County), Washington. Further, also during the war, at a 586-square-mile site along the Columbia River, the Hanford Engineer Works was constructed, which produced plutonium, as part of the Manhattan Project.

Led by plentiful electric power (and soon thereafter nuclear power), the aluminum industry, the aerospace industry, and abundant withdrawable water for irrigation, households, and industry, Roosevelt’s great infrastructure project on the Columbia had founded Washington’s and Oregon’s future growth.

After the war, as **Figures 2a-c** show in time-lapsed stages, the expansion of the Northwest aluminum industry’s production, both in production volume and in number of counties in which production is occurring. It was concentrated in seven counties in Washington state, and two counties in Oregon (one county in Montana is not shown). In 1955, aluminum production was still getting its legs. Production plants had not even been established in three of the primary nine counties. The only plant producing more than 100 tons per year was located in Spokane County, Washington.

By 1990, production was at its maximum, and Northwest alone accounted for more than one-third of all of America’s aluminum production. Altogether the aluminum plants employed somewhere in the range of 7,500-8,000 workers, but there were tens of thousands more employed in machine-tooling plants, and plants which produced goods consumed by the aluminum production.

FIGURE 3b
Population of Counties in Aluminium Production Region, 1980



We halt before going to the last image in this series, and shift to the series of **Figures 3a-3b**, which shows the population, by county, in both states, for the years 1950 and 1980, respectively. The FDR-inspired growth of aluminum production, as well as aerospace, agriculture, electricity etc., had a positive effect on population growth, as it created the goods, and the decent-paying jobs for families to form and grow. Figures 3a and 3b concentrate on the nine counties in which aluminum smelting is located, plus the two where Boeing production occurs, and, in addition, the counties which are contiguous to these designated 11. A worker may be employed at an aluminum plant in Chelan County, Washington, but live in a bordering county.

The increased production, and the increased conditions for economic growth, created a growth in population in all

but the most rural counties. Other factors contributed to population growth, but the increased production and the increased conditions for economic growth are the primary causes.

Enron Strikes

Then, along came Enron. We have written about this many times, so we only summarize the main points, and refer the reader to *EIR* articles on the subject.

The deregulation of electricity in California had been spearheaded by then-Gov. Pete Wilson (R), who rammed through and signed the legislation in 1996. It took effect in 1999, but 2000 was its first year of full force. A statewide wholesale market was created, the California Power Exchange (PX), where “merchant” energy companies could buy and sell electricity, at spot or next-day prices. The prosperous era of long-term three-, five-, and ten-year electricity contracts at affordable prices, set between energy producer and public utilities, came to an end. The long-term contracts had created stability, so that utilities and their customers, such as businesses or households, knew what electricity would cost them. Instead, on the California PX, merchant energy companies could either buy and sell energy contracts for electricity that they didn’t have, or conspire to shut off

production, thereby forcing prices sky-high and making a killing on trades.

Ken Lay’s Enron, and other pirate companies such as Mirant, Dynergy, and Calpine, were expert in manipulating the market in a great swindle. When, in March 2001, California Gov. Gray Davis protested, Vice President Dick Cheney—whose Energy Task Force was in the middle of the swindle—snarled that California needed more, not less deregulation. By May 2001, the average price of power on the California PX was above \$2,000 per megawatt-hour.

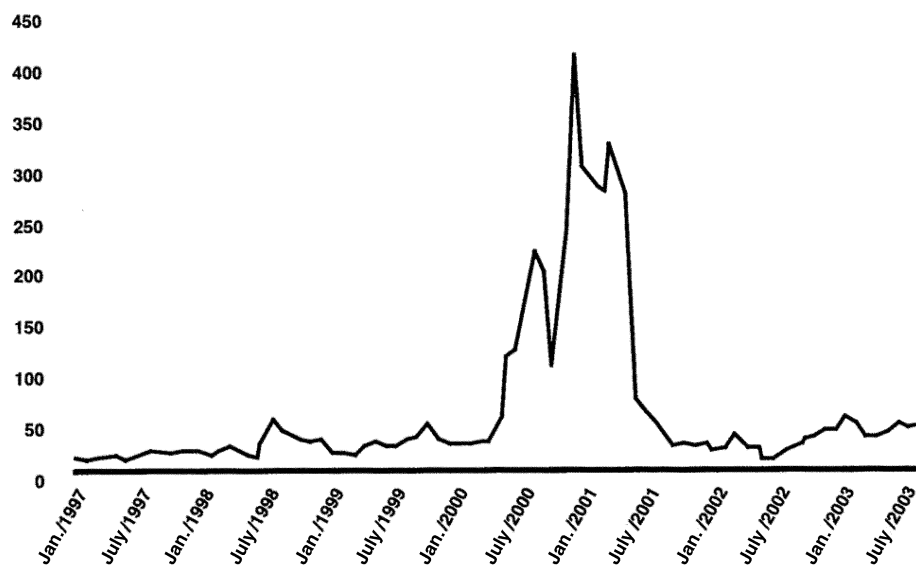
Historical connections transmitted the crisis to the Northwest. The Bonneville Power Authority had signed agreements that obligated it to sell a certain portion of its power supply to California in the event of need. Enron’s manipulations had guaranteed a California power shortage, requiring that the

FIGURE 4

Pacific Northwest Monthly Wholesale Electricity Prices, 1997-2003

(Dollars per Megawatt-Hour)

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Source: GAO/Platts-RDI PowerDAT data.

BPA honor its obligations and ship electricity to California. And in 2000, the Northwest was suffering its second-worst drought in 72 years, which had lowered water levels and thus power generation output. The BPA was left with an electricity deficit. As a result, the BPA had to go onto the private Power Exchange, to purchase electricity, whose price had been inflated by Enron! **Figure 4** shows that by late 2000, the average monthly wholesale price for electricity in the Northwest had jumped to nearly \$450 per megawatt-hour, more than ten times what it had normally been in the past.

The BPA was in a vise. It had contracts to sell electricity at a fixed price to the aluminum industry and other long-standing customers, but it had to buy electricity at a high price on the “market,” and sell it to the aluminum and other sectors at a much lower price. This would bankrupt the BPA. Panicked, it proposed that the aluminum industry be compensated to shut down, at a rate that it made it more profitable for the aluminum companies to stay shut than to produce aluminum! Several companies agreed. This perverse arrangement, one of several that the California electricity deregulation spawned, is still in effect today.

The Northwest aluminum industry was devastated:

- In February 2001, Alcoa sold its 116-ton smelting plant at Longview (Cowlitz County), Washington to an investment outfit called Michigan Avenue Partners, which, it appears, may close down the plant on a long-term basis.

- In 2002, Alcoa demolished its 121-ton smelting plant at

Troutdale (Multnomah County), Oregon, after it had been idle for more than a year;

- In 2002, Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Group agreed to sell its 73-ton smelting plant in Tacoma (Pierce County), Washington, to the Port of Tacoma. Under the agreement, the Port of Tacoma would demolish the plant;

- In October 2004, Alcoa permanently fired all the workers—whom it had kept on a special basis—at its 204-ton smelting plant at Wenatchee (Chelan County), Washington. This appears to be in preparation for permanently closing the plant, which has not operated since 2001.

Now, look at **Figure 2d**, which shows the denouement of the Northwest aluminum industry. **Figure 5** shows the steep downturn of the *national* aluminum industry, on a per-capita basis, since the 1970s.

The Aircraft Sector

Boeing is the world’s largest aircraft-aerospace company. Its civil aircraft division controls 50% of the world market. Since its 1997 merger with McDonnell Douglas, it became one of the top U.S. defense aerospace companies. It is located in Renton, Washington, near Seattle.

But orders for civil aircraft, both domestic and international, have fallen. In 2000, Boeing delivered approximately 550 new aircraft to customers; in 2003, it delivered just 283, a nearly 50% decline. The reason is that as the U.S. economy has contracted and business travel has fallen, airlines such as United and Delta, suffering losses of billions of dollars per year, have ordered fewer new planes.

Boeing is now less focussed on quality, which used to be a primary concern. Pat Waters, a longtime Boeing engineer who retired recently, told the July 2004 *IEEE Spectrum*, “We used to build a better product. I’m not so sure we can say that any more.” This diminished focus on quality has led Boeing—which to assure quality used to produce almost everything in-house—to step up the outsourcing of its parts to other companies, as a cost-saving device. This has led to a new round of layoffs, on top of those occasioned by the downturn in the aircraft industry.

According to the July 7, 2004 *Seattle Times*, in August 2001, Boeing employed 80,000 workers in Washington State. After a wave of layoffs, in July 2004, it employed 52,806, a fall of 34%. The rest of the Washington aircraft sector, pulled

along in the current that Boeing creates, is also having difficulty. Its workforce is among the most skilled in any economy. The aluminum and aircraft/aerospace industries have led the parade in the accelerating manufacturing takedown. In Washington statewide, there were 360,500 manufacturing workers as recently as 1998; in June of this year, there were only 263,200, a total loss of 27%.

Figures 6a-6b show the effect on a county-by-county basis, over a longer span of time. Figure 6a shows that in 1980, there were six counties in Washington where 30% or more of the workforce was employed in manufacturing, including Snohomish County, which is one of the two centers of Boeing production in the state, and Cowlitz and Klickitat Counties, centers for aluminum smelting. Figure 6b shows that in 2000, there was but one Washington county where 30% or more of the workforce was employed in manufacturing. The next category of counties, where 20-29.9% of the workforce is employed in manufacturing, also fell.

The spread of poverty is one marker for the fall in living standards in real market-basket terms. As displayed in Figure 7, the 2000 U.S. Decennial Census showed that in 14 out of Washington's 39 counties—more than one-third—20% or more of individuals fell below the official poverty line.

Fiscal Crises

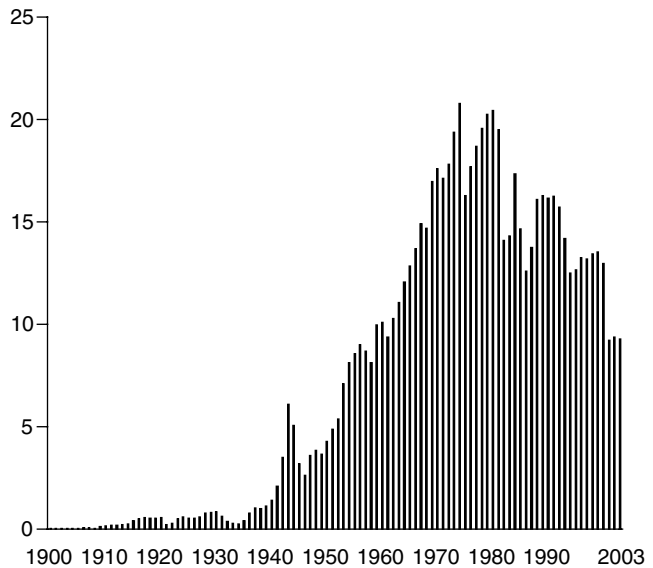
The budget crises that erupted in Washington and Oregon starting in 2000-2001, reminiscent of Mt. St. Helens. A concatenation of events was the catalyst: the disappearance of decent paying manufacturing jobs, and of manufacturing company profits, led to a reduction of individual and corporate taxes from what they should be. The blow up of the Northwest IT bubble also produced similar effects.

Washington: The Washington 2003-2005 state budget faced a \$2.7 billion deficit due to revenue shortfalls, even after making \$1.6 billion in cuts during the previous budget cycle. The state unsheathed the budget axe:

- It cut \$800 million from education funding by giving no cost-of-living increase to teachers with more than seven years of experience, delaying the reduction of class size, and reducing funding for higher education by \$131 million;
- It fired 1,000 state workers, and made the workers who still had jobs pay more of their health insurance.

FIGURE 5
U.S. Aluminum Production Per Capita, 1900-2003

(Metric Tons per 1,000 People)



Sources: U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. Commerce Dept.; EIR.

FIGURE 6a
Employment in Manufacturing As a Percent of Total Employment, 1980

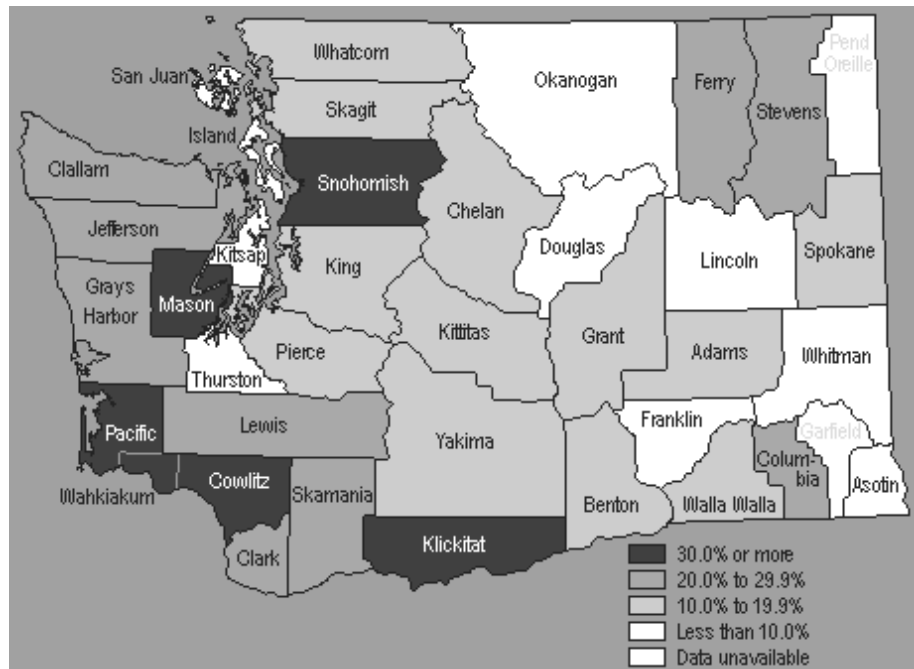


FIGURE 6b

Employment in Manufacturing As a Percent of Total Employment, 2000

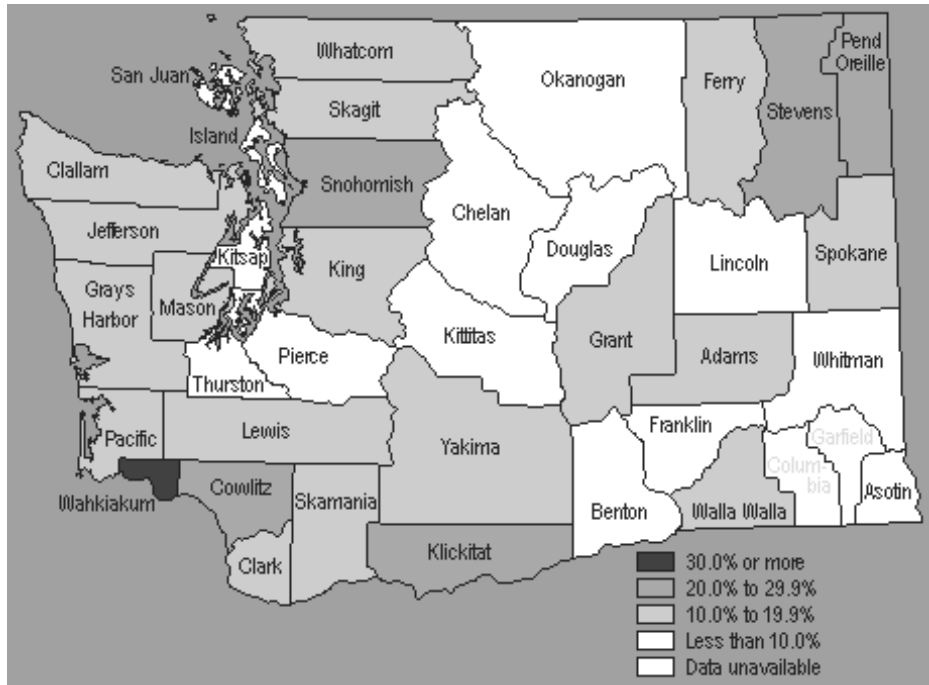


FIGURE 7

Individuals in Poverty, 1999



- It slashed \$600 million from health care, by removing 20,000 out of an originally promised 120,000 openings for people in the state’s Basic Health Plan; by reducing enrollments in the state Medicaid, which provides medical assistance to the poor; and by slashing dental care for the disabled and the elderly. The state also eliminated a medical program for the indigent.

- The City of Seattle slashed \$90 million from its budget over the last two years.

Oregon: According to a Sept. 1, 2004 report on OregonLive.com, the state government estimates its shortfall for the 2003-2005 state budget deficit could be “as high as \$600 million,” although it could be even higher because tax revenues are consistently coming in below projections. This means that Gov. Ted Kulongoski would make new budget cuts on top of the ones he already has carried out.

- In March 2003, Kulongoski and the Oregon legislature removed funds for 100,000 people on the Oregon Health Plan, which provides medical assistance to low-income individuals, and removed funds for 9,000 people on the Medically Needy Program. While some officials have tried to restore the funds, others keep attempting to cut them. Hospitals have begun to remove the names of uninsured poor from organ-transplant lists.

- In 2003, the Portland school system eliminated 15-20 days from the school calendar. By March of that year, as the situation worsened, officials proposed raising the student-teacher ratio from 30:1, to 42:1.

The Northwest economy now must be rebuilt on the method utilized by Franklin Roosevelt in the first place, and perfected by Lyndon LaRouche.

A Fifth of All Mexicans Are Now Economic Refugees in the U.S.

by Dennis Small

In the course of a visit to Saltillo, Mexico in November 2002, Lyndon LaRouche proposed the launching of a policy of economic and scientific cooperation between the United States and Mexico. His proposed policy was centered on the development of the Great American Desert—which straddles the two nations—through great projects in water, energy, high-speed rail, and other essential infrastructure.

In the May 29, 2003 issue of *EIR*, we underscored two significant aspects of this LaRouche proposal:

1) That “in posing the development of the deserts, we are proposing what is arguably the *most difficult* task of planetary development.” If we can succeed here, then we have implicitly solved all, easier problems of economic development.

2) That U.S.-Mexico cooperation to jointly develop the Great American Desert should also serve as a model of a community of interest among developed and underdeveloped nations. “Would it not be interesting if we could solve the problem of development not only in a desert, but also in one where a paradigm change in North-South relations is required in order to succeed?”

“And if we are able to meet the challenge in this case, we will have met it, in principle, for the entire world. . . . The United States and Mexico have always been the decisive case, the litmus test, of North-South relations in general. . . . If we are successful in U.S.-Mexican relations, then there is hope for the entire world—even for tortured Africa, and its Sahara Desert.”

In early 2004, one of Harvard’s more notorious resident psychopaths, Trilateral Commission member Samuel Huntington, presented the synarchists’ diametrically opposite policy for the United States and Mexico. Mexicans are *the* strategic enemy facing the United States, Huntington wrote in the March/April 2004 issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine, because they threaten “the distinct Anglo-Protestant culture” on which he lyingly asserts the United States was founded. Well-timed with this overt call for race war against Hispanics, white supremacist and other vigilante groups have sprung up along the U.S.-Mexican border, and have actually begun to hunt down Mexicans who are allegedly crossing into the United States illegally.

The Hispanic side of such a potential race war is simulta-

neously being put into place—just as LaRouche warned it would back in August of 2003—around the European fascist apparatus associated with Spain’s Blas Piñar, and its networks in the Americas.

All of this is happening as millions of Mexicans, and other Hispanics, are indeed streaming across the border into the United States. They are economic refugees driven by the genocide being imposed on their countries of origin by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the international bankers. But they are coming not to the land of promise and growth that the United States once was, but to an economy plunging into the depths of physical economic depression. They are fleeing out of the frying pan, and into the fire.

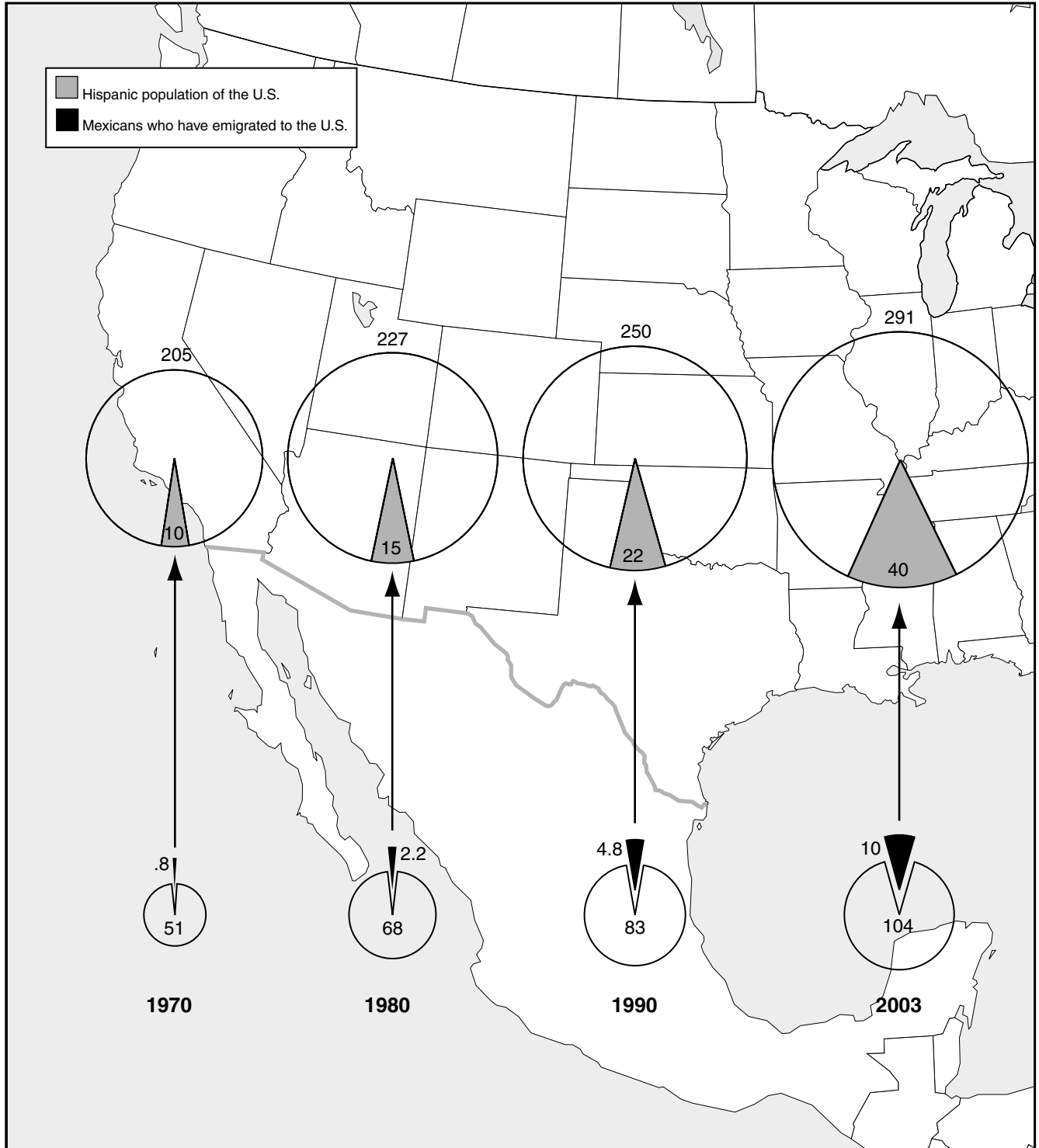
An overview of cross-border demographics and employment over the last three decades, shows the urgency of addressing this situation with LaRouche’s Great American Desert development proposal, lest we be thrust into the race war promoted by the likes of Huntington and Piñar. What follows is the first in a series of articles in which we will take up the range of issues of such cross-border development.

Mexico’s Physical Economy Crumbles

After some three decades of modest economic growth from the end of World War II until 1982, including a serious effort at industrial development under the Presidency of José López Portillo (1976-1982), Mexico was cracked by the IMF during 1982. Over the following two decades, Mexico’s physical economy—as measured by *EIR* in terms of the per-capita production of market baskets of consumer and producer goods—collapsed by about one-third. In other words, Mexico’s physical economy became progressively less and less able to support the country’s existing population, let alone the requirements posed by natural demographic increase and societal progress. Mexico’s *potential* relative population density, under IMF policies, dropped below the level of its *existing* population density: The existing population could not be maintained.

Two things happened as a result. First, there was a sharp drop in the living standard of Mexicans. And second, Mexico began to export its own labor force. As **Figure 1** shows, as of 1970 only 760,000 Mexicans had emigrated to the United

FIGURE 1
Mexico and the United States: Population and Emigration
 (All Figures in Millions)



Sources: INEGI (Mexico); U.S. Census Bureau.

States—many of them legally, some of them not. This amounted to just under 1.5% of the total population born in Mexico. At that time, the population of Mexico was less than one-quarter that of the United States. By 1980, there were 2.2 million Mexicans living in the United States: the percentage of Mexicans who had emigrated had thus risen from 1.5% to 3.2% of the total of those born in Mexico.

But from 1980-1990, with the IMF-induced crisis in full swing, the rate of emigration picked up, and by 1990 4.8 million Mexicans had left for the United States (5.4% of the total). And from 1990-2000, emigration accelerated even further, with the percentage of Mexicans who had emigrated to the United States rising to 7.9% of the total Mexican population.

By the end of 2003, there were about 10 million Mexican-born emigrants residing in the United States—almost 9% of the total population born in Mexico (114 million). Today, the total population remaining in Mexico is about 104 million—which is more than one-third of the 291 million population of the United States.

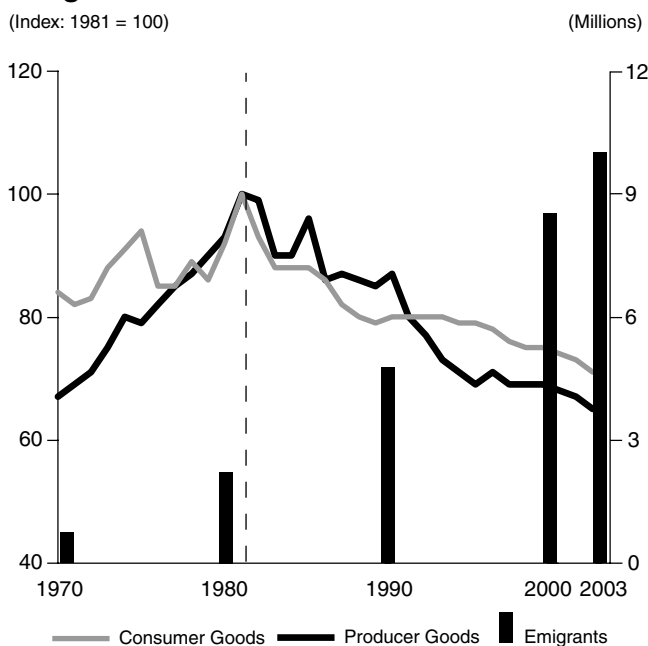
The U.S. population pie charts in Figure 1 show that today there are some 40 million people of Hispanic origin, out of a total of 291 million, living in the United States. These 40 million Hispanics include the 10 million born in Mexico; some 12 million second-generation Mexican-Americans; and 18 million other Hispanics (e.g. Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Cubans, etc.) So a total of some 22 million persons of Mexican origin now reside in the U.S.—22 million who would, in their vast majority, today be living in Mexico, had the IMF-imposed destruction of that country’s economy not driven them to the United States as economic refugees.

It is instructive to look at this accelerating 30-year trend of Mexican emigration alongside the plunge in Mexico’s physical economy, which is driving that flood of refugees. **Figure 2** shows the 29% plunge in the per-capita production of a standard market basket of consumer goods from 1982 to 2002—measured in physical, not monetary, terms. The market basket of basic producer goods items plummeted even more dramatically, by some 35% over the same period.

In other words, *Mexico’s physical economy has shrunk by about one-third, per capita, over the last two decades.* It is this which is driving the waves of emigration, especially after 1980.

Conversely, had these 10 million Mexicans, and their 12 million second-generation offspring—i.e., a total of 22 million souls—remained in Mexico under the prevailing conditions of collapse, the *per-capita* plunge in consumer goods production in Mexico would have been far greater, in the range of 42%, between 1982 and 2002; and producer goods production would have plummeted by some 46%. Those 22 million Mexicans amount to just under 20%—one-fifth!—of what would have been the Mexican-born population—a fifth of whom are today economic refugees in the United States.

FIGURE 2
Mexico’s Physical-Economic Collapse Drives Emigration to the United States



Sources: INEGI (Mexico); EIR.

The Fall of the Maquiladoras

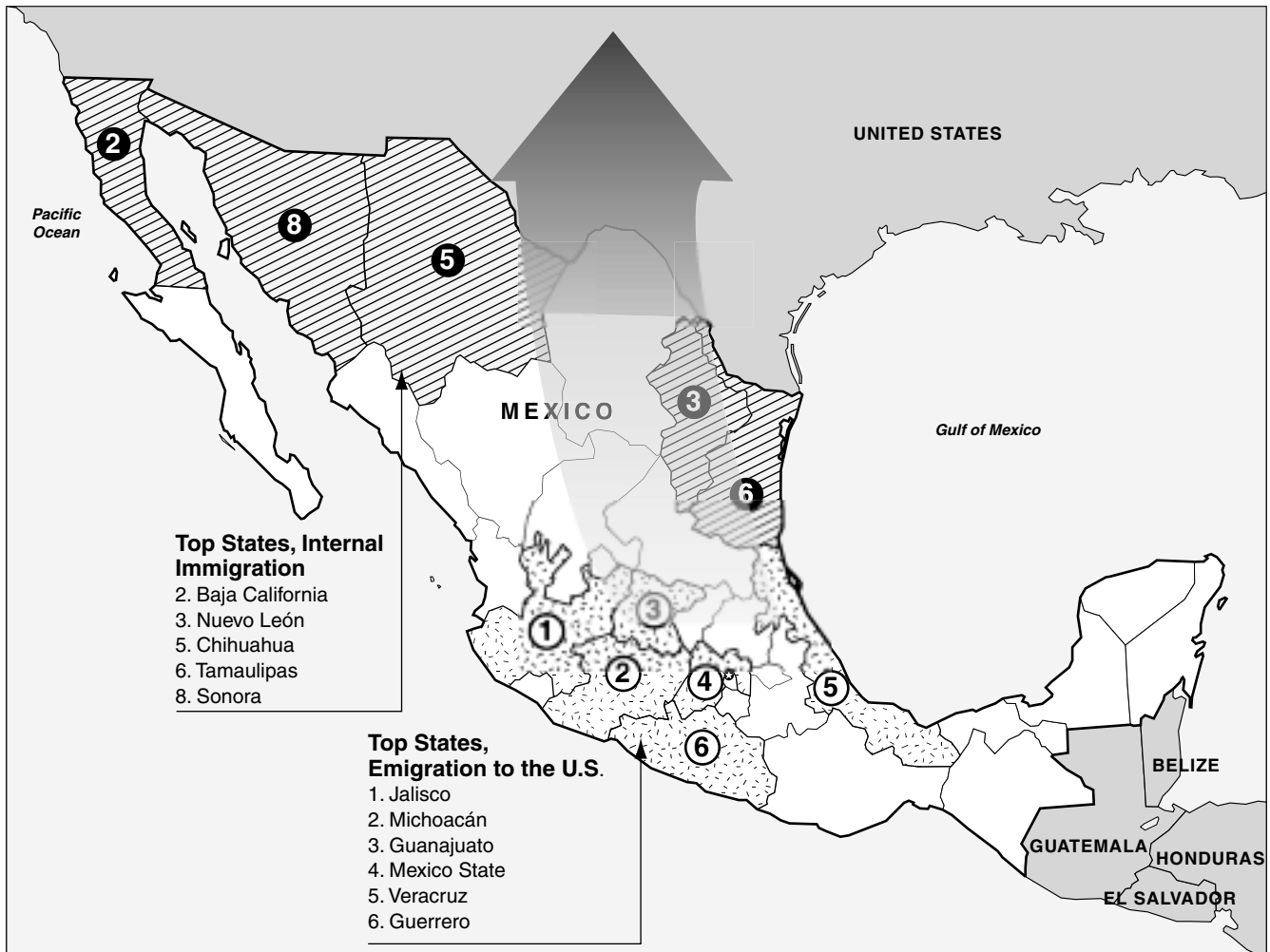
It is *not* the case that most Mexican migrants come from that country’s U.S.-border states, as one might initially assume. Rather, they come principally from a swath of a half-dozen states in Mexico’s impoverished central region. As **Figure 3** shows, the top six emigration states, in absolute numbers, over the period 1995-2000 were Jalisco, Michoacán, Guanajuato, Mexico, Veracruz, and Guerrero. Together, they accounted for half of all Mexicans who emigrated during this period. Not surprisingly, these are among Mexico’s poorest states. For example, over the last decade, the economic growth in those six states—as measured by official statistics of “physical volume” of overall economic activity—was substantially lower than the national average, with the exception of Guanajuato. Similarly, the percentage of the total population with access to health care was less than the national average in five of the six states—in this case, the exception is Jalisco.

If we look at which states had the proportionately larger share of their populations emigrate over this same 1995-2000 period (see **Table 1**), then we see that ten Mexican states had 4% or more of their total population who had emigrated to the United States. The percentage of men who emigrated is even more revealing.

Although detailed statistics are not yet available, in the

FIGURE 3

Mexico: Internal Migration and Emigration to the United States, 1995-2000



Source: INEGI (Mexico).

three subsequent years 2000-2003, that emigration has exploded exponentially. Frontrunner Zacatecas, an impoverished desert state in North-Central Mexico, reportedly has cumulatively *half of its population residing in the United States*.

Returning to Figure 3, we draw the reader's attention to the role that Mexico's six border states play in this mass exodus. According to government statistics regarding internal migration among the Mexican states, five of the top eight states in terms of net internal immigration are border states. In other words, from 1995-2000, Mexicans by the millions generally left central Mexico, and emigrated to the border states as a kind of staging area for migration to the United States.

During the 1990s, part of the magnet-effect was produced

by the growth of the infamous *maquiladoras* along the border—the virtual foreign enclaves of slave labor assembly plants, that sprouted up with no underlying infrastructure of any sort to maintain that population. This boom of the *maquiladoras*, which remains the centerpiece of binational economic strategy of both the Fox and the Bush Administrations, occurred while productive employment plummeted in the Mexican economy proper, generating 50% real unemployment in the country, which is often disguised as “jobs” in the informal sector.

But as **Figure 4** shows, the *maquiladora* boom also went bust in October 2000—along with the collapse of the U.S. consumer market to which these plants export. In the subsequent three years, through December 2003, fully 26% of all *maquiladora* companies have shut down, leading to a plunge

TABLE 1
Top 10 Mexican States, Emigration to the United States, 1995-2000

(% of Total State Population)

State	Men	Total Population
1. Zacatecas	8.0%	4.9%
2. Michoacán	6.7%	4.2%
3. Guanajuato	6.1%	3.5%
4. Aguascalientes	4.8%	2.7%
5. Hidalgo	4.7%	2.7%
6. Durango	4.4%	2.9%
7. San Luis Potosí	4.3%	2.7%
8. Morelos	4.2%	2.9%
9. Nayarit	4.1%	2.8%
10. Jalisco	4.0%	2.7%

Source: INEGI (Mexico).

in *maquiladora* employment of 22%. This has been a major aggravating factor of the depression conditions driving millions of desperate Mexicans to seek their livelihood—and that of their families back home—in low-end jobs in the United States.

The *maquiladora* free-fall has of course hit Mexico's border states particularly hard, since about 83% of national *ma-*

quiladora employment is located in that six-state area. The overall demographic parameters of the Mexican border states are revealing, as we summarize them in **Table 2**.

A large area, comprising 44% of Mexico's national land area, the border states' predominantly arid geography is home to only 17% of the country's population. Only the state of Nuevo León, with its industrial city of Monterrey (the third largest in the country), has a population density around that of the national average—the rest is far below the norm. *Maquiladora* employment rose rapidly from 1990, when it was about 10% of the region's total employed labor force, to 18% by 2000. If the anomalous case of Nuevo León is excluded, the other five border states had nearly a quarter (22%) of their entire employed labor force in the *maquiladora* sector. The national average was only 4%.

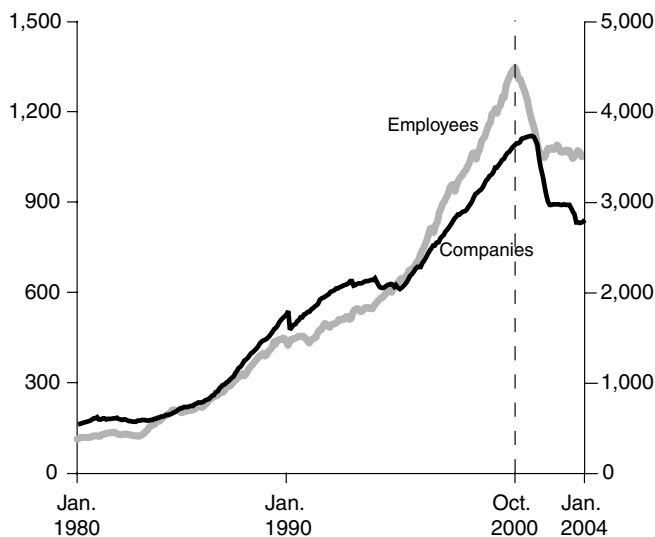
The *maquiladora* free-fall, which began in October 2000 and continues to date, signals the demise of the entire free-trade model that the IMF imposed on Mexico. As a consequence, the border region has been plunged into economic and social chaos, urgently requiring LaRouche's cross-border plan to develop the Great American Desert.

Imported Almost as Slave Labor

The U.S. economy to which these 10 million desperate Mexicans have fled is in ongoing collapse. During the 2001-2003 overall massive loss of jobs in America, and the 2004

FIGURE 4
Maquiladoras: Employment and Number of Companies

(Employment, Thousands)



Source: INEGI (Mexico).

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TABLE 2

Mexico's Six-State Border Region

	Land Area (thou. km ²)	Total Population (millions)	Population Density (per km ²)	Maquiladora Jobs 2000 (thousands)	% of Total Jobs 2000 (%)	Maquiladora Jobs 1990 (thousands)	% of Total Jobs 1990 (%)
Baja California	144	2.5	17	85	15%	283	31%
Coahuila	153	2.3	15	32	5%	114	14%
Chihuahua	247	3.1	12	160	21%	327	29%
Nuevo León	64	3.8	60	15	2%	69	5%
Sonora	181	2.2	12	38	7%	110	14%
Tamaulipas	80	2.8	35	78	11%	181	18%
Six-State Region	868	16.6	19	408	10%	1,084	18%
National Total	1,964	97.5	50	439	2%	1,310	4%
Region/Nation	44%	17%	39%	93%	na	83%	na

Source: INEGI (Mexico).

alleged “rebound,” most major population groups had a *net loss* of jobs, as **Figure 5** shows. Only the *new* Hispanic immigrants—those arriving since Jan. 1, 2000—gained jobs in net terms (more than 1 million of them), which indicates the way in which this group is being used as virtual imported slave labor.

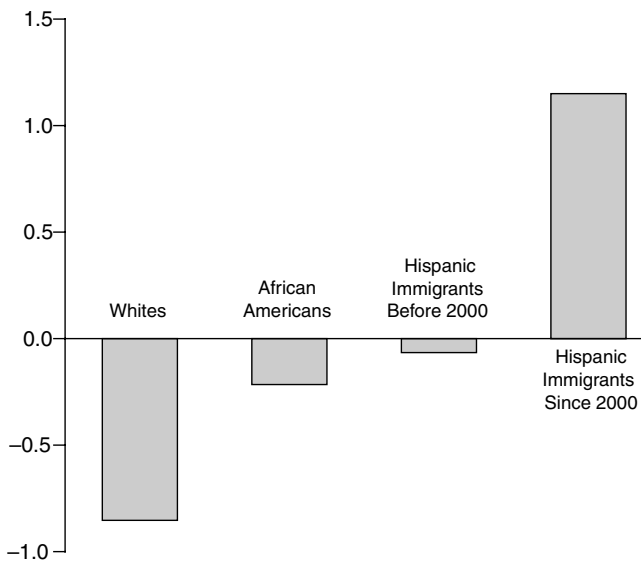
Figure 6 shows that the median wage of all Hispanic workers is more than 25% below the national norm; wages of the newest immigrants since 2000 are still lower.

This “inshoring” of cheap labor is the flip side of the “offshoring” of American jobs, a process of Schachtian economic recycling that is destroying the physical economies of both nations.

FIGURE 5

U.S. Net Jobs Gained or Lost, January 2001-April 2004

(Millions)

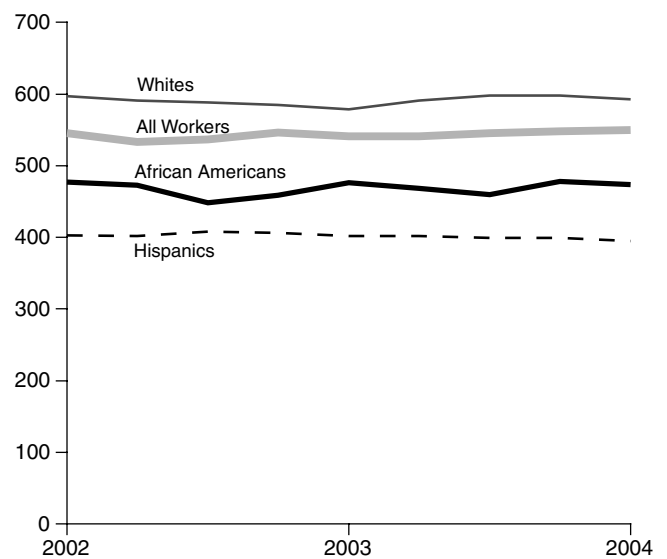


Sources: Pew Hispanic Center; EIR.

FIGURE 6

United States Median Weekly Wage, by Group

(Dollars per Week)



Sources: Pew Hispanic Center; EIR.

More Emergency Repairs, Closures on Waterways

by Marcia Merry Baker

The mid-August shut-down of the McAlpine Locks at Louisville for emergency repairs, which rendered Ohio River shipping out-of-service for 10 days, is just the most dramatic of many such events now taking place on key parts of America's inland waterways, long overdue for overhaul. Many installations are over 70 years old, and Army Corps of Engineers care cannot make up for their structural fatigue. **Figure 1** maps the sites of some of the recent emergency repairs and threatened closures. For the repair to a cracked lock gate Aug. 19-21 at the Rock Island, Illinois dam on the Mississippi River, the Corps had to install its *last temporary gate available* on the Mississippi system!

Pending but stalled Congressional legislation would authorize a 50-year project by the Army Corps to modernize the 26 locks and dams of the Upper Mississippi/Illinois Rivers. (<http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/umr-iwwsns/>). Brig. Gen.

Don T. Riley, Commander of the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division, spoke of the "ever-aging river navigation system" in May when the Corps' plans were released, commenting that the proposed improvements—including to riparian ecology—would "ensure these rivers remain a national treasure for generations to come."

Lyndon LaRouche, who backs a build-up of the Army Corps itself, is leading a national mobilization not only for this urgent rivers project, but for an emergency "Super-TVA" approach to national infrastructure building (rail, aviation, water supplies, land reclamation, urban utilities systems, health care, nuclear power), as the only realistic response to the economic breakdown process.

There are bi-partisan sponsors among Mississippi Basin Senators for the Upper Mississippi/Illinois project (S. 2470), including Kit Bond (R) and Jim Talent (R) from Missouri; Richard Durbin (D) and Peter Fitzgerald (R) of Illinois; Mark Dayton (D) and Norm Coleman (R) of Minnesota; Tom Harkin (D) and Charles Grassley (R) from Iowa; and Mark Pryor (D) of Arkansas. Over August, Durbin stumped for the Army Corps projects in Illinois. At the local level, it's a "no contest" issue almost anyplace on the waterways. For example, in Louisville's 3rd C.D. Democratic contender Tony Miller backs Army Corps funding; incumbent Anne Northup (R) also supports her "local" McAlpine Locks project, though otherwise an ideological neo-con who opposes the very principle of infrastructure.

This only illustrates the political point that while almost no one but Tom DeLay favors floods, shutting down navigation, throwing people out of work, etc., the crucial leadership issue—for both parties—is: Who will mobilize the public to think and vote like citizens again? This is the purpose of LaRouche's *Real Democratic Party Platform* and the LaRouche Youth Movement. Louisville is one of the key locations where the youth have been organizing through town meetings, walking tours, and rallies.

'Fatigue Failures'/ Emergency Repairs

The map shows five sites of recent emergency repairs on the locks and dams of the Upper Mississippi/Ohio River systems.

Louisville, Kentucky: On

FIGURE 1



Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



The crane “Quad Cities” here lowers into position a temporary gate, in the lower gates of the main chamber at Lock and Dam 15, on the Mississippi River, in Rock Island, Illinois, to replace a cracked structure removed for repairs off-site. This is the last temporary gate the Army Corps of Engineers has available for emergency use on the Mississippi.

Aug. 19, the Army Corps reopened the McAlpine Locks after gate repairs were finished three days in advance of its Aug. 22 deadline. Seventeen barge tows began to move again. On Aug. 9, the Corps had shut the lock in order to repair metal-fatigue cracks in the main gate of the 1,200-foot-long chamber, found by diver-inspectors in May. There is no redundancy of locks at Louisville, nor at some other key lock installations on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, because replacement and modernization have been delayed for many years, under “fiscal restraint” Federal policy. At present, the Corps is replacing McAlpine’s two old 600-foot auxiliary locks with a new 1,200-foot-long chamber, to provide twin modern passageways—a construction job that should have been done 15 years ago, when the existing 1,200-foot lock was only 25 years old, and not subject to metal fatigue. All the Corps can do now, is schedule frequent diver-inspections, and hope not to find more structural breakdowns.

Lock and Dam 15, Rock Island: At this Mississippi River site at Quad Cities (northern-most box symbol on the map), the Army Corps had to install its last spare set of gates for the Mississippi, during the August emergency repair work, shutting down the entire flow of Mississippi River barge traffic. Corps inspectors found large cracks along the bottom of two of its massive gates—with the metal cracked all the way through. “It’s something that you’re going to see more and more of as time goes on,” asserted Bill Gretten, the operations manager for the Corps on the Mississippi River. “The locks are 70 years old. They were designed to last 50. It’s a fatigue failure.”

These emergency repairs to the main chamber at Lock and Dam 15, which spans the Mississippi River between Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois, are not the only problem. The auxiliary lock has been shut down since last Summer, due to cracks, rust, and damage to two of its gates. In addition, locks 19, 22 and 27 downstream have undergone significant repair work. As a result, a Corps spokesman acknowledged that another lock breakdown would cause traffic to a halt along the entire Mississippi.

Lock 27: Repairs started July 26 at the 51-year-old Chain of Rocks Canal on Lock 27 (southernmost box symbol on Figure 1), after bolts, that help the lock gate swing open and shut, began breaking off. The main 1,200-foot chamber has now had its upper gate bolts replaced; and the Corps intends to replace the lower gates in the near future. During the recent closure, barge

tows were broken down and moved through a smaller, 600-foot chamber. Through this Mississippi system of locks passes 60% of U.S. grain exports.

The decades-long lack of funding for the Corps, preventing timely replacements and upgrades, is now so bad that simple “M&O”—maintenance and operation—cannot take place, and it faces shutting down structures outright. A few threatened sites are shown on the map.

Kaskaskia: On this tributary of the Mississippi, in southern Illinois, the lock may have to be closed permanently, and even the dam revert to “no-staff” at-a-distance electronic monitoring.

Oachita/Black River: The four locks and dams on this channel—two in Arkansas, and two in Louisiana—feeding into the Lower Mississippi River, were threatened with shutdown as of Oct. 1, because the proposed Cheney/Bush FY2005 budget contained only \$2 million a year, instead of the minimum \$10 million required; then in May, the White House announced an emergency reprieve, promising another \$8 million. A hue and cry had been organized by Democratic Party state legislators and Congressmen. But there is no certainty.

Willamette River: This flows into the Columbia at Portland, Oregon. A closure is planned Oct. 1 by the Corps of Engineers, for the Willamette Falls locks and dam in Oregon City, due to *zero Federal funding for FY2005*. Losing these locks, operated by the Corps since 1915, will be a huge blow to residents and businesses in cities such as Eugene, Salem, and Portland.

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Top Priority for Germany: Create 8 Million Jobs!

by Rainer Apel

The Monday protest rallies in Germany, which were sparked by Helga Zepp-LaRouche in July, keep expanding, in spite of intensified counter-propaganda by the government, widely circulated by the media. On Aug. 30, demonstrations took place in about 200 cities, mostly in eastern Germany, with a total turnout of at least 150,000 citizens, and more and more such rallies, in protest against the government's new budget-cutting round (the "Hartz IV" package), are being held in smaller cities all across Germany. The protests are now spreading to Austria and Poland as well.

Whereas in Germany's big cities, the notorious leftist "protest professionals," with their Baby-Boomer ideologies ("The Good Life Now" is a main slogan of the Attac organization), tend to dominate events, it is the average citizen, concerned about the creation of new jobs, who is turning out in many of the smaller cities. "I do want to work, but where is the job?" reads a typical, homemade picket sign taken to the streets by a citizen, who also insists that real jobs at full pay be created, instead of the make-work jobs at a pay of 1 euro per hour which the government keeps talking about.

"What we need is real jobs that can feed a family, not make-work opportunities that don't," Sabine Zimmermann, chairwoman of the southern Saxon Vogtland district of the German Labor Federation (DGB) told this author in August. Zimmermann reported that she was very positively surprised at the attendance at her first speaking engagement at the Monday demonstration in Plauen on Aug. 9; citizens who work in the region's industry came to the rally straight from their jobs.

The LaRouche Intervention

The problem with many of the rallies is that the organizing committees that have been hastily thrown together—in

response to the four weeks of the LaRouche movement's Monday rallies in Leipzig and several other cities in the eastern state of Saxony, between July 12 and Aug. 2—often evade the question of how to create jobs. The citizens, however, want an answer to exactly that question, and pressure has increased on rally organizers to arrange citizens' round-tables, to put questions of the real economy on the agenda.

This also explains why representatives of the LaRouche movement, especially the LaRouche Youth Movement, and the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity party (BüSo), which Mrs. LaRouche heads, were invited to address Monday rallies in 11 cities on Aug. 30: Dresden, Hoyerswerda, Kamenz, Zwickau, Freiberg, Aue (all in Saxony), and Potsdam, Perleberg, Königswusterhausen, Brandenburg, Fürstenwalde (all in the state of Brandenburg). And unlike the dominant national media, the regional media covered the BüSo interventions honestly. For example in Perleberg, the *Märkische Allgemeine* wrote that "Frank Hahn from the BüSo demanded the creation of 8 million jobs through great projects, among them building the Transrapid [maglev train]." In Potsdam, BüSo speaker Tina Rank of the LaRouche Youth Movement was approached by citizens who had listened to her speech, thanking her with the words: "This is finally something with substance—you guys are super!"

The "Manifesto" which BüSo Chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche had published on Aug. 17, to get the discussion focussed clearly on the real economy (see *EIR*, Sept. 3), is now being widely circulated.

The central issue in this Manifesto, as well as a mass leaflet that went into circulation on Sept. 6, is the necessity of creating 8 million new jobs in the productive sector of the



The LaRouche movement's BüSo party leads a demonstration in Plauen on Aug. 24. Although many parties and social forces are protesting against the Berlin government's austerity policies, it is the BüSo alone which has a solution to the global crisis.

German economy over a period of no longer than ten years, with minimum annual investments of 100 billion euros. By comparison, real unemployment, which is at about 8.5 million in Germany (almost twice the figure given in the official statistics), presently burdens the German nation with annual expenses of 230 billion euros.

The BüSo program is centered around large infrastructure and technology projects, financed through government-directed credit generation in the range of 100 billion euros a year. These funds, generated through new public credit institutions and the existing Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Reconstruction Finance Agency, KfW), will trigger another 100 billion euros a year in additional private investments.

The backlog in German municipal infrastructure investments, according to the official estimates, amounts to 630 billion euros. Including the infrastructure on the Federal and state level, there is a backlog in public capital investments of 1,000 billion euros. A billion euros of such investments typically leads to the creation of 25,000 jobs, half in the construction sector and the other half in all other sectors. This immediately leads to reduced public costs of unemployment of a half-billion euros, which means that for the government, these investments are about 50% self-financing.

In the private sector, the existing volume of physical capital—buildings, machines, other equipment—is not nearly sufficient to allow for the creation of several million new jobs. In the industrial sector, capacity utilization is at around 85%. Therefore, capital-formation on a huge scale,

in particular in the industrial sector, is required to achieve full employment.

The industrial sector has to be at the center of the job creation program. At least five of every eight new jobs should be industrial jobs. In view of an average capital intensity in the industrial sector of 120,000 euros per job, there is the need to expand the physical capital in all the industrial branches by a total of 600 billion euros. For the entire private sector, roughly 1 trillion euros in additional physical capital has to be formed to allow for 8 million new jobs. Including public infrastructure, the German economy therefore needs 2 trillion euros in investments in order to reach full employment. With 200 billion euros of additional investments per year, this goal can be achieved within a decade.

As most of the new jobs will be productive full-time jobs, the additional output volume of the German economy would reach a dimension of 500 billion euros.

Hottest Situation in Eastern Germany

It is a great advantage of the eastern Germans, that they still remember their life in the former East German state, which—worn-out as its economy may have been—did employ almost 50% of its labor force in productive industry; before German reunification in 1990, the West German state employed a bit more than just a third of its labor force in industry. Since 1990, eastern Germany has been largely deindustrialized, under the dictate of free-market ideologies, but Germans in the east have not fully made the paradigm shift from industrialism to post-industrialism, which is, unfortunately, typical of most Germans in the west. “If you have big industries here, you also will have the *Mittelstand* [small and medium-sized industry] that supplies them, and you will have the crafts, which will live from the orders they get from the industry and from the consumer, who earns a real income, instead of the jobless support on which many over here depend,” an engineer from a city near Magdeburg, the capital of the eastern state of Saxe-Anhalt, told this author.

With many such discussions and many new contacts made, the LaRouche movement, especially its Saxony election campaign intervention force of about 50 organizers of the LaRouche Youth Movement, is in a good position to play its crucial role for making the real economy the top priority of the coming Monday rallies.

Germany's New Historic Chance: 'This Time We Will Win!'

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

The following has been edited from Helga Zepp-LaRouche's remarks by telephone on Aug. 15 to an East Coast weekend cadre school of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in the United States. Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche is the chairwoman of the political party, Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität, or Büso), and led her party's German slate in the June 10-13 European Parliament elections.

In the wake of these elections, in which no party or candidate outside of those associated with Lyndon and Helga LaRouche had showed any leadership, other than to address the rapidly crashing economy with austerity, befitting Hitler's Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht, Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche determined to make the Sept. 19 elections in the state of Saxony a national campaign. She deployed her party and the LaRouche Youth Movement to stop Germany's Schachtian "reform," called Hartz IV, by reviving the Monday demonstrations against the East German communist regime, which had begun in Saxony's capital city of Leipzig, by throwing out the alternative of economic development and cultural optimism.

She begins by referring to Lyndon LaRouche's remarks the preceding day, in which he traced the history of his forecast of the direction the international economy would take, and his interventions to return to a policy of economic development, rather than monetarist speculation and debt strangulation. A central feature of this was his proposal for a ballistic missile defense system, what became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, based on strategic defense, which development could be shared by the United States and the Soviets, and end the nuclear terror that had gripped the post-war world.

So, I will tell you a little bit more today of the same subject, what Lyn was talking to you about yesterday, because there is a whole other dimension to it, which is the way the peaceful revolution actually happened in 1989. Because you absolutely have to understand that, to appreciate what we are doing today in Saxony, and why what we are doing in Leipzig, Dresden, Plauen, and the other cities of Saxony is a direct continuation of the missed chance of '89, which we intend to make successful this time.

Now, remember that Lyn was the only one, who, in 1983, after the whole process of the SDI, had predicted the collapse

of the Soviet Union in five years. Now, the reason why it is important to review this, is because the people in the East—and Saxony in that sense is part of the East, despite the fact that Germany is unified—people in the East have experienced already once, that a system can collapse. And that is a fundamentally different experience than what people think of, in Western Europe and the United States, and other places, which did not undergo this change.

Now, when Lyn predicted in 1983 that the Soviet Union would collapse, this was based essentially on two readings, two assumptions: 1) that there were inherent reasons, axiomatic reasons, why the Communist system would eventually collapse. Essentially, it was because of what the Soviet economist Preobrazhensky, in the 1920s had advocated: namely that it was legitimate to do primitive accumulation, against the people, against the industrial capacity, and against the infrastructure of the Soviet Union, in order to build up socialism in the Soviet Union.

Now, however, you can not loot a system for a long period of time, without renewing the present operating basis, which is what primitive accumulation actually does, without causing, eventually the collapse of such a system. And, that's exactly that's we're looking at today, in terms of the so-called "globalization."

But, there was some more imminent reason, that the rejection of the SDI, as it was proposed by Lyn, was done in favor of the famous Ogarkov Plan, which, as we later could confirm, when the D.D.R. [East Germany] and the Soviet Union had collapsed, was actually a plan to take over the world—like a Soviet version of what the neo-con idea of a world empire is. And, then, we correctly identified, that if these two policies would prevail, namely their refusal to accept Lyn's and then subsequently Reagan's offer, to apply a science-driver principle to the Soviet economy, that it would lead to the collapse, and that the idea of having a military buildup, without the application of new physical principles and science coming from the military sector, the Soviet Union would collapse.

Now, in October 1988, when Lyn was making the famous speech in the Kempinski [Bristol] Hotel in Berlin, already could see very clearly, that at that point, all signs, from a standpoint of physical economy, pointed in the direction that the entire economy of the Comecon (which was the name for the economic union of the Soviet Union and the other East



Lyndon and Helga LaRouche at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin, Oct. 11, 1988. The next day, Lyndon LaRouche forecast the early reunification of Germany—something nobody else was expecting—and a little over a year later, the ugly Wall came down.

European countries), was collapsing. So, he, in this famous speech, predicted that the Soviet economy would collapse, and proposed a soon-to-be-had German unification, with Berlin as the capital. And he said: Well, Poland is undergoing tremendous economic problems, and let's develop Poland as a model for all of Eastern Europe, through the unified Germany.

Now, this was a very severe moment, because, as you know, three weeks later, Lyn was basically tried in the "rocket docket" court in Alexandria, without any due legal process, in something which [former U.S. Attorney General] Ramsey Clark would later call the biggest legal travesty in American history, by condemning Lyn essentially to go to jail to never come out alive. And Lyn actually did go to jail in January '89. And it is very clear to me, and I have no question in my mind, that one big component why they wanted to throw Lyn into jail at that point, was because the Soviet economy was collapsing, and there were people inside the Soviet Union who actually knew that; and I'm pretty sure that was also true among those people who conducted the campaign against Lyn. And it was actually one of the biggest crimes against humanity, to put Lyn into jail, at a moment when his not being in jail would have made a huge difference, in terms of his possible impact, affecting this great historical moment.

Year of Historic Change

So, that happened in January '89. Now, '89 was the year of the big historic change, because that was the year in which the peaceful revolutions in Eastern Europe started, which eventually would sweep away the Communist system, which had lasted for 70 years.

Now, in June '89, Gorbachov came to Germany, and while Gorbachov was extremely disliked in the Soviet Union,

because people regarded him as somebody who was a traitor, selling out to the West, the people in Germany greeted him in a completely frenzy, yelling "Gorby! Gorby! Gorby!" completely brainwashed by the media.

That was in June, and already by the end of June, it was clear that the D.D.R. had tremendous supply difficulties: They could not deliver the most simple goods, and while people in the D.D.R. were used to having enormous waiting periods—for example, when you would order a "Trabi," which was one of these little D.D.R. cars, totally joke cars, but you had to wait 12 years! And then, after 12 years, you got your Trabi, and you would realize you didn't have a fifth, spare wheel, or some other part of the Trabi would be missing. And then you would stand for another two days in line to get this part, and they would close the window where they were selling this stuff, just as you got there. So, people were used to unbelievable supply difficulties—but not like this, where the most fundamental things started to be not there, in the end of June.

So, at that point the regime of the D.D.R. came under tremendous pressure. And when Seiters, who was a West German politician close to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, went to East Berlin in the beginning of July, he realized for the very first time that the D.D.R. economy was about to go bankrupt.

Happy Accidents of History

So then, after 40 years of complete dictatorship, something very strange happened. And this is actually something you would understand, if you apply Schiller's idea of history: namely that man is greater than his destiny, but there can be also accidents, which you do not control. Historical processes are not entirely man-made, but sometimes something happens, which seemingly doesn't make any sense. And such a

strange thing happened in August '89, where people in the East, who were not allowed to travel West, had accepted that for decades—all of a sudden, out of the blue, they insisted they wanted to travel to the West.

So, all of a sudden, you had hundreds of refugees, seeking refuge in the West German embassies in Budapest, in Prague of Czechoslovakia, and in the permanent diplomatic representation of West Germany in East Berlin (because there was no embassy, but just a so-called “permanent representation”), where, all of a sudden, in the month of August, 130 persons gathered.

Then, on Aug. 25, 1989, there was a secret meeting between West Germany and Hungary, which took place in Bonn, discussing this refugee crisis, because all these hundreds of refugees were sitting without food, without sanitation, in the embassy. So, that whole process exploded.

And in September '89, where the Monday demonstrations had just started, really beginning of September, to become sizable. Before it was just some handful of people walking around with candles around St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig. The so-called New Forum, first civil rights organization, was founded in East Berlin. Then the Monday demonstrations started to pick up a little bit of steam, in September. And, then, on Oct. 6, in 1989, there was the 40-year celebration of the existence of the D.D.R. The Monday demonstrations had already swelled, to be hundreds of thousands of people.

At that point—you must imagine—on Oct. 6, you had, on the one side 100,000 people in the street, in Leipzig and also beginning in East Berlin; but, you had the anniversary military parade of the D.D.R., with gigantic tanks, missiles, army troops, armored cars, and so forth. And it was on the absolute edge: Either it would go the military way, or these demonstrations would continue. At that point, Erich Honecker, who was the head of the D.D.R. government, made the statement, which later became famous, that “socialism would last at least another thousand years.” And then, he said, in German and I'm now translating into English, “Socialism in its course is unstoppable, by ox or donkey.” (“*Sozialismus in seinem Lauf halten weder Ochs noch Esel auf.*”)

So, at that point, in the West, people basically were completely taken by surprise, because everybody was saying, “the whole idea of a German unification was the lie of the century; it's the official goal of German policy, but it will never happen.” And so, people were completely caught by surprise. One day later, on Oct. 7, 1989, Gorbachov, who had visited for this military parade in East Berlin and elsewhere, came to the conclusion that the [East German communist party] SED leadership was completely unable to reform, and therefore had to change. Then, about ten days later, on Oct. 18, Honecker was toppled by the SED leadership, and kicked out—only 12 days after he had said that socialism would last a thousand years.

Now, beginning of November, one of the key negotiators

from the D.D.R., called Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, met with his West German counterpart, Rudolph Seiters, and basically, they said that the D.D.R. was completely bankrupt.

Now, on Nov. 8, I wrote an article, called the “Five-Point Program for the Development of Poland,” which was the proposal that Kohl and French President François Mitterrand should immediately go to Moscow, speak openly with the Soviet leadership, saying, “Look, the Soviet economy is collapsing. People are going hungry. And Germany and France are offering to help, provided you allow self-determination for Germany and Poland.” And, that all of this should be put on the table to avoid bloodshed, and to have a peaceful solution.

Now, in that period, you have to understand, I could not even talk with Lyn on the telephone directly, because he could not speak. He was sitting in jail, in this incredibly important moment.

The Day the Wall Came Down

Now, on the same day, Nov. 9, Kohl went to Warsaw.

The same day, 700,000 people gathered at the Monday demonstration at Leipzig, and 700,000 people gathered in East Berlin.

And then, again, one of these very strange accidents of history occurred, because the spokesman for the D.D.R. government, called Günter Schabowski, appeared in a press conference to announce new travel conditions for people to go to the West: And this was misunderstood, and misheard, and misread—and people just misheard it, that this would mean the opening of the Berlin Wall. And the people were storming, by the hundreds, by the thousands, in Berlin to the Wall, climbing the Wall. And the same border control guards, who previously had the famous order to shoot—and they did shoot many times, when people tried to cross the Wall—they were so flabbergasted and so shocked about the people, and the news that the Wall would be opened—which it was not! But, there was just such confusion, that almost by accident, this Wall was opened, because nobody dared any more to defend it.

So, some of you may remember the images, where people were dancing on the Wall. Relatives who had not seen each other for years or decades, were crying with joy, falling into each others' arms, and just celebrating and jubilant, that this process had taken place.

Now, many years later, in July 1998, the German government published the secret documents concerning the policy in Germany of this period. And this was the documentation of the secret and confidential files from this period, memorandums, notes of telephone calls, and so forth—and this documentation starts, actually, with the first sentence, that nobody in Germany in the Spring of '89 had any expectation about the forthcoming German unification. And, what this document also made very clear, is that, at that moment, in '89,



The Berlin Wall comes down in November 1989, taking the West German government completely by surprise. A month before, East Germany's Erich Honecker had boasted that "socialism would last at least another thousand years."

Germany was a completely occupied country; that the three Western powers [U.S., Britain, and France] had the last word in every respect [in West Germany]. That nobody could do anything sovereign in Germany, but that the Western powers still regarded Germany as a completely occupied country.

Vicious Campaign To Stop Unification

All right: So, here you had it. The Wall opened. The West German government was completely caught by surprise. Nobody had any idea what to do. And immediately, the three Western powers started an unbelievable campaign, to prevent the German unification from happening.

Margaret Thatcher, the evil bag lady—she was famous for having this terrible hand-bag all the time—she was absolutely dead-set determined to prevent German unification. And her minister, with the name of Nicholas Ridley, launched the most unbelievable “Fourth Reich” campaign against Germany, saying that, what’s happening now in Germany, all these efforts to unite Germany, East and West, were really an effort to turn Germany into a Fourth Reich. That this was the third time in the 20th Century that Germany would try to gain dominance over Europe: the first one being the Emperor, the second one being Hitler, and now the third one being this. Which was *really* unbelievable, because poor Kohl, the Chancellor at the time: You could say many nasty things about him, but you could not accuse him of being a new Hitler.

So, that was from England.

Then, from the United States, you had Bush Sr., who was also dead-set against the Germany unification. But, because

he had more moderate advisors, who were somewhat dampening the influence of Cheney, Rumsfeld, and the neo-cons—Scowcroft, and Eagleburger, and so forth—advised Bush that if he were against German unification, the United States would lose any influence in Europe. And therefore, they advised him to agree to unification, but to induce Germany to apply a policy of self-containment, to cut Germany down by self-containment.

And Mitterrand, who was the President of France at that time, basically also had the policy to prevent unification. But then, when he realized that it was unstoppable, insisted that Germany had to give up its currency, the deutschemark, and agree to a European Monetary Union as a way to destroy the strong German economy.

Now, remember, in this period, in November '89, it was completely unclear what would happen. There was no script; there was *nothing* fixed. It was completely unknown, and unclear, what would be the reaction of the Soviet Union. Would they go in a military way against a peaceful revolution? What would Honecker do? Would he use the army against the peaceful demonstration? Would there be violence? And after all, remember that previous efforts by the people of Eastern Europe to stand up against the Communist system, were always destroyed in a bloody way: the famous June 17, 1953 in the D.D.R.; then the famous Hungarian upheaval in 1956; and actually, the similar idea of the Prague Spring in 1968, in Czechoslovakia, which each time Soviet tanks had smashed.

So, it was a big question mark: What would happen? It

took tremendous courage and tremendous nerve, in this situation, from the side of the peaceful demonstrators. Lyn was talking yesterday, about what his specific role had been in the preparation for this.

‘Beloved Germany, Continue’

Now, on Nov. 21, I wrote a letter to Kohl, again saying Germany and France had to take the initiative, to develop Poland with Western technologies, to basically develop the infrastructure of Eastern Europe, as a way to bring peaceful economic development into this chaotic situation. The same day, on Nov. 21, Portugalov, who was the representative of the Central Committee of the Soviet Union, met in Bonn with Hans Teltschik from the Chancellor’s office, and afterwards wrote in a report, that obviously, he had come to the conclusion that the Soviet ideas about unification were much further developed than those in Germany.

One day later, on Nov. 22, I wrote a leaflet which had the headline: “Beloved Germany, Continue.” Which appealed to the unbelievable emotional upheaval and elevation of the people, and then said: Okay, we have to turn it into infrastructure development of the East.

Now, we were the *only ones* who wrote leaflets at that time. There was absolutely nobody, who had any idea what to do!

One day later, on Nov. 23, Kohl had the first meeting with his staff, to discuss plans for the unification—that was the first time. On Nov. 27, Kohl wrote a letter to Mitterrand, telling him that the earliest possible time for a European Monetary Union would be in ’92, because, if he would abandon the deutschemark too early, it would smash the German economy, and it would ruin all of Europe as a consequence, and therefore the European Monetary Union, and the single currency, the euro, should not occur before ’92.

Then, on Nov. 28, Kohl made only the very first step in terms of German sovereignty, by announcing a famous ten-point program—which he did not coordinate with Bush or Thatcher or Mitterrand—and this was a complete violation of the four-power, or the three-power, Western power occupation of Germany, and it is the only time, that Germany made such an independent step.

Now, this ten-point program did not even propose a unification. It proposed a “confederation” of East and West Germany. It was a meager plan, because, as I said earlier, the government admitted that they did not have a contingency plan, and this ten-point program was the first time this actually went in this direction.

Now, what were these ten points? First, emergency measures to give a new dimension to traffic between East and West; medical care, humanitarian cooperation, to set up a fund to finance all of this. Secondly, that the West German government would continue the cooperation with the D.D.R. (assuming that the D.D.R. would remain an independent state), in the fields of economics, science, and environment,

and that a train should be built from Moscow to Paris. Third, free elections should be worked for, as soon as possible, and the relation between the two states should be improved. So, they always anticipated, or assumed, that the two-state condition would remain. Fourth, confederate structures in the context of Europe. Sixth, the European Union should be expanded to the East. Eighth, the CSCE process should be continued—that’s the Conference on Security and Economic Cooperation in Europe. Ninth, disarmament should continue. Tenth, that German unification would remain the goal.

Now, that was, as I said, the first step in the direction of German sovereignty.

Blackmail and the Herrhausen Murder

Anyway, after this first baby step in the direction of sovereignty, two days later, on Nov. 30, Alfred Herrhausen, who was the president of Deutsche Bank, was assassinated by a so-called “third generation” of the RAF [Red Army Faction] (that’s the Baader-Meinhof Gang, which everybody knows was a fiction, and did not exist).

Now, one day earlier, I wrote another leaflet called “What 80 Million Germans Can Do as a Force for Good in the World.” And that already assumed that with 80 million, it would be one country. And again, *we were the absolutely only ones who had anything to say.*

So, Herrhausen was killed, why? Because he was the only banker, and the only person outside of ourselves, who proposed a crash program for the economic development of Poland, using the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau [Reconstruction Finance Agency], meaning to go outside the condition of the IMF system. And he also demanded a debt reorganization of the Third World. And he was killed, as a clear warning to the German establishment, that they should absolutely not dare to step outside of the system.

Two days later, on the Dec. 2-3, Gorbachov and Bush met in Malta, and, as we suspected at that time, they were discussing ways to keep the condominium control over Europe, over Germany, and over the world.

On Dec. 4, Lyn, while sitting in jail, wrote a beautiful article how to use the German middle-level industry as a locomotive for this process. On Dec. 6, I wrote another letter to Kohl, about how Europe should counter the effort to keep the U.S.-Soviet superpower control over the world, by developing Europe into a superpower of economic progress, and proposing to invite Eastern Europe to participate.

Then, two days later, there was in Strasbourg, the summit of the European Union, which Kohl in his memoirs, describes as the “darkest hours” of his life, because, what happened? Kohl went to Strasbourg, and he was met with the most icy atmosphere, the most unbelievable cold shoulder by everybody else. And he was basically told that he had to agree to the European Monetary Union, give up the deutschemark right away, or else, all of Europe would not agree to German unification. At that point Henry Kissinger was warning of the new

Eastern Germany's Unique Experience

Helga Zepp-LaRouche was the guest on *EIR*'s Saturday internet radio program "The LaRouche Show" (found at www.larouchepub.com) on Aug. 28, in which she described how and why the Germans in the five former East German communist states are again leading the revolt against a great injustice, as they did in 1989.

The Hartz IV austerity policy is hitting the five former East German states much harder than the ten states that made up the original Federal Republic of Germany, she explained. "Because of the geostrategic policies after '89-'90, which affected not only East Germany, but also Eastern Europe, Russia, and so forth, you have a situation, where in the east German states, you have now 1.5 million fewer people living than in '89, because they moved to the west. . . . In Saxony, there are cities where the average age is 60 years! Now, you can imagine if the average age is 60 years, you have a lot of people in their 70s, and 80s, and 90s, and no youth. There's no industry! There was a complete deindustrialization, which was part of the geostrategic decision not to develop the East after '89." In Dresden, a centuries-old cultural mecca, there are now large pockets of poverty, and the city is "closing 43 schools this Summer . . . because they have no children any more."

When a System Comes Down

"But, after the people of East Germany had gone through this experience—well, it is quite a lifetime experi-

ence, that a system can vanish. Then, people were hopeful. They thought they had made a peaceful revolution. Kohl, who was the prime minister at that time, had promised . . . industrialization, and economic growth. But, obviously, this did not happen, and it did not happen because there was the strategic decision, by Bush Sr., Margaret Thatcher, and François Mitterrand. . . . Therefore the so-called 'reform policy' of the IMF, Jeffrey Sachs, the 'Polish model,' the 'shock therapy,' and all of these things were actually designed to prevent development of the east. And the deindustrialization, which then hit east Germany, was part of this geostrategic policy."

Worse, she said, after unification, east Germans were treated as second-class citizens. Employment opportunities for establishing "new systems, like economic systems, legal systems, police systems, bureaucratic systems, and so forth," weren't being offered to the new citizens from the east; not only were there hiring preferences for west Germans over their poor cousins from the east, but they were even given huge bonuses, akin to "combat pay," called the "Bush incentive." Therefore, she said, the east Germans, rather than becoming attached to the "free-market economy" saw it as just another looting operation—and furthermore, "they now see that this system is not functioning, either, and they say: 'Okay, one system came down. So, now, the second is coming down. So what? We want to have a future for our country and our family.' "

Therefore, the perception of the economic collapse, and the compulsion to act is "a completely different phenomenon" for Germans in the eastern states, she said. "It has developed a self-moving dimension, which does not need to be fueled, because it is moving. And nothing in the universe will put that genie back in the bottle."

German danger; [then-Soviet Foreign Minister] Shevardnadze was raving against the ten-point program of Kohl. And Kohl was completely smashed by the combination of Soviet-European-American opposition to the idea of a German unification.

All right. Then, on Dec. 19, Kohl went for the first time to Dresden. And there, he was received by jubilant masses welcoming him, and that, according to his own account, was the first time that he realized, that German unification was absolutely in the air, and not to be postponed any longer.

Star-Struck Moment for Mankind

So then, at the year end, Christmas/New Year '89-'90, this was actually an unbelievable moment, because the people in the East, and the people in the West, were elevated, like I have never seen in my life ever since, or before: It was truly a "*Sternstunde der Menschheit*" [roughly: a star-struck moment

for mankind]. I haven't found an English word yet—it's like, when the Christ child was born, the story goes that a comet appeared in the sky, in the heavens, and this is called a "*Sternstunde*," where a new age appears: something unbelievable, and everything would have been possible. People were better people for a short period of time.

On the German TV, on Christmas 1989, you had two times, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony—normally people would complain, you know, "Two times the Ninth Symphony, ugh, why do you have a repetition?" But not so: You had people longing for great Classical culture. One Ninth Symphony was conducted by the Leipzig conductor Kurt Mazur, and the other one was conducted by Leonard Bernstein, but people wanted to have great Classical music, and everything would have been possible! Because, if you had had a government with a vision, what to do, you could have changed the East-West relationship completely, and ended

a 20th-Century misery which had two world wars, Nazism, and so forth, and you could have made a new peace order, entirely.

LaRouche's European Productive Triangle

Now, at that point, with all the input from Lyn, we were working on this idea of the Productive Triangle. And by mid-January, we had the first pamphlet out—I don't know how many pages, maybe 30, 40 pages—with this idea of the Paris-Berlin-Vienna Productive Triangle: which was the idea to take the area within this triangle, which was the most productive triangle in the world, with the highest level of industry, and increase the productivity by investing into high technology, vanguard technologies, maglev trains, HTR reactors, biophysics, and other modern technologies, to increase the productivity, to use this triangle as a science-driver for the economy of Europe in general. And then, to take so-called “development infrastructure corridors” from Berlin to Warsaw, to Kiev, to the Balkans, and to basically make a kind of a Marshall Plan for the East. (Even though we didn't use the word “Marshall Plan,” because Marshall was not such a great guy, but the idea was on the table.)

So, at that point, it would have been very easy to do that. And the difference was, that we said, and Lyn said, “Let's not destroy the economies of the East, but let's use those industries, which may be obsolete from the standpoint of the word ‘market,’ but which are perfectly fine industrial capacities, and every Third World country would have been very, very happy to have them.” Because, if you take the East German, or Polish, or Hungarian industries, and you put them into Africa, or most places in Asia and Latin America, they would have been very, very happy to have them. They were just not modern enough from the standpoint of the world market. But, our idea was to use them to build up the infrastructure in the East.

Okay, that was mid-January. The same day we put out the program, the Stasi headquarters—the East German equivalent of the FBI headquarters—was stormed by the people. And so, the D.D.R. regime still existed, but they became weaker.

End of January, Margaret Thatcher escalated the Fourth Reich campaign, and basically everything was still in limbo. On Feb. 7, I wrote another letter to Kohl, sending him this Productive Triangle proposal, and one week later, I sent him a cultural program, by telling him, that now was the time to not only have an economic development program for the East, but to combine it with the great German Classical period, and have a “*Schillerzeit*” (“Schiller Time”), and that only in way, this historical moment could be used.

On Feb. 19, [U.S. civil rights heroine and Schiller Institute Vice President] Amelia Boynton Robinson went to the Monday demonstration in Leipzig and addressed more than 50,000 people.

On March 7, I wrote still another letter to Kohl, elaborating on the need to have a Classical Renaissance. Unfortu-

nately, he did neither: He didn't take the Productive Triangle, and he didn't go with the cultural Renaissance. But, what happened instead, people opened up porno stores, video stores, and basically, very quickly in the context of the ongoing year, the historical chance dwindled and dwindled.

Now, on Aug. 21, I sent an *EIR* study of several hundred pages to Kohl, because by that time, we had elaborated the program very much. And basically in the same letter, I warned Kohl, that the Anglo-Americans, and British and the American government, were preparing a new war in the Gulf—the old Gulf War. So, we warned half a year before the Gulf War happened, that it would happen for geostrategic reasons, and we also said, that the only way, how you could prevent this war from occurring would be that the Europeans would denounce it, and basically say, that this is a geopolitical effort to take the historical momentum away from Germany, and basically have a military alliance as a control mechanism.

Unfortunately, they did not pay attention. The Gulf War happened. But, I sent the same study to all the ministers, and I got several answers back from them.

Then, on Oct. 3, 1990, German unification happened. But, we kept organizing: In October, I went for the first time to Budapest, in Hungary, being invited by the Hungarian prisoner organization, which invited me, because Lyn was regarded to be a political prisoner of the United States. And there, I presented the program of the Productive Triangle, and then, on subsequent visits, also in Warsaw, in Prague, in Slovakia, and then later on in Ukraine, and Russia, and so forth.

All these presentations, and really literally hundreds of seminars and conferences for the Productive Triangle, naturally, were always combined with efforts to get VIPs, prime ministers, parliamentarians, to intervene for Lyn's freedom. And in this period, we gathered thousands of VIP signatures, which were basically then sent—especially after Clinton came to office—to the White House, with the idea that you would mobilize, like in the case of Mandela, a worldwide movement of people demanding the freedom of Lyn.

Okay, so we did this. But, then, in 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed.

Not Growth, But Free-Market Looting

In April '91, Rohwedder, who was the head of Treuhand, the organization which was dealing with the industries in East Germany, was assassinated, like Herrhausen. And, the Productive Triangle was not implemented, but instead, you had the implementation of the IMF shock therapy, Polish-model, Jeffrey Sachs, dismantling of the industries of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. And, under the so-called control of the Yeltsin clan, the “oligarchs” took over: They stole the oil, and other resources of the Soviet Union. And it was also clear, that it was the entire intention of the United States government—at least of the old Bush crowd, and Thatcher and these people—to turn the Soviet Union into

a Third World country of only raw-material producing: To dismantle the industry, turn it into a Third World country. Because, it was the assessment at that time, that the Soviet Union had more raw materials and better-skilled labor force than the United States. And, if they would be allowed to develop, an opponent on the world market would appear, which would be a rival to the idea of the United States, and therefore it should be discouraged.

But, remember, this was the same period in which the neo-cons, Cheney and Rumsfeld, already presented their plans for a world empire, using the occasion of the collapse of the Soviet Union, to move, without any reason, to turn the United States from a republic into an empire, which, as you know, was not going through at that time completely, but those plans were already there.

So, at that point, I made many speeches and wrote many leaflets, in which I warned, that if the mistake would be made by the West, to impose on the bankrupt system of the Communist economies, the equally bankrupt system of the free-market economy, that, in a couple of year, in some years, a collapse would happen much greater than even the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Well, they did exactly that: They imposed on the bankrupt Communist system, the equally bankrupt free-market model. And, therefore, you have, today, in 2004, a situation where, indeed, what we predicted, came true: Namely that the free-market economic system is as bankrupt as the D.D.R. was in '89.

Okay: So, that is the context in which the German government is about to repeat the same stupidity like the German government's bid in the 1930s, with the austerity policy of Brüning. And, you know, when the famous effort of Hartz IV, this is the legislation which is supposed to turn long-term unemployed into poor people, by forcing people to sell everything they possess, from possessions, to insurance for their old age, before they receive a single euro in any unemployment money—which in any case, is only 331 euros in the East—and it threatens to throw *millions* of people into complete poverty!

LYM Seizing the New Opportunity

Now, on July 7, 2004, I wrote a leaflet called, "*In Sachsen muß die Wirtschaft wachsen*," "In Saxony must the economy grow," you know, which is a rhyme—"Sachsen/wachsen" rhymes. And developing, basically, the need to reject this Hartz IV legislation and go for an industrialization process instead.

So, for about two weeks, the LYM people were the *only ones*, who distributed that leaflet, all over Saxony. We started the Monday demonstration, because everybody else was on vacation: We called the trade unions, we called the parties, and everybody was on holiday, and not there. But, after about two good weeks, people realized that we had, indeed, hit a completely raw nerve. And, so people started to say: Wait a second—we cannot let the Büso and the LYM take over this

absolute ferment, because, in the East, people have no sympathy with this system, because they feel that they have been completely cheated; and, even if they don't want to have the D.D.R. back, many, many people say that which they have now, is worse than even the worst periods of the D.D.R. And, these people are not nostalgic, they just feel that there is nobody home, who cares!

So, the first Monday demonstration we had in Leipzig, there were six people outside of ourselves. The second week, there were 30 people; the third week, 120 people; the fourth week, 200 people. And last Monday [Aug. 9], there were, all of a sudden, in all of Germany, 50,000 people demonstrating in 30 cities! A complete explosion had occurred. Pandemonium broke out in Berlin and other places, where the Economic Minister Clement came out saying, "These demonstrations have to stop right away. This cannot happen" (which naturally only encouraged people, all the more). And it took only from the July 7, and the first leaflet, to Aug. 11, before the Schröder government announced that they are adjusting the Hartz IV legislation, and that they make some concessions—which are minor and ridiculous, but at least, we caused the government to change!

And obviously, these demonstrations will continue, until more changes are occurring.

So, therefore, what is happening in Leipzig, and in Dresden, and Plauen, and other places, is actually the bill is coming due, and the continuation of the "lost chance of '89." But, this time, we will apply the lesson, and make sure that what caused the "chance of '89" to be a lost chance, is not going to be repeated: This time, we intend to win. This time, we intend to implement the Productive Triangle, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and combine it with a beautiful Renaissance of European and German Classical culture, of Bach. Many of these great composers and thinkers come from Saxony! Lessing, Bach, Leibniz lived there, Friedrich List, Mendelssohn, and many others.

So, we have started this Renaissance already, and there's no better way to get it across to the people, than through the beautiful bel canto-trained voices of the LYM, which already have taken the hearts and moved the souls of many people.

So, we are in a very fascinating, very happy, very revolutionary moment, and I'm now turning the word over to Daniel, Portia, and whoever else is on the phone.

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Bush Backs Ariel Sharon's Massive Settlement Expansion

by Dean Andromidas

Israel's Aug. 17 announcement of the approval of 1,000 new Israeli housing units for the occupied West Bank merely exposes once more the sham of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's so-called disengagement plan. More significantly, Sharon is now acting with the full support of the Cheney-Bush Administration.

The *New York Times* quoted a Bush Administration official who said weak statements made by the Administration following Sharon's announcement, reflect "a covert policy decision toward accepting natural growth" of some settlements, despite repeated past U.S. statements to the contrary. U.S. and Israeli officials admit that this policy was worked out with Sharon during the recent visit of Elliott Abrams, the top neo-con in charge of the Middle East on the National Security Council. The move makes a mockery of the Administration's own declared policy, the so-called Road Map for a Middle East peace, which calls for ending all expansion of settlements and removal of all outposts.

It is becoming more and more obvious that Sharon's "disengagement plan," and the Bush Administration's continued support, is just Sharon's latest scheme under which he can continue the relentless expansion of the settlement enterprise, crush the Palestinian resistance, and provide time for preparation for a new regional war. But the continuation of Sharon's policies, along with the Bush Administration's unqualified support, is raising fears among Jewish and Israeli leaders that Israel is becoming an immoral and racist state.

Just the Tip of the Iceberg

For the past several weeks a group of homeless Israelis has been living in tents just across the street from Sharon's

Jerusalem office. They are protesting Sharon's brutal economic austerity policies, which have left them, and many thousands of others, homeless. This pitiful sight did not stop Sharon from announcing the construction of another 1,000 housing units, built at the expense of the Israeli taxpayer. The only reason why the Israeli economy has not totally collapsed from the burden of this unbridled expansion, and ongoing war against the Palestinians, is the \$10 billion in loan guarantees that the Bush Administration has given Israel, at the expense of the American taxpayer.

When Israel started the settlement enterprise following the capture of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the 1967 six-day war, the first settlements were called "security settlements," whose alleged purpose was to be the "eyes" of Israel's advance defense line. In the 1990s, as international pressure against the settlements grew, including from the United States, a new term, "natural growth," was created to describe the expansion of current settlements. Far from being "natural," the settlement population doubled during the 1990s. Sharon now describes the building of Israeli homes in Palestinian areas as "consensus" settlements, "newspeak" for settlements that are within the "political consensus" in Israel. Sharon openly states that the expansion of these "consensus" settlements is part of his disengagement plan!

This new term has only been in vogue for a few weeks, and has already been used to justify thousands of housing tenders which have been approved by the government. The numbers are impressive. On Aug. 2, the government announced the approval of 600 housing units for the largest settlement on the West Bank, Ma'aleh Adumin. The announcement was still in the headlines when Elliott Abrams

was in Israel on Aug. 4. Sharon, as is his wont, lied, “No such plan exists.” Abrams acted as if he believed Sharon. Nonetheless on the same day, the Israeli Defense Ministry, which is responsible for approving new housing in the Occupied Territories, revealed that the 600 new units were personally approved by Sharon and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz last June.

That announcement was part of a plan to expand these “consensus” settlements. Construction will continue even beyond the current line of illegal settlement construction, which means more Palestinian land will be seized. Since most of these new settlements will be isolated by Sharon’s illegal Berlin-style Wall on the West Bank, the land has already been seized.

Then on Aug. 17, tenders for another 1,000 units were announced. On the same day, the Israeli mass circulation daily *Yediot Aharonot* reported that tenders for yet another 600 units would soon be released. Thus in a matter of weeks, Sharon has expanded the settlements by no fewer than 2,200 housing units, enough for expanding the settlement population by up to 10-20,000 people.

But all of this is the only the tip of the settlement iceberg. The Israeli daily *Ha’aretz* reported Aug. 24 that in the settlement of Upper Modi’in, every year 1,200 new housing units go on sale. No fewer than 6,000 new housing units are under construction. The plan is to expand this settlement of 27,000 inhabitants to 150,000!

The same is planned for the settlement of Betar, where construction has been going on irrespective of government announcements. The plan is to expand the population from 27,000 to over 100,000! In the settlement of Ma’aleh Adumin, the plan is to increase the population to 45,000. Thus the increase in these three settlements alone will increase the total population of the settlements by 50%!

This is in addition to almost 100 “illegal outposts” established under Sharon’s guidance since he came to power four years ago. Although under the Bush Administration’s own Road Map policy, these outposts were supposed to be removed, not one outpost has been dismantled. Quite the contrary, a growing number of these outposts have become new settlements with infrastructure being built, including roads, electricity, and water. All of this has been approved by the Israeli military, financed by various ministries, and approved by Sharon personally.

Peace Now condemned these latest announcements of new housing settlements, saying, “The boss has gone mad. Sharon has decided to scoff at his government’s promise to freeze construction in the settlements. Rather than disengagement he is carrying out massive occupation in Judea and Samaria [the West Bank].”

Meanwhile, despite the so-called disengagement plan calling for the evacuation of the settlements in the Gaza Strip, settlers there are building new and expensive hot houses on their farms. Settlement counselor Eran Sternberg explained,

“No one can plan his future on the basis of vague declarations by Sharon. What if nothing happens in the end? . . . We generally believe there will be no evacuation, and if we stop building it will make our stand weaker.”

Settlements Creating an Apartheid State

Bush’s decision to allow Sharon to make a mockery of his own policy does not surprise Israeli political observers. Akiva Eldar, in a commentary in *Ha’aretz* on Aug. 24, wrote that Bush’s full support for Sharon is obviously linked to the U.S. Presidential elections. “Last week,” Eldar wrote, “. . . Israeli diplomats in Washington reported on the growing panic in the Bush camp. A former senior White House official said that only a dramatic move or a wild gamble, such as replacing Vice President Dick Cheney with a candidate not tarred by the Iraq war, could save Bush. The Republican convention is the last possible date for such a move.”

Jewish leaders inside and outside of Israel are alarmed that Bush’s support is allowing Sharon to turn Israel into a racist Apartheid state. Henry Siegman, former President of the American Jewish Congress, in a commentary appearing in the Aug. 20 *International Herald Tribune*, denounced Sharon’s so-called disengagement plan as a fraud, warning, “Sharon and Israel’s right wing represent a radical departure from the dominant sensibility of the founders of the Zionist movement, such as Theodor Herzl, Max Nordau, Chaim Weizmann, and others. These founders were animated by progressive Western democratic concepts and could not have conceived of a Jewish state that would rule over a permanently disenfranchised people.

“It is one of the ironies of history that the Jewish people, who were disproportionately involved in struggles for universal human rights and civil liberties all over the world—and believed the Jewish national return to Palestine to be consistent with those values—should now be supporting policies of a rightist Israeli government that are in danger of changing the Jewish state into a racist enterprise. For if Sharon—with the support of Israelis, World Jewry and the United States—leverages his promised withdrawal from Gaza into an Israeli presence in the West Bank that is impossible to dislodge, a racist enterprise is surely what his policies will produce.”

Siegman concludes, “for its political leaders, and for many Israelis, real estate has become more important than justice, or peace, or the founding principles of Zionism.”

While Sharon is building lavish apartments and villas for the settlers, the majority of Israelis are seeing their living standards slashed as a result of Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s brutal economic policies. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been cut from education, social services, welfare, and pensions, Yet Israel’s defense budget and settlement budget have actually increased.

One of the biggest cuts in Netanyahu’s latest budget is a

25% cut in government grants to local municipalities within Israel proper. Many of these municipalities are already bankrupt, and tens of thousands of municipal workers have not been paid—many for over a year. Nonetheless, grants to the settlements have increased to the point where they are as much as 12 times higher than in Israel. For instance, the Israeli city of Beit Shamesh had its government grants cut back to 276 shekels (\$60) per person. The West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, with a comparable population and socio-economic situation, received no less than 6,000 shekels (\$5,300) per person! Kiryat Arba, just outside of the Palestinian city of Hebron, is the most extremist settlement in the West Bank. It was home to mass murderer Dr. Baruch Goldstein, and one of the hang-outs of Yigal Amir, the murderer of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The drive to expand the settlements is impoverishing the Israeli population, 25% of which lives under the poverty line, and it was recently reported that 46% of all Israeli families are unable to meet their monthly living expenses. Real unemployment stands at over 12%.

Israeli Knesset member Michael Melchior, expressing his alarm and outrage at Israel's descent into economic ruin and social impoverishment, declared in a commentary in the Aug. 19 *Ha'aretz*: "Israel, which defines itself as 'a Jewish Democratic state,' has become one of the most immoral states in the Western world. In one field Israel could win a gold medal, although not in the Athens Olympics. It is the income gaps between society's top tier and the lower tiers. These gaps compromise human dignity, and cast grave doubt on our right to be called a Jewish democratic society."

Melchior, an Israeli rabbi who is also the chief rabbi of Norway, is the leader of the Meimad party, a pro-peace religious party which is now united with the Labor Party. Melchior went on to write: "This is a society that abandons 366,000 of its children-at-risk and throws them into the street; a society that treats its foreign workers like animals, a society that despises its elderly and sends them to rummage through the garbage. . . . It is a society among the leaders in the world trafficking in women. Such a society is neither Jewish nor democratic."

Rabbi Melchior concludes by denouncing Netanyahu's tax break for the rich: "Instead of reducing taxes, the government would have done better to direct those NIS2.5 billion to health services, the single mothers, and the children at risk. Had it done so, perhaps the old couple who 'thanked' Netanyahu before committing suicide due to their economic distress could have thanked him in person. Had it done so, the government could have boasted that it was heading a Jewish, democratic state."

Whether Sharon decides to become Vice President Dick Cheney's "hand grenade" in a bid to start a new regional war with an Israeli strike against Iran, or simply to allow Sharon to continue his settlement enterprise, the Bush Administration's policy is clearly leading to Israel's destruction.

Bangladesh Heads Toward Lawlessness

by Ramtanu Maitra

A barrage of grenade attacks on a political rally of the opposition Awami League Party at Dhaka on Aug. 21, intended to assassinate the former prime minister and party chief, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, is one more indication that Bangladesh is heading pell-mell toward lawlessness, and could very well turn out soon to be a shelter for terrorists and religious zealots. The grenade attack, which killed at least 20 people, was as well orchestrated as it could be. Grenades were thrown from different directions on the rally addressed by Sheikh Hasina, considered by the Islamic zealots as secular and pro-India. When she was hurriedly moved to a waiting car, the car was sprayed with seven bullets. She came out unscathed, but it is evident that Bangladesh has not erased the scar of being a nation where political differences are decided through assassinations. A series of assassinations had highlighted Bangladesh's first ten years of post-independence politics. It seems that nothing much has changed.

Killer Vigilantes

Bangladesh, home to 147 million people, has become an even more dangerous place than it was in the 1970s, particularly for those who oppose lawlessness and vigilantism. What has made things worse is that the vigilantes now wear an orthodox Islamic garb, and work loosely with the "law and order" personnel. One Islamic vigilante group, called Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), has come to the fore since April 2004, and is now active in the northwestern Bangladesh districts of Rajshahi, Naogaon, Natore, Joypurhat, Rangpur, and Bogra.

This group is led by one Siddiqui Islam, widely known as Bangla Bhai. He earned his kudos as a vigilante friend of the local police by killing Maoist extremists, known collectively as Sarbahara. The Sarbahara had become active during the past year in western Bangladesh, eliminating local leaders of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Bangla Bhai is an admirer of Osama bin Laden, and according to press interviews given by the JMJB, the group is a votary of extremist Islamic leaders and scholars. JMJB leaders follow the militant ideals of the Taliban and spearhead a movement based on an Islamic fundamentalist conception of *jihad*.

But, behind the rag-tag JMJB, lies a wound that the post-independence Bangladeshis could not heal. The formation of an independent Bangladesh, separated by violent war from Pakistan in 1972 with more than adequate help from India,



lands of Arabia, money poured into Jamaat-e-Islam and other Bangladeshi pro-Islamic groups, to build mosques, as well as to “Islamize” the nation. The military also helped these groups generously. The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was formed in the 1980s, following the assassination of the second Bangladeshi President, Maj. Gen. Ziaur Rehman. The party was then nominally headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, wife of the slain President and a former beauty queen, but the real power remained in the hands of pro-Pakistan and pro-Islam military personnel. Presently, the ruling BNP has a political arrangement with the Jamaat-e-Islami and other Islamic groups masquerading as political entities. Begum Zia, now Prime Minister, and a veteran of Bangladeshi politics, continues to enjoy the support of the pro-Pakistan Army faction.

Following the grenade attack, Sheikh Hasina on Aug. 24 blamed Prime Minister Begu Khaleda Zia and Jamaat Chief Matiur Rahman Nizami for cooking up the plan to kill her, and observed that an “international inquiry” into the grenade attack would unveil the plot.

Drug-Gun Nexus

The anti-India and pro-Islam groups in Bangladesh were also helped by drugs and weapons. The shorelines of Bangladesh’s only port, Chittagong, are wide open to smuggling. Last April, a huge cache of arms, which included 10,000 weapons, 5,000 grenades, and 300,000 rounds of ammunition, all packed in boxes labelled “Made in China,” were seized. It is likely that most of the weapons were destined for delivery to the various rebel groups functioning in India’s northeast, seeking secession or autonomy.

Dr. Robert Bradnock, a senior lecturer at King’s College in London and an expert on South Asian affairs, pointed, in a recent paper, to India’s concerns about the ongoing insurrection in Assam, the largest state in northeast India. He is also of the view that during the last 5-6 years, the Indian government has made great efforts to persuade Bangladesh to give up sheltering these militants. New Delhi had made clear its peaceful intentions and its long-term strategic interest in a secure economic relationship with Bangladesh.

Bradnock further said that there is rising concern that Islamic fundamentalism is beginning to influence government policies in Bangladesh. Others have noticed the growing “Talibanization” of Bangladesh. Hundreds of Islamic *madrassahs* (religious schools) have cropped up along the entire stretch of the 2,400-kilometer India-Bangladesh border. These *madrassahs*, New Delhi claims, provide a nucleus for an Islamic *jihadi* and ISI proxy war against India.

Talibanization

On April 4, 2002, the *Far Eastern Economic Review* (*FEER*), a weekly published from Hong Kong, pointed out that while the Jamaat-e-Islami is moving cautiously toward its goal of establishing an Islamic state, its elevation to gov-

was not approved by a large number of Bangladeshis. This group includes the non-Bengali Muslim citizens of the erstwhile East Pakistan; a section of the Army which found strength and pride in being part of the powerful and professional Pakistani Army; the orthodox religious groups who considered the separation from Pakistan in 1972 by a “Hindu India” as a weakening of Islam in the subcontinent; and also those who felt a strong resentment in becoming a second-fiddle to the much-larger India.

Roots of Orthodoxy

In the political arena, the differences were clear. The pro-independence Bangladeshis were represented by the “secular” party, the Awami League, founded by Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, the first President of Bangladesh. The party, following Sheikh Mujib’s assassination in 1975, is now headed by Sheikh Mujib’s daughter—the target of the Aug. 21 assassination attempt—Sheikh Hasina Wajed. At the same time, the failure of the Awami League to provide a reasonably good administration in the 1970s and again in the 1990s, helped to weaken its political base.

The weakening of the Awami League, particularly since the early 1980s, strengthened in turn the pro-Islamic groups. The military, on the other hand, remained close to Pakistan and re-built its linkages with Islamabad, through Beijing. In the later years, the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) was given a firm base inside Bangladesh to help incite rebellion in India’s turbulent northeast. The Islamization of the Pakistani Army and ISI further helped the Islamic groups in Bangladesh. In addition, Bangladeshi orthodox Islamic groups benefited financially from the spread of Wahhabism in the post-oil-price-hike era in the 1970s. From the distant

ernment has encouraged other more extreme Islamic fundamentalist groups and individuals. They range from rabble-rousing cleric Maulana Ubaidul Haq to around a dozen radical groups often referred to as the Bangladeshi Taliban.

“They include the shadowy Harkat-ul Jihad-al-Islami (HUJI),” the *FEER* wrote, “which is believed to have been founded as an offshoot of a Pakistani group in 1992 with money and support from suspected global terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden. Western intelligence officials believe a certain Fazlur Rahman, who signed bin Laden’s February 23, 1998, declaration of holy war on the U.S. on behalf of the Jihad Movement in Bangladesh, is an associate of the now independent group.”

The Indian police and analysts also claim that the Harkat group has links with banned Islamic militant groups in Pakistan, such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Toiba, and in the Middle East. There is also evidence that Harkat members and Muslim refugees from Myanmar, known as the Rohingya, were sent to fight the Indian security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, the anti-Taliban forces in Afghanistan, and the Russians in Chechnya, since the late 1990s. Recently Pakistan arrested, in Dubai, Qari Saifullah Akhtar, a close contact between the Taliban and Osama bin Laden. Pakistani intelligence reported that he was in charge of directing the Rohingya. “Moreover, the radicals’ ranks are being swelled by graduates from the estimated 64,000 *madrasahs*, or religious schools, which have mushroomed in the past decade and are described by a retired high-ranking civil servant as a ‘potential political time bomb,’ ” *FEER* added.

Weak Response

But despite the clear evidence of creeping fundamentalism over the past decade, the current government is wholly unwilling to deal with it. The situation has been complicated by a section of the Army, which has opened the door to the fundamentalists in order to broaden the overall support-base to counter the “secular” and left-leaning policies of the Awami League. Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina Wajed, whose government was ousted in the October 2001 election, has said on many occasions that the BNP-led coalition government has created “a reign of terror across the country.” Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in turn, has accused the Awami League of being engaged in a “conspiracy to disrupt peace,” and pledged that her government is determined to “control terrorism with an iron hand.” In other words, notwithstanding what Begum Khaleda Zia proclaims, what happened on Aug. 21 was a disaster waiting to occur. But the BNP, wittingly or unwittingly, did not want to move against the forces of violent change. Among many signs of growing Islamic militancy in Bangladesh, none perhaps was clearer than the event on May 21, 2004, when a powerful homemade bomb rocked the Sufi shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal in the northeast of the country, resulting in the death of two men.

The bomb was either planted or hurled at devotees attending the Jumma prayer. An estimated 50-60 people received injuries from the blast. Among them was British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury, the newly appointed United Kingdom envoy to Bangladesh, who is originally from Bangladesh. His visit to the shrine was widely publicized. Therefore, there was no doubt that the bomb was directed at him.

But the Aug. 21 assassination attempt on Sheikh Hasina Wajed is another milestone on Bangladesh’s way to Islamic fundamentalism and lawlessness. The issue is now before Begum Khaleda Zia to decide whether she, like a number of leaders in Pakistan in the 1980s and 1990s, will allow this violent force to get bigger and more powerful, in order to benefit politically from its support through elimination of her democratic opposition. Or, will she finally realize the long-term threat that the growth of such lawlessness poses to the country?

Meanwhile, on Aug. 23, Britain, India, Pakistan, and the United States offered the Dhaka government help in its probe, at separate meetings of their envoys with Foreign Minister Morshed Khan. “We have offered to help in the investigation, we want to work with Bangladesh on the matter,” Veena Sikri, Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka, told journalists after her meeting with Morshed Khan. The Bangladeshi Foreign Minister held talks with U.S. Ambassador Harry K. Thomas, British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury, and Pakistani High Commissioner Manzar Shafiq to share the government’s concern with them. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan was “appalled” at the news of the grenade attack, his spokesman said in a statement. Strongly condemning the use of violence against civilians, the Secretary-General called for the perpetrators to be brought to justice, and urged all concerned to show restraint in the days ahead.

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Book Review

Some Refuse To Serve As Military Occupiers

by M. Woodward

Refusenik! Israel's Soldiers of Conscience

Peretz Kidron, ed; foreword by Susan Sontag
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During these satanic times of the beast-men Bush/Cheney, and their entourage of “us or them” colleagues, comes an oasis of a book of active Godliness; of those who chose jail rather than become part of the savage pack. These people take the Torah *mitzvot* to not oppress the stranger, and to pursue justice (unlike George Bush, who claims to have “consulted” with God before launching the war without end against Iraq).

Refusenik! is a book of letters and essays of Israeli citizens who have decided to refuse to serve in the “Israeli Occupation Forces.” The varied writings show how the most sublime of God-wrestlers have come to the not-so-easy decision to assert their humanity.

The inversion of such profound commitment is seen in the ranting of the United States’ dry-drunk, stupidest President in history, lazy George Bush’s oft-repeated remark to his Cabinet, that “I won’t negotiate with myself.”

Susan Sontag, in her foreword, salutes “those brave Israeli soldiers who refuse to serve beyond the 1967 borders. These soldiers, who are Jews, take seriously the principle put forward at the Nuremberg trials in 1945-46: namely, that a soldier is not obliged to obey unjust orders—indeed, one has an obligation to disobey them.”

The Four Mothers movement, in collaboration with a group of soldiers who formed Yesh Gvul (There Is a Limit!), gave birth to the refusal movement in 1982, in response to the invasion of Lebanon, which would most likely have become a part of Greater Israel were it not for their intervention.

