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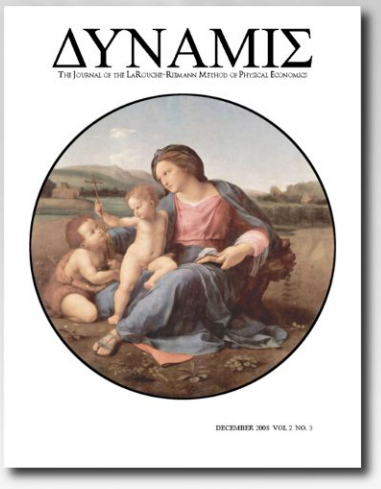

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From the Assistant Managing Editor

You will find inside these pages a call to arms against an ugly revival of the same British-run fascist networks that attempted a coup d'état against President Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s. Today, their guns are aimed at President Barack Obama, who has shown an inclination to adopt anti-depression policies, based on those of FDR. But, because, so far, Obama's stated programs are terribly flawed, he has left himself open to the kinds of dirty operations being mounted against him.

In our cover story, Jeffrey Steinberg expands his report in our Feb. 27 issue, "Fascists, Then and Now, Stalk the FDR Legacy," on America's homegrown, but British- and Wall Street-directed fascists of the American Liberty League and similar right-wing traitors, who attempted to orchestrate a military coup against President Roosevelt. This week, in "LaRouche Declares War on the British Empire." he reports that the current assault is being steered by such far-right think tanks as AEI, Heritage, and Cato, whose fascist policies are popularized by political loudmouths like Newt Gingrich, cable bloviators like Rush Limbaugh, and poison-pen propagandists like Amity Shlaes.

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To see Perfidious Albion in action, study this week's *Feature,* which zeroes in on the London-created and Soros-financed International Criminal Court, which is, indeed, a criminal operation against the nation-state—especially those of Africa. This time, they are out to get Sudan's President Bashir, who has stood up to the Brutish Imperialists in defense of his nation.

We continue our *Conference Report* on the highly successful Schiller Institute meeting Feb. 21-22, in Germany, leading with the speech of the French leader Jacques Cheminade.

As LaRouche states on our cover this week, "We need you" to take up this call, and join the war against America's historic enemy, the British Empire and its minions.

"Tune in" to LaRouche's March 21 webcast, where you will receive your marching orders.

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LaRouche Declares War On the British Empire

by Jeffrey Steinberg

March 7—Lyndon LaRouche has issued a declaration of war against the British Empire and its Wall Street assets, who have laid siege to the Obama White House and are fully committed to the destruction of the United States, starting with the institution of the Presidency.

This latest assault against the U.S. Presidency, is, in every way, a reincarnation of the overtly pro-Mussolini and pro-Hitler American Liberty League of the 1930s. The current assault is being steered, on the homefront, by a Wall Street- and London-bankrolled right-wing apparatus, led by the American Enterprise Institute, the Heritage Foundation, the Cato Institute, political loudmouths like Newt Gingrich, Rush Limbaugh, and Rupert Murdoch, and lying propagandists like Amity Shlaes and Jim Powell.

LaRouche today elaborated on his war declaration: "We are going to be relentless in pointing out, that all of the people who are lined up against the President, today, from Wall Street and related environs, are actually fascists, in the tradition of the Mussolini-loving and Hitler-loving Liberty League of the 1930s.

"Now what we've got out here," LaRouche continued, "is a bunch of wimps in the U.S. population—and that includes a lot of our Members of Congress, and similar kinds of institutions. They don't know what the defense of the nation is any more. They've been involved in so many fake wars, they don't know what a real one is! And we're in a real war, to save the United States from this kind of subversion, which is coming out of London. And with the attacks focussed against the current President of the United States, we're going to defend that Presidency, and we're going to make everybody very miserable, who doesn't agree with us, that this Presidency is going to be defended. This is our institution, this is our Republic.

"It is a choice," LaRouche concluded. "You can defend the British Empire and be our enemy. Or you can defend the United States and be our friend."

The Lines of Attack

The British Empire, the City of London-headquartered Anglo-Dutch oligarchy, is waging a multi-front attack against the Obama Presidency, aimed, first and foremost, at preventing the President from adopting policies modelled on those of Franklin Roosevelt, which saved the United States from fascism in the 1930s, and then paved the way for America's "Arsenal of Democracy" war mobilization, which defeated the Axis powers in Europe and in the Pacific.

On the domestic front, some of the very same Wall Street families that battled against FDR throughout the 1930s and sought to destroy the New Deal, are bankrolling an identical campaign today, to defame FDR and the New Deal, and sabotage any Obama initiatives

U.S. Marine Corps/Lance Cpl. Michael J. Ayotte

A vital component of the British assault on the Obama Presidency—and a weak flank—is the drive for drug legalization, for which the flagship weekly of the City of London, The Economist*, came out with all guns blazing in its March 7-13 issue. LaRouche vows to stop them.*

that even smack of a Rooseveltian impulse.

As one source close to the Administration put it recently, Wall Street is running a "berserker" propaganda campaign, through the *Wall Street Journal* and other London-allied media organs, branding President Obama as a "radical Rooseveltian, who is killing the banks."

Virtually plagiarizing from the American Liberty League pamphlets and leaflets, such Wall Street and London-owned poison pens as Amity Shlaes and Jim Powell, have lied that the Roosevelt New Deal "prolonged the Great Depression." They threaten to bring down the Obama Presidency if he dares to move in an FDR policy direction, knowing full well that a revival of FDR's Hamiltonian credit and investment policies would doom the British offshore financial empire, built upon drug money and unbridled speculation and looting.

In book-length slanders of FDR, bankrolled by the American Enterprise Institute, the Cato Institute, and pro-Nazi Lord Beaverbrook's protégé Rupert Murdoch, these authors wildly fabricated the events of the mid-1930s, to conceal the fact that the American Liberty League, after failing to defeat FDR in his 1936 reelection campaign (Roosevelt won by one of the biggest landslides in American history, losing only two states in the Electoral College, and leaving the Republican Party with only 17 U.S. Senate seats), launched economic subversion of their own country, knowing that FDR would soon need to draw upon such American corporate giants, and Liberty League patrons, as J.P. Morgan, Guarantee Trust, Brown Brothers Harriman, Dillon Reed, General Motors, U.S. Steel, and DuPont Chemical, to mobilize for Lend-Lease, and then for America's own involvement in World War II.

These American Liberty League sponsors, who had failed in their 1933-34 assassination and putsch attempts against President Roosevelt, and who had bankrolled both Mussolini and Hitler from the 1920s, demanded that the New Deal programs be shut down, or massively scaled back, to "balance the budget." As the result of this blackmail and subversion, compounded by Supreme Court actions against many of the most successful of the New Deal job-creating and infrastructure-building programs; and by subversion from within his own Cabinet (including from King Ranch product, Vice President John Nance Garner), between 1937 and 1938, unemployment rose and the economy temporarily sank.

But, it was only when FDR was forced by his pro-Hitler and pro-Mussