

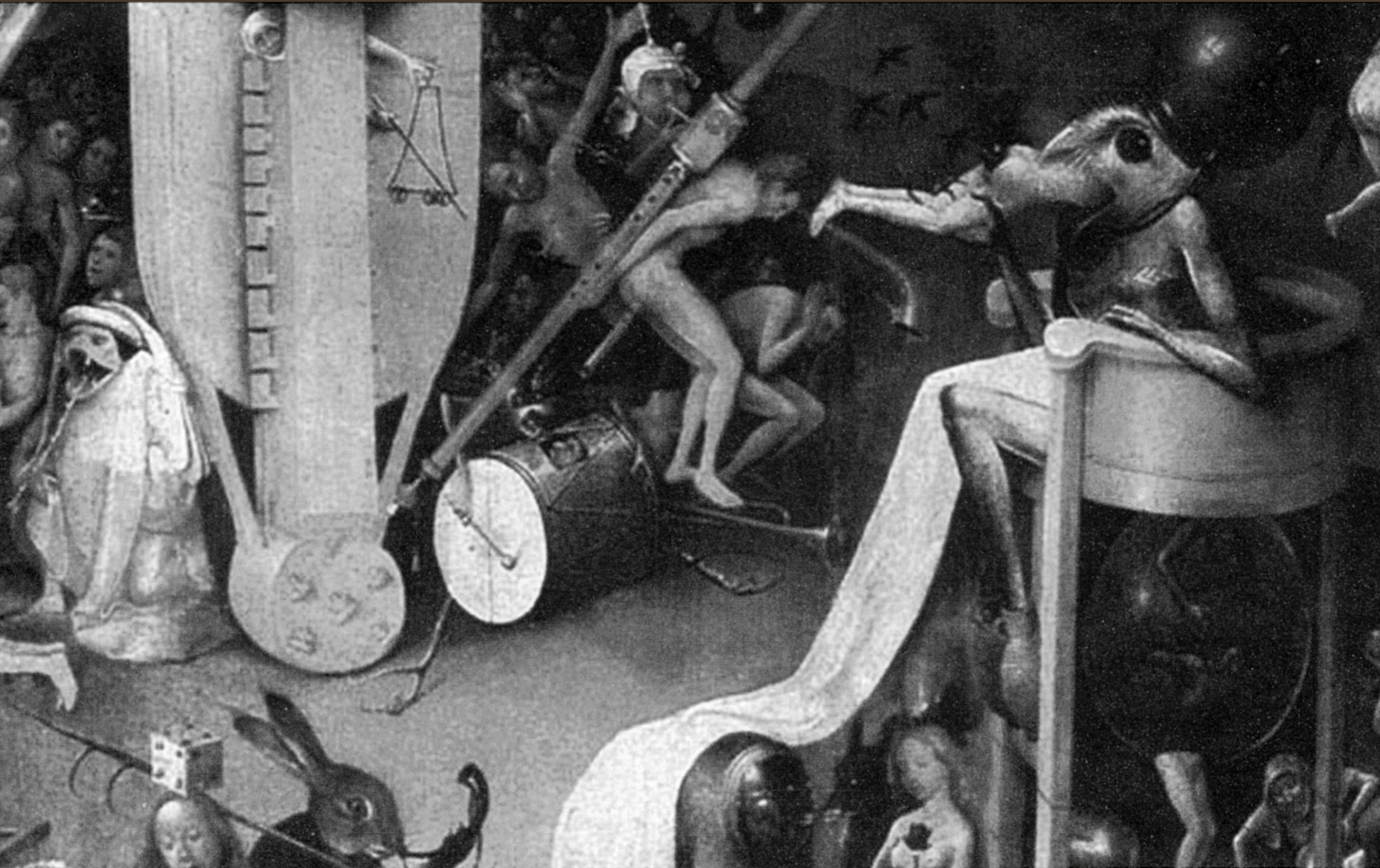
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From the Associate Editor

Some people get very anxious when we use the word “fascist” to characterize someone who wears a suit (and no swastika on the sleeve), or who holds a “respectable” post in government, banking, or academia. See, for example, our report on p. 19 of the LaRouche Youth Movement’s (LYM’s) intervention at Tufts University, against Yaron Brook, director of the Ayn Rand Institute. This person had given a speech the week before, calling for defeating Islamic governments by “*killing hundreds of thousands of their supporters.*” Brook is a veteran of Israeli Army Intelligence; what would David Ben Gurion, Israel’s first President, have thought, had he heard such an unabashed Nazi statement from one of his own people? (We know what he would have thought, since he branded a similar genocidal fanatic in his own time—the terrorist father of Israel’s Likud party—as Vladimir “Hitler” Jabotinsky.) Yet today, in Boston, the audience erupted in catcalls directed against the LYM, and in defense of the oh-so-respectable speaker.

We examine this question from several vantage-points:

- Lyndon LaRouche addresses “The Case of the Poor Marcel Lefebvre.” What qualities do the late Archbishop and Sister Lynne Cheney share, that certify them both for the designation “fascist,” and for placement in the Inferno which is depicted on our cover (from Hieronymus Bosch’s triptych “The Garden of Earthly Delights”)?

- In “The 1988 Alexandria Hoax: How I Terrorized the Fascist!” LaRouche presents fascist investment banker John Train’s central role in orchestrating the “Get LaRouche” task force, which culminated in a railroad trial in Alexandria, Virginia, that sent LaRouche and others to prison on trumped-up charges. As documentation, we include facsimiles of the correspondence of some of Train’s co-conspirators (such as Henry Kissinger), and a 1992 affidavit by an *EIR* investigator, detailing the actions of the Train “salon” and other agencies against LaRouche.

- See *National* for our report on Lynne Cheney’s campus gestapo network, aimed against those who presume to oppose the Bush-Cheney Administration. This network is now mobilized to demoralize college students and keep them away from the polls on Nov. 7. It’s no wonder that the LYM is one of their principal targets.

Susan Welsh

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THE CASE OF POOR MARCEL LEFEBVRE

Liberalism As Anti-Liberalism

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

October 17, 2006

Citizens! Your Honors! Let us recall Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth. The Liberally fascist-in-fact, Sister Lynne Cheney, is the relevant, veritably modern Lady Macbeth who virtually picked her husband out of a trash bin, is today's more appropriate example of a particular form of the evil which that pair represents, in menacing civilization globally today. It is therefore notable, that she plays that role as of a type actually much closer to the tragic figure of the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, than Lefebvre's implicit defense of the post-Hitler prototype of fascism might suggest to the unwitting.¹

Lynne Cheney herself, who is otherwise identified as the author of her novel, *Sisters*, is a product of the type of patronage provided by the circles of sometime Bertrand Russell accomplice Robert M. Hutchins at Chicago University. There, she fell into the cultural sewer of Hutchins' special protégé, the Carl Schmitt-created, fascist ideologue and hoaxster, Professor Leo Strauss.² There, she came to devote her permitted pretensions at scholarship to the worthless example of one of the more degenerate intellectual parasites from British literary circles of his time, Matthew Arnold. Nonetheless, despite her lack of serious scholarship, she, like Shakespeare's notorious character Lady Macbeth, has achieved a certain special kind of academic notoriety, chiefly through her picking that boorish human failure,

1. Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, *They Have Uncrowned Him: From Liberalism to Apostasy, the Conciliar Tragedy*, Rev. Fr. Gregory Post SSPX (Kansas City, Mo.: The Angelus Press, 1988)

2. Leo Strauss's career began as a protégé of the Nazi Crown Jurist Carl Schmitt, who was both the crafter of the legal dogma under which dictatorial powers were awarded to Adolf Hitler, and also the inspiration of the fascist Federalist Society now polluting the ranks of the current post of the U.S. Supreme Court. Lynne Cheney's activities in the public domain are representative of the same fascist outlook typical of Trotskyists and others currently associated with the "neo-conservative" outlook.



Society of St. Pius X

The late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. “No matter how the would-be defenders of Archbishop Lefebvre might protest, he and his name have been used as a rallying-cry for murderous anti-Semitism and fascism throughout much of the world still today.”



Sarasota Opera/Deb Hesser

Lady Macbeth, Shakespeare’s evil equivalent of a Lynne Cheney, as depicted in Verdi’s opera “Macbeth.”

Lynne Cheney: “In her soul, it is clear, she, like Lady Macbeth, is just as guiltily brutish as that slaughterer of innocent birds and others, her bloody, murderous spouse.”



DoD/PH2 Julianne F. Metzger

her husband, from a rubbish-bin of history. She has made that three-penny villain, her spouse, into the image of a very wicked Golem, all this in her own attempted role as a modern Lady Macbeth.

The point to be stressed, is that both Sister Cheney and her husband are fascists in practice, in the worst possible implications of that term. Not only that, but they are just as much as, or even, perhaps, more fascists than that misguided Archbishop Lefebvre, who permitted himself to be used by a present continuation of Hitler’s fascist movement. In that role assigned to him, Lefebvre became a figure in that continued movement’s deployment into the Americas, largely from Licio Gelli’s Italy and Franco’s Spain.

In the related case of the relics of Nazism coddled by Allen Dulles’s James Jesus Angleton, this conduiting of many among Lefebvre’s implicit allies, was assisted at the direction of creatures such as the Buckley clan, which launched Joe Lieberman as a U.S. Senator, at the direction of the creatures which brought the Nazi-linked regime of Pinochet to power in Chile, the latter with the assistance of witting accomplices such as George P. Shultz, Henry Kissinger, and Felix Rohatyn. From those relevant points of far-right-wing reference, the issue posed by a duped Lefebvre comes back to current role of Lynne and Dick Cheney. As the popular witticism goes: often, what goes around, comes around.

The specific issue at the center of the Archbishop Lefeb-

vre’s own tragic error, was Lefebvre’s evasion of the most crucial among the factual political issues of Vatican II, the evidence that the crime of the Adolf Hitler regime against the Jews of Europe, was not only a direct and consistent outgrowth of the persecution of the Jews of Spain by the Hitler-like Tomás de Torquemada, but of the wave of religious warfare throughout Europe, which Torquemada’s Inquisition sparked, over the interval 1492-1648, as by the butchering Norman crusaders of Venice’s medieval heydays.

No matter how the would-be defenders of Archbishop Lefebvre might protest, he and his name have been used as a rallying-cry for murderous anti-Semitism and fascism throughout much of the world still today. This includes the variety of fascism otherwise typified by the circles of the rabidly pseudo-intellectual, tasteless devotee of the pathetic Matthew Arnold, Lynne Cheney. Hers is a tastelessness otherwise typified by the spectacle of that brutish oaf of husband which she sports, perhaps as a dog on nightly chains, at the D.C. Naval Observatory. In her soul, it is clear, she, like Lady Macbeth, is just as guiltily brutish as that slaughterer of innocent birds and others, her bloody, murderous spouse.

As in competent physical science generally, the discovery that certain selected varieties of apparently dissimilar attributes are representative of the same species, obliges serious thinkers today to recognize the common specific identity, and also other affinities, between Lynne Cheney and the portion

of the fascist movement organized under the guidon of the unfortunate, late Archbishop Lefebvre.

Sister Cheney has not yet, apparently, reached the point in the crossroads of her infamous career, at which she aims to turn targetted university professors into lampshades; but that, too, lies somewhere ahead, along that road she is already travelling, if she continues to travel in her present direction. Hers is a pathway, today, leading toward her clearly manifest intention, as in ACTA and other of her operations, to effect the early introduction of a dictatorship with certain Hitlerian predicates, inside the U.S.A. and elsewhere. Similarly, whatever her intention, she is like Archbishop Lefebvre, who may not have wished to be associated with the Pinochet-linked Operation Condor, but he played his not insignificant part in the promotion of such events. Her intentions express her defective character and its implied fate: unless she were to undergo an unlikely systemic change.

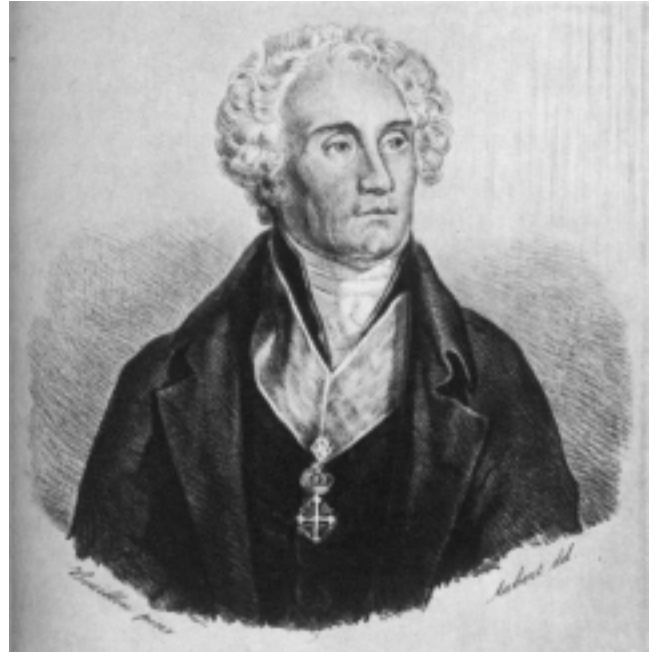
As much as the two varieties, she and Lefebvre, may differ in secondary features, as did the mythical pairing of selected cases of largely fictional Greeks and Romans which was done by the Delphi cult's scurrilous high priest, Plutarch: Lefebvre and Cheney are ultimately of the same fascist political species.

The Fascist Model

On this account, the specific quality of relevant historical connections shared among Torquemada, Anglo-Dutch Liberalism, and Hitler are clear.

In the attempt to defeat and crush the American Constitutional republic, the perpetrators, Britain's Anglo-Dutch Liberals, were led by Lord Shelburne, who utilized the Martinist freemasonry of Count Joseph de Maistre, to orchestrate the prevention of the formation, by Lafayette et al., of a French constitutional monarchy modelled upon the the U.S. republic's system.³ Shelburne was like his agent Jeremy Bentham, and like Bentham's protégé and successor, the Lord Palmerston who was the principal, actual patron of an unwitting Karl Marx. Palmerston, the creator of the U.S. Civil War of 1861-1865, used such assets of his as the Martinists and the virtual Hitler known as Mexico's Emperor Maximilian, to orchestrate destabilizations of rivals in Europe and beyond. Such cases of the British use of the Martinists, under Shelburne and

3. The cases of France's Louis XI and his admirer, England's Henry VII, illustrate the reasons for the debate, in the run-up to the U.S. Federal Constitution, over the choice between a constitutional Presidency and a Presidential monarchy. The same theme is reflected as an issue for historians, in the role of Lafayette in the matter of the "Tennis Court" oath. Louis XI was, in effect, an ideal President of France, functioning in the guise of a monarchical head of state of the new form of society arising from of the great ecumenical Council of Florence, a commonwealth. However, the institution of modern monarchy has been otherwise the nasty failure to which so-called World War I attests most notably. Ours was the right choice, despite the bought-and-paid-for, shabby products which representatives of foreign financier interests have sometimes dumped, as now, into the entryway of the U.S. Executive Mansion.



Count Joseph de Maistre of Savoy, a Martinist leader, programmed "a flunky of the Robespierre tyranny, Captain of Artillery Napoleon Bonaparte, to become Emperor of France and the ruin of continental Europe . . . according to a model which de Maistre himself based explicitly on the most monstrous characteristics of Tomás de Torquemada." That same de Maistre model was used to later select and craft the "the special kind of personality of Adolf Hitler."

Bentham directly, include the affair of the Queen's Necklace, and the deployment of Philippe Egalité and Jacques Necker to play key roles in preparing and conducting the Paris events of July 14, 1789.

It was Martinist leader Count Joseph de Maistre of Savoy, who literally programmed a flunky of the Robespierre tyranny, Captain of Artillery Napoleon Bonaparte, to become Emperor of France and the ruin of continental Europe, that according to a model which de Maistre himself based explicitly on the most monstrous characteristics of Tomás de Torquemada. It was that same model, that of Napoleon and his wars, crafted by de Maistre, which was used as a model for the selection and crafting of the special kind of personality of Adolf Hitler.

The model on which these and consequent developments were premised, was crafted on behalf of defeating the threat which the American System represented for the continuation of Lord Shelburne's conception of a "new Roman" sort of British Empire. The Napoleonic wars, for example, served the British "geopolitical" cause as that so-called Seven Years' War which had cleared the way for the British East India Company's imperial triumph in the February 1763 Peace of Paris. The same "geopolitical" motive was behind the organization of what became known as World War I, as designed

under the leadership of Britain's imperial Prince Edward Albert, and was also the underlying concern in the original Franco-British plan for putting Adolf Hitler into power, and sending Germany to the mutual ruin of central and eastern Europe in an intended assault on Soviet Russia. It was the same Liberal intent which is plunging the greatest fools of today's world into the conduct of a form of neo-Venetian, nation-state-free, global empire, called "globalization" today.

The root of these fools' designs was not so much the older model of the Roman and Byzantine empires, but, much more, a derivative of those: the medieval *ultramontane* system of partnership between Venice's financier-oligarchy and the bestial, crusading Norman chivalry; a system of imperial rule exerted by a Venetian, or Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier oligarchy, a "bankers' imperialism." The Torquemada from which

the followers of the misguided Archbishop Lefebvre adopted their present-day, fascist heritage, was the expression of an attempted revival of the medieval, *ultramontane* system, the system which had crashed in the New Dark Age of the middle-to-late Fourteenth Century. The anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim ideologies of extended modern European civilization under post-President Lyndon Johnson decades today, are a resurrection of the same brutish ideologies of the Crusades, the religious warfare of 1492-1648, and that of the U.S. lackeys, such as Harvard-trained Henry A. Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Samuel P. Huntington, and of the British Arab Bureau intelligence's Bernard Lewis today.

Thus, the two feudal roots of modern fascism converged into a common effort: the testy alliance of financier-oligarchy tyranny, on the one side, and the imperial crusaders' tradition, on the other; both united by a common synarchy modelled on the alliance of France's Banque Worms with the Nazi regime.

In other words, these horrid developments of today are echoes of the struggle of lackey Gibbon's Lord Shelburne et al., to establish a permanent, Anglo-Dutch Liberal successor to the Roman Empire, one based on world rule by a financier oligarchy reigning from above. Here lie the common ideological roots of fascism shared among such differing varieties of the same, decadent species which Lynne Cheney shares with the avowed devotees of the late Archbishop Lefebvre.

For that wicked purpose, warfare and other horrid means are employed; but, essentially, as Lynne Cheney's evil role within ACTA attests, the weapon is, at the same time, also cultural warfare against any professors or other persons who

are capable of actually thinking, and might have the courage to do so.

1. The Necessity of Repeating Oneself

All competent science and statecraft oblige the serious thinker to seem to repeat himself, or herself, even "early and often," at least, according to the opinion of shallow thinkers.⁴ In competent science, what must *always* be repeated, in any relevant context, is an invocation of a universal principle, a principle which must, by its nature, pervade the universe. What must also, otherwise, *often* be repeated, are points of evidence which must be invoked to locate included elements of proof of the role of some universal principle; this must be done to expose the subject at hand as belonging to a specific kind of lawful interpretation of a relevant situation: as the subject of the commonly underlying feature of Romanticism in Lynne Cheney and Lefebvre presents such a situation.

Nonetheless, there are certain people, who, like the attorneys for defense of felons of so-called organized crime, when called before a judge, will insist, "Your honor, there are no conspiracies in history." The pleading, in each case, is made either by a liar, or a pitiable dimwit, or a person who partakes of the attributes of both.

Occasionally, or perhaps more often, that same kind of lie which has been famously employed for purposes of attempted criminal defense, is employed, as I have been eyewitness to this, in concerted actions by members of a lying conspiracy shared by prosecutors and judges, even certain instances of this among Federal prosecutors and judges, as, to my knowledge, in the orbit of the activities of the accomplices of the right-wing arch-conspirator John Train.

Notably, that sort of pathetic babbling against which I am complaining here, was concocted in aid of the case of those leading accomplices of the Nazi criminal machine which brought certain hidebound friends and cronies of fascism together with both their witting and unwitting accomplices. Typical of such fully witting cronies is the cited case of Allen Dulles and his chief lackey James Jesus Angleton, who, together, led in protecting and promoting the use of some of the most culpable Nazi perpetrators employed, during the post-war period.

"Statistically," one might say, this was done in apparent revenge for what President Franklin Roosevelt had done to some of Allen Dulles' former friends among such leading fascists of Europe. That pattern is merely typified, in the instance of Dulles and his lackey Angleton, by the cases of the now recently deceased Prince Borghese, rescued from a

4. As even a certain, not notably intellectual, former Democratic Presidential candidate, Walter Mondale, once said.

waiting death-sentence, by Angleton personally, and by Angleton's role in promoting the circles of the Salo Republic's presently active Nazi veteran Licio Gelli, long after Angleton's death, a Gelli who is playing the old game of power as under the P-2 lodge of Monte Carlo's past, still today.

However, the point being made here is not intended merely to lambaste the contemptible practitioners of such actually widespread, fully witting conspiratorial frenzies. The point of principle is, that, as I taught my students decades ago, you could not have had a ten-cent cup of nightly coffee served in even a cheap Manhattan diner, without a measurably global conspiracy among all the elements of action which are expressed in the presence of that hot, steaming cup at that location at that time.

Conspiracies already existed before man's known presence; they existed among the screaming masses of rhesus monkeys and among the South African baboons gathering baobab nuts. Animal conspiracies of that sort, are one thing; conspiracies among the lower forms of human life, such as Allen Dulles' circles, are another matter. Archbishop Lefebvre and Lynne Cheney are, in common, subjects of such another matter.

So, to come now directly to the core of the point at issue, I proceed here hence as follows.

What, After All, Is Christianity?

The translation of Archbishop Lefebvre's book, which I hold here in my hand as I write, is fairly described as the work of a Sophist, so infatuated with his own opportunistic rhetoric, that he loses all sight of the subject, Christianity, which he purports to address. Epistemologically, he babbles.

The essential premise of religious belief among Christians, as also Jews and Muslims, most notably, is the ontological distinction of the human personal individuality from the lower forms of life. This distinction is ontological; it pertains to a quality of the member of the human species which humanity shares only with the continuously active Creator of the existing and still developing universe. The Christian Apostles John and Paul, who were literate in the Classical Greek science of Plato, presented this conception of man's affinity to the Creator in language of what remains, to the present day, as, epistemologically, the relatively greatest scientific precision known to the world at large. This view was shared, implicitly, by the Philo of Alexandria who was the friend of the Apostle Peter, the Peter who was murdered by the Roman Emperor, and criminal, Nero.

The relevant proponents of the erring view, as shared among some notable Christian and Jewish scholars, have either argued for the sophistry that, if God and his work were perfect, then the Creation of the universe in a state antecedent



The fascist theology associated with Lefebvre has more in common with the "satanic hatred of Christianity expressed by the oligarchical Grand Inquisitor in the likeness of Tomás de Torquemada," than Christianity, LaRouche says. In his book, Lefebvre "again and again, affirms that oligarchical devotion we would otherwise associate with the stilettos of old Venice." Here, an illustration of old Venice from James Fenimore Cooper's "The Bravo."

to the existence of man is perfect, so perfect that God himself could not change the universe from that perfected state. From this, pro-satanists, such as Friedrich Nietzsche, have put forward the sophistry, "God is dead," to which some livelier wits have replied, "God says: Nietzsche is dead."

On the contrary account, Classical Greek thinkers such as Heraclitus and Plato, had already shown that the universe is not composed of a fixed Creation, but that Creation is ontologically, as modern science has demonstrated, a continuing process of qualitative state of functional existence progressing to transuranic and otherwise higher levels, a process which it is man's endowed and intended nature to promote. This quality in man, expresses the distinction of man both from ape and from the adopted self-image, adopted in practice, by degenerated versions of the human type, such as Mrs. Lynne Cheney.

For our purposes here, the relevant opposition to Christianity, in particular, is typified by the character of the Satan-like figure, the Olympian Zeus, as portrayed by the poet Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound*. In that drama, Zeus' prescription of torture for the Prometheus charged with the crime of permitting human beings to know the principle of the use of "fire," or, implicitly, therefore, "nuclear-fission power" today, we have the image of the denial to man, by Satan, of that specific quality of creativity which distinguishes man from beast, and which casts the human individual and human species in the living image of the Creator.

On the account of this issue, all persons are sacred to Christianity, because they share the essential nature of the Creator, a nature which instructs them to devote their mortal lives to participating in the living Creator's work of contribut-



It was after the Roman pact with the cult of Mithra, struck on the Isle of Capri under Caesar Augustus and Tiberius, that Jesus Christ was “judicially murdered, crucified, by order of the putative son-in-law, Pontius Pilate, of the Emperor Tiberius, then sitting in his seat in Capri.” The illustration of the crucifixion is by Daniel Hopfer (1470?-1536); the bust of Emperor Tiberius is at the Museo Archeologico Regionale in Palermo, Sicily.



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ing to the more perfect development of the universe we inhabit. This dedication expresses the motivating quality of love for mankind, as emphasized in the Apostle Paul’s *I Corinthians* 13, as in the work of Cardinal Mazarin et al. in crafting that 1648 Treaty of Westphalia on which all proper law of and among the actually civilized form of sovereign nations of Europe, and beyond, depends today.

To this end, we are rightly obliged to devote our individual’s self-development and mission in mortal life, to certain ends, aims, and obligations, which are coherent with that special distinction of the human personality from the individuality of the beasts.

With the Apostolic Christians, such as John and Paul, most emphatically, the duty of the Christian is to impart this sense of mortal man’s immortal mission, and a corresponding love for all mankind, to all mankind. What you do for others, on this account, is your proper mission, as that of the likeness of a missionary, in your mortal life. It is not sufficient to help others; it is necessary to inspire them to find the immortal place in which their having lived will resonate in affirming the enduring meaning of having lived of themselves, in their forebears, and in the benefit of those to live after us.

However, the banning of the knowledgeable discovery of the principled use of fire, such as nuclear-fission power, to mankind, by the Satanic Olympian Zeus and his modern imitators, degrades man’s imposed self-image to that of just an

other beast, to the state of human cattle of today’s reigning financier oligarchies. That radically reductionist dogma of the Delphic tradition of the Olympian Zeus, has served as the doctrine of law upon which the so-called oligarchical tradition has been premised, according to the image of Babylon which the Apostle John signified in describing the existence of the Roman Empire of the Caesars as “the Whore of Babylon.”

That policy of the satanic Olympian Zeus, is to hold the great majority of the human population in the condition of a human parody of tamed, or hunted cattle, cattle who defend the stupidity imposed upon them by their captors, as “the way of life” which those victims are disposed to defend, even somewhat ferociously. That, in brief, is the oligarchical principle, as its repeated appearance stretches from ancient Babylon through Sparta, Rome, Byzantium, medieval *ultramontanism*, and Anglo-Dutch Liberal echoes of

medieval *ultramontanism* of the avowedly globalizing, modern crusader against Islam today.

There, in the oligarchical doctrine of that Olympian Zeus, lie the aberrant affinities, the characteristic Sophistries of the late Archbishop Lefebvre and his devotees. In place of man in the likeness of the personality of the living Creator, Lefebvre’s loyalties are to the cause of the oligarchical principle of the Olympian Zeus, the cause of those errant souls who have attempted to adorn the social order of the imperial Roman pagan Pantheon with the attire of bishops, this according to the ordering for the same model of the Roman pagan Pantheon worshipped by lackey Gibbon and his British East India Company master, Lord Shelburne.

Measure the words of the confused Archbishop Lefebvre, as in the book I hold before me now, on this account. Contrast his words to the beauty of the soul expressed by the John XXIII whom he reviled, as he did Paul VI and, most emphatically, the widely beloved John Paul II.

This, as just stated, is admittedly, in one important respect, an affair of the Catholic Church; but, it is also a matter which lies elsewhere, as in my hands as I write here today. It is a mission prescribed implicitly in the *De Pace Fidei* of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, a mission prescribed as a law of modern civilized nations, by the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia. It is the principle reflected in the fundamental statements of principle of constitutional law, in the prescription of Leibniz’s anti-

Voltairean “the pursuit of happiness” in the U.S. Declaration of Independence, as the statement of the intent which must underlie all law, in the Preamble of the Federal Constitution of the U.S.A.

As Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa argued by the dialogue of *De Pace Fidei*, this is the law of ecumenicism among nations and peoples which is implicitly obligatory for all Christians, and toward all of the people of different faiths throughout the world.

That defines the core of the issue which separates the implicitly referenced doctrines of the Cheneys and Lefebvre from the world-outlook and conduct of decent human beings today.

2. Lynne Cheney and ‘The Whore of Babylon’

From where, in what distant time, did that ugly phenomenon, represented, today, by Lynne Cheney’s fascist ACTA operation, originate? What, therefore, are the “genetic” characteristics of the ugly species she represents today?

To make clear the principled nature of both the historically rooted affinities of the malicious Cheneys and the aberrant Archbishop Lefebvre, a summary of the highlights of Roman imperial history must be supplied and considered, covering the interval from the close of the Second Punic War, through to the drive, today, to uproot and eradicate the existence of the institution of the sovereign nation-state republic, including that of the United States today. This is the present form of drive for a single, planet-wide empire of a ruling financier-oligarchical cabal, called “globalization”: a modern “Whore of Babylon.”

The Apostle John used that term, “The Whore of Babylon,” with historical precision.

It did not begin with the founding of the Roman Empire, but it is useful to point to the benchmark, that what became the Roman Empire itself was launched, on the Isle of Capri, by agreement struck there between Octavian, the future Caesar Augustus, and the priests of the cult of Mithra. This agreement shifted the balance of contending forces of the Mediterranean region, slightly, but decisively, in favor of Augustus, and against Anthony and Cleopatra.

From the aftermath of the Roman victory in both the Second Punic War and the crushing of Archimedes’ Syracuse, the pervasive issue of life throughout the Mediterranean and adjoining regions, was whether a new empire, based on the heritage of the Babylonian and Spartan traditions of oligarchical society, would be formed under the leadership of Rome, of the Ptolemies, or the Middle East’s Mithra cult. Octavian’s pact with the priests of the cult of Mithra proved decisive. Although the cult of Mithra was still banned from the city of Rome until a later time, it was the pact with Mithra, struck on

the Isle of Capri under Caesar Augustus and, most emphatically, Tiberius, which was associated with the reign of the early Caesars. Thus, whereas Jesus Christ was born, in peril, under the reign of Caesar Augustus, He was judicially murdered, crucified, by order of the putative son-in-law, Pontius Pilate, of the Emperor Tiberius, then sitting in his seat in Capri.

That Capri, like certain other personal, hereditary properties of the Roman Emperor, remained in those hands for about a half-millennium, until the Byzantine Emperor transferred those places to religious bodies constituted under the rule of the Emperor Constantine’s successors.

Such is the useful, and proper meaning of the term “The Whore of Babylon,” to identify the tradition which the formation of the Roman Empire represented, then, and in the form of its present “genetic” offspring, the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system of so-called “globalization” today.

From that time on, as put into full practice under the Emperor Nero, the mass murder of Christians and, in Palestine and elsewhere, Jews, was the characteristic of the Roman Empire’s reign as a form of tyranny under a system of oligarchical society, into the reign of that monstrous butcher, the Emperor Diocletian, who divided the Roman Empire in the attempt to save it, and whose circles reluctantly ceased the mass-butcherery of Christians, that on the grounds that the practice of persistent mass-murder had not fulfilled its intended, evil purpose.

Here, in these developments, we discover the root of the form of fascist theology associated with the image of Archbishop Lefebvre, still today. That root is the oligarchical principle which the Russian novelist Dostoevsky portrays as the satanic hatred of Christianity expressed by the oligarchical Grand Inquisitor in the likeness of Tomás de Torquemada. In the book open before me, Archbishop Lefebvre, again and again, affirms that oligarchical devotion we would otherwise associate with the stilettos of old Venice.

That Old Whore Today

Some call her *Ge*, or *Gaia*. Her chief place of residence is identified as Delphi, the maritime center of those People of the Sea who became known to modern times as, chiefly, the Greeks, and known to Plato and others as the seat of Satan whence the streams of Sophistry flowed to bring once Great Athens to self-destruction in Pericles’ unleashing of the Peloponnesian War.

From here, the ships sailed to the mouth of the Tiber, to plant a religious cult within the land of those Etruscans whose language was systematically exterminated, in an infamous act of cultural genocide. This was done by a cult which parodied the mythology of Delphi itself. This was the seed which, nourished by Delphi, became, in time, imperial Rome.

The Adam and Eve story, which the Babylonians and their followers, the captors of the Israelites at the pertinent time, inserted into what had been the original Mosaic text of *Gene-*



The oligarchical Apollo cult of Delphi is represented here by the priestess Pythia, who pulled mysterious balls out of an urn to give prophecies. There is a direct connection between the babbling Pythia and modern monetarist dogma.

sis, was also known to the cult of Delphi as the story of Adam, Eve (*Gaia*) and the serpent-god known to the Greeks as *Python*. Hence, the cult of the Delphic Pythian cult of the Delphic Apollo, whose priests, including the notorious Plutarch, gathered at what was attributed to be the gravesite of Python; gathered at the place where the lunatic woman, Pythia, was occupied with babbling meaningless nonsense, when she was not pulling balls out from the urn standing beside the place at which she was seated in service to the mumbo-jumbo of that day's occasion.

The New Testament I understand, and Moses of Egypt is a hero; but, what was done to the legacy of Israel by its captors, presents us with sundry elements, some of which I know to be of a certain unpleasant origin, and others on which I render no judgment. Christianity I know, and ecumenicism, such as that of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, is my policy.

From that ancient gravesite, there is a certain meaningful, essentially direct connection to the Mont Pelerin Society's putative Satanic divinity, Bernard Mandeville, who, equipped with the balls of the Pythian priestess *Pythia*, defined the fate of men and women as determined by the freedom, as by the casting of dice, to do evil individually. He argued that, so, that by some miraculous casting of the balls by the curious, and thoroughly corrupt croupiers of a great casino under the floorboards of reality, the fate of men and women is miraculously assigned, and, in the end, the evil done by individuals to that purpose, must produce, miraculously, the good which society as a whole might enjoy.

So, religion is much degraded by such fellows and their tricks, to the form of gambling with dice thrown in a dirty back alley, to the accompaniment of holy prayers such as "Baby needs shoes!"

The same curious sort of ancient Greek oligarchical lunacy, inspired the doctrine of *laissez-faire* of the decadent, and thoroughly corrupt French oligarchist, Dr. François Quesnay.

Lord Shelburne's lackey, the plagiarist Adam Smith, copied his dogma of "free trade" directly from the concept of *laissez-faire* concocted by Quesnay, and also cribbed by Smith from the writings of the follower of Quesnay, A.R.J. Turgot, who did so much, like Jacques Necker, to bankrupt what had been, physically, the most wealthy, most productive national economy of that time, France.⁵ Mandeville had already carried that same, common line of argument, from which modern monetarist dogma is derived, to a Delphic extreme, of treating economic value as something determined miraculously by a mysterious, potent, and capricious agency, an agency operating implicitly from under the floorboards of reality.

The point to be emphasized here, is the curious coincidence between forms of popular lunacy such as "the magic of the marketplace," and the banning

of knowledge of principles of the universe by the Delphic Olympian Zeus presented in Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound*. In the world of the modern subject of rule by the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system of economy and government, the overwhelming majority of the population is subject to management by mechanisms which lie, so to speak, under the floorboards of experience and knowledge, mechanisms apparently embodying the capricious powers of mysterious agencies existing beyond the knowledge, or control of ordinary human beings, an opinion by such dupes which is also, in itself, a lie.

Under those conditions, as long as you permit them to be continued, the power of the will of society to shape its destiny, is confined to the attributed power of government by a ruling class, a class of the form of oligarchy implicit in the doctrine of the Delphic cult. Relative to that ruling stratum, the mass of ordinary people are cattle, denied, as by the Olympian Zeus, the right of access to the natural principles which govern the rules of cause and effect. What is called "globalization" today, is the present expression of the oligarchical model, so defined. What is called "globalization" today, is the imperialist elimination of the existence of national sovereignty, is

5. From the standpoint of the history of ideas, the most significant publication by Adam Smith was not his famous anti-American polemic, known popularly as his 1776 *The Wealth of Nations*, but an earlier work, his 1759 *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, a work which states, systematically, the results of Smith's delving into the combined works of the English pro-slavery advocate John Locke, and David Hume.

therefore treason against our United States, and is, ultimately a brutish system of slavery or serfdom.

If you are typical of our citizens today, you, today, are permitted to make certain decisions, but you are not sovereign. There are knowable principles which could guide you to intelligent and successful decisions; but the so-called powers that be, including the present U.S. Bush Administration, will not permit you to know those principles, and, therefore, your freedom to make decisions in such matters is incompetent to guide most among you to intelligent decisions about our national economy and its policies. You are virtually so clueless that your intelligent power to make efficient forms of intelligent decisions in such matters, virtually does not exist; for all but a few among you, who presently understand what I am saying, your so-called economic freedom, is virtually an empty sack, which will do you no good in practice.

Hence, all but a few among you are not permitted to know the principles which govern the laws of physical cause and physical effect, which govern the consequences of the decisions which you are, in a certain degree, permitted to make. You are told, by the press and most of your teachers, university professors, and elected political officials, for example, that the principles of “free trade” define the proper system for promoting the prosperity of nations and their peoples, which is a lie. You are told, as the lying Mandeville and Adam Smith have taught, that the percussive interaction of prices on the billiard-table-like field of trade in buying and selling, *laissez-faire*, “free trade,” determines an increasing approximation of true relative value in the economy at large: an absurdity. If you are foolish enough to believe the doctrine of the virtually pro-Satanic Mont Pelerin Society, you will have earned, thus, the suffering, and earned the contempt you bring upon yourself.

Thus, for example, millions of mass-media-stupefied adult Americans believe the lie, that when the stock market is rising today, the economy is on the road to a successful future. The problem is, that the rise of indexes is the effect of an intellectual fraud, by your government and other agencies; whereas, the physical conditions of life of the lower eighty percentile or more of the population, like the market value of residential real estate, are collapsing at an accelerating rate throughout most of the U.S.A., the United Kingdom, Spain, and so forth, and the rate of collapse in many of what have been deemed the most thriving residential communities is the highest rate of acceleration of collapse of prices of such properties, and of net household physical income and employment throughout.

You are—our nation is—the virtual slave of a rapidly emerging one-world empire. It is an empire based on the model of the form of imperialism associated with the Middle Ages of Europe, when a rampaging, crusading Norman chivalry, deployed under the direction of Venice’s imperial financier-oligarchy, dominated Europe and its nearby regions. That empire is the modern incarnation of the Whore of Baby-

lon called ancient imperial Rome. Lynne Cheney, as a phenomenon, is a present-day expression of service to what the Apostle identified as that “Whore of Babylon.”

A Whore’s Family Tree

The specifically European concept of the oligarchical principle as a system, dates, in explicit knowledge to that effect, from about the time of Plato. The letters of Plato, as they bear on the evil role of the Delphi Apollo cult, are of particular relevance on this account.

Follow me here, as I summarize the features of the process from: first, B.C. 212, the close of the Second Punic War, through the division of the Empire between East and West, from the abdication of Diocletian and the accession of Constantine (A.D. 305-323); second, the so-called medieval period, from the birth of medieval Europe under the partnership of the Crusaders and Venice’s financier-oligarchy established about A.D. 1066, until the A.D. 1345 collapse of the Lombard banking house of Bardi and the coincident explosion of the Black Death. The latter was a pandemic nourished to a state of unprecedented fury by the conditions created by the spread of wars financed by the Lombard bankers, a condition comparable to the onrushing effects of the spread of U.S. President George W. Bush, Jr.’s spread of warfare and related conditions in an increasing region of Southwest Asia.

The temporary collapse of power of Venice’s financier oligarchy during and following the Fourteenth Century “New Dark Age,” was used as the opportunity for the work of the great ecumenical Council of Florence, and the founding of the first modern commonwealth form of sovereign nation-states, in Louis XI’s France and Henry VII’s England. However, the resurgence of the Venetian financier-oligarchy’s power, with the Fall of Constantinople and the role of the Spanish Inquisition in launching the religious warfare of 1492-1648, created the opening for emergence of the Venetian tool, the Dutch India Company of the Sixteenth Century, and the establishment of the British East India Company’s monarchical imperial power over the interval from the tyranny of William of Orange in the British Isles, through the establishing of the British East India Company as a virtual empire with the February 1763 Peace of Paris.

However, to understand the process which this involved, return attention to the aftermath of the Peloponnesian War, to examine those relevant characteristics of the emergence and fall of the Roman Empire which have continued to reassert themselves in history since then, to the presently erupting world crisis.

The original conception of such an empire as those in Europe, dating from approximately the time of the Peloponnesian War, is associated with the attempt of the Persian Empire to negotiate the establishment of a two-part, virtually world empire, one based on the oligarchical principle, with the Macedon of King Philip and his heir Alexander the Great. The matter came to the point of a great battle, and a truce,



Das weib vff dem thier sitzend / mit dem guld-
den becher des greiwels in der hand / wird angebä-
tet von Königen vnd völcckern der erden.

The Apostle John characterized the Roman Empire of the Caesars as the “Whore of Babylon.” Here, she is depicted in an old German woodcut. The legend reads “The woman sitting on the beast/with the golden mug of horror in her hand/is being worshipped by the kings and peoples of the worlds.”

during which this proposal was proffered by the Persian and rejected by Alexander the Great. The death, probably by poisoning, of Alexander the Great, left the inherently unstable Ptolemaic system in its wake. With the rise of the military power of Rome, with the conclusion of the Second Punic War and the subjugation of Syracuse, Rome was on a perilous road toward imperial power, a road dominated by the combination of civil wars in Italy itself, and a complementary struggle for the domination of the Mediterranean by a single imperial power premised on the oligarchical principle.

The Roman Empire, once established under Caesar Octavian Augustus, was a long-term failure from the start. Like the foolish U.S.A. of the 1971-2006 interval to date, Rome ruined the productive farmers on which Rome had depended earlier, and replaced them with a system of looting foreign nations, instituting, thus, a growing slave-system diverted by bread and circuses, inside Italy itself. This is what has been repeated with the U.S.A., without interruption of that process, over the interval from President Richard Nixon’s collapsing of President Franklin Roosevelt’s Bretton Woods system, to the present instant. Like a Rome in accelerating moral and social decay along the highway to empire, we have transformed our U.S.A., under these Presidencies, at varying rates of destruction, but persistently, up to the present day.

The net rate of physical self-destruction of the internal U.S. economy itself has been accelerating even as we relied increasingly on imported consumption for which, increasingly, we did not actually pay.

As Rome became a parasite, so did the modern U.S. since 1971. As our parasitical needs increased in this way, we became increasingly predatory, demanding that foreign nations work to supply our needs, at falling real prices paid, if and when payment was delivered. In this process, the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system, of which we have been emphatically a part, and that increasingly over the 1971-2006 interval, we have lowered the net per capita physical income, per capita and per square kilometer, of the world at large: as the Roman Empire did, from its surge to imperial power, through its physical collapse, and that of the Byzantine and *ultramontane* systems, respectively.

This turn away from the legacy of President Franklin Roosevelt reached a downturn, from the point of the crucial 1971-1981 developments such as destroying the Bretton Woods system, terminating the maintenance and other needed replenishment of already exist-

ing, essential basic economic infrastructure, in the destruction of the magnificent system of agriculture set into motion under President Franklin Roosevelt, the virtual halting of net physical scientific progress, and destruction of education in various ways, the ruin of the health-care system from New York City’s Big MAC financiers’ swindle onward.

We are now virtually completing a destruction of our nation comparable to the ruinous effects of the changes in policy in Italy which began to be unleashed as a virtual avalanche with the close of the Second Punic War.

Since that time, excepting a few bright periods, such as the great ecumenical Council of Florence, the discoveries of Kepler and his followers, the colonization in North America, the founding of the U.S. republic, and the victory, led by President Lincoln, over the attempt of Palmerston’s Anglo-Dutch Liberal system to crush us, we have been dominated by a long-ranging trend of moral decay associated with the imperial overreach of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal, neo-Venetian form of imperial system.

We have now reached a point of virtual collapse of civilization, in which foolish people among us, even in positions of relatively great influence, propose that the extinction of our sovereign republic is to be embraced as the blessed fruit of the destruction of our republic, a republic to be blessed by

being gobbled up by a form of Anglo-Dutch Liberal, global imperialism, called “globalization.”

This is the drama of destruction, echoing the third panel of Hieronymous Bosch’s “The Garden of Delights,” the entry of a world, led by creatures such as Sister Cheney, into a state of pure Hell on this planet for more than a generation to come. So, the Whore of Babylon, which the Apostle John knew as Rome, has returned to our doorstep, with Sister Cheney curtsying at the gate of the Executive Mansion when Satan, rather than the unavailable Adolf Hitler, enters.

3. Lefebvre and Clerical Paganism

To bring the essence of Archbishop Lefebvre’s rant into focus, it were most useful to compare his referenced complaint against John XXIII with what I have emphasized, earlier here, as the hateful implications of the Olympian Zeus’ role were presented by the great Aeschylus. Consider the degree to which the poor, misguided Lefebvre spoke, as with a passion like that of the drunken driver who authors the calamity, wittingly or not, speaking with the voice of an actor playing the part of surrogate for that Satanic Zeus presented by Aeschylus’ drama.

Since the Council of Nicaea, two most crucial issues have been posed on the subject of the definition of the Christian churches as instruments of Christian belief and practice. On the one side, the concept of *Filioque*; second, the primary continuing issue of the toleration of Christianity by the governing institutions of the imperial oligarchical system has been, most emphatically, the implications of the Emperor’s preemption of the asserted right to appoint the bishops of the Christian Church. This second issue is expressed in a particularly vicious form in the issue of the so-called “Donation of Constantine,” a simply fraudulent, insidious doctrine of Constantine himself, which was used to attempt to degrade bishops from agents of the Christian mission, to agents, again, of the imperial oligarchical system, and, thus, implicitly, subjects of the imperial institution of the pagan Roman Pantheon.

To speak as plainly as the implications of this latter issue demands, now as then, the question so posed is, does submission to the imperial authority on this specific point, signify that the Christian Church were being degraded, by the Emperor, to reliance on its membership in a pagan imperial Pantheon?

This issue is otherwise expressed as the principle of separation of Church from State. It is the underlying issue posed by the impassioned errors of Lefebvre.

What Archbishop Lefebvre did with the line of Sophistry pervading the text to which my present report refers, was to assert an implicitly paganist doctrine, a doctrine derived from the presumption that churches are instruments for political control, control exerted through the assistance of an actual or implied imperial Pantheon, as the crimes against man and God, called Crusades and bloodied Inquisitions, express this

awful corruption. This Sophistry appears, among modern nominally Christian denominations today, as the *Integrist* dogma, the doctrine which is most prominently associated with the fascist-synarchist currents infiltrating the churches, and with fascist varieties of terrorist or pro-terrorist groupings which often cloak their obscene beliefs and practices with, for example, the name of Christianity, as Archbishop Lefebvre’s awful error has attempted to promote that error

Under Constantine, this tyrannical imposition of corruption was imposed by imperial usurpation. Under the medieval Church, it was imposed by the instrument of the Venetian financier oligarchy’s instrument of simony.

This doctrine, as expressed through certain varieties of channels, is the key to the presently soaring danger, that the United States itself is in an advanced phase of the process of being forcibly transformed into a fascist, Nazi-like state, by a virtual act of treason, by its toleration of the current Bush-Cheney Administration.

The relevant, specifically Hitler-like fascist policy, is expressed in an exemplary way, in the anti-constitutional practice of so-called “signing statements,” statements uttered by a President whose manifest illiteracy on virtually any and every subject, has become the great shame of the United States before the eyes and ears of the civilized nations of the world. This legal doctrine, which is associated with the Nazi Crown Jurist Carl Schmitt, resurrected by the current, Chicago-centered set of pro-fascist so-called “neo-conservatives,” is a modernized expression of the same issue of law posed by the fraudulent “Donation of Constantine,” and by the insulting demands by the Emperor Constantine upon the representatives at Nicaea. From the standpoint of natural law on this point, the current President of the U.S.A. is as much a clearly impeachable fascist, on the account of principle of statecraft, as Adolf Hitler.

On this account, the juxtaposition of Mrs. Lynne Cheney and what Archbishop Lefebvre have represented, shows us a Janus-like monster: two faces of the same evil.

What Need Be Affirmed

For anyone whose comprehension of theology is in accord with the knowledgeable state of mind of the Apostles John and Paul, for example, the vulnerability of Christian intellectual development is the susceptibility which the relevant ignorance of populations, including elements of the most highly educated strata, in the domain of what is called epistemology. Thus, what the competently literate mind reads in such sources as the Gospel of John and the Epistles of Paul, exists on a different plane of comprehension than the know-nothing-like assumption that isolated passages from text, read in translation from the original language, can be readily understood for agreement from what passes for “simple common sense.”

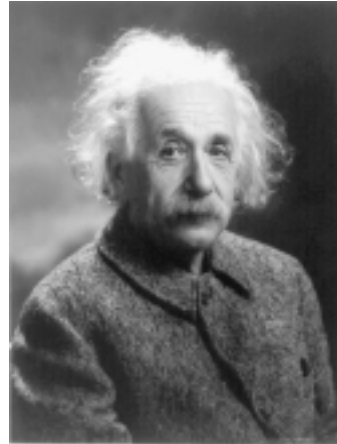
The capacity to produce an offspring, as by copulation, does not carry the guarantee that the relevant parents have any systematic comprehension of that which lies, as human,



Johannes Kepler



Moses Mendelssohn



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Albert Einstein

“The characteristic distinction of the human species and its individual member, the distinction of man from beast, is the expression of those powers which equip the human individual to discover a provable universal physical principle.” Kepler, Mendelssohn, and Einstein all grasped man’s kinship with the Creator, LaRouche says.

rather than animal potential, within that newborn creature. The notorious problem of sexual problems among the clergy should remind us of the often poor connection between mind and the means of procreation among the congregation. Nor, looking at the matter on a higher level than that, the sensed intimation of immortality is not, in itself, comprehension of the nature of the Creator, nor of the human individual’s certain likeness to that Creator.

So, it may, and must be said, that the Apostles John and Paul, for example, were much closer to comprehension of the meaning of what they knew and wrote, than someone who lacks that profound comprehension of the work of Plato which equipped such Apostles with the needed means to grasp even the barest ontological elements of kinship of the Creator to the human individual personality, a kinship as, for example, the great modern genius Johannes Kepler grasped this, or the practicing Jew and genius Albert Einstein, as Philo of Alexandria and Moses Mendelssohn before him.

The characteristic distinction of the human species and its individual member, the distinction of man from beast, is the expression of those powers which equip the human individual to discover a provable universal physical principle, as the work of the Pythagoreans and Plato exemplifies this power for humanity as a whole, and as the discoveries of Cusa follower Johannes Kepler are the foundation of all competent currents in modern physical science and related technology.

The power of the human species, thus, to accumulate discoveries of universal principles over the course of successive generations, is the physical-scientific basis for the absolute distinction of man from beast. It is the organization of the social process to foster the production of such new human individuals, and to promote the development of those specific powers of discovery which are absent from among the beasts, which expresses an efficient kind of immortality of the human individual, and of the human species.

This power of creativity, as the work of Kepler is among the most effective approaches to showing what scientific cre-

ativity should be understood to signify, is the essential feature of likeness of the human individual soul and the Creator of the universe. It is the expression of the development and other fostering of this power of creativity, in the individual member of society, and in the cultural practice of that society, which presents us man in the image of his Creator. It is the work, expressed by the kind of creativity which Kepler’s uniquely original discovery of the principle of gravitation, and of the harmonic organization of the Solar System, which presents us with the image of the personal immortality which endures when the animal-like body has been destroyed.

The recognition of this divine potential within the newborn human individual, this recognition of man as *imago viva Dei*, is the essence of theology, and of morality.

On the contrary side, the notion that man’s obedience to a oligarchical system is morality, is a pro-Satanic alternative to the love of mankind and of the Creator which is the only acceptable basis for morality, as Cardinal Mazarin, the former peace negotiator of the Papacy, led in bringing about the Peace of Westphalia to end the satanic orgy of butchery unleashed by the Inquisition of Tomás de Torquemada.

In reading the English translation of Lefebvre’s cited work, I hear words, words, words, but no conception of the actuality of Christianity. It is all Sophistry!

Lynne Cheney may not wish the murder of Jews she happens to like, or wishes to tolerate, but that is not really an indicative difference of principle between what she represents, and what the errant Archbishop Lefebvre of the fascist, and usually anti-Semitic, nominally Catholic right represented. They are differing varieties of the same wicked species, she perhaps the worst of the two. Both are shared in common by the legacy of the Satanic Olympian Zeus and the related legacy of the Pythian Delphi cult of Apollo. They are different varieties of the same species, but of the same species nonetheless. Both dwell in the concluding panel of the celebrated “The Garden of Earthly Delights” triptych of Hieronymus Bosch.

WAR PARTY ON CAMPUS

Lynne Cheney's Circles Call for Mass Murder

by Harley Schlanger

On Oct. 16, 2006, with the mid-term election less than three weeks away, and time slipping away for a Bush-Cheney Administration “October Surprise” military strike against Iran, a speaker told students at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) that a genocidal attack against Muslims was required to generate “a resurgence in the pride for Western civilization.”

In covering this speech, the *Daily Bruin* on Oct. 17 reported that the speaker, Dr. Yaron Brook, the executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute (ARI), warned that “Islamic totalitarian states pose a severe threat to the security of the United States,” adding that a way to defeat these regimes “is to kill up to *hundreds of thousands* of their supporters.” This, he said, would “shrink popular support for extremist ideas to a small minority of the population,” instead of the 40% which he claims supports such regimes now.

While some might wish to dismiss this as the demented rant of a lone madman who was, perhaps, off his meds, the reality is clear to anyone who has read the LaRouche PAC's latest pamphlet, “Is Joseph Goebbels on Your Campus?” Dr. Brook and his ARI are an integral part of the “war party” run by the Vice President's wife, Lynne Cheney, and are deploying to America's campuses to whip up support for new imperial wars, while intimidating their opponents with tactics which would make Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels green with envy.

Brook's presentation was sponsored by LOGIC (Liberty, Objectivity, Greed, Individualism, Capitalism), an ARI-linked organization at UCLA, which also has ties to the

right-wing “Collegiate Network” of “conservative” campus throwaway newspapers. The UCLA affiliate is the *Bruin Standard*, whose editor is LaRouche-slanderer Garin Hovannisian, a protégé of David Horowitz, who is one of the coordinators of Lynne Cheney's campus Gestapo. (See *EIR*, Oct. 20, 2006.)

It is this network of money-grubbing, self-promoting liars which is recruiting the shock troops for the Cheney-John Train imperial war party.

The War Party

With the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq proving to be the deadly quagmires that Lyndon LaRouche had predicted they would be, support for the Bush-Cheney suicidal “stay the course” policy has collapsed in the polls. The revulsion of U.S. citizens to this policy has deepened to the point that many former Bush-Cheney loyalists among Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate have turned on them, and a Democratic Party landslide has become a real possibility.

Yet, with rapidly declining support at home for these wars, and growing opposition internationally—including in Great Britain, where active duty military leaders are calling for withdrawal—the war party behind Bush and Cheney is continuing its maniacal push for a new war against Iran or North Korea, which could include the use, by the United States, of nuclear weapons.

For example, take the case of George Shultz, the old synarchist, who is the most important architect of the Bush Ad-



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Members of the LaRouche Youth Movement distribute a pamphlet exposing "The Joseph Goebbels on Your Campus," at the University of California at Los Angeles on Oct. 16.

ministration. He told an audience at Stanford University on Oct. 14, that the United States must stop issuing warnings to Iran, and go to war.

The UN and Western governments, he said, say that certain actions are unacceptable, but, when they happen, they accept them. When asked what should be done about this, Shultz, the man behind Pinochet's fascist coup in Chile in 1973, said, "We have to follow up—shoot. . . . When I joined the Marines, a sergeant gave me a gun and said, 'Never aim at anyone unless you are willing to pull the trigger.' Today we see continual unwillingness to pull the trigger—Darfur, Iran, North Korea, Hezbollah. You have to follow through and shoot."

It is on behalf of these marching orders, to overcome that "unwillingness to pull the trigger," that the network directed by John Train and Lynne Cheney is being deployed.

What Is the Ayn Rand Institute?

The Ayn Rand Institute was founded in 1985 by Leonard Peikoff, who received a Ph.D. at New York University under the direction of Sidney Hook. A LaRouche-hater from the late 1960s, Hook founded the University Centers for a Rational Alternative (UCRA), which was the direct predecessor to Lynne Cheney's campus gestapo, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA). (See box.)

Peikoff is the "heir" to the legacy of the late Ayn Rand, the founder of "Objectivism." Rand's theory mixed the anti-Platonic philosophy of Aristotle, John Locke, and Friedrich Nietzsche with the fanatical anti-nation-state views of Aus-

trian fascist economist Ludwig von Mises. The result is the glorification of Hobbesian man, driven by "self-interest," i.e., greed and lust, in a fight of each against all.

One of the most important followers of Rand is the retired chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, who was part of an initial hard-core group of supporters, known as "The Collective." Peikoff was also part of this group. Greenspan's first appearance in the *New York Times* was in a letter to the editor of the *Book Review* magazine in 1957, when he wrote a defense of Rand. He lectured on economics for the Nathaniel Branden Institute, which promoted her views. Branden was another member of Rand's inner circle. When Greenspan was appointed head of the Council of Economic Advisors under President Gerald Ford, he bestowed upon Rand the special honor of an invitation to the swearing-in ceremony. During his tenure under Ford, he was a leading promoter of the dismantling of government programs which advanced the general welfare, while successfully advocating deregulation.

Greenspan was dubbed the "Undertaker" by Rand, perhaps for his grave demeanor, perhaps in prescient anticipation of his role in destroying the U.S. economy during his stint as Fed chairman.

Yaron Brook has been head of the Ayn Rand Institute since 2000, but his *curriculum vitae* shows that he is far more than a monetarist ideologue. The ARI website notes: "His years of service in Israeli Army Intelligence, along with extensive research, have given him an expertise on the Middle Eastern conflict and terrorism, and American foreign policy

in that region. Many college campuses around the country have hosted his most recent talk: ‘The Moral Case for Supporting Israel.’ ” Brook founded three companies, including BH Equity Research, a venture-capital consulting firm in San Jose, California, and was an assistant professor of finance for seven years at Santa Clara University. He holds a B.Sc. in civil engineering from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology, and an MBA and Ph.D. in finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

Preemptive Nuclear War

Killing the nation-state with bad economic policy, as Greenspan did, is not enough for the Cheney war party. A quick review of the activities of the intersection between the ARI and the Lynne Cheney/Campus Watch/Horowitz network shows that they are presently on an organizing drive

to promote preemptive nuclear warfare, modelled on the approach pushed by Britain’s Bertrand Russell after the death of Franklin Roosevelt, explicitly defending the use, by Truman, of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and urging the use of nuclear weapons against Russia.

The call by Brook, in his UCLA speech, for killing “hundreds of thousands” of Muslims is characteristic of this blood-thirsty outlook. In a rambling article which appeared in the inaugural issue of *The Objective Standard* in 2006, Brook attacks the idea of “just war,” putting forward instead Ayn Rand’s theory of “rational self-interest” to justify a preemptive strike against Iran.

Brook concludes, “We are losing the war on Islamic Totalitarianism because our leadership, political and military, is crippled by the morality of altruism, embodied in the tenets of Just War Theory. The moral code inherent in Just War

Before Cheney’s ACTA, There Was Hook’s UCRA

Congress for Cultural Freedom conspirator Sidney Hook created an enterprise in the 1960s, whose purposes and tactics served as a model for today’s Lynne Cheney-John Train initiative for a campus gestapo. Hook’s University Center for Rational Alternatives (UCRA) was created about 1968 (originally called the Coordinating Center for Democratic Opinion), using as a foil the New Left/counter-culture which was hitting schools then.

Noam Chomsky, writing “In Defense of the Student Movement” in 1971, cited a letter circulated to teachers from the Hook organization on its goals: “ ‘to defend academic freedom against extremism . . . to combat attacks on the democratic process,’ particularly ‘terrorist attacks and multiple varieties of putschism’ such as at San Francisco State . . . to support the university as an open center of free thought and speech,’ ” and so forth.

Lynne Cheney’s American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), in its publication *Inside Academe* for Summer 2005, ran this comment from Sam Bluefarb, a leftist-to-rightist comrade of the neo-con movement: “To friends and colleagues of ACTA from one who appreciates your efforts. . . . Those small beginnings initiated by Sidney Hook and his colleagues in the University Centers for Rational Alternatives have inspired the formation of such organizations as the National Association of Scholars and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. . . .”

Note that the National Association of Scholars is the

Straussian/neo-con group that gives an annual Sidney Hook Award.

Participants in Hook’s UCRA included “secular humanist” Paul Kurtz (like Hook, a virulent enemy of Lyndon LaRouche); Leo Cherne’s Freedom House; and Eugene Wigner.

The Nixon Administration worked with Hook’s group to combat campus dissidents. The National Archives has papers on that regime’s channel to Hook, in the Nixon Presidential Materials, Charles W. Colson “Special Files” section—Colson being then the dirty tricks coordinator for Nixon, and now a leader of the religious fascists at “The Fellowship.”

According to the records of the Texas Governor’s office, the administration of then-Governor George W. Bush was in touch with the Sidney Hook group as of 1996 (Inventory of Senior Advisor’s Office, Education Issues Files II). Thus, when Lynne Cheney and Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) founded ACTA in 1995, UCRA was still functioning, though Hook had died in 1989.

Cheney’s ACTA was financed with hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and the Olin Foundation, the twin groups of the Straussian Michael Joyce (see last week’s *EIR*). Those two foundations seem to be the only foundations contributing to Hook’s UCRA, giving \$70,000 total in 1988, 1989, and 1994.

The last article which Hook wrote, just before his death was a sally from UCRA, “Civilization and Its Malcontents—Stanford University’s Humanities Curriculum Revisions,” which Hook gave to his friend William F. Buckley for publication in *National Review*.

—Anton Chaitkin



Ayn Rand Institute

Yaron Brook, president and executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute, said that the only way to defeat "Islamic totalitarian states" is "to kill hundreds of thousands of their supporters."

Theory defines rules that undercut, inhibit, and subvert any hope of success in war."

Brook's co-author in this diatribe was Alex Epstein, who is a junior fellow at the ARI; he also works on the staff of David Horowitz's frontpagemagazine.com.

Horowitz, who once worked for Bertrand Russell, is another supporter of using nuclear weapons to kill large numbers of Muslims. When confronted by LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) members during a speech at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Horowitz defended Truman's use of nuclear weapons, and added that the United States should use nuclear weapons against Iran.

Another member of the ARI genocide team is Prof. John Lewis, who is scheduled to appear at an ARI-sponsored event with Brook in Boston Oct. 20-22. An article by Lewis appeared in *Capitalism Magazine* in the April 2006 issue, titled "The Moral Lesson of Hiroshima." Lewis argues that the effects of the nuclear bombs detonated on Hiroshima and Nagasaki "were so beneficent, so wide-ranging and so long-term, that the bombings must be ranked among the most moral acts ever committed!"

Presenting the Randian justification for a neo-con strike against Iran, North Korea, et al., he concludes, "It took a country that values this world to bomb this [Japanese imperial] system into extinction.

"For the Americans to do so while refusing to sacrifice their own troops to save the lives of enemy civilians was a *sublimely moral action.*"

Also appearing at the Boston conference will be Brook's close collaborator, Daniel Pipes. In addition to the role he plays as one of the leading neo-con promoters of the Clash of

Civilization, Pipes was a founder of Campus Watch.

The ARI produced a supplemental issue of its *Impact* newsletter in September 2002, titled "America at War." This included an article by Dr. Onkar Ghate, "Innocents in War?" with the subhead, "A Free Nation Should Not Let the Fear of Causing Civilian Casualties Hinder Its Self-Defense." Okhate wrote that "our government's concern—shared by many Americans—about killing civilians is morally mistaken." He

LaRouche Youth: We Will Brook No Fascists

When fascist Yaron Brook arrived at his first speaking engagement at the Tufts University extravaganza planned for the weekend of Oct. 20-22, where he was scheduled to put forward his genocidal plan to deal with "Islamic Totalitarianism," the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) was ready for him. The campus had been saturated with over 3,000 copies of the LPAC pamphlet "Is Joseph Goebbels on Your Campus?" and LYM members were well situated within the 150-person audience.

The LYM did not wait for Brook to finish his rant. In its midst one called out: Isn't it true that at UCLA you said you wanted to kill thousands of Muslims? When Brooks refused to answer and continued, the LYM member addressed the audience: Can't you understand that this is fascism?

Typical of today's "go along to get along" culture, the audience defended Brook, even as the LYM member was removed. The situation called for more demonstrative action.

LYM member Alex Getachew took the lead. He stood up and gave Brook the Hitler salute, yelling "Heil, Yaron Brook," and began goose-stepping around the room. Seven more LYM organizers followed him, demonstrating to the audience exactly what most of them were supporting.

But this was only the beginning. A number of LYM members remained behind to challenge Brook, who had claimed that he didn't even know David Horowitz, one of the key campaigners for purging the campuses. As Brook tried to defend himself, and Horowitz's Campus Watch, he got totally twisted up—and exposed as a liar, as well as a genocidalist.

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ended with a cold-blooded conclusion typical of these “Objectivists”: “War is terrible but sometimes necessary. To win the war on terrorism, we must not let a mistaken concern with ‘innocents’ deter us. As a free nation, we have the moral right to defend ourselves, even if this requires *mass civilian deaths* in terrorist countries” (emphasis added). Ghate is described as the head of ARI’s undergraduate and graduate education programs.

One can add to this rogues’ gallery of Randian proponents of mass extermination the name of Leonard Peikoff. He wrote an article for *Capitalism Magazine* on Oct. 2, 2001, shortly after the events of Sept. 11, titled, “End States That Sponsor Terrorism.” The title comes from what he calls the “excellent words” of neo-con Paul Wolfowitz, who was then Deputy Secretary of Defense, and instrumental in pushing the false intelligence reports of WMDs used by the Bush Administration to justify a war against Iraq.

In this article, Peikoff demanded an attack on Iran, and endorsed the use of nuclear weapons, writing, “A proper war in self-defense is one fought without self-crippling restrictions placed on our commanders in the field. It must be fought with the most effective weapons we possess (a few weeks ago, Rumsfeld refused, correctly, to rule out nuclear weapons.)”

What’s on Your Children’s Campus?

Members of the LYM have taken up the responsibility to expose and defeat “Big Sister” Cheney’s gestapo operations on America’s college campuses. LYM researchers are in the process of identifying these operations, and showing the interconnections among the various organizations which have been established to brainwash students into accepting the idea that “nothing can be done” to change policy, you might as well “just relax and enjoy it.”

The UCLA case is exemplary of the relevant overlaps of personnel, and networks, indicating their common mother. The chairman of LOGIC at the UCLA campus is also the associate editor of the neo-con *Bruin Standard*, one of the 90-odd college papers controlled by the Buckley/Cheney/Straussian “Collegiate Network” across the United States. This newspaper network is regularly used by the fascist neo-cons to both carry out witchhunts and slanders against professors who oppose the Bush Administration’s fascist policies. Naturally, this has led them to be used to publish slanders on the LaRouche Youth Movement as well.

Throughout the country, LYM organizers are demanding that students adopt proactive measures to challenge these fascists. There has been a reign of terror run against professors and students by Lynne Cheney and her minions. The distribution of the LaRouche PAC pamphlet is beginning the process of freeing youth to do what youth should do: Challenge authority, especially when that authority demands submission to the corrupt, lying policies of the doomed Bush-Cheney Administration.

FDR Club Debates Mass Organizing Strategy With Calif. Dem Leader

by Sky Shields

Oct. 12 saw the fourth monthly meeting of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Legacy Democratic Club, the official LaRouche arm of the California Democratic Party. In keeping with the club’s mission, each month’s meeting has consistently brought the best of the Democratic Party’s elected leadership into an environment where they can be developed by their exposure to the LaRouche Youth Movement’s universality on wheels, and the products of the LYM’s organizing among labor, industry, and scientific-engineering professionals.

The first presentation was by LYM member Ardena Clark, who covered the nest of Gestapo-like agents deployed into American universities by networks associated with “Sister” Lynne Cheney, Sen. Joseph “Goebbels” Lieberman, and synarchist banker John Train (see recent issues of *EIR*).

This set the stage for the second presentation, a brief introduction of the evening’s highlighted speaker, by Western States LaRouche spokesman Harley Schlanger. Schlanger contrasted the separate responses to the massive election fraud perpetrated by the synarchist controllers of the Bush Administration in the 2004 U.S. Presidential election on the one side, and the 2006 Mexican Presidential election on the other. He called for a break from the existing apathy within the Democratic Party and U.S. population more generally, and for a “regime change” in the upcoming November elections, which would mirror the kind of fight expressed by the supporters of Andrés Manuel López Obrador in Mexico. The speaker he was about to introduce, he said, would undoubtedly play a major role, both in achieving that needed electoral regime change, and in shaping policy in its aftermath.

Campaign To Defeat Schwarzenegger

With this introduction, Los Angeles Democratic Party Chairman Eric Bauman took the podium. He asked the audience whether they realized that Election Day is no longer Tuesday, Nov. 7, but is in fact Wednesday, Nov. 8. He explained to the befuddled audience, that this lie was actually already being spread among black, Hispanic, and Asian-immigrant communities by mechanized “robo-calls.” This compounds the difficulty to be faced in the California gubernatorial elections, where Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently made his top campaigner a woman who was already serving



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Eric Baumann, chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, told the FDR Legacy Club that elections are won nowadays, not by ideas, but by “constricting” the electorate, in hopes of keeping the other guy’s people from coming out to the polls. With him at the rostrum are Ardena Clark and Quincy O’Neal of the LaRouche Youth Movement.

as his chief of staff, Susan Kennedy. Kennedy typifies the type of left-right synarchist operation, which controls Schwarzenegger: She is the former Chief of Staff of the prior Democratic Governor, Gray Davis, who was ousted in the 2003 recall election that installed Schwarzenegger as Governor. Kennedy is the former head of NARAL, California (a pro-choice organization), as well as the former Executive Director of the California State Democratic Party.

Matt Dowd, Schwarzenegger’s chief campaign strategist, is a similar type. He is credited by Bauman as the man who won California for Bill Clinton; yet he left the Democratic Party to campaign for George Bush’s election and, as Bauman said, “knows California voters as well as anybody.”

Such left-right cover is what makes Schwarzenegger difficult to defeat. Already, people are beginning to forget that this is the same Arnie who, just months ago, was attacking police, firefighters, teachers, and nurses as “special interests,” and was gloating over “kicking their butts.” A recent allocation of state funds for after-school programs was funneled to black churches in order to buy them off; and, to top it all off, Arnold had finished a campaign blitz through South Central Los Angeles, speaking at these churches, before the Democratic candidate had even determined that it would be necessary.

The only counter to this from the Democratic leadership, was that Congresswoman Maxine Waters organized a last-minute group of 200 protesters to follow Arnold around and remind people that, only months before, he had been leading a full-tilt assault on the state’s poor and on the services on which they depend. The Schwarzenegger campaign has been micro-targetting California, he said, the way Bush did in Ohio, using a method which was recently used to defeat an amendment in Oregon: buying magazine subscription lists, and using them to tailor campaign messages to specific groups.

All of this is preventing people from realizing, Bauman said, that come Nov. 8, Schwarzenegger is going to have to pay back \$120 million in campaign loans—his easy-come, easy-go, newfound image will be the last thing on his mind. As a further example of what the post-election plans of his controllers consist of, is that his chief policy man is the former president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California—“the worst of corporate greed in California”—the grouping in charge of lobbying for corrupt policy changes to rip off California insurance-policy holders.

What will we do over the next four to five weeks? Bauman asked. We may not win the gubernatorial election. What will we do if the GOP sweeps California? Tom McClintock, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, believes that Social Security should not exist. Chuck Pachegian, Republican candidate for state Attorney General, voted against a ban on 50-caliber assault weapons, and believes that enforcing environmental laws and defending consumers is not a responsibility of the Attorney General’s office.

A Tough Dialogue

The first question came from LYM member Nick Walsh, who asked Bauman why he hadn’t addressed what *really* makes Schwarzenegger different: that he is run by the same synarchist-fascist networks associated with George Shultz, which are currently in control of the Bush Administration.

Bauman replied that while he would not dispute the facts Walsh was bringing up, he would disagree, and would insist that what really makes Schwarzenegger different, is that he is a movie star. In response to a follow-up question from Walsh, Bauman began to insist that though everything the questioner was saying was true, voters don’t “care about huge themes like globalization and Felix Rohatyn”! He agreed that these are the source of their problems, but that voters only understand whether or not they have food on



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Bauman and LaRouche spokesman Harley Schlanger “slug it out” on issues of how to organize the voters effectively: “Keep it simple,” or fight for “big ideas” that people need to understand, if they’re going to survive.

the table.

The next question came from LYM member Mike Steger, who asked: Say the Democrats do win in November. Will they be prepared to deal with the types of economic crises, and generalized civilizational collapse, which are hurtling in our direction?

Bauman answered quickly, and unequivocally, “No.” Steger followed up by asking: Then how will they get prepared? To which Bauman replied that the current tactic of the Democratic Party—with which he did not necessarily agree—is that, if you see a train about to hit your opponent, just get out of the way. Look, he said, you guys—referring to the LYM—are different. You think differently. You’re not average people. LYM member Cody Jones interrupted, pointing out, “We all used to be average people.” You spend six days a week learning, Bauman replied; what average person does that?

At that point, Schlanger returned to the podium, and said to Bauman and to the audience: “What you’re missing is that people *aren’t* average. The question is not making the argument simple. We can do that. But I haven’t seen a Democrat stand up yet and say, ‘Look, you’re going to lose everything because you’ve got a bunch of criminals in the White House.’”

Bauman interrupted, jumping to the microphone: “Then you’re not paying attention!” Schlanger replied by going through the role the LYM is playing on Capitol Hill, giving the better Democrats such as Rep. John Conyers (Mich.) what little they have been willing to fight on. But Bauman retorted: “You’re filibustering!” Schlanger responded that Bauman is wrong if he thinks that the average person doesn’t understand

NAFTA—so, why wouldn’t any Democrat come out explicitly on that point?

Bauman said: “Look what you just did! You made it simple! That’s what I’m saying! Listen to me: I’ve won every election campaign I’ve ever run, except for one . . . well, and the one I’m about to lose, but that’s not my fault! You have to have a candidate—”

“I’ve *lost* every campaign I’ve ever run—” Schlanger began. “Exactly!” shouted Bauman, while both still squeezed around the same microphone. Schlanger finished: “but *I* have a youth movement, and *you* don’t!” At this point the already rowdy room burst into applause.

Someone else from the audience asked why the Democratic Party wasn’t engaged in trying to sway non-Democratic voters. Bauman replied that for the first time, the L.A. party is doing just that: organizing in non-Democratic districts, targeting voters registered as “decline to state”—we’ve never spent money on this in L.A. before.

The follow-up question was: What about the national party? Bauman, half joking, replied: “I’m not responsible for the national party!” But it was clear that the questioner’s point was well taken.

Schlanger poked at Bauman, saying that “If Eric [Bauman] were younger, he’d probably be in the LYM!” Bauman shot back: “If Eric were younger, he’d be president of the LYM!”

LYM member Sam Dixon asked about organizing the lower 80% of income brackets, and Bauman replied that those were the only people who voted Democratic in California.

LYM member Quincy O’Neal asked why Bauman doesn’t focus on physical results, such as economic development, rather than just election victories? What sort of credibility does it give you to be winning elections in a period where all of the policy being pushed is destroying people? When does the measure become standard of living?

At this, Bauman suddenly became very serious. Elections, he said, are currently won by constricting the electorate, not by expanding it. Everyone is trying to keep the other guy’s people from coming out to the polls. There are no ideas. Why won’t Democrats in Congress stand up for principle? Because they all won their elections by appealing to a constricted electorate. You all need to run for office . . . not all of you—a few of you. If I can figure out how to shorten the business portion of the Central Committee meeting, and expand the conceptual/policy discussion, I will. When you all are as old as I am, or as old as Harley [Schlanger] is—”

Schlanger concluded the meeting by re-emphasizing what Bauman had said about the role of the LYM as an intellectual force: We have to transform the society in which we live. We have to have better candidates, and the only way to do that, is to have a better society. Nobody else is going to do that, but us.

Afterwards there was much additional heated discussion between Bauman and LYM members.

The CIA Is *Not* Demanding The Right To Torture Prisoners

On Sept. 6, 2006, President George W. Bush officially admitted what was otherwise widely known, that the United States was operating a network of secret prisons overseas in which suspected terrorists were being held and brutally interrogated. In these facilities, Bush told the nation, the CIA was using “an alternate set of procedures” on prisoners who had allegedly resisted normal interrogation methods. Leaving little to the imagination—while professing that the United States “does not torture”—the President spun out a fantastical tale of how one terrorist after another had disgorged al-Qaeda’s deepest secrets under the CIA’s “alternate” interrogation procedures.

At the same time, Bush dramatically announced that the Administration was transferring 14 top terrorists to the Guantanamo Bay prison camp, where they would be put on trial—just as soon as Congress passed the White House bill approving the scheme of military commissions which the Supreme Court had invalidated in June. Over the next few weeks, Bush, Vice President Cheney, and other Administration spokesmen conducted a relentless campaign of threatening Congress that if it did not approve the Administration bill, including provisions which would allow the “CIA program” to continue, the U.S. could no longer interrogate terrorists who were planning to attack the nation, and thus would be unable to prevent attacks and save American lives. The blackmail was that those members who opposed “the program” would be accused of coddling terrorists and endangering innocent lives.

The blackmail worked. Even though Senate opponents of the bill—Democrats and a handful of Republicans—had the votes to block the bill by means of a filibuster, the Democratic leadership caved in and refused to act.

What went almost totally unquestioned, throughout the debate on the “Military Commissions Act”—properly known as the “torture bill”—was the claim by the White House and its supporters that the CIA was demanding that the White House legislation be passed so it could continue with “the program.” One exception to this was a report in the Sept. 18 *Newsweek*, citing unnamed sources who said that the CIA was desperate to *get rid* of the program, and that it had never wanted to run the secret prisons in the first place.

On Oct. 17, the day that Bush signed the bill, former CIA Inspector General Fred Hitz participated in a conference call with reporters, moderated by Human Rights First. He ridiculed the idea that CIA officers were clamoring to torture and abuse prisoners. “The notion that there’s a cadre of fire-

breathers over at the Agency wanting to be turned loose to do whatever is necessary to get information . . . is just plain wrong,” Hitz said.

Following the conference call, *EIR*’s Edward Spannaus asked Hitz to elaborate on his statements, which Hitz did in the following interview.

EIR’s first contact with Hitz occurred in December 1996, during the controversy over what was being called the “CIA crack-cocaine” operation in Southern California. *EIR* had been conducting an extensive investigation of the drug-trafficking links to the White House-sponsored, Ollie North “Contra” networks—operations which were often, and wrongly, blamed on the CIA.

At a meeting sponsored by the American Bar Association’s national-security law committee, *EIR* asked Hitz if, in his investigation, he would follow the trail even if it led outside the CIA. Hitz promised that he would. And, true to his word, when he issued the official report on his investigation in 1998, it contained a wealth of information documenting the links between North’s Contras and major Colombian drug-trafficking organizations. (See *EIR*, Jan. 3, 1997; Feb. 13, and Oct. 23, 1998.)

Interview: Frederick Hitz

Frederick P. Hitz is a veteran CIA operations officer, and was the Inspector General of the CIA from 1990 to 1998. He now teaches at the University of Virginia Law School. Mr. Hitz was interviewed by Edward Spannaus on Oct. 19, 2006.



EIR: When President Bush announced the transfer of the 14 detainees on Sept. 6 to Guantanamo, he gave the impression that the CIA was very anxious to proceed with these interrogations, but they couldn’t do it because of the Supreme Court, and he said we’ve gotten all this valuable information, and we have to proceed with this. What is wrong with that picture?

Hitz: I don't think this is the full extent of it. There is not a burning desire on the part of intelligence professionals to be involved in a coerced interrogation situation where they have to be pushing the envelope, so to speak, pushing what they consider the proper way of dealing with people, beyond the accepted norms, in order to get information.

They are not bloodthirsty sort of interrogation specialists, who are just chomping at the bit to be turned loose.

EIR: Is there really a substantial difference between the approach in the CIA, and that in the military, in the FBI, or other agencies?

Hitz: Yes, I think so, if these stories that we have been reading are true, and I have some question about that. With respect to the military, their major concern is, and appropriately so (aside from the moral revulsion, which I think we shouldn't make light of—these individuals, whether they wear an Army uniform, or are in the Bureau [FBI], CIA, grow up in the same value system that you and I do, and this is not something that they were taught to do in Sunday school); but the thing that justifies it, if anything, is the issue of protection, and national security, and not wanting to be hit again by a terrorist attack.

That having been said, the Army has to deal with an enormous organization inhabited by 17-, 18-, 19-year-old kids, people whose behavior has to be spelled out with particularity. They also recognize that if they expect to have the same kind of treatment, expect to get equitable treatment should they ever be captured, they'd better not develop a reputation of being willing to exceed any internationally recognized limits on the propriety of interrogations.

The Bureau has a different point of view. Most of the information that they are seeking, they hope to be able to introduce in a court of law, and they know darn well that they are not going to be able get in the fruits of coerced interrogations, so they've had to figure out another way to get that information.

I don't think the CIA is the interrogator's secret weapon: If you can't do it the FBI way or the Army way, just think of a CIA way, where you can operate without these constraints. I think we've gotten thrown into it, because it has been expected that we are able to do things that others can't, and I think that is not really a fair way to look at, or to use, the Agency.

EIR: Do you think people in the Agency want to have, as Bush and Cheney have implied, a different set of standards than other people involved in these things?

Hitz: I don't. I have experience with past situations where the CIA has been pushed too far, and where there hasn't been any willingness to stand behind those individuals involved, when the matter is brought before an outside investigating entity. What comes to mind are situations we were involved in, in Central America in the 1980s, where, because it is a violation of internal regulation to engage in terror, and in

coercive interrogations that exceed the law—read, “international law”—but where, if the Agency wasn't doing it, it was perhaps knowledgeable of and therefore complicit in, this kind of interrogation, taking place at the hands of a liaison service. None of this is what Agency officers are trained to do, what they sign up to go into intelligence for. It is an assignment, if it exists, that they've been moved into, because the possibility of acting beyond constraints that might bind others is appealing to those who are giving them the orders. And I just think that's a lousy way to do business.

EIR: Isn't there an element of set-up in this whole thing, the way it's been presented during the course of this debate: It's almost as if the CIA people are the rogue elephants that are willing to do what other people won't do.

Hitz: The black hats. The issue here, Ed, is that we may have acquired custody of certain individuals, based on help given by friendly liaison services who were able to arrest them or capture them or whatever it may be, and then turned them over to us, as the entity that was interested in getting the information. So, that may be sort of the triggering event. That having been said, here we are with these persons in our custody, responsible for them, but not seemingly bound by as tight a leash as the Army and the FBI—at a time when the Administration itself was beginning to test these limits, in the name of Executive power and in the name of the threat created by the 9/11 happenings. And frankly, I think people acted with the notion that it's a Brave New World: We can do whatever we want, and what's to be gained, justifies it.

I haven't seen any evidence that it's so. It's bruited that we got from Khalid Sheikh Muhamed the information needed to apprehend others in the al-Qaeda bunch that were involved in 9/11 kinds of things, and perhaps prospective ones. I don't know the truth or falsity of that. But it strikes me that this way of proceeding, acting in a manner that exceeds the bounds of law and normal practice, is not the way to do it.

EIR: The very day that Bush announced this, there had been a press conference at the Pentagon, where they announced their new directive on the handling of detainees and interrogations, in which they got up and said, “This stuff doesn't work,” and that the experience of the recent years had shown that abuse and coercive interrogations didn't work; and at the same time, the President was saying: “We've got to unleash the CIA.”

Hitz: I would pay closer attention to the person who is closest to the event, and that would be the Army interrogators who have been involved in it. Certainly the Bureau feels strongly, admittedly because they need to get evidence they can introduce into a court of law, but they found other ways to get cooperation from people whom they seek information from. That's really what we are saying here: “In order to skin this cat, you just don't have to beat the daylight out of him.”



U.S. Navy/Shane T. McCoy

President Bush, when he announced the transfer of 14 detainees to Guantanamo, implied that the CIA was very anxious to proceed with tough interrogations. Hitz rejects the idea that CIA agents are “bloodthirsty sort of interrogation specialists, who are just chomping at the bit to be turned loose.” Here, U.S. Army military police bring a detainee to Guantanamo Bay.

You catch more flies with sugar than vinegar. If you blast somebody, they’re going to tell you whatever they can to stop the beating. And some of it may be good, and some of it may be bad. How do you tell?

EIR: Why do you think that there haven’t been more people from around the environment of the Agency who have spoken out on this?

Hitz: Maybe there are some who believe that this system works. I don’t know. I feel that you’ve had a pretty good indication of what the rank-and-file believe, in the reported manner in which they’ve been seeking insurance protection against actions they take on the job. To me, it’s just an absolutely scandalous situation to be in: to need to have an insurance policy to protect you against the ramifications of what you are being asked to do on the job. If there is support in the Agency for this kind of behavior, this course of interrogations that go to the absolute limit, it’s not the Agency I remember.

EIR: What about the rendition policy?

Hitz: We’ve talked about “definition creep”—we’ve seen a real creep in what is considered to be renditions, from the time it first appeared in the vocabulary during the Clinton Administration, and the present. In the old days, in the Clinton Administration days, what it meant was, we find ourselves in custody an accused like Mir Amal Kanzi [the shooter at the CIA gate on Route 123], and we would be able to would take custody of an individual in a foreign location, and “render

them to justice,” meaning bring them back home for trial.

The more recent definition is that we, using that same term, be willing to give somebody in our custody to a friendly liaison service, and the person would be interrogated in a manner we presumed would be more coercive than we were permitted to do. I am against that practice. I think it ought to be viewed in the same way that assassination was viewed under [President Gerald] Ford’s original Executive Order in 1976: You cannot engage in political assassination directly, nor through surrogates, nor indirectly. You should regard your responsibility as being not to torture, yourself, and not put people over whom you have control in the hands of others who will torture. And what you hear back from the people who have been involved in this situation, is that we have undertakings from the governments to which we’ve rendered these poor souls, that

they will not engage in torture. Ha, ha, ha. What is the enforcement mechanism there?

I’m actually getting quite involved in this Arar case that took place between us and the Canadians. That’s a situation where, due to this individual’s dual nationality, some pretext, I suppose, was created to send him to Syria; but you can’t tell me that it wasn’t assumed that the Syrians would be able to use methods, whether or not he was al-Qaeda, that were beyond those methods that were available to us.

EIR: You were around, I presume, during the Church Committee period?

Hitz: I wasn’t on duty then. But I followed it every step of the way. And I ended up dealing with the aftermath, which was the Congressional effort to pass legislation setting forth a charter for the CIA and the other agencies.

EIR: That’s what I wanted to ask you about. I’ve heard people say that Dick Cheney never accepted the Church Committee, hardly even recognized that it ever existed, much less the legislative and regulatory outcomes that came out of that. To hear people like Cheney or David Addington talk about the agencies having their hands tied, “We’ve got to take the handcuffs off,” and let them do what they want to do. Is that an accurate depiction: of people chafing at the bit to get out from under all these restrictions?

Hitz: I can’t comment on the involvement of the Vice President or David Addington on this. I just don’t know. But I can

say that it is lore, it is sort of Washington wisdom, that when the CIA began to become ineffectual was in the aftermath of the Church Committee investigations, and the creation of the Executive Order that grew out of it, and it's been a risk-averse, semi-paralyzed organization since.

I think that is a lot of hooley.

I think what the Church Committee investigation did, more than anything else, was establish the ground for creating intelligence oversight committees. Congress was about to do it, but it took the trauma that Church revealed, to push it over the line so that there could be no further opposition to having a House Committee and a Senate Committee, whose prime, if not only, responsibility was overseeing the intelligence business. That's a given, and a lot of people opposed that, "too many people know the Agency's secrets"—but we're a constitutional democracy, and it seems to me that that's a very worthwhile price to pay.

Apart from that, yes, there came a period in the late 1970s, '80s, where perhaps people were a little more careful, because they didn't know how far these regulations went, and that certainly was the cautionary attitude of the Carter Administration. But don't forget, it was during this period of time that the Soviets invaded Afghanistan. President Carter signed a covert action finding to deal with that situation, plus some of the situations in Africa where the Soviets were moving, so it

didn't inhibit the Agency. They distinguished themselves in helping chase the Soviets from Afghanistan.

So I think that's a bum rap. There was a cautionary period during the transition at the end of the Cold War to determine what the new role of the Agency would be, what would be the new targets, how would we go about it. There was a response to some incidents in Latin America which, in the context of causing the Directorate of Operations to review their holdings, to see if they still needed agents on board who had been helpful during the Cold War, but had blood on their hands, and who may not have been particularly useful to us in the new scenario. There was some weeding out. A famous declaration under DCI Deutch, that you had to get permission from headquarters before you recruited a human-rights abuser. The intention of that was not to freeze CIA activity—but it may have had that result. I think any organization sort of goes through these ebbs and flows, and I don't think it is right to lay it all on the Church Committee.

EIR: Getting back to the current situation: On Sept. 6, as I recall, when the Pentagon announced their directive, they said that any other government agency that was operating in connection with the military on a military base, or took custody from the military, would be bound by DOD regulations, and I think that included the Army Field Manual on interrogations. That is clearly not the intention of the Administration. But would there be any problem with that?

Hitz: I support the military's view that, "If it's happening on our territory, we want it to go pursuant to our rule." But I think, as you rightly point out, that gives rise to the implication that what's being talked about here—we're talking about non-Army Field Manual interrogation techniques—that they're going to have to take place in these so-called secret prisons that the Agency is alleged to be operating, because it can't happen on military ground. I'm against that. Frankly, I think the secret prison business is going to go the way of the Dodo bird. I think that even so-called friendly states are going to find that they are taking too much heat, if they do that sort of thing.

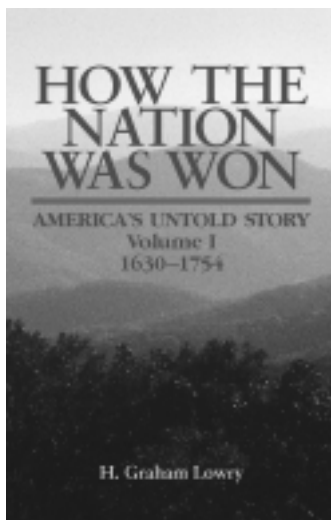
EIR: The Administration has made this big hoopla about Khalid Sheikh Muhamed and the trials, that this is going to bring these guys to justice. Do you in fact think that will ever happen?

Hitz: Well, it's going to be interesting to try to figure what evidence they would use, assuming they go through a Military Commission process, as constituted by the newly passed bill, I'm not sure they're going to be able to get in evidence that has become available through a coerced interrogation. I think there will be some hard questions asked. Maybe they have independent evidence to support all this, and I hope that they do, because I do think they should be brought to justice. But I wouldn't think that the outcome of this is foreordained at all.

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Witchhunt Against House Democratic Staffer

In a move reminiscent of the 2002-03 silencing of the House and Senate intelligence committees' attempts to probe intelligence concerning the buildup to the Iraq War, and the war on terrorism, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.) suspended a Democratic staffer on suspicion of leaking a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) report on terrorism to the *New York Times*. The NIE was a big blow to Bush, because it showed that the terrorist threat has increased because of the Iraq War.

The only "evidence" is that Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) said that the staffer had requested a copy of the NIE three days before it was leaked. LaHood's sophistry was that "coincidence" in Washington is "rare."

Democratic ranking member Jane Harman of California is protesting, claiming that Hoekstra is taking revenge on her for releasing a report on disgraced ex-Congressman Duke Cunningham (R), who was convicted of taking bribes.

'Wage Insurance' Meets Democratic Opposition

Together with expansion of Medicare into a more universal health insurance, some economists with the Hamilton Project are pushing for a Democratic economic policy which embraces globalization and free trade, and uses new forms of "wage insurance" to compensate for outsourcing and the service economy—accepting both as inevitable and beneficial for growth.

The proposed Democratic policy, as explained in several Hamilton Project pamphlets (viz. "Fundamental Restructuring of Unemployment Insurance"), would establish a universal payroll tax, building up a fund to pay workers temporary "wage compensation" when they lose well-paying jobs and have to take lower-paying service jobs. The "wage insurance" can also apply to disability or illness job loss; and in some ver-

sions of the proposal, would entirely replace the 1935-vintage Federal unemployment insurance program.

Since the idea is a new universal payroll tax, workers would, in effect, take a small pay cut, to partially, and temporarily, insure themselves against—a large pay cut.

Basically, the idea and its sponsors accept the loss of skilled and well-paying industrial jobs to outsourcing and globalization, as irreversible and positive for the economy. The idea is generating opposition from labor, and in Congress.

On Oct. 19, Democratic Congressional aides reported to LaRouche PAC a "revolt from below against globalization" among many veteran aides who are anticipating Democratic victories in Congressional elections. This, they say, is supported/joined by some few senior Democrats in the House, but not by the Democratic leadership.

Bush Red-Lines Defense Authorization Bill

On Oct. 17, the same day that President Bush held a televised ceremony to sign the torture bill, he quietly accompanied his signing of the 2007 Defense Authorization Act with the issue of a "signing statement" objecting to no fewer than 17 provisions of the bill. Among requirements that Bush asserts he may ignore, are one that his defense budget submissions include Afghan and Iraq War funding and a detailed justification of the war funds. He also objected to the requirement that he name a special coordinator of policy for North Korea within 60 days, and that he provide Congress with a report on the program to replace some nuclear warheads on Trident submarine-launched ballistic missiles with conventional warheads.

The statement says, as do they all: "The executive branch shall construe these provisions in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to supervise the unitary executive branch and to recommend for the consideration of the Congress such measures as the President deems necessary and expedient."

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich), the ranking

Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, was unaware of the signing statement until he was told about it by a reporter at a press conference the next day. Asked about the requirement that funding for the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars be included in the regular defense budget, Levin said, "I'm very dubious he'll abide by it. He's ignored it when we've stated it before." Levin pointed out that this was "a bipartisan expression about responsible budgeting . . . to ignore them in the regular budget is to be irresponsible. But that's the way he's handled the funding of this war."

John 'Torture' Yoo Targets Supreme Court

In an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* on Oct. 18, former Justice Department official John Yoo, author of some of the DOJ's worst memos advocating torture of "enemy combatants," claims that the judiciary was the big loser with the signing of the Military Commissions Act, which he calls "a stinging rebuke to the Supreme Court."

Yoo calls the Supreme Court's *Hamdan* decision an unprecedented attempt to "intrude into war policy," and "a stunning power grab." Yoo gloats that Congress and the President told the Court to get out of the war on terror, and stripped the courts of *habeas corpus* jurisdiction.

Lyndon LaRouche's comment was on the Yoo article was: Don't these people remember the Nazis? The Nazis passed laws announcing measures like those now presented by Bush. What happened after the war? The Nazi regime was declared an unlawful state! This so-called law has no more authority than the measures that were ruled at Nuremberg to be crimes against humanity. They transferred the responsibility from the courts of the offending nation to an international forum, to rule on crimes against humanity. No U.S. law can exempt Bush and Cheney from prosecution under those conditions. You want to be a Nazi, you'll get the treatment of a Nazi. Walk like a Nazi, talk like a Nazi, you'll fry like a Nazi. Bush has declared himself to be a fascist, although he can't spell it yet.

THE 1988 ALEXANDRIA HOAX

How I Terrorized the Fascist!

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

October 15, 2006

Very few Americans, and also others, realize how much of the ruin our nation and their lives have suffered, increasingly, since February 1983, is the side-effect of the fraudulent charges and conviction directed against me as an immediate reaction to President Ronald Reagan's March 23, 1983 presentation, in which the President confirmed what I had presented in my role in conducting a back-channel discussion, over the interval February 1982-1983, with the Soviet government, a proposal which President Reagan named "a Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)."

As a reaction against the President's March 23 address, the notorious John Train launched the crafting of a vast, entirely fraudulent campaign of charges leading to my indictment and fraudulently crafted conviction of December 1988. Train's operations against me, as coordinated through a series of his salons, were conducted in concert with accomplices including the notorious fascist James Jesus Angleton and the hard core of the entire right-wing apparatus associated today, with the fascist circles associated closely with Richard Mellon Scaife, William F. Buckley, Jr., et al., and with the role of of the fascist operation headed by Mrs. Lynne Cheney and the apparatus of the Goebbels-like ACTA operation.

What Lynne Cheney and her brutish husband have done, by Lynne Cheney's leading role in launching the Goebbels-like campaign of political oppression against university professors, their students, and others at now over a hundred U.S. universities and colleges, has been to expose that fascist apparatus associated with John Train's network as a clear and present danger to continued existence of civilization on this planet today.

Therefore, certain things become very, very clear, when

we consider Train's central, international role, in orchestrating fraudulent charges and other harassment against me and my associates, among others, and look back at the way in which Train took up a leading initiating role, in collaborating with known Nazi-linked elements and other fascists, for legal prosecution against me, in responding to my role in President Reagan's proffer of March 23, 1983. I have always known these connections, and known the fact of Train's leading role in this process; the difference is, now, that no honest and intelligent person in the U.S.A. and Europe could continue to deny this fact.

Consider the following typical facts:

1. By no later than July-August 1982, according to FOIA documents released by the FBI, Henry Kissinger was personally placing pressure on FBI Director William Webster, to launch a fraudulent prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche and associates. This activation by Kissinger involved collusion with James Jesus Angleton, Jay Lovestone, William F. Buckley, Jr., the ADL's Irwin Suall, and Freedom House's Leo Cherne. Cherne admitted in a mid-1980s interview, conducted in conjunction with fraudulent prosecutions of LaRouche and associates, that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), which he co-chaired, had created a monitoring unit targeting LaRouche, in response to LaRouche's "Operation Juárez" and his collaboration with Mexico's President José López Portillo, to deal with the Mexican, Ibero-American, and overall Third World debt crisis.

2. In January 1983, according to FOIA documents, Cherne, Edward Bennett Williams, David Abshire, and other members of PFIAB joined in the Kissinger-instigated effort to launch a bogus investigation and prosecution of LaRouche and associates, on the wholly fraudulent grounds that



Press coverage of LaRouche's 1988 Boston trial shows how close the defendants came to wrecking the "Get LaRouche" operation of John Train et al. The judge called a mistrial, but a new trial was called in Alexandria, Virginia's "rocket docket," which ended in conviction of all defendants on trumped-up charges.

LaRouche was on the Soviet payroll.

3. During the period leading to President Reagan's March 23, 1983 SDI speech, Kissinger had personally assured the Soviet government of General Secretary Yuri Andropov that the President would never endorse LaRouche's ballistic missile defense proposals. Kissinger and related Anglo-American channels into the Soviet leadership would shortly be activated in a coordinated "Get LaRouche" effort, aimed at breaking the LaRouche-Reagan SDI collaboration.

4. The moment that President Reagan gave his historic March 23, 1983 speech, over the strenuous opposition of virtually his entire cabinet (Secretary of State George Shultz, Chief of Staff James A. Baker III, Vice President George H.W. Bush, et al.), the entire Kissinger apparatus went ballistic and launched an immediate escalation of the already simmering "Get LaRouche" campaign.

5. On April 23, 1983, John Train convened the first of three salon meetings at his New York City residence, to orchestrate a vicious media slander campaign against LaRouche, involving major media outlets like NBC-TV News, *Readers Digest*, the *Washington Post*, the *New Republic*, *Business Week*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Over the course of the next three years, leading into the Oct. 6-7, 1986 Federal, state, and local police armed assault on LaRouche publishing offices and LaRouche's residence, scores of slanders appeared in these publications and others, all derived from a fabricated script presented by Train and his circles at the "Get LaRouche" task force sessions. Roy Godson, among other officials and consultants to the Reagan-Bush National Security Council, Pentagon, and State Department, participated in the Train salon sessions, along with right-wing moneybags Richard Mellon Scaife.

6. Through Kissinger and other British-agent channels, Soviet news organs fully participated in the "Get LaRouche"

media onslaught, and pressed for bogus criminal prosecutions against LaRouche.

7. One of the most egregious instances of direct collusion between John Train, his salon of slanderers, and Soviet counterparts involved the flagrant lie that LaRouche was behind the February 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. Indeed, shortly before the Palme assassination, John Train's New York investment house had been bought out by the Swedish state bank, PK Banken, raising serious questions about Train's own knowledge and role in the circumstances leading to Palme's assassination. Soviet and East German state-linked news outlets echoed the Train salon line that "LaRouche killed Palme." Furthermore, new Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov lent his support to the "Get LaRouche" slander and frame-up campaign, a fact demonstrated by his desperate efforts to break the Reagan-LaRouche SDI alliance at the Reykjavik, Iceland summit, which occurred within days of the October 1986 raids on LaRouche's Leesburg, Virginia facilities.

8. Other close Train and Angleton assets, associated with the Heritage Foundation, its front group High Frontier, Gen. Danny Graham, et al., played key supporting roles in the drive to kill the LaRouche-Reagan SDI. They launched a series of bogus front groups, typified by High Frontier, which ostensibly supported the SDI, but subverted the fundamental concept of U.S.-Soviet collaboration in developing and deploying a global ballistic missile defense system, using new physical principle defensive systems. Danny Graham and other Kissinger-Angleton assets proposed various "Rube Goldberg" off-the-shelf missile defense systems that could never work, as part of the effort to subvert the Reagan-LaRouche initiative, even after Andropov and, later, Gorbachov, repeatedly rejected the Reagan offer of collaboration in ending thermo-nuclear terror.

Documentation

How John Train Targetted LaRouche

This Jan. 20, 1992 deposition was filed by EIR reporter Herbert Quinde, who conducted a thorough investigation of how banker John Train organized a defamation campaign against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, carried out through the media. It was submitted to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, in the case of United States v. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., William F. Wertz, Jr., and Edward W. Spannaus, as a Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, Correct Sentence under 28 USC section 2255. It was filed Jan 22, 1992.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.:
 COUNTY OF LOUDOUN)

HERBERT QUINDE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a reporter for *Executive Intelligence Review* and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated. As to matters which are stated upon information and belief, the basis for such statements is set forth in this Affidavit and consists of interviews I conducted personally, or documents gathered and maintained by me in files concerning John Train and the participants in meetings conducted at his residence pertaining to Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC), the political and philosophical association that Mr. LaRouche founded.

2. I make this Affidavit in support of petitioners' claims that the Government has suppressed exculpatory information known to it concerning defamatory and other actions conducted against petitioners in conjunction with the Government, government-coordinated attempts to "neutralize" petitioners' political influence in the United States and abroad, and other government operations against petitioners conducted under the authority of Executive Orders 12331 and 12333-34.

3. From March 7, 1984 to the present I have engaged in an investigation to determine who was present at a meeting at the residence of John Train, a New York financier, called to plan actions against LaRouche and the NCLC. As originally described by one participant, Michael Hudson, that meeting involved Train and 25 other journalists who planned to "coordinate national magazine stuff about you guys and [work] with federal law enforcement to deny you funding and tax exemption, is the delicate way to put it."

4. The results of my investigation and the sources for my

information, prior to April 1989 and, most importantly, May 24, 1990, can be summarily set forth as follows:

(a). On March 7, 1984, Sol Sanders, an individual who identified himself to me as a former editor of *Business Week* and the founder of the Committee for a Free World, a conservative social democratic organization, told me that two defamatory broadcasts against LaRouche by NBC-TV in January and March 1984 were planned at a meeting he attended at John Train's residence "about 8 months ago." The participants, according to Sanders, included Pat Lynch, the producer of the NBC-TV broadcasts, Dennis King, and about 25 other journalists. Sanders stated he abandoned any further contacts with the meeting participants after the meeting because "you can't have security with that many people." Sanders further described John Train to me as "one of the last OSS boys on Wall Street."

(b). Upon information and belief, on May 26, 1983 and June 2, 1983, Michael Hudson, another participant in the Train meeting, described this meeting to my former co-worker Robert Greenberg. He stated that the meeting involved "all of your enemies from the journalism field" and individuals from "the Second International." He stated that a former member of the NCLC working for "Freedom House" provided a briefing to the meeting. Hudson further stated that Train insisted that LaRouche and the NCLC be characterized as "KGB," *i.e.*, agents of the Soviet intelligence services. Hudson characterized the purpose of the meeting as journalistic efforts in conjunction with law enforcement "to deny you funding and tax exemption." He did not further reveal the participants of the meeting other than to state that Dennis King attended. He did say that a large chart of the NCLC was circulated at the meeting and that Train had contacted him regarding corrections in the chart following the meeting. I maintain certified transcripts of the Hudson-Greenberg conversations, which were taped by Greenberg, and the relevant portions of those transcripts are set forth as Exhibits A and B.

(c). In 1984 discovery conducted in the lawsuit (LaRouche v. NBC, a defamation action resulting from Patricia Lynch's 1984 broadcasts, Ms. Lynch stated that she received confidential and non-public information from the FBI, the CIA, the IRS, and the FEC for purposes of the broadcasts and that she had spoken to James J. Angleton, the former counter-intelligence director of the CIA in the course of preparing the broadcasts. She stated that law enforcement and intelligence community officials had expressed "concern" to her about LaRouche as early as 1982 and it was up to her to follow up those concerns. She also produced a chart purporting to describe the NCLC and marked "Updated October 23, 1983," which, upon information and belief, is the corrected version of the chart circulated at the meeting Mr. Hudson described. (Exhibit C.) Ms. Lynch stated she obtained the chart from Peter Spiro, a writer for *New Republic*, who in January 1984, also published defamatory materials concerning LaRouche in *New Republic*. (Exhibit D.)



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NBC-TV producer Pat Lynch said she had spoken to James J. Angleton, the former counter-intelligence director of the CIA, in the course of preparing her defamatory broadcasts against LaRouche. She was a participant in a meeting targeting LaRouche at John Train's residence.

(d). On May 26, 1986, I interviewed Ellen Hume, who had written a derogatory article concerning LaRouche in the March 23, 1986 *Wall Street Journal*. (Exhibit E.) She stated that she had attended a meeting at John Train's concerning LaRouche without recalling the date or revealing other participants, and stated that the sources for her article were Patricia Lynch and law enforcement.

(e). On March 19, 1987, I succeeded in interviewing Virginia Armat, who identified herself to me as John Train's personal editor, a former editor of the *Reader's Digest*, and a collaborator with John Train on infiltrations and investigations conducted against the Washington, D.C. Institute for Policy Studies, a think-tank accused of subversive activities by conservatives. She stated she attended a meeting against LaRouche at John Train's residence in the spring of 1983, and that Dennis King and Patricia Lynch were present at the meeting. She also indicated that the activities of Train and his collaborators against LaRouche were continuing by stating to me that she and Train had solicited the placement of a May 1986 diatribe by King and Lynch against LaRouche in the *Wall Street Journal* (Exhibit F), and that she and Train were in collaboration with Eugene Methvin. Methvin published an influential national *Reader's Digest* article against LaRouche in August 1986 entitled, "Lyndon LaRouche's Raid on Democracy." (Exhibit G.)

5. My efforts to investigate this matter were hampered by

the fact that key identified participants would not talk to me at all, and individuals I did talk to would not fully discuss the meeting or its participants. Every interview I conducted was pretextual and, to the extent I succeeded in getting an individual on the phone, my efforts to discuss the meeting, once broached, were either met with a change of subject after limited discussion, or the individual hanging up the phone. Subsequent to his revelations to Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Hudson has claimed that he does not remember the meeting he attended or its details. (Exhibit H.) Mr. Train denied there were any meetings and said he had only a "passing interest" in LaRouche concerning LaRouche's position on debt. Mr. Angleton denied any involvement with Train or Patricia Lynch. Ms. Lynch has repeatedly refused to discuss her sources, citing reporter's privilege. (See, e.g., Exhibit I.)

6. Based upon my investigation prior to the Alexandria trial, the following defamatory articles and broadcasts can be traced to the collaboration of participants in the Train meetings:

(a). The January 1984 *New Republic* article calling for the exposure and unmasking of LaRouche as an extremist;

(b). The January and March 1984 NBC-TV News pieces by Lynch, scandalizing LaRouche's numerous associations with individuals involved in the Reagan Administration and the intelligence community, and blithely claiming that LaRouche planned to assassinate former President Jimmy Carter by remote control television, ran a violent cult, and engaged in questionable fundraising, and calling for an IRS investigation;

(c). A November 1984 *New Republic* article by Dennis King and Ronald Radosh "exposing" LaRouche's contacts in the Reagan Administration and associating them with financial fraud, use by LaRouche for possible espionage purposes on behalf of a foreign power, and violence (Exhibit J);

(d). The March 23, 1986 *Wall Street Journal* piece by Ellen Hume and the May 27, 1986 *Wall Street Journal* piece by Lynch and King. The latter article contains leaks from the Boston grand jury investigation and interviews with anonymous former NCLC members whom King and Lynch call "defectors."

(e). Two successive April 1986 NBC-TV National News Broadcasts, produced by Lynch, featuring rebroadcast of the most incendiary allegations from "First Camera" and government witness Forrest Lee Fick claiming that LaRouche plotted the assassination of Henry Kissinger, numerous leaks



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Michael Hudson, another participant in a Train meeting, stated to EIR that the meeting involved “all of your enemies from the journalism field.” Hudson stated that Train insisted that LaRouche be characterized as “KGB.”

from the secret Boston grand jury investigation, and claims that the IRS had initiated a national investigation (Exhibit K);

(f). NBC-TV News broadcasts in March and December 1986, claiming that LaRouche was associated with the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. The December 1986 broadcast featured government witness Forrest Lee Fick making this claim, together with notebook references provided by Boston prosecutors allegedly buttressing Fick’s claim. The Government knew at the time of this broadcast that this claim had been fully discredited by Swedish authorities as with all similar claims made through NBC (Appendix 59 and 61);

(g). The August 1986 Eugene Methvin *Reader’s Digest* article;

(h). Numerous additional derogatory articles that were published and disseminated, and that quoted Train meeting participants as their primary sources. (See, e.g., Exhibit L.)

7. I have been informed that numerous exculpatory evidence requests concerning the Train meeting and the campaign against LaRouche conducted by its participants were addressed to the prosecutors in the Alexandria trial, and that no information was produced by the Government pursuant to

these requests. As is demonstrated below, new information developed subsequent to trial shows that Train meeting participants were informants and effectively agents of the Government in their actions, and government officials or contractors actually participated in the Train meetings. Thus, the Government had information responsive to these requests and concealed it.

Developments Subsequent to the Alexandria Trial

8. Upon information and belief, New York prosecutors produced in April 1989, pursuant to the New York *Rosario* rule, a second version of the chart previously produced by Lynch in the *NBC* case, which was circulated at the Train meeting. The chart was in materials provided as to People’s witness Michael Hudson, and bears the date April 23, 1983. This is at or about the time specified by Hudson as the Train meeting he attended. (Exhibit M.)

9. The April 23, 1983 version of the chart presented at the meetings reflects significant input from an FBI domestic security investigation of the NCLC which was supposedly terminated in September 1977. The Train chart even contains the same misspelling of Mr. LaRouche’s name (i.e., “LaRoche”) that is contained in a contemporaneous FBI document written by FBI Director William Webster, reporting on questions about “LaRoche” raised by David Abshire and Edward Bennett Williams at a meeting of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). That meeting addressed possible foreign sources of funding of the LaRouche movement. (Exhibit N.)

10. In a proceeding entitled *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Welsh*, in Roanoke, Virginia on May 24, 1990, Mira Boland, Washington, D.C. Fact-Finding Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL), testified that she attended a meeting concerning Lyndon LaRouche at John Train’s residence in 1984. She also testified that Roy Godson was present at the meeting she attended, which discussed LaRouche’s lawsuit against NBC and Patricia Lynch.

11. Ms. Boland, according to her other testimony in *Welsh*, was formerly employed by the CIA and was the only individual outside the federal prosecution team to be invited to a post-trial victory party following this prosecution. Her other testimony demonstrates ongoing relationships with practically every member of the federal prosecution team. She held meetings with Loudoun County law enforcement personnel in 1985 and 1986, making allegations that LaRouche was the leader of a violent cult and that entities associated with him had foreign sources of funding. Her allegations were deemed persuasive by the Loudoun County law enforcement officials who heard them, and who otherwise joined with her in a vitriolic defamatory campaign against LaRouche, which substantially alienated the Loudoun County community where most NCLC members were headquartered. (Appendix 56.)



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John Rees, who had numerous ties to the intelligence community, and had been an informant for the FBI, attended the “Train salon” meetings, and financed the trips of three left-wing writers to the meetings, even though he had previously been denounced by one of them as America’s “premier right-wing spy.”

12. Following Ms. Boland’s May 1990 testimony in *Welsh* and widespread public circulation of certain facts elicited in that testimony by *EIR*, I was able for the first time to obtain interviews with two other individuals who were present at the Train meetings—Chip Berlet and John Rees. Mr. Berlet disclosed Mr. Rees’ participation.

13. Mr. Berlet, an associate of Dennis King, stated to me on August 9, 1990, that individuals present at the meeting he attended at Train’s residence in 1983 had sworn never to discuss the meeting. He stated his trip to the meeting was financed, in cash, by John Rees and that Dennis King and Russ Bellant were also brought to the meeting by John Rees. The fact that Mr. Rees provided the financing for Mr. Berlet to attend the meeting was surprising to me. Mr. Berlet has investigated Mr. Rees for years, calling him America’s “premier right-wing spy,” and characterizing his activities against his targets as illegal actions conducted “privately” in conjunction with the Government in order to circumvent government restraints on such activities. I commented on this to Mr. Berlet. Mr. Berlet told me that Rees financed the participation of King, Bellant, and himself in the Train meeting in order to allow for the presentation of their views on LaRouche to a conservative audience.

14. Mr. Berlet further stated that Roy Godson, Michael Hudson, Rael Jean Isaac, Patricia Lynch, Richard Mellon



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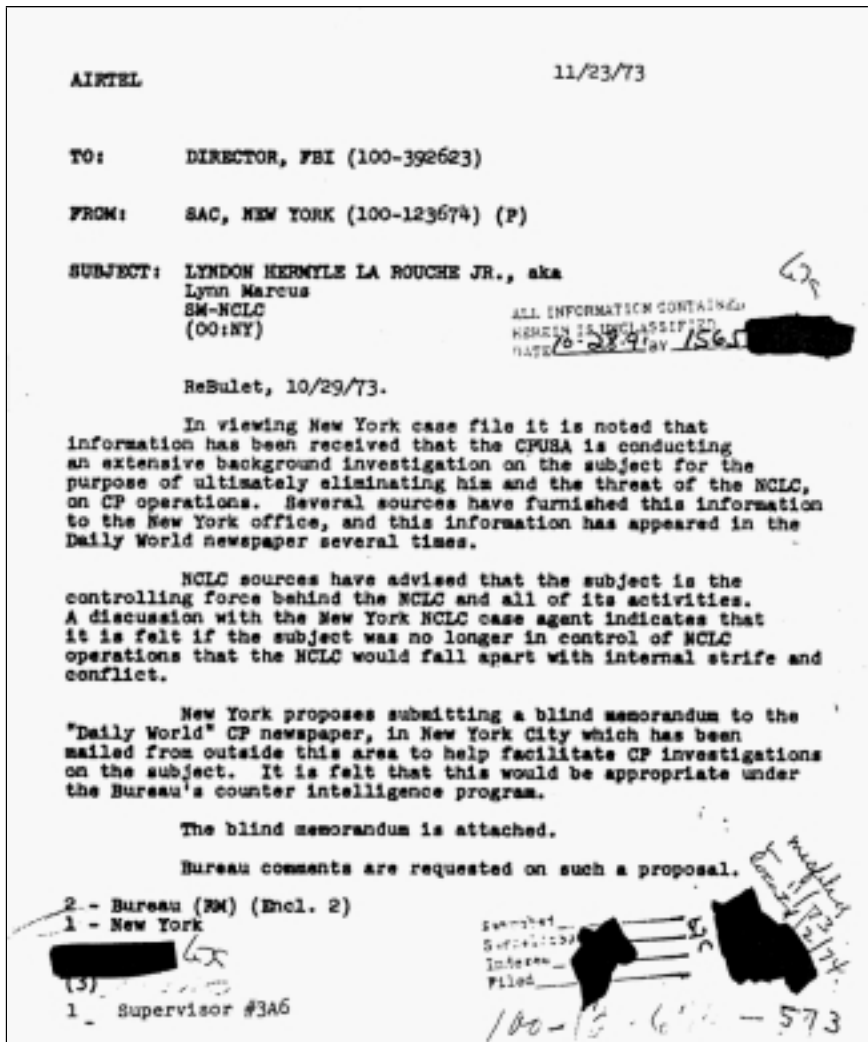
Mira Lansky Boland, then-Fact-Finding Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL), and formerly employed by the CIA, had an ongoing relationship with practically every member of the prosecution team, and testified that she attended an anti-LaRouche meeting at the Train residence. She was the only individual outside the prosecution team to be invited to a post-trial victory party.

Scaife, Virginia Armat, a woman from the ADL, Train, and Rees were also present at this meeting. Berlet also told me that he was introduced to many other individuals at the meeting who were simply identified as “gentlemen with a government connection.”

15. Berlet also told me that the funding for Dennis King’s book, *Lyndon LaRouche—The New American Fascism*, New York: Doubleday, 1989, was arranged at this meeting. According to acknowledgments in the book, the financing came from the League for Industrial Democracy and the Smith-Richardson Foundation. John Train’s name appears in the acknowledgments to that book.

16. I interviewed John Rees on November 6, 1990. He stated that he attended anti-LaRouche meetings at John Train’s home in the spring and fall of 1983 and in the spring of 1984. He described Train’s purpose in holding the meetings as the next follow-up project to Train’s work against the Institute for Policy Studies.¹ He did not substantially disclose additional attendees at the meetings, citing Berlet, Lynch, Cleo Patrius, Rael Jean Isaac, Richard Mellon Scaife, Russ Bellant, Dennis King, John Train, Virginia Armat, and Michael Hud-

1. The investigative tactics employed against the Institute for Policy Studies, including slander, infiltration and fomenting governmental investigations, are documented in *Covert Cadre, Inside the Institute for Policy Studies*, S. Stephen Powell, Green Hill, 1987.



18. With the new information set forth in paragraphs 8-17, other new information and documents, and information known to me, but put into a different focus by recent developments, it is now possible to set forth the following facts about the Train meetings, the defamatory campaign against Mr. LaRouche emerging from participants in those meetings, and the government associations of those identified as participating.

Roy Godson

19. At the time of the Train meetings, Roy Godson, according to documents and testimony presented by him to the U.S. Congress, was a consultant to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), a consultant to the National Security Council, a contractor and consultant to the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) enjoying a close personal relationship with then-Director Charles Wick, participated in the Reagan transition team on the Central Intelligence Agency, served as a personal assistant to CIA Director Designate William Casey, and performed classified work for Mr. Casey at the National Security Council. (Exhibit P, pp. 192, 363-64, 370-72; Exhibit Y, pp. 246-47.)

20. Mr. Godson also characterizes himself as an expert on "Soviet Disinformation" and, upon information and belief, has participated in classified U.S. intelligence operations designed to neutralize and expose what are characterized as "Soviet Active Measures" in this area. As is set forth below, Mr. Godson's colleagues in this field, Herbert Rommerstein and Donald Jamison, falsely implied that *Executive Intelligence Review* and individuals associated with it were engaged in "active measures" against U.S. foreign policy interests. (Exhibit Q, "Soviet Active Measures," pp. 54-55; Deposition of Henry Scott Miller, pp. 590, 603; *Dezinformatiza—Active Measures in Soviet Strategy*, Exhibit Y, pp. 296-97.)

21. Prior to the convening of the first Train meeting, in a symposium conducted under the auspices of the National Strategy Information Center, Herbert Rommerstein, who became the USIA's counterintelligence specialist against alleged Soviet Active Measures (see Exhibit Q), and Donald Jamison, a former CIA Soviet counterintelligence official, had described *EIR* as, in effect, a tool of Soviet disinformation. (Exhibit R-1.) Mr. Godson helped organize this meeting and, as editor of the proceedings for publication, published

The FBI Airtel of November 1973 which proposed to use the Communist Party USA "for the purpose of ultimately eliminating" LaRouche.

son. He stated that Virginia Armat prepared the chart utilized at the meetings.

17. Two recent publications state that James J. Angleton, the former chief of counterintelligence for the CIA, whom Patricia Lynch identified as involved in her 1984 defamations, was engaged from 1983-1987 in an investigation of LaRouche and his finances at the suggestion of Henry Kissinger and as a "vendetta" against LaRouche. Thomas Mangold, in his book *Cold Warrior; James Jesus Angleton: the CIA's Master Spy Hunter*, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1990, states that Kissinger enlisted Angleton to probe "LaRouche and His Finances" (p. 352). Burton Hersh, an author of a book on the CIA in the process of publication, stated in an article in the *Los Angeles Times* on June 23, 1991 that Angleton, in the last five years of his life, "along with the cultivation of orchids, fly-fishing and jewelry making . . . was amusing himself just then with a vendetta against Lyndon LaRouche." (Exhibit O.)

the Jamison and Rommerstein allegations.

22. In the same series of meetings, Godson and other participants condemned limitations on government counterintelligence and counteraction programs against perceived “subversive” threats, as leaving the nation wide open to penetration. They called for an end to such restrictions and a capacity by the Government to “neutralize” such threats through public exposure and other counterintelligence tactics. (Exhibit R-2.) By 1982, participants in the same series of symposia were discussing the 1981 Executive Orders of President Reagan, E.O. 12331 and 12333-34, as meeting the criticisms put forward by this faction of the intelligence community at their original series of meetings at the beginning of the administration. (Exhibit R-2.) Mr. Godson describes his appointment as a consultant to the National Security Council as resulting from this series of symposia, and indicates that his work involved implementation of the proposals put forward at these symposia. (Exhibit Y, pp. 209-20.)

23. In documents presented to the U.S. Congress in September 1985, Mr. Rommerstein implicated *EIR* counterintelligence editor Paul Goldstein in an alleged Soviet disinformation operation involving the assassination of the Pope. Similarly in the summer of 1986, Dr. John Seale, who was collaborating with LaRouche on AIDS research, was placed on a State Department watch list. Dr. Seale attempted to testify about this matter at the Alexandria trial. Upon information and belief, the State Department and Mr. Godson had falsely linked Dr. Seale’s work to what they termed a Soviet Active Measures campaign about U.S. governmental generation of the AIDS virus. (Exhibit S.)

24. Upon information and belief, the National Strategy Information Center (NSIC), of which Mr. Godson is the Washington, D.C. Director, receives funding from the United States Information Agency, Richard Mellon Scaife and the Smith-Richardson Foundation, and from the National Endowment for Democracy, among other funding sources. NSIC documents from 1969 list William J. Casey as a director and Roy Godson as a registered agent. Mr. Casey served as NSIC’s lawyer through 1968. In 1982, Prescott Bush, the President’s brother, was a Director of NSIC. (Exhibit P, p. 364; Exhibit T; Exhibit Y, p. 261.)

25. Mr. Godson has been a long-time political opponent of LaRouche. Upon information and belief, during the 1970s Mr. Godson provided false information to the FBI concerning alleged violence by LaRouche and foreign sources of funding, meeting with the FBI for this purpose on January 16, 1976. These allegations generated substantial FBI investigative activities. In testimony in *LaRouche v. Webster*, a civil suit against the FBI, Mr. Godson testified in April 1984 to participating in the meetings in question with the FBI and Tom Kahn of the AFL-CIO and League for Industrial Democracy (LID). He testified to knowing an informant, Ted Roberts, who infiltrated the NCLC for Kahn and LID, but refused to answer questions about his relationship with the FBI and other intelligence agencies.

26. In his April 1984 deposition, however, Mr. Godson portrayed the activities of the NCLC as something of only passing casual academic interest to him from some years ago. (Exhibit U.)

27. During the first administration of President Ronald Reagan and the tenure of William Clark as National Security Advisor, Richard Morris, Mr. Clark’s executive assistant, and other members of the National Security Council (NSC) had numerous meetings with Mr. LaRouche and his associates on issues of national policy. These meetings occurred in 1982 and 1983 on almost a weekly basis and included discussions about anti-ballistic missiles, Soviet relations, economics, the Contra issue, the national debt, bank indebtedness to countries in Central America, and South Africa. (Appendix 58.)

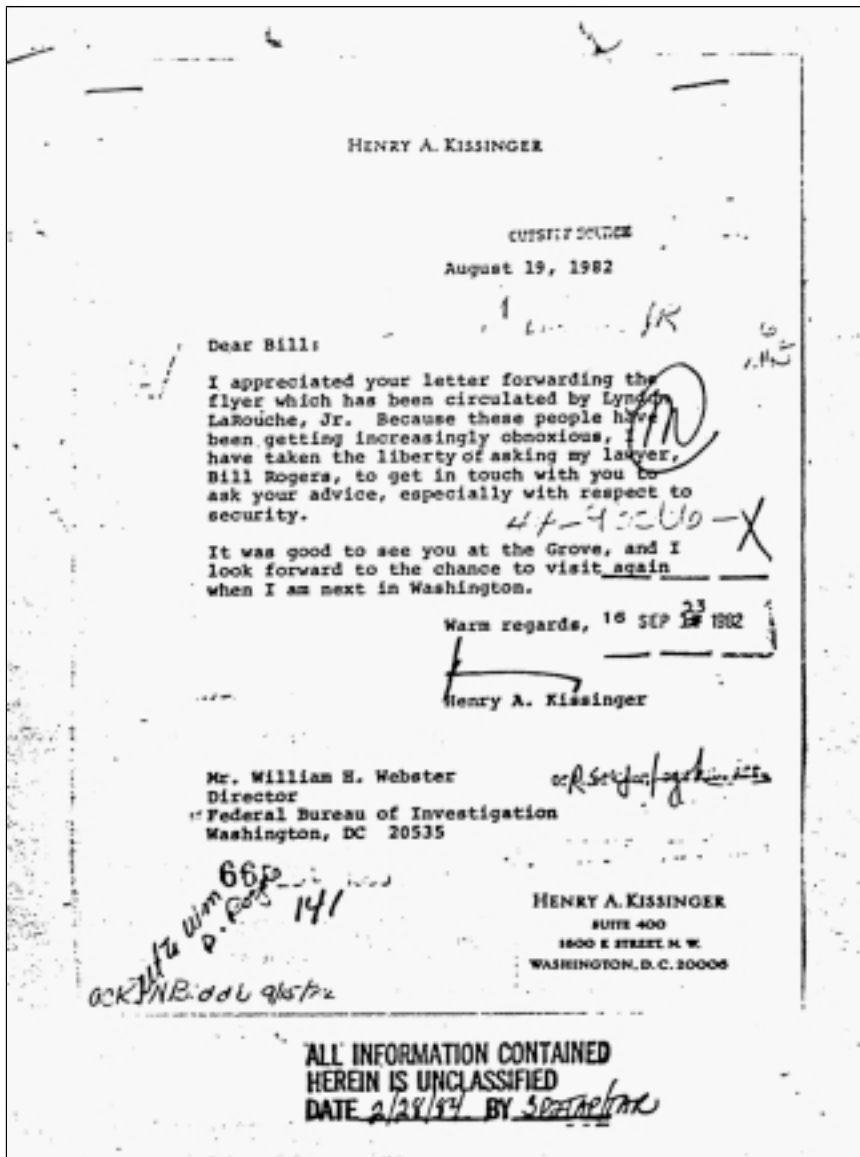
26. In testimony in *Welsh*, on May 21, 1990, Mr. Morris identified an opposition within the NSC to meetings with Mr. LaRouche and others affiliated with him. Mr. Morris testified that the most vocal opponents of Mr. LaRouche were Kenneth DeGraffenreid, Walter Raymond, and Roy Godson. Mr. Morris classified Roy Godson as the most persistent critic. He stated that Godson characterized Lyndon LaRouche as “as a socialist, as a communist, as a member of the KGB, as a fascist, and always he was an extremist.” (Appendix 58, pp. 26-27, 30.) Mr. Godson insisted Mr. Morris discontinue meeting with LaRouche and his representatives. *Ibid.*

27. Roy Godson was a consultant to PFIAB at the time the PFIAB request to the FBI for investigation of the NCLC was circulated on January 12, 1983, that is, just prior to the convening of the initial Train meeting in the spring of 1983, which insisted that LaRouche was to be portrayed as a KGB asset. The PFIAB document queried the FBI as to whether it had an open intelligence investigation of LaRouche under the guidelines *or otherwise*. (Exhibits N, P.)

28. The Vice Chairman of PFIAB at the time of the Train meetings was Leo Cherne. Upon information and belief, based upon interviews I have conducted and background files, Mr. Cherne is considered to be a major figure in the U.S. intelligence establishment. He provided William Casey his first job at the Research Institute of America, and a similar career path was followed by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Mr. Cherne founded Freedom House, the organization now documented as providing a central briefing to the Train meetings. (Exhibit X.)

29. The FBI responded to the PFIAB request through a Memo from “S. Klein” to Oliver B. Revell, citing a previous September 24, 1982 Memorandum from James E. Nolan, which stated the NCLC “might be propitious to Soviet propaganda interests,” and further stated that under the domestic security and foreign counterintelligence guidelines, the FBI *did not* have an investigation of the NCLC. (Exhibit N.)

30. In September 1984, the FBI and CIA, utilizing information supplied by Fred Lewis, Gary Howard, and Ron Tucker, opened an investigation of Jeffrey Steinberg, an author of the book *Dope, Inc.*, central to the Alexandria trial, based upon the false allegation that Steinberg maintained a



Henry Kissinger's "Dear Bill" letter of August 1982, asking William Webster, then-Director of the FBI, for his help in going after LaRouche.

fund to hire mercenaries to assassinate drug dealers in Latin America. Upon information and belief, the circulation of such allegations and the resulting investigation would impair the desire of any governmental official in the United States, Latin America, or elsewhere to collaborate with LaRouche or Steinberg. A similar effect could be anticipated from circulation of the line that LaRouche was acting on behalf of the Soviets or engaged in Soviet active measures, as implied by the FBI-PFIAB exchange. (Exhibit V-1.)

31. According to FOIA documents released for the first time in October 1991, Lewis, Howard, and Tucker were considered to be reliable informants to the State Department and the National Security Council. Gary Howard has stated under oath, however, that actions against LaRouche commencing

in 1984 were solicited by the FBI and CIA. (Exhibit V-2, pp. 3, 11, 13.)

32. By April 1985, the combined effect of the operations conducted through Train meeting participants and the investigations spawned through PFIAB and elements of the CIA and FBI had had their effect within the law enforcement and intelligence community in which LaRouche and *EIR* attempted to shape national policy. Any CIA personnel maintaining contacts with LaRouche or his associates were subject to internal investigation and notations in their file, presumably as reprimands for this activity. NSC economics advisor Norman Bailey left the National Security Council following meetings between NSC staff and the ADL concerning the political ramifications of his association with LaRouche. The full impact of these actions on foreign government officials collaborating with LaRouche and *EIR* and the populations subjected to the campaign of defamation is incalculable. (Exhibit V-3.)

33. As set forth in testimony before the congressional committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair, Messrs. Cherne, Wick, Raymond, and Godson were central participants in propaganda efforts conducted under the auspices of Executive Order 12333 to influence public opinion in favor of foreign policy initiatives emanating from the Reagan National Security Council and against opponents of these policies. Freedom House was a recipient of Project Democracy funds for this purpose. These actions were contemporaneous to similar actions undertaken by Godson and other identified Train meeting participants against LaRouche.

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The Iran-Contra hearings demonstrate that this grouping drew from private consultants, many of whom were former government intelligence personnel and friendly journalist and government-funded institutions, in conducting these operations, effectively "privatizing" U.S. foreign policy and covert operations under the control of the NSC. In brief, opposition to Reagan Administration policies was characterized as "disinformation" to be fought with "black" and "white" government-sponsored propaganda and covert operations conducted through private networks. (Exhibit W.)

34. Mr. LaRouche and *EIR* opposed vehemently the Reagan Administration's Central and South American poli-

cies, among other policies. Commencing with consultations with then-President Jose Lopez Portillo in Mexico in 1982 concerning Mexico's treatment of its foreign debt, LaRouche traveled extensively in Latin America seeking to form a "debtor's cartel," which would force appropriate international monetary reforms and development policies. *EIR* repeatedly attacked and exposed the Contras as drug-runners, and otherwise exposed the banking networks central to the drug trade through the books *Narcotrafico, S.A.*, published in Latin America, and *Dope, Inc.*

35. I interviewed Leo Cherne in June 1989. He told me that he chaired a task force at PFIAB on Third World debt that had been established through William Casey in reaction to Mexico's repudiation of its debt in 1982. President Lopez Portillo's action, which was known by Cherne to have been coordinated with LaRouche, had sent a "shock wave" through Washington.

36. According to a March 3, 1983 memo written by Walter Raymond, Roy Godson participated in putting together a \$5 million "package for funding" from a private group for public diplomacy propaganda purposes in support of Reagan NSC policies. In a subsequent memo, Mr. Raymond represented that Mr. Godson and Leo Cherne of Freedom House "had several meetings with the private donors executive committee." (See Exhibit X, April 29, 1983 Memorandum of Walter Raymond.) Mr. Godson also met with the donors themselves. (See Exhibit X, Deposition of Walter Raymond, *Report of the Congressional Committees Investigating the Iran-Contra Affair, Appendix B: Volume 22*, September 24, 1987, p. 292.) Mr. Godson and Mr. Raymond both recommended that the administration attempt to obtain "funding via Freedom House or some other structure that has credibility in the political center," for these efforts. (See Exhibit X, August 9, 1983, Memorandum of Walter Raymond.)

37. By 1985, Roy Godson and Terry Slease, the attorney for Train meeting attendee Richard Mellon Scaife, were tasked by Oliver North to raise funds from private citizens for use in the Contra and public diplomacy efforts. Mr. Godson was assigned the task of raising \$20,000 per month. (Exhibit Y, Deposition of Roy Godson, pp. 253-62, 268-73.) Mr. Godson was also accused during the course of the Iran-Contra proceedings of engaging with North in diversion of funds to support the Contras. (Exhibit Y.)

38. In addition to extreme policy differences already specified and the popular support for LaRouche's policies embodied in the March 1986 Illinois primary result, in which LaRouche associates Mark Fairchild and Janice Hart won the Democratic primary races for Lt. Governor and Secretary of State respectively, the NSC fund-raising operations brought the NSC into direct conflict with LaRouche over money and policy. Many contributors to LaRouche causes were being solicited by North's operations, while simultaneously being told by LaRouche representatives that the Contras were drug-runners, and that Kissinger's policies for Central America would result in a debacle for the United States. (Exhibit Z,

pp. 8-24.) The most egregious example of such conflict is Barbara Newington, who provided approximately \$1.6 million in contributions to LaRouche causes in 1985 and 1986 while simultaneously being solicited through the National Security Council operation. I personally investigated the circumstances surrounding Mrs. Newington's cessation of support for LaRouche, and know that her support diminished drastically following a personal visit by Oliver North to her home in May 1986. (Exhibit Z, pp. 4, 6-7.)

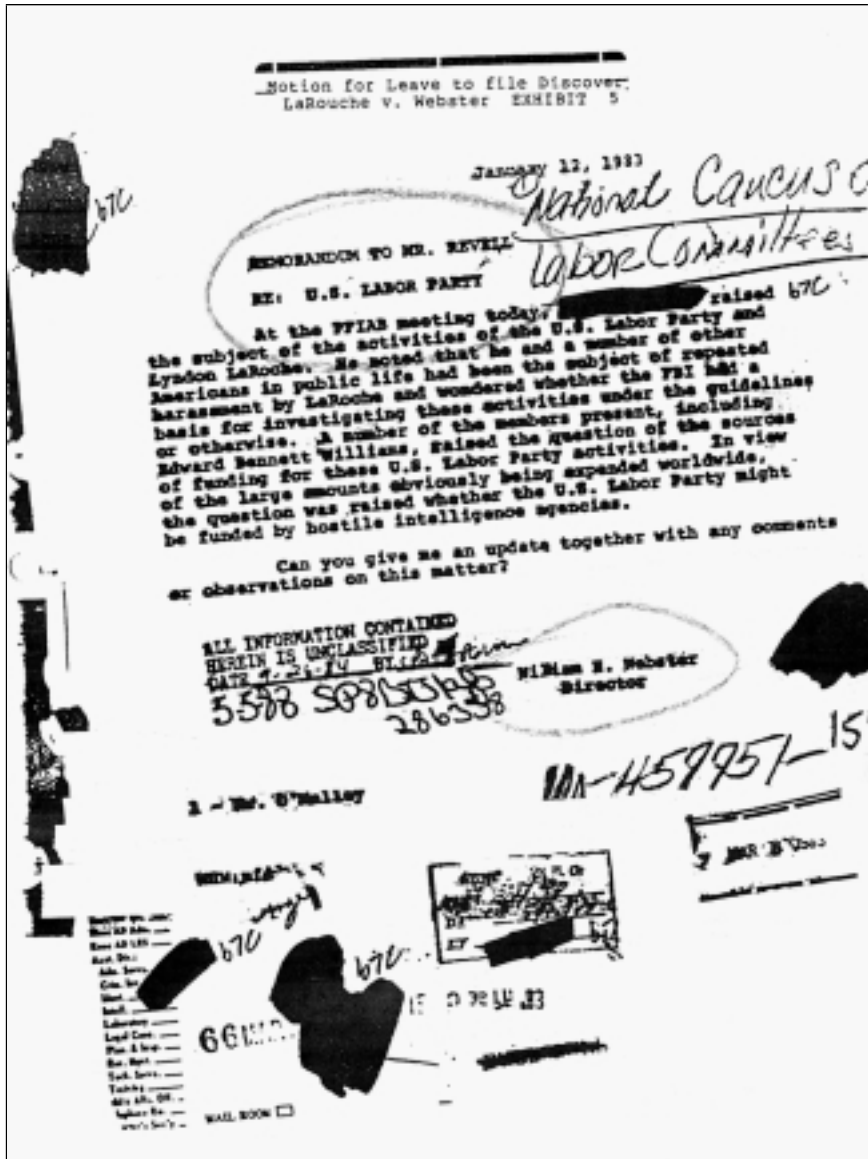
39. In May 1986, according to an NSC Memorandum from Richard Secord to Oliver North, which surfaced during the course of the Boston trial, NSC and State Department operatives Lewis, Howard, and Tucker were being interviewed at that time under NSC auspices because they had "good information" on LaRouche. During the same time period, North's notebooks reflect meetings with Arthur Arundel and Lt. Col. Olmstead, both of whom were extremely active in publicity operations against LaRouche in Loudoun County, Virginia. (Exhibit V-2, p. 12; Exhibit Z, p. 25.)

Other Train Meeting Participants

40. The ADL, which played a central role in the prosecution of LaRouche and participated in the Train meetings, also participated, upon information and belief, in propaganda operations emanating from the National Security Council designed to influence American public opinion concerning Reagan Administration Central America policies, and its former personnel and funders played central roles in the Project Democracy program. The ADL widely circulated in the United States the allegation that the Sandinistas were anti-Semitic. (Exhibit AA.) I am informed that the ADL's longstanding relationship with other government agencies is otherwise set forth in petitioners' 2255 motion.

41. Additionally, Carl Gershman, a former staff member of the ADL, became the President of the National Endowment for Democracy, the critical funding mechanism for the Reagan Administration's Project Democracy. In 1983, Leonard Sussman, a member of the National Board of Directors of the ADL, was also an executive director of Freedom House, a participant in the Train meetings. During the time period of the conspiracy alleged in the indictment, Sussman was working with Walter Raymond of the National Security Council and Charles Wick of the USIA to recruit "private donors" to the NSC's Project Democracy endeavor. Among the individuals solicited in the National Security Council's "outreach" program were Dwayne Andreas and John Kluge, both major funders of the ADL and, upon information and belief, funders of the ADL's actions against LaRouche. (Compare Exhibit AA, Exhibit X.)

42. Upon information and belief, John Rees has numerous ties to the intelligence community and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is listed on documents he provided to the FBI about the NCLC in the 1970s as an informant to the Washington Metropolitan Field Office with Informant No. WF-5728-S. (Exhibit BB.)



Memorandum from FBI Director William Webster to the FBI's Oliver "Buck" Revell, citing the PFIAB discussion of targeting LaRouche's organization.

43. On June 6, 1985 Mr. Rees spoke at a gathering of current and former intelligence officials under the rubric of the Nathan Hale Institute in Washington, D.C. as an "expert" on LaRouche and provided information on the purportedly secret Boston grand jury investigation of LaRouche and the NCLC. The Nathan Hale Institute is self-described as an association of former intelligence officials and other interested parties lobbying for an end to restrictions on government counter-intelligence and counteraction activities. (Exhibit BB.)

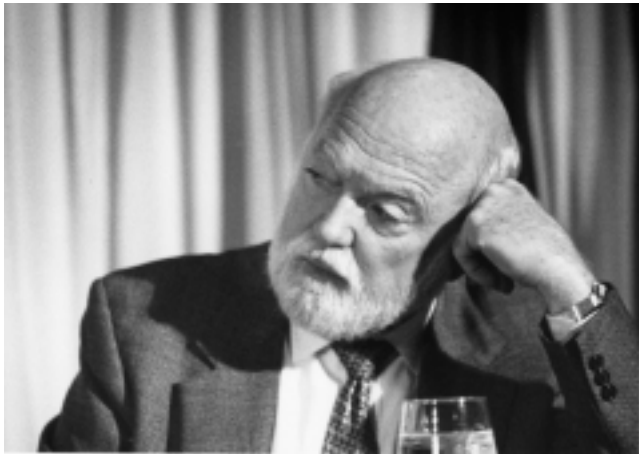
44. Mr. Rees also testified against LaRouche, with Irwin Sull of the ADL, at May 1986 U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings, which were convened following the victory of Janice Hart and Mark Fairchild in the Illinois Democratic

primaries of March 1986. Rees presented himself in that testimony as an expert, and portrayed LaRouche as a violent threat to society with "international operations and connections" and a "determination to establish privileged relationships with government officials." (Exhibit BB.)

45. Upon information and belief, Mr. Rees maintains extensive files on groups or individuals he has considered threats, has run infiltration operations for various police departments, and makes his living selling the information he collects to law enforcement agencies and journalists. (Exhibit BB.) According to the *Orange County Register* of March 11, 1988, Mr. Rees' information about alleged subversive threats was employed by the State Department Office of Public Diplomacy in its efforts against perceived opponents of the Reagan Administration. (Exhibit BB.) Mr. Rees' sources include police officials and FBI agents. Rees' Maldon Institute, a Maryland corporation with tax-exempt status, lists former FBI Assistant Director for the Intelligence Division, Raymond Wannell, as a Director. (Exhibit BB.)

46. On June 10, 1985, following Rees' Nathan Hale Institute speech, I interviewed Raymond Wannell, who referred me to Rees and Roy Godson as the individuals with the most up-to-date information on LaRouche. He cited legal restrictions on FBI intelligence activities as the reason why LaRouche had access to individuals in Washington. (Exhibit BB.) Upon information and belief, Mr. Wannell, as Director of FBI Intelligence (Division 5), supervised the FBI's extensive counterintelligence programs against perceived national security threats during the 1970s.

47. Upon information and belief, a March 30, 1984 John Rees *Information Digest* issue on LaRouche and the August 1986 *Methvin Reader's Digest* piece were the "background" information utilized by Loudoun County authorities in their activities against LaRouche. In August 1986, Loudoun County prosecutor William Burch provided these articles as "background" to the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to a request for information about LaRouche "and his business entities," according to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) release from the State of Wisconsin received in September 1990. (Exhibit BB.)



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Senior Reader's Digest editor Eugene Methvin wrote an influential article attacking LaRouche. NBC's Pat Lynch said she and Train worked with him. Methvin advocated the collaboration of private organizations and the government against intended targets, including placement of derogatory materials in support of government actions in the media.

48. Eugene Methvin, who authored the influential *Reader's Digest* article against LaRouche in August 1986, is a Co-Chairman of the Nathan Hale Institute. In a 1970 book entitled *The Riot-Makers*, Arlington House, Mr. Methvin called for private organizations to function in coordination with the Government to combat alleged subversive threats, including placement of derogatory materials in support of government actions in the media. He cited the ADL as "the prototype attack group" for such operations, noting with approval the ADL's methods of "guilt by association" and "calumny" to induce the desired "emotional attitudes." Mr. Methvin, at the time of the *Reader's Digest* publication, was also a commissioner on the President's Commission on Organized Crime. He has otherwise campaigned for an end to legal restrictions on government counteraction activities against alleged subversive threats, citing the FBI's former COINTELPRO program as "a model of sophisticated, effective counter-terrorist law enforcement." This program prominently employed journalists to conduct defamation campaigns against COINTELPRO targets. (Exhibit CC.)

49. The new information also establishes that Dennis King, a Train meeting participant and a crucial resource to the government's investigation, was receiving funding for his activities against LaRouche from the Smith-Richardson Foundation, and that this funding was arranged at a Train meeting attended by government officials. The same foundation and the foundations controlled by Richard Mellon Scaife, who also attended the Train meeting, were key participants in government-sponsored propaganda programs run out of the National Security Council and the U.S. Department of State under Walter Raymond and Oliver North to influence American perceptions of Reagan Administration for-

eign policy. (Exhibit X.)

50. Finally, Ronald Radosh, the co-author of the 1984 *New Republic* piece with Dennis King, has traveled to Central America under the auspices of the Puebla Institute, a tax-exempt institute studying "democracy" in Central America, and has otherwise written articles for *New Republic* about Central American policy. Mr. King's colleague, Russ Bellant, is himself the author of articles appearing in November 1988, and unknown to me until recently, asserting that the Puebla Institute was a front for CIA and National Security Council propaganda operations run under Oliver North to influence American public opinion. (Exhibit CC.)

51. In summary, each of the major participants in a campaign of vilification conducted against Mr. LaRouche from 1984-1987 were presented to the public as independent journalists. Their activities, however, were at all times coordinated with the Government and their campaign of vilification fed and sustained the government's own investigation by shutting down the NCLC's ability to influence policy, and by circulating the most heinous false and defamatory allegations about petitioners in the United States and internationally. The false allegations of foreign sources of funding, assassinations, and violence themselves trigger law enforcement investigations conducted under classified procedures, pursuant to Executive Order 12333. In addition to the operations against the NCLC, many of the participants in this grouping were otherwise involved, through the National Security Council, Project Democracy apparatus, in similar operations against other perceived opponents of their foreign and domestic political policy objectives.² It is obvious that any political organization sustains itself on its ability to generate success for its policies and upon the good will of the population, and that such actions severely damaged and impaired petitioners.

52. Without discovery of information maintained on petitioners under Executive Orders 12331 and 12333-34, including the State Department, PFIAB, all references to information exchanged between the Government and Train meeting participants, and actions based on that information, information which is exclusively held by the Government, and which has been repeatedly requested by petitioners and suppressed by the Government, the full extent of damage caused by this defamatory campaign and other similar actions against petitioners cannot be known.

2. To cite but one example that emerged from sworn testimony in the Iran-Contra hearings, Jack Terrell, an opponent of the Contra effort, who worked to expose it, was subjected to a defamatory campaign centering on allegations that he intended to assassinate the President, and was involved in "active measures" on behalf of a foreign power against Oliver North, based upon an investigation by Project Democracy's private security apparatus. These false allegations generated a national FBI investigation of Terrell. CISPES, another organization opposing Reagan Administration Central American policies, was subjected to a national security investigation as a potential agent of a foreign power. (Exhibit EE.)

London Leaves U.S. To Hold the Bag In Iraq-Afghanistan Debacle

by Dean Andromidas

The British security establishment has signalled that Her Majesty's troops will be pulled out of Iraq sometime soon, leaving the United States holding the bag, in a mess which London was instrumental in creating. This is precisely at a time when powerful New York- and London-based financial interests, through their lackey, Vice President Dick Cheney, are about to unleash a military attack on Iran. London has indicated that it will not stop Cheney, while positioning itself to exploit new "opportunities" that will arise with the inevitable collapse of the United States' policy resulting from Cheney's attack on Iran.

Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, Chief of Staff of the British Army, Britain's highest ranking military officer, caused an uproar, when he told the *Daily Mail* of Oct. 12 that Britain should get out of Iraq.

"We should get ourselves out sometime soon because our presence exacerbates the security problem," he said. "I don't say the difficulties we're experiencing around the world are caused by our presence in Iraq, but undoubtedly our presence in Iraq exacerbates them. We are in a Muslim country and Muslims' views of foreigners in their country are quite clear."

Dannatt said things might have been different if Britain had been invited in by the Iraqi people. But, "the military campaign we fought in 2003 effectively kicked the door in."

As for the decision to dismantle the Ba'athist Iraqi government, he said, "I think history will show that the planning for what happened after the initial successful war fighting phase was poor, probably based more on optimism than sound planning. The original intention was that we put in place a liberal democracy that was an exemplar for the region, was pro-West and might have a beneficial effect on the balance within the Middle East. Whether that was a sensible or naive hope history will judge. I don't think we are going to do that. We should aim for a lower ambition."

Not reported outside the *Daily Mail*, was Dannatt's affirmation of the need for a dialogue with Iran and North Korea: "Particularly Iran—If we paint them into a corner I think that is being too simplistic. Dialogue and negotiations make eminent sense and military posturing doesn't."

Not a 'Colonel Blimp'

Dannatt did not give this interview on the eve of his retirement; in fact, he had just become Chief of Staff in August. Nor is he simply a frustrated officer blowing off steam over a policy that is so obviously untenable. The move is calculated to signal a shift in British policy. He knew exactly what he was doing.

Dannatt gave the interview to the right-wing *Daily Mail*, an evening tabloid known for being militantly opposed to Tony Blair's Labour government. The *Mail*, after publishing the article on the evening of Oct. 12, quickly gave the BBC a heads-up, so it would get broad coverage on the 10:00 evening news. By Oct. 14, the story was filling up two to four pages of every British newspaper.

Dannatt is no Colonel Blimp, but is very familiar with the politics of British defense policy as well as intelligence operations. He has done several tours of duty in Whitehall (top British government offices), including as advisor to more than one defense minister. He has also served in politically tricky peace-keeping missions in Kosovo and Bosnia.

Dannatt is also an evangelical Christian, vice president of the Officers' Christian Union, and president of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association.

The Focal Point Is Washington

It is not the death of British soldiers in Iraq that worries powerful London-centered financial interests, but changes in Washington. While Cheney is plotting a nuclear strike against



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Royal Marine Commandos in Afghanistan. While the British military establishment is speaking out against the disaster in Iraq and Afghanistan, their concern is not with British soldiers, so much as with strategic issues of British power.

Iran, more sane political forces are looking for an exit strategy from Iraq and a war-avoidance strategy with Iran. London wants to be in the center of that debate, just as it was at the center of the plot to invade Iraq in 2003. This was confirmed by former Lord William Rees-Mogg, former editor of *The Times* of London, who enjoys extensive contacts with right-wing circles in the United States.

Commenting on Dannatt's statements, Rees-Mogg wrote in *The Times* on Oct. 16, "The general is making a local contribution to a global debate whose focal point is not London but Washington. If he had not intervened, this debate might have been entirely decided inside the Washington Beltway, with almost no contribution from Britain. The global strategy of the Western alliance is already under review in Washington—Britain will play an important part in executing that strategy, and certainly ought to have a voice in framing it. . . ."

The only viable solution to the unfolding catastrophe in Southwest Asia is that of American statesman Lyndon LaRouche, who has called for a peace policy based on the principle of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years' War in Europe. The United States would bring

together all the nations of the region, especially Syria, Iran, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia, to help create a sovereign Iraqi government, in the context of an ambitious regional economic-development policy. Only after throwing Cheney and Bush out of the White House, could this or any relatively sane alternative policy be implemented.

In the absence of LaRouche's policy, the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, led by former Secretary of State James Baker III, is about to put forward another, far more limited and potentially dangerous alternative. According to media leaks, the two alternatives being considered by the group include a political approach, in which Iran and Syria, the two countries highest on Cheney's hit-list, are invited to aid in a regional approach to stabilizing Iraq and the region. The second is a unilateral withdrawal to military bases outside of Iraq, where a policy of "containment" would be implemented.

Supporting the second option, the *Daily Telegraph*, mouthpiece of the British right, in an editorial on Oct. 18, commented that the political option was "floated simply to enhance the attractions of the second option—a phased withdrawal. This proposal—handily leaked in the run up to the mid-term elections—has the logic of the inevitable. . . ." The editors conclude: "Iraq must, in the end, be master of its own destiny. And that process can start in earnest only when it becomes apparent that an Iraq without coalition forces could not possibly fare any worse than an Iraq with them in place."

A senior British intelligence source concurred with the assessment that powerful British policymakers were preparing for the regional disaster, but added that they won't lift a finger to stop it. He said that Dannatt's interview was a declaration by the British Army brass that they want to get out, and that they no longer wish to take responsibility for the situation.

Commenting on the Iraq Study Group proposal, the same source concurred that the political option could not be carried out as long as the Cheney-Bush duo is still in power and is being backed by Blair and the British "right wing." Therefore, the second option will most likely be carried out, with the British being the first ones to leave. In fact, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on Oct. 18, told the House of Commons that the British will be out within 10-16 months.

"If we are lucky," the source said, "whoever manages to take power in Iraq will seek to cooperate with Iran and its neighbors. But most likely, the chaos will continue and the Turks, the Saudis, and everyone else will jump in. It will be a disaster that will last for decades."

The source then pointed to a broader danger: that the European elites have fully adopted the underlying anti-Islamic agenda. "In the U.S., they call it Islamo-fascism; in Europe, they accuse the Muslims of failing to 'integrate.' When the Europeans use the term 'integrate,' they are expressing their own intolerance." He feared this attitude would preclude the Europeans acting alone for a positive change.

Putin's Circles Fear 'New Cold War' Pact

by Scott Thompson and Jeffrey Steinberg

Circles around Russian President Vladimir Putin fear a combination of new right-wing governments in the West succeeding Bush/Cheney/Blair, to be led by British Conservative Party leader David Cameron, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), and French Interior Minister Nicholas Sarkozy. According to well-informed Washington sources, President Putin recently received a memorandum from a senior policy advisor, suggesting that an emerging McCain-Cameron-Sarkozy bloc could shift trans-Atlantic policy even further in a "new Cold War" direction, hostile to Moscow.

Former left-wing Labour Party leader Anthony Benn, voiced a similar concern in a recent interview with *EIR*, saying that a Cameron, McCain, Sarkozy combination coming into power was "very likely." Benn noted that Cameron invited McCain to address the recent Conservative Party conference.

Sarkozy, the demagogic French Interior Minister and Presidential pre-candidate, made a Sept. 12 trip to Washington, where he made it clear that, if elected, he would end the U.S.-French diplomatic chill, and seek to build a close relationship with American neo-conservatives, even replacing Britain as the American right wing's favorite European partner in imperial misadventures.

During his half-hour speech to the Tory Party conference, Senator McCain wrapped himself in the mantle of Ronald Reagan's "big tent," and waxed lyrical about the "special relationship" against global "extremism." He cited the wise counsel and "friendship" of respective U.S. Administrations

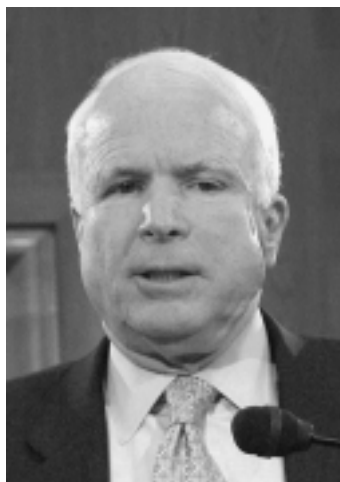
with former Prime Ministers Sir Winston Churchill and Lady Margaret Thatcher. The close ties between Reagan and Margaret Thatcher offered a template for future trans-Atlantic cooperation, McCain told delegates. "He was not a Presidency nor was Lady Thatcher's a government that substituted slogans for principles, spin for truth, or window dressing for action." McCain was touted to the delegates as the leading Republican 2008 Presidential candidate.

A spokesman for the Cambridge University-based "neo-conservative" Henry Jackson Society said of Cameron's right-wing credentials: "He gave a speech that was 90% interventionist. We're working on him to get the next 10%." The Henry Jackson Society's lead editorial takes Cameron to task for being short on the proper Cold War "interventionism" against "Islamic Fascism," and it will be a close battle to remold "liberal-conservative" Cameron into a right-winger.

As *EIR* documented in its Aug. 18, 2006 issue, the Henry Jackson Society is right now in its larval stage, set up in March 2005 by a combination of the scions of the "Golden Age" of British synarchy—the Round Table—and the American neo-cons of the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD), who needed a new base of operations and moved to London, as the American population turned bitterly against the Bush-Cheney regime in 2005. The CPD was reincarnated by the neo-cons for a third time, because support for the Iraq War "was in jeopardy." A senior U.S. intelligence source familiar with the Henry Jackson Society described it as the fusion of the British Tory neo-conservatives with the U.S. neo-cons in both the Democratic and Republican parties, who are positioning themselves to survive in the post-Bush era. The source noted that some of the leading patrons from the U.S. side were supporters of McCain's challenge to George W. Bush for the Presidency in 2000, and are maneuvering to ride the McCain candidacy back into power in 2008. But at the same time, the U.S. neo-cons are hedging their bets by maintaining a presence in the Democratic Party.



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Left to right: David Cameron, Sen. John McCain, and Nicolas Sarkozy. Russia's President Putin foresees these three coming to power in Britain, the United States, and France, shifting trans-Atlantic policy in a direction more hostile to Moscow.

Signators of the Manifesto include: the current Lord Lothian, **Michael Andrew Foster Jude Kerr**, PC, QC, MP, known as **Michael Ancram**. He is the grandson of British Round Table and Cliveden Set insider Philip Kerr, 11th Marquess of Lothian, and is a Conservative Party politician; **Prof. Paul Cornish**, Carrington Professor of International Security, Royal Institute for International Affairs, known as Chatham House, the public arm of the Round Table in London; **Sir Richard Dearlove**, KCMG, OBE, who was head of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) from 1999 to 2004; **Michael Cove**, an MP, journalist, and author, seen as part of an influential set of young Tories, known as the Notting Hill Set, including Cameron (when Cameron was elected leader of the party in December 2005, Cove was appointed housing spokesman in the team shadowing the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister); and **David Willetts**, Conservative MP.

International patrons of the Society include: **Robert Kagan**, senior associate at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and one of the leading neo-con propagandists for an Anglo-American empire; **William Kristol**, editor of *The Weekly Standard*, who was a top policy advisor to McCain in 2000; **Clifford May**, president of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, president of the CPD, and chairman of its Policy Committee; **Joshua Muravchik**, a leading figure in the Democratic Party right-wing networks of the Social Democrats U.S.A., and a propagandist for the Bush-Cheney permanent war policy; **Richard Perle**, head of the Defense Policy Board for the first years of the Bush-Cheney Administration, and one of the most outspoken of the neo-con ideologues in Washington; **James Woolsey**, former Director of the CIA, who is now co-chair, with George P. Shultz, of the CPD, and is the mentor of Rachel Kleinfeld, the founder of the Truman Project on National Security, a young neo-con penetration of the Democratic Party.

It will be a hard fought battle. As both Benn and former *Times* editor Lord William Rees-Mogg pointed out, there is a growing rift between the United States/United Kingdom establishments, because of the bellicose course of the Bush-Cheney Administration in Iraq and elsewhere—without adequately consulting the British. “Bigger than a right-wing coalition government as a danger to the West is the threat of a U.S.-led aerial war against Iran,” Benn said. “That would certainly blow everything up.”

Lyndon LaRouche has observed that the intent of the Anglo-Dutch synarchists is to say “*mano blanco*,” while doing nothing to stop the growing threat of global thermonuclear asymmetric warfare posed by the Bush-Cheney regime faced with a systemic, global, economic collapse. In other words, the synarchists want the chaotic collapse of sovereign governments, and want the United States to carry the full blame as the recent case of Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt makes clear (see preceding article).

Cheney Wants War, Plays North Korea Card

by Mike Billington

“The Bush Administration did everything that it could to push North Korea to conduct this minor nuclear test—they *wanted* it. There is no one to blame but the U.S. All the North Koreans wanted was food.” This was the analysis of Lyndon LaRouche immediately following the Oct. 8 (Oct. 9 U.S. time) partially successful test of a plutonium nuclear device by North Korea. As is obvious to those Asia experts who are not lying for the Bush Administration, the Cheney-linked forces within the Administration have successfully driven North Korea to go nuclear, both to facilitate a confrontation with China, and to manufacture further fraudulent justifications for a war against Iran, which is already operational. With the global financial bubble crashing down upon them, Vice President Cheney’s backers among the Anglo-Dutch financial cartels, now governing most of Europe and the United States, are angling for world war—and the North Korean nuclear test serves their purposes.

As a former U.S. Ambassador to Korea told *EIR*, “I can’t say with certainty that the Bush Administration *wanted* the North to test, but I can say definitively that they are very pleased that it happened.”

Physicist Jorge Hirsch from the University of California at San Diego, who has led a campaign of physicists (and others) to oppose the Nuclear Posture Review of December 2001 (which allows for U.S. nuclear forces to be used preemptively, even against non-nuclear nations, under numerous conditions of perceived threat), issued a warning on Oct. 16 that “the nuclearization of North Korea only helps the plan to nuke Iran, which is why the Administration did everything it could to encourage it.”

Target: China, and World War

The UN Security Council passed a resolution on Oct. 14 to impose sanctions on North Korea, including prohibitions on imports and exports of nuclear related technology, and a ban on sales of certain types of arms. Although pressure from China, Russia, and South Korea ultimately eliminated the call for military enforcement provisions, as originally proposed by U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Bolton, the resolution nonetheless remains ambiguous in regard to Bolton’s demand that ships traveling to and from North Korea should be stopped for inspection on the high seas. The Chinese in particular objected to this, but signed the ambiguous resolution nonetheless. Chinese Ambassador to

the UN Wang Guangya, stated that the interdiction of ships on the high seas was a “violation of international law,” and, after the vote, explained the Chinese view as: “Inspections yes, but inspections are different from interception and interdiction.”

These were fighting words to John Bolton, who, when asked about Wang’s statement, said that China has a “heavy responsibility here. China voted in favor of that provision. This means that China itself now has an obligation to make sure that it complies with the resolution.” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is visiting Japan, China, South Korea, and Russia beginning Oct. 18, with the intention of demanding that China and South Korea enforce the resolution as interpreted by Washington.

Rice is also pressuring South Korean President Roh Moo-Hyun to pull back from the “Sunshine Policy” launched by former President Kim Dae-Jung, which engages North Korea in step-by-step cooperative measures aimed at peaceful coexistence and eventual reunification. Following Rice’s visit, Roh announced that his nation would not submit to the Washington war plan, insisting that the cooperative development in the North Korean city of Kaesong, and the joint vacation projects at scenic Mount Kumgang in the North, will proceed. Former President Kim Dae-Jung was more direct. “Under the Sunshine Policy,” he asked, “was North Korea engaged in nuclear development? With the U.S. refusing to even talk, while bullying North Korea, isn’t nuclear development the only option left to insure its survival?”

The intention behind the Bush Administration policy was made clear by a *Washington Post* op-ed on Oct. 16 by Dick Cheney’s former personal National Security Advisor for Asia, Aaron Friedberg. Friedberg is a rabid China basher, who had argued in a *Commentary* article in 2000, “Struggle for Mastery of Asia,” that America needed a “sudden, severe crisis to galvanize American domestic opinion” against China, and to “overwhelm the objections of business groups and others with a strong vested interest in continued commercial contacts, and lead to the imposition of near-total restrictions on imports, exports, and capital technology flows.”

Friedman’s recent op-ed in the *Post* proposes precisely such a “sudden, severe crisis” to galvanize war against China—namely, a war against North Korea! Called “An Offer Kim Can’t Refuse,” Friedberg says of North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il: “The only way to move him is by confronting him with a stark choice—turn over existing nuclear weapons, dismantle production facilities and submit to rigorous international inspections, or face a steadily rising risk of overthrow and untimely death.”

It must be noted that the Iran Freedom Support Act passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Bush on Oct. 6, is also a declaration of hostile intent against Russia, by threatening severe sanctions against any country which provides arms to Iran, or supports Iran’s nuclear program. The North Korea sanctions are similarly targeting China.

How Cheney Forced the Nuclear Test

When the Bush/Cheney Administration took office in 2001, Secretary of State Colin Powell declared immediately that he would continue with the Clinton Administration’s highly successful policy of engagement with North Korea. In 1994, the Clinton Administration had negotiated a complete shut down of the plutonium producing nuclear facility in North Korea. However, Powell’s policy was slapped down publicly by the Cheney forces in the Administration—the first of many such confrontations—and the Bush policy of confrontation ensued.

The recurring argument heard today, that North Korea cheated on that agreement by acquiring experimental uranium enrichment equipment from Pakistan, ignores the fact that the far more advanced and more lethal plutonium program, which North Korea had shut down under the 1994 agreement, remained closed and under full IAEA control until the Bush Administration abrogated the agreement. It also ignores the refusal of the United States to carry through on its side of the bargain, to move toward normal relations—a pledge which was undermined by the 1994 takeover of the Congress by the “Conservative Revolution” under the leadership of the likes of Newt Gingrich and John McCain, who openly declared their preference for pre-emptive war on North Korea. Under Bush and Cheney, even the parts of the deal the U.S. had lived up to under Clinton—providing oil and helping in the construction of a nuclear energy facility—were scrapped.

The confrontation succeeded in driving North Korea out of the IAEA, reopening its plutonium reactor, and the eventual manufacture of plutonium nuclear devices—probably 8-10 bombs by most estimates. Bush refused to talk with North Korea, and fired the U.S. special envoy to North Korea, Jack Pritchard, for the crime of talking to his diplomatic counterparts. Nonetheless, with a significant push from China, the Bush Administration agreed to hold six-party talks with South and North Korea, Japan, China, and Russia. Each step forward under the six-party structure, however, was met by a move by Cheney to undermine the process.

Recently retired State Department official David Straub, who headed the Korea Desk at the State Department from 2004-06, told a Washington audience this month that he had accompanied President Bush to a press conference with then-South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung, where the President had responded to a question about U.S. threats to invade North Korea by swearing that the U.S. had absolutely no intentions to attack the North. Straub took the President at his word and began including that pledge in his reports and articles, but, he said, they repeatedly came back to his desk “from an office which shall go unnamed,” with the President’s pledge for “no attack” crossed out, and “all options remain on the table” written in.

This sabotage, whether understood by the dissociated President or not, reached its fulfillment after an apparently historic breakthrough agreement at the six-party talks in Sep-

tember 2005 in Beijing. With a major role played by the Chinese, the North agreed to close down its nuclear weapons program under IAEA auspices, while the United States would provide certain assistance and assure respect for North Korean sovereignty.

Four days later, Cheney, who had tried to scuttle the deal in the first place, moved to have the Treasury Department impose unilateral sanctions on North Korea's banking connections with the Western nations, through a bank in Macau which served North Korean business interests, and through heavy pressure on other banks to shut off all contact with Pyongyang. The results were immediate and devastating to North Korea's struggling economy, and a total breach of the September agreement. The Bush Administration had the gall to claim that the sanctions were unrelated and coincidental to the historic agreement reached four days earlier. That ended the six-party talks—as clearly intended by Cheney.

Selig Harrison, head of the Center for International Policy in Washington and one of the best informed American experts on Korea, visited Pyongyang the week before the nuclear test. He reported that in a discussion with North Korea's head negotiator at the six-party talks, Kim Gye Gwan, Kim referred to the September 2005 agreement: "At the very time when we were engaged in such a long dialogue last year, your side was planning for sanctions. Cheney did this to prevent further dialogue that would lead to peaceful coexistence. So many of your leaders, even the President, have talked about regime change, we have concluded that your Administration is dysfunctional." There are few remaining in the United States who would disagree with that conclusion.

Harrison reported another conversation in which Kim told him that the United States must learn to coexist with a North Korea which has nuclear weapons. "That doesn't sound like you are really committed to denuclearization," Harrison responded. Kim replied: "You misunderstand me. We are definitely prepared to carry out the Sept. 19 agreement, step-by-step, but we won't completely and finally dismantle our nuclear weapons program until our relations with the United States are fully normalized, That will take some time, and until we reach the final target, we should find a way to coexist."

The underlying problem for those, unlike the Cheney war party, who wish to find a true solution to the crisis, is that the existing international framework for dealing with nuclear development, the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), is both outmoded, and has been effectively discarded by the Anglo-Americans. The Bush Administration has ignored the assurances within the NPT that all participating nations shall be guaranteed access to the full-cycle nuclear process for peaceful nuclear energy development. Worse, the U.S. is preparing to go to war on Iran to deny them their right to that process.

Daryl Kimball, the head of the Arms Control Association in Washington, told an audience there this month that, "If the

causes which motivate nations to believe they need nuclear weapons are not addressed, then the NPT alone will not stop proliferation." He added that the NPT had to be at least "upgraded," especially in light of the Iraq war experience.

Lyndon LaRouche has made a similar point at several recent events in Washington and Berlin, insisting that the current state of "hateful diplomacy" will only lead to the war desired by Cheney. Only with a return to the "Peace of Westphalia" approach, said LaRouche—with each nation assuming as its *own* interests the interests of the other—can the current rush toward world war be avoided. Developing nations must be offered a higher motivation for not wasting resources on weapons development, including assurances of security, and access to scientific and technological progress, and raw materials.

Russian Alternatives

China is engaged in diplomatic efforts to circumvent the U.S. war drive, while Russia has taken dramatic steps to put an actual solution in place, right under the noses of the war party. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Alekseyev, who has played a major role in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (comprised of Russia, China, and the Central Asian Republics) visited Pyongyang and reported that North Korea wanted to "find a way to restart the six-party talks." With Alekseyev in the North, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov visited the South, with a large team of Russian industrial, space, and transportation officials.

While certainly the nuclear crisis was on the agenda, Fradkov focused on great projects, engaging both North and South Korea in creating a future. These included the building of a pipeline through the North to pump 10 billion cubic meters of Russian natural gas per year to both North and South Korea by 2012, and a contract for Russian Railways to construct the missing rail link between North Korea and Russia, thus completing the Trans-Korean Railroad, as well as the Pusan to Rotterdam rail line envisioned in the Great Eurasian Land-Bridge Project. It is this approach which points toward a Peace of Westphalia-based solution to the current global crisis. Were the United States to adopt new leadership, to restore America to its historic mission—the commitment to a new renaissance rather than world war and depression—it would find welcome allies where now it sees only hatred and fear.

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Kirchner Takes On Regional Warmongers

by Cynthia R. Rush

In an Oct. 19 ceremony before 4,000 people in the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz, Bolivian President Evo Morales and Argentine President Néstor Kirchner signed an historic 20-year “strategic association,” by which Bolivia will sell Argentina much-needed natural gas, and the two countries will collaborate closely in a wide range of mutually beneficial projects for cooperation in energy, infrastructure, and economic development.

The agreement, which Kirchner hailed as “a fundamental strategic step” and “a real example of integration,” includes provisions for the two nations’ state oil firms—Bolivia’s YPF and Argentina’s ENARSA—to work on joint projects in both countries, including the building of a gas pipeline in northern Argentina that by 2010, will transport 27.7 million cubic meters of Bolivian natural gas daily into that energy-starved region. Argentina will also help Bolivia build processing plants so that it can industrialize.

Through these initiatives, Kirchner is boldly intervening against the synarchist bankers allied with the Cheney-Bush Administration, who think that by plunging Bolivia into social and economic chaos, they can derail the efforts of the informal Ibero-American “Presidents’ Club” which is seeking alternatives to the International Monetary Fund’s predatory policies. After foreign multinationals and allied financial interests sabotaged Evo Morales’ plans to nationalize his country’s hydrocarbon resources, which is the cornerstone of his government’s policy, the Bolivian President has faced escalating provocations from international synarchy’s local left- and right-wing assets.

An ‘Historic Act’

Kirchner knows that an out-of-control Bolivia could destabilize the entire region. In Santa Cruz, the capital of the province which Ibero-America’s enemies would split off as an oil republic, the Argentine President spoke forcefully. He told a cheering audience waving Argentine and Bolivian flags that Morales had specifically wanted to sign their agreement in that city “face to face with Bolivian society and all of Latin America.”

And, Kirchner announced, “We came with open arms to show our solidarity, and to say that the sister Republic of Argentina has come to embrace its sister Republic of Bolivia to build the *Patria* that we all need. . . . We know the battle that Bolivia is waging against old interests. . . . If some rogues

don’t invest what they have to invest, have no doubt that Argentina is going to be helping with the needed investments.”

He turned to Morales, whose government mobilized rallies last week in the face of widespread coup rumors, and told him: “I admire the work which you all are carrying out. Don’t lose heart in the face of these obstacles; have strength, much courage, and much passion and decision for the construction of a new era.”

Morales called the agreement an “historic act” and pointedly called for the state oil firms of Bolivia, Argentina, and Brazil to work together to develop the region. This is particularly important because Brazil’s nominally state-owned Petrobras has functioned more like a private company, exacerbating tensions with Bolivia by repudiating Morales’ nationalization of hydrocarbons. Referring to Brazil, Morales said, “We need them, just as they need us, and we are obligated to live together like a married couple—without divorce.”

That appeal was no doubt welcomed by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whose desire to assist Bolivia has been hampered by his electoral race against right-wing free-market advocate Geraldo Alckmin, whom he will face in a second round of elections on Nov. 1. Advised by former President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Alckmin has attacked Lula for being “submissive” to Morales, failing to defend Petrobras’s right to ride roughshod over the Bolivian economy while making deals with Venezuela’s Hugo Chávez.

Regional Cooperation Is Crucial

Kirchner doesn’t face the same constraints that Lula does. In comments made Oct. 18, statesman Lyndon LaRouche emphasized that what Kirchner has done in coordination with Chávez, in organizing other governments around an alternative to International Monetary Fund insanity, is of great importance. But missing in this geometry is Mexico, a nation which, until synarchist bankers took power in 1982, served historically as a continental leader in defense of sovereignty and economic development.

In this context, attempts to legitimize the electoral fraud that occurred in Mexico’s July 2 Presidential elections, and impose Felipe Calderón of the synarchist National Action Party (PAN) as the next President, is a disaster, LaRouche said. He added that were a Mexico committed to a defense of the general welfare to ally with Argentina, problems afflicting the rest of the region could more readily be resolved.

For this reason, the synarchist financiers behind the Bush-Cheney Administration are determined to prevent the real winner of the July 2 elections, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, from becoming President. He has mobilized the Mexican people around the fundamental existential issue facing the country: Either there is a government committed

to defending the general welfare and sovereign economic development, and ending the unbridled economic looting carried out by all governments since 1982, under the aegis of “modernization” and globalization; or the free-market “Mexico, Inc.” that Calderón’s controllers seek to impose, will mean the end of Mexico’s constitutional republic.

Moreover, every Ibero-American nation that has suffered from decades of neo-liberal economic policies is grappling with the same existential issue, now made more urgent by the crash of the global financial system and the necessity of creating the New Bretton Woods proposed by Lyndon LaRouche.

Changing the Subject

Aware that they are losing their grip on the region, reflected by the motion of the Ibero-American Presidents’ Club, synarchist financiers are desperately trying to change the subject and focus people’s attention on the bogus issue of the “threat” that Chávez represents to the region, supposedly stemming from the military cooperation agreement he signed with Bolivia last May, as well as Venezuela’s bid to win a non-permanent seat on the United Nations’ Security Council.

Inside Argentina, right-wing synarchists are trying to build up a climate of conflict between the “right” and the “left,” reminiscent of the 1970s, charging Kirchner with leading a vendetta against the Armed Forces—hundreds of officers charged with human rights violations are being prosecuted—and threatening Argentina’s republican system by allying with Chávez. But the real issue behind their accusations that Kirchner is a power-hungry “authoritarian,” is his insistence on an economic policy not dictated by failed agencies such as the IMF and World Bank.

During his Sept. 20 speech at the United Nations General Assembly, Kirchner issued a stinging attack on the IMF and called for reforming “the international financial architecture such that it will lead to the progress of the poorest nations.”

In early October, former Spanish Premier José María Aznar, George Bush’s Francoite ally, and Felipe Calderón deployed to several Ibero-American nations to ratchet up the anti-Venezuela hysteria. Both men made a point of visiting Chile, the great “success story” of synarchist bankers George Shultz, Felix Rohatyn, and “economic hit man” John Train.

The fascist cabal that installed dictator Augusto Pinochet in 1973 is concerned that President Michelle Bachelet might slip from their control, given the global crisis and Ibero-American moves away from the IMF. Although constrained by the structure of the “Concertación” coalition government created by Pinochet to ensure that future Presidents would be locked into his “Chicago Boy” free-market model after he left office, Bachelet has made a point of cooperating with other Ibero-American Presidents and was leaning toward supporting Venezuela when UN voting began Oct. 16.

Aznar came in with both pistols blazing, ranting that some Ibero-American nations had fallen “into the grips of populism” and warning that Venezuela represented a “grave threat” to the region. He wasted no time in whipping up the right-wing Alliance for Chile with his Bush-like attacks on “Islamofascism,” while Calderón sweet-talked legislators about how he would like to install a Chilean-style coalition government in Mexico. While he courted the Alliance for Chile, Calderón made a point of saying that the PAN identifies most closely with Chile’s Christian Democracy, nominally a member of Bachelet’s Concertación coalition.

No surprise here. Shortly after Calderón departed, this party that helped to overthrow Salvador Allende threatened Bachelet that it would pull out of the governing coalition should she back Venezuela at the United Nations. Under enormous pressure from the Bush Administration and its local allies, Bachelet opted to abstain.

A New Chaco War?

Synarchists are also using the military cooperation between Bolivia and Venezuela to hype Dick Cheney’s plans for unleashing regional war.

At the end of September, Paraguayan legislators and media charged that Venezuela’s military assistance to Bolivia, and plans to build bases along the border, are proof of a Bolivian “arms race” that threatens Paraguay, possibly including an aerial attack on the country—a ludicrous charge, considering that Bolivia has no Air Force! Evo Morales charged earlier that month that the Bush Administration is behind “a campaign to get us to fight each other,” as occurred 70 years ago when Standard Oil and Royal Dutch Shell manipulated the two nations into the brutal 1932-35 Chaco War.

From Chile, the Pinochet crowd growled that the military treaty is a threat to the entire region and to Chile in particular. *El Mercurio*, whose owners helped plan the 1973 coup against Salvador Allende, editorialized Oct. 11 that given the “convulsed regional panorama” and “Bolivia’s institutional precariousness,” it would make sense for the Bush Administration to declare Chile a “non-NATO ally,” as occurred some years ago with Argentina, when then-President Carlos Menem boasted of his government’s “carnal relations” with the United States.

President Bachelet responded that she saw no threat to Chile from the Venezuela-Bolivia treaty, adding that it is their “sovereign right” to make treaties with anyone they please. In Paraguay, Defense Minister Roberto González stated on Oct. 16 that the treaty in no way constitutes a threat to Paraguay. In fact, according to the Oct. 17 edition of the daily *ABC*, Paraguay’s military leadership is examining the hypothesis that certain “U.S. interests” are trying to provoke conflict between the two countries.

“Rather than conflict with Bolivia,” González said, “I prefer to look at the integration processes [under way in the region], for the common good.”

International Intelligence

Russians Blast Missile Plan for Eastern Europe

Gen. Yevgeni Buzhinsky, head of the Russian Defense Ministry's international military cooperation department, warned on Oct. 17 that Moscow would view the deployment of U.S. missile defense elements in Eastern and Central Europe as a threat to its security. "The deployment of missile defense near the Russian borders could pose a real threat to our deterrent forces," Buzhinsky wrote in an article in *Izvestia*. "We would view that as an unfriendly gesture on behalf of the United States, some eastern European nations, and NATO as a whole. Such actions would require taking adequate retaliatory measures of military and political character."

Another *Izvestia* commentary warned, "Today, a new missile crisis is emerging before our very eyes." The author debunked the claim that the deployment of interceptor missiles in Eastern Europe is actually aimed at Iran, noting: "The U.S. version about defense against Iran on the Polish-Belarusian border does not withstand criticism. After all, the Iranian 'Shahab-3' missiles, with a range of 3,500 kilometers, may reach only Europe, but certainly not the U.S.A. The shortest and most direct path from Iran to Europe lies over the Caucasus, the Black Sea, and Ukraine, and not through Russia."

China To Proceed With Fusion Development

Welcoming the 21st Fusion Energy Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at Chengdu, China, Chinese Vice Premier Zang Peiyan called for expanded interest in nuclear fusion development, and assured the scientists that China expects to join the international community in this field. Zang said that fusion will be an efficient way for people to generate infinite and clean energy, the *People's Daily* reported on Oct. 18. A total of 830 scientists from China and abroad are attending the six-day conference that began Oct. 17.

China became the first developing nation to host the IAEA's fusion conference. The most likely reason that Chengdu was chosen as the venue, is the recent successes achieved in the Southwestern Research Institute of Physics, located in Chengdu, in the areas of controlled fusion and plasma physics research.

In September, China's other major facility, Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST), located at the Institute of Plasma Physics under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Hefei, Anhui Province, reported achieving fusion of hydrogen isotopes reaching a temperature of 50 million degrees Celsius.

Abkhazia's Parliament Seeks Independence

Abkhazia's parliament on Oct. 18 asked Russia to recognize its independence, and to establish relations with it as an associated member in the Russian Federation. More than 90% of Abkhazia's residents have Russian citizenship, while the territory remains officially part of Georgia. Abkhazia will conduct a military exercise on Oct. 23-26 to practice repelling an enemy attack.

On Oct. 13, the UN Security Council passed a Russian-sponsored resolution expressing concern about Georgia's recent actions in Abkhazia, and reminding Georgia of its obligations under the 1994 cease-fire agreement. RTV called it a "diplomatic victory" for Russia, and Russian UN Ambassador Vitali Churkin said that the UN had recognized "the destructive, dangerous, and provocative" actions of Georgia in the Kodori Gorge.

On Oct. 17, the foreign ministers of the European Union adopted their own resolution, strongly critical of Russia on other points of the Russia-Georgia relationship. The EU ministers demanded that Russia "not pursue measures targetting Georgians in the Russian Federation." Russia has been deporting hundreds of ethnic Georgians, found to be lacking legal documents, after raids on Georgian-run businesses in Moscow. This escalation followed the arrest

of Russian officers in Georgia on espionage charges.

The EU statement, which also called for an end to Russian economic sanctions against Tbilisi, was officially welcomed by the Georgian government. "It means that the EU will not leave such events without attention," said Prime Minister Zurab Noghaideli. On Oct. 18, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Fried visited President Mikhail Saakashvili and Noghaideli in Tbilisi, saying that "we are supporting Georgia in its stage-by-stage advancement toward European and Euro-Atlantic institutions." Saakashvili said he was prepared to send his foreign minister to the Nov. 1 Moscow summit on Black Sea economic cooperation, with a brief to restart talks with Russia on all points.

Call for Racial Profiling On British Campuses

In an example of the creation of campus gestapos, like that being organized in the United States by "Big Sister" Lynne Cheney, the British Department of Education is circulating an 18-page document with proposals for university lecturers and staff to spy on "Asian-looking" students who could be suspected of involvement in Islamic extremism and supporting terrorist violence, the *Guardian* reported Oct. 16.

The paper acknowledges that there will be "concerns about police targeting certain sections of the student population." The document has been circulating for the last month.

News of this document is causing outrage among students. Gemma Tumelty, president of the National Union of Students, said; "They are going to treat everyone Muslim with suspicion on the basis of their faith. It's bearing on the side of McCarthyism."

The document calls for teachers and staff to turn over information to the Special Branch of the police, while acknowledging that there were "a number of concerns about working closely with Special Branch. Some common concerns are that institutions will

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT Alvaro Uribe cancelled all plans to negotiate a humanitarian exchange of jailed terrorists for hostages held by the narco-terrorist FARC, after the FARC car-bombed the country's largest military complex.

RUSSIA SUSPENDED the activities of more than 90 non-governmental organizations on Oct. 20, including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, and many others. The action followed the failure of these organizations to register under a new law, which requires, among other things, that they get most of their funding from domestic sources.

ISRAEL IS PLANNING a massive military operation in the Gaza Strip, according to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*. In addition, senior Israeli officers told the *Jerusalem Post* that they have been given an order from the "diplomatic echelon" to begin drawing up plans for a widespread operation in Gaza, to pressure Hamas to release Israeli captive soldier Gilad Shalit.

MIKHAIL GORBACHOV, the former Soviet President, said in Berlin on Oct. 13, that the big chance to make the world a better place, after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, was missed, because Western politicians opted for geopolitics. Most of the big problems in the world today, he said, have to do with that missed chance. The statement comes as a late corroboration of what Helga Zepp-LaRouche wrote several years ago in her book, *The Missed Chance of 1989*.

MEXICO'S LEGITIMATE President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, will announce his Cabinet on Nov. 3, as the kick-off for a 28-city, 10-state national tour. Illegitimate President Felipe Calderón will meet President Bush on Nov. 9.

be seen to be collaborating with the 'secret police.' " The document tries to reassure the department, saying that the "Special Branch are not the secret police and are accountable."

Princess Diana Murder Investigation Reopened

The Royal Coroner, Lady Butler-Sloss, will start forensic hearings into the 1997 death in Paris of Princess Diana: a process that is expected to lead to several leaks harmful to Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and the foreign intelligence agency MI6. Meanwhile, Paris authorities reopened their investigation, following leads published years earlier by *EIR*. The crash was originally blamed on drunken driving.

It is not known at this time what else the Paris investigation is probing, but the British former Commissioner of Police, Lord Stevens, has had to postpone his report to the Royal Coroner due to many new leads pointing to a conspiracy to murder Princess Diana, who had become a leading adversary of the royal family. As *EIR* noted at the time, the authorship of Diana's death could have been enemies of the British royal family, who hoped to embarrass it on the basis of *cui bono*?

U.S. Gestapo Methods Provoke Outcry in Germany

For the first time, the case of Murat Kurnaz, who was kept a U.S. prisoner for almost five years in Afghanistan and then at Guantanamo, was presented to a broad audience in Germany, on the prime-time television show "Beckmann" on Oct. 16. Kurnaz, a German citizen from a Turkish family living in Bremen, was abducted and arrested during a visit to Pakistan, on Dec. 1, 2001, and released from Guantanamo on Aug. 24, 2006.

Kurnaz told the TV audience about the tortures he had suffered, from being hung by his feet, beaten, denied sleep, food, and clothing, interrogated for days without in-

terruption, being moved from one camp to another, and often worse, during his five years in U.S. imprisonment.

The case of Kurnaz brings disgrace not only to the Bush Administration: He said he was beaten and interrogated by two Germans, probably soldiers, in Afghanistan in December 2001; he was repeatedly interrogated by German anti-terrorism interviewers at Guantanamo as well; the Americans are even reported to have offered his release to Germany in November 2002, but the German government at that time refused, urging the Americans to transfer Kurnaz to Turkey instead.

Kurnaz's reports have so far been denied as "absurd" by German officials. His case, however, will be on the agenda of a parliamentary investigation committee, which will also deal with the cases of Khaled el-Masri (a Lebanon-born German abducted by the CIA in Macedonia, in 2001, since released) and Mohamad Zamar (a Syrian-born German, abducted by CIA, transferred to Syria, still a prisoner in Damascus).

Lebanese Shi'ite Backs Saudi Peace Initiative

The Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, Nabih Berri, has called for the resumption of peace talks with Israel based on the Saudi peace initiative of 2002.

"Now is the time to raise the issue of returning to peace negotiations," he told the al-Arabiyyah network from Paris. He was also quoted in the London-based *Asharq al-Awat* daily. He made similar statements at a conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, where he said that now that Hezbollah had triumphed over Israel, the time for holding comprehensive talks had come. He was not referring to bilateral talks with Israel, but comprehensive talks, based on the Saudi peace initiative of 2002, which is supported by all the nations of the Arab League.

Berri is leader of the Shi'ite-based Amal Movement, which is a rival of Hezbollah, although the two are working together politically.

The News Is the ‘Non-News’ Of the Financial Collapse

by the Economics Staff

Lyndon LaRouche warned earlier this year, that September/October would be the likely time period for this crash phase of the collapse. Now it has come to pass, despite any pre-U.S. elections happy talk you may hear about the 12,000 level of the Dow Index, and all the polite, reserved “warnings” on hedge funds. What is evident is merely an attempt to contain the panic.

A broad pattern of attention to dangers from hedge funds is evident throughout this Fall’s international financial media, and among lawmakers and banking officials from many countries. Below are items from the United States, Britain, and Germany, over the week of Oct. 16-20. But the character of all these news headlines, is a glaring generalized condition of non-news about the financial blow-out process already under way. In fact, on the very same pages as coverage of hedge fund jitters, you will find articles equivalent to “dog bites man.”

Meantime, there are spectacular chain reaction effects of non-payment, non-saleability, and other financial and economic impacts hitting whole categories of activity, especially real estate. Locust/equity funds are swarming over what’s left of industry, infrastructure, and services, furthering the economic breakdown process.

We provide the following review of the recent spate of attention to hedge funds, with a proviso: By themselves, the threats of regulation are not going anywhere. But were regulations implemented, they would only be a precursor to the thorough overhaul of the bankrupt world financial system, which, if carried out in the tradition of FDR’s Bretton Woods, is the only approach that can save the system.

Officials, Media ‘Tut Tut’ Over Hedge Funds

Oct. 16: Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr., saying he was “deeply concerned about the lack of publicly available information regarding hedge funds . . . concerned that tens of millions of Americans may be unwittingly tied to hedge fund investments through their participation in public and private pension plans, and yet would have no way of knowing it.

“Today, the hedge fund industry is comprised of over 9,000 hedge funds that manage over \$1.1 trillion in assets . . . [but they] are not subject to disclosure and transparency rules. . . .”

An Oct. 16 press release from Senator Grassley’s office, providing the text of the letter, was titled, “Grassley Seeks Multi-Agency Response on Lack of Hedge Fund Transparency, Expresses Alarm at Risk to Pension-Holders.” (See Grassley.Senate.gov.)

Oct. 16: the *Financial Times* of London carried no fewer than four articles on hedge funds, summarizing on its front page: “Policymakers believe fresh hedge fund regulation may be needed to avoid a catastrophic failure and it may no longer be enough to rely on banks and other counterparties to manage their exposure to the booming industry.”

Two of the four *Financial Times* articles were by Jeremy Grant, based in Washington. He cited unnamed sources close to the President’s Working Group on Financial Services who say that some form of regulation is being discussed. In “U.S. Rethinks on Hedge Fund Rules; Policymakers Consider Fresh Regulation to Avert Financial Crisis,” Grant wrote, “The \$6

billion losses at hedge fund Amaranth have thrust into the spotlight concerns over the systemic risks associated with the \$1,500 billion industry.”

In addition, the Oct. 16 *Financial Times* editorial, “Not So Private Equity; Buy-Out Houses Need To Become More Open,” cited investigations in the U.K., Germany, and the U.S.A. on collusion and bad practices that private equity companies engage in to conduct corporate buy-outs.

Oct. 16: *The Daily Telegraph* of London carried an article on how “hedge fund capitalism” is going out of favor in Europe. Titled, “Rumblings of Revolt in Europe as Sweat-Shop Capitalism Grows,” the column was written by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, a hack paid to slander LaRouche and President Clinton in the past. It reviewed the growing revulsion against hedge funds in various European nations, citing profiteering from falling wage rates and loss of jobs. For example, in Austria, the EU 24 billion merger of OMV and Verbund was cancelled by the government, because it would have axed jobs. In Italy, Telecom Italia is going back under state control, after a debacle under privatization.

Oct. 16: *The New York Times* ran a front-page article titled, “As Lenders, Hedge Funds Draw Insider Scrutiny; Role in Debt Market Provides Easy Access to Privileged Data.” This notes that in the past, corporations had a private, privileged, confidential relationship with their banks. But today, when corporate officers speak with their hedge fund financiers, wild stock speculation ensues because of leaks about the corporation’s financial condition. This amounts to illegal insider trading. But it is not uncommon.

Oct. 16: *Forbes* posted an article, “A Dangerous Game,” by Daniel Fisher, which began, “Hedge funds have gotten rich from credit derivatives. Will they blow up? The downfall of Amaranth Advisers, the hedge fund that lost \$6 billion in a single week by betting on natural gas was a special case. There was no domino effect taking down energy traders generally, no meltdown of an industry. But if you want to fret over the next financial catastrophes, turn your gaze away from energy futures and focus on something far more obscure: credit default swaps. Hedge funds are neck-deep in these derivatives, and if something goes wrong, the pain will be widespread. . . .”

Oct. 17: Sir John Gieve, deputy director of the Bank of England, issued a warning over aggressive risk-trading by hedge funds. According to Oct. 18 *The Times* of London, “Sir John questioned whether some funds would survive the stress of severe market turbulence. He noted that the huge growth in hedge fund activity had taken place in a largely ‘benign environment’, and that firms’ risk management had yet to be ‘tested by a severe shock.’ Sir John said that ‘some comfort’ could be taken from the lack of wider market disruption after the collapse of Amaranth Advisers, a US hedge fund, with losses of \$6.5 billion. But in a stark message, he argued that future failures could have graver repercussions.”

Gieve is then quoted, saying: “We should not conclude

that it will be as smooth and easy next time—and of course there will be a next time. If we face a financial crisis in the next few years, we are almost bound to find some hedge funds at or near the centre of it.”

Oct. 17: Peer Steinbrueck, Finance Minister of Germany, said that the new sensitivity shown in the United States about the systemic risks of hedge funds, offers a new opportunity to discuss the issue. “The discussion in the United States is qualitatively very different from what it was four or five years ago. The case of Amaranth seems to have played a role in this. We see clear signs of rising interest in the United States about ways to boost transparency of such funds.” (From the Oct. 18 *Financial Times*, see below).

Oct. 17: Edgar Meister, board member of the Bundesbank in Germany, said that what happened to Amaranth was “not a single case in the hedge fund sector in recent history.” There have been other cases, but have not been made public, due to the lack of transparency. But rather than enjoying the “illusion of security,” Meister said we should see what happened to Amaranth as a “warning and a call for action.” (From the Oct. 18 *Financial Times*, see below).

Oct. 18: the *Financial Times* of London reported on the statements of the German officials, noting that, “Germany is putting hedge fund transparency on the agenda of next year’s meeting of the Group of Eight leading industrial nations in the wake of the Amaranth debacle.” After quoting from Minister Steinbrueck, the *Financial Times* reported, “G-7 finance ministers will tackle ways to improve transparency of hedge funds when Berlin takes up the presidency of the G-8 next year, according to a draft programme for today’s German cabinet meeting.”

The *Financial Times* stressed that neither Minister Steinbrueck nor Bundesbank Board Member Meister want regulation. Steinbrueck is quoted from Oct. 17, “We are not talking about new regulation here. The question is really one of transparency.” Meister, cited as having the same view, said that increasing attention to “transparency” could mean making hedge funds a target of independent rating agencies.

Oct. 18: Derivative Fitch was announced by Fitch Ratings, to serve as a new private agency to rate offerings in the credit derivatives market, which is estimated to now be approaching the \$33 trillion level in notational value. Fitch Group Inc., is a subsidiary of Fimalac S.A., headquartered in Paris.

Oct. 18: *The Times* of London, in reporting the Oct. 17 warnings by Bank of England Deputy Director Sir John Gieve, notes that the British Treasury will soon launch a new review of hedge fund regulation. “Amid growing pressure for increased regulation of hedge funds in the United States and Europe, the Treasury believes that Britain’s policing of the industry will need to be re-examined rigorously. However, it is also understood that the Treasury remains sceptical over the case for a tougher regime of oversight of hedge funds.”

One-Third of Germans Are Poor, or Nearly So

by Rainer Apel

With remarks, Oct. 15, on the “new underclass,” Kurt Beck, national party chairman of the German Social Democrats (SPD), unleashed an intense public debate about poverty in Germany. Beck referred to a survey carried out by the TNS Infratest polling institute, for the SPD-linked Friedrich Ebert Foundation, a survey which will be published in full detail by the end of this year. The “new underclass” which Beck spoke about, is the lower one-third of Germans who already live below the official poverty level, or are about to join them, because their jobless support will run out within a few months. The upper one-third, the “new upper class,” are Germans whose incomes keep increasing or are stable enough to keep them rich, for the time being. The one-third in between, is the “new middle class”—those whose incomes currently secure their standard of living, but many of whom fear the loss of a job or part of their income in the near future. All in all, there is a 30/70% society in Germany, the survey found: The broad majority, 70%, live under conditions that hold no promise of improvement. For most in this category, if they are poor now, they will be poor also in the future. This strongly resembles the situation in the United States, with its 20/80% society.

As for the poverty aspect as such, the survey shows that 8 million Germans can be considered poor, according to the official “poverty level,” i.e., 60% of the average income, or not being able to manage without state support, be it jobless support or welfare. And, there is a clear trend that eastern Germany is hit by poverty much more than the West: in the East, 25% of the population is poor, in the West only 4%. Thirty-nine percent of eastern Germans earn less than the average income level; 25% of children in the East are poor. And, because many eastern Germans have lived under such conditions since the big recession of the mid-1960s, there are many families now, which have the third generation in poverty, with the fourth about to be born. This also explains why many young Germans leave their hometowns in eastern Germany, because they can hope for a job only in the West.

The biggest-single poverty driver is the Hartz IV legislation of January 2004, which replaced the previous welfare system, so that after 12 months of unemployment compensation, a citizen receives only 345 euros per month, irrespective of what his previous average income was. For the long-term unemployed, especially older-age workers, there is almost no

hope of getting out of this vicious cycle of impoverishment, under current policies. But the problem did not begin with Hartz IV, which has merely served as a catalyst to intensify the general problem.

The 1960s Paradigm-Shift

The general problem, which explains why the German elites are incapable of creating new jobs, originates with the paradigm-shift from a production-oriented, industrial society before the mid-1960s, to a society that believes in the service sector, in ecology, and in consumerism. Just as the forementioned survey was leaked to the public, some other figures were published as well: For example, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany’s biggest state, with almost 20% of the nation’s population, reports that industrial jobs for apprentices, are at their lowest in 30 years. Or, for example, 41% of machine-building firms report that because they do not have enough engineers, they have to outsource important segments of production to other firms that still have a surplus engineering capacity. And no wonder: 88% of college-level students are not interested in professions in technology, but prefer instead, ecology-oriented or service-sector careers. And the universities are undersupplied with technology-based courses: usually, only one-third or one-half of all students who want to enroll for a machine-building university course, are admitted.

Unemployment among engineers is especially high in the construction sector, because drastic austerity has killed projects in infrastructure and housing in most of Germany’s municipalities. And, impoverishment is probably worst among such jobless engineers now. Until January 2004, they would still have received 58% of their last average income, even after 12 months of unemployment; but under the Hartz IV legislation, they will receive the standard 345 euros per month, regardless of whether their previous income was 1,000, 2,000, or 4,000 euros.

Poverty will not disappear from Germany, unless Germany returns to full employment, and that implies the creation of nearly 10 million qualified, well-paid, full-time jobs. It cannot work through the creation of 1-euro or other such mini-jobs, which have been the main focus of the German government’s policy during the past 32 months. It will not work under conditions of constant cost-cutting and globalization, because there, mini-jobs are replacing more and more full-time jobs, which means that more and more citizens have jobs that cannot support a decent living.

It will only work with a program like the one proposed by the LaRouche movement: state-guaranteed generation of productive, long-term and low-interest credit, in the range of 200 billion euros annually—the minimum required to regain full employment within ten years. We know that will work, because it worked before: at the peak of the mid-1960s’ recession in Germany, the government, in June 1967, launched a 5 billion-mark (2.5 billion-euro) program, creating 320,000 jobs within 11 months.

NERC Forecast: 22 Necessary Actions Required To Save U.S. Electric Grid

by Marsha Freeman

Every Fall, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) issues a forecast of the adequacy of the electric grid to deliver reliable power throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada over the following decade. NERC's "2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment," released on Oct. 16, confirms the recent warning by *EIR*, that without massive investment in electric generation and transmission infrastructure, manpower, and new technology, reliable electric power will become a thing of the past.*

For the past decade, NERC has warned that the replacement of a regulated electric industry, in which participants cooperate and conform to standards to ensure the reliability of the system as a whole, with the restructuring of the industry into competing entities with near-total disregard for the integrity of the complex grid system, would threaten reliability. That day has now arrived.

Electric utilities forecast that demand will increase by 19%, or 141,000 MW, over the next ten years, the report states. But the resources that have been committed to meet that demand, increase by only 6%, or 57,000 MW, over the decade. The result is that capacity margins, needed to be available to meet unexpected extreme weather, unscheduled maintenance of plants, and other contingencies, will fall below minimal target levels of 15% in most of the United States within the next 2-3 years. In New England, for example, the report states that installed capacity for reserve margins will fall to "almost 0 percent in 2015" if policies are not changed.

It should be noted that the projected 19% increase in electricity demand over the next decade bears no resemblance to the rate of increase that would be needed, should industrial production, such as idled auto and machine-tool factories, reopen for business, and new energy, transport, health, water, and other infrastructure be built. During the heyday of the U.S. space program in the 1960s, for example, the Apollo-driven economic growth decade, electricity demand grew by 7% per year.

The NERC report puts forward 22 "necessary actions" that must be taken to prevent this downward spiral in reliability and to avoid shortages. These include the addition of power-generation facilities, new and upgraded transmission

lines, arrangements to provide for the reliable supply and delivery of fuel, and addressing the issue of the aging of the workforce in the electric industry. The alternative is an increasing frequency of brownouts and blackouts.

Thank You, Deregulation

Forecasting electricity growth a decade in advance, in order to project what resources are necessary, is, at best, inexact. But deregulation has made this nearly impossible, by fostering what NERC describes as a "short-term resource acquisition strategy," which has become "the norm over the past ten years." The organizing principle of bottom-line profits has created a situation where the construction of large-scale baseload power plants is not often seriously considered. No longer do state regulatory bodies work with utilities to plan long-term investments to meet projected need.

But NERC warns that simply planning to increase the construction of new power-generating plants will not solve the problem. In some cases, more plants can make the problem worse, creating more congestion on over-stretched transmission lines.

While peak demand for power is projected to increase by 19% over the next ten years, total transmission miles are projected to increase by less than 7% over the same period, or 9,000 miles of new transmission to be added to the grid through 2010, and a total of about 12,873 miles by 2015.

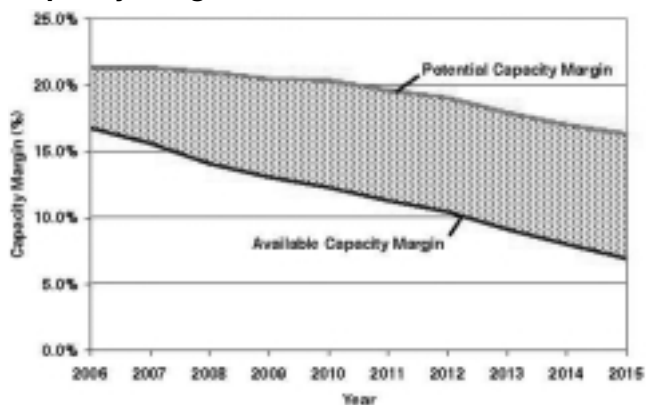
"Without expanded transmission system investment," NERC states, "grid congestion will increase." In some situations, "this can lead to supply shortages and involuntary customer interruptions." Under deregulation, "the present transmission planning horizon is five years or less," the report states, which leaves entire sections of the country without adequate long-term transmission capacity.

The recent skyrocketing cost of housing, NERC notes, has been accompanied by an increase in land prices. Land inflation, combined with delays due to court challenges by environmental groups, has stymied developers from planning and building new transmission capacity.

NERC notes that the adequacy of electricity supply depends not only on the installed capacity of generators, but on an adequate fuel supply and delivery system. For the past two years, for example, long-delayed track maintenance and upgrades on rail lines have curtailed coal deliveries from the

* "The U.S. Electric Grid Is Reaching the End Game," by Marsha Freeman, *EIR*, Sept. 22, 2006.

FIGURE 1
Capacity Margins in the U.S. Will Decline



Source: 2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment report from NERC. October 2006.

Throughout much of the nation, electricity capacity margins will decline, and some will reach unacceptable levels as early as 2008. “Potential capacity margin” denotes new generating capacity that NERC hopes will materialize, but is “uncommitted.” These resources do not have transmission service reserved, or have other important constraints, making it unlikely they will be able to relieve the coming decline in supplies.

Powder River Basin to electric generating plants.

Natural gas-fired generating capacity additions are projected to account for almost half of the resource additions over the next decade. Gas became the fuel of choice when new nuclear power construction was sabotaged, and because it was cheaper than petroleum and cleaner than coal. But electric utility gas contracts can be, and have been, curtailed during cold Winters, in favor of residential heating needs, causing electricity supply problems. And the tripling of natural gas prices, in lock-step with rising oil prices, over the past three years, is driving up the cost of electricity to consumers.

As compared to the two nuclear power plants that were undamaged by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico last year, natural gas supplies from offshore wells were curtailed for months. Hydroelectric power in the West is subject to drought, and failing inland waterway infrastructure has adversely affected barge-delivered coal.

The NERC report points out that the current craze to turn to the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG), will make the United States vulnerable to the same price fluctuations and supply interruptions as occur with petroleum, since LNG will come largely from the same regions of the world from which the U.S. imports oil. NERC describes LNG as “increasingly unreliable as a utility fuel in the years ahead.”

‘Renewable’ Resources Hoax

Another craze with the potential to destabilize the fragile electric grid is the promotion of “renewable” energy sources. Currently, a total of 21 states and the District of Columbia

TABLE 1
Aggregate Capacity Under Development by Type

Capacity Type	Capacity Additions, MW			
	1998 to 2005	2006 to 2012	2013 to 2015	2006 to 2015
United States				
Combined Cycle	143,694	34,074	-	34,074
Simple Cycle	75,314	3,890	-	3,890
Coal	2,168	29,404	3,885	33,289
Nuclear	2,567	2,366	2,550	4,916
Wind	5,705	8,769	-	8,769
Other	1,572	3,170	-	3,170
Total U.S.	231,019	81,672	6,435	88,107

Source: 2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment report from NERC. October 2006.

have adopted requirements for the purchase of renewable energy by utilities, sometimes for as much as 25% of their total supply. Wind generation is expected to provide the bulk of this “renewable” energy.

However, NERC points out, “wind generation is often located in remote areas, which requires new transmission construction to deliver its energy” to where it is needed. In addition, because wind and other “renewable” resources are intermittent in nature, generating capacity is unpredictable, requiring the installation of additional reliable generating capacity, usually fossil-fueled, to ensure the ability to serve customers.

As seen in **Table I**, during the seven years between 1998-2005, more than 231,000 MW of electric generating capacity was added to the U.S. electric grid. NERC’s projection for 2006-2012, at 81,672 MW, is substantially less than half that amount. Even the projected addition of natural gas-fired units, in combined or simple cycle systems, is dramatically reduced, with companies making few long-range plans for capacity additions.

Studies have found, NERC reports, that the loss of skilled and experienced talent in the electric utility industry will be more acute than in the economy as a whole, as Baby Boomers retire over the next few years. Currently, college electrical engineering programs are graduating only about 500 engineers per year, as compared to nearly 2,000 in the 1980s. The United States is facing the challenge of the aging of the workforce, as well as the infrastructure, of the electric utility sector of the economy.

Any effort to reopen shuttered factories; to retool auto and machine-tool plants; to recreate a nuclear industry; and rebuild transport, health, water, and other infrastructure, using the most advanced technologies, will be challenged by a shortage of deliverable, reliable electric power.

This is where the rebuilding of the economy must begin.

Business Briefs

Afghanistan

Opium at Record High, But Food Supply Short

An international aid group, Christian Aid, says that some 2.5 million Afghans in the provinces of Badghis, Farah, Faryab, Herat, and Ghor, face acute food shortages.

The provinces have been devastated by drought and crop failures. People have lost 70-80% of their rain-fed crops because of the drought. With the potentially severe Winter approaching, many people are leaving their villages and migrating to cities such as Qalat and Kandahar, Reuters reports.

With the fifth anniversary of the initial defeat of the Taliban in Afghanistan approaching, some Afghans have begun to take stock of what has been achieved since.

According to Qadam Ali Nikpai, public information officer at the Afghan upper house of parliament, "Unfortunately, there is a direct link between worsening security, rising opium production, and corruption. And they work in parallel with one another in endangering the future of our war-torn people."

In United States- and NATO-controlled Afghanistan, this year's opium crop broke records.

Piratization

Interstate Highway PPPs Mean Ever-Higher Tolls

Rep. Ted Strickland (D), now running for governor in Ohio, has sent out a fact sheet on Interstate highway public-private partnerships (PPPs), which shows that while those companies that gain title to nominally public infrastructure make out like bandits, the public is afflicted with ever-higher tolls on what used to be owned by the public's government.

In Indiana, not only will the tolls nearly double over the next four years, but the state is *paying* the private consortium to keep tolls even that low! Tolls could increase each year for the remaining 71 years of the lease.

In Illinois, after the 99-year lease of the

Chicago Skyway was signed, the foreign operators immediately raised tolls 25% and will double them over the next ten years.

In Ontario, a Toronto highway leased to "a foreign company" in 1999 led to seven court challenges to the "toll cap" the company had agreed to.

The courts did not uphold the cap; and the operator is now allowed to raise tolls without even a government rubberstamp.

In Ohio, where Strickland's GOP opponent in the governor's race, Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, wants to sell the state-owned toll roads to raise cash, Strickland is running far ahead in the polls. Blackwell was head of the Bush-Cheney campaign organization in Ohio during 2004.

EIR documented the role of the PPPs in a July 21, 2006 feature, titled "Rohatyn Steals Public Property Coast to Coast."

Housing

Helium Escaping From So. California Bubble

Sales of existing homes in Orange County, Calif. were down 29% compared to a year ago, according to a report issued by UCLA's Anderson Center on Oct. 13.

The report, "Orange County: Economic Outlook for 2000," said the rate of home sales in one of the most populous counties in the country has been "brutally low," according to CBS television's Los Angeles affiliate, KCAL-9.

All of California, which by itself accounts for one-eighth of all homes and home sales in America, is undergoing a collapsing housing market.

The Anderson Center report states that "the long-awaited real estate correction is under way, but there's little agreement about how brutal the landing will be."

The report says that it is possible that there will be a long slow decline in home prices, "the economic equivalent of Chinese water torture."

However, it acknowledges that "there is a growing notion" that this year's decline may be "the roughest, most sudden correction ever observed."

The problem is not restricted to southern California. In northern California, in Humboldt County, home prices dropped to an average \$289,500 in August from \$316,000 in July, greater than an 8% drop in one month.

In a speech on Oct. 9 to the Hong Kong Association of Northern California, Janet L. Yellen, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said that for the first half of 2006, "quarterly average home sales in California are down nearly four times as much as they are nationwide."

She was told by a major home builder that "the share of unsold homes has topped 80% in some of the new subdivisions around Phoenix, Ariz. and Las Vegas, Nev., which he labelled the new 'ghost towns' of the West."

Meanwhile, home-building permits fell in September for the eighth month in a row, to a five-year low. The U.S. Commerce Department announced that nationally, home-building permits are down 28% in the past year.

Infrastructure

Financiers Even Grabbing What Is Nailed Down

The AIG Insurance Group, long associated with pirate Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, took over London's City Airport Oct. 11, for \$1.4 billion.

Through the first part of October 2006, the value of infrastructure acquisition/take-over deals has reached a record \$145 billion, nearly three times the level of \$54 billion for all of 2000, the *Financial Times* reported.

Five such infrastructure privatizations this year have gone for more than \$10 billion: Ferrol of Spain signed a \$30.2 billion take-over of BAA (which operates Britain's airports) on Feb. 6; Spain's Abertis Infraestructuras picked up Italy's Autostrade (which operates highways, and inspects and fixes motor vehicles) on April 23, for \$28.4 billion; and a U.S. private equity consortium took over Kinder Morgan, which controls natural gas transmission, on May 29, for \$27.5 billion.

AGAPĒ AND THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

A Temple of Hope . . . A Beacon of Liberty

by Robert Ingraham

Let it not be grievous to you that you have been instruments to break the ice for others who come after with less difficulty; the honor shall be yours to the world's end.

—Rev. John Robinson, writing, at Leyden, in a letter to the colonists at Plymouth, Dec. 23, 1623

On Dec. 18, 1620, the ship *Mayflower* arrived at Plymouth harbor. On the next day, her passengers began to go ashore. Within five months, 51 of those original 102 colonists would be dead, including the colony's first governor, John Carver, together with his wife and children. During most of the next ten years, the colony suffered through periods of famine, disease, near starvation, and repeated attempts by King James I's Privy Council, and the leadership of the Church of England, to destroy the colony. But they persisted, and their example inspired others. And the friendship and help which they provided to the Puritans, first at Salem in 1628, and later to John Winthrop, helped secure the creation of a new commonwealth on the shores of America.

Today, some few Americans might vaguely recognize the names of John Carver, William Bradford, or Miles Standish, but the names of John Robinson, William Brewster, Robert Cushman, Isaac Allerton, and Edward Winslow are forgotten. These men, and those who joined their mission, are the founders of what became the United States of America. This is their story. In telling this story, it is worth reflecting that neither the Pilgrims, the primary subjects of this writing, nor the New England Puritans, were mythical or folklore figures, but flesh-and-blood human beings. Yet, at a time of great crisis, they

found the courage to carry forward a great project.

Today, we are confronted anew with a terrible crisis. The synarchist controllers of Dick Cheney, together with the likes of Samuel Alito's and Anton Scalia's Federalist Society, are attempting to terrify the American people into accepting fascist dictatorial rule. It is no exaggeration to assert that our American constitutional republic is facing the gravest challenge in its history at the present moment. In the political war, which we have joined, a key weapon in our arsenal is the realization that the capabilities to win this war already exist within our culture; that from its earliest inception, the American nation was grounded in philosophical and political principles, which have become a living heritage within our institutions and citizenry. In presenting the following lesson on the true history and purpose of the creation of the United States of America, on the mission of the Pilgrims, as well as their Puritan friends, it is intended that some among us will more clearly recognize those inherent strengths, so as to be able to more effectively win our current political objectives.

1. The Origins

Our story encompasses the half-century roughly from 1580 to 1630. These were years in which things in Europe were going very badly. The fight for the establishment of nation-state commonwealths, which had developed out of the 15th-Century Renaissance, was faltering. Religious wars and fanaticism, fanned by the oligarchical reactionaries in Hapsburg Spain and the Vatican, were driving the population mad.



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Pilgrims signing the Mayflower Compact, below the deck of the Mayflower. William Brewster is at the center, with the Bible. The Pilgrims dedicated themselves to creating a society based on the principle of the Common Good.

And in Venice, a project was under way to create new centers of maritime financial oligarchy in England and the Netherlands. The possibility of defeating this resurgent oligarchism became impossible. At that point, small groups of individuals resolved to relocate to the New World, for the purpose of continuing the mission of establishing societies based on the principle of the Common Good, in which men and women could fulfill their natures as rational human beings made in God's image.

The passengers on the *Mayflower* were not the only colonizers of that period; in fact their numbers were tiny in comparison to the overall maritime activity. But their mission was unique. Spain's Consejo De Indias, Portugal's Estado da India, and later the Dutch East and West India Companies, as well as England's East India, Bermuda, and Virginia Companies, were all commercial trading companies, based, to one degree or another, on the Venetian model. At their worst, these companies looted raw materials, slaughtered indigenous populations, and created a never-before-existing global slave trade. These companies, particularly the English and Dutch, were the forefathers, so to speak, of today's Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy. The colonists of New England, however, had a different mission, and it is they who were the true founders of our American Republic.

In England

First, to set matters straight, there was no group of people actually called "Pilgrims." That was a term invented later.

The colonizers of New England were largely drawn from, what were then called, religious "non-conformists." In late 16th-Century England, that broad term encompassed a wide variety of groups, including Puritans, separatists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and others. Our story, however, concerns one particular non-conformist group, the one which founded the Plymouth Colony in 1620, and, for the sake of avoiding confusion, we will refer to them as the Pilgrims, even though they never used that term.

There would have been no Pilgrim church, nor a *Mayflower* voyage, but for the efforts of two men, William Brewster and John Robinson. Brewster was the organizer of the first Pilgrim religious congregation, the prime mover behind the idea of emigration to America, and the ruling Elder of the church at Plymouth, until his death in 1644. John Robinson was the pastor of the church, its leader during the 12 years in Holland, and the individual who defined its purpose and mission. From 1606 to 1625, Brewster and Robinson were both targets of the Stuart monarchy. Arrest warrants were issued against Brewster in 1606 and 1607, and he was the prey of an extensive royally ordered manhunt in the Netherlands from 1618 to 1620. Robinson's influence was considered so dangerous by the oligarchs in London, that the Privy Council itself intervened to prevent his emigration to America.

Brewster was no stranger to high-level political affairs. As a young man, from 1582 to 1589, he served as assistant and protégé to William Davison, Queen Elizabeth's junior

Secretary of State. He accompanied Davison on two diplomatic missions to the Netherlands, and during their years together, rubbed shoulders with many of England's elite, including Robert Dudley, the Earl of Leicester, and Robert Devereux, the Earl of Essex. In 1587, Elizabeth made Davison the scapegoat for the execution of the Catholic Mary Queen of Scots, whose death warrant she had signed, but left ambiguously in the hands of her Privy Council to carry out. Davison, who had served as messenger on behalf of the entire Council, was thrown into the Tower of London. Brewster continued to serve him during his two-year imprisonment, but when Davison was released, Brewster retired from London political life, and returned to his family home in the Nottingham town of Scrooby.¹

During these later years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, England was being torn apart by religious and political strife. When James I became King in 1603, hopes were high for a national reconciliation, but the new king proved himself to be a pawn of the Venice-allied Cecil family. In 1604, James convened a religious conference at Hampton Court, at which all of the dissident religious factions were ordered to submit to the authority of the Crown and the hierarchy of the Church of England. Shortly thereafter, a new wave of religious repression against Catholic, Puritan, and separatist "recusants" (those who failed to attend a required minimum number of Anglican church services) was unleashed.

It was in response to this persecution that Brewster, together with a handful of others, including the ministers John Robinson and Richard Clyfton, organized an independent religious congregation which began meeting regularly at Brewster's home in Scrooby, northeast of London. It is from the Scrooby congregation that the majority of the passengers on the *Mayflower* came.

In 1607, the Privy Council ordered an even more brutal repression of non-conformists. Speaking of the situation in Scrooby at that time, William Bradford would later write: "They could not long continue in any peaceable condition, but were hunted and persecuted on every side, so as their former afflictions were but as flea-bitings in comparison of these which now came upon them."

Arrest warrants were issued twice for Brewster. Bradford writes that after the second arrest warrant, "Seeing themselves

1. After Davison's release, there was still some small hope for his future. In 1590, Elizabeth's senior Secretary of State, the ruthless spymaster Francis Walsingham, died. The Earl of Essex lobbied strenuously for the appointment of Davison as his successor, even writing to King James of Scotland to intervene on Davison's behalf—not the wisest move, since Davison had been punished in the first place for his role in the execution of James's mother, Mary. Unfortunately for Davison, the power vacuum left by the deaths of Walsingham, and other of Elizabeth's Old Guard, was a Venetian playground, pitting the manipulable Essex—allied to the brothers Francis and Anthony Bacon—against the Venetian-model Cecil family of father William (Lord Burleigh, the Lord Treasurer), and son Robert. The post went to Robert Cecil, and Davison's career was over.

thus molested, and that there was no hope of continuance there, by a joint consent they resolved to go into the Low Countries, where they heard was freedom of Religion for all men." The Scrooby congregation decided to flee England, an illegal act, and after a failed attempt in 1607, about 120 managed to get over to the Netherlands in 1608.

In Amsterdam, they joined with two other exiled English congregations, which had preceded them. One was the Gainsborough congregation of John Smythe, which had fled England about one year earlier. The other was the "The Brethren of the Separation of the First English Church in Amsterdam," the famous Church of the Ancient Brethren, under Rev. Francis Johnson, which had been founded in London in 1592.

From Amsterdam to Leyden

The Amsterdam to which the Pilgrim Brethren fled in 1608 was rapidly becoming something other than the haven of religious toleration and the promise of republicanism which had existed in earlier days. The establishment of the Dutch East India Company in 1602 signalled a profound change, and this was followed by the opening of the Bank of Amsterdam a few years later. A new Venetian system, with values antithetical to those of the Pilgrims, was coming into existence.

The Pilgrims' stay in Amsterdam lasted less than one year. In addition to the ominous political trends in the city, they were greatly disillusioned with the activities of the other English exiles.² The congregations of Johnson and Smythe were mired in internal bickerings, charges of corruption, and religious sectarianism. In 1609, Robinson and Brewster moved their church to the university city of Leyden, where they would remain for 11 years. Both Robinson and Brewster became teachers at the University of Leyden, and during later political storms, their influential Dutch friends at the university intervened repeatedly, in attempts to protect them.

The move to Leyden was almost blocked through the direct intervention of the Stuart monarchy. In 1609, the English Ambassador, Sir Ralph Winwood, acting on behalf of King James, wrote a letter to the Leyden Burgomasters, demanding that they refuse to allow Robinson and his followers to settle there. The Burgomasters denied the English request.

As things went from bad to worse in both England and the Netherlands, Robinson and Brewster taught, wrote, recruited, and built their movement. Bradford says, "Many came unto them from divers parts of England; so as they grew to a great congregation." Newcomers came from Amsterdam's Ancient Church, as well as from London, Boston, Hull, Kent, and Yorkshire, eventually totalling over 300. These recruits in-

2. The Pilgrims found many friends in the Ancient Church, including Henry Ainsworth, who later became the pastor. However, they had strong differences with Francis Johnson, and later, when some of Johnson's followers emigrated to Jamestown, Pilgrim leaders were highly critical of their activities there.

cluded Isaac Allerton, Robert Cushman, Edward Winslow, Thomas Brewer, and John Carver, who married Robinson's sister.

Robinson's writings established him as a prominent figure in the ranks of English non-conformists, both in England and the Netherlands. In 1616, Brewster, together with William Brewer, established a printing press at Leyden which, in addition to printing Robinson's works, turned out a steady stream of books and pamphlets critical of the Stuart monarchy and the leadership of the Church of England. These works influenced not only the exile community; they were smuggled into England and had a powerful effect on the larger Puritan community there.

From Leyden, the combined efforts of Robinson and Brewster were directed straight at the essence of the evil they saw engulfing England. This was a battle which went to the heart of matters such as the nature of man, and the purpose of the nation-state.

2. The Mission

In a speech delivered in Washington D.C., on Jan. 11, 2006, Lyndon LaRouche, discussing the historical mission of America, had the following to say:

Now, we have a very simple universal principle, which starts all modern civilized society: That principle is called in Greek *agapē*, as in the mouth of Socrates in Plato's *Republic*; as in *I Corinthians 13*, again, *agapē*. It's called the General Welfare, the principle of the General Welfare, on which all modern civilized society is based. The principle of the General Welfare: That man and government exists, for what purpose? What's the intention of the existence of man, and government? It's to provide for the welfare, of future generations of mankind according to what? According to the requirement of the *development of the character and quality of mankind*. And the improvement of the universe by virtue of the *existence of that mankind!*

The principle of the General Welfare, as expressed in summation in the Preamble of the Federal Constitution, is the fundamental law. Proceed from that, not from the so-called positive law.

In the modern era, the idea of judging a government's legitimacy, based on that government's commitment to the General Welfare or the Common Good, arose out of 15th-Century Renaissance Europe. Underlying this idea of a political (civil) state based on the General Welfare was a conception of man as a rational creature, made in God's image—i.e., a recognition that there is an unbridgeable species distinction between the divine spark of creativity inherent in all human beings, and the nature of all the lower beasts.



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A plaque in Leyden, Holland commemorates the life of Rev. John Robinson, the pastor and leader of the Pilgrims in Holland. He was the person who most defined the group's mission. Reverend Robinson was prevented by the English monarchy from going to the New World, and remained in exile in the Netherlands until his death, supporting the struggling New England colony in any way he could.

Nicholas of Cusa, the individual most responsible for initiating the Renaissance, wrote in 1433, in Book II of his *Concordantia Catholica*, "Since Natural Law is based on reason, all law by nature is rooted in the reason of man." And in Book III of the same work, he says, "There is in the people a divine seed by virtue of their common equal birth and the equal natural rights of all men, so that all authority—which comes from God as does man himself—is recognized as divine when it arises from the common consent of all the subjects. . . . This is that divinely ordained marital state of spiritual union based on a lasting harmony by which a commonwealth is guided in the fullness of peace toward eternal bliss."

The Pilgrim Church, Agapē, and the Common Good

This idea, of the rational nature of man, and that only a society based on the principle of the Common Good is coherent with that nature, defines the mission of the Pilgrim Brethren. Their unwavering commitment to that mission was a beacon, which set them apart from almost all other separatist and Puritan groups. Many of the Protestant churches were sectarian, sometimes fanatical, and almost always intolerant.

The remarkable thing about the church of John Robinson and William Brewster was that it was none of those things. In practice, it was tolerant, to the extreme, of other churches and religious views. Robinson also warned against the dogmatic fundamentalism of the other churches. In his Farewell Address to the Pilgrim emigrants in 1620, as reported by eyewitness Edward Winslow, Robinson “took occasion also miserably to bewail the state and condition of the reformed churches, who were come to a period in religion, and would go no further than the instruments of their reformation. As for example the Lutherans—they could not be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw. . . . And so also the Calvinists, they stick where he left them; a misery much to be lamented. . . . He also put us in mind of our church covenant, at least that part of it whereby we promise and covenant with God, and one with another, to receive whatever light or truth shall be made known to us. . . .”

But these differences pale in importance to the quality

The Mayflower Compact

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, e&

Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia [the original meaning of the term “Virginia” covered the whole Atlantic seaboard—ed.]; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620.

[Signed]

John Carver, William Brewster, William Bradford, Isaac Allerton, Edward Winslow, & 36 others

with which Robinson’s ministry is most identified: an unwavering commitment to *agapē* and the Common Good. At the time of Robinson’s death in 1625, a collection of 62 of his essays, which had been written over many years, was published under the title, *Observations Divine and Moral*. Representative titles include “Of God’s Love,” “Of Created Goodness,” “Of Equability and Perseverance in Well-doing,” and “Of Society and Friendship.” The following brief quotes give a very accurate picture of the essence of the motivating beliefs of Robinson and his Brethren:

Of God’s Love—“But being once drawn sweetly by the cords of God’s goodness, and love, we readily, and pleasingly follow after him; as being debtors, and constrained, not by necessity, but, which binds more strongly, by love.”

• *Of Created Goodness*—“First, We must do [good] in obedience to God’s commandments. . . . Secondly, That we do it at all times, as we have opportunity. . . . Thirdly, We must do good readily. . . . Fourthly, According to our ability. . . . Fifthly, We must have respect to men’s present wants; and not only consider what we can spare but withal what they stand most need of. . . . Sixthly, We must do good to all. . . .”

• *Of Faith, Hope, and Love, Reason and Sense*—“Thus, to love God is to become godly, and to have the mind, after a sort, deified, ‘being made partakers of the divine nature’ He that loves not his brother whom he sees, how can he love God whom he sees not? . . . And so natural to Christians is this brotherly love as that the apostle makes account he need not write to the churches, to teach them that which God taught them so many ways. . . . If we were perfect in this love, we needed no other law to rule us, either in the duties towards God, or our neighbors . . . and, indeed, to love as we ought, is a very happy thing, wherein we resemble God.” In the same essay, Robinson writes, “Reason is that wherein man goes before all other earthly creatures and comes after God only. . . . For whereas God and nature hath furnished other creatures, some with hoofs, others with other instruments, and weapons both defensive and offensive, man is left naked, and destitute of all these, but may comfort himself in that one endowment of reason, and providence, whereby he is able to govern them all.”

• *Of Liberality and Its Contraries*—“Liberality teacheth us to bestow our worldly goods, when, upon whom, and as we ought, in obedience unto God, and for men’s good. This is to be done without hope of requital from them, as not being a mercenary virtue, but wherein a man looks to his duty to others, and not to a profit from them.”

• *Of Society and Friendship*—“God hath made man a sociable creature; and hath not only ordained several societies, in which persons are to unite themselves for their mutual welfare; but withal so dispensed his blessings as that no man is so barren but hath something wherewith to profit others; nor any so furnished but that he stands in need of others to supply his wants.”

• *Of Religion, and Differences and Disputations There-*

about—"There are also religious hypocrites not a few, who, because of a certain zeal which they have for and in the duties of the first table, repute themselves highly in God's favor, though they be far from that innocency towards men, specially from that goodness and love indeed, which the Lord hath inseparably joined with a true religious disposition. Such persons vainly imagine God to be like unto the most great men, who, if their followers be obsequious to them in their persons, and zealous for them in the things, which more immediately concern their honors and profits, do highly esteem of them; though their dealings with others, specially meaner men, be far from honest or good. But God is not partial as men are; nor regards that church and chamber religion towards him, which is not accompanied in the house and streets, with loving kindness and mercy and all goodness towards men."

Robinson's Parting Instructions

When the Pilgrims left Holland, Pastor John Robinson wrote a farewell letter to the departing brethren, to be read by them on route to the New World. A comparison of this letter with the later *Mayflower* Compact (see box), shows how carefully the voyagers heeded his instructions. To his brothers and sisters, Robinson wrote:

... After this heavenly peace with God and our own consciences, we are carefully to provide for peace with all men what in us lieth, especially with our associates. ... Your intended course of civil community will minister continual occasion of offence, and will be as fuel for that fire, except you diligently quench it with brotherly forbearance. ... That with common employments, you join common affections truly bent upon the general good, avoiding as a deadly plague all retiredness of mind for one's own personal advantage. ... Let every man repress in himself, and the whole body, in each person (as so many rebels against the common good) all private respects of men's selves not sorting with the general conveniency. ... Another thing there is to be carefully provided for, to wit, that with your common employments you join common affections truly bent upon the general good. ...

Lastly, whereas you are become a body politic, using among yourselves civil government, and are not furnished with any persons of special eminence above the rest, to be chosen by you into office of government, let your wisdom and godliness appear, not only in choosing such persons as do entirely love and will promote the common good, but also in yielding unto them all due honor and obedience in their lawful administrations. ... And this duty you both may the more willingly and ought the more conscionably to perform, because you are at least for the present to have only them for your ordinary governors, which yourselves shall make choice of for that work.



The 1582 revolution in Venice brought Paolo Sarpi's Giovani party to power, and set into motion the project to create Venetian clones in northern Europe—notably England and the Netherlands.

These words were Robinson's final instructions to those who sailed for America. To their credit, and the benefit of future generations, the *Mayflower* voyagers kept Robinson's trust.

3. The Peril

By 1617, the situation facing the Leyden congregation was desperate. The English and Dutch governments were determined to eradicate the church, its leaders were being hunted, and Europe was plunging headlong into the bloody Thirty Years' War. Political and military developments throughout Europe threatened to obliterate all opposition to oligarchical rule. Compounding this crisis were the continuing reverberations of the 1582 revolution in Venice, which brought Paolo Sarpi's Giovani party to power, and set into motion the project to create new Venetian clones in the northern parts of Europe.

This crisis had been building for several decades. The Commonwealth heritage of Queen Elizabeth's grandfather Henry VII was largely a memory by the end of Elizabeth's long reign, as religious strife and Venetian subversion brought England almost to the point of ungovernability. Venetian agents, such as the powerful Cecil family, disoriented and manipulated Elizabeth, particularly after her excommunication by Pope Pius V in 1570. Following the royally ordered execution of Mary Stuart in 1587, Elizabeth's England sank continually deeper into crisis.³

3. The greatest source of insight into the events of these years is found in the works of William Shakespeare. His "History" plays detail the murderous era of the Plantagenet monarchs, which preceded the Commonwealth of Henry VII. *The Merchant of Venice*, produced in 1596, is a dramatic warning against the ascendent Venetian faction in London, and *Henry V* in 1599 and *Julius*

These were also the years in which Venetian-style financial and trading institutions began to appear in London. The year 1581 witnessed the creation of the first of the new joint-stock trading companies, the Turkey Company, co-founded by Cecil and Walsingham. In rapid succession, this was followed by the founding of the Venice Company, the Levant Company, and the East India Company.

Throughout this entire period, religious persecution became more and more acute, as the Church of England began to assume its role as a key institutional pillar of the new oligarchical state. In 1583, John Whitgift became the head of the Church of England, and began a relentless campaign against all non-conformists. In 1592, the separatist Ancient Brethren Church in London was shut down, and three of its principal leaders, Barrow, Greenwood, and Penry, were executed. In 1593, Queen Elizabeth issued Royal Statute 35, ordering suppression of all dissidents.

After the ascension of James I, and the Hampton Court Conference of 1604, the situation became even worse. All tolerance was abandoned, and religious non-conformity was brutally suppressed.

The New Paradigm in London

The 1603 coronation of James I brought the Venetian party more fully into power in London. Many leading English figures now travelled to Venice and consulted with Paolo Sarpi. Robert Cecil, who remained Secretary of State when James took the throne, had paid his visit in earlier years. Others in Sarpi's orbit included Francis Bacon, William Cavendish, and Thomas Hobbes. Both Hobbes and Cavendish would later become major players in the Virginia Company.

The creation of a new Venice in London also required new theories of international law, trade, and economics, to justify the anti-Commonwealth practices of a new maritime/financial empire. At Oxford, the Aristotelian scholar Albericus Gentilis (Alberico Gentile), the leader of a pro-Venetian circle which included John Donne and Henry Wotton, provided that epistemological basis. Gentilis's major work, *De Iuri Belli Libri Tres (Three Books on the Laws of War)*, which contains a strong defense of the practice of enslaving native populations, dismisses the idea of a society based on the Common Good, and instead argues for a theory of international law based on the primacy of private property rights (see box).

This idea, of the subjugation of the state to private property rights, also figured heavily in the work of Gentilis's contemporary Edward Coke, the "father of English Common Law." History books often portray Coke as the champion of the "rights of Parliament" and the supremacy of the "Common Law" against the absolutism of the Stuart monarchy. But the political allies of Coke, including Cavendish and others, were precisely the group intent on importing the Venetian system

Caesar in 1600 should have dissuaded Essex and Southampton from their suicidal coup attempt.

of a maritime/financial empire, and a legal system grounded in "private property rights," into England. In his major work, *Institutes of the Laws of England*, Coke defends the 1618 establishment of slavery in the new Virginia colony, and justifies slavery, by saying, "An individual taken in battle should remain bound to his taker forever, and he to do with him, [and] all that should come of him, his will and pleasure, as with his beast or any other cattle, to give, or to sell, or to kill."⁴

The Netherlands

In the Low Countries—the hoped-for haven of the Pilgrim Brethren—events were also taking a very bad turn. Earlier, in 1572, William of Orange (William the Silent) had raised

4. Black African slaves were brought into Jamestown by the Virginia Company as early as 1618, and the first public auction of slaves in Virginia occurred in 1638.

Property Rights vs. The Commonwealth

The creation of the Portuguese and Spanish maritime empires, and then, more emphatically, the Dutch and English trading companies, required that a new "philosophical" rationale, to justify their anti-human practices. What emerged was a modern, radically empiricist, notion of "Private Property Rights," in direct opposition to the Renaissance ideal of the Commonwealth.

In 1526 the Dominican friar Francisco de Vitoria initiated a series of lectures at the Spanish University of Salamanca. Under his tutelage, a new school of international law and monetary theory was developed, both at the Dominican-run Salamanca and, later, at the Jesuit-run Coimbra University. Deeply Aristotelian, and beginning from the axioms of Roman Law, Vitoria and his followers created the first modern theories of free trade and property rights.

One of the central propositions of the Salamancans was the idea that individual private-property rights derive from natural law—i.e., that private property is an institution of the *jus gentium* (law of nations); it is not a creature of the *jus civile* (man-made civil law). Under this theory, private property *precedes* the existence of the (man-made) nation-state, and, therefore, the state exists primarily to protect the institution of private property. The state has a limited power of *dominium jurisdictiones* (the power to punish crime), but not *dominium proprietatis* (the right of ownership).

Among the Spanish and Portuguese epigones of Vito-

the banner of revolt against the horrific religious persecution and economic looting inflicted on the Netherlands by the Spanish Hapsburgs. The Dutch revolt was not a religious or Protestant rebellion; it was a war for national salvation.⁵ By 1579, the northern provinces had been liberated and the Union of Utrecht was proclaimed. In the treaty which formalized that Union, William insisted on the inclusion of a clause (Article 13) guaranteeing liberty of conscience in religious worship, and prohibiting the persecution of anyone for religious reasons. Two years earlier, William had issued an order to the Magistrates of Middleburg, stating, “We declare that you have no right to interfere with the conscience of anyone, so long as he has done nothing that works injury to another per-

5. See Friedrich Schiller, *History of Revolt of the Netherlands*.

son.” In 1581, the Magistrates of the University of Leyden, which had been founded by William in 1575, issued a declaration which said, “Liberty has always consisted in uttering our sentiments freely; and the contrary has always been considered the characteristic of tyranny. Reason, which is the adversary of all tyrants, teaches us that truth can be as little restrained as light.”

By the 1580s, hundreds of English men and women, seeking to escape persecution in their own land, began crossing over into the Netherlands.

But in 1584, William the Silent was murdered by a Jesuit assassin, and the Dutch situation immediately went off the track, albeit gradually at first. By 1600, the Netherlands was being transformed into the Venice of the north (see box, next page). Amsterdam, previously a second-tier city, was built up as the new financial center, with the direct financial backing of Venice, as well as Venetian-allied emigrés from Antwerp,

ria were Diego de Covarruvias, Fernando Vasquez de Menchaca, Domingo de Soto, Leonard de Leys (Lessius), and Martin de Azpilcueta Navarro (Navarrus). The writings of these authors had a pervasive influence on many in the Protestant north, including Grotius, Albericus Gentilis, Althusias, Puffendorf, and John Locke.

Grotius’s *Mare Liberum* (*The Freedom of the Seas*) was written to justify global looting by the Dutch East India Company. Albericus Gentilis was the Oxford Regius Professor of Civil Law from 1580 to 1608, during the exact period of the birth of the joint-stock trading companies, and his writings, such as *De Juri Belli Libri Ires*, were intended to provide the legal and philosophical justification for the new liberal imperial model. At Oxford, Gentilis was closely allied with Henry Wotton, the English ambassador to Venice and confidant of Paolo Sarpi.

John Locke

Locke’s collected works read like a hymn to Private Property. His warped idea of human freedom derives from the Roman Law concept that humanity originally existed in a perfect “state of nature,” i.e., that human freedom is indistinguishable from wild beasts: in nature all beasts are created free and equal. Man—as the beasts—has the right to defend his life, liberty, and possessions. According to Locke, this antagonistic state of nature still exists between individuals and between nations.

In the second book of Locke’s *Two Treatises on Government*, he bluntly states, “The great and chief end therefore, of Men’s uniting into Commonwealths, and putting themselves under Government, is the preservation of their property.” Private property rights existed before the creation of the state, and the role of the state is to protect

this property.

Locke’s argument entails a bizarre interpretation of the Book of Genesis: “At the beginning of mankind’s existence, ‘the Law man was under, was rather for *appropriating*. God Commanded, and his wants forced him to *labour*. That was his *property* which could not be taken from him where-ever he had fixed it. And hence subduing or cultivating the Earth, and having Dominion, we see are joined together. The one gave Title to the other. So that God, by commanding to subdue, gave Authority so far to *appropriate* . . . [which] necessarily introduces *private possessions*.’ ”

In *Some Considerations of the Consequences of the Lowering of Interest and Raising the Value of Money*, Locke goes beyond simple property rights and raises the issue of money, itself, as a “special” kind of property, imbued with almost magical powers. This rabid monetarism is earlier found in Navarrus and several other of the Salamancans.

Slavery is, for Locke, merely the epitome of property rights: “There is another sort of Servants, which by a peculiar Name, we call *slaves*, who being Captives taken in a Just War, are by the Right of Nature subjugated to the Absolute Dominion and Arbitrary Power of their Masters. These Men having, as I say, forfeited their Lives, and with it their Liberties, and lost their Estates; and being in the *state of slavery*, not capable of any property, cannot in that state be considered as any part of *civil society*; the chief end whereof is the preservation of *property*.”

Grotius and Gentilis also are explicit in their defense of slavery and the global slave trade. Slavery, Free trade, Property Rights: the holy trinity of the Anglo-Dutch maritime paradigm.—Robert Ingraham

such as the families of Jan de Wael and Jacob Poppin. In 1602, the Dutch East India Company (the Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie, or VOC) was founded under the leadership of Oldenbarneveldt and Grotius. In 1608, the new stock market opened, and the Bank of Amsterdam began operations the next year, thus putting into place the private financial triumvirate, which de facto ruled the Netherlands.

In 1606, the Dutch government offered military aid to Venice during the Interdict crisis, after the excommunication of the Doge and Paolo Sarpi. In 1609, Venice became the first government to recognize Dutch independence from Spain, and Oldenbarnevelt's son was sent to Venice as the first Dutch Ambassador. By 1610, Venice and the Netherlands were de facto military allies, as the Dutch fleet patrolled the Adriatic Sea to protect Venice from a Spanish attack.

The Crisis: 1618-1620

In 1617, John Robinson and William Brewster made the momentous decision to remove their congregation from Leyden to the New World in America. Their situation in the

Netherlands was hopeless. The English throne, in cooperation with the Dutch government, was targeting the Pilgrim church for destruction, and the Netherlands, together with the rest of Europe, was speeding headlong into war. As William Bradford, later the Governor of the Plymouth Colony, wrote, "For the 12 years of truce were now out: and there was nothing but the beating of drums and preparing for war." In early 1618, the Dutch government signed a formal military alliance with the Venetian Senate, guaranteeing that the Dutch would be drawn into the war.

Even more dangerous was the threat from London. In 1610, with the publication of his *A Justification of Separation from the Church of England*, John Robinson became one of the most dangerous critics of the Stuart regime in London. In this work, Robinson flatly denies the validity of a "national" church, and the idea of royal supremacy over the church. He emphasizes that a church is "a company . . . , gathered into the name of Christ by a covenant made to walk in all the ways of God known unto them."

In 1616, William Brewster and Thomas Brewer estab-

A New Venice in the North

Five years after the 1582 political revolution which brought Paolo Sarpi's *Giovani* party to power, the Venetian government founded the Banco Rialto in 1587. This would serve as the paradigm for the new financial institutions to be created in England and the Netherlands. The *Giovani* party also abandoned Venice's traditional foreign policy, as the controller of the Hapsburg monarchies and the Vatican, and shifted into an alliance with England and the Dutch, aiming to clone the Venetian oligarchical system to England and the Netherlands.

After the assassination of William the Silent in 1585, Venetian assets in the Netherlands gradually took control of the economic and political developments there. In 1601 the Dutch East India Company was founded. This was followed in 1608 by the opening of the Amsterdam Bourse (stock exchange), and in 1609 by the founding of the Bank of Amsterdam (*Wisselbank*), modeled directly on the Banco Rialto. In 1621 the Dutch West India Company was founded, for the express purpose of challenging the Spanish for control of the African slave trade. By mid-century the Dutch were the world's largest slave-traders.

Although the Dutch East India Company (VOC) was a "private company," it was empowered to wage wars, conclude treaties, build fortresses, and enlist naval and military personnel. All employees pledged an oath of alle-

giance to the company. It dominated Asia trade for almost two centuries. From 1602 to 1795, the VOC sent 4,785 ships to Asia, and carried more than 2.5 million tons of Asian goods. In comparison, during the same period, the British East India Company sent 2,650 ships, and carried only 500,000 tons of goods.

The anti-Commonwealth nature of these developments is starkly clear in a 1644 Proclamation of the Board of Directors of the East India Company, which said, "The places and strongholds which they [the VOC] have captured in the East Indies should not be regarded as national conquests, but as the property of private merchants, who were entitled to sell these places to whomsoever they wished, even if it was the King of Spain."

Events in England were similar, if less advanced. It would not be until the "Glorious Revolution" of 1688, which brought the Dutch House of Orange to the throne of England, that the full Venetian financial system was put into place in England. Nevertheless, it was in the final years of Elizabeth's reign, and then under James I, that the process began. These developments included the founding of several joint-stock trading companies, including the London "Turkey Company" in 1581, and the London "Venice Company" in 1583. These companies went through several mergers, finally resulting in the creation of the British East India Company in 1600. Other companies included the Muscovy Company, the Bermuda (Somers Island) Company, and the two Virginia Companies (London and Plymouth), both founded in 1606.

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King James I in 1604 ordered all dissident religious factions to submit to the authority of the Crown and the hierarchy of the Church of England. In response, William Brewster, John Robinson, and others organized the independent congregation that would later provide most of the passengers on the Mayflower.

lished the Choir Alley Press, and for the next 2½ years they published a steady flow of books and pamphlets attacking James I and the leadership of the Church of England. At that point, the Crown moved directly against the Leyden Church. King James issued orders to seize the printers and have “the Devil rise their souls and bodies all in collops and cast them into hell.” Then he sent over to Holland, as his new Ambassador, Sir Dudley Carleton, formerly the English Ambassador to Venice and a friend of Paolo Sarpi, with orders to shut down the press and arrest the publishers.

The Dutch government, including the States General, as well as the Stadtholder Maurice (the Prince of Orange), cooperated fully with the English manhunt against Brewster and Brewer. In December 1618, the States General banned all “unlicensed printing.” The location of the press was secret, and for two years, English and Dutch authorities searched for its location. On Sept. 13, 1619, Carleton sent a letter to King James stating that he has spoken personally with the Prince of Orange to secure the arrest of Brewster and the shutdown of the Pilgrim Press. Carleton reports, “Brewster keeps mostly

to Amsterdam, but he is not yet to be lighted upon. . . . I shall lay wait for him there and in other places.” Shortly after this letter, the printing presses were located and seized, and Brewer was arrested. Brewster slipped through the net and escaped.

On Oct. 23, 1619, King James wrote a letter to Carleton, ordering him to pursue and arrest Brewster. This was followed by several more letters from James and his Secretary of State, Robert Naunton, and efforts to find Brewster continued through November and December.

That same year, Robinson published *A Just and Necessary Apology*, in which he challenged the oligarchical system being established in England, saying, it is “by the people whose liberty, and right in voting, we thus avow, and stand for, in matters truly public and ecclesiastical.”

On Jan. 12, 1620, the Dutch States General banned the printing of any “slandrous” pamphlets in the Netherlands. This ban, adopted at the insistence of King James’ Privy Council, specifically outlawed the printing of all religious pamphlets and books by resident foreigners in the Netherlands.

Through the remainder of 1619 and into 1620, Brewster was a hunted man, with a royal arrest warrant over his head. He was not found in the Netherlands because he was already secretly back in England, together with Robert Cushman, involved in secret negotiations to effect the emigration of the Church to America.

In London, the Privy Council blocked all efforts of the Pilgrims to emigrate. Finding no outlet in England, Robinson then made arrangements, in April 1620, with Dutch merchants to transport the congregation to America, but Prince Maurice personally intervened and ordered the merchants to break off negotiations. Finally, in the Spring of 1620, agreement was reached with a group of English investors, the “Merchant Adventurers,” to transport them. But the cost was high. Robert Cushman and John Carver were forced to agree to onerous financial conditions, which would make the colonists little more than vassals. At the same time, the Merchants were adamant that Robinson would not be allowed to go. Brewster, who had been in hiding for over one year, managed to board the *Mayflower*, incognito, under the name of Master Williamson. John Robinson was never allowed to leave the Netherlands.

4. The Genesis of America

The Pilgrim exodus began on July 22, 1620, when more than 100 members of the Leyden Church sailed from the Dutch port of Delft (Delfshaven). The majority of the congregation was left behind, with the plan to join them later in the New World. In describing the scene at Delft that day, one of the participants, Edward Winslow, wrote, “Never, I persuade myself, never people on earth lived more lovingly together,

and parted more sweetly than we, the Church of Leyden.” The emigrés sailed first to England, where they were delayed for almost seven weeks, and they did not finally depart for America until Sept. 6. They were forced to change their port of departure from London to Southampton, because of the certainty that Brewster and others would have been arrested in London.

The *Mayflower* arrived at Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1620. A second ship, the *Fortune*, arrived 11 months later, bringing 32 more colonists. In 1623, new colonists arrived on two more ships, the *Ann* and the *Little James*. By the Autumn of 1623, there were about 180 people living in the colony, almost all of whom were from the Leyden Church. Passengers on the *Mayflower* became known as the “old stock,” and, in later years, the passengers in these first four ships were known throughout New England as the “old comers.”

The first Winter was incredibly hard. Most of the voyagers arrived at Plymouth very ill, and the first house built became a hospital. Between Dec. 1 and May 1, one half of the company died, many from acute pulmonary tuberculosis (“galloping consumption”). During the first two years of 1621 and 1622, the Pilgrims existed in a condition of semi-famine, which reached near and real starvation by the Winter of 1622-23. In the Summer of 1623, a promising crop was almost completely destroyed by drought.

From the start, the colony was under the thumb of both its financial controllers, the Merchant Adventurers, as well as the royally chartered Plymouth Company, which held their patent (legal right to emigrate). The Plymouth Company, and its later reincarnation the Council for New England, had a monopoly on English settlement in New England, and its leader, Ferdinando Gorges, was very close to the Stuart monarchy, with aspirations to a personal feudal empire in America.

In November 1622, King James issued a royal proclamation prohibiting unauthorized trade in the area under the jurisdiction of the Council for New England, making it illegal for the Plymouth Colony to have business dealings with anyone, except those approved by Gorges. In the same year, Gorges attempted to take direct control of all New England colonization by establishing a “proprietary” system of hereditary estates, with land grants to the nobility. Gorges’s son sailed, with two Anglican clergy, to establish a new colony in Massachusetts, and to “take control” of all of New England. The Gorges colony failed during the first Winter, and all its survivors returned to England.

During 1623 and 1624, several attempts by John Robinson to leave the Netherlands and emigrate to the Plymouth Colony were blocked by the Merchant Adventurers, undoubtedly acting on instructions from the Privy Council and the Church of England. During that same period, there was an unsuccessful attempt by a group of the Merchant Adventurers to take legal “property right” control of the Plymouth Colony

and reduce the Pilgrims to tenant farmers. This attempt was defeated by the Pilgrims’ agents and allies in London.

The most serious attempt to force subjugation came in 1624, when the Merchant Adventurers sent over a Puritan minister from the Church of England, Master John Lyford, with written instructions that the Pilgrims adopt the Presbyterian discipline. This was a demand to accept total subservience to the Episcopal Church, and the political machine associated with the Church and the monarchy. The Pilgrim leaders refused to back down and expelled Lyford from the colony.

In 1625, the Merchants sent a letter to the colony, reiterating their demand for a role in the Plymouth government. They informed Brewster, Bradford, and the other colony leaders, that they would block all attempts to bring John Robinson over from Leyden, unless he would submit to the authority of the Anglican Church.

On May 13 of the same year, the new English King, Charles I, issued a royal proclamation, announcing that there would be “one uniform government” throughout his entire realm, including most definitely, the Virginia and New England colonies. On Dec. 1, Roger White, the deacon of the (still existing) Leyden Church, sent a letter to William Bradford, warning of the deadly threat that this proclamation posed to the Plymouth Colony.

The Plymouth leadership knew that the colony would not survive unless they freed themselves from London’s interference, particularly the oppressive control of the Merchant Adventurers. Miles Standish was sent to London, with instructions to reach a deal to buy out the Merchant Adventurers, to whom the colonists still owed £1,400. This attempt failed, but a second group, led by Isaac Allerton, was sent over the next year to continue the negotiations, and in 1627, a deal was signed, whereby eight of the Pilgrim leaders agreed to buy out the Merchant Adventurers and assume their debt, which was renegotiated to £1,800, to be paid over nine years. This left them deeply in debt, but henceforth largely independent from outside interference.

Two more ships arrived in 1628 and 1629, bringing additional brethren from Leyden into the colony, and in 1630, Governor Bradford was able to obtain a new legal patent for the colony, which gave them legal independence from the Council of New England. In the 1630s, the colony finally began to thrive, and by the end of the decade, it included eight separate towns.

A Commonwealth Seedling

Brewster, Bradford, Allerton, and the other Plymouth leaders never wavered from the parting instructions given to them by John Robinson in 1620: “You are become a body politic, using among yourselves civil government, and are not furnished with any persons of special eminence above the rest, to be chosen by you into office of government, let your wisdom and godliness appear, not only in choosing such per-

sons as do entirely love and will promote the common good, but also in yielding unto them all due honor and obedience in their lawful administrations. . . .”

The paradigm for the way in which the Plymouth Colony organized its civil affairs is found in the nature of the Leyden Church itself. Unlike the Presbyterian system of almost all of the other Puritan and separatist churches, Robinson developed a model, which would later be called Congregationalism. Democratic in spirit, the Leyden Church emphasized the participation of all members in the day-to-day affairs of the church. More to the point, the Pilgrim church, with its emphasis on *agapē*, saw in each one of its Brethren, the potential for a human being to walk “in imitation of Christ.” Robinson also initiated a unique innovation, the concept of “Teaching Elders.” Other Protestant churches had a hierarchy of a minister, and what were called “Ruling Elders,” which were bureaucratic positions of authority. Robinson required that all Elders to be able to teach and lead the congregation.

The Plymouth Colony was not a theocracy. From the beginning, all major government officials were elected by majority vote. This was codified with the adoption of a constitution for the colony in 1636. Because of the Pilgrims’ policy of religious toleration, as the years passed, several persecuted groups, such as Quakers and Anabaptists, settled in the colony. They were all allowed to vote, and to fully participate in the colony’s civil affairs. There was an absolute separation of religious and civil government, and church officials were banned from elective office, which explains why William Brewster never served in the Plymouth government. In the absence of Robinson, it was Brewster, as the elected Elder of the congregation, who led the Plymouth Church.

Robinson’s Guidance

John Robinson died at Leyden in 1625, but in those crucial first five years of the Plymouth Colony’s existence, he fought, from Leyden, to sustain the colonists through their worst crises, and keep them steadfast to their adopted mission.

After the news of the colony’s first catastrophic year reached Robinson, he immediately dispatched a letter in June 1621, which was read to all the colonists at a public meeting. It said in part, “Much beloved Brethren. . . . The deaths of so many, our dear friends and brethren, oh! how grievous hath it been to you to bear, and to us to take knowledge of; which, if it could be mended with lamenting, could not sufficiently be bewailed; but we must go unto them, and they shall not return unto us. . . . In a battle it is not looked for but that divers should die; it is thought well for a side if it get the victory, though with the loss of divers, if not too many or too great. God, I hope, hath given you the victory. . . .”

In the Summer of 1623, another letter from Robinson arrived in the colony, saying, “Let it not be grievous to you that you have been instruments to break the ice for others who

come after with less difficulty; the honor shall be yours to the world’s end.”

Robinson also intervened in the problem of the colony’s relations with the native Indians. When he was informed that Miles Standish had killed several Indians during a confrontation, he sent a letter to Plymouth reprimanding Standish and stating that, in their treatment of the Indians, the colonists must exhibit “that tenderness of the life of man, made after God’s image.” In 1621, a treaty of peace was signed with the local Indian tribes, and in October of that year, the colonists and their Indian friends jointly celebrated the first Thanksgiving—which occurred in fact, and is not folklore.

In describing John Robinson, and his leadership of the Pilgrim Brethren, William Bradford would later write in *On Plymouth Plantation*:

Yea such was the mutual love and reciprocal respect that this worthy man had to his flock and his flock to him. . . . It was hard to judge whether he delighted more in having such a preacher, or they in having such a pastor. His love was great towards them, and his care was always bent for their best good, both for soul and body; for besides his singular abilities in divine things, he was also very able to give directions in civil affairs. . . . And none did more offend him than those who were close and cleaving to themselves, and retired from the common good.

Robert Cushman’s Sermon

When the *Fortune* arrived at Plymouth, among the passengers was Robert Cushman, who had been recruited to Robinson’s church in Holland from the Ancient Brethren congregation. On Dec. 21, 1621, Cushman preached a sermon to the 100 or so combined colonists at Plymouth. Titled “The Sin and Danger of Self Love,” Cushman’s sermon was based on the phrase “Let no man seek his own but every man another’s wealth,” from *I Corinthians* 10:24. In this sermon, Cushman said:

I charge you, let this self-seeking be left off, and turn the stream another way, namely, seek the good of your Brethren. Please them, Honor them, Reverence them. . . . Every man must seek the good of another. . . . Howsoever, some may think this too large a practice, since now the world is so full of people, yet I see not but the more people there is, the larger Charity ought to be. . . . We are bound each to other, so that his wants must be my wants, his sorrows my sorrows, his sickness my sickness, and his welfare my welfare, for I am as he is. And such a sweet sympathy were excellent, comfortable, yea, heavenly, and is the only maker and observer of Churches and commonwealths. . . . Men are forced to ask sometimes rather than starve, but indeed in all

societies it should be offered to them. . . . What is man if he be not sociable, kind, affable, free-hearted, liberal; he is a beast in the shape of a man. . . . Nothing in this world doth more resemble heavenly happiness, than for men to live as one, being of one heart.

If there is any doubt about the unique orientation of the Plymouth Colony, in the very same sermon Cushman warns the Plymouth colonists about the developments occurring at the Jamestown, Virginia colony:

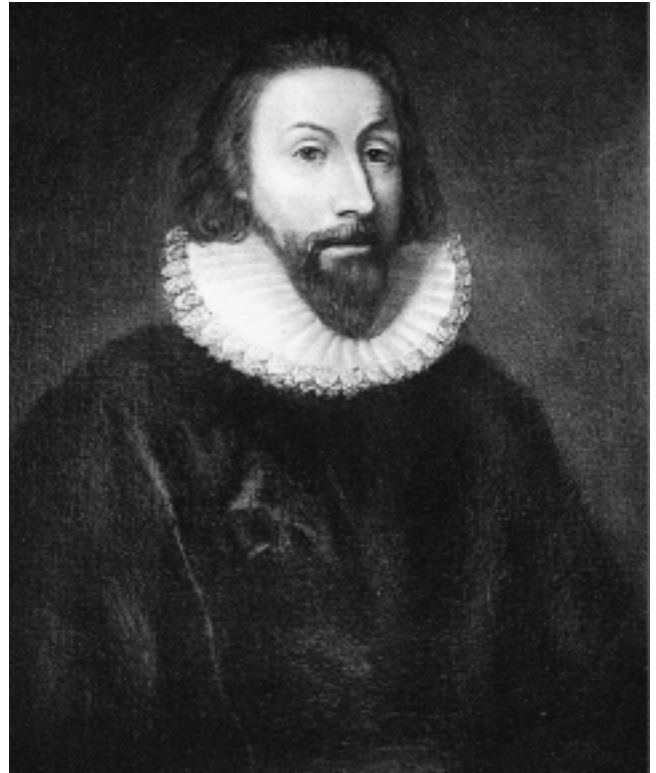
It is reported that there are many men gone to that other Plantation (Jamestown) in Virginia, which, whilst they lived in England, seemed very religious, zealous, and conscionable, and have now lost even the sap of grace, and edge to all goodness, and are become mere worldlings. . . . Men come out of discontentment in regard to their estates in England; and aiming at great matters here, affecting it to be Gentlemen, Landed men, or hoping for Office, Place, Dignity, or fleshy Liberty; let the show be what it will, the substance is naught, and that bird of self love which was hatched at home, if it be not looked to, will eat out the life of all grace and goodness: and though men have escaped the danger of the Sea, and that cruel mortality, which swept away so many of our loving friends and brethren; yet except they purge out this self-love, a worse mischief is prepared for them.

When Cushman returned to London, he published a pamphlet, *Emigration to America*, urging the advantages of settling in the New World. In it he wrote, “A man must not respect only to live and do good to himself, but he should see where he can live to do most good to others.” This pamphlet was widely read during the 1620s, and influenced many, probably including the circles around John Winthrop.

5. John Winthrop and the Boston Colony

In 1626, a new wave of immigrants arrived in New England with the establishment of the Puritan Colony in Salem. Additional reinforcements came over during the next three years, including the Puritan leader John Endicott in 1628. In 1630, the banner year, witnessed the arrival of the large Puritan expedition consisting of ten ships and over 800 passengers, led by John Winthrop, and leading to the rapid settlement of Boston.

In March 1630, on the eve of their departure from England, John Winthrop delivered an address to the Puritan colonists. This speech was later published under the title *A Model of Christian Charity*. Winthrop’s notable comments include:



John Winthrop, founder of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, understood the Puritans’ mission as the creation of a new nation, not based on the feudal-oligarchical principles which governed Europe. He instituted programs of public education, manufacturing, an independent currency, and other measures which the English monarchy came to view (correctly) as a mortal threat.

- God made men different so that “every man might have need of other, and from hence they might all be knit more nearly together in the band of brotherly affection.”
- “No man is made more honorable than another . . . out of any particular and singular respect to himself, but for the glory of his creator and the Common good.”
- Society must be based on “two rules whereby we are to walk one towards another: Justice and Mercy. . . . The former derived from the Natural Law of Creation, the latter from the law of grace.”
- Justice—“Everyman to love his neighbor as himself.”
- Mercy—“Each man to help others, beyond what he can afford.”
- “We ought to account ourselves knit together by this bond of love, and live in the exercise of it.”
- “The care of the public must oversway all private interests.”
- The colonists will be “as a City upon a Hill. The eyes of all people are upon us.”
- “We must love one another with a pure heart, fervently, so that we delight in each other, mourn together, labor and

suffer together. . . . We must bear one another's burdens."

- "Men should labor to love one another, and harbor the best thoughts one of another. We have not long to live in this life yet we shall here remain as long as our appointed times are set."

The coherence of these views with those of John Robinson and the Pilgrim Brethren is obvious.

The mission of John Winthrop was to create a Commonwealth in the New World. This article is not the place for a lengthy description of the Puritan colonization. The best political source for that story is in H. Graham Lowry's *How the Nation Was Won*. But a brief description of the dirigist measures undertaken by the Winthrop leadership will demonstrate how aggressively the Puritans pursued that goal. Some highlights follow:

Liberty and Republican Government:

In a 1645 speech, Winthrop set forth his notion of republican liberty, saying that there is the natural liberty of beasts to do what one likes, which "makes men grow more evil, and in time, to be worse than brute beasts," but also the higher Civil (or Federal) liberty, which "is liberty to that only which is good, just, and honest."

In 1641, the Massachusetts government ratified a "Body of Liberties," and this was followed, in 1648, with a "Declaration of Laws and Liberties."

Public Education:

In 1635, the first free grammar school opened in Boston. In 1640, New England Cambridge College (later Harvard College and University) opened, and in 1647, the Massachusetts government enacted a law, requiring that "every town of 100 families or more shall provide free common and grammar school instruction." As John Cotton said in *Christ the Fountain of Life*, "Zeal is but a wild fire without knowledge."

Economic and Monetary Policy:

Winthrop fought for an economic policy based explicitly on the Common Good. He battled all attempts of the London merchants and speculators to loot the colony with policies of free trade and usury. Winthrop denounced "the common rule that most men walked by in all their commerce, to buy as cheap as they could, and to sell as dear."

One initiative was the idea of a "just price." In 1635, the General Court (the Massachusetts government) appointed nine men to set prices on incoming items, and in a 1639 sermon, John Cotton said, "A man may not sell above the current price, i.e., such a price as is usual in the time and place, and as another would give for it if he had occasion to use it. . . . In case private men cannot agree on a common estimate, the governor, with one or more of the council will be able to make the matter clear. . . ."

Faced with the widespread bankruptcy among farmers, the government enacted debt relief, and allowed debts to be paid with grain, livestock, etc. They also ruled that legal cases of debt must be tried where the plaintiff lives (i.e., Massachusetts debtors could not be brought to court by their creditors

in England). Another bill provided that the Commonwealth assume the debts of those unable to pay.

On the question of usury, Winthrop wrote, "Thou must observe whether thy brother hath present or probable, or possible means of repaying thee, if there be none of these, thou must give him according to his necessity, rather than lend him. . . . If he hath present means of repaying thee, thou art to look at him, not as an act of mercy, but by way of commerce, wherein thou art to walk by the rule of Justice."

John Cotton said, "No increase to be taken of a poor brother or neighbor, for anything lent unto him."

In 1652, the Massachusetts government went a step further with the creation of its own mint, and the issuance of its own currency, the Pine Tree shilling. This step short-circuited the attempts by London creditors to impose a financial stranglehold on the colony, and provided the needed capital for economic development.

Manufacturing:

In 1642, Winthrop's son, John Winthrop, Jr., organized the founding of "The Company of Undertakers for the Iron Works in New England." Two years later, the New World's first ironworks opened in Braintree, Massachusetts. The General Court promised the company free land, tax exemption, a 20-year monopoly on iron production, and other privileges, provided it produced finished bar iron, and on the condition it could export only that portion that was not needed in New England.

In 1647, the ironworks was relocated to a more suitable site in Saugus, and within one year, it was producing a ton of iron per day! By 1650, the ironworks included a blast furnace, a refinery, a trimming mill, storage barns, warehouses, and a private wharf. An inventory showed 113 tons of iron on hand. All this was accomplished in an area which only 20 years earlier had been a wilderness, with not a single European settlement.

The Pilgrims and the New England Puritans

The Pilgrims and Winthrop's Puritans were bound together by more than just their joint commitment to the Common Good. The connection between the two groups began even before the Pilgrims left Leyden, and their friendship deepened after the Winthrop fleet arrived in 1630.

The religious connection goes back to at least 1611, when John Robinson began a correspondence with the English Puritan theologian William Ames. This developed into a deep friendship, and Ames, who would years later be described by Cotton Mather as the "greatest" of the Puritan theologians, became a staunch defender of Robinson, against some of the more vicious of his Puritan critics. The second book published by the Brewster-Brewer press was a work by Ames, and Henry James, a Puritan minister and close ally of Ames, left the Netherlands in order to establish a new church in London, modelled on Robinson's Leyden congregation.

The political connection, as well, originated during the



The (reconstructed) Saugus Iron Works in Massachusetts, originally built in Braintree, Massachusetts in 1642, was relocated to Saugus in 1647, where it became a booming industrial enterprise.

Leyden years. In their 1617-19 efforts to obtain support in England for the voyage to America, Brewster and Cushman enlisted the support of the Earl of Lincoln. In May 1619, the Earl sent his chaplain John Wincob to King James' Court to apply for an emigration patent for a colony in northern Virginia ["Virginia" covered a much larger area then, than it does today. Northern Virginia probably referred to roughly the southern part of what is now New York State—ed.]. Although some within the Virginia Company had held out the prospect of financial support, and the company did approve the patent to settle within their territories, no aid was forthcoming, and the company leadership denied transport despite repeated requests from Pilgrim representatives in London who were prepared to pay for it. The patent was therefore never used. The obtainer of that patent was the same Lord Lincoln who ten years later hosted the meeting at his home where the Massachusetts Bay Company was created and where Winthrop was elected as Governor. Lincoln's sister Arabella would later sail with Winthrop on the voyage to Boston, and would die in the new Massachusetts Colony.

When John Endicott arrived at Salem in 1628 to establish a permanent Puritan colony, he was immediately befriended by the Plymouth leadership, and the survival of the Salem venture would not have been possible without aid from Plymouth. In 1629, the Salem Colony adopted the Plymouth Congregational Church system, and in 1630, a second Puritan church, at Charlestown, followed the Salem model.

On the eve of the 1630 Winthrop expedition, John Cotton, who would become the pastor of the Boston Puritan church,

advised the Puritan emigrants to "take the advice of them at Plymouth." Later, in Boston, Cotton would abandon the Presbyterian practices of the English Puritans and adopt the principles of church organization laid down by John Robinson. In his work *Way of the Congregational Churches*, Cotton speaks of Robinson with nothing but praise. In the Summer of 1630, extensive discussions were held in Boston between John Winthrop and the Pilgrim Samuel Fuller, on the Plymouth "congregational way." On July 25, 1630, Winthrop wrote a letter to the Salem church, asking for advice on establishing a Boston church. The Pilgrim leaders Fuller, Winslow, and Allerton were all present in Salem when the letter was received, and they played a major role in framing the reply. Two years later, Winthrop travelled to Plymouth for meetings with Brewster, Bradford, and others.

These developments provoked strong opposition in England, from both

the Anglican hierarchy, as well as from leading Puritans, and then, after the triumph of the Puritans in the English Civil War, from the new Puritan rulers in England. One London Puritan leader charged the Bostonians, "The Brethren in New England did depart from the Presbyterian Government. . . . This mischief had been prevented if my counsel had been taken, which was that brethren driven thither by Episcopal persecution should agree upon Church Government before they depart from hence."

Cotton of Boston and Winslow of Plymouth both sent replies back to London, defending the New England church practices, and in 1648, the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Church Synod formally endorsed the New England Congregational Church system. Later, in 1669, Cotton's son, also named John, moved to Plymouth and became the pastor of the Pilgrim church.

The attacks from London on the Boston Colony were not only religious in character. As early as 1629, Winthrop encountered violent opposition against his emigration plans from the same Ferdinando Gorges who had earlier tried to destroy the Plymouth Colony. In 1634, and again in 1638, the Privy Council of King Charles sent letters to Boston demanding that the colony's leaders return the royal charter to the Crown. Throughout the 1630s, the Massachusetts project was under constant attack from the Venetian faction in London.

But the Massachusetts project survived, greatly aided by the support of the Plymouth leadership. William Brewster was regularly visited at Plymouth by Boston leaders, for consultation on pressing matters. His guests included Charles

Chauncy, the second president of New England Cambridge College, and also Rev. John Norton, who later succeeded John Cotton as the pastor of his church in Boston.

Brewster's eldest son, Jonathan, helped found the new Connecticut colony. In 1648, he moved to New London and became a Deputy to the Colony Court (legislature), serving together with, and allied to, John Winthrop, Jr.

In 1643, Plymouth and Massachusetts joined with the Connecticut colonies of New Haven and Hartford to create the New England Confederation, the first attempt to establish regional self-government in the New World. The Confederation had its own legislature, and it lasted for 50 years. By 1675, the total population of New England was about 43,000 with one half in Massachusetts Bay, 7,000 in Plymouth, and about 14,000 in Connecticut. In 1691, the Plymouth Colony voted to become part of Massachusetts and ceased to exist as a separate political entity. Henceforth, their destinies would be joined politically as well as philosophically.

Conclusion

In 1699, Mary Allerton Cushman, the last surviving passenger of the *Mayflower*, died, bringing to an end the temporal mission of the original Plymouth settlers. By then the tree of republicanism and *agapē* had taken firm root, and a new generation was emerging, educated in the idea of a society based on the Common Good, where the purpose of one's life is "to do good." The next New England generations, of Cotton Mather and Benjamin Franklin, would remain true to that commitment, and they would eventually succeed in establishing the first independent republican Commonwealth in the long history of the human species.

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The Disintegration of Iraq

Iraq today, with the dramatically escalating death rate among Iraqis and American troops, is a microcosm of the New Dark Age that the synarchist bankers who demanded this war, were dead set upon triggering. A country that once had admirable levels of development and technology, especially in the area of health care, is now being dismembered in full public view. Violence escalates, with a level of religious violence and savagery that rises relentlessly.

As a result, not only have more than 600,000 Iraqis, as recently reported by the British medical journal *Lancet*, been butchered by the effects of the war, but close to a million Iraqis have fled the country. Another near-million are migrating within Iraq, in the desperate effort to avoid becoming victims of fratricidal warfare.

It is no surprise that this flare-up has occurred so close to the November elections in the United States. For further insight into the timing, one need look no further than the recent developments in Great Britain.

Face the truth: Leading institutions in Great Britain, credibly reported to have the backing of the Queen, have decided to dump the Iraq hot potato back in the United States' lap. And that has everything to do with the triggering of the latest explosion of violence in Iraq.

The Anglo-Dutch Liberal establishment that owns Tony Blair, as well as being the controllers of the Bush Administration, was a prime mover in organizing the war against Iraq, as a means of creating the Clash of Civilizations and global destruction that would permit their consolidation of a new globalized imperialism, without the interference of sovereign nation-states. But, one of the key nation-states which this global financial oligarchy wishes to destroy is . . . the United States! Thus, now that the United States has been entrapped in a hopeless situation in Southwest Asia, British authorities have decided to pull the plug—and leave the U.S. holding the bag for the fiasco.

Whether it's the British decision to stand down, in areas like Amara, or British covert operations through insurgent groups, which have triggered the new level of violence, or just the indications that the Brits are on

the way out, is indeterminable. But only a fool, afraid to be called a conspiracy theorist, would ignore the British role.

It's happened before, and it'll happen again—until the government authorities in the United States, emphatically including Congress, decide to go back to a sane foreign policy, in the tradition of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Tragically, so far, not even the Democratic Party leadership is prepared to tell the truth about what the Bush Administration has done in Iraq, much less propose the necessary measures to withdraw, and form a nexus of cooperation with Iraq's neighbors to establish security in the region. They pussyfoot around the fact that Bush is nuts, and that Administration spokesmen like Cheney and Rumsfeld are lying degenerates, who could care less how many people died, as long as they think they can intimidate the world into submission.

California professor Jorge Hirsch showed the appropriate insight, when he emphasized that the Bush Administration's intent to use nuclear weapons against Iran had *nothing* to do with the desire to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, but was driven by the Rumsfeld-Cheney determination to *break the nuclear taboo*.

But the Democrats currently won't attack the beastman mentality, or the neo-imperial roots of the policy which is destroying our nation, as well as the world. Congressman Jack Murtha (D-Pa.) shows the best fighting spirit—but even he won't call the fascists "fascists," even at this late hour.

This hideous process of disintegration and violence in Iraq may well give the final push to a Democratic sweep in the November elections, but that will by no means be enough. What you, the citizen, must ensure, is that the new Congress takes its cue from Lyndon LaRouche, not only to stop this war and the next ones planned, but also to impeach Cheney and Bush, and put an FDR-based economic policy in place.

Otherwise, today's mayhem in Iraq is only a prologue for what will engulf the world, including you, your family, and your posterity.

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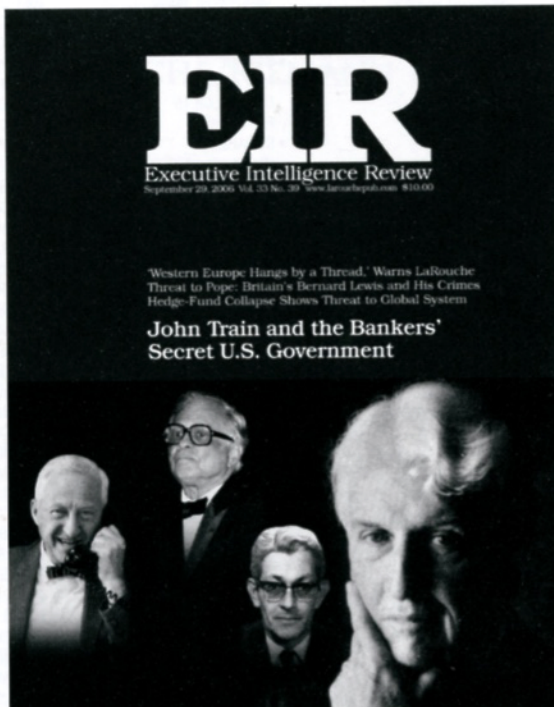
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