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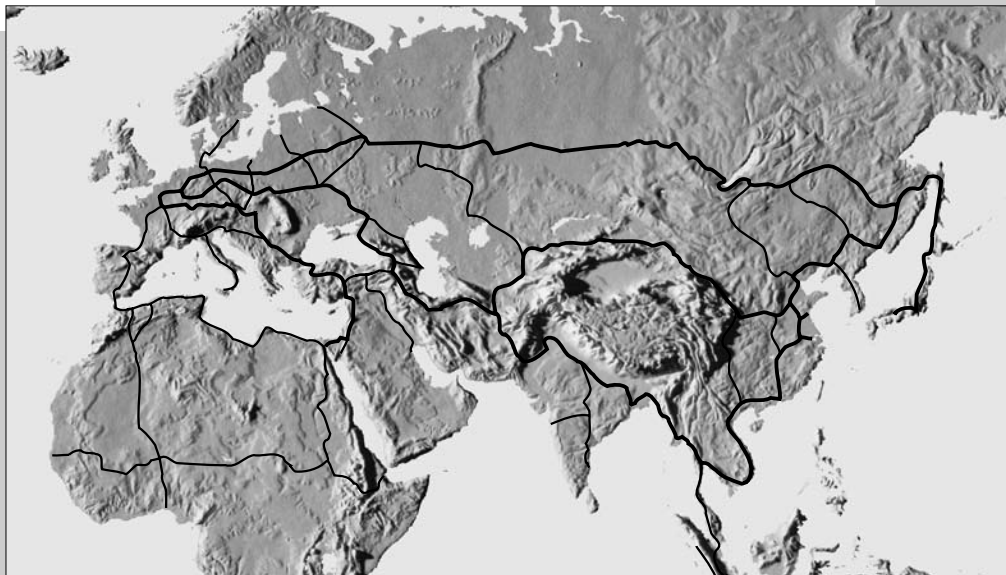
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Helga Zepp-LaRouche (right), known as "the Silk Road Lady," has played a major role in organizing worldwide support for the Eurasian Land-Bridge. She is shown here with Schiller Institute associates at Lianyungang Port in China, October 1998.



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From the Assistant Managing Editor

Are we now facing a “reverse Cuban Missile Crisis?” This is the question at the center of our coverage this final week of August, as the world faces the twin perils of war and economic cataclysm.

In “A Tale of Two Generations,” which leads our *Feature* this week, Lyndon LaRouche asks, “Is the ghost of Khrushchev hovering inside the body of U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney?” LaRouche scores the lunatic Bush Administration as it cheers on the blatant provocations against Russia by the British imperial crowd, which have brought us to the brink of global, thermonuclear war. As the Guns of August swing into position, the danger is that the world will blunder into war, as the chaos becomes uncontrollable—even by those who triggered it. We may be closer to World War III, LaRouche emphasized, than to the November elections.

It is no surprise then, that the English-language Russian TV channel Russia Today chose to broadcast back-to-back interviews with EIR’s Jeffrey Steinberg and LaRouche on Aug. 19 and Aug. 21, as a way of countering the luridly biased anti-Russian coverage of recent events in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

Further evidence of the mad plunge toward chaos and war, is U.S. complicity in the ouster of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf by an Anglo-Saudi combination. As Steinberg reports in our *International* lead, LaRouche condemned this as “another massive act of strategic stupidity,” by the Bush White House, which will wreak havoc in a very dangerous part of the world.

Is it too late to change course? Definitely not! Read the transcript of Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s extended webcast dialogue with audiences in Mexico, Argentina, and Colombia, in which she offers a proposal, based on the principles of the U.S. Declaration of Independence; Zepp-LaRouche calls for a worldwide organizing drive, leading into the UN General Assembly in September, to eliminate poverty and hunger throughout the world.

Finally, what would a Rabelais make of “legendary oilman” T. Boone Pickens’ Elmer Gantry-style hype, proposing to cover West Texas with windmills, at huge profits for him, and zero energy for the population? Be sure to read “Breaking Wind,” in our *National* section.



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A Tale of Two Generations

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The LaRouche Political Action Committee released this statement on Aug. 21.

Any U.S. veteran of World War II who can think back to the time of President John F. Kennedy's Administration, should be asking today: Is a U.S. Bush Administration which continues to act as a stooge of that former British Prime Minister Tony Blair who brought us the continuing, and spreading, hopeless warfare in Southwest Asia, setting the world up with a "Cuba Missile Crisis" in reverse? Is the ghost of Khrushchev hovering inside the body of U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney? Or, has the George Soros who ran evil errands for Hitler as an adolescent, who created the present lunatic government of Georgia, and who has now virtually created the Barack Obama candidacy, become a key player in bringing the world as a whole into a thermonuclear showdown in August?

These are the kinds of questions reverberating through the halls of governments around the world right now.

We are presently at the brink of global, thermonuclear war, and if we unleash this war, as the current Bush Administration is threatening, we lose civilization, worldwide, for generations to come. This is what will probably happen, if we don't do what we have to do to end this thermonuclear confrontation. This is the time you could lose civilization quicker than you could say "Senator Barack Obama."

Is President George Bush, Jr. on "coke," perhaps? Or, is London's puppet Dick Cheney presently in virtually total control of the White House's inmates? Why this threat of general thermonuclear warfare at this moment in history?

In recent world history, since that 1890 ouster of Germany's Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, which cleared the way for the "World War" which Bismarck warned would be the British Empire's launching of a new "Seven Years War," there has been a remarkable coincidence, as right now, between a threatened global "geopolitical" challenge to British imperial power over the world, and the British empire's pushing other nations into general warfare such as Japan's 1895-1945 warfare against China, done at the prompting of Britain's Prince of Wales Edward Albert. It is no coincidence that the present threat of outbreak of a new "world war," the thermonuclear war we managed to avoid during the 1945-1989 interval, is a threat of a general war breaking, once again, in the ominous month of August. It is no accident that the orders for plunging the U.S.A. into this threatened world war come from Tony Blair's Fabian London, as did World War I, and the placing of London's choice Adolf Hitler into power in Germany. Britain prefers to have others, once again, fall into the strategic trap of something like the original "Seven Years War" of the Eighteenth Century and the Napoleonic wars. However, the threat comes not from the United Kingdom as such, but from



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Is a Bush Administration which continues to act as a stooge of Tony Blair setting the world up with a “Cuba Missile Crisis” in reverse? Shown: Lyndon LaRouche is interviewed by Russia Today TV’s bureau in Frankfurt, Germany, on Aug. 21.

the kinds of cabals of financier interests typified by London’s errand-boy and Senator Obama backer George Soros.

Make no mistake: today’s Russia will not surrender to the present thermonuclear posturing. A new, younger generation has come into leadership in Russia. The present government of Russia will be reasonable where it should be reasonable, but it will not accept the destruction of its sovereignty, nor will it accept London-directed efforts, using the fools in Washington as puppets, to bring Russia to the degree of weakness that Russia could no longer resist the total dismemberment now intended by London.

This new missiles-crisis is not coming from Bertrand Russell’s crony Khrushchev. It is important to review the history of that crisis, so that we not be lured into imagining that there is anything like the 1962 missiles-crisis in the confrontation being staged on London’s orders to Washington today.

Then, in 1962, the Khrushchev who had reached an accommodation with Bertrand Russell in the setting of Russell’s London conference of his World Parliamentarians for World Government, was acting as an opportunist partner of Russell, on behalf of Russell’s avowed, continuing intention, since 1945-1946, of using what had seemed an Anglo-American monopoly on nuclear weapons, to force the Soviet Union to submit to “world government,” as the U.S. complicity in British operations in Georgia has made the same threat on behalf of “globalization” today. For Khrushchev, the 1962 crisis was a strategic gamble being orchestrated in collaboration with Bertrand Russell, a gamble based on the model scenario of Russell crony H.G. Wells’ notorious scenario for world government, “The Shape of Things to Come.”

This time, the Anglo-American and Saudi financial cabal behind London’s Lisbon Treaty scheme for globalization, is playing for keeps. (Representative Barney Frank is not the actual source of a threat of general thermonuclear war.) Either Russia backs down, or globalization is dead. The presently onrushing general breakdown-crisis of the present world monetary-financial system, leaves no other options available to the Anglo-American-Saudi financier partners. If

Russia survives as a sovereign nation, the presently onrushing general financial collapse means that “globalization” is doomed. This time, London is not gambling; it sees the crushing of Russia now as its only way of maintaining imperial hegemony over the world at large. Without Russia’s capitulation, the United Kingdom becomes the little nations of England, Wales, and Scotland (which is not a bad option for the inhabitants of that Isle, if you think about that in a civilized way).

Your best option, as a citizen of the U.S.A., is to think very, very seriously about the upcoming major-party nominating conventions. If you do not bring about the nomination of a combination of President and Vice-President who reject the politics of the present nuclear showdown which London’s puppet, the George W. Bush Administration, is staging, there might be, very soon, no United States as it exists today, and perhaps no you, nor your city or town, or family, either.

New ‘Cuba Missiles Crisis’ in Europe: Are We Headed Toward World War III?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

This article was translated from German and subheads added.

Either there is an immediate halt to the imperial geopolitics-driven provocations against Russia—such as the attack on South Ossetia by the British puppet-regime in Georgia, and the U.S.-Polish agreement to station anti-ballistic missile defense systems and a U. S. base in Poland—or the strategic situation could very quickly escalate into a Third World War. Driven by the progressive meltdown of the world financial system, the British Empire faction’s drive to encircle Russia and China and force them to capitulate, is playing with fire—a dangerous game of Vabanque, which could result in the destruction of human civilization. This policy, British in origin and carried out with American help, includes a possible military strike against Iran—an option which is by no means “off the table.”

Considering the monstrous destruction and horror wrought by the two world wars of the 20th Century, it is truly unfathomable how little public courage our political leaders have shown in the face of this threat—a threat which only an imbecile could fail to recognize. I suppose it’s better than nothing, when one politician or another asserts that we shouldn’t break off relations with Russia because we still have common security interests, such as with regard to Iran. But, why hasn’t a single current or former minister or parliamentarian shown the courage to publicly denounce this strategy of confrontation against Russia and China, and to demand that Germany distance itself from it?

Dmitri Rogozin, the Russian Ambassador to NATO, summed it up when he responded to reporters in Brussels by asking: “Are you ready to risk your prosperity and your lives and the lives of your children for the sake of Saakashvili?” He might as well have referred to the latter by his nickname “Sorosvili,” since George Soros, and his business partner at the Quantum Fund hedge

fund, Mark Malloch Brown—more recently Lord Malloch-Brown—have been funding every single member of the Georgian government, from the Cabinet level down to the lowest-ranking police officer, to the tune of millions, ever since the so-called Rose Revolution. Shouldn’t Germany’s BND foreign intelligence agency be capable of recognizing such an obvious operation by the British secret service? This ban on thinking had better be lifted soon, before World War III erupts.

The British Strategy

Georgia’s British-inspired aggression was aimed at humiliating Russia, weakening it, isolating it from the West, and driving a wedge, once and for all, between Russia and the United States, in order to destroy the potential for U.S.-Russian cooperation in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt. The report by the French military secret service DRI, that it was American officers who had been active in the bombardment, and that it was American military advisors who had been embedded in the Georgian Army in aiming the “Grad” multiple rocket launchers, is only apparently contradictory: The paradox disappears, once we consider H.G. Wells’ theory that the United States must become permeated with British-imperial doctrine.

This extremely high-risk Anglo-American policy is evidently going to be continued, even following Saakashvili’s miscalculation in his first strike against South Ossetia. As Gen. Col. Anatoly Nogovitsyn, deputy chief of Russia’s General Staff, stated at a press conference on Aug. 22, Georgian units are already busy with reconnaissance missions and preparations for new armed actions. He added that the presence of NATO warships in the Black Sea, which is controlled by the Russian Navy, is neither necessary nor useful. The agreement between the United States and Poland on stationing anti-ballistic missile systems, hastily signed as an answer to the Russian counterstrike against



White House photo/Paul Morse

Presidents George Bush and Mikheil Saakashvili (better known today as “Sorosvili”) in Tbilisi, Georgia, in 2005. The British are playing both of them to promote a geopolitical gameplan of smashing potential cooperation between the United States and Russia.

Georgia, irrefutably demonstrates what a glance at the map also makes clear: The target is Russia, and not some distant “rogue states.”

Russia reacted immediately by announcing an asymmetric response to these ABM systems: an air missile defense system in which Russia, Belarus, and Russia’s Baltic enclave Kaliningrad are to participate. If that should come to pass, and provided that the Polish and Czech parliaments ratify the plans to install the respective ABM systems and radar stations, then we will have a reverse Cuba Missiles Crisis in Central Europe, with Russian and U.S. troops facing each other on the border, but with considerably shorter warning times than in the 1980s, when the Warsaw Pact’s medium-range SS20 missiles were arrayed against NATO’s Pershing IIs. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was right when he said at the time, that the world was on the brink of a third world war. Today that is even more true.

The recognition that we would be at war with Russia today, had Georgia and Ukraine been granted NATO membership at NATO’s summit earlier this year in Bucharest, should be sufficient incentive to renounce all further eastward NATO expansion once and for all. And we should bring to mind how it has come about, that Russia (and China) have so suddenly been built up as an enemy image.

Let us also recall that after the collapse of the Soviet Union, we threw away our opportunity for putting the East-West relationship onto a completely new footing. On geopolitical grounds, Western policy was instead oriented toward using “shock therapy” as a means of transforming Russia into a raw materials-producing Third World country. Western oligarchs had great sympathy for their Russian partners, and for the Yeltsin clan, and together they looted the country of its wealth. Having Russia as a kind of infinite stockpile of raw materials for the West, as an integral part of the globalized economy, was not seen as a problem. And George Soros’s role has never been forgotten in Moscow.

It was only when President Vladimir Putin succeeded in gradually suppressing the influence of the mafia structures, while strengthening Russia economically and politically, and defending the country’s sovereign interests, that Russia was once again declared to be the enemy. The Russian government, with its decisive action against Georgia, was in fact demonstrating that the era of globalization, i.e., of the Anglo-American empire, has come to a close.

Europe and the Lisbon Treaty

While French President Nicolas Sarkozy has played a useful role, with his six-point program, in de-escalating the war between Russia and Georgia, his conclusion that Europe could have acted more effectively had the Lisbon Treaty already been adopted, is all the more confusing. What if, for example, the European President had been Tony Blair, and the ambassador had been David Miliband or Giuliano Amato? In that event, the European Union would most likely already be at war with Russia today. The British Centre for European Reform is already calling for setting up EU combat units, so that we can wage our wars in Central Europe on our own, without the United States.

As the Italian journalist Paolo Bozzacchi has reported in the weekly *Oggi*, in the aftermath the Italian Parliament’s ratification of the EU treaty, the Brussels EU bureaucracy is feeling a new surge of confidence, and now thinks that they could have the treaty signed, sealed, and delivered before next year’s elections for European Parliament—despite Ireland’s “No” vote.

Hit on South Ossetia: A British-Led Action

Lyndon LaRouche was interviewed on Aug. 21 by the English-language Russian TV channel Russia Today; this followed the previous day's airing of part of an interview with EIR senior editor Jeffrey Steinberg, recorded in Washington on Aug. 19. The interviews, which were illustrated with footage from the South Ossetia war zone, are archived on Russia Today's website, at <http://www.russiatoday.com/guests/video/1478> for LaRouche; and <http://www.russiatoday.com/guests/video/1470> for Steinberg. The Russia Today service was launched last year under Russian Information Agency Novosti auspices, with official backing, to counter distortions of Russian realities and policy, appearing in the world press.

Here are the edited transcripts.

Russia Today: To talk more about the war in South Ossetia and its repercussions for the world community, we are now joined live from Germany, by American philosopher, economist, and political activist, Mr. Lyndon LaRouche.

Thank you very much, Mr. LaRouche, for joining us. Let's focus on what happened in South Ossetia: Do you think the war in South Ossetia was started to alienate Russia, and was it a well-staged provocation?

Lyndon LaRouche: It's part of a British-led operation with American support, which was intended to crush Russia by a series of encirclement actions, typified by what happened in Poland just recently.

Dishonest Media Coverage

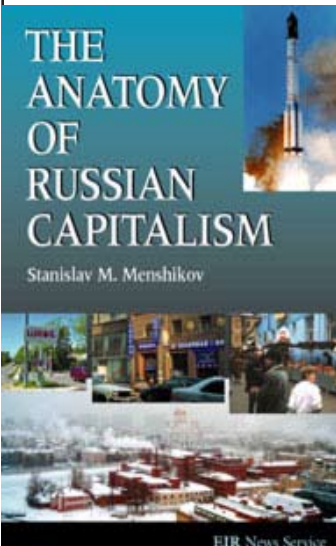
RT: What do you think of the media coverage of this conflict?

LaRouche: For some time now, in the United States, we've had the most dishonest coverage, of all kinds of things, that I've seen in a long time. Most of the European and American coverage was pretty bad. It was far from the truth in most of these instances.

RT: But why do you think the West turns a blind

That would be the worst possible outcome, because the design of the Lisbon Treaty, which foresees the militarization of the EU, along with the abolition of parliamentary democracy and the establishment of an oligarchical dictatorship in a federal state that could do whatever it pleased, stems from the same motivation as the policy of encirclement of Russia and China. The idea that Europe has to be transformed into a militarized empire, in order to meet "the great challenges" (by which is meant Russia, China, and, in the view of some, the United States), is a sure-fire recipe for World War III.

The events in the Caucasus should be enough to extinguish enthusiasm anyone might have for this monstrous Tower of Babel. Germany's best contribution to world peace would be to put its entire weight into reversing the process which was started with the Maastricht Treaty. We should revoke all EU treaties that have been adopted since then, and should devote our regained sovereignty to working jointly with Russia, China, India, and, hopefully, the United States, in order to establish a New Bretton Woods system, as has been proposed by Lyndon LaRouche.



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eye to who started this war?

LaRouche: Well, the war actually started as an attempt, immediately, to eliminate Russia as a significant factor, to isolate it, to surround it, and break its will. I think that the Putin government responded quite appropriately, and had a correct intelligence estimate of what the nature of the situation was.

RT: What interest, in your opinion, does the United States have in the Caucasus?

LaRouche: It has no particular interest. This is not really a U.S. interest matter. It's a matter of certain international forces. Take the case of George Soros: George Soros is a British national, who operates against the United States, and operates in many parts of the world; he was the key author of the present government of Georgia, and is the representative of a branch of the British Foreign Office, which actually coordinated this entire operation.

RT: But how might the conflict affect the balance of powers in the world in the long run?

LaRouche: I think we're headed for the potential of a new missile crisis, comparable to what happened in 1962—but worse. And this is the danger: We are on the verge, both of a general breakdown of the world's monetary-financial system, and in such a period, we are again looking at the "Guns of August." We're looking at the threat of World War III.

Steinberg Interview: Russians Called Their Bluff

Jeffrey Steinberg: [Discusses the British strategic miscalculation, which shaped the actions of the Georgian government. The broadcast clips from the interview start mid-sentence.]

...that the Russians would blink and not respond with force in the face of this provocation. They had some naive idea, that the U.S.-Russian relationship was so important that Russia would take steps that would be actually suicidal in terms of their constitutional obligations to defend Russian citizens.

The Georgians were using updated versions of old, World War II-era, Katyusha rocket batteries. And any military expert knows that these are not precision-guided weapons. They fire off six to a dozen rockets at one time; they go to a sort of a broad field of fire, and

you know, if you're using those weapons, that you're going to cause massive civilian damage. And so, my understanding is that the capital city of South Ossetia has been completely leveled.

There are tens of thousands of refugees who fled north, into North Ossetia [part of Russian territory—ed.]. We don't know the final casualty figures, but numbers in the range of 15-20,000 have come up. And this was all as the result of the initial assault coming from the Georgian forces, before the Russians responded with overwhelming force, that forced the situation to come to a halt, that lasted only about three or four days. And basically, the Russians called the bluff of the Georgians and those in the West, typified by people like George Soros, and Sir Mark Malloch Brown of the British Foreign Office, who were behind [Georgian President Mikheil] Saakashvili from the beginning of his political career, promoted him, and obviously were pushing him to take a provocative action, that didn't work out the way they thought it would: Russia did not simply roll over and play dead, and ignore an active aggression and an act of brutality against Russian citizens.

And there's very good reason to believe that this is a classic case of what, here in the United States, was referred to as the "carpetbagger government": people who came in from the outside, who had a sort of a limited association with the country, but who came in, and imposed a policy that was not necessarily in the interests of the majority of the Georgian people. So, you've had foreign interests, not Georgian interests, setting the agenda of the Saakashvili government.

And frankly, that government was losing a great deal of popular support. And I think one of the immediate motivations, from Saakashvili's standpoint, for going with this adventure, this provocation in South Ossetia, is that the opposition was gaining strength. If there were early elections, he was going to lose and be out of power. And so, he used the ploy of moving to seize South Ossetia, back from the status of an autonomous region, to being fully integrated back into Georgia, as a way of bolstering his nationalist credentials, to try to save a presidency that was collapsing.

And from a larger standpoint, you had British and certain American factional interests, playing this game to run a provocation against Russia. Because some people in the West would like to get a new Cold War going, at this point, to distract attention away from issues, like the financial crisis and other things like that.

Russia's Tough, But Measured Response to Escalated Provocations

The late-August news from inside Georgia should be enough to lay to rest the myth that the current crisis has something to do with “small, democratic Georgia” being oppressed by a belligerent Russia. Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili’s first foreign minister, the former French diplomat Salome Zourabachvili, reveals that she was ousted for seeking diplomatic, rather than military solutions to Georgia’s conflicts with its autonomous regions; rumors flare that former Speaker of the Parliament Nino Burjanadze will challenge the erratic Saakashvili for the Presidency; and a respected independent opposition leader, Shalva Natelashvili of the Labor Party, launches an investigation into the Saakashvili clique’s possibly shipping out “billions of dollars to the Bahamas and Canary Islands” during the crisis.

It would be a clown show, if it weren’t a puppet show in the deadly British-authored strategic game of encircling Russia. Thus, an updated survey (for Aug. 15-22) of Russia’s resulting strategic posture, and the danger of further escalation throughout the region on Russia’s western and southern flanks, and beyond, is in order.

‘Dangerous Games’

Russian Foreign Ministry response to Secretary Rice: On Aug. 22, the Foreign Ministry chose the written response form, to reply to a question about U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice’s remark on Aug. 18, that Russian long-range strategic Air Force flights off U.S. coasts were “dangerous games,” which nobody has any need to be conducting. The Foreign Ministry noted that Russian long-range bomber flights were resumed, with public announcement and proper notification, last year. Perhaps the Pentagon has not briefed the State Department, it added, that the U.S. never halted its own strategic Air Force flights, and continues to base strategic bombers in “forward” position outside of the U.S.A., around the world.

The statement posed the question: If strategic bomber training flights are “dangerous games,” what then is “the appearance of U.S. strategic ballistic missile defense systems in immediate proximity to Russia’s borders”?

ABM Systems on Russia’s Borders

Poland agreed Aug. 15 to host elements of a U.S. global anti-missile system. Secretary of State Rice and Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski signed the deal on Aug. 20 in Warsaw. The State Department announced that it would “allow the United States to construct, maintain, and operate a facility encompassing ten ground-based BMD interceptors. The United States and Poland will negotiate a separate agreement to address the status of U.S. military forces to be deployed to the territory of Poland.” Russia’s reaction was immediate, and included the following tough, but carefully formulated statements and actions.

Aug. 15: During his daily briefing on the South Ossetia crisis, Deputy Chief of the Russian Armed Forces General Staff Gen. Anatoli Nogovitsyn took a question on the emplacement of U.S. anti-missile batteries in Poland. Interfax quoted his reply: “The U.S.A. is engaged in an anti-missile defence for its own government, and not for Poland. And Poland, in deploying, opens itself to a military strike.”

Aug. 16: Russian Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin compared the U.S. missile defense system to “a dead cat,” since its effectiveness can only be verified as a result of reciprocal thermonuclear missile strikes. Rogozin said that the signing of the agreement on an accelerated schedule effectively confirmed that Russia is the focus of the missile shield: “The Poles should be thanked for helping reveal the strategic goal of the U.S. missile defense plan,” he told RIA Novosti. Indeed, as *EIR* reported last year, a group of U.S. scientists has presented convincing analysis that Poland-



Polish Foreign Ministry

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Polish Foreign Affairs Minister Radoslaw Sikorski (shown here on an earlier occasion) signed a deal in Warsaw on Aug. 20 to deploy U.S. missile interceptors on Polish territory. The Russian response was unequivocal: In so doing, Poland has opened itself to the possibility of a military strike.

based interceptors, combined with radars in the Czech Republic, could hit Russian nuclear-armed missiles in flight. While such a capability would not neutralize the entire Russian nuclear arsenal, it would contribute to starting a nuclear World War.

Aug. 20: President Dmitri Medvedev received Alexander Lukashenka, the President of Belarus, in Sochi. They will sign an agreement in the Fall of 2008 on creating a common air defense system, Kremlin aide Sergei Prikhodko announced. Belarus is located between Poland and Russia, being the major East European nation that has made no bid to join NATO.

Aug. 21: The Russian Foreign Ministry issued an official statement on the signing by Rice and Sikorski. It cited the entire “development of the military and political situation in Europe, whereby the American strategic capability is steadily advanced toward our borders.” The new radars in the Czech Republic “cover practically the entire European part of our country,” and the interceptor missiles in Poland “have no targets other than Russian intercontinental ballistic missiles, nor will they have in the foreseeable future,” the statement said.

The Foreign Ministry statement linked the speeded-up Polish signing with the events in the Caucasus. “For a long time, we were assured that American anti-missile preparations were not directed against Russia. . . . We cannot fail to take into account the fact that, for years, while pumping weapons into Georgia, Washington assured us that these steps were not directed against Russia. Now, when the irrational actions of the Georgian leadership have killed and wounded thousands of people in South Ossetia and Russia, including Russian peacekeepers, it is becoming more and more obvious what such assurances are worth.”

At the same time, the Foreign Ministry kept open the possibility of returning to serious talks on missile defense, which had been the subject of a major initiative by then-President Vladimir Putin at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, last year. “Even in this difficult situation,” the statement said, “we do not intend to give up the dialogue, and are prepared to continue to work on this topic with all interested parties.”

The Georgia Theater

Several diplomatic moves and statements from Moscow explicitly represented a combined response to Georgia’s attack on South Ossetia, and the finalization of the East European anti-missile systems deployment. On Aug. 19, the NATO Council issued a denunciation of Russia for its military actions in response to the Georgian attack.

Aug. 20: Asking, “Are you ready to risk your prosperity and risk your lives and the lives of your children for the sake of Saakashvili?” Ambassador Rogozin called Saakashvili a “war criminal” for bombing civilians and Russian soldiers in South Ossetia. If NATO had already accepted Georgia as a full member, Rogozin pointed out, then the Western alliance and Russia would be officially at war right now.

A member of Rogozin’s mission told Novosti information agency that the ambassador has been recalled to Moscow “for consultations with the Russian leadership on the full spectrum of relations between the Russian Federation and the North Atlantic Alliance, including military cooperation.”

Aug. 21: Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov directed a tough message to U.S. elites, or at least that segment which reads the *Wall Street Journal*. In an article published under the headline “America Must Choose Between Georgia and Russia,” Lavrov wrote, “We’ll con-



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Russian Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin (shown here speaking in Brussels in May 2008) described the U.S. missile defense system in Poland as “a dead cat.”

tinue to seek to deprive the present Georgian regime of the potential and resources to do more mischief. An embargo on arms supplies to the current Tbilisi regime would be a start.”

Lavrov voiced hope that U.S.-Russia relations not go out the window: “Russia is committed to the ongoing positive development of relations with the U.S. . . . Our bilateral relationship can only advance upon the basis of reciprocity. . . . I meant precisely that, when I said that the U.S. will have to choose between its virtual Georgia project and its much broader partnership with Russia.”

Aug. 21: Russia announced a freeze on military cooperation with NATO and allied countries. This includes all joint events planned for 2008, including maneuvers. Russian officials contacted the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow, after which the Norwegian ambassador announced that he expected to receive a written explanation of cancelled maneuvers involving Norway and Russia. Russia has suspended its participation in the NATO-led Open Spirit 2008 naval exercise in the Baltic Sea, exercises in which it has participated since 2003. A planned September visit by a U.S. naval frigate to the Far East port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky was also cancelled.

Aug. 21: General Nogovitsyn addressed an international audience, through an interview in the Italian daily *La Repubblica*. He linked the Georgian attacks

and Poland’s missile defense deal with the U.S.A.: “Do you want to know why Washington is in a hurry to station its missiles in Poland? Because it did not expect that Russia could move so quickly to defend its allies in the Caucasus. . . . For months, the United States has tried to convince Moscow and international public opinion that it was a project aimed at protecting the West from possible Iranian attacks. Now, its real aim—as Condoleezza Rice herself was forced to admit—consists in protecting Europe against Russia.”

Warnings of Escalation

There were several warnings from Russian sources against a threatened re-escalation of attacks on Russian peacekeeping forces in and around South Ossetia, as well as indications of potential new provocations involving Azerbaijan or Russia’s largest neighbor, Ukraine.

Aug. 20, borders sealed: Russia temporarily sealed its borders with Georgia and Azerbaijan. Interfax reported that Aleksander Bortnikov, head of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), said that Russia has information that “Georgian special forces were planning terrorist acts” against strategic locations in Russia. They were mobilizing “bandit groups to undertake criminal acts in the North Caucasus,” he said, referring to the Russian autonomous republics across the border from Georgia and Azerbaijan.

Aug. 22, security zone established: Russian Defense Minister Anatoli Serdyukov announced completion of the withdrawal of extra Russian forces from South Ossetia, leaving only the peacekeeping contingent that was there before Georgia attacked it on Aug. 7-8. At the same time, Serdyukov said, Russian forces that have moved farther into Georgia are taking up posts in a security zone around the South Ossetian perimeter; this is covered by Principle 5 of the Aug. 12 Medvedev-Sarkozy agreement, under which Russian peacekeepers may take “additional security measures” until there is a political settlement of the entire matter.

Aug. 22, “situation far from stable”: General Nogovitsyn said at his press briefing that the situation in the conflict zone was “far from stable.” In particular, he charged that Georgian forces were regrouping and restoring their fighting potential, in central Georgia. General Nogovitsyn stated the Russian military’s evaluation, that “there are deliberate preparations under way for further actions in the region.”

Aug. 22, provocation in Azerbaijan? Former

State Department official Richard Holbrooke, exhibiting the crisis-manipulation mindset he is famous for (like his associate, H.G. Wells Society initiate Madeleine Albright), visiting Tbilisi, penned a *Washington Post* op-ed, calling for “massive economic and military assistance” to keep Saakashvili in power. He asserts that Ukraine and Azerbaijan are the likely “next targets” for Russian intimidation and/or the use of force.

The sudden reference to Azerbaijan is ominous, in view of remarks by another shadowy ex-State Department figure, Paul Goble, the previous day. Commenting over Voice of America on the bombing of a mosque in Baku, Azerbaijan, which had just happened, Goble was ready with an elaborate scenario: “This event seems to be extraordinarily dangerous. Regardless of who is behind those terrorists, the Abu Bekr mosque bombing is easy to interpret as a Russian or Armenian provocation, for the purpose of causing a conflict between Azerbaijan and Iran, then finding a pretext for Russian intervention in Azerbaijan.” Goble, a longtime specialist in manipulating Central Asia and Caucasus conflicts against Moscow, painted a picture of such an incident spinning out into a larger conflict, with the U.S.A. and Azerbaijan on one side, and Iran on the other.

Goble claimed that Russian diplomats in Baku have threatened Azerbaijan that it had better “draw the consequences” of the Georgia events. But, on Aug. 22, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced a telephone consultation between Lavrov and the Azerbaijani Foreign Minister, which had featured “constructive discussion about recent proposals for institutionalized multilateral interaction in the Transcaucasus.” That would include the Caucasus-region initiative of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. He had been in Baku, after a visit to Moscow, shortly before the bombing, while Turkey itself has been the scene of a new round of bombings.

Aug. 21: Natalia Vitrenko, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine (PSPU), gave a press conference upon returning from a fact-finding visit to Tskhinvali, South Ossetia, where she accompanied a group of PSPU volunteers for relief efforts. Vitrenko is



Estonian Navy

An operation in the NATO-led Open Spirit naval exercises in the Baltic Sea in 2006. Russia has participated every year since 2003, but withdrew from this year's maneuvers, while freezing military cooperation with NATO and allied countries.

currently best known for high-profile demonstrations against Ukraine’s joining NATO, and attempts to stop NATO exercises in the Black Sea. According to a PSPU press release, she voiced concern about pro-NATO forces in the Ukrainian government staging a “Reichstag Fire” incident around the Russian Black Sea Fleet base in Sevastopol, Crimea, Ukraine “in order to then blame Russia for aggression and hurl the forces of the NATO countries against Russia.”

General Nogovitsyn said at his press briefing that the Russian Armed Forces will react appropriately, in the event of possible terrorist attacks on Russia’s Black Sea Fleet. This includes serious provocations that would interfere with the Fleet’s function.

Russian warnings also include potential incidents that might spring from the disproportionate show of NATO military vessels for an alleged “routine exercise” just off the Russian Black Sea coastline, the scope of which has been expanded without explanation. In addition to the original multi-national exercise force, NATO on Aug. 22 sent a Polish frigate and a U.S. destroyer through the Bosphorus. The Russian Navy announced that it would continue to carry out its maritime traffic security patrols off the coast of Abkhazia, Georgia, voiced doubt that NATO vessels need to be in the Black Sea, and promised to respond swiftly to any provocations against its Black Sea Fleet.

DIALOGUE WITH IBERO-AMERICA

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: 'Do You Want To Eat?'

Helga Zepp-LaRouche gave a two-hour webcast live by videoconference from Germany, with audiences in Argentina, Mexico, and Colombia, Aug. 19, 2008.

The Argentine gathering was co-sponsored by the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) and "Compromiso K," a pro-Kirchner youth group in that country. 20,000 copies of a joint leaflet invitation were distributed, under the headline: "Mental Health Communique: The World Financial System Is Already a Corpse and It's in the Morgue; It's Best to Let it Go."

Mrs. LaRouche was introduced by the videoconference moderator in Mexico, Ingrid Torres. Here is an edited transcript.

Ingrid Torres: Good evening to everybody. I would like to welcome all of you on behalf of the LaRouche Youth Movement in Argentina, in Colombia, and in Mexico, with live audiences, and also on behalf of the magazine *Resumen Ejecutivo de EIR* and the group "Commitment K" in Argentina. I would also like to welcome those who are listening live over the Internet, and let you know that we have three meetings linked up live: in Argentina in the auditorium of Commitment K; in Colombia, in the auditorium of ANEBR, the Association of Trade Union Employees of the Bank of the Republic; and in Mexico, we are transmitting live from the Congress in Mexico.

I would also like to say that we have distinguished guests from various institutions, and above all, Federal Congressman Salvador Ruiz Sánchez, here in Mexico.

And of course, we would like to welcome our very special invited guest for this conference, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who is speaking to us live from Germany.

And by way of brief introduction, I would like to just say a few things about Helga: She is the president of the BüSo party in Germany, the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement; she is the president of the Schiller Institute; and she has also visited Mexico on various occasions to meet with one of the best Presidents that this country ever had, who is José López Portillo, both when he was President, and subsequently.

One of the most recent proposals which Helga Zepp-LaRouche has made was the idea of doubling food production, worldwide. She has also fought for more than 30 years alongside her husband Lyndon LaRouche, the U.S. statesman, for the idea of reestablishing and raising the dignity of all human beings, with the battle for a new world economic order, a New Bretton Woods type of system.

So, I would urge of the people who are involved in this, in Mexico, Argentina, and Colombia, and those who are listening over the Internet, that we should not listen to Helga and look at this conference merely as spectators, which often happens (or is happening now with Olympics in China); but rather, viewing ourselves as historical citizens, who are willing to fight for those who are most in need, now, and for future generations as well.

Without further ado, I would like to ask Helga Zepp-LaRouche to address us, and we eagerly await her words.



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche has issued a call to double world food production, to address the growing threat of famine worldwide. She is shown here speaking at the BüSo party conference, in Hesse, Germany, Aug. 16.

We Have To Change the Agenda of World Politics

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: Yes, I guess it's not yet evening where you are. It's midnight where I am, but I want to say hello to all of you in Mexico, in Colombia, and in Argentina.

And I'm very happy that I can address you, because we have, indeed, a very dangerous moment in human history right now. That, even if you consider the other crises in human history: the collapse of civilization in the 14th Century into a Dark Age, or if you consider the catastrophes of the 20th Century, which included two terrible world wars, I would say that the crisis which we are facing today is unprecedented, and could be the worst in human history. Because we have not only a general breakdown crisis of the global financial

system, but we have, related to that, a very dangerous military escalation. When recently, Georgia, in a totally sneaky way, attacked South Ossetia, and then, Russia, very determinedly, answered to that, we could actually get a glimpse, of how close the world is to the possibility of World War III. Especially in light of the fact, that up to the present moment, the United States, especially Great Britain, and unfortunately, also NATO, are continuing the encirclement policy against Russia.

Now, this could all lead to a complete disaster, and therefore, the main point I want to make in this presentation to you, is that we have to change the political agenda of world politics, and I want to present to you a concrete proposal of how this could be done. But before I come to this proposal, I want to review the situation more in detail.

A Global Meltdown

As I said, we are in a very advanced situation of a global meltdown of the system. Just today, for example, the former chief economist of the IMF, Prof. Kenneth Rogoff, who is now a Harvard professor, said that not only middle-level and small banks in the United States are expected to go under, but probably one or more of the really big ones will collapse. Now, Wilbur Ross, who is an expert in hostile takeovers, hedge fund activities, and so forth, even he, a couple of days ago, said that he expects 1,000 American banks to collapse. And in the United States, in the financial community, right now, the rumor is: Will it be 3,000 banks, will it be 5,000 banks?

And the situation in Europe actually is not much better: As a matter of fact, the number of people who now are echoing what my husband Lyndon LaRouche said recently—that the collapse in Europe is even faster than that in the United States—these voices are becoming more and more frequent. You have a complete collapse of the real estate market in Spain, in Great Britain, in Denmark. And following that, there are banking crises in all of these countries. The German economy, the so-called champion of exports worldwide, is shrinking for the first time, this year, by half a percent. The European Union, that great bastion of economic prosperity, has, for the first time, a trade deficit!

News comes from China, that, especially in the South, the effect of the global crisis on the Chinese

economy is being felt in the form that you have around 50,000 middle-level firms that went under in the last month. And small and middle-level means a hundred to a couple of thousand employees.

India is under enormous attack by the hedge funds right now.

This crash was predicted by my husband on July 25 last year, when he, in a webcast, explained that the financial system had already collapsed, and that what the world would see, is just how the different aspects of it would come to the surface. Three days later, the sub-prime crisis in the United States exploded. And then, from August on, we had a tremendous credit crunch, where the banks basically stopped all interbank activity, because each bank knew that the other one was sitting on billions and billions of dollars of so-called “toxic waste,” unsaleable paper, and all interbank activity came to a halt, because nobody trusted each other.

Then, the central banks knew nothing better than to pump liquidity. And from September on, you had the hyperinflation, with added liquidity, showing up in the form of food price inflation. And the price of cereals, milk products, meats, increased by 30%, 40%. This led, in October last year, to hunger riots, which were kept secret, until April of this year. By secret, I mean that the Western media did not report it at all, but in 40 countries, hunger riots had taken place. The government of Haiti was even wiped out by these riots.

How To Double World Food Production

Now, at that point, I made the call to double the food production: Because, if you have already 1 billion people at the point of starvation, and 2 billion altogether badly nourished, and you have the expectation that, by the year 2050, you will have another 3 billion people added to the world population, therefore, it is, obviously, the most normal thing to think that if you want to feed these people, you need to double food production.

Now, the most immediate thing which could be done, is to stop using food for biofuels, because I think this is a crime against humanity: to use precious food, when people are starving, in the form of fuel. Now, that would be the first step: This could immediately feed something like 500,000 people. But then, naturally, you need a crash program to increase agricultural production, especially in the developing countries; and this can only happen, if you go for large-scale infrastructure—roads, railways, waterways, ports—and then

have, especially, industrialization, food processing, food irradiation—but you also need large quantities of safe nuclear energy. And when I say, “safe nuclear energy,” I mean, especially the high-temperature reactor technology which is being built right now in South Africa and in China, because this is an inherently safe form of nuclear energy. And if you have that, then you could have large quantities of ocean water which could be desalinated, and you could use it for irrigation.

Now, that is just a question of political will. It is not something that cannot be done, or many countries would not like to have done, but it is the political will to make these kind of changes. So, I made this call, with the idea that it should be taken up at the beginning of June, at the FAO conference, because that conference was devoted to the issue of the food crisis and biofuels and so forth.

We made a worldwide mobilization, and many people agreed with this idea: that in light of this hunger, it's the only way. But then, came the FAO conference, and it turned out that it was a total failure. There was no discussion of a crash program; but what did appear, is that two completely opposite camps emerged: On the one side, you had, unfortunately, the G7 countries, who were pushing the WTO, the Doha Round, the complete escalation of free trade, to remove all remaining tariffs and protective barriers; and the only thing that would do, is to make the way free for the speculators completely.

On the other side, you had nations which were threatened in their existence, and they were discussing that there was the need to have food security, self-reliance, protectionist measures. And on that side, there were countries like Russia, China, and India, but also, many countries from Africa and Latin America.

Now, it turned out that the FAO, despite the fact that that would be their job, is clearly not the institution to solve the problem. Then, at the beginning of July, when the so-called Doha Round of the WTO failed, it was clear that the whole world was actually in a real limbo situation. So, the most obvious next place where something could have been done, was the G8 conference which took place July 7-9 in Japan. And you would expect that the leading Western nations, in light of the financial meltdown, would put this on the agenda, and discuss emergency measures for what to do! But it turned out that, despite the fact that they also had discussions with some other countries, like China, India, and Brazil, they did not really engage them in any serious discussion.

Three Steps for Survival

So, that is why my husband, Lyndon LaRouche, made another webcast, actually one year after the first prophetic one [July 22, 2008], where he very emphatically said: The world will only get out of this crisis, if three measures are taken. One is the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act (HBPA) for the United States. That is, in light of the eviction of millions of Americans from their homes and apartments, that the state must basically take over the situation, and make sure these people can stay in their homes and apartments, and that the chartered banks are safe. Because if these banks go under, the economy collapses. We have organized for that initiative since last August, and many American cities and states have endorsed this proposal, but obviously it has not been implemented yet on a national scale, and that is what would be required.

The second measure which he said is absolutely crucial, would be to establish a two-tier credit system in the United States, because right now, the difference between the 2% interest rate of the Federal Reserve and the 5% interest rate of the Bank of England, and 4.25% of the European Central Bank, just means that this system is continuously collapsing.

And most important, is the third measure. He said, that given the financial power of the international financial institutions, the hedge funds, the private equity funds, that only if you get a combination of the most powerful four countries of the world—namely, the United States, Russia, China, and India—together to put the question of a new financial architecture on the agenda, can a solution be found.

What happened at this point, while we were organizing for this perspective—and I will tell you about the American aspect in a second; and I think there is a direct connection between the meltdown of the financial system, and the potential for an alternative—is that the British intelligence subject, George Soros, who owns the entire Georgian government, intervened. And you can look at the pedigree: There is not one member of the Georgian cabinet who does not owe his career to the financing of Soros, who financed the government after the so-called Rose Revolution, who is still financing the police in Georgia. So it's not an independent operation, but it is really an extension of the British Empire destabilization: They launched the attack on South Ossetia.

And this was very sneaky, because it was in the first hours of the Olympic Games. It was very brutal: 1,800

people were killed, and it is very clear that the main aim had nothing to do with South Ossetia, or Georgia, but the main aim of this operation was to drive a wedge between especially the United States, but in general the West, and Russia.

The Russian government, as you know, went for a decisive counterattack, and destroyed much of the American-built installations in Georgia. Mr. LaRouche, my husband, immediately put out a statement and said that what the Russian government did, was probably to stop World War III, because the continuous encirclement policy against Russia and China, is indeed bringing the world onto that road.

The Push for a New Global Empire

How could it come to this situation? Remember, that when the Soviet Union disintegrated, the British Empire around Margaret Thatcher, and the neocons in the Bush Sr. Administration decided to turn the American Republic into a new global empire, in the “special relationship” with Great Britain. After 1989, when the Berlin Wall had come down, and the German unification represented a tremendous chance to put the East-West relationship on a completely new basis, these same empire circles started the first Gulf War, to distract attention and take the momentum away from German unification. And then they followed up with the Balkan War. And at that time, they were already determined to cause a regime change in all countries that would oppose this installation of a global empire.

Now, in the period immediately afterwards, in the eight years of the Clinton Administration, this was a little bit slowed down, and somewhat interrupted. But the empire circles had basically aimed at Russia, with shock therapy: They wanted to turn Russia from a superpower into a raw materials-producing, Third World country, and they destroyed much of the Russian industrial base, and also in the Comecon countries.

During the Yeltsin era, they had not so many problems, because they looted Russia. But when Putin started to reassert the role of Russia as a world power, they started to organize these destabilizations. They built up so-called “street gangs,” all financed by George Soros, which were first instrumental in getting rid of Milosevic in Serbia. Then in 2003, they went to Georgia, and there they created the so-called Rose Revolution. They went on, in 2004, to Ukraine, where they made the so-called Orange Revolution. And in this period, Cheney said many times, that the United States



The fall of the Berlin Wall presented a tremendous chance to put the East-West relationship on a completely new basis, Zepp-LaRouche said, but, the British empire instead started the first Gulf War, followed by the Balkan War, to crush that potential. Shown, Germans, from East and West Berlin, celebrate the fall of the Wall, Nov. 9, 1989

would never allow one country or a combination of countries ever to come into the vicinity of American power, either economically or politically.

Now, at the same time, they started then to prepare the anti-China campaign, with the Tibet campaign, and the Uighurs in Xinjiang; this is really aimed to destroy the territorial integrity of Russia and China.

Immediately after the Russian government made a very clear countermove, the Polish government made an agreement with the United States to put up the ABM system in Poland, giving the U.S. a base which will be used against short- and middle-range missiles. Everybody knows that you can change these defensive systems very quickly into offensive systems, and that would then mean that short-range and medium-range missiles would reach into Russia, and up to Moscow, in something like three minutes.

That move also made clear, with the short- and medium-range missiles, that the old pretext, that this was to defend against “rogue states” like Iran, was a complete lie.

Now, the next thing was that Ukraine is also offering a former Soviet base to the West. And they’re

making trouble for the Russian Fleet in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol.

On the Road to World War III

Now, if you look at this escalation, the meltdown of the system, and these moves by the British, by the United States, and by NATO, it is very clear, that we are on the road to World War III. This is not to say that these countries could win against Russia! Because, in war, and especially in a war of the kind we are talking about, logistics is everything. And how can you have logistics, when the economies of the United States, of Great Britain, of Europe are collapsing the way they are doing?

But, it is very clear: We have now reached a moment in history, where mankind is challenged as never before. Can we change the agenda in time?

Globalization today, the system associated with the present financial system, is more bankrupt than the Communist system was in 1989 to ’91. And we should seriously ask ourselves, and ask our governments, our parliaments: Why should billions of human beings, who have been the victims of this globalization, continue to suffer for the privilege of a few billionaires and a couple of more millionaires? We need a new just world economic order, *now!*

I wrote a resolution recently, which was the result of a seminar which we had in Germany, where important people from many countries participated—from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, and the Middle East. And we decided that we would make a worldwide mobilization to get the United Nations General Assembly, which starts on the 26th of September, to officially adopt a new world economic order, and to put the question of a New Bretton Woods and the Eurasian Land-Bridge as the concrete program for the reconstruction of the world economy, on the agenda.

A New Deal for the World

Since the question of war or peace, and question of the danger of a collapse of the economy, is something which concerns the entirety of humanity, I think that it is a matter which really must be discussed at this forum. This may sound new for some of you, but actually we have been involved in this fight for a very long time.

The first time Mr. LaRouche came up with a proposal to replace the IMF system with a new system was in 1975, when, after a visit to Iraq, where he met many Third World leaders, he made the proposal to create something which he called the International Development Bank. This was supposed to replace the IMF, and to transform the debt of the developing countries, from short-term debt with high interest rates, into long-term credit lines with low interest rates, in order to finance very well-defined infrastructure and other development projects. And this institution was supposed to have \$400 billion per year in terms of technology transfer for the Southern Hemisphere.

We organized for this for one full year, and in 1976, and at the Colombo, Sri Lanka conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, this proposal for a new world economic order was adopted by 85 nations. Obviously, this was then not immediately realized; but in the United Nations General Assembly, that same year, a month later, the Foreign Minister of Guyana, Fred Wills, made a powerful speech, demanding exactly that: a new financial and economic order, which would make the survival of everybody possible.

This was answered by the financial oligarchy with destabilizations against Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan, against Indira Gandhi, and against Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka. And, it would then take another six years, until José López Portillo made another very beautiful speech in the United Nations, in 1982, demanding the same thing.

This was 32 or 26 years ago; and just think how different the world would look, if these ideas would have been implemented at that time. The failure to do that, has brought the world to the verge of the abyss. And, what I'm suggesting to you, is that you join in, with a worldwide mobilization to make the issue of the new world economic order, *the* issue at the UN General As-



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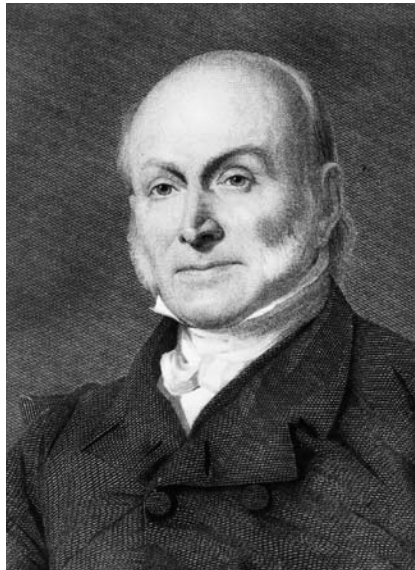
A worldwide mobilization for Lyndon LaRouche's International Development Bank culminated, in 1982, with an address to the UN General Assembly by Mexican President José López Portillo, calling for a new financial and economic order. López Portillo is shown here presenting that proposal.

sembly. All we have to do, is get the idea circulated, and find a dozen leaders worldwide, from Latin America, from Africa, from Asia, to bring this onto the table, and to decide that there must be an emergency conference on the level of heads of state, to declare the present world system bankrupt, and then, to reorganize the debt—cancel most of the debt of the developing countries which cannot pay these debts anyway—but much of the debt of the so-called advanced sector is equally unpayable; and then establish fixed exchange rates and national banks for very well-organized, new credit lines.

In other words: Let's have a New Deal in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, a New Deal for the United States, a New Deal for South America, for Asia, for Africa. And then, let's decide to make the Eurasian Land-Bridge the idea to transform the world, through so-called "development corridors," and bring development into the land-locked areas of Africa, of Eurasia, and of Latin America; to extend the Eurasian Land-Bridge through the Bering Strait, to the Americas, all the way to the south to Chile, and to extend it through Egypt, through Sicily to Tunisia, a tunnel across Gibraltar, and develop Africa. Let's make the Eurasian Land-Bridge, as a World Land-Bridge, the basis for a new peace order of the 21st Century.



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President John Quincy Adams (right) and his Secretary of State Henry Clay were leading proponents of the American System, which meant opposing any form of colonialism in our hemisphere; Clay, along with Lincoln, led the fight against the U.S war against Mexico in the 1840s.

Without the U.S.A., a Solution Is Not Possible

Now, in one week, there will be the Democratic Convention in Denver; and as you probably have heard, Hillary Clinton's name will be placed in nomination. And if the Americans are really sane, they are going to nominate her, and elect her President. That is the only thing which really would save the situation, because without the United States, a solution is not possible. I know that not everybody in South America agrees with that, but if you think through the implications of what the world will look like if the United States is on an antagonistic course, I think, under those circumstances, no solution has really a chance to succeed. Because even if the strategic partnership between Russia, China, and India is very important, the solution depends on a change of policy in the United States, away from the seven or eight years of disaster, which the Bush Administration has represented in the last period.

I know that the image of the United States is presently very bad around the world: what the United States has done in Iraq, what they're now doing in Eastern Europe—and I could make a very long list. But it is important for the people in Central and South America to understand, that it is not the United States which is the problem: It is the real conflict, which has been raging for over 200 years, between the British and American System of economics, between the faction of free trade,

imperialism, and colonialism on the one side, and the faction which is for sovereign republics devoted to the common good of the people, on the other. And this fight goes back all the way to the American War of Independence against the British Empire. And you should understand that the people whom you in South America regard as enemies, have been the enemies of the American Revolution, and they were mostly linked to the European oligarchy.

Now, the Ibero-Americans, as well as all the humanists in Europe, admired the American Revolution of the '70s and '80s of the 18th Century. But later, when, in 1826, Simón Bolívar called the Congress of the Americas in Panama, initially it was without the United States. But Colombia and Mexico invited the

United States to participate; and this then led to a fight in the U.S. Congress. And despite the fact that President John Quincy Adams and his Secretary of State Henry Clay authorized that American representatives should attend this conference, it did not happen. Now, why did it not happen?

It was the policy of Alexander Hamilton and John Quincy Adams, who were for nationalist economic policies—protectionism, tariffs, national banking, government-funded infrastructure; and John Quincy Adams also called for the end of the British Empire, and insisted that the American Republic must never practice colonialism. In this period, the Monroe Doctrine was declared, to stop the European oligarchies from reaching into the Americas: the oligarchies of Metternich, the Habsburg Empire, the British Empire of Castlereagh, and so forth.

But then, through the Anglophile traitors' revolt in the American South, who were pro-slavery, who created a secessionist movement centered in South Carolina—from these came the protest against the participation of the United States in the Panama [Pan-American] conference, in 1826. And they made the argument that the U.S. delegates would join with black non-slaves, representatives from Haiti, and this would have a very dangerous effect on the slaves in the U.S. South.

Similarly, it was in respect to the war of the 1840s,

the U.S. war against Mexico, where the same treasonous, Southern slaveowners' faction was behind the war, even if this was denounced by the older generation, John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay. Sen. Henry Clay led the fight against the Mexican War, and he was a very solid representative of the American System; he was fighting for protectionist policies in the United States. It was the same traitors, who 13 years later, made the Southern War of Rebellion against Lincoln, who fortunately won this war. And proudly, I can say that German financing and German issuing of bonds for Lincoln had a big part in this success.

Lincoln launched the greatest industrialization in history, ever, up to that point. And he opened very friendly relations with Ibero-America, and a big plan for North and South American infrastructure began. Later, the same policy was pursued by James G. Blaine, the U.S. Secretary of State in 1881, and from 1889-92; who, by the way, was an ally of the Irish Revolution against England; he was fighting for the rights for black Americans, and he revived this idea of economic cooperation between North and South America. A railway commission was established which mapped out the idea of 500 miles of railway, for the complete integration of the Western Hemisphere. This was also pushed by President William McKinley, who was a protégé of Blaine, and he also developed the idea of the Isthmian Canal.

All these plans were halted when McKinley was murdered, and the Anglophile Teddy Roosevelt took over. I'm saying all of this, because I know, that many of you have a justified anger against the United States. But it is important to understand that the British-inspired empire faction *inside* the United States, is the problem. And we have to fight very hard, so that the United States can find its soul again, and go back to the tradition of the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, of Lincoln, of FDR: Because only then, can the situation in the world be remedied.

Let Us Work for the Common Aims of Mankind

Therefore, I'm asking you to help to organize, to make the UN General Assembly the turning point. And I want you to use the resolution which we adopted at this seminar in Germany. This is not an arbitrary moment to focus on the UN General Assembly, at this point: *It may very well be the last chance in history before a great catastrophe.* We need a just new world economic order, where every nation on this planet can

survive in decency. We have to eliminate poverty and hunger, which would be so easy to do! It could be done: And maybe eliminate hunger in half a year; we could eliminate poverty in two or three years. So therefore, let's try to double food production. Eliminate the use of food for biofuels, and eliminate drug production and grow food instead!

We have to end oligarchism: oligarchism, which means the privilege of a relative few, and happiness and even the lives of billions of people are sacrificed—for what? For just a few speculative oligarchs. We have to end the British System of free trade. It is a hoax anyway, because, you can see it in the food production, which is controlled by five gigantic food cartels. One of them is Monsanto, which controls 80% of the world's seeds!

Let's work to establish a world of sovereign republics, all devoted to the common good of their people, guaranteeing the inalienable rights of all people, and the right for life, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. Let's adopt the principles of the American Declaration of Independence for all nations of this world, and let's work together for the common aims of mankind. The time to move is now.

Dialogue with Zepp-LaRouche

Ingrid Torres: Thank you very much, Helga. Now we are going to the period of questions and answers....

López Portillo's Legacy

The first question here from Mexico, is from the UAM university: "Who was López Portillo?"

Zepp-LaRouche: I think he was a President who was very much concerned about the nation of Mexico, and he started to implement policies which really would have changed the fate of Latin America altogether.

I want to give you one example: In the Summer of 1982, when Mexico was under tremendous attack by the speculators, and you had capital flight against the peso, López Portillo invited my husband to come to Mexico City, and he asked him to write a program for the defense of the Mexican economy. So my husband immediately did that; but he not only wrote a program for Mexico, he wrote a program for the infrastructure integration of the entire South and Central American

continent, which was called *Operation Juárez*, by reminding people of the cooperation between Benito Juárez and Abraham Lincoln in the last century.

On Sept. 1, 1982, López Portillo started to implement that, by making foreign exchange controls, by nationalizing the central bank, and by starting the kind of development projects which really could have turned the situation around. Unfortunately, at that time, Brazil and Argentina did not support him, and therefore the effort was not as successful as it could have been. And unfortunately, the Argentine nation later got the bill for that, in the form of the Malvinas War, which was directly started by the British. So, I think that the works of López Portillo, really represent the best tradition of Mexico, especially in this century.



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The LaRouche Youth Movement in Bogota, Colombia organizes against biofuels and for nuclear power.

Physical Economy vs. ‘Money’

Torres: Now ... we have Emiliano in Argentina.

Emiliano Andino: First of all, we’d like to thank the group “Commitment K,” from the Kirchner group in Argentina, and their leadership, and [everyone] who helped us create this dialogue and present it here in this country as well.

We have approximately 40 people gathered here in Buenos Aires. From these, I already have four questions; I’m going to read you the first one. And it has to do with the counterposition between the Franklin Delano Roosevelt system, and the Keynesian system. The question is: “Hi, Helga: I would like to ask you to review the distinctions between the British system, based on a floating-exchange-rate system and unlimited speculation on the one hand; and, on the other hand, the system based on a fixed exchange rate, which Franklin Delano Roosevelt organized just before his death. And also the diametrical opposition between that system of Roosevelt’s, based on the American System of political economy, and the system which was instead imposed, which originated with Lord Keynes, which came about after the unfortunate death of Franklin Roosevelt.

“So the question is, contrasting these two views, one Roosevelt’s, and the other that was ultimately adopted from Keynes for the world financial system.”

Zepp-LaRouche: Start with the center of the whole thing: the image of man. Where does the wealth of so-

ciety come from? Where is it generated? The British system of free trade, and the system of floating exchange rates, basically says you have to “buy cheap, sell expensive,” and have the middleman make as much profit as possible.

That has been the basis of the British East India Company; it has been the system of colonialism; it is what the present World Trade Organization system basically represents. And it is the idea that only a few people really are privileged, and should be studying and have knowledge; and that it is the leisure of the privileged class which is the reason why there is wealth existing in the first place.

And on the other side, the system of protectionism, the system of physical economy, the American System, or the system which was also developed by the Customs Union of Friedrich List, which was then continued by Henry Carey, by Mathew Carey, and which was the basis for the industrial revolution in the United States, but also in Germany, in Russia, in Japan, and many other countries: That has the idea that the only source of wealth is the increase of the productivity of the labor force, and therefore the development of the cognitive powers of every member of society.

The idea of a fixed-exchange-rate system, is that you need protection against an influx of speculative money, or influx of cheap goods, because you want to build up a strong domestic market. And only after you have developed a very strong domestic market, can



World Bank

British economist John Maynard Keynes addresses the Bretton Woods conference, July 4, 1944. He was a monetarist, making no distinction between productive credit for physical production, and giving away money to decrease unemployment.

you then have trade, from a standpoint of strength, with other countries.

Now obviously, fixed exchange rates are extremely important, because why should anybody speculate against currencies? Why should international speculators like George Soros, or others, be allowed to speculate against that which is the national income and national wealth of people? In the case of Malaysia, for example, George Soros—according to the words of the former Prime Minister Mahathir, that which the Malaysian people took 40 years to build up, Soros would speculate away in one week! Therefore, you have to eliminate such possibilities of currency speculation. And furthermore, if you want to have long-term investment in international infrastructure projects, you cannot have vacillations between currencies, where, in one week, a currency goes down by 10%, or 20%, or 30%; because, you need long-term stability in the system.

And that is exactly what the Bretton Woods system, which was designed by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, really did, and which, to a certain extent, functioned. But, as you said, the unfortunate death of Roosevelt at that point, made it a little bit more mixed, and especially concerning the valuation of the currencies of the developing countries—they had a disadvantage from the very beginning.

So I think that that is really the key difference.

And concerning Keynes: Keynes is simply a mone-

tarist, who does not make the differentiation between productive credit for physical production, the actual creation physical wealth—or just giving money to get rid of unemployment lines. And that is, I think, what people have not understood about the question of physical economy, because they think “money”! When people talk about economy, they don’t speak about physical production, they don’t speak about the increase of the productivity of the labor force and the industrial capacity, but they think in terms of “making money.”

And therefore, this thing has been really completely confused, and that is why our efforts right now, to internationally create a new generation of young people

who study what are the principles of physical economy, is really very, very urgent. Because with globalization, we had people who believed in the values of shareholder society, of making profit in the here and now, as quickly as possible, in total disregard for the long-term improvement of the economy.

So I think that that is really the key question: How do you create for the long term, the basis for the survival of society; and that is a physical question, and it has nothing to do with money as such.

The Role of Ibero-America

Torres: Thank you very much, Helga. Now, we would like to ask Colombia to ask a question.

Colombia: ...First, an economics student asks: “What do you think, Helga, about the economic situation of Latin America? That is to say, our continent is very rich in raw materials, but nonetheless, there is tremendous poverty and hunger. Is there a way to solve this problem? And Colombia, what’s your view of it, looking at it from abroad?”

The second question comes from a retired business manager: “Especially in terms of the development of nuclear energy, are all the considerations taken into account to make sure there are no environmental problems?”

And then there’s a question from the political movement Polo Democrático (Democratic Pole), which asks



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Hispanic Americans mobilize for immigrants' rights in Washington, D.C., April 10, 2006. Mrs. LaRouche calls on Hispanics to "really make their voices heard in the next days! And I really mean 'in the next days,' before the Democratic Convention starts."

if there's a way to have a defined plan, so that these types of economic proposals can actually be turned into reality in the world.

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, I think that the situation in Latin America, while there are these problems you name—in the recent period, there was a very promising development. On the one side, the collaboration between Colombia and Venezuela: the idea to have railways developing, including eventually to Ecuador and Brazil; the whole idea of the development of the Bank of the South. There are very promising signs, but I think the key question is, Latin America must find a way of intersecting the strategic picture at large.

The reason I mention some of the history of the back and forth between the American politicians who were for the development of the South, of South America, is, I think that you have to think how to affect the situation *inside* the United States. Given the fact that there are many Hispanic immigrants—both legal and illegal, but many of them *are* legal—I think anything which can be done to intersect the present fight around the Democratic Party Convention is really urgent. Because, as I said earlier, I think that many people think that the United States is so bad, "Let's just wait until they go down, and then we'll take care of our own problems."

I think the most urgent thing to conceptualize right now, is how to really impact this situation around the

U.S. election campaign, and I think Hispanics play a very, very important role. I think they should really make their voices heard in the next days! And I really mean "in the next days," before the Democratic Convention starts.

The second thing is, I think Latin American nations, individually, should really think how they can be part of this Four Power alliance, because I think they have to start to attach themselves, as sovereign republics, to the combination of Russia, China, and India, and hopefully a changed United States. Because the crisis is so far gone, that any idea to solve it just on a continental basis will not work. I otherwise would say, the best thing to really help, is to help in this mobilization to turn the UN General Assembly into the debate of a just new world economic order.

I think, for Colombia, it is also very promising what happened in the recent freeing of the 15 hostages. Because, on the one side, it *is* the question of the war against drugs, and

to replace drug production with agricultural production. And I think that can, realistically, only be done, if all the neighboring countries are working together, and if some of the large-scale plains between Colombia and Venezuela, but also in Brazil, are being used for massive development of agriculture.

So I think that the Colombian situation recently has taken a very good turn, but I think it now needs this question of a real Land-Bridge development, of development corridors, put on the agenda.

Go Nuclear!

Zepp-LaRouche: [On the nuclear question], as I said before, we don't want just any nuclear energy, but we want to have the most modern variety. And that's the HTR, the high-temperature reactor, the so-called pebble-bed reactor, which was developed already 30 years ago, by Professor Schulten in Jülich, which is a laboratory near the University of Aachen. And he designed this nuclear reactor type in such a way, that it is inherently physically safe. Because, first of all, with the slightest incident of an accident, or some other mishap, it closes down itself. Furthermore, the pebbles are made of ceramics which take heat up to 1,800°C, and in the fission process, the most heat which is generated is 1,000°, so there is absolutely no way how that accident can actually occur.

And concerning the so-called waste: One simply has to take the challenge to develop modern physics further, to basically go into the Isotope Economy, to use what now is regarded as waste as a future fuel and raw material. And there, lots of research is happening right now.

I think that we need to go forward, because the reason why we need nuclear energy, and not so-called “renewable energies.” is because of the energy density which is in nuclear fission, which we absolutely need as a stepping-stone to come as quickly as possible to nuclear fusion. Because only if we have reached that, can we securely say that mankind will have solved the question of raw materials security and energy security.

I think that right now, there is a renaissance of nuclear energy. I’m very happy about it, even if Germany is, unfortunately, the last country to go back to a technology which it itself developed. But you have massive development of nuclear energy in Russia, in China, in India. All the Maghreb countries in Northern Africa want it; all the Persian Gulf countries want it. Many African countries are committed to have nuclear energy. The South Africa HTR model is being geared up for export, not only to Africa, but to other continents.

So I think that any country, which wants to have energy safety and wants to have plenty of energy and cheap energy, should really go in the direction of nuclear energy.

Every Sector Should Mobilize

Torres: Great. Now the next question is here in Mexico.

Q: My name is David, from Mexico City, and I have the following question for you: Do you believe that in the perpetuation of injustice, the right way forward is to have the active participation of those sectors which have been excluded, and those who have been discriminated against? And that today, tomorrow, and always, abstentionism is not the best pathway to bring about a new just economic order, as you are working for? Thank you very much.

Zepp-LaRouche: I think that right now, the world is in such absolute danger, that only if enough people, enough forces, start to really realize that this is the moment they have to participate, even if they have not thought about it this way before. . . . Even if they belong to a particular group—trade unions, or social groups, student groups, or whatever—I think it is right now a test for civilization: Can we mobilize in light of the

biggest danger which everybody can see? Because, you know, the governments are not doing anything to stop this meltdown of the system, except pumping liquidity! Well, it’s already killing people!

Right now, you have in many East African countries, a starvation crisis, due to the price inflation of food, which is threatening maybe 15 million people right now! And that’s just in Eastern Africa. I think you have other parts of the world in the same situation.

And if the banking system collapses, if this is true what we expect to happen—namely, that maybe thousands of banks will collapse—what do you think will be the effect on normal people? That is why I’m so upset and so enraged about the G7 not addressing this issue. Why do we have governments, if they don’t act to protect the people?

Governments are not privileged people who have their pensions, and their diets, and their whatnot: They’re there to protect the people, and if they’re not protecting them, we should get different governments! That’s exactly the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, which I really think we should adopt as the charter for every country in the world, because it’s a very beautiful document, and I made it deliberately the [basis of the] charter of the Schiller Institute when the Schiller Institute was founded in 1984.

No: I think that every section, especially when they have *not* been heard, when they were not represented, should start to engage in learning about physical economy, learning how to reorganize the economy, how to engage in all of the things which are necessary! And I think the best thing people can do, is help to organize this mobilization to put the new world economic order on the agenda. If the governments are not doing it, it must come from the people.

Insanity of Pushing World War III

Torres: We now ask Argentina to ask the next question.

Andino: Here in Argentina, many questions have come up. I’m going to try to make a general presentation of these questions, which have to do with economics, with political integration, and World War III.

There are five quick questions:

1. Who benefits from the economic collapse?
2. Why are some people seeking a Third World War?
3. The food crisis is hitting our countries seriously, what do we do about it?

4. Is integration the answer to the food crisis which our countries are facing?

5. How do we destroy the “brain” of this imperialism, which is using countries, through complicity or otherwise, for the international financial interests which they represent?

Zepp-LaRouche: The first question, “Who benefits from the economic collapse?” Well, in the end, nobody. Because, I think that the only thing which the oligarchy can do, is to destroy. The people who have brought us to this point of collapse, well, they may have had privileges for a certain period, but as you can see now, even in the collapse, you have speculators! For example, the present rise of the dollar, according to our best information, comes from the fact that the central banks have actually supported the dollar, so that the dollar would not fall off the cliff altogether, and in the wake of this, all kinds of hedge funds and speculators have done the same thing. Therefore, you have, right now, a certain rise in the dollar.

So you have speculators—you know, they eat from the corpse; this is a dead body they just killed. For a short period of time, it does function, but once the system comes down, which is happening right now, this thing is blowing into a dark age.

My husband, Lyndon LaRouche, has made, many times, the comparison to the collapse of civilization in the 14th Century, when one-third of the people from India to Ireland were killed in the Black Death, in Flagellant atrocities, in a general breakdown of society. And I think that if you would have now an uncontrolled collapse of the system, we have been calculating—and some people have said—that it is their intention to reduce the present population of 6.5 billion to maybe 1 billion, or 2 billion people. Because they are oligarchs, and they think that most people are just human cattle, and they can be slaughtered when there are “too many.”

We have, over the years, documented every one of these people, like Prince Philip, for example, who said publicly, that if he is ever reincarnated, he wants to be reincarnated as a deadly virus, so that he can more efficiently contribute to the reduction of world population!

These people are evil! And they can destroy the world. But if the world would go down to that level, like 1 billion or 2 billion, I think it would only happen through a tremendous catastrophe, where, after four generations, maybe after 200 years, mankind would come back and somehow go back to human development. But this could not happen with any normal



YouTube

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili chews on his tie, with the flag of the EU (of which Georgia is not a member), on the right. Such episodes led a Russian psychiatrist to do a study of Saakashvili's mental instability.

means, and I think this is what we are on the verge of. And I think if people think this through, it would give you tremendous energy to mobilize now.

Now, concerning the question of who is organizing or intending World War III? I don't think anybody is consciously planning World War III right now. But I think, what you see is a tremendous danger of a miscalculation. Like, for example: This very unstable President Saakashvili miscalculated, tremendously. I'm saying, “unstable,” because if you go on the YouTube, you have a very funny video where Saakashvili gave this ridiculous press conference in front of the flag of the European Union! You know, Georgia is not a member of the European Union, so why does he stick this flag there?

While he was giving this press conference, he had a red tie, and he was sticking the red tie in his mouth and was chewing on it all the time, which then led a Russian psychiatrist to do a study, about how this person is really very unstable and should not be taken too seriously!

I think World War III could happen very quickly, not so much that people really plan it, because that would just be the utmost insanity, but by miscalculation. By thinking in the same way as whoever was backing the Georgian intervention into South Ossetia;

they did not expect the Russian government to react the way it did! They thought they would back down; they would sit still, and that way, they would have then made the next move, and the next move. . . .

But the Russian government did say “No,” and they proved in a precise and necessary way that they are a superpower! They have a tremendous nuclear arsenal. Just today, I learned from a contact—we have to look at it more closely—that they tested a very fast, very modern, powerful missile, making clear, they’re not going to capitulate!

Nor will China.

I think that, *if* it would come to a war, I’m pretty sure that Russia and China already would work together, so therefore, nobody can win that war. Who wants to occupy Russia? Russia is a gigantic country, with 11 time zones! China has 1.4 billion people: Who wants to occupy China? I mean, it’s totally impossible to win war against these two countries. But you could destroy a couple of hundred millions of people in war, in these countries, and you could bring about tremendous nuclear destruction in the rest of the world.

So, I think the people who are playing with that, are really crazy—the people who are pushing this eastward expansion of NATO and the militarization of the European Union, which right now is on the table again: You have something called the European Center for Reform; this is a British think tank, and they are suggesting that the European Union should have an army, and not just a defensive army, but combat troops, so that Europe could fight its own wars in Eastern Europe, because you cannot expect the United States to fight these wars, referring to Russia and the Caucasus and whatnot.

These people in my view are *clinically insane*. Because they’re playing with a fire which could destroy civilization, altogether.

Now, concerning the food crisis: I already said that what should be done, is really to take all of these measures simultaneously. I know that Brazil, for its own reasons, thinks that it should produce biofuels—that needs to be discussed with them. But I think for the rest, biofuels should absolutely be banned. With one tank full of biofuel in a car, the amount of food you need to produce that, a human being could live half a year, or even up to a year. So it’s totally criminal to use that.

And otherwise, I think one needs to increase production, through infrastructure where there is none. In Latin America, one of the key questions is to develop these plains, the one in Brazil, and the one between

Colombia and Venezuela; to have rail systems; to have infrastructure. And in general, go for nuclear energy, go for small, safe HTR reactors; desalinate large amounts of water where it is needed. You know, in many countries in Latin America, you have enough water, but around the world, it really is the key.

And I think that that is really a question of political will! I think Dennis Small, who is translating now, has calculated that in Latin America alone, if these measures are taken, the food production could be 180% more than it is now, if you use the existing possibilities. So it is only a question of the political will.

Now, concerning how to destroy the “brain” of the oligarchy: We are really in a revolutionary period, and what seems to be very impossible under normal circumstances, is possible in times of such revolutionary changes. I think, right now, we have to have the idea, that, if many people who are threatened with this present crisis, are being organized by responsible leaders—by trade union leaders, by parliamentarians, by social leaders—and that hope is being given, because these leaders have the courage to discuss the reasons which would bring the world out of this crisis, I think people can learn very quickly, much quicker than in so-called “peaceful, normal” times.

And once people understand this conflict, and what is the oligarchical system, and what is the image of man associated with it, I think it can be destroyed.

I’m absolutely certain that if we use this present crisis, which is going to shake people up, and then, in the next phase, have universal education for all children and youth on this planet, a couple of years from now, people will look back on oligarchism, and say, “Mankind was really at the absolute low point in 2008, because at that point, the oligarchical, usurious, utilitarian system had taken over all the world institutions.” And as the great German philosopher Leibniz already said, at the end of the 17th Century: When the whole world is governed by utilitarianism, it will come to a world revolution. And I think we have reached that point.

We don’t want to have a Jacobin revolution, we don’t want to have a French Revolution; but we do want an American Revolution, in which the principles of a republic determined to serve the common good of the people, is established in as many countries as possible. And then, when youth and children have access to universal education, I think the question of oligarchy will be like a fossil which you go and see in the museum, but it will not be part of human civilization forever.

I think we have, right now, reached the low point, because we have not only a financial and a military crisis, but we also have a crisis of morality, of decadence, a cultural collapse, from which it can really only actually go up! The only question is, will it go up now, or 200 years from now?

How Can We Double Food Production?

Torres: . . . I would like to give a brief idea to our audience, and also people who are watching over the Internet, to let you know that in Mexico we have a gathering of about 120 people, and so far, there are about 25 questions lined up. Since there are so many questions, we are trying to combine questions that are on similar subjects, and we will take up such questions now.

This question is from Ana María Silva, of the UAM university from Azcapotzalco, and this question also refers to questions that are being asked from students at this Psychology Department, from different social organizations, and so on. The question is the following:

“You say that by applying advanced technology which the four major powers of the world have—applying that in the poorest parts of the world—you could eliminate hunger and poverty. What is the price which these powers would charge the rest of the world, what would be the conditions they would impose, and what would be their willingness to do this?”

And adding in other questions: “What sort of technologies could be employed in order to double food production?”

Zepp-LaRouche: I think that even within the structure of the present system, you get a glimpse of what could be done. For example, in Europe right now, there is a complete freakout by the European Union about Chinese and Russian, and recently even Japanese investment in Africa. For example, the Chinese are building railways, they’re building dams, they’re building all kinds of things, and naturally, it is to their advantage, because they make deals—raw materials for development projects.

And the European Union is completely freaked out,



Chinese Government

A Chinese teacher in Tanzania guides workers in the use of equipment for the coal-mining industry. This was the first heavy industry facility built by China in Africa.

because they said, “Oh, look! Africa is becoming Chinese.” But I have talked to many African representatives, and they say, “Oh yes, sure, China has a self-interest, but they do also serve our interest: We get the modern technology, we get the railways, we get the modern hydroelectric dams, and other such projects.”

Look, my husband has written a very nice book, which I can only emphasize for you to get. It’s called *Earth’s Next Fifty Years*, and it is a vision OF how the world could be organized in the next two generations, namely the next 50 years, and it is a very nice conception: How do you make investments and treaties among different countries which have completely different conditions?

For example, you have countries which are large, you have countries which are very small; you have some countries which have lots of raw materials; others have energy, oil; others not. So, when you build the Eurasian Land-Bridge, how do you balance these differences? The only way you can do it, is, you establish the idea of the common aims of mankind, to which all participating nations agree. Then, you do not ask a small country which has no raw materials, to pay back initial credits by participating in these development corridors, before this country has developed the productivity of its population and the buying power, to be able to pay back any credit it received—maybe 20 or 30 years ago.

We cannot come out of this crisis by just making a couple of tricks, and then continuing with the old method of exploitation, speculation, and so forth. We *only* will come out of this crisis, as mankind, when we radically change our ways of thinking, when we radically change, away from the principles of the last 40 years, which have brought this world to this point of crisis.

And we have to go back to sound economic principles, to the idea of the common good, to the idea of science and technology as that which causes the wealth of a country to increase. And *only* if we really go back to ideas which existed at certain periods before: For example, in Germany, the reconstruction after World War II, really in a few years, changed Germany from a total rubble-field, into the famous “German economic miracle.” We have to go back to these methods, but *do* apply them in every country, not just in one country, but apply them everywhere.

And, you know, there are sound principles. For example, without infrastructure, of the kind which was the basis for the industrial revolution of the United States, starting with the Lincoln period, and then beyond; or the same method applied in Germany, to turn an agrarian country, during the time of Bismarck, after he adopted the reforms of Henry Carey, and turned to a protectionist policy.

Actually, this is very little known: The head of the German Industry Association at the time, his name was von Kardorff, was first a believer in free trade; but then, when he met the ideas of Henry Carey, he turned into a passionate defender of protectionism, and he then also influenced Bismarck. And when Bismarck made the famous industrial reforms, and the social laws—especially the industrial reforms—he defended that with the American example. Railroads, infrastructure—there are certain known physical things which have to be done, as a starting point for any industrial revolution, to turn an agrarian society into a full-fledged modern society.

Now, the only difference is, that we are not proposing that less-developed countries should repeat exactly



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Women in Berlin in 1946. In just a few years, devastated Germany was transformed from a rubble-field into an “economic miracle.” The methods used should be applied in every country, obliterating the distinction between “rich” and “poor” nations.

all the steps that more advanced countries have made, one by one, until they reach the most advanced level. You know, it’s not like a family with many children, where the younger children always must wear the clothes of the older children! No, we don’t want that. We want every country to pick an area of expertise, where that country can become world leader and then participate in a more elaborated division of labor among the countries of this world.

And that way, you could make a jump start, and overcome underdevelopment, by simply taking young students, developing them in a field, and then in that way, you can really close the gap, because there is no law in the universe that the world should be divided forever, between poor countries and rich countries!

What we need for Latin America, and for Africa, is—I mean, I don’t know if you have a vision of how the infrastructure in Europe looks. It’s beautiful! You can go by ship from the Black Sea, through the Danube, then you go by canals, to the Rhine, and you end up, maybe in a port in Duisburg, where your containers are being transferred to rail, and then they’re shipped the last part, from the rail by trucks to the final point of destination. You have a tremendous infrastructure density in Europe!

And while you don’t need all the mistakes—you don’t need all the trucks jamming up the highways—



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The Rhine River, near Mainz, Germany. With Europe's beautiful and developed infrastructure, people and freight can travel from the Black Sea, along the Danube, by canal, and then up the Rhine.

you want to have a much bigger emphasis on public transportation systems—I think it's a model!

But look at the map of Latin America, look at the map of Africa: You *do not have railways connecting the north and south, and the east and the west*. You have some little railways and infrastructure from the iron ore to the port, or for some other goods for the export, because it's all still how the colonial system was! Therefore, this new discussion about building large investment in infrastructure in Latin America, is very, very important. It's the precondition.

So I think all of these problems can be solved. And I think there are many models which can be studied—the American industrialization, the German industrialization, the Russian industrialization under Count Sergei Witte, the Meiji Restoration in Japan—and that can be repeated everywhere. And that's exactly what the battle is. Because, when the Council on Foreign Relations in the 1970s wrote these books on the “controlled disintegration of the world economy” (these were 22 books, which were then published by McGraw-Hill), the key idea was that never again should a Japan happen in the developing countries.

Japan, for centuries, was completely isolated, because at some point they had kicked out some monks, and then sealed themselves off, so they were really backward and completely isolated for centuries. And then, because they came into touch with the American economists around Lincoln, and with the tradition of List in Germany, in a few years, Japan turned, through

the Meiji Restoration, into one of the most modern industrial nations. And what these people from the Council on Foreign Relations said, explicitly was, “Never a Japan again!”

Now, why not? Why should we not have modern countries, in every part of the world? I mean, it's your choice: You don't have to repeat everything you don't like, but the principle of having the transformation from a agricultural society into a largely industrial society, with a decent living standard for everybody: I

think that is absolutely applicable. We can learn from the mistakes, we don't have to repeat them; but I think the idea of having some countries poor forever, this is just an idea which should go out of the window! Because it's not in cohesion with human dignity!

A Complete Change in the System!

Torres: Thank you very much, Helga. Unfortunately, there's really no time for further questions. But nonetheless, questions can be brought to the organizers of the event, and to the degree possible, we will answer them. But we will make sure that they get to Helga, and that way we can stay in contact with you.

And to close, I would like to ask Helga if she has any concluding remarks, anything she wishes to add, and then I will make some announcements.

Zepp-LaRouche: I'm actually very happy to have started this dialogue with you, because the oligarchy is organized internationally, and I think what the humanist, republican forces who want to have a new world economic order, also need to do, is to work together much, much more. And what I want to ask you, really seriously—but I want you to stay in contact with the organizers of each event, and get a copy of this resolution, addressed to change the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly. And then help to circulate that: Get as many signatures, contact as many groups as you can, to really raise this issue.

I know that there are already parliamentarians doing this in some Middle East countries; I know that some

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Main Rail Lines in the Americas

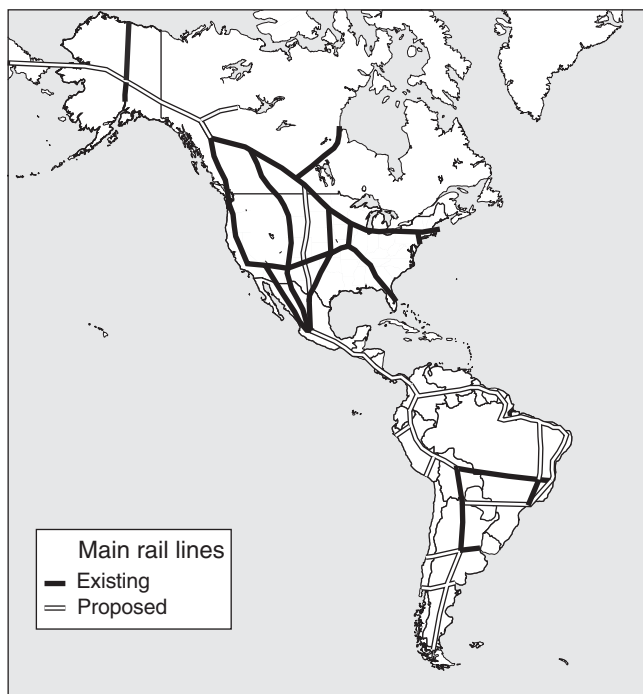


FIGURE 2
Rail Lines in Africa



farmers' organizations are doing it in Germany and France; and even professors and all kinds of people. So, I think if we create a world movement, a groundswell, to say, "Enough is enough! This world is going to pieces, we need a complete change in the system, and the UN General Assembly is the place." We have to create 5, 10, 12 leaders who have the courage of Fred Wills, or who have the courage of López Portillo, and then it can be done.

So, I want to ask you very seriously, join in this effort, because it may be really the last chance we have to turn this thing around. And I thank you very much for listening to me, and you know I'm happy to be with you.

Support the LYM!

Torres: Thank you very much, Helga, and we hope to have you here, live, here in Mexico, and also in Argentina and Colombia! We thank our colleagues in Argentina; we thank people in Colombia as well.

And briefly, many of the questions that were sent to us, asked "What can we do? What can be done to change the situation, to put an end to the oligarchy, to the power of the multinational corporations?"

What I can say to you, immediately, is: Support the

LaRouche Youth Movement everywhere, where it is now organized. And you should get to know the LaRouche Youth Movement, and we will be having more events elsewhere in our countries. We ask you for contributions to be able to print the material, such as the material which we published here in Sonora, for the PLHINO [Northwest Hydraulic Plan]; that's a leaflet which we're now mobilizing around, and which we're going to mobilize the institutions of Mexico for: the idea of returning to a productive economy to our countries, which so desperately need these policies. We need money to be able to publish these pamphlets. We need people to also stay in touch with us, and help us in every way you can, as much as you can, with as much time as you have available....

So, again I would like to thank all of you for your participation, and I would like to thank Helga once again for having been with us. We would have liked to have kept her up all night, there in Germany, answering all of our questions, since we had so many questions, but we do have to allow her some rest; and therefore, thank her for having stayed with us as late as it is. And again, a round of applause for her, and for everyone who helped us to carry out this conference. Thank you very much.

Peering into the Darkness At Jackson Hole

by John Hoefle

As this is being written on Aug. 22, a gaggle of the world's financial leaders are gathered at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's annual economic symposium at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The official subject of this year's parasite fest is "Maintaining stability in a changing financial system," and from what we've seen so far, the speeches are mostly academic claptrap which talk around the issue these bankers so clearly do not want to address, namely, that their system is dead, and thus, so are they.

Rather than drone on about nonexistent economic growth and the alleged stability of the financial markets, or even discussing how to save the zombie banks, we suggest that the gathered financial mavens actually discuss something real for a change. For example, how they plan to keep food on the shelves of the grocery stores when their precious financial system finally gives up the ghost.

We're not kidding! The issue these idiots ought to be discussing is how to keep people alive, how to keep the essential goods and services flowing, how to make sure that people will not be simply left to die when this slow-motion train wreck finally grinds to a halt. The issue is not money, but people.

It is way past the time for these academic fools to give up their fantasies that they can save their system by manipulating money, by shifting losses to the taxpayer, by sticking their heads in the sand and pretending that reality does not exist. Their responsibility is not to the mountains of fictitious capital and alleged profits they have spun out of thin air, but to people, real live people

whose futures are threatened by the parasites' attempts to save themselves from the consequences of their own stupidity.

We say, let the money go, and save the people!

It's Dead, Jack

Deep down in their miserly little hearts, the bankers know their system is gone, but they don't have the guts to admit it. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke are clearly working to try to save the banks by offloading their exposures to non-bank institutions like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and to private equity funds, sovereign wealth funds, and others. This approach is fundamentally incompetent, because it fails to address the real problem, which is the *bankruptcy of the system as a whole*.

The Paulson/Bernanke Plunge Protection Team approach is to treat the problem as a housing problem, in which the subprime mortgage market triggered significant losses in an otherwise healthy financial system. Having redefined a banking crisis as a mortgage crisis, the PPT can proceed to force the banks to write down some of their mortgage-related losses, refinance the rest, and dump as much of the exposure as possible into Fannie and Freddie.

There are numerous problems with this approach, starting with the fact that it was the bankruptcy of the banking system which created the demand for more cash from the mortgage system—the issue was never houses per se, but the creation of ever larger volumes of mortgages to feed the securities machine and the derivatives

markets. The sale of houses was a byproduct of the looting of the population through mortgage debt.

An even more fundamental problem is that the economy itself, not just the financial sector, is bankrupt. Over the past four decades, since the 1968-71 period, the productive capability of the U.S. economy has been systematically stripped, while the service and speculative sectors have grown. The result is an economy that no longer produces the wealth to cover its own consumption; we are operating below breakeven, dependent upon importing goods we no longer produce, and borrowing the money to buy them.

Furthermore, the relationship between the financial sector and the economy is parasitic, much the same as the relationship between a flea and a dog. Restoring our economy to health means eliminating the parasites—the very system Paulson and Bernanke are trying so hard to save. When the solution begins with a flea dip, don't expect the fleas to solve the problem.

Physical Economy

Before we can even begin to solve the problems we face, we must understand that the subject of economics goes far beyond finance and money, and that the basis for economic development and progress is the power of reason of the human mind. It is the ability of the human mind to transform the universe which is the true source of wealth, and thus human minds are the most precious asset we have. To function at its best, a society must be organized to develop the potentials of all of its citizens, socially, culturally, and economically. That is the essence of the American System of Economics, and the reason for the United States' amazing success—and, when we turned our backs on that philosophy, why we have failed miserably.

Contrast this with the various oligarchic systems, in which the wealth is presumed to lie in the land, in human labor, or in money. The feudalist aristocracy believed that wealth was derived from the ownership of land and the peasants on it, who provided the labor to grow the crops and manage the livestock. The Marxists believed that it was the power of human labor that was the source of wealth, but treated their people as cogs in a machine. The financiers believed that controlling money was the key to wealth, that wealth lay in the profits from financial transactions. The common thread among all three systems was of an elite whose existence depended upon the subjugation of the masses, keeping people down and in their places. The British system today, is a com-

ination of financier oligarchy and landed aristocracy, in which finance dominates. It is the most powerful parasite on the planet.

This parasitical British system, in which financial claims are treated as more important than human life, is what has brought the United States, and the world, to their knees, and it is what we must eliminate, if we are to survive. The efforts of Paulson, Bernanke, et al. to save the parasite are only making matters worse, as is evident with every passing day. By trying to save the tumor, they are killing the patient.

Flea Dip

We do not care about the future of Lehman Brothers, or Goldman Sachs, or J.P. Morgan Chase, or any of the other financial institutions; what we care about is the welfare of the population as a whole, and that means a return to the American System of Hamilton, Lincoln, and FDR. The parasites are already doomed, but we need not go down with them.

This is the philosophy behind Lyndon LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Act (HBPA), under which the global financial system would effectively be put through the equivalent of a bankruptcy proceeding. While U.S. law applies only to the United States, the act of declaring the U.S. banking system bankrupt would have the effect of declaring the global system bankrupt, and force the issue internationally.

Under the HBPA, the giant mountain of unpayable debt and financial claims would be frozen, while we concentrate on getting the productive side of the economy moving again. Federal government credit—issued through the Treasury, not borrowed through the Fed—would be made available as necessary to keep the economy functioning during the workout period, to keep food in the grocery stores, keep the schools and hospitals open, and similar necessary functions operating while we clean up the mess created by the parasites. We would also issue Treasury credit at low interest rates to fund the rebuilding of our infrastructure and our manufacturing base, bringing our jobs back from overseas and putting an end to the imperial cartelization operation known as globalization. Other nations would gladly join us in this effort, when they see that we are rejecting British methods and returning to what made America great.

This is what the fools at Jackson Hole should be discussing, instead of playing with their statistics. If they don't, who needs them?

Sabotaging the PLHINO Is a Crime

by Alberto Vizcarra Osuna

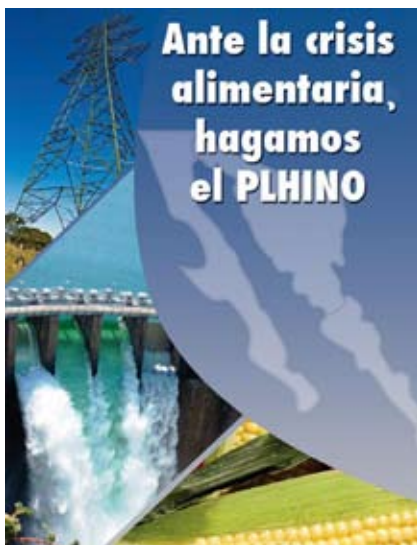
The director of Mexico's National Water Commission (CONAGUA), José Luis Luege Tamargo, one of the most fanatical synarchists inside the National Action Party-controlled Calderón government, testified at hearings of the Budget and Public Accounts Committee of the Mexican Congress Aug. 8. One of the reasons he was asked to appear was to explain what had happened to funds allocated for feasibility studies for one of the most important water infrastructure projects in the country, the Northwest Water Plan (PLHINO). The PLHINO, once completed, will facilitate an expansion of the country's northwest agricultural frontier by 1.3 million hectares, which would enable the nation to deal with the disastrous consequences of the ongoing world food crisis.

The demand to build this vast water project, which was first conceived in the late 1970s, and which has been a key element in the program for economic reconstruction put forward by U.S. economist Lyndon LaRouche's collaborators in Mexico, has recently seen a dramatic rebirth, involving leading institutions of the republic and producer sectors of the country's northwest.

Like the would-be emperor of Mexico Maximilian Hapsburg, Luege Tamargo represents international forces who seek to destroy the country. During the Vicente Fox government, Luege Tamargo held a position with the Federal Agency of Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), and later became the number one official at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT). In both posts, he unconditionally linked up with the environmental fascism of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) of Britain's Prince Philip and of the Nazi Prince Bernard of the Netherlands, as

well as with the heads of the World Bank's World Commission on Dams.

These ties explain why Luege Tamargo's language is completely in sync with the terminology of these supranational bodies, which use ecological fallacies both to favor those corporations that control the world food market, and to prevent nations dependent on food imports from developing their own sovereign ability to produce food.



LaRouche Youth Movement pamphlet: "Before the food crisis, let's build the PLHINO."

Luege's congressional appearance also corresponds to the fact that CONAGUA, like the majority of the federal government's departments and agencies, deliberately under-spends allocated funds, on the assumption that spending less than the budgeted amount signifies administrative efficiency, no matter what economic and social damage may result. Ever since the Mexican economy was intentionally bankrupted from abroad in 1982, the idea of showing a balanced budget or, better still, a budget surplus, has been considered as a magic formula for economic success by the series of governments which dogmatically accepted this neoliberal prescription.

This became evident during the CONAGUA director's Aug. 8 appearance, where the majority of congressmen at the hearing demanded to know the destiny of those funds approved and allocated to water projects in a number of Mexican states, especially since CONAGUA has publicly accounted for a mere 24% of its 2008 budget, at the same time that the Congress is about to define its 2009 budget!

In the face of Luege Tamargo's constant refrain that every project had to be submitted to a rigorous "cost-benefit" study before it could be executed, the congressmen courageously challenged him, as exemplified by the comments of one legislator, who reminded everyone of the human and economic losses wrought by natural disasters because of the lack of water infrastructure. "According to your cost-benefit schemes, what is the cost of a single human life?" he demanded of Luege Tamargo. The legislator continued, "Or perhaps you prefer to wait for another natural disaster before releasing the funds?" The cornered Luege Tamargo put on a display of rhetorical cynicism in order to evade the

questions with stupid arguments about “administrative norms.”

Trapped by the LYM

At the conclusion of his testimony, reporters began to interview Luege Tamargo, when he ran smack into the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM), as well as a member of the Pro-PLHINO Committee of the 21st Century. He was then forced by their questions to repeat his fascist economic doctrine and his opposition to the PLHINO. One of the LaRouche Youth directly confronted the synarchist: “Have you no conscience, to be blocking the PLHINO when it could give food to more than 8 million Mexicans and open up more than 800,000 hectares to crop cultivation?” That same youth told him that sabotaging the PLHINO, in the context of the current food crisis, would drive millions of Mexicans into starvation, and worse.

Confronted with these frank challenges from the youth, Luege Tamargo tried to hide his nervousness behind a frozen smile; he undoubtedly associated these questions with the full-page advertisement that the Pro-PLHINO Committee had published one week earlier in the leading Sonora daily. That ad, directed to President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, during his visit to the state of Sonora in the company of Luege Tamargo, had accused the CONAGUA director of sabotaging the PLHINO by diverting funds allocated by Congress away from the project’s feasibility studies.

So stressed was Luege Tamargo during the confrontation, that he developed a nervous tic in his right eye, which he tried to stop by pressing his index finger against the lid. In attempting to respond, he displayed his monetarist radicalism and his undeniable relationship to fascist economic thinking, whose essence presupposes that money is the source of all wealth. Luege Tamargo argued that the PLHINO is a project which, while conceived more than 50 years ago, “was never evaluated in depth from a cost-benefit viewpoint.” He reiterated that his new water policy involved focussing on a “more efficient” management of existing water supplies. That is, not building new dams, or projects like the PLHINO, which encompass the interconnection of river basins, with investments that would shatter the cost-benefit accounting scheme.

This pantheist worshipper of the vital cycle of water, advocated that instead, we needed to work with SAGARPA (Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fish, and Aquaculture Resources) to choose crops with

“greater value added.” In other words, growers should abandon corn in favor of high-priced crops with low water consumption.

Luege Tamargo’s dogmatism is typical of the blindness with which the Calderón government rules. In the midst of the world food crisis and hyperinflationary turbulence internationally, the government has left the governing of the nation on auto-pilot, under the hallucination that we are at the dawn of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). With astonishing stupidity, this government assumes that Mexico is experiencing a temporary and cyclical episode on a global scale, and that the nation will continue to derive the supposed “benefits of comparative advantages.” This is the typical lie that it is cheaper to import basic grains than to produce them at home.

Who Shaped Luege’s Criminal Mind?

Calling for a program to eradicate supposedly high water-consuming crops like corn, in the midst of a worldwide food crisis and hyperinflationary prices, when Mexico is one of the leading importers of grain and the United States—the world’s leading producer—is reducing its exports, should alert one to the immediate need of a straitjacket for Luege Tamargo! But, there are some things that even a madman wouldn’t do, which suggests that in the behavior of individuals like Luege, there is a malignant design, which is serving interests contrary to Mexico’s sovereign development.

In the beginning of the Vicente Fox government in 2000, international financial interests associated with the old British colonialist tradition organized a forum—in London, naturally—to release the so-called World Report on Dams, and to establish thereby the supranational guidelines to which nations were expected to adhere in the construction of their dams. The report’s prescription, which is nothing less than a dictat against the construction of dams, was prepared by the World Commission of Dams, created in 1998 by the World Bank and the environmentalist World Conservation Union, and backed by the WWF.

The report concludes that the majority of the world’s dams were constructed without consideration of their “cost-benefit,” and many of them have involved exorbitant budgets which have caused indebtedness, in addition to serious ecological damage, by interrupting the natural flow of the rivers and thereby disturbing the vital cycle of water.

Herein lies the explanation for José Luís Luege

Tamargo's dangerous madness. It also explains the origin of his opposition to, and sabotage of, the PLHINO. But, as the Pro-PLHINO Committee indicated in its full-page ad directed to President Calderón on July 31: "The time has come for your intervention. Mismanagement of these funds [allocated to the PLHINO studies] must not be permitted, because if that should happen, we will be dealing with more than a simple administrative failure. A crime will have been committed against the millions of Mexicans who already suffer food poverty, and whose hope to put food on their tables depends to a large extent on the country's expansion of its agricultural frontier. What is worse, it would also mean the sabotage of any possibility that the nation can avoid the social instability and chaos into which a crisis of food shortage would lead us."

The Incompetence of Luege Tamargo

PANistas Still Live in Maximilian's Shadow

by Rubén Cota Meza

One could still hear the distant echo of the "Ready. Aim. Fire!" that took the life of Hapsburg "Emperor" Maximilian at the Cerro de las Campanas,¹ when a new invasion was being readied in his native Austria, and this time, not just an invasion of Mexico. This new invasion would not be with arms, however, but with ideology. It would not be an invasion of national territory, but of the mind of the Mexican people. Just like the so-called "French invasion," this too would bear the British stamp. And just like the ancestors of the National Action Party (PAN) who opened the doors to Maximilian at the time, today's founding sponsors of the PAN have opened the doors wide to the new invasion.

Now, as then, defeating this invasion is a matter of national survival.

If the nation continues to cling to the way of think-

ing that has shaped political and economic decisions of the past 25 years, it will not survive. The case of José Luis Luege Tamargo, former PAN president in Mexico City, Secretary of the Environment in the Vicente Fox administration, and the current director of the National Water Commission (CONAGUA) is merely representative of a more general problem, which is not exclusive to PANistas.

On Aug. 8, 2008, declaring his opposition to the indispensable Northwest Hydarulic Plan (PLHINO), Luege told organizers of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) that the PLHINO "was never evaluated in depth from a cost-benefit viewpoint," and that "the project" to expand and upgrade areas of irrigation is heading in the future toward growing foods "that use less water" and represent "greater wealth" for the growers. We are proposing, he said, to have a "higher value-added" crop selection. Although Luege didn't say so explicitly, he was referring to crops which would supposedly yield higher profits: that is, "wealth" and "value" = money. It is this simple formula that lies at the center of the fascist violation of the mind posed by the much more destructive and pernicious ongoing invasion than that of the troops of the British puppet Napoleon III.

The Sickness of Monetarism

The existence of money has been a necessity in any modern economy, and this will be a fact for the foreseeable future. By definition, money as such can be useful, but, contrary to popular and academic belief, money has never had, nor will ever have, any intrinsic value in a modern civilized economy.

The leading source of confusion on this point stems from the belief that money has some sort of intrinsic value that can be "naturally" determined, while eliminating the intervention of government in the economy. This Anglo-Dutch liberal doctrine of money is nothing but an induced belief, to the advantage of a system that formulates and disseminates this illusion to facilitate its looting practices. Although the origin of the doctrine goes back to antiquity, its modern form originates in the fraud of radical positivism.

In his "Principles of Morals and Legislation," Britain's Jeremy Bentham discussed 32 "circumstances influencing sensibility" to pleasure and pain which, according to him, is the motor of human behavior and the foundation of the economy.

In analyzing Bentham's premise, Wesley Clair Mitchell—Milton Friedman's teacher who also inspired

1. Cerro de las Campanas is the name of the hill in Mexico where Maximilian of Hapsburg was executed by Mexican authorities on June 19, 1867.

the economic thought of today's PANistas—established that Bentham's error lies in his great achievement: "Since these thirty-two circumstances exist in an indefinite number of combinations, it would seem that the felicific calculus can scarcely be applied except individual by individual—a serious limitation."

As such, Bentham's "felicific calculus" becomes a big mess, because 32 sources of pleasure and pain, with seven degrees of intensity (something which Bentham also classifies), produce more than 10^{62} possible combinations for determining the behavior of each individual person. Nonetheless, this did not discourage the monetarists, and so Mitchell writes that, "If then, speaking of the respective quantities of various pains and pleasures and agreeing in the same propositions concerning them, we would annex the same ideas to those propositions, that is, if we would understand one another, we must make use of some common measure. The only common measure the nature of things affords is money. . . ."

Mitchell reports that the British economist Alfred Marshall resolved Bentham's problem: "Money is the center around which economic science clusters . . . it is the one convenient means of measuring human motive on a large scale. . . . The force of a person's motive, not the motives themselves, can be approximately measured by the sum of money which you must give up in order to secure a desired satisfaction; or again by the sum which is just required to induce him to undergo a certain fatigue."

Maximilian's Austrian School

At the same time that their agents of influence were working in England to structure this doctrine, there emerged in Austria what came to be known as the Austrian School of Economics, under the sponsorship of the aristocratic Wittelsbach family (whose military apparatus later became the nucleus of Hitler's SS), and Baron Albert von Rothschild. The Austrian School's representatives, Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich von Hayek, were brought to Mexico beginning in 1942 to foster the current which Luege Tamargo represents today. In 1943, von Mises wrote an essay titled "Economic Problems of Mexico," in which he recommended against the creation of a social security institution.

Earlier, in 1912, von Mises wrote in *The Theory of Money and Credit*: "There is a naive view of production that regards it as the bringing into being of matter that did not previously exist, as creation in the true sense of the word. From this it is easy to derive a contrast be-

tween the creative work of production and the mere transportation of goods. This way of regarding the matter is entirely inadequate. In fact, the role played by man in production always consists solely in combining his personal forces with the forces of nature in such a way that the cooperation leads to some particular desired arrangement of material. No human act of production amounts to more than altering the position of things in space and leaving the rest to nature."

Von Mises got the radical empiricism which he inculcated in the ideology of the PAN from his teacher Carl Menger, and, in turn, from physicist Ernst Mach, who, in his 1883 work, "The Science of Mechanics," proclaims that human thought "has nothing to do with the physical world as such. . . . [T]he world consists only of our sensations, in which case we have knowledge *only* of sensations. . . ." In this case, Mach argues, our perception of the physical universe has no direct connection with the real physical universe. If we perceive a force active at a distance, we call it "gravity" and leave it at that. The nominalism of Mach and his followers in the Austrian School forms the basis for the relaunching of his radical brand of positivism at the beginning of the 20th Century.

The "new invasion of Mexico" was supported by, among others, Luis Montes de Oca, finance secretary under Plutarco Elías Calles and founder, in 1939, of the International Bank (Bital, now known as HSBC), which sponsored the visits to Mexico of Von Mises and Von Hayek to spread Mach's radical positivism in the form of economic doctrine. Montes de Oca's deputy secretary and intimate was Rafael Mancera Ortiz, father of Miguel Mancera Aguayo, who is, in turn, the mentor of current Finance Secretary Agustín Carstens Carstens. Montes de Oca's technical secretary was Manuel Gómez Morín, PAN founder. His clerk and representative to the fascist Mont Pelerin Society was his nephew Gustavo R. Velasco, who was also twice dean of the Free Law School, the *alma mater* of President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa. The recent promotion of Von Mises's speeches in Mexico was carried out by Josefina Vázquez Mota, Calderón's Education Secretary.

These are just a few indications of the seriousness of the "new invasion of Mexico." To expel these invaders of the mind of Mexico will require defeating philosophical positivism. The field of battle this time is the one in which Benito Juárez was defeated: the field of science, and in particular, the science of knowledge, of epistemology.

The 'Al-Yamamah Factor' In Musharraf's Ouster

by Jeffrey Steinberg

In the days leading up to the forced resignation of Pakistan's President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, on Aug. 18, a combined British and Saudi delegation was on the scene, to ensure that the embattled head of state would quit. Mark Lyall Grant, director-general of the Political Directorate of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was in Islamabad, along with a delegation of Saudi officials, all demanding Musharraf's departure.

In stark contrast to these Anglo-Saudi maneuvers, Lyndon LaRouche issued a dramatic warning, on Aug. 15, about the consequences for Pakistan and the entire region, if Musharraf caved in to the pressure and left office.

"It is precisely because of the 'Al-Yamamah' complication that I urge a halt in the drive to remove President Musharraf from power. The Bandar crowd in Saudi Arabia should not be allowed to control the destiny of Pakistan, and that is exactly where we are headed if Musharraf's removal is allowed. There is a serious narco-terrorist factor to deal with, centered around the Taliban and al-Qaeda nexus, which enjoys continuing support from the relevant British and Saudi factions."

"Given half a chance," LaRouche concluded, "they will wreak havoc on the entire region, and that does not serve U.S. or regional interests in the least."

The "Al-Yamamah" complication cited by LaRouche refers to the oil-for-weapons barter deal, first struck between Britain and Saudi Arabia in 1985, which has generated an offshore, off-the-books covert opera-

tions slush fund, estimated to be far in excess of \$100 billion. Former Saudi Ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar bin-Sultan was one of the key architects of the Al-Yamamah program, and in a 2006 authorized biography, Bandar boasted that the covert funds had been used to bankroll the Afghan mujahideen, out of which both the Taliban and al-Qaeda emerged.

Despite grave warnings from U.S. intelligence circles about the consequences of Musharraf's ouster, the Bush White House did absolutely nothing to stop it. In an Aug. 20 statement, LaRouche accused the White House of "another massive act of strategic stupidity." "The Bush White House is absolutely indifferent to the situation on the ground," LaRouche charged. "It is looking more and more like the White House has been outright bought up by the Saudis, judging from some of the policies coming out of Bush and company."

Indeed, one of the most important of the "bad actors" who led the charge against Musharraf is former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. Sharif is known to be bankrolled by the Saudis (he lived in exile in a Saudi palace, after he was removed from power in a military coup led by General Musharraf nine years ago), and to take his cues from Riyadh. He maintains a base of support among the very fundamentalists whom Musharraf had been battling—fundamentalists bankrolled from Saudi Arabia and from other Persian Gulf Arab states.

LaRouche warned: "President Musharraf's regrettable retirement will only make matters worse. And, for

that, I hold President Bush and the Bush White House responsible. Any serious American President would have put his foot down, and demanded that the Saudis, and their British allies, stop the interference in the Pakistan situation.”

A Russian Voice Concurs

On Aug. 19, a senior Russian television journalist, Mikhail Leontyev, weighed in with a similar assessment of the post-Musharraf situation in South Asia, in a broadcast on Russian Channel One. After his co-anchor reviewed Musharraf’s role in cracking down on al-Qaeda and the Taliban, and in suppressing other radical Islamists, Leontyev added, “Musharraf was the only leader who could maintain stability in an extremely complex country like Pakistan, restrain radical Islamists, and guarantee that the nuclear potential would remain under control. The so-called opposition’s corrupt leaders, let out of an Anglo-American jar, hate each other and are incapable of ensuring either. In the view of responsible American analysts, the Pakistani bomb is much more dangerous than the non-existent Iranian one. Who gets it and what happens to this not quite low-priority, and not the least-populated region? This is what the United States’ European partners should be thinking about, not about the moaning of a whipped Georgian paranoid man.”

LaRouche added to Leontyev’s picture: “The whole thing was obvious to me. It was obvious in the discussions I had with people, that while Pakistan was already a mess, by this concession of dumping Musharraf, you actually unleash all the instabilities in the area. And, Pakistan *is* a nuclear power in a sense, but the more significant thing is that the whole thing was done by the Saudis. That’s what has to be said. And this thing is an Anglo-American Saudi operation.”

LaRouche further elaborated: “The Saudi Bandar-Al-Yamamah operation is what’s key here. And the whole region is in trouble, because the Saudis are the center of the whole destabilization of the region. It’s a Saudi-British operation in which Prince Bandar is crucial. The Bush family is deeply indebted, in a sense, to these Saudi types. The corruption goes right inside the United States government. The Bandar Saudi operation and the Bush connections to that, are absolutely crucial.”

LaRouche concluded: “Leontyev is right; he’s absolutely correct. It’s just that he’s left out this one part: that this is a case in which the London-Saudi operation,

the BAE-connected operation, is the key monster in this thing, which is a controlling factor in the U.S. behavior. You don’t need to have a President Barack Obama, because the real Presidency is the Saudi monarchy. The White House is a dependency of the Saudi monarchy.”

Pakistan Implodes

Just as LaRouche warned, within days of the announced resignation of President Musharraf, in the face of a threatened impeachment proceeding, the fragile governing coalition came unraveled.

But more significant, the departure of Musharraf, and the American acquiescence to his ouster, signaled that any obstacles to a new eruption of asymmetric warfare were removed.

- On Aug. 21, suicide bombers killed 59 people at the massive Pakistan Ordnance Factory in Islamabad. Pakistani Taliban, an offshoot of the Afghan organization, claimed credit, just nine days after they had declared a state of war against the state. In an incident several days before the factory bombing, 14 air force personnel were killed in a bombing attack in Peshawar, a city in the Northwest Frontier Province that is virtually in the hands of Islamist insurgents.

- Between Aug. 19 and 20, a series of Taliban attacks was launched in Afghanistan, including the targeting of French paratroopers, and a full assault on a U.S. military base near the Pakistan border in Khost.

U.S. intelligence sources confirm that Musharraf’s departure, following months of Anglo-Saudi efforts to weaken him, opens the door to a far-reaching insurgency, based in the tribal areas of Pakistan, targeting Kashmir, Afghanistan, and the western provinces of China, where Uighur separatists are active. The insurgencies, which reach into Turkey and North Africa, are funded by the proceeds of the vast Afghan opium trade, which generates an estimated \$160 billion a year in revenue, much of it now laundered through unregulated Persian Gulf banking centers, like Dubai. The source emphasized that some of these opium trade profits are then funneled to the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and other insurgent groups, in the form of “charitable” contributions.

“This is not a situation that lends itself to a military solution,” one senior U.S. intelligence official told *EIR*. “This requires serious strategic planning, and a wide range of actions, including hard-nosed diplomacy. This is a war that the United States cannot win with boots on the ground. The Musharraf departure means a whole new situation.”

BREAKING WIND

Obama, Pickens Forming A Green Fascist Alliance?

by Marcia Merry Baker

Senator Barack Obama and big-bucks Republican oilman T. Boone Pickens, met Aug. 17 in Reno, Nevada, on energy policy, to confer on an insane “renewables” program calling for a massive U.S. shift to wind-powered electricity, and public/private transmission line Boone-doggles.

Lyndon LaRouche warned that, in doing this, Obama has bought into a cross-party program reminiscent of the 1920s Hermann Göring “back-to-nature” greenie retreats of the Nazis. Pages of World War II U.S. intelligence documents give evidence of the Nazi festivities held with radical ‘left’ environmentalists. The Pickens Plan discussed with Obama involves austerity, public-private funding swindles, science-fraud, and other elements amounting to fascism in the name of “clean, green energy” and jobs.

On Aug. 15, T. “Blowhard” Pickens also met on wind power with putative Republican Presidential nominee John McCain, whom he says he supports for President, except on McCain’s energy policy.

Obama is not unaware that Pickens was a \$2 million moneybags for the “Swift Boat” slanders against 2004 Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry. Obama’s energy stance is not inconsistent with the trend in his other policies, but by throwing in with



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Politics, they say, makes strange bedfellows. How about the Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama teaming up with filthy-rich Republican Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens to promote windmill energy? Recall: Pickens was one of the big moneybags behind the “Swift Boaters,” whose smears wrecked the 2004 Presidential campaign of top Obama backer John Kerry. Shown, Pickens and Obama in Reno, Nev., Aug. 17.

Pickens, he is forming a fascist alliance, not a bipartisan collaboration.

When Obama was asked about why he met with the funder of the dirty Swift Boat attack on Kerry, he said

only that Pickens “has a longer track record than that.... He is a legendary entrepreneur.” Thus, Obama not only glossed over Pickens’ hit-man role for Rove-Republican sleaze, but also the oilman’s long career in service to London financial interests, to deregulate and destructure American industry and energy (see Pickens’ profile, below).

In fact, the entire Democratic Party leadership is “breaking wind” over Pickens. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) personally bought shares in one of Pickens’ key Texas energy companies in May 2007, at the time of the initial public offering of CLNE (Clean Energy Fuels Corporation, formerly known as Pickens Fuel). George Soros, the megaspeculator and megafunder of subversive election operations, is also a CLNE shareholder.

The Obama/Pickens meeting came on the eve of the Aug. 18-19 National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas, promoted as a kind of Democratic counter to the imputed “dig and drill” energy policy of Congressional Republicans. It was co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), the Center for American Progress Action Fund, and the University of Nevada.

Panel participants included officials from the AFL-CIO, United Steelworkers, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; the governors of Arizona, Colorado, and Utah; former President Bill Clinton; former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, now chairman of the executive committee of Citigroup, Inc.; and other political figures and experts.

‘Rebuild America’ with Green Fascism

Whatever the Democratic alternative viewpoint at the Summit might have been (at best, nuclear; at worst, misinformed green-ism), the occasion became a platform for outright evil. The opening windy keynote was given by Pickens, and the closing one, by New York Mayor Michael “Benito” Bloomberg, both advocates, along with California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R), for Mussolini corporatist-style infrastructure schemes, which the latter two call their “Building America’s Future” campaign.

Pickens carried on about America’s vast Western “Wind Corridor” energy potential, and Bloomberg



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The Pickens-Obama program is reminiscent of the 1920s Hermann Göring “back-to-nature” fantasies. This photo shows Göring, a member of Hitler’s inner circle, in 1933, with a moose he has shot, while enjoying the verdant outdoors.

gave a crazed rant for windmills on the New York City skyline and bridges. But their core subtext was that austerity and privatization must be imposed on the United States, without fail. This is also the hallmark of the “pro-infrastructure” ruse of Felix Rohatyn, the fascist banker cracking the whip in the Democratic Party.

Pickens released a statement Aug. 17, after his meeting with Obama, in which he used language lifted almost verbatim from the “Building America’s Future” kickoff in January 2008, announced by Bloomberg and Schwarzenegger, which proclaimed support for public/private infrastructure, and “non-partisan” intervention into the election process.

Pickens said, “I enjoyed the opportunity to meet Senator Obama and discuss an issue that is America’s top priority, which is ending our dependence on foreign oil.... I assured Obama that this is a non-partisan campaign.... We discussed my plan and the opportunities to create jobs, grow our economy and revitalize America’s heartland by using private capital.... He was very engaged.”

In a pre-Energy Summit conference call with Pickens, Senator Reid asked, “Who would have thought last year that me and T. Boone Pickens would be in the same [swift?] boat pulling the same oar, the same way.”



No less a scientific illiterate than Al Gore has praised Pickens' commitment to sending the U.S. economy back at least 400 years, to the use of windmills for power. Here, a 17th-Century painting by Meindert Hobbema of a Dutch windmill.

Pickens Plan—Gorey Business

T. Boone Pickens has been promoting his multi-million dollar wind-power campaign since early Summer, through national TV ads, trips to Congress, and other high-profile interventions. He is calling for 20% of the U.S. electricity base to come from wind by 2018, with thousands of wind turbines installed along a north-south “wind corridor” across the Texas High Plains, running power through new privately owned transmission lines, subsidized by state and Federal funding (see www.pickensplan.com).

He asserts that the shift to wind power will free up natural gas, now used for electricity, to instead go for vehicular transportation, and thus, cut down on imports from “unfriendly foreign nations.” One major absurdity of this fascistic scheme is that every megawatt of “wind power” has to be backed up by new or in-place electricity generation (fossil or nuclear), because wind is simply unreliable (see “Windmills for Suckers: Pickens’ Genocidal Plan,” *EIR* Aug. 22, 2008)

In West Texas, Pickens has begun his multibillion-dollar project for the biggest, baddest wind farm ever. The state is already tops in the amount of wind electricity generated—twice that of California.

Pickens intends to build his own private electric transmission line to the Dallas/Houston markets. This would use a private corridor, starting at Roberts County

in the Panhandle, going eastward through 12 counties. Pickens has created this by cadging from the state legislature, powers of eminent domain and sweeping tax breaks and subsidies, based on his scheme to sell Ogallala Aquifer water to Dallas, piped along his corridor.

On July 17, the Texas Public Utility Commission approved \$4.93 billion in aid for such transmission lines to route West Texas wind power to eastern markets.

Senator Reid plans to organize the same public/private benefits for wind and other renewables at the Federal level. His bill S. 2076, would designate National Renewable Energy Zones. Pickens also demands changes to the EAct (Energy Policy Act) of 2005, to further interstate private control and rights of eminent domain for “preferred

access rights to transmission capacity,” as he told the Senate in testimony June 17 (Hearing by the Senate Energy and National Resources Committee, *To Examine the Challenges and Regional Solutions to Developing Transmission for Renewable Electricity Resources*). In July, he again testified, this time, to the Senate Homeland Security Committee, chaired by Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.)

Waiting in line to get in on the Texas Pickens corridor, and other big-deal transmission projects for public-private profiteering (PPP), is none other than Babcock & Brown, the Australia-based outfit, in the same circles of modern-day Mussolini PPP operations as MacQuarie/Cintra, that specialize in privatized toll-roads. A longtime Babcock & Brown executive, David Crane, is the top economics adviser to Governor Schwarzenegger for so-called green infrastructure.

California has a ballot initiative promoting the Mussolini green fascism. Proposition 10, titled the “Renewable Energy and Clean Alternative Fuel Act,” would spend \$5 billion in state bond money—\$10 billion, including the interest owed—to promote natural gas as the clean energy fuel for buses and other vehicles. The direct backer and would-be beneficiary of Prop 10 is the Pickens company CLNE, the largest natural gas depot operator in the country, with Pelosi and Soros along for the ride. Of course, all the promise of

investment is so much hot air, given the blowout of the California budget, not to mention the world financial system, but these maneuvers make the *intent* behind the schemes clear.

It's just the usual Gorey business. As Al Gore himself said on July 20, on *Meet the Press*, "I think it's really significant that one of the most successful oil industry figures is now investing a billion dollars of his own money in windmills. . . . Just this past week, we saw Texas approve massive new transmission lines to use wind power as a substitute for the old [sic] ways of producing electricity."

Bloomberg Aloft

It was Mayor "Mussolini" Bloomberg, however, who set records for high-flying in his wind power oration, which concluded the Las Vegas Clean Energy Summit. He called for private/government partnerships for windmills on his city's bridges and rooftops, and at offshore sites 15-25 miles out in the Atlantic Ocean (where less visible). He also called for solar power, and for tidal power projects on the Hudson and East Rivers.

On the same day, his City Hall formally requested that private companies submit wind power project ideas by Sept. 19. They are soliciting all kinds of designs, from small, egg-beater-type windmills for inner-city rooftops, to gigantic three-blade monsters. He said that 10% of the City's electricity can come from wind.

You could visualize Bloomberg's own helicopter-beanie whirling atop his head—and perhaps one on his buttocks, to take maximum advantage of wind power—as he outlined his policy, using stock terminology from his "Building America's Future" rant about how U.S. power infrastructure is decaying, and public/private ventures are the only recourse. Bloomberg stressed that he wants New York City agencies to reduce their power consumption 30% by 2017.

By the next day, New York newspapers and metro engineers were having a field day panning the mayor. A photo of the Statue of Liberty, with her torch replaced by a wind turbine, was featured in the *New York Times*, headlined, "Experts Are Doubtful About Bloomberg's Windmill Plan; Predictions of Huge Costs for Minuscule Amounts of Energy." They neglected to mention the superprofits outfits like Pickens' will get from taxpayer subsidies, while more and more people freeze in the dark.

Obama's Energy Ally: T. Boone 'Predator'

by Paul Gallagher

"T. Boone Pickens is right" about energy policy, said Sen. Barack Obama on Aug. 17, after meeting with the Texas hedge fund operator in Las Vegas to "coordinate their energy plans."

Why "right"? Evidently, simply because Pickens is "very rich," causing Obama to call him "a legendary entrepreneur," and to downplay Pickens' funding of the slanderous Swift Boat attacks on Sen. John Kerry in 2004. Pickens self-description in a CNN Money interview Aug. 20: "I'm very right-leaning."

T. Boone Pickens' qualifications as the Democratic Party leadership's 2008 energy oracle seem limited to one. Like the party's British-agent moneybags, megaspeculator George Soros, Pickens is extremely wealthy—worth \$3 billion according to *Fortune's* list; \$4 billion by his own account. Pickens was the world's second-highest-compensated hedge fund manager in 2005, taking home \$1.4 billion from his BP Capital Management, just behind Renaissance funds' manager James Simon's \$1.5 billion (Soros was third). On grounds of Pickens' qualifications to be "right" on energy policy, and Soros's and his Democracy Alliance of billionaires' overreaching influence, Senator Obama looks like the superwealthy man's candidate. He might as well join with Donald Trump—"legendary builder"—to "coordinate" his housing policy.

Pickens has nominally endorsed Sen. John McCain for President, but has made it clear over the past month, that he will contribute nothing directly or indirectly to McCain's campaign.

Pickens also nominally "is for" nuclear power—he claims he is "for everything American"—but he never



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T. Boone Pickens

mentions nuclear in pushing his “Pickens Plan” for alternative energy. If given the same tax rate, siting, and insurance guarantees that Pickens is demanding for his West Texas windfarm schemes, nuclear could meet the power needs of economic revival in the Southwest over the next decade—whereas using “wind” and “power” in the same breath is a joke. But baseline nuclear power expansion, developing fourth-generation fission and fusion reactors—these are just not activities in which a financier and speculator can make a big killing, so the “Pickens Plan” has no place for it.

The Crusader of ‘Shareholder Value’

“Legendary oilman” T. Boone Pickens never employed more than 300 people in his Mesa Oil companies, from which he was forced out as CEO in 1996, by Texas financier Richard Rainwater and associates, whom Pickens had called upon to raise capital and save Mesa after big losses in natural gas. They “found out there wasn’t a bank in the country that would touch the deal if Boone was CEO,” they told *Newsweek*. Within two years, Rainwater himself was prosecuted for defrauding Medicare and Medicaid of a billion dollars in his Columbia/HCA hospital conglomerate. Mesa’s only big non-oil/gas venture, in cattle raising and cattle feeding in the 1970s, lost money and was sold out in the early 1980s.

Rather, Pickens has spent the last 25 years in corporate raiding, oil and gas futures speculation, and the past 12 years, as a hedge fund manager. During the 1980s, he was a regular attendee at “junk-bond king” Michael Milken’s annual Predators’ Balls in Los Angeles, before Milken went to Federal prison for defrauding investors. “Corporate restructuring” was a takeover concept T. Boone Pickens introduced to these raiders and to the U.S. economy as it was “globalized.” It was a term from bankruptcy proceedings; otherwise, healthy corporations had never thought of selling off departments, stripping out assets, cancelling investments, and laying off workforces as things required simply to make bigger payouts to shareholders. Pickens crusaded for “restructuring” as real, courageous corporate leadership; and he and his fellow predators—like Frank Lorenzo, Ivan Boesky, Carl Icahn, Henry Kravis, and Milken—put it into practice at many firms as American industry was offshored and downsized.

Pickens’ method did not center on actual takeovers, turnarounds, and sell-offs of firms; rather, he was the preeminent raider and stock value looter in the oil, gas, and mining sectors. Very few of his takeover attempts at

larger companies succeeded, but they repeatedly forced the target companies to be taken over by other large firms; to make huge payouts to Mesa Oil stockholders and other market operators who had joined Pickens’ “play”; and to cut jobs, and downsize. By forcing Gulf Oil into a merger with SoCal in 1984, Pickens copped a \$760 million payout from Gulf to Mesa’s shareholders alone. Two years earlier, forcing Cities Service Oil into a merger with Gulf had handed \$300 million to Mesa’s shareholders. Pickens’ mentor and fellow Bush crowd insider J. Bruce Liedtke had used the same method, and the Texas courts, to force the biggest such payout ever, an \$11 billion award from Texaco, which finally paid \$3 billion to Leidtke and was ruined.

Pickens made such raiding and looting of corporations into a political crusade: “Shareholder value rules.” All the takeover and stripping operations of the past three decades were sanctified in Pickens’ gospel of shareholders first, shareholders’ profits above all other considerations—for which he ginned up the United Shareholders Association USA, with 60,000 members at its peak. Using this political pressure operation, Pickens campaigned to force Japanese corporations open to the same looting operations, in a 1991-93 battle to take over Honda’s main parts supplier, Koito Manufacturing Co., or force it to pay hundreds of millions.

Fortune crowed in December 1996: Boone’s “once-revolutionary ideas [are] so completely taken for granted that they have become linchpins of the economy. Is there anybody anymore (except maybe in the labor movement) who doesn’t accept the supremacy of the shareholder?”

From 1990 on, Pickens made fortunes speculating in the British-created oil and gas futures and derivatives markets; it is in this activity, because of his frequently accurate predictions of coming large oil price movements, that the financial press converted him from notorious corporate looter to “legendary oilman.”

In short, T. Boone “Predator,” in his long career, has represented *the worst* of the past 35 years’ policies of globalized finance and business, from the standpoint of any honest Democrat, labor, or constituency leader. Can an anti-nuclear scheme to cover the Plains with wind turbines bring Harry Reid and the Democratic Congress into “coordination” with the worst of the corporate raiders and speculators? Barack Obama is already on board.

Pickens himself makes clear he doesn’t intend to allow any and wind turbines near his huge ranch. “They’re ugly,” understates the legendary entrepreneur.

Clinton Supporter: We Can't Risk Four More Years of Bad Leadership!

Michele Thomas, one of the top organizers for HRC 300 Delegates, a grassroots organization which has been fighting to compel the Democratic National Committee to put Hillary Clinton's name in nomination, and have a roll call vote at the Democratic Convention, was interviewed on Aug. 16, by host Harley Schlanger, on the LaRouche Show (www.larouchepub.com, Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time). Here is an edited transcript. Subheads have been added.

Harley Schlanger: In ten days, the Democratic Party will open its convention in Denver, Colorado, and according to all the media and the pundits, Sen. Barack Obama is already the nominee, and the Convention would be a mere formality to serve as his coronation.

Well, a funny thing is happening on the way to Denver: After word got out that Democratic National Committee chair Howard "The Scream" Dean was not even going to allow Senator Clinton's name to be put into nomination, a group of her supporters escalated their mobilization to overturn the attempted coup. The purpose of the coup, was not only to defeat Senator Clinton in favor of Senator Obama, whose campaign had been backed from the beginning by speculator and financial predator George Soros, but to destroy forever the Franklin Roosevelt tradition in the party, of representing the interests of the lower 80% of family-income brackets, who are being badly hurt by this financial disintegration.

Supporters of Senator Clinton have taken her example of resolve and tenacity as a model, and refused to give up on the possibility that she could still win the nomination. After all, she won more votes in the primary than Obama did. Beginning with the Texas and Ohio primaries, she won 54% of the votes cast in the last primaries. She won most of the big states, including New York, New Jersey, and California, and the so-called "battleground states," including Ohio, Florida,

and Pennsylvania, that a Democrat has to win, to win the Presidency. Further, there's serious evidence that Obama's supporters won delegates in caucus states through fraud.

Last Thursday [Aug. 14], it was announced that Senator Clinton's name *will* be put into nomination in Denver, and while the lying media are trying to dismiss this as merely "symbolic," it means there's still a chance, that she could win the nomination.

Joining me on the program today, is someone who's played a major role in ensuring that this chance still exists. Michele Thomas has led a drive to collect signatures of delegates in accordance with DNC rules, to provide an assurance that the Dean cabal could not keep Senator Clinton's name from being placed in nomination at the convention. And we've just heard today, that there will be a full roll-call vote.

Michele, welcome to the program.

Michele Thomas: Thank you, Harley, for having me.

A Real Grassroots Movement

Schlanger: Well, why don't you start by telling our listeners what you've been doing, and why you decided to do this?

Thomas: Okay. I'm working with a group called "HRC 300 Delegates," and it's a grassroots organization of Hillary Clinton delegates that has organized a petition, which is in accordance with the DNC rules, and it is the right of the delegates to do this, that if 300 delegates sign a petition to put Hillary Clinton's name into nomination, that the DNC cannot block it. They have to accept it.

Now, of course, Hillary Clinton would have had to sign that petition for it to move forward. But her delegates in this particular group that I am volunteering for, had organized this, and wanted to make sure, that if she *wanted* that option, that it would be available to her.

Schlanger: And when you started this, it looked as though they were not going to let her name be put into nomination, right?

Thomas: Yes, actually, what many Americans don't realize is, candidates' names are always put into nomination. And you know, since 1884, I believe, only four candidates didn't put their names into nomination—it's been nomination through acclamation—and that is what Barack Obama wanted to occur in this particular election, as well.

Now, people have to realize that Howard Dean's name went into nomination, and there was a floor vote [2004]; Ted Kennedy's name went into nomination, and there was a floor vote [1980]. The delegates are sent to the convention to represent the voters of their constituency. Now, you have different kinds of delegates: You have pledged delegates, which are voted in by our constituents; and then you have automatic delegates, which are the superdelegates, and then you have PLEO delegates, which are party leaders and elected officials. All these delegates go to conventions. They each count for one vote, and they go and vote for whatever candidates.

They Wanted To Silence the Voters

Schlanger: So, if Dean would have kept Hillary Clinton's name from being put into nomination, does that mean that 1,600 to 1,700 delegates who were elected to vote for her, would have been denied that right to vote?

Thomas: Absolutely. And that was the whole point of these delegates' organizing: that, the 18 million voters who voted for Hillary, are represented by 1,670, or whatever the number is, delegates, pledged delegates, who are being sent to the Convention on their behalf. The voters are represented by these delegates! And the delegates go there, and cast their vote for Hillary, and represent the voters that voted for her.

So, the Democratic Party wanted to silence half of the delegation, and half of the voters of the entire pri-



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Placing Hillary Clinton's name in nomination at the Democratic Convention is the objective of the HRC 300 Delegates. Michele Thomas, a leading organizer for the group, believes that Clinton deserves the nomination, on the grounds that she received a majority of the popular vote in the primaries.

mary. They wanted to silence them.

Schlanger: And you didn't want that to happen.

Thomas: No. We felt that the process that has been put in place since 1884—they wanted to subvert the process for this particular election. And they did it, you know, somewhat with Michigan and Florida. We know what happened with the Rules and By-Laws Committee meeting [decision to seat half the delegates from Michigan and Florida—ed.], and then they wanted to do it, by not putting her name into nomination.

And so, some of the delegates started organizing, and they read in the DNC rules that they can do a petition. I'm a volunteer, I'm not a delegate—I volunteered to help spearhead that petition drive. And it's been a *completely* grassroots movement, meaning, that Hillary's campaign has had nothing to do with it. We have had no contact with them, whatsoever. It would have been nice, if we would have had contact with them, because we could have gotten all the delegates' contact information. We had *no* contact information for any delegates. We had to find out who they were, and liter-

ally Google their names, and see if we could find their phone numbers. And we found about 80% of those phone numbers. And then, I had to contact delegates in states, to inform them that Howard Dean was trying to subvert the process, and not allow the roll call vote to happen. Many of her delegates did not even know that!

And so, that was a big part of it, as well, like to basically inform them. And then, inform them about the petition.

And so, basically that is what I've been doing: Is spearheading that petition.

A Political Epiphany

Schlanger: You were not necessarily political before you got involved in this. That is, you had a point of view, but you'd never done anything like this before. Why did you decide to do this?

Thomas: Well, it's true. This is the first election that I've ever become active in. And I know what happened in 2000, and I remember being very angry about what happened in Florida, and the unjust events that occurred, the Supreme Court ruling to put George Bush into the Presidency without counting all the votes in Florida. And then, I was also angry about the fact that John Kerry didn't win. And I realized, after that election, that I actually never did anything to *help* him win! I had never knocked on doors, I never made any phone calls, I didn't donate any money, or anything like that. So, this particular election, I decided that I would try to be a little more active, which I was.

I became active in about January. I started watching the whole process unfold, and initially got a gut reaction that there was something wrong with this election. And that was actually back in January. Especially when I was watching all the debates, and I was watching the pile-up on Hillary Clinton, from not only the moderators, but her fellow-candidates, who were just piling up on her in the debates. And then, I also noticed it, in the media, the media bias, and especially when I would go to any website, like *Washington Post* or CNN or the *New York Times*, I couldn't find links on her, and they were covered with links on Obama. In fact, I started *counting* them: It could be 15 links of Obama, maybe 2 of her. And you would look at the adjectives describing Obama, and they were always positive, and you would look at the adjectives describing her, and they were always negative. And so, I *knew* there was something wrong with this election.

And so, I started researching, and finally got into a couple blogs. I'd never been in a blog before, and I started learning more from other activists, who had the same sort of gut reactions that I did. So that's basically how I got involved.

I did volunteer in Pennsylvania for her, and met a lot of great activists as well, and then just became more involved from there.

Schlanger: Did you find that there were a lot of people who had a similar evolution? That they started out interested in the campaign, and they knew something was wrong, and they actually moved to the point of becoming part of changing the problem?

Thomas: Absolutely! It was *amazing*, how many people had the *exact* same experience as I did! I mean, I'm talking, the exact, same *moment* of experience: Like this moment, changed my life. When he did this, or they did this, I *knew* there was something wrong. I've had that conversation with hundreds and hundreds of people! At the same, exact moment, that we knew something was *really wrong* with this election.

For example, the not seating of Michigan and Florida; the not dealing with Michigan and Florida, for the *entire* primary, in which Hillary Clinton won those states, very big, that they were big states; there are 1.7 million people that voted. If she would have had those votes in her tally, those delegates in her tally, she would not have been behind; or if she was behind, not by very much. There wouldn't have been this drumbeat to get her out—I mean, they were trying to get her out after Iowa! And it was unbelievable!

It Was the Economy

Schlanger: Michele, I've gotten to know you a little bit, and one of the aspects of what, I think, convinced you that you had to play a role, is what you see with the economy. I think this is why you have a sense that Senator Clinton should be the nominee. But go back to what you were saying about watching the debates, and your reaction on this question of the economy.

Thomas: I watched every single debate. I wanted to know, who was going to help our economy.

Now, I invest in the stock market, and have for a long time. And I was seeing the trends, and I could tell that our economy was suffering! It was going in a bad direction, and there were no signs that it was going to be corrected.

And so, I started watching the debates; I was very open: I mean, I didn't have a candidate whatsoever, and I was actually interested in Obama, because I had seen his speech at the 2004 Convention, I thought it was incredibly inspiring. I was actually a little surprised that he decided to run so quickly, after only being in the Senate for a year and a half, but I was interested in him. And I wasn't necessarily for Hillary, but I wasn't against her. I knew that some people were already against her, without giving her an open mind to actually watch what she had to say. So I was just very open to all the candidates.

I started watching all the debates. I watched Obama, and I didn't feel that he had the experience, and was qualified, based on what he was saying about the economy, or his policies, or his plans, or health-care plan, or what-have-you—he didn't seem well versed on any of the issues. And whenever Hillary Clinton would talk about what she was going to do, she had very clear, concise policies: She could describe very specifically what she was going to do. And I could understand what she was saying.

And so, I also went to all of the candidates' websites, and read all of their plans on how they were going to help the economy. And I believe that Hillary Clinton had the best plan. And this is before I got involved in January, and started seeing what I felt was wrong. I determined that Hillary was my candidate, I would say, back in November: "She's just *it!*" After watching all the debates, her policies, to me, were the *best*. And I mean that for the lower 80% of the population.

And, you know, we need to get back to having policies that serve them, because right now, the policies only serve maybe the top 1%, and in the past eight years, there's been a massive shift of wealth from the lower 80% to the top 1%. And so, that is a problem!

Because, when the middle class falls into poverty, the American Dream is over. And we all know, that when we all do better, the economy does better. And I can tell you for a fact, I did a lot better when Bill Clinton was President. And I think everyone did better.

Mobilizing the Delegates

Schlanger: As you've been doing this work, and you started calling the delegates, and as you said, some



Thomas said she became active, when she "got a gut reaction that there was something wrong with this election." She watched the debates, and began to notice the "pile-on" on Clinton, and the bias in the media. Shown, John Edwards, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama, in one of the debates on YouTube.

of them were not aware that she was not being put into nomination, did you find that people were somewhat demoralized after the June 7 or June 8 announcement, by Senator Clinton, that she was suspending her campaign?

Thomas: Yes, there were variations of feelings about it, within the delegates. You had the people that were very informed about what happened, and were deeply disappointed in what happened. They're more the activists that came on board pretty quickly. Then you had some delegates that were less informed about what happened, and they are also the sort of people that toed the party line more. And when she said, she's suspended her campaign and got behind Obama, some of those people just said, "We just need to get behind Obama, because we can't have disunity in the party, and we just need to do what Hillary says." And others had a lot of fear, because they have positions, maybe in the party, or from the party, that they felt like if they participated in the petition, that they would jeopardize their job.

Schlanger: What do you tell a delegate, who says they have to, for the sake of the party, or party unity, go along with this? How do you organize them to change their thinking?

Thomas: Well, we weren't able to change everyone's thinking, but my pitch to them, was that it's not normal for a candidate's name not to be put into nomination. That's one of the first points I would make. The other point I would make is, that you are a delegate, that is a Clinton delegate, and it's a high honor to be a delegate, and you should take that very, very, very seriously. And that you're the voice of 18 million people—that's *half* that party! And half of the party cannot be silenced! It just can't!

And so, I believe that we need to uphold the democratic process at the highest level, and the way to do that, is to follow a process that has been in place since 1884. And that is what we're doing with this petition. It's going to be an historical document, because I don't believe that any delegates have ever had to *do* a petition, even though it may have been in the rules—*ever*—to get a candidate's name put into nomination.

And we were asking the delegates to come forward, and maybe be courageous enough to stand for what we believe is defending not only our Constitutional right, *but* the democratic process! The integrity of it!

So that was our pitch. Now, many of her delegates, I don't know the percentage—I would say 20 or 30%—have moved on to Obama. And they just feel like, there's going to be disunity, and we're going to create too much chaos at the Convention, and so forth. And what we say to them, is: We believe that the only way to unify the party is to allow everyone to vote! Is to allow all the delegates to go in there, and do their job. And let them vote for who they were sent for. And then, the nominee is determined, officially, and then everyone can move on, and maybe get behind that nominee in November. I mean, that's up to the delegates—I can't tell the delegates what to do. It's up to *every* American to decide what they're going to do in November.

But we believe the only way to *unify* the party, is not to *silence* half of the delegation, strongarm the delegation, but actually allow them to be part of the process, allow them to vote, and scream and yell if they want Hillary Clinton, or do whatever they do at conventions that normally takes place. And then, simply go on from the Convention, and maybe be less resentful because they weren't blocked from voting or so

forth, and allow the process to play out.

Obama: Limping to the Nomination

Schlanger: I would say, it actually shows a weakness in the candidate, if you have to silence the opposition. Here you have someone, really limping into the nomination, and really only securing the nomination through this kind of intimidation and thuggery, from people like Dean. Have you run into some of this, from state chairmen, and other people trying to tell people not to sign the petition?

Thomas: Oh, absolutely! I mean, there has been a systematic isolation, and the state party chairs and the *head* of the state party chairs, who's a guy named Mark Brewer, who is President of the Association of State Party Chairs—there has been a systematic isolation of her delegates, from the Obama campaign. The Obama campaign has taken over the DNC. The DNC has moved to Chicago, and therefore, all the state party chairs have become the Obama campaign. And so we've actually contacted these state party chairs, saying, "Will you support us, with this petition? Will you give us the Hillary delegates' contact information? Because we want to inform them about what's going on, maybe talk to them." None of these people got back to us. We called Mark Brewer's office several times, e-mailed him several times, asking him, if he would actually support the petition. And being that it's in the DNC rules, and it's a right of the delegates! We're not doing anything wrong. Well, Mark Brewer never got back to us either.

Then, Governor Rendell [Pennsylvania] actually e-mailed out to all his delegates to *not* sign the petition, and we had some trouble getting delegates to sign the petition in Pennsylvania, because they were nervous about it—you know, they were warned by their governor. Now, that really shocked me! Because Pennsylvania went *big* for Hillary! I mean, I am talking *big* for Hillary.

Schlanger: Right!

Thomas: And Governor Rendell was a really big supporter of hers. Then, in Indiana, the state party chair informed all their delegates *not* to sign the petition, because they did not want to jeopardize Evan Bayh's chances in becoming Vice President, if some of the Indiana delegates signed the petition. So we had a lot of trouble in Indiana as well.

We had strong support in California, Texas, New



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Groups like Thomas's have been circulating this Internet petition among delegates, calling for Clinton to be nominated, and for a roll call vote to be taken at the Convention. They have already secured some 400 delegate signature; 300 are needed for nomination.

York, Massachusetts, West Virginia. Kentucky—I know there's a lot of strongarming going on right there, even though she won that state by 36%. Of course, we had incredibly strong support in Arkansas. We've had delegates sign it, pretty much in every single state. Washington's a really strong delegation up there; Oregon, she's got some *really* strong Clinton delegates, that are a major part of organizing this petition; Arizona, we have really great delegates there, and Colorado. And then the other ones, we're just trying to inform. But, I would say, the delegates that organized this thing, came from Texas, they came from Washington, and Oregon, and Colorado; those are the people who came forward first, to push this thing.

When Dean and Obama Blink

Schlanger: Michele, what was your reaction on Thursday, when you heard that Dean and Obama blinked, and said, "Okay, she can put her name in nomination," and then today the announcement that there will be a roll-call vote?

Thomas: Well, it was, "Wow! We did it!" One, because, I do believe the petition had a lot to do with the pressure that was put on the Obama campaign and the

DNC, because we issued a press release that went national and international. And it was all that was talked about for about ten days, and the DNC was getting numerous phone calls about it. The Obama campaign was, and Hillary's campaign—there was a lot of chatter, there was a lot of pressure. And they knew we were going to reach our 300 number of petitions signed. And so, it felt great, like we had an accomplishment in that.

It was also a big example to me, that, a few people, who believe in something strongly, can actually do something. And I will never forget that, for one.

The other reaction I had to it, was to Obama's statement that, "of course" he was going to put her name into nomination, and he would *graciously* do this, to *allow* her supporters to vote! That made me not so happy, because I know for a fact, that his campaign and the DNC has been systematically trying to isolate

us, block us, ridicule us, isolate the Clinton delegates from even communicating with each other. And I know that has been the experience of all my delegates across the states.

Schlanger: I also know that you're not going to stop till you get the signatures. What can the listeners of this program do, to give you some backup?

Thomas: Okay, Phase I, was to get the floor nomination. We have that now. Phase II, is delegate retention. We believe—I don't know the percentage, I really don't—because it's not like we've been able to contact all of her delegates, because, again, we don't have the contact information; we've just gone off the major grassroots campaign. I'm assuming we've maybe lost 20 or 30% of the delegates. We want 'em back! And we want the constituents across the states to find out who their delegates are, that are representing Clinton in their area, and see if you can contact them, and let them know, that you hope that they'd go to Denver and represent your voice.

And what we want to do, is to persuade these delegates, that to not do what the constituents sent you to do, is a violation. And we want you to take your responsibility very, very, very seriously. Because I'm not

a delegate, but God! I wish I was! Because I would find it a high honor to represent those voters, I would take it very, very seriously. And we want these delegates back in our zone. We want them to go to the floor and vote for Hillary, when they have the opportunity.

And that, to me, that's what your listeners can do: If you know your delegates in your area, and you can go to the DNC website, and there is a list of the delegates, you can look up "certified delegate list for the DNC"—you can Google that. And you can download your state, and you can find out who your delegate is in your Congressional District, or your At-Large district. And contact them, and ask them to represent your voice.

'I Need Leaders!'

Schlanger: ... You connect this question of the economic crisis and the necessity for a candidate who will take on these policies, to the technical side of it, as opposed to merely those who are sort of stuck in the "Gee, it was unjust, it was fraudulent, it was corrupt." Yes, it was, but *why*? What's behind this?

Thomas: Yes, what's behind it? And I pray—I would like to give all my money to get in front of these superdelegates, and these party leaders, and make a little speech to them! I would like to say to them, that we have a lot of Americans that are hurting right now! And we need to take this very seriously: And this is not about "toeing the party line." This is not about having fear. I need leaders! I need *leaders*! George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin. I need you guys to stand up and say, "We need to do the *right thing* by the American people. Not worry about money in our pockets, not worry about this power position that we're going to get. And we need to do the *right thing*."

I wish that I could get that opportunity. I know I won't, because I'm just a photographer in Los Angeles doing this thing out of my apartment. But those are the kinds of questions I've been asking myself throughout this election: *Where are the leaders?! Where are our party leaders, who are willing to come forward and saying, "We need to stop this!"* We need to stop subverting a process that's been put in place forever. We need to stop doing everything that we can, to help one candidate, and block another one! We need to consider the fact that we have a large delegation of Democrats in this country that are *hurting* right now! And that, we can't take a chance on the next four years, we can't risk four more years of having bad leadership to get us out of this!

Al Gore: Too Big for His British Genes

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Al Gore is evil. Not because of any of the things he does, but because of what he is. He's a British agent. Unfortunately, most Americans, and most people in the world, don't know what that means. One aspect of it is that he's a genocidal racist, or, you could say, an environmentalist. Each is a continuation of the absolute hatred for human beings that the British Empire embodies, and which has informed every empire since Zeus' Olympus. The British Empire model rests on an anti-scientific policy of population control, and this is what the modern environmentalist movement aims for: global depopulation to 2 billion humans or fewer. To succeed, would require the destruction of civilization itself.

Bad Religion

The iniquitous Rev. Thomas Malthus received a mathematics degree at Jesus College, Cambridge, England and became a country parson in the 1790s. His popular tract, *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, was first published in 1798. His ideas are based on the rather simplistic mathematical theory that human population grows geometrically, but resources (food) increase at a slower, arithmetic rate. Poverty, disease, and famine are all problems of overpopulation, Malthus says, and we should encourage "the operations of nature": high infant mortality, poor hygiene, and plague amongst the poor to keep the population at a desired level. After Cambridge, Malthus went on to become Britain's first political economy professor at the East India Company College (now Haileybury), in 1805, and by 1826, had published six editions of his shameful treatise.

A century and a half later, in 1972, Al Gore attended the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. In a class on "Theology and the Natural



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Al Gore has adopted, from his British masters, a hatred for humanity, and a hostility to the human creativity that produces scientific and technological progress. He represents those imperial circles which are committed to reducing the world's population to no more than 2 billion souls.

Sciences,” he was exposed to a popular book released that year, *The Limits to Growth*, by Dennis Meadows et al., which asserted that within 100 years, human society (population, industry, pollution, food, etc.) would reach its limit and collapse drastically, if we didn’t stop population growth immediately, just as Malthus had described in his time. Like Malthus, the MIT team behind the project, forecast that some things would grow exponentially, such as population and pollution, and other things, like technology and agriculturally suitable land, would grow only slightly, if at all. Along with all the other environmentalist propaganda in that period, it recruited a lot of people to a belief in over-population.

By that time, the world’s population far exceeded Malthus’s nightmarish forecast, without everyone suffering and starving, and continues to do so today. Gore explained this in his 1992 book, *Earth in the Balance*: “Malthus was right in predicting that the population would grow geometrically, but he didn’t foresee our ability to make geometric improvements in agricultural technology. Even today, with several countries in the world suffering massive famines, there is little

doubt that a commitment to use more land and newer agricultural methods could vastly increase the amount of food produced on earth. The problem we now face is therefore more complicated than the one Malthus identified. In theory, the food supply can keep up with the population for a long while yet, but in practice, we have chosen to escape the Malthusian dilemma by making a set of dangerous bargains with the future, worthy of the theatrical legend that haunted the birth of the scientific revolution: Doctor Faustus.”

Had Gore read his Bible a little more closely, he would not think that to acquire technologies that prevent starvation, mankind must strike a deal with Satan. Instead, being made in the image of the Creator, mankind has a unique power of creativity, expressed through scientific and artistic discovery, and we can organize society around those discoveries in order to improve our standard of living. It is when we stop that process—stop being human—that we witness famine and plagues.

This is the same idea that the foremost of our nation’s Founding Fathers had. In 1751, Benjamin Franklin penned an essay on population, titled “Observations Concerning the Increase of Mankind, Peopling of Countries, Etc.” Encouraging population growth, he states, “The great increase of offspring, in particular families, is not always owing to greater fecundity of nature, but sometimes to examples of industry in the heads, and industrious education, by which the children are enabled to provide better for themselves.” Malthus attempted to refute Franklin’s points directly, and to defend Britain’s policy of population reduction.

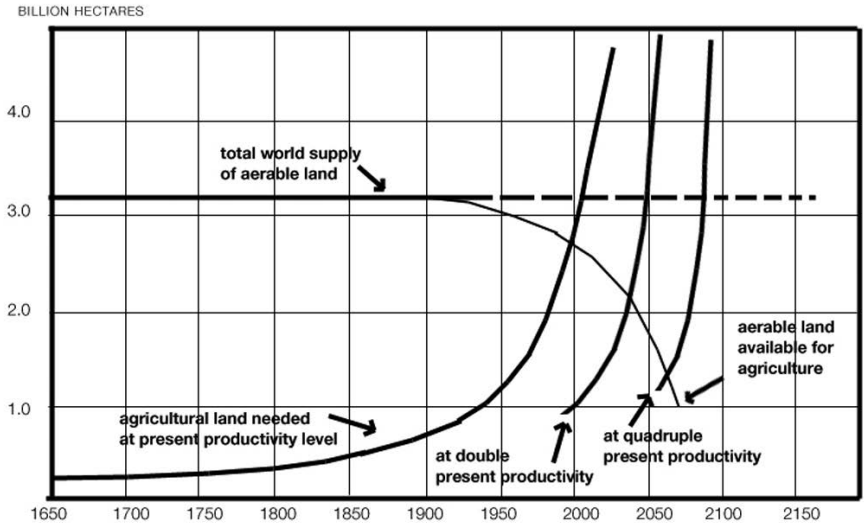
Gore chose Malthus’s side, thus proving himself neither Christian, nor American.

The Feeble-Minded Brits

Since the early days of the British Empire, its policy was to bring the U.S. back into its fold as part of a global Anglo-Saxon empire, though the specifics have evolved over the years since 1763. Their plan is to take over the world with a “master race,” because, as Britain’s 19th-Century imperialist Cecil Rhodes put it: “We are the finest race in the world and that the more of the world we inhabit the better it is for the human race. Just fancy those parts that are at present inhabited



FIGURE 1



Gore's intellectual mentor, Rev. Thomas Malthus, was among the first to promote the genocidal theory of zero population growth, in his *Essay on the Principle of Population*. His anti-scientific ravings have been plagiarized today, by the Club of Rome, as seen in Figure 1, reproduced from its fraudulent *Limits to Growth*. It purports to show world arable land supply vs. the agricultural land needed for food at present productivity levels.

by the most despicable specimens of human beings; what an alteration there would be if they were brought under Anglo-Saxon influence. . . . I contend that every acre added to our territory means in the future birth to some more of the English race who otherwise would not be brought into existence.”

Look at how this policy worked in Zimbabwe (formerly called Rhodesia, after this “race patriot”), which the British South Africa Company colonized in 1890. Colonial policy had especially targeted Southern Rhodesia and four other countries—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa—to be “white man’s country.” The 1894 figures for Zimbabwe estimate that for every white man, there were 17,000 natives. By 1961, that ratio had changed to 1 white to 13 natives. There is no other word for this but genocide. The British sought scientific legitimacy for their genocide, and named it eugenics.

A supposed “race science” to improve the human species through selective breeding, the eugenics movement, flourished in Britain in the early part of the 20th Century.¹

1. Despite their rigorous study of genetics, the European monarchies have overlooked the basics of inbreeding, which brings out recessive genes and defects, evident in their offspring.

Their object was to cleanse the human gene pool of moral and physical defectives, criminals, inebriates, the feeble-minded, and the poor—all of whose afflictions were believed to be the result of hereditary traits.

Sir Francis Galton is the father of modern eugenics, and wrote *Hereditary Genius* in 1869, about breeding certain successful personalities. In the late 19th Century, the eugenics movement was directed primarily by Sir Arthur Balfour, who rose to become British prime minister during the reign of Edward VII (1901-10) and foreign minister during World War I. He coordinated the activities of top strategists of the British Empire and the British secret services, such as the Darwin and Huxley families, as well as subversive operations inside the United States. The eugenicist idea of a fixed inequality of human beings was a direct attack against the principles of the American Revolution.

The Eugenics Education Society was founded in 1908, and became the British Eugenics Society in 1926. The leading institution in the U.S. was the Eugenics Record Office, founded in 1910, in Cold Spring, N.Y., and run by geneticist Charles Davenport. Eugenics was heavily promoted by racist Anglophiles in the U.S. such as Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and

the E.H. Harriman family.² The first International Congress of Eugenics was held in 1912, at the University of London, and keynoted by Balfour, who called eugenics “the first great applied science.” In application, eugenicists contrived a biology of class, resulting in bigoted immigration laws, and tens of thousands of forced sterilizations.

Sir Julian Huxley was a Life Fellow of the Eugenics Society from 1925, its vice-president from 1937-44, and president from 1959-62, putting him front and center of the eugenicist racial hygiene movement, the Ku Klux Klan revival of the 1920s, and the British-sponsored Nazi genocide in Europe, of the 1930s and '40s, which was followed by the semantic shift in the 1960s to “conservation.”

In his 1936 Galton Lecture, “Eugenics and Society,” Huxley appealed to the “upper classes” to reproduce more offspring, warning that the genetically less well-endowed lower strata “are reproducing relatively too fast. Therefore birth-control methods must be taught them; they must not have too easy access to relief or hospital treatment, lest the removal of the last check on natural selection should make it too easy for children to be produced or to survive; lengthy unemployment should be grounds for sterilization, or at least relief should be contingent upon no further children being brought into the world; and so on. . . . Since a high degree of intellect and imagination, of scientific and artistic ability and other qualities, cannot be adequately expressed or utilized . . . in the great majority of the lower strata, it is useless to plan for their genetic increase in these strata. Indeed, it is more than useless, it is dangerous; for the frustration of inherent capacity leads to discontent and revolution in some men, to neurosis and inefficiency in others. The case is strictly analogous to that of cattle in Africa; in an unfavorable environment, too drastic genetic improvement is worse than none.”

The Unthinkable

In 1946, Julian Huxley was appointed director-general of the new United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), where he continued to carry out the mission of eugenics and global

2. Edward H. Harriman’s wife, Mary Averell Harriman, heavily supported the practice of sterilizing defectives. His daughter, Mary, enrolled in one of Cold Spring Harbor’s Summer biology courses. She was so enthusiastic about eugenics, she was nicknamed “Eugenia” by her classmates at Barnard College. His son Averell was a partner at Brown Brothers Harriman bank when they funneled money to the Nazis.

empire. Huxley prepared its official document, “UNESCO, Its Purpose and Its Philosophy,” emphasizing how important education, science, and culture are for world peace (in the wake of World War II), and for human progress. He insisted that since mathematical and musical aptitudes are “well known” to have a genetic basis, UNESCO needed to be greatly concerned with finding a truly scientific eugenics. To increase human knowledge, and therefore human welfare, he also said that, “It will be necessary quite soon to face the fact that only a certain fraction of any human population is equipped by heredity to be able to take full or even reasonable advantage of a full higher or professional education,” and cited “some authorities in the field” who assert that that fraction is only 10-20%.

If 80% of the population is genetically incapable of being educated, and education is necessary for progress, and progress is necessary for human civilization, is it necessary that we get rid of that 80% holding us back?

Huxley admitted: “Thus even though it is quite true that any radical eugenic policy will be for many years politically and psychologically impossible, it will be important for UNESCO to see that the eugenic problem is examined with the greatest care, and that the public mind is informed of the issues at stake so that much that now is unthinkable may at least become thinkable.”

Don’t You Care About the Planet?

The other issues central to UNESCO’s task, were overpopulation and conservation. While at UNESCO in 1948, Huxley co-founded the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), whose constitution was drafted by the British Foreign Office. In 1960, Huxley traveled through the former colonies in Africa, where independence was spreading at the time, and criticized the new governments as unable to be trusted to conserve wildlife. To help fund the expansion of IUCN activities, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF, now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was created in 1961.

The head of the WWF has always been His Royal Highness Prince Philip, who handpicked the late Prince Bernhard (former Nazi SS officer) and Princess Alexandra (first cousin of HRH Queen Elizabeth) to head the WWF-International, and various other Princes, Lords, Barons, and royal lackeys as presidents and vice-presidents of local branches of the WWF. The WWF is, in turn, funded by the secretive “1001 Club,” whose exclusive membership numbers 1,001 people, requires a \$10,000 initiation fee, and is also selected by



Queen Elizabeth II, and her royal consort Prince Philip, head of the genocidal World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), with some of their offspring, produced by generations of inbreeding. As the oligarchs like to say: "Breeding will tell."

Prince Bernhard and Prince Philip. Among the WWF's financial sponsors are the world's leading mining, oil, chemical, food, and banking corporations.

Award-Winning Gore

This is the movement that Al Gore works for. Popular culture would have you believe that Gore's crusade against man-made global warming is the next Civil Rights Movement. In reality, it's the same British eugenics policy for world government.

Were the intention to keep the environment clean, there would be massive investment in crash programs for nuclear power, and CO₂ would be hailed as abundant plant food. However, Gore's solution is London-centered financial speculation. It's called "emissions trading," or "cap and trade." Emissions trading requires an upper limit on carbon emissions. Countries that produce fewer emissions earn "carbon credits" which they can sell to countries that produce above the limit. There are two authorities in the world that coordinate this: the Chicago Climate Exchange, which is still being developed, and the more dominant European Climate Exchange. Most of their activity is in CO₂ financial derivatives speculation. Furthermore, the environmentalist movement has turned to the United Nations Security Council, an institution mandated to preserve world peace and security, to compel observance of global environmental standards.

The real beneficiaries of the cap-and-trade system are the hedge fund operators making a killing in the

carbon markets, amongst whom is Gore. In November 2004, he launched, with partner David Blood, a London-based investment fund, Generation Investment Management, which is more aptly referred to as "Blood and Gore," and is at the center of the effort to create a carbon swap market.³

On Oct. 30, 2006, the British government held a high-profile press conference for the release of a 700-page report on climate change by a government economist, Sir Nicholas Stern. Then-Chancellor of the Exchequer, and now Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced there that he had "hired" Gore to "advise the British government on climate change."

In that capacity, as a British agent of influence and fund manager poised to reap immense profit, Gore has appeared at numerous venues to promote investment in carbon trading, including, in front of the U.S. Congress in March 2007.

"Carbon emissions" means industrial activity. The countries with low carbon emissions are the underdeveloped areas of the world, the ones most in need of industrial development, first to simply prevent mass death due to disease and starvation, and much more importantly, to go far beyond merely sustaining their current living standard. They are the ones who have been historically targeted for the most brutal side of colonization, which cripples them to this day. Without development, the population of Africa will be wiped out.

Neither are the wealthier, developed nations immune to the catastrophes of this scheme. Any emissions reduction mandate would be enforced by the exchanges, which operate by the laws of the free market (a mix between greed and London artistry). It would drive up the price of carbon credits to amounts that would bankrupt power companies and kill industries—and that is precisely the point. The foundation of American sovereignty and economic power was industry and manufacturing, and this is what the British Empire fears and hates the most. That is what Gore and the green ideology are out to destroy—civilization.

3. Remember when mortgage trading was just a burgeoning innovation at Salomon Brothers.

A Critical Review of the Draft U.S. Climate Change Report

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Editor's Note: *The report Dr. Jaworowski discusses here was released in draft form in July by the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP), a governmental group established in 2002 "to coordinate climate and global change research conducted in the United States and to support decision-making on climate-related issues." This "Unified Synthesis Product," or USP, was charged with synthesizing the information from 21 CCSP reports, along with the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and other "recent results that have appeared in the scientific literature." The stated aim of the report is "to provide a single coherent analysis of the current understanding of climate change science, summarize the contributions of the CCSP Program, and identify important gaps in the science."*

The draft report, complete with graphics, is available at www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=/.ccsp/unified_synthesis.jsp. The CCSP asked for public comment, and Dr. Jaworowski replied with this document. The report's graphics are not reproduced here, as the CCSP authors have requested that they not be reproduced at this stage.

Dr. Jaworowski is a multidisciplinary scientist, now a senior advisor at the Central Laboratory for Radiological Protection in Warsaw. In the Winter of 1957-58,

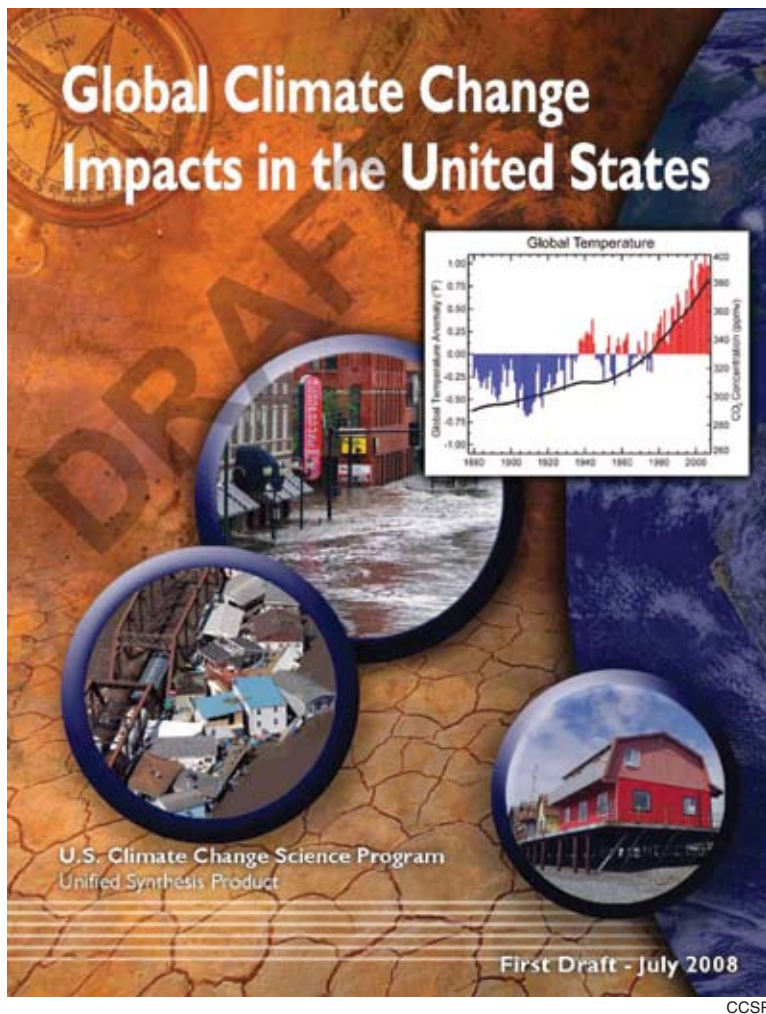
he measured the concentration of CO₂ in the atmospheric air at Spitsbergen. From 1972 to 1991, he investigated the history of the pollution of the global atmosphere, measuring the dust preserved in 17 glaciers: in the Tatra Mountains in Poland, in the Arctic, Antarctic, Alaska, Norway, the Alps, the Himalayas, the Ruwenzori Mountains in Uganda, and the Peruvian Andes. He has published many papers on climate, most of them concerning CO₂ measurement in ice cores.

Some of his papers on climate are available on the website of 21st Century Science & Technology magazine, www.21stcenturysciencetech.com, and on the EIR website, www.larouchepub.com. His response to the CCSP has been slightly edited for a general audience, and subheads have been added.

A striking feature of the CCSP-USP Report is a unilateral presentation of information, with an almost exclusive concentration on greenhouse gases, and particularly on man-made emissions of carbon dioxide, as the dominant cause of the Modern Warm Period.¹ The Report totally ignores studies which disagree with the man-made warming hypothesis.

An example of this neglect, one from among many, is a lack of information on cosmo-climatologic re-

1. The Modern Warm Period refers to the long recovery from the Little Ice Age, which occurred from 1650 to the early 20th Century.



The cover of the draft report, "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States," gives an graphic idea of its bias: that industrial emissions are responsible for high temperatures, floods, and severe weather. Actually, global temperatures have been cooling in the last decade.

search. Recent studies demonstrate a powerful influence on climate of fluctuations of the muon fraction of cosmic rays, caused by variations of the Sun's activity. In the lower troposphere, muons create condensation nuclei for water particles, which are indispensable for cloud formation. Cloudiness, which is directly related to the flux of muons, determines temperature at the surface of the Earth and in the lower troposphere. Short-term fluctuations of muon flux change the cloudiness by 3 to 4% (Svensmark and Calder 2008).

The Report does not discuss this at all. But the relationship between climate and cosmic ray fluctuation, on the time scales from decades to centuries to millennia, is much stronger than between climate and human emissions of CO₂ (Svensmark 2007; Svensmark and Calder

2008). Only a 2% increase in cloudiness is sufficient to cancel any climatic effect of man-made emissions of CO₂ (Veizer 2005). The activity of the Sun, which was stronger during the last 60 years than for the past 1,100 years (Usoskin et al. 2004; Usoskin et al. 2003), is a much more plausible cause of the Modern Warm Period [since coming out of the Little Ice Age] than the human emission of CO₂.

The extremely strong correlation between temperature (estimated from the change of oxygen-18 in stalagmites) and radioactive carbon-14 (produced by cosmic rays in the atmosphere) indicates that the influence of the Sun (modulating the cosmic ray flux) on the Earth's temperature was about 280 times stronger than the influence of atmospheric CO₂ (Mangini et al. 2005).

These fundamental studies are ignored in the CCSP-USP Report, making its claim that CO₂ man-made emissions are the main cause of the Modern Warming Period unsupported.

Misleading Characterizations

The phrase "climate change is now upon us," repeated in various versions in pages 1 to 9 of the Report, and then throughout the document, is incorrect and misleading. It implies that the climate was formerly "stable," and that it is only now that it is changing. This, however, is not true, and is not in agreement with other statements in the document. Without human intervention and without the influence of CO₂, climate was changing constantly over the past several billion years, sometimes much more, and much faster, than now (Veizer 2005).

The Dansgaard-Oeschger events (D-Os), extremely rapid changes of climate, occurred about 20 times during the past 100,000 years. One of them, the so called "Younger Dryas," happened 12,800 years ago, when the warm climate switched rapidly to a cold one, and then after 1,300 years, almost immediately returned back into a warm phase. Both times, the switch took one decade, or just a few years; that is, much less time than the recovery from the Little Ice Age after 1900 A.D., "which is now upon us."

The current Modern Warm Period is one of innumerable former natural warm climatic phases; it is less

warm than four such former phases, which the planet has seen over the past 1,500 years (Grudd 2008). This information is ignored in the Report, and the influence of man-made CO₂ is utterly exaggerated. The key requirement of objectivity does not hold in this Report, not only in presenting the facts, but also in its style.

The figure on page 19 of the Report suggests that there is a relationship between trends in atmospheric CO₂ concentration, man-made CO₂ emissions, and temperature. The only true data in this figure are the carbon emissions. The temperature and CO₂ concentration curves are false. The temperature curve is the infamous hockey stick curve of Mann et al. (1999), used as a flagship in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Working Group I: The Scientific Basis, Chapter 2" (IPCC 2001). In this curve, both the Medieval Warming and the Little Ice Age disappeared altogether, although hundreds of peer-reviewed publications by more than 560 authors from more than 300 institutions in about 40 countries demonstrated that both these warm and cold climatic phases had a global range (Broecker 2001; CO₂science 2008; Cole-Dai and Zhou 2003; de Menocal et al. 2000; Hall 2007; Kreutz et al. 1997; Loehle 2007; Loehle and McCulloch 2008; Mosley-Thompson and Thompson 1992; Tyson et al. 2000).

A crushing criticism by several groups of authors (Legates 2003; McIntyre and McKittrick 2003; Muller 2003; Soon 2003; Soon and Baliunas 2003; Soon et al. 2003) demonstrated that the temperature hockey stick curve represented wishful thinking, and flawed and probably fraudulent methods, rather than the climatic reality. After this criticism, the hockey stick curve disappeared in the 2007 IPCC report. Its reappearance in this CCSP-USP Draft Report, and a complete ignoring in this Report of the existence of the Holocene Warming, Medieval Warming, and Little Ice Age, disqualifies the Report as an objective source of scientific information.

The CO₂ atmospheric concentration curves on pages 17 and 19 of the Report also have the shape of a "hockey stick." They are the very foundations of the man-made greenhouse warming hypothesis. The figure on page 17 suggests that during the past 800,000 years, the atmospheric concentration of CO₂ was always 170 to 300 parts per million (ppm), and never before the 20th Century reached the level of about 380 ppm. The figure on page 19 suggests that between 1000 and approximately 1800 A.D., the CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere was about 180 ppm, and that in the second



The author (right) on one of his glacier missions, working with ion exchange columns in a laboratory tent at Kahiltna Glacier, Alaska, 1977.

half of the 19th Century it started to increase rapidly, up to the current level, allegedly some 30% higher than before the Industrial Revolution. Both these CO₂ curves are false.

The Unreliability of Polar Ice Cores

The CO₂ hockey stick curves are made from proxy estimates of CO₂ atmospheric levels, based on analysis of air bubbles from the Antarctic and Greenland cores of old ice, combined with direct measurements of this gas in samples of modern atmospheric air, collected near the summit of an active, CO₂ emitting Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii.

There are two problems with these curves. The first problem with the CO₂ hockey stick curves on pages 17 and 19 is the unreliability of proxy CO₂ determinations in old polar ice. Ice cores do not fulfill the essential closed-system criteria, indispensable for reliable reconstruction of the pre-industrial and ancient atmosphere.

One of these criteria is a lack of liquid water in ice.

This criterion is not met, as there is ample evidence that even the coldest Antarctic ice contains liquid water, in which solubility of CO₂ is about 73 times and 26 times higher than that of N₂ (nitrogen gas) and O₂ (oxygen gas), respectively. This dramatically changes the chemical composition of the gas inclusions in polar ice in comparison to atmospheric air. More than 20 physical and chemical processes, mostly related to the presence of liquid water, contribute to CO₂ depletion from the original air inclusions (see review in Jaworowski et al. 1992).

One of these processes is the formation of clathrates, which are solid crystals formed at high pressure and low temperature by the interaction of gas with water molecules. In the ice sheets, CO₂, O₂, and N₂ start to form clathrates at about 5 bars, 75 bars, and 100 bars of pressure, respectively. Because of this process, CO₂ starts to leave air bubbles at a depth of about 200 meters (650 feet), and the air bubbles themselves disappear completely at a depth of about 1,000 meters (3,280 feet).

Drilling, which is an extremely brutal procedure, decompresses the deep ice cores, in which the solid clathrates now decompose into gas form, exploding in the process as if they were microscopic grenades. In the decompressed, bubble-free ice, the explosions form new gas cavities and mini-cracks. The ice cores, however, are earlier exposed to a more coarse cracking by vibrations in the drilling barrel, and by the sheeting phenomenon at the bottom of the borehole, induced by the pressure difference between the drilling fluid and the ice.

Before the cracks heal by regelation, they open the gate for the escape of gas inclusions, and for an extreme pollution of the ice cores with heavy metals from drilling fluid. Pollution of the inner parts of ice cores with lead and zinc is thousands of times higher than the levels of these elements in the surface snow (Boutron et al. 1990; Boutron et al. 1987). This clearly shows that these cores are not a closed system.

Glaciological CO₂ records are thus strongly influenced by natural processes in the ice sheets and man-made artifacts in the ice cores, which lead to depletion



Mauna Loa, Hawaii, the active volcano site that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chose, to take measurements of CO₂ and other “greenhouse gases” in the atmosphere. As for the gases the volcano spews out, NOAA applies a “correction” to the data. Here, NOAA engineer Paul Fukumura-Sawada captures air near NOAA’s Mauna Loa Observatory.

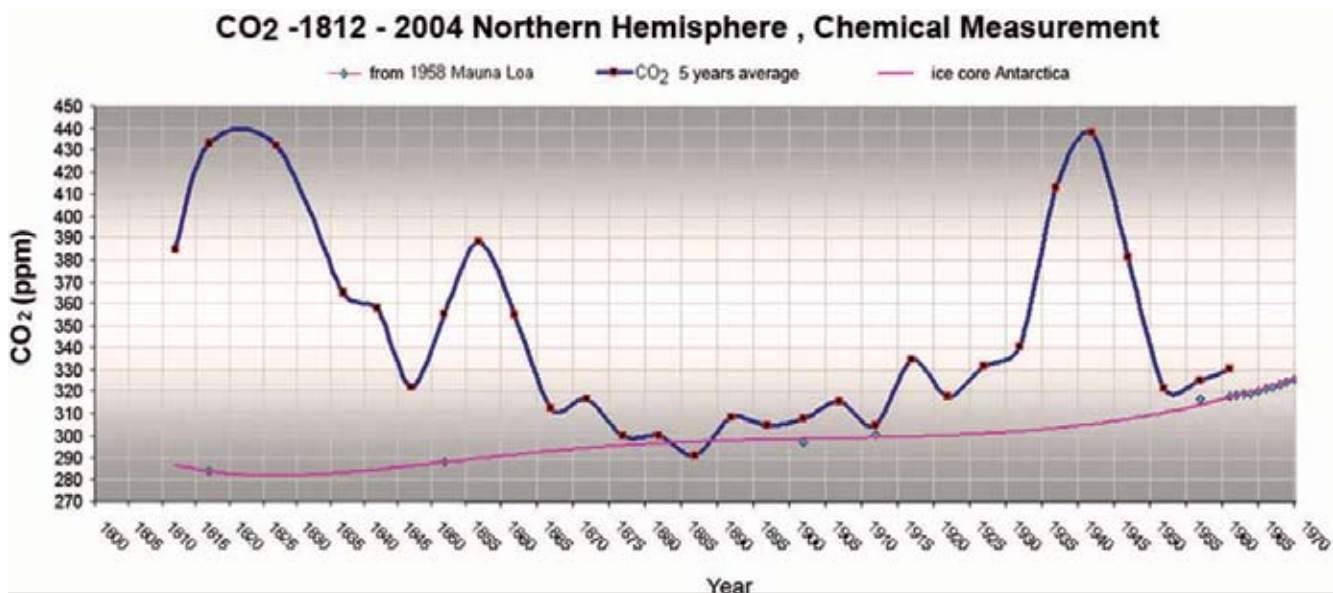
of CO₂ by 30% to 50%.

In addition, the records presented in the figures on pages 17 and 19 of the report, are beset with an arbitrary selection of data, with experimentally unfounded assumptions on gas age, and with one-sided interpretations ascribing the observed concentration trends to human factors, ignoring other more plausible explanations (Jaworowski 1994).

It was never experimentally demonstrated that ice core studies reliably reconstruct the original composition of the past atmosphere. Perusal of these studies indicates that polar ice and the ice cores are an improper medium for this task, and that glaciological studies are not capable of such reconstruction (Jaworowski 1994; Jaworowski et al. 1990; Jaworowski et al. 1992).

The assumption of a low and stable level of CO₂ in the pre-industrial atmosphere, and of its recent increase of about 30% as a result of fossil-fuel burning (IPCC 2007), was posed by Callendar (1958) and From and Keeling (1986), after their arbitrary rejection of most of the more than 90,000 technically excellent, direct measurements of CO₂ in the atmosphere, carried out in America, Asia, and Europe, during 149 years between 1812 and 1961 (**Figure 1**). These measurements showed that the 5-year average CO₂ concentrations fluctuated widely,

FIGURE 1
Chemical Measurements of CO₂ in the Northern Hemisphere (1812-2005)



Source: Adapted from Beck 2007.

Reconstruction of CO₂ concentration trends in the Northern Hemisphere based on more than 90,000 direct chemical measurements in the surface atmosphere at 43 stations between 1812 and 1961. The lower line is the proxy estimates from Antarctic ice core artifacts. The diamonds on the lower line (after 1958) are infrared direct CO₂ measurements in air samples taken at an active volcano, Mauna Loa in Hawaii.

with a minimum of 290 parts per million by volume (ppmv) in 1885, and peaking up to 440 ppmv around 1820, to about 390 ppmv around 1855, and to about 440 ppmv around 1940 (Beck 2007)—a pattern completely different from a flat and low ice-core record.

The ice core proxy estimates disagree also with other proxy CO₂ determinations for the past 10,000 years, which fluctuated up to 459 ppmv (Kurschner et al. 1996; Royer et al. 2001; Wagner et al. 1999; Wagner et al. 2002) (Figure 2). The low CO₂ ice-core concentrations during the six former interglacials, when the global temperature was warmer than now, suggest that either atmospheric CO₂ levels have no discernible influence on climate, or that the proxy ice core reconstructions of the chemical composition of the ancient atmosphere are false. Both these propositions are probably true.

The uncritical acceptance in the CCSP-USP Report of the low CO₂ ice core records from old polar ice as the only basis for estimation of the pre-industrial levels of atmospheric CO₂, ignorance of the high direct CO₂ measurements in the 19th- and 20th-Century atmosphere, and of the high proxy measurements in leaf stomata, demonstrates a lack of impartiality of this Report.

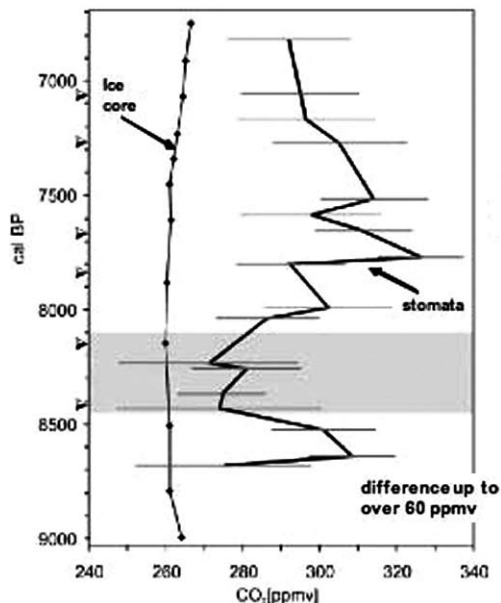
Doctored Data

The second problem with the CO₂ hockey curves on pages 17 and 19 of the report is the doctored of the proxy ice core data from the 19th Century and earlier (most of which are artifacts), so that they could overlay the direct CO₂ measurements in the atmosphere carried out in the second half of the 20th Century.

The data from 19th Century and earlier ice cores, such as those from Siple, Antarctica (Friedli et al. 1986; Neftel et al. 1985), are regarded both in the CCSP-USP Report, and in all IPCC reports, including the “Summary for Policy Makers, 2007” (IPCC 2007), as the strongest proof that man increased the CO₂ content of the global atmosphere. However, these data show a clear *inverse* correlation between the decreasing CO₂ concentrations, and the load-pressure increasing with depth. This correlation indicates a depletion of CO₂ from the air inclusions in ice, caused by the formation of crystalline CO₂ clathrates, rather than changes in the original atmospheric concentration of this gas.

The problem with the Siple data (they are included in curves on pages 17 and 19 of the Report) is that the

FIGURE 2
CO₂ Measurements from Fossil Leaves Compared to False Readings from Ice Cores



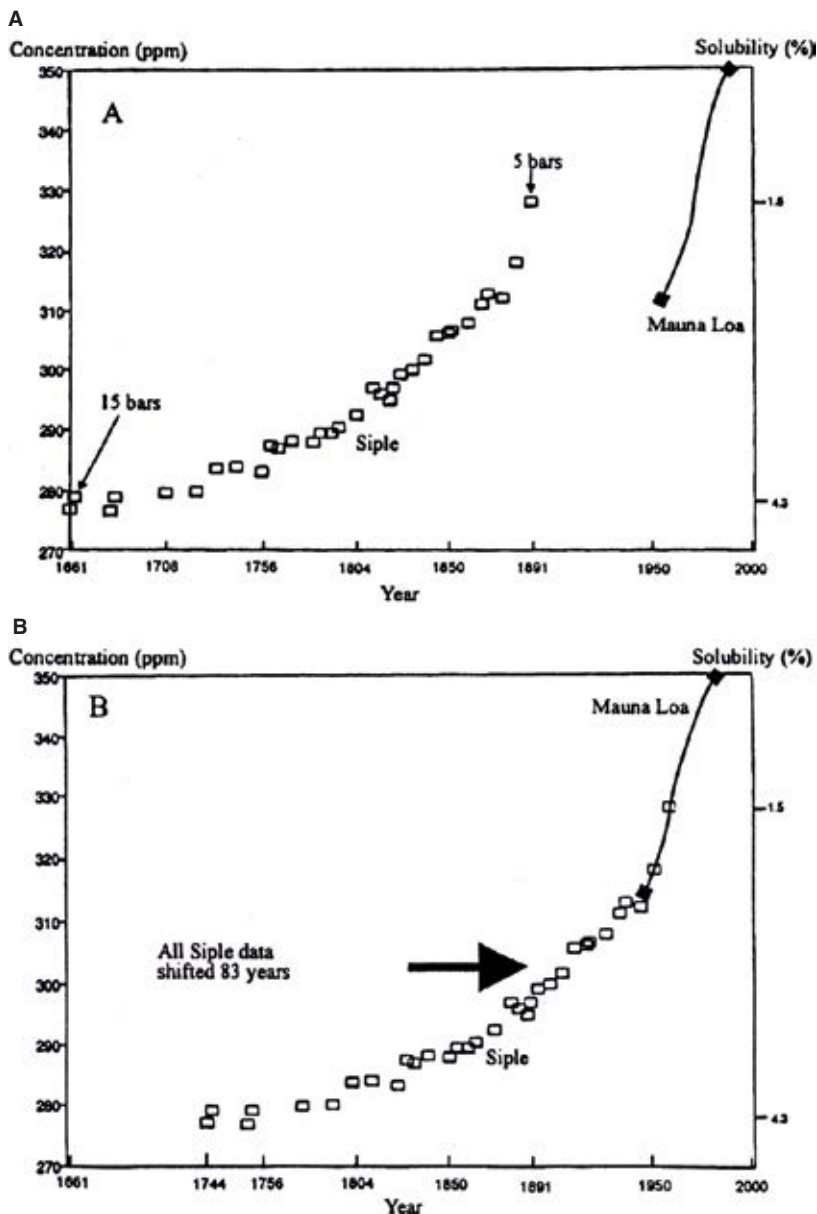
Source: Adapted from Wagner et al. 2002.

Atmospheric CO₂ concentrations between 6800 and 8700 Years Before Present, based on stomata of fossil birch leaves from Denmark (right line), and on ice core samples from Taylor Dome, Antarctica (left line).

CO₂ concentration found in this Antarctic locality in pre-industrial ice from a depth of 68 meters (that is, above the depth of clathrate formation), was too high to fit the man-made warming hypothesis. This ice was deposited in 1890 A.D., and the CO₂ concentration was 328 ppmv, not about 290 ppmv, as needed by the man-made warming hypothesis. The CO₂ atmospheric concentration of about 328 ppmv was measured at Mauna Loa, Hawaii, in 1973 (Boden et al. 1990); that is, 83 years after the ice was deposited at Siple. Instead of rejecting their assumption of a low pre-industrial concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere, the glaciologists found another solution:

An *ad hoc* assumption, not supported by any factual evidence, solved the problem: The average age of air was arbitrarily decreed to be exactly 83 years

FIGURES 3 (a) and (b)
The Mother of all CO₂ Hockey Stick Curves



CO₂ concentration in air bubbles from pre-industrial ice from Siple, Antarctica (open squares), and from 1958-86 atmosphere measurements at Mauna Loa, Hawaii (solid line at right).

In A, the original Siple data are given without assuming that the air is 83 years younger than the age of the enclosing ice (Jaworowski 1994).

In B, the same data are shown after an arbitrary correction of the age of the air, as published by Neftel et al. 1985 and Friedli et al. 1986.

younger than the ice in which it was trapped (Jaworowski 1994; Jaworowski et al. 1992). The “corrected” ice core data were then made to smoothly overlay the recent Mauna Loa record (Figure 3), and then

were reproduced in countless publications as the famous “Siple curve.”

In 1993, eight years after the first publication of the Siple curve, glaciologists attempted to prove the age assumption experimentally (Schwander et al. 1993), but they failed (Jaworowski 1994). A similar manipulation of data was applied also to ice cores from other polar sites, to make the “CO₂ hockey stick curves” covering the past 1,000 and even 400,000 years (IPCC 2001; Wolff 2003). For some of these curves, a much longer air/ice age difference was arbitrarily assumed, without any experimental support, reaching up to 5,500 years. The apparent aim of these manipulations, and of ignoring other proxy CO₂ determinations, and of ignoring approximately 90,000 direct determinations in the pre-industrial and 20th-Century atmosphere, was to induce in the public a false conviction that the 20th-Century level of CO₂ was unprecedented over the past hundreds of thousands of years.

Thus, manipulated data were used as “*an indicator of human influence on the atmosphere during the Industrial Era*” (IPCC 2001). These data are also used to show “human influences” and the human “fingerprint” in the text on page 26 of the Report, and in the figure therein, titled “Separating Human and Natural Influences on Climate,” to argue that the “*observed [current] warming could not have been caused by natural forces alone.*” In fact, this is the *only* proof of human causation of the Modern Warm Period presented in the Report. This proof is false.

Violating Objectivity

The foundations of the CCSP-USP Report, its “fingerprints” and “human influences,” are based on ice core studies of CO₂. However, ice cores are a wrong matrix for reconstruction of chemical composition of the ancient atmosphere. No effort dedicated to improving analytical techniques can change the imperative pattern of polar ice as a non-closed system matrix.

Because of this pattern of ice, the CO₂ ice core data will always be artifacts caused by processes in the ice sheets and in the ice cores, with CO₂ concentration values about 30% to 50% lower than in the original atmosphere.

The low CO₂ ice-core concentrations during the past interglacials, when the global temperature was warmer than now, suggest that either atmospheric CO₂ levels have no discernible influence on climate, or that proxy ice core reconstructions of the chemical compo-

sition of the ancient atmosphere are false. Both propositions are probably true.

The scenarios in the CCSP-USP Draft Report are based on unreliable ice core data and on an incorrect presentation of the past climatic changes. They should not be used for global economic planning. Under the Information Quality Act’s terms, this document is not permissibly disseminated so long as it continues to reproduce these false scenarios with the apparent imprimatur of the Federal government.

The requested changes are:

(1) to drop all the references to “human influences” and “fingerprints,” as they cannot be credibly validated and are in fact empty notions;

(2) to present the veritable fluctuation of climatic cold and warm phases over the past millennium;

(3) to review the recent cosmo-climatologic studies, and to reflect them in the conclusions and recommendations of the Report.

Without such corrections, the statements in this document fail to meet the authors’ claim of representing “the best available information” (p. 14), and “the best available evidence” (p. 15), and otherwise violate applicable objectivity requirements.

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Protect the Homeowners and the Banks!

A thousand or more U.S. banks will fail by early 2010, said billionaire leveraged-buyout specialist Wilbur Ross—among other “analysts”—to CNBC Aug 18. Ross’s belief that these will be “all small or medium-sized banks” makes even this a rose-colored underestimate. Later in the week, former IMF chief economist Kenneth Rogoff contradicted him by saying that he expected “a whopper” of a U.S. bank to collapse within the short time ahead, and that he saw the worst of the ongoing financial crisis yet to come.

“But a thousand banks is going to be a lot,” Ross added. “Each dollar of bank equity that gets lost takes out about 12 or 13 dollars of loans [bank lending], so the impact on the credit crisis is going to be severe.”

Lyndon LaRouche has insisted to Members of Congress for a year, that the coming bank collapse was even more catastrophic than the drastic home foreclosures crisis; to all who have eyes to see, this is now clearly the case.

Combining the two problems are the cases of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the quasi-government agencies which have been used to pump up the mortgage bubble, and are now faced with collapse themselves. Their stocks are down by a full 95% against one year ago. A new round of hyperinflationary actions is now being proposed to save Fannie and Freddie from imminent bankruptcy—either through borrowing at super-high interest to pay \$223 billion in bonds coming due Sept. 30, or utilizing Treasury Secretary Paulson’s new bailout fund, passed as a codicil to the Barney and Bailout bill on the housing crisis.

All this flailing about, however, does nothing to solve the crisis, which gets worse by the day. Every bailout action simply adds more debt to the already

humongous mountain of unpayable debt. Some sources estimate that a full bailout of Fannie and Freddie might increase the U.S. national debt from its current level of approximately \$9 trillion, to more than \$23 trillion!

In the face of this impending disaster, LaRouche has sharpened his attack on those who have been blocking his Homeowners and Bank Protection Act (HBPA), which he put on the table in August 2007.

“Now, if you don’t go with my HBPA legislation in Congress, you’re really an idiot, and a dangerous one to your constituents, who will be out in the street and broke,” LaRouche commented.

“Otherwise, the bailout will blow out the United States. It won’t work, so it will blow out Fannie and Freddie, and trigger a whole chain reaction. There’s only one thing they can do: the HBPA. It’s the only measure that will work. Change the subject: Freeze it.”

“The United States is bankrupt,” LaRouche continued. “*Every* state is bankrupt. The question is, are you willing to put the whole system into Federal bankruptcy reorganization? And pay what should be paid to keep the physical economy functioning, including its people? We’ll postpone payment on other things, until we resolve this bankruptcy. That’s going to take some time to do, so people should not be looking forward to any settlements on these things—bankrupt states and so forth—until some time down the line, when we reorganize the economy.”

LaRouche is the only economist who has never made a wrong economic forecast. LaRouche’s HBPA provides for no foreclosures, no bailouts of speculators, and for keeping Federal and state-chartered banks open. That’s the best we’re going to get—and we’d better demand Congress give it to us now.

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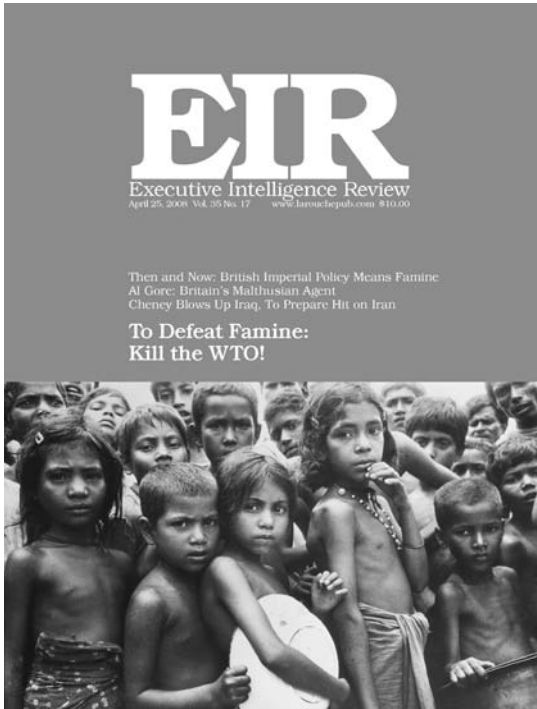
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