Most of these letters are poetic, as evidenced by their titles: “I Am an Arab Jew”; “The Limit Is Human Life”; “Decent People Don’t Shoot Children”; “Discovering the Palestinians”; “In Solidarity With the Almond Trees”; “I Owe My Children at Least One Refusal”; “On the Festival of Free-

dom I Waive My Freedom (Or: What Shall I Tell My Daughter?)”. The political spectrum of their authors includes every imaginable background: children of survivors of the Holocaust; the son of close collaborators of self-proclaimed fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky; the soldier whose family has lived in Jerusalem for 28 generations; an immigrant from the United States who had refused to serve in Vietnam, but then joined the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF); the son of a signatory of Israel’s Declaration of Independence; the religious-national soldier; the leftists; the secular humanists.

The philosophy of these epistles are the words of Rabbi Hillel: “What is hateful to you, do not do unto others”; the thread that binds them is modesty. The writers claim no heroic endeavor in their refusals, just the simple desires to be able to look at themselves in the mirror, and to tell their grandchildren that they were not war criminals. These people also make clear the necessity of not simply going AWOL, or becoming “gray refuseniks”—those who oppose the occupation and get doctors’ notes, or who leave Israel just before getting called up for reserve duty. One Israeli quotes Martin Luther King’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”:

“I don’t preach evasion of the law. That would lead to anarchy. A man who violates unjust laws must do so openly, out of love and a willingness to accept the penalty. The individual who breaks the law that his conscience tells him is an unjust law, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment so to awaken the communal conscience to the injustice, truly expresses the highest measure of respect for the law.”

Refusenik! is not a book of pacifism; all of the writers are willing to serve Israel within the 1967 borders. Editor Peretz explains the necessity of mandatory conscription: “To put it bluntly: ‘alternative civilian service’ channels those youngsters with a social conscience and a developed political awareness into work in hospitals and homes for the elderly, and creates the danger that the armed forces will become the exclusive domain of gungho militarists, skinheads, and neo-Nazis!”

One of the most moving chapters in this book is “The Story of Yuval and Imad.” Yuval, a reservist who decided to refuse to serve in the occupied territories, was told he could perform his service within the ’67 borders. He was assigned to be a warden at the Megiddo (“Armageddon”) jail. Megiddo, geographically within the borders, is Israel’s Guantanamo, where Palestinians may be held indefinitely, without trial.

Yuval went to jail, and the Israeli daily *Ha’aretz* wrote about an unnamed Israeli who went to jail rather than be an accomplice to a crime. His story was picked up by the Palestinian journal *al-Quds*, which was available to jailed Palestinians.

Imad, in his 20th month of incarceration, saw the story and sent an open, impassioned letter to Yuval, which was published: “[P]lease, tell me, who are you? Is my freedom

really so important to you?”

Interwoven throughout this mosaic book are reproductions of Yesh Gvul’s polemical posters, leaflets, and declarations against the occupation. Also included is the Aug. 19, 2001 letter of refusal to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, by the *Shministim* (high school seniors), Israel’s youngest generation of refuseniks. While still students, these people stated they would not serve in the IDF until it withdraws from the occupied territories. Of the signatories, five—Noam Bahat, Matan Kaminer, Adam Maor, Haggai Matar, and Shimri Zameret—have been in jail for more than one and a half years.

“Israel Today Is a Prison,” by Kaminer, and “Militarism and Racism Have Reached a Fascist Level,” by Matar, are powerful letters of refusal.

Were Friedrich Schiller, the Poet of Freedom, writing today, of the Refuseniks, he would claim that “a great moment has found a great people.” For these are, indeed, beautiful souls who have elevated their emotions to the level of reason.

Refusenik! is must reading for every citizen of the world. (Of note: the website of Yesh Gvul was stolen since the publication of *Refusenik!* Their new website is www.yeshgvul.org.)

Interview: Dr. Anat Matar

A Call for Support

Dr. Matar is a professor of philosophy at Tel-Aviv University, mother of jailed refusenik Haggai Matar, and one of the contributors to Refusenik!. She was interviewed online by Mary Woodward.

EIR: Dr. Matar, the introduction to Haggai’s refusal letter says that he “comes from a family of political activists.” It is easier to look the other way; what motivated your family to care so much about others?

Matar: It is very difficult to answer such a question, naturally. I can tell you that my father’s biography has a lot to do with my upbringing, and also with Haggai’s (Haggai has always been very close to my father. He actually mentions this briefly in the letter printed in *Refusenik!*). My father fought against the Nazis as part of the Red Army, but had also the opportunity to see the German soldiers as human beings. His own communist education surely helped him develop a strong compassion towards all human beings, and I think this is what our family inherited from him. But of course this is only one thread among many. I was personally very moved by the literature I read as a child, and I’m sure it contributed a lot to the kind of person I am today.

EIR: In September 2002, you were one of many Israeli signatories, who, in an open letter to the international community, warned that “the Israeli government may be contemplating crimes against humanity,” and that measures had to be taken to prevent such crimes. What kind of response did the international community give to this warning?

Matar: On the face of it, nothing. But actually, at the moment I am sitting and writing this answer to you, in the Hague international court they are reading their decision about the Apartheid Wall . . . and indeed, it was the Wall that was initiated more or less when we wrote that open letter. Needless to say, the international community’s reaction to the Wall is not a result of our letter, but of many, many efforts of many people, but perhaps our letter added something to the overall.

EIR: Eleanor Roosevelt has been credited by historians as helping to procure the release of Bruno Bettelheim from the Nazi concentration camps. Dr. Bettelheim, however, suggested that her intervention may have caused his release to have been postponed. Do you think that the pressure that the peace activists throughout the world have put on the Sharon government to release the Five Conscientious Objectors may be having a spiteful backlash?

Matar: No, I don’t think so. There’s not enough pressure, and I’m sure that if there was more pressure, the boys could have been released by now. This is what happened, 20 years ago, with Gadi Algazi. But things are now different. There are voices that are marginalized and thus have, alas, no effect or only a minor one; and the major forces haven’t intervened in our case.

EIR: Is it at all possible that the Israeli army actually thinks that draconian sentences against the Refuseniks will terrorize them to the point of moral bankruptcy?

Matar: No, of course they know the boys will not surrender. The army’s initial target was to intimidate others. They were really afraid the five will have many followers, a phenomenon they could not bear—although thousands of boys and girls are dismissed each year for all sorts of reasons, it is not on the basis of a moral criticism of the army’s deeds.

EIR: The ultra-religious right are a strange bunch. They claim to love Torah, but they do not act on the basic tenets of not oppressing their neighbors and of pursuing justice. How is it that secular Israelis carry Torah in their daily acts, but the *haredi* [ultra-religious] do not?

Matar: I don’t know how to answer this, I must admit. There are of course ultra-religious people who carry Torah in their daily acts. Others? For one thing, I’m sure they’re not exposed to data (in their papers, for example) about the conditions of their neighbors. But the situation is strange, I agree. You would expect independent, non-Zionist ultra-religious people to hold different views.

Scientists Propose: 'Let's Go Nuclear!'

by Marsha Freeman

An extraordinary meeting took place at the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria between July 19 and 21, involving the heads of seven U.S. energy laboratories, and nine Russian scientific nuclear organizations and institutes. The scientists met to follow up the summit discussions between Presidents George Bush and Vladimir Putin in 2002, which included a call for both sides to look at the future of nuclear power.

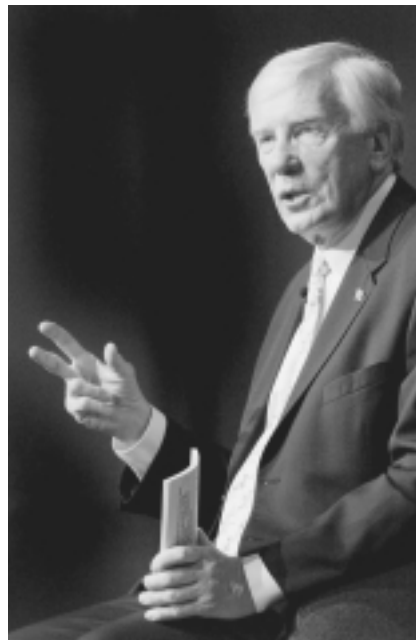
The July meeting produced a joint document advocating the global expansion of new nuclear energy technologies. The laboratories represented included the three nuclear weapons facilities in the U.S. and their counterparts in Russia. The document states that, "in addition to providing a virtually limitless supply of secure and reliable energy, greater use of nuclear energy would greatly reduce the risk of nuclear weapon proliferation and nuclear terrorism," as well as improve human health.

"The time has come to develop a comprehensive and realistic plan to ensure the development and deployment of nuclear energy. It must preserve access to nuclear energy sources for all countries of the world." This view harkens back to President Eisenhower's 1950s Atoms for Peace program, where the widespread civilian use of nuclear energy was seen as a way to uplift developing nations, by giving them access to advanced technologies.

This global development view has been buried over the past 30 years, under a policy of technological apartheid, which has created a widening gap between industrialized and developing nations. Anti-nuclear policies have also greatly damaged the economies in the now formerly-industrialized West.

The participants at the Vienna conference agreed that of all current or imminently developable energy technologies, only nuclear power is capable of meeting the growing world demand for safe, clean, plentiful, and economically viable sources of electricity. The scientists added that the use of nuclear energy for the production of fresh water, through desalination, and the production of hydrogen, as a limitless and nonpolluting fuel, are a critical part of the future deployment of nuclear technology.

Dr. C. Paul Robinson was chosen by the U.S. laboratory directors as the chairman of the American delegation. Before becoming Director of Sandia National Laboratory in 1995,



Dr. C. Paul Robinson, chairman of the U.S. delegation at the American-Russian meeting of nuclear and energy experts, told EIR: "The time has come to develop a comprehensive and realistic plan to ensure the development and deployment of nuclear energy. It must preserve access to nuclear energy sources for all countries in the world."

Dr. Robinson was an advisor to the Defense Department, and headed arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union.

In an interview with *EIR* on Aug. 16, Dr. Robinson elaborated some of the thinking of the group of U.S. and Russian laboratory directors who met in July.

The goal stated in the joint document is to have 30-40% of the world's electricity be provided by nuclear energy by the year 2050. Today that figure is about 16%, produced by 445 nuclear power plants around the world. Depending upon the assumptions that are made regarding the rate of growth of worldwide electricity demand over the coming four decades, the percentage of electricity generated by nuclear power plants could translate into the required number of nuclear power plants varying over a very wide range.

Dr. Robinson explained that energy economists at Sandia Laboratory study projections of world energy growth, but that the perceived limit on the number of plants by 2050, or "where the 30-40% came from, is based on looking at how feasible it is that you could have that many plants up," and running.

Their estimate is that between 800 and 1,500 units, of 1,000 Megawatt-size-equivalent, could be built worldwide in the designated timeframe. Smaller reactors, more suitable for developing nations, would at least double that number of individual reactors.

Since the halt in building new nuclear energy plants starting in the late 1970s, the United States has lost its capability to manufacture major power plant components. Were a U.S. utility to order a new nuclear plant, it would have to import the pressure vessel, for example.

But Russian institutes have continued to develop new designs and options for nuclear technology. For example, the Russian government has been trying to attract interest and

investment in producing small floating nuclear plants, that could be built and deployed quickly.

Dr. Robinson said that the Russians have “presented a lot of material to us,” on that program. “They’ve converted a lot of their shipbuilding facilities, that used to build nuclear ships. And they had done far more than the United States, or anybody in the West has done, in terms of nuclear-powered surface ships, nuclear-powered icebreaking ships, nuclear-powered submarines.

“When the bottom fell out of the defense industry, they started converting the manufacturing parts to offshore drilling rigs. The Russians have been building a lot of high-value offshore platforms, and believe it’s a small step back the other way, to build floating platforms that are power stations.”

The floating nuclear power plants concept that the American scientists liked, he explained, “was to tow it to an area where there is a need for power and have a small canal dug from the shore into which you would tow it, and emplace it, so you’re isolated from sea states and adverse weather. Then when you’re ready to change out the fuel you tow it back to the central factory.”

Fresh Water and New Fuel

One initiative by the scientists that is critical to solve the huge deficits in especially, but not exclusively, developing economies, is the provision of new sources of fresh water, and the development of unlimited fuel resources. The two most important “non-electric” uses of nuclear energy, mentioned in the joint document, are the production of hydrogen for fuel, and fresh water, through desalination.

“Those are both big, big deals,” Dr. Robinson agreed. “We tried to look—both the U.S. and Russian sides—at so-called system solutions, where you look at the total performance of a system. Nuclear plants have always been bothered by the fact that you have to build them considerably larger, in order to meet the peak daytime loads.

“But then at night, you have this very expensive capital resource, without much to do with the power. You try to cut them back as much as you can, but end up having to burn some of the power just into resistors in the evening hours. If you could produce a commodity whose rate of production you could vary day to night—and hydrogen was the first one that we looked at—you can really help the overall sizing issue for nuclear plants, making them more efficient and productive,” because the plants could be running at full power, 24 hours a day.

“You would just switch the balance between electrical generation and production of either hydrogen or water,” depending upon the demand for electricity.

The idea that the energy produced by a nuclear plant can be used as a centralized heat source and electricity supplier, around which entire new cities, farms, and factories could be built, goes back to the 1970s. At that time, there were designs for what were called nuclear-powered agro-industrial com-

plexes, or nuplexes.

One of the industrial processes described at that time, was the use of high-temperature nuclear reactors to thermally crack water to produce hydrogen, rather than use the limited supplies of natural gas as a feedstock, which is what is done today.

Dr. Robinson concurred, adding that another option being looked at is “what you could do with coal or coal slurries. Argonne National Lab has done some interesting demonstrations of what you could do with high temperatures” from nuclear reactors, he added.

While the United States virtually abandoned even most written studies of the applications of next-generation nuclear technology over past decades, the Russians have continued to pursue more advanced nuclear designs.

What was evident, and “amazing,” to the U.S. scientists during the discussions with their Russian counterparts, was “how much work they’ve continued to do in nuclear engineering,” Dr. Robinson reported. “They’ve got the full spectrum of reactors still being evaluated and operating in pilot stage. They’ve got lead as the coolant, lead bismuth eutectics as coolant material, they’ve got sodium cooled loops with reactor power operating, and they’ve got a high-temperature gas reactor operating.”

The intention is for each side to contribute in their areas of expertise to the overall effort to resurrect nuclear technology for global deployment. The Russians clearly have the lead in new reactor designs, experimental pilot projects in next-generation technologies, and manufacturing capabilities.

“The United States truly has the edge on anybody in terms of high reliability for manufactured items, or plants. As you know, just within the last decade, nuclear power has finally come into its own, in not only being reliable when it’s operating, but bringing up the overall operation times to meet the original expectations. The predictive reliability is the name we give to the technology in the United States that would be so important for the next generation of nuclear plants,” Dr. Robinson stated.

“The other area that the United States excels at is control systems. After the troubles at Chernobyl, the Russians realized it would be hard to sell Russian-designed reactors in the international market. But with a U.S.-Russian collaboration, with us bringing the safety and operational controls into being, you get the best of both sides.”

In terms of implementation, Dr. Robinson said, “Each side is introducing the document into their government. We’ve hit several of the Departments here, primarily Energy, and the Russians are doing the same over there. We’ll try to move this forward. Both of us are looking at a potential future summit as a next step, on the presidential level. That’s how we got started, as a matter of fact, following the Bush-Putin summit in Moscow, in 2002, [which] had an initiative calling for the two sides to look at the future of nuclear power.”

CIA Nominee Goss's Lies Threaten National Security

Part 2, by Michele Steinberg

On Aug. 3, in a strategic study of intelligence reform, released by LaRouche PAC, former Democratic presidential primary candidate Lyndon LaRouche, wrote, "The fact that there are some rather large loopholes in the present organization of the U.S.A.'s intelligence-security-system, is no excuse for the current tendency to plunge, stupidly and recklessly, into rushed efforts to create an intelligence 'czar.' Idiot! Get your fat foot off that gas pedal! There is no need to rush into surrendering the powers of government to some alleged superman. The U.S. does not need a Heinrich Himmler."

"In fact," LaRouche continued, "our nation does not have any need for the re-election of that pathetic George W. Bush who proposes that, he, now, shall create the Great Golem of national security, the man of mud, to save us all. . . . Better leave the decisions about intelligence reorganization to the leadership of a new President, until a new day, come January 2005, after the completed work of the '9/11 Commission' has dealt with those most crucial issues not yet touched upon by its presently uncompleted investigation."

Yet, on Aug. 27, President George W. Bush floored the gas pedal and signed four executive orders governing the CIA and national intelligence collection, which vastly increase the power of the Director of the CIA, creating in effect, an interim National Director of Intelligence—who will be his nominee for CIA Director, Rep. Porter Goss (R-Fla.), the former head of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). Goss has functioned for the past three years as a hit-man for Dick Cheney, in protecting the neo-conservative cabal that runs between the Office of the Vice President and the Pentagon, where it is headed by Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, and Doug Feith.

These new powers make it imperative to block the confirmation of Goss as CIA director.

Under the new Bush Executive Orders, Goss would be in charge not only of the CIA, but also of intelligence allocations of the Defense Department's major agencies, including the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the massive National Security Agency, making him the equivalent of the "intelligence czar." Not only are Washington critics of the Iraq war wary that Goss would continue to mold intelligence to the policy wishes of warmonger Cheney, but they consider Goss's appointment to the position of "national director of intelligence" to be highly dangerous. As the record shows, not only has

Goss gone along with Cheney's imperial war plans, he has been an accomplice of the Cheney networks that are responsible for the worst intelligence abuses since the Iran-Contra scandals that forced then-President Ronald Reagan to "clean house," at the National Security Council, and which led to the indictments of NSC chief, John Poindexter, his deputy Robert McFarlane, then-State Dept. Assistant Secretary Elliott Abrams, NSC staffer Oliver North, former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense General Dick Secord (Ret.), and many others. Iran-Contra was the worst set of offenses since Watergate, but President Ronald Reagan, unlike Richard Nixon, made a show of cleaning house. This time around, says John Dean, the former White House counsel who was inside Nixon's Watergate debacle, the Administration abuses that started the Iraq war are worse than Watergate.

Could Goss Be Confirmed?

Hearings are slated to begin on Sept. 8, according to Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kansas), head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and so far, the Democratic leadership of the House and Senate is headed towards giving Porter Goss a "free pass." It would be as grave an error, and threat to civil liberties of Americans, for Democrats to confirm Goss, as was the confirmation of John Ashcroft in January 2001, when enough votes existed to block the nomination through a filibuster.

There is serious opposition to the Goss nomination. Sen. John D. Rockefeller III, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, is opposed to the nomination—for good reason. Rockefeller said in a July 14 article in the popular Washington journal *The Hill*, that, "We need a director that is . . . unquestionably independent. . . . [A]n individual with unimpeachable non-partisan national security credentials and the stature to bring about a much needed reform of our intelligence agencies." Former CIA Director, George Tenet, has said that any attempt to "rewire" the intelligence community in the aftermath of the report of the 9/11 Commission which found that there were many warnings—before Sept. 11—about a threatened attack by Osama Bin Laden, would only cause more harm to the counter-terrorism effort. And, Sen. Roberts himself, who is now in a mad rush to not only confirm Goss, but to introduce legislation that would rip apart the CIA—the only intelligence collection agency that actually consistently opposed the Che-



Rep. Porter Goss (R-Fla.), hit-man for Dick Cheney in protecting the neo-conservative cabal in the Administration, is being put forward as an intelligence czar, an American Heinrich Himmler.

ney cabal's "evidence" that Iraq was an imminent threat—had said, in a July 14 interview with *The Hill*, that he agreed with Rockefeller that "we ought to be very deliberate and very careful."

With more than a half-dozen still incomplete investigations into the misuse of intelligence, the leaking of secrets, and the abuse of power by the Administration in the run-up to the Iraq war, and federal grand juries looking into the leaking of secret information to Iran and to Israel, and another set of grand juries looking into illegal profiteering by Dick Cheney's Halliburton company, and its subsidiary, KBR, this is no time to sweep Porter Goss's complicity in the Cheney coup d'état, under the rug.

Unfit to Serve

Appointing Porter Goss as CIA director is bad enough, but allowing him to become the interim "intelligence czar" as well, is an even greater threat to national security of the United States. Most of the intelligence abuses by the CIA and intelligence community, identified by the 9/11 Commission investigation, occurred during Goss's watch as Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. But not only was Goss an ineffective and dishonest watchdog, he also has been an accomplice in the Cheney-Pentagon cabal's crimes. These include: using deception to terrify the American population and Congress about a danger from Iraq's nonexistent weapons of mass-destruction; using Pentagon cubby-holes to set up units that would fabricate through "re-analysis," an accusation that Iraq and Saddam Hussein were behind the 9/11 irregular warfare attacks; using the Pentagon to launch illegal covert opera-

tions to destabilize, and begin undeclared U.S. wars against, Syria and Iran; and the latest scandal being investigated—the unauthorized distribution of a top-secret policy discussion paper to agents of Israel.

There is no question that Goss is unfit to serve, and the damage he has done to the intelligence community of the United States goes way back—at least 8 years—even before Goss became Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

One of the first areas that should be explored about Goss is his cozy relationship to Newt Gingrich's powerful political action committee, GOPAC, and whether Goss blocked a broad inquiry into Gingrich's financial affairs.

In 1996, the Sarasota (Fla.) *Herald-Tribune*, Goss's "hometown" newspaper, reported that it was widely believed that Goss had a "conflict of interest" when he became head of the House Ethics Subcommittee, investigating Gingrich's misuse of tax exempt funds. GOPAC, the multi-million-dollar organization

that was at the center of Gingrich's fascist policy machine, was one of the major subjects of the investigation, and Goss was a GOPAC crony. The Sarasota newspaper reported that in 1994, Goss, a Connecticut "blueblood," had in fact contributed the maximum amount allowed—\$5,000, and that Goss had deep family ties to GOPAC's nominal founder, "Pete" DuPont, a Gingrich co-thinker who had run for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1992. DuPont's parents are Porter Goss's godparents, and "Pete's" sister, Michelle DuPont, is married to Porter's brother.

When calls went out for Goss to remove himself from the Gingrich investigation, he adamantly refused, insisting that his involvement with Gingrich and GOPAC in no way compromised his ability to investigate Newt. Goss also insisted that his ties to GOPAC did not meet the "severe" Congressional test of a true conflict of interest. But the Congressional Accountability Project, a watchdog organization, strongly disagreed; its director, Gary Ruskin, warned that Goss's control over the committee, its staff, and his "power over questioning" would undermine "any confidence" the public could have in the investigation. Gingrich survived the potentially fatal investigation, after the committee chief investigator rejected a petition by then-Congressman David Bonior (D-Mich.) to broaden the investigation into all of GOPAC's activities.

Following Newt's unsurprising survival, and in the midst of the Ethics Subcommittee investigation, Gingrich awarded Goss with a high honor: He appointed him chairman of the powerful House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Goss's next claim to fame was a vicious attack, in 1996, on Sen. John Kerry's Senate investigation of the involvement in narcotics trafficking of the Nicaragua rebel force, known as the "Contras." The charges that Kerry had investigated, later resurfaced along with new evidence in 1996, after a series of articles in the *San Jose Mercury* exposed the fact that convicted California crack cocaine-traffickers had been leaders in the Nicaraguan rebel group, the FDN, and part of Ollie North's and the NSC's secret Contra support operations.

Appearing on a CNN talk show hosted by Jesse Jackson, Goss attacked Senator Kerry, and President Bill Clinton, with a vengeance, using two techniques that have become his hallmark: First, he lies that no evidence exists, when it clearly does, and second, he denounces the charges as "partisan," and "politically motivated" electioneering.

The transcript of the Sept. 30, 1996 CNN show, "Both Sides," has Goss, backed up by Tucker Carlson, the neo-con clown who writes for the *Weekly Standard*, jumping down the throat of Prof. John Newman, an historian from the University of Maryland, over the Kerry Committee's findings:

Goss: . . . Senator John Kerry in the mid '80s conducted quite an expensive investigation and came up with absolutely no evidence. And despite repeated attempts before then and since then, nobody has come up with any hard facts. . . .

Carlson: . . . My point is that no evidence has ever arisen that shows the CIA condoned drug dealing of any kind.

Newman: That's not true. And furthermore, Senator Claiborne Pell and Senator Lugar, who asked for information from the CIA and from the Justice Dept., were denied that information. That's in the record. You can read it for yourself. Don't trust me. Get the Kerry report and find out for yourself how they were stonewalled. . . .

Goss: You don't have the facts. That's your problem.

Newman: I'm not going to prejudge—I have lots of facts.

Goss: You have innuendo. You have supposition. You are trying to stretch something that doesn't quite stretch. I would suggest that you look to why the motive and the timing of this now. There are many who say that this is happening because the drug problem in this country is bad. It has gotten worse under the Clinton Administration. And this is just a diversion to take attention away from the failure of the Clinton Administration in the war on drugs.

Prof. Newman was right about the Kerry report, "Drugs, Law Enforcement, and Foreign Policy," filed in December 1988, and Goss was dead wrong. The evidence of drug trafficking by Contra members, guerrillas, and pilots is all over

the Kerry report's several volumes. Two excerpts from the final report suffice:

On July 24, 1986, the State Dept. issued a report to Congress concerning allegations in the press about drug-running by the Contra resistance. The State Dept. said, ". . . the available evidence points to involvement with drug traffickers by a limited number of persons having various kinds of affiliations with, or political sympathies for, the resistance groups. . . .

"A year later, in August 1987, the CIA's Central American Task Force Chief became the first U.S. official to revise that assessment to suggest instead that the links between the Contras . . . to narcotics trafficking was in fact far broader than that acknowledged by the State Dept. . . .

"Appearing before the Iran-Contra Committees, the CIA Central American Task Force chief testified: 'With respect to [drug trafficking by] the Resistance Forces . . . it is not a couple of people. It is a lot of people.'

"The CIA's Chief of the Central American Task Force went on to say: 'We knew that everybody around Pastora [the leading Contra figure] was involved in cocaine. . . . His staff and friends [redacted] they were drug smugglers or involved in drug smuggling.' " (pp. 37-38).

Another section of the report says: "As DEA officials testified last July before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Lt. Col. Oliver North suggested to the DEA in June, 1985 that \$1.5 million in drug money . . . be provided to the Contras." The suggestion was rejected by the DEA (p. 41).

Goss's denial of such a clear public record is mind-boggling, but his "deny and attack" mode has made him a perfect extension of the neo-conservatives' conspiracy to defraud Congress and the American people.

Porter Flip-Flops

While Goss was out to prevent an investigation of the Ollie North-Contra drug running in 1996, the following year, in 1997, Goss took the exactly opposite position, opening a bizarre national security investigation into White House mishandling of classified material. Goss claimed that the Democratic National Committee's breaking of contact with Grigory Loutchansky, a wealthy, publicly identified Russian national with reputed organized crime connections, was a case where classified information was misused. The DNC had disinvited Loutchansky from a fundraising event, and Goss demanded to know if secrets from the "intelligence community," or the "U.S. Secret Service" had been used to tip the DNC off about Loutchansky's background.

"If this disclosure actually took place, it constitutes a felony," Goss railed. "There has been a pattern of inattention to what I call access to classified information . . . throughout this Administration since Day One," adding that his experience as a CIA operative made him "sensitive" to the consequences of mishandling secret intelligence data.

Goss explained, "an associate of mine was blown up in a car as a result of an indiscreet comment in Washington."

This might be a commendable concern for a candidate to head the intelligence services of the United States, except that in Goss's case, it is completely phony. Compare Goss's zeal against Clinton White House leaks to the protection racket he ran for Dick Cheney in the leak of the identity of Valerie Plame, an agent of the CIA's clandestine services.

First, Goss denounced the publicity around the Plame leak as more "partisan politics" than a "worry about national security." He went on to tell the Sarasota *Herald-Tribune*, in an Oct. 3, 2003 story, that he would only allow a House Committee investigation of a "serious allegation," which he said must be "a willful—and I emphasize willful, inadvertent is something else—willful disclosure [of classified information], and I haven't seen any evidence yet." Returning to his characteristic hatred of Clinton, Goss added, "Somebody shows me a blue dress and some DNA, [and] I'll have an investigation."

The truth is that Goss blocked any public investigation of the Plame leak, as he has blocked any investigation of the Abu Ghraib torture scandals in Iraq, and the less publicized torture and killings of prisoners in Afghanistan by the U.S. military. He also blocked legislation that would have authorized an investigation into "U.S. dealings with Iraqi leader Ahmed Chalabi."

Cheney's 'Cheney'

Like Dick Cheney, Goss is highly secretive, and crudely relishes political sadism. That is why he has been chosen by Cheney and Bush to be the lead attack dog against Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry on matters of intelligence. On March 10, Goss co-authored an op-ed, attacking Kerry for "leading the way to make deep and devastating cuts" in the intelligence budget after the end of the Soviet Union. On June 1, Goss was asked by the Bush-Cheney campaign to attack Kerry's foreign policy speeches, which he did for the campaign's website.

How low would Goss grovel to get the CIA nomination? On June 23, vigorously campaigning to be the new CIA chief after Tenet's resignation, Pinocchio Goss was at it again, attacking Kerry on the House floor, by clownishly holding up a big sign with a quote from Kerry that questioned the growth of the intelligence apparatus after the end of the Cold War. "That was in May of 1997 from the record. I got books full of that stuff," Goss said. "There is no doubt where the record is. The Democratic Party did not support the intelligence community."

Another fib by omission: Goss doesn't mention his own 1995 proposal to cut a full 20% of the CIA and intelligence community allocations over the course of 5 years, at 4% per year. Goss's devastating cuts, fortunately, were never passed.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking about intelligence work, said that the truth must be surrounded "by a bodyguard of lies." Goss's profile is that his lies are directed at the American people.

Congress Must Take Up Torture Probe

by Edward Spannaus

As more and more evidence accumulates, demonstrating that the atrocities at Abu Ghraib grew directly out of policies coming from the highest levels of the Bush Administration and civilians in the Pentagon, it is clear that the responsibility for getting to the truth of the matter, must be taken on by the Congress. But, given the partisan character of any Congressional investigation, especially in this pre-election period, many observers and legal experts believe that the only means of getting to the heart of what happened and who is responsible, would be through a Congressionally created independent commission, with full subpoena power.

In statements in late August, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), for example, called for the creation of an independent commission as the only means "to get the full truth," and "to pick up the trail in Washington and follow it wherever it leads."

The President of the American Bar Association (ABA), Robert Grey, echoing a resolution adopted by the full association in August, has also called for the appointment of an independent bipartisan commission, "to conduct a systemic investigation of the conditions that made possible the abuses at Abu Ghraib."

In a clear reference to Administration memoranda which urged rejecting the application of the Geneva Conventions and other treaties in Afghanistan, Grey pointed out that our nation's "moral authority is weakened when it appears that the U.S. has a disregard for international agreements. . . . Our government must not seek clever ways to evade these agreements."

Grey said that the ABA is concerned with the Administration's approval of harsh questioning techniques for use at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with at least one effort (approved personally by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld) to hide a prisoner from the International Red Cross, with secret detention operations, and with the series of legal memos prepared by high-ranking Administration lawyers that "appeared designed to provide a legal basis for conduct that violates international norms."

Culpability at the Top

As we reported in the previous issue of *EIR*, both the recently issued Schlesinger Report and the Army's Fay-Jones Report, document the direct path from the Administration's decision to reject the application of the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war in Afghanistan, to the

torture and abuses at Abu Ghraib and other facilities in Iraq. There can no longer be any doubt that the culpability for Abu Ghraib runs right to the top, and cannot be sloughed off on a handful, or even a couple of dozen, of lower-ranking soldiers and officers.

That decision to reject the application of the Geneva Conventions—pushed particularly hard by John Ashcroft’s Justice Department, and by David Addington, the Counsel to Vice President Dick Cheney—was always tied to the question of torture and the treatment of prisoners. One of the arguments pushed upon the President by the Justice Department and by Addington (whose arguments were incorporated in a Jan. 25, 2002 memo submitted to Bush under the name of Counsel to the President Alberto Gonzales), was the need “to quickly obtain information from captured terrorists,” and the danger that Administration officials could be prosecuted for war crimes.

The Fay-Jones Report, and the Schlesinger Report both show how these policies, and the use of interrogation techniques discussed in later Justice and Defense Department memos, “migrated” into Iraq, despite the official policy—more observed in the breach—that the Geneva Conventions did apply in Iraq.

The information documenting this is all available: in the existing reports, and even more so, in the large number of documents, interviews, etc. which have not yet been made public because they are still classified—all of which Congress should demand to see.

What About Feith and Cambone?

One area which urgently remains to be investigated, is the role of high-level Pentagon civilians such as the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Stephen Cambone, Cambone’s military assistant, Lt. Gen. William “Jerry” Boykin, and the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Doug Feith. Until July 2002, Cambone was Feith’s principal deputy in the Policy “shop”—although he was described at that time by the *Washington Times* as “more Mr. Rumsfeld’s right-hand man than Mr. Feith’s.”

In his ground-breaking series of investigative reports published in *The New Yorker*, investigative journalist Seymour Hersh recounted that the road to Abu Ghraib commenced shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, when Defense Secretary Rumsfeld created a super-secret program which had blanket, advance approval to kill, or to capture and interrogate, “high-value” targets in the war on terrorism. A “Special-Access Program” (SAP) was established which involved Navy SEAL teams, the Army’s Delta Force, and CIA paramilitary operatives. Hersh reported that Cambone was deeply involved in this program, and that early in his tenure at the Pentagon, Cambone had insisted that he be given control of all Special-Access Programs related to the war on terrorism, wresting control of these program away from veteran counterintelligence hand Kenneth deGraffenreid. Cambone and deGraffen-



Iraq’s Abu Ghraib prison. There can no longer be any doubt that the culpability for the abuses and crimes committed there runs right to the top of the command structure.

reid were both deputies to Feith in the period following 9/11; deGraffenreid subsequently resigned.

Moreover, from those few documents publicly released by the Defense Department, it’s clear that Feith was “in the loop” for policy discussions on interrogations. When a request came from the Guantanamo commander for approval of “counter-resistance techniques to aid in the interrogation of detainees,” Rumsfeld sent a memo in November 2002, to his General Counsel, saying he had discussed this with Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, Feith, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers. When Rumsfeld directed his General Counsel to create the Working Group on interrogations, he said that experts from Feith’s office should be involved.

One official in Feith’s office who has evaded scrutiny up to this point is Michael Mobbs, a longtime associate of Feith (and of Richard Perle), who is a “Special Advisor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.” In affidavits submitted to Federal courts in the cases of “enemy combatant” detainees Yaser Hamdi and José Padilla, Mobbs stated that Feith had directed him to head the “Detainee Policy Group” in Feith’s office, and he held himself out as the official in the Defense Department most knowledgeable about detainees in the war on terrorism. His credentials were sharply questioned by the

Federal judge hearing the Hamdi case.

Yet despite all this, Mobbs's name never seems to have come up in any of the current investigations. (Earlier this year, Mobbs did come briefly to public attention, when it was disclosed that, at the same time that he was heading the Detainee Policy Group, he was also heading up a special team called the Energy Infrastructure Planning Group, which decided in the Summer of 2002, outside of normal channels, to award a contingency contract to Halliburton/KBR for restoring Iraq's oil fields after the planned invasion of Iraq.)

Cambone and Boykin

In Senate testimony last May, Cambone was asked by Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner (R-Va.), if his office (the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence) has overall responsibility for the handling of detainees in the war on terrorism, and he answered that this responsibility lies with the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, under a Defense Department directive. (That is accurate; under a 1994 DOD directive, the Policy office has "primary responsibility for the DOD Enemy Prisoners of War and Other Detainees Program." On DOD organizational charts, there exists a position for "Information and Detainee Operations" in Feith's office.)

When he was asked about the trip made by Guantanamo commander Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller to Abu Ghraib in August-September 2003 (from which Guantanamo interrogation methods, including the use of guard dogs, were brought into Iraq), Cambone answered that Miller had gone "under Joint Staff auspices but with my encouragement."

Cambone also testified that, upon Miller's return from Abu Ghraib, he had received a briefing on Miller's trip from his own deputy, Gen. Jerry Boykin.

Boykin is, of course, the Christian Zionist "jihadist" who publicly and repeatedly proclaimed that the war on terrorism is actually a crusade waged by Christian nations against satanic Islam. And, as *EIR* was told (see May 28 issue), Miller and Boykin are "two peas in a pod."

The Limitations of the Current Probes

The failure to take up such issues, is illustrative of the problems with all of the investigations to date, and of those still under way. Under military protocol, an investigating officer cannot investigate anyone more senior than himself. And conducting interviews with civilians in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, is clearly beyond the scope of the investigations conducted by the Army or other service branches.

The Schlesinger panel is not subject to these restrictions. It did, in fact, interview Cambone, Boykin, and Feith, but, there is no reference to any findings regarding them in the report.

But that's not the only problem with the Schlesinger Report. In a discussion with *EIR*, a military-law expert said that he applauded the panel for the accuracy of their report when dealing with factual matters. But he said that it is not surpris-

ing that the panel did not call for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, because all four of the panel members are in fact members of Rumsfeld's Defense Policy Board—which is appointed by the Secretary of Defense and operates as an adjunct of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.

After taking office, the Bush Administration purged the Board (formally known as the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee) of many prominent Democrats, replaced them with hard-core neo-cons, and designated Richard "Prince of Darkness" Perle as its chairman. The board became a center of planning for an early invasion of Iraq, and its leading members insisted that "heads would have to roll" among senior military commanders who opposed the rush to war being led by Pentagon civilians.

It was the Defense Policy Board which hosted a secret presentation by the Hudson Institute's Laurent Murawiec, targetting Saudi Arabia in the summer of 2002. In 2003, Perle was forced to step down as chairman, after it was exposed that he had used his position for personal and political gain, including a crude blackmail scheme aimed at the Saudis.

More Military Reports Still to Come

In addition to the five reports already completed on detention and abuse of prisoners in the war on terrorism, four other reports are still pending completion, probably by the end of the year. As these are all being done within the military departments, they will suffer from the same limitations as the previous ones, which is that they cannot investigate high-ranking officials, either military or civilian. The four reports still outstanding were identified by the Aug. 29 *New York Times* as follows:

1) Brig. Gen. Charles Jacoby, the deputy commander of the U.S. base at Bagram, Afghanistan, is investigating conditions at 20 U.S.-run jails in Afghanistan; the release of his report has already been delayed three times since June.

2) Brig. Gen. Richard Formica is investigating reports of detainee abuse by Special Forces in Iraq. It is expected to be issued "soon."

3) Vice Adm. Albert Church, the Navy Inspector General, is investigating all military interrogation techniques which were considered, authorized, prohibited, or used, in the war on terrorism. It is expected sometime in September.

4) Lt. Gen. James Helmly, the chief of the Army Reserve, is reviewing the training of reserve Military Intelligence (MI) and Military Police (MP) units in the laws of war and in "ethics." His report is expected in December.

Even under the best of circumstances, and if the Administration and the Office of the Secretary of Defense were fully cooperating with these investigations—and clearly they are not—these probes cannot take the investigation where it must go, to the upper reaches of the Bush-Cheney Administration. If this is to be done—and it must be—it will have to be done by the relevant Congressional committees, or by an independent commission.

Rep. Conyers: Investigate Pentagon Franklin Affair

U.S. Representative John Conyers (D-Mich.), the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, released an Aug. 31 letter to Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisc.) which lays out in great detail, the urgency for investigating the Larry Franklin affair in the Pentagon, centered on allegations that Franklin had “illegally passed along a classified document” regarding U.S. Iran policy. The full text is below.



Rep. John Conyers.

Congress Must Probe Spy Scandal

I write to ask that the Judiciary Committee commence an immediate full investigation and examine substantial and credible evidence that Pentagon officials have engaged in unauthorized covert activities.

Press reports have recently disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently examining whether a Pentagon analyst, Larry Franklin, illegally passed along a classified document involving the policy of the United States toward Iran. It is not yet known whether Mr. Franklin was acting on his own, or whether he was acting at the behest of his superiors. The fact that a rogue element of the United States government may have been working with a foreign government in possible contravention of current foreign policy is a grave matter that should be of concern to every American.

Unfortunately, based on media reports, it now appears that these allegations may be only the tip of the iceberg of a broader effort of Pentagon employees working in the office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Doug Feith, to conduct unauthorized covert activities, without the knowledge of the Central Intelligence Agency. According to press accounts, it also appears that these activities may have involved other disclosures of classified information to foreign governments (1) and the falsification of documents (2). In addition, these activities may well constitute criminal appropriation of federal funds. (3) All of these allegations, if true, involve potential violations of federal criminal law and are, therefore, within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee.

To fully investigate these allegations, I would suggest that the Committee examine the following questions:

1. Did Pentagon officials illegally give classified intelligence to members of the Iraq National Congress or to discredited Iraqi exile Ahmed Chalabi? Were White House officials, including officials in the Office of the Vice President, aware of such activities? Did Mr. Chalabi then pass along such materials, including information that the United States had broken Iran's communications codes, to Iran?

2. Did Pentagon officials illegally obtain and disseminate

false intelligence information to further the (now discredited) assertion that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction? Were Pentagon officials either the conduits for or originators of documents claiming Iraq had made efforts to acquire such weapons grade uranium from Niger? Were White House officials, including officials in the Office of the Vice President, aware of such activities? What role (if any) did officials in the NSC, including Elliott Abrams, have in these actions?

3. Did Pentagon officials conduct illegal and unauthorized meetings with foreign nationals, including Iranian and Syrian nationals, to plan or direct covert activities against foreign governments? Did Pentagon officials provide monetary or other assistance to such foreign nationals, including a known arms dealer, Manucher Ghorbanifar? Did such meetings involve any foreign intelligence officials, including the head of Italian military intelligence (SISMI), or other foreign military officials. What role (if any) did officials in the NSC, including Elliott Abrams, have in these actions?

4. Did Pentagon officials obtain information about the covert status of Central Intelligence Agency operative Valerie Plame? Was such information obtained illegally? Was such information illegally shared with White House officials, including officials in the Office of the Vice President?

While I am fully cognizant that many of these activities may be the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation, there is ample precedent that such an investigation does not preclude, and will not be interfered with as a result of a concurrent Congressional investigation. Recently, when allegations were made about the mishandling of classified information in the National Archives by a former Clinton Administration official, you and other committee chairmen affirmed this principle.

I urge you to treat this request with the utmost importance. These matters may well constitute the greatest subversion of our democracy and compromising of our national security since the Iran-Contra affair. It is of paramount importance that our committee begin work on this matter immediately.

International Intelligence

France, Germany, Russia Agree on Iraq Strategy

French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, and President Vladimir Putin, met in Sochi, on the Russian Black Sea coast, on Aug. 31, and agreed on the following steps:

- No troops to Iraq. Germany will continue training Iraqi police and military outside of Iraq, in the neighboring Persian Gulf states. Otherwise, all three stressed the earliest return to full civilian rule in Iraq.
- Genuine rapid economic reconstruction of Iraq, in which all three governments want to cooperate.
- Intensified cooperation and information exchange among the intelligence agencies of the three nations, against organized crime, especially drug trade, and terrorism.
- Upgrading of general security policy cooperation (not specified).
- Intensified cooperation in the framework of “strategic partnership EU-Russia,” with an additional emphasis on increased Russian oil and gas deliveries to Europe. Putin also assured improvements in transport capacities (pipelines, etc.) for oil and gas. In this context, Schröder attacked speculative increases of oil prices on the Western markets.
- A political solution, return to civilian rule, and economic reconstruction in Chechnya. Chirac and Schröder said they have no reason to doubt that the Presidential elections in Chechnya on Aug. 29 were democratic, nor that Putin wants a political solution.

Health Officials Warn Of Global Flu Pandemic

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a preparedness plan Aug. 27 for a flu pandemic, and news media reported public health officials from California, to Minnesota, to Florida forecasting a potential for a worldwide flu outbreak this year. Predictions are that if such an outbreak occurs, it would result in 200,000 U.S. deaths and mil-

lions of hospitalizations—far exceeding immunization or hospital infrastructure capabilities.

These warnings were triggered by epidemiologists’ concerns that the Asian bird flu would mutate and spread to human beings. This is not an idle concern, *EIR*’s Colin Lowry remarked, as mutations have already occurred.

Just as these warnings were issued, the California-based Chiron Corp., supplier of almost half the U.S. flu vaccine, announced that it had found tainted doses of its vaccine in the course of routine quality testing in its Liverpool, England, factory. This will hold up shipment of 50 million vaccine doses. CDC head Dr. Julie Gerberding said that she did not expect a major delay, however, and believes that the U.S. “at risk” population can still be vaccinated in time.

The CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a Pandemic Influenza Response and Preparedness Plan for public comment. The plan’s focus, however, is how to triage hospital beds, ration scarce vaccine supplies, and increase public health surveillance in order to deal with total disruption of national and community infrastructure.

On average, 36,000 people die and 114,000 are hospitalized in each flu season. The 1918 “Spanish flu,” which was a pandemic, killed more than 500,000 Americans and more than 25 million people worldwide.

Italian Minister Warns Of Terrorist Threat

Giuseppe Pisanu, Italian Interior and Police Minister, warned of potential terrorist provocations planned by the synarchists, left and right, against the expected mass trade union protests in the Fall. In an interview with the magazine *L’Espresso* published on Aug. 28, Pisanu singled out two areas from which such provocations could come: 1) the “leftist” anarchist swamp in which terrorist ideologue Toni Negri has hegemony; and 2) what *EIR* has documented as the “right-wing” Blas Piñar-centered fascist international

with Roberto Fiore, Jean Le Pen, and the Argentine friends of Fernando Quijano, a former associate of Lyndon LaRouche, who joined the synarchists.

Of the leftists, Pisanu said: “I do not know how many they are, but we can consider several hundred militants, some of whom operate at a dual level, in the sense that they often pop up in street demonstrations, masked and armed with bars . . . but they also act in the dark, in clandestinity. . . . Additionally there are the Marxist-Leninists and the many extreme antagonisms which always ride between strong protest and real crime.”

On right-wing terrorism, Pisanu said: “It is alive and well. Maybe it would be more concrete to speak about extreme right-wing antagonism. I think about the proliferation of quite an assortment of grouplets, going from pro-Islamic and anti-American circles to some xenophobic groupings, often contiguous to violent hooligans and even crime rings. Also, connections have emerged with similar French, Spanish, and Argentine formations. . . . It is groups which look for clashes both with groups of opposite colorations, as well as with the institutional right.” Pisanu added that “among Italians who converted to Islam, there are a high percentage of right-wing and left-wing extremists.”

Pisanu did not mention it by name, but his profile fits fully that of Spanish Falange leader Blas Piñar’s international alliance, of which Roberto Fiore’s “Forza Nuova” in Italy is a part. This is the first time that an official police authority has exposed the Blas Piñar network, confirming LaRouche’s warnings of a terrorist threat from this source.

African Union Chief Opposes Sudan Sanctions

Sanctions against Sudan would be a “disaster” for all Africa, warned Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, in his role as Chairman of the African Union (AU) and leader of the Sudan talks. Obasanjo said on Aug. 24, “One thing that would be a real

TAIWAN cancelled annual war games, after China cancelled one of its military drills on an island near Taiwan. Taiwanese President Chen Shui-Bian, beginning a visit to Ibero-America, told reporters Aug. 30: "China has cancelled the military drills on Dongshan island, so we have decided that we will cancel the Sept. 9 Han Kuang exercises. . . . We hope everyone on both sides of the Taiwan Strait can cooperate under the principle of peace for a win-win situation."

BRITAIN'S MI-6 Director John Scarlett should resign, said Member of Parliament John Ancrem, the Conservative Party shadow Foreign Secretary, because of Scarlett's failure to answer allegations that he tried to influence the Iraq Survey Group. While he was head of Britain's Joint Intelligence Committee, Scarlett was reported to have told the group to shorten their report from 200 to 20 pages, and leave its conclusion ambiguous on whether weapons of mass destruction would be found.

RUSSIA granted trade preference to Ukraine, as elections near, *Izvestia* reported Aug. 19, in an article about recent positive developments in Russian-Ukrainian relations. "Vladimir Putin Supports Victor Yanukovych and Ukraine's budget," was *Izvestia's* headline. Just before hosting Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma in Sochi on Aug. 21, President Putin signed a law to eliminate the Value Added Tax on Russian fuel exports to Ukraine. The change is expected to save Ukraine \$800 million a year. Yanukovych is Kuchma's preferred successor.

DDT champion J. Gordon Edwards died of a heart attack July 19, while mountain climbing in Glacier National Park. Edwards, 85, was a professor emeritus of entomology at San Jose State University in California, and still fighting for truth in science, especially on the benefits of DDT to fight disease.

disaster is for the international community to collectively feel absolutely dissatisfied with the mode of the handling of events by the government of Sudan, to the extent that they have to unleash something more than what we are trying to contain."

He added that sanctions "would be a great disaster for Sudan, the government, the people, and indeed for Africa. I believe that we [African leaders] can manage it and we will manage it." His remarks were reported by *This Day* Aug. 27 from Abuja, Nigeria, where the Sudan talks are ongoing.

British Foreign Minister Jack Straw also conceded that sanctions cannot be imposed on Sudan at present. Speaking on a visit to Darfur, Sudan, Straw said: "The issue is not whether everything has been resolved by the 30-day period set by the [United Nations] Security Council, but whether the government of Sudan are on track to do that. . . . This is a very imperfect situation." His remarks were reported by Agence France Presse on Aug. 28.

Hollinger To Sue Perle As 'Faithless Fiduciary'

The Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Hollinger International denounced Dick Cheney's cohort Richard Perle as a "faithless fiduciary" who "should be required to disgorge all compensation he received from the Company" (\$5.4 million) and who is "liable for damages under Delaware law." The charges against Perle, a member of Hollinger's Executive Committee from 1996 to 2003, were made in a 513-page report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Aug. 30.

The report called Hollinger's management a "corporate kleptocracy," and documented how former CEO Conrad M. Black and former COO F. David Radler and their associates engaged in a "myriad of schemes, fiduciary abuses, and fraudulent acts . . . to transfer essentially the entire earnings output of Hollinger over a seven-year period" to themselves.

As for Perle, he "repeatedly signed Unanimous Written Consents without eval-

uating (or even reading) them. . . . In fact, he admitted that he generally did not even read them or understand the transactions to which they applied," the report stated.

"It is difficult to imagine a more flagrant abdication of duty than a director rubber-stamping transactions that directly benefit a controlling shareholder without any thought, comprehension, or analysis. In fact, many of the consents that Perle signed as an Executive Committee member approved related-party transactions that unfairly benefited Black and Radler, and cost Hollinger millions. . . .

"The Special Committee believes that Perle's repeated failure to read, evaluate, discuss, or attempt to understand the Executive Committee Consents before signing them, evidences a complete absence of good faith, a breach of loyalty, and an abject failure to fulfill his fiduciary duties as an Executive Committee member. Such conduct subjects him to personal liability for breaching his duty of good faith. . . .

"The Special Committee intends to pursue a recovery from Perle, either consensually or through litigation."

Life Expectancy Below 40 Years in 13 Nations

As a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, 13 sub-Saharan African nations have seen their life expectancy drop to below 40 years, according to a recent United Nations Development Program report. In the adult population, 16.5% are AIDS-infected, and a child born in 2002 can expect to live only 32.7 years. In contrast, a child born in Zambia in 1990 could expect to live 47.4 years.

In Zimbabwe, where 25% of the population are infected with HIV/AIDS, life expectancy dropped from 56.6 years in 1990 to 33.9 years in 2002. In Swaziland, where the HIV/AIDS infection rate is 38.8%, life expectancy declined to 35.5 years.

Life expectancy in other sub-Saharan countries named in the UNDP report are: Central African Republic, 39.8 years; Lesotho, 36.3 years; Mozambique, 38.5 years; and Malawi, 37.8 years.

The Battlelines Are Drawn

With the conclusion of the Republican Convention on Sept. 2, which confirmed the Cheney-Bush team as that party's electoral ticket, the battlelines are drawn for the two months ahead. Will Americans choose to go down the road to fascism, or will they rise to the level of the historic mission which this nation was created to fulfill?

The strategy of the Republican Party was in most essentials made clear at the New York Convention. The aim is to whip Americans into a frenzy against those who are "out to get us," and to support any and every means necessary to "get them first." To this end, every possible lie about the disastrous results of this strategy so far, and about the alternatives which have been forward by their critics, is permissible, even demanded. Follow me, they shrieked, and ignore the facts that expanded, disastrous wars will sink us into a New Dark Age, and that the blowout of the world financial system is leading us increasingly to mass epidemics, famine, and death. What they are promising is fascism: a violent exercise of power abroad, and deadly austerity at home.

It is an open question whether the delegates to that convention will wake up and realize what a bill of goods they've been sold, once they head for home, out of the Revival meeting atmosphere of Madison Square Garden. Do they really believe the economy is in a recovery? Do they really believe John Kerry, who went to war and acquitted himself bravely, is less of a leader than those, like Dick Cheney, who chose to take five deferments, or that Kerry is less committed to saving our troops, than those who sent those very troops into harm's way without adequate supplies, not to mention a plan for peace?

We suspect that many will realize what fools they've been, but that realization will only lead to another question: What alternative do the voters have to the Bush-Cheney disastrous duo?

Ralph Nader is no alternative, of course—nor any of the right-wing clowns like the Libertarian candidates. Nader has been proven to be nothing but a shill for the Republican Party, complete with Republican Party money, Republican Party petitioners, and Republican Party lawyers. The Republicans know that a vote for Nader is a vote to get Bush re-elected.

Nor is it an alternative to simply "take care of self," and stay out of the political fray. It is precisely that outlook on the part of large sections of the American people, which has brought us into the situation we are now in.

No, the alternative *is* John Kerry, the Democratic Party nominee. But, to be successful, Kerry must become the standardbearer for his party's best legacy, the legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and for the interests of the vast segment of the U.S. population, the "forgotten men and women," who are now being ground up in the meatgrinder of the bankrupt economy.

Look at the matter the way Lyndon LaRouche does, for maximum clarity. The only alternative to fascism under Cheney-Bush, is to rebuild the institutional commitment to our Founding principles, by establishing a team around a President Kerry which would ensure that he follows the right path. Kerry has the proven capability to fight for our nation's principles. That's what he was doing when he criticized the horrors of the Vietnam War, and when he took on the drug-running corruption of the Iran-Contra operation. With the proper advisors and commitment, Kerry can show that leadership again.

Since the Republican Convention, there are some signs that Kerry has decided to throw off his "triangulation" consultants, such as Bob Schrum, and lead a serious fight. But it's only the beginning of what must be done. This election will be won or lost, on whether the Democratic Party, including Kerry, mobilizes itself to totally reverse the economic and military policies of the Bush Administration, and to embrace a policy of economic growth and international cooperation like that of FDR.

The more than quarter million Americans who went into the streets outside the Republican Convention clearly had a sense of the urgency of the fight. They felt the danger of the Bush-Cheney policy for themselves, our nation, and humanity as a whole. Now, they must take the next step to understand the *policies* we need for survival, as LaRouche has laid them out. It's going to be an intense Autumn, and the fate of the world depends upon it.

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Mon/Wed: 6:30 pm
• WAYNE COUNTY
Comcast Ch.68
Unscheduled pop-ins
• WYOMING
AT&T Ch.25
Wednesdays—10 am

MINNESOTA

• ANOKA
Comcast Ch.15
Thu: 3 pm & 9 pm
• BURNSVILLE/EGAN
ATT Ch.14,57,96
Tuesdays—5:30 pm
Saturdays—9 pm
Sundays—10 pm
• CAMBRIDGE
US Cable Ch.10
Wednesdays—2 pm

MISSISSIPPI

• MARSHALL COUNTY
Galaxy Ch. 2
Mondays—7 pm

MISSOURI

• ST. LOUIS
AT&T Ch.22
Wednesdays—5 pm
Thursdays—12 Noon

NEBRASKA

• LINCOLN
T/W Ch.80
Citizen Watchdog
Tuesdays—7 pm
Wednesdays—10 pm

NEVADA

• CARSON—Ch.10
Wednesdays—7 pm
Saturdays—3 pm
• RENO/SPARKS
Charter Ch.16
Wednesdays—9 pm

NEW JERSEY

• MERCER COUNTY
Comcast*
TRENTON Ch.81
WINDSOR Ch.27

COLD SPRING

US Cable Ch.10
Wednesdays—5 pm
• COLUMBIA HTS.
MediaOne Ch.15
Wednesdays—8 pm
• DULUTH—Ch.20
Mondays—9 pm
Wednesdays—12 pm
Fridays 1 pm

• FRIDLEY—Ch.5
Thursdays—5:30 pm
Saturdays—8:30 pm
• MINNEAPOLIS
PARAGON Ch.67
Saturdays—7 pm
• NEW ULM—Ch.14
Fridays—5 pm

NEW MEXICO

• ALBUQUERQUE
Comcast—Ch.8
Saturdays—6:30 pm
• TAOS—Ch.2
Thursdays—7 pm

NEW YORK

• AMSTERDAM
Time Warner Ch.16
Wednesdays—7 pm
• BRONX
Cablevision Ch.70
Fridays—4:30 pm
• BROOKLYN
T/W Ch.34
SPNN Ch.15
Saturdays—10 pm
• ST.PAUL (NY Burbs)
Tue & Fri: -6 pm & Midnite
Fri: -6 am & Noon
• ST.PAUL (NE burbs)*
Suburban Ch.15
• ST.PAUL (S&W burbs)
AT&T-Comcast Ch.15
Tue & Fri: -8 pm
Wednesdays—10:30 pm
SOUTH WASHINGTON
ATT Ch.14—1:30 pm
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

NEW HAMPSHIRE

• MERRIMACK
Comcast Ch.16
Mondays—7 pm

NEW MEXICO

• MONTVALE/MAHWAH
Time Warner Ch.27
Wednesdays—4 pm
• NORTHERN NJ
Comcast Ch.57*
PISCATAWAY
Cablevision Ch.71
Wed—11:30 pm
• PLAINSBORO
Comcast Ch.3*

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Time Warner Ch.27
Wednesdays—4 pm
• NORTHERN NJ
Comcast Ch.57*
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Cablevision Ch.71
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Wednesdays—4 pm
• NORTHERN NJ
Comcast Ch.57*
PISCATAWAY
Cablevision Ch.71
Wed—11:30 pm
• PLAINSBORO
Comcast Ch.3*

TOMPKINS COUNTY

Time Warner Ch.13
Sun—1 pm & 9 pm
Saturdays—9 pm
• TRI-LAKES
Adelphia Ch.2
Sun: 7 am, 1 pm, 8 pm
• WEBSTER—Ch.12
Wednesdays—9 pm

OHIO

• CUYAHOGA COUNTY
Ch.21: Wed—3:30 pm
• FRANKLIN COUNTY
Ch.21: Sun.—6 pm
• LORAIN COUNTY
Adelphia Ch.30
Daily: 10 am; or
12 Noon; or 2 pm;
or 12 Midnight
• OBERLIN—Ch.9
Tuesdays—7 pm
• REYNOLDSBURG
Ch.6: Sun.—6 pm

OREGON

• LINN/BENTON
AT&T Ch.99
Tuesdays—1 pm
• PORTLAND
Tue—6 pm (Ch.22)
Thu—3 pm (Ch.23)
• SALEM—Ch.23
Thursdays—12 Noon
Tuesdays 8 pm
Saturdays 10 am
• CLATSOP
Charter Ch.10
Mon,Tue,Thu,Fri:
Betw. 5 pm - 9 am
• WASHINGTON
Comcast Ch. 23
Wed:7 pm; Fri:10 am
Sun:6 am; Mon:11 pm

RHODE ISLAND

• E.PROV.—Ch.18
Tuesdays—6:30 pm
• STATEWIDE
RI Interconnect
Cox Ch.13
Full Ch.49
Tuesdays—10 am

TEXAS

• AUSTIN Ch.10
T/W & Grande
Wednesdays—7 pm
• DALLAS Ch.13-B
Tuesdays—10:30 pm
• EL PASO COUNTY
Adelphia Ch.4
Tuesdays—8 pm
Thursdays—11 am
• HOUSTON
Time Warner Ch.17
Saturdays—9 am
Mon, 12/29: 4 pm
Wed, 12/31: 4 pm
Tue, 1/6: 4 pm
Wed, 1/14: 8 pm
• KINGWOOD Ch.98
Kingwood Cablevision
Saturdays—9 am
Mon, 12/29: 4 pm
Wed, 12/31: 4 pm
Tue, 1/6: 4 pm
Wed, 1/14: 8 pm
• RICHARDSON
AT&T Ch.10-A
Thursdays—6 pm

UTAH

• E.MILLARD
Precis Ch.10
Tuesdays—5 pm
• SEVERE/SAN PETE
Precis Ch.10
Sundays & Mondays
6 pm & 9 pm

VERMONT

• GREATER FALLS
Adelphia Ch.8
Tuesdays—1 pm

VIRGINIA

• ALBERMARLE
Adelphia Ch.13
Fridays—3 pm
• ARLINGTON
ACT Ch.33
Mondays—4 pm
Tuesdays—9 am
• BLACKSBURG
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Mondays—6 pm
• CHESTERFIELD
Comcast Ch.6
Tuesdays—5 pm
• FAIRFAX—Ch.10
Thursdays—12 Noon
Thursdays—7 pm
• LOUDOUN
Adelphia Ch. 23/24
Thursdays—7 pm
• ROANOKE—Ch.19
Thursdays—7 pm
Thursdays—2 pm

WASHINGTON

• KING COUNTY
AT&T Ch.29/77
Mondays—7 pm
• KENNEWICK
Charter Ch.12
Mondays—12 Noon
Thursdays—8:30 pm
• PASCOC
Charter Ch.12
Mondays—12 Noon
Thursdays—8:30 pm
• RICHLAND
Charter Ch.12
Mondays—12 Noon
Thursdays—8:30 pm
• SPOKANE—Ch.14
Wednesdays—6 pm
• WENATCHEE
Charter Ch.98
Thu: 10 am & 5 pm

WISCONSIN

• MADISON—Ch.4
Tuesdays—3 PM
Wednesdays—12 Noon
• MARATHON COUNTY
Charter Ch.10
Thursdays—9:30 pm
Fridays—12 Noon
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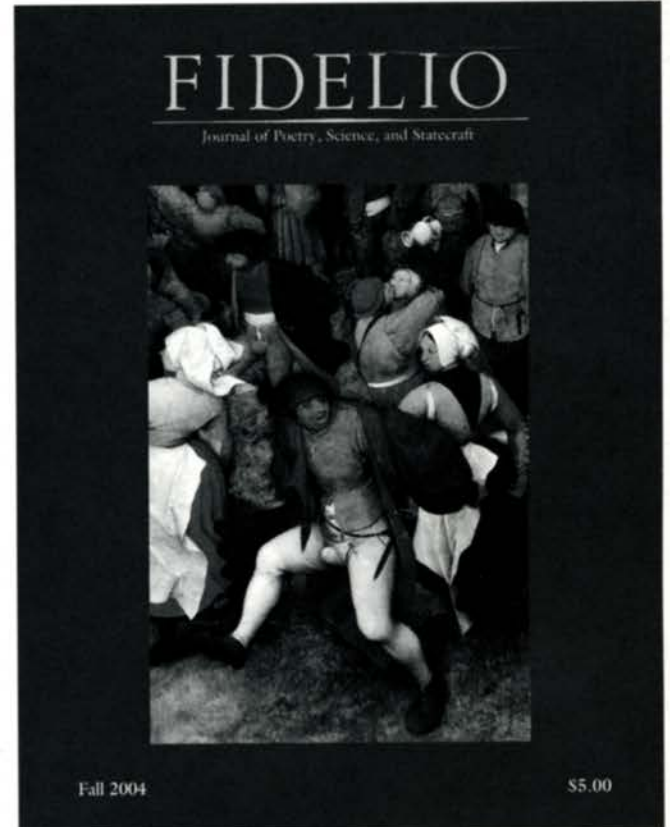
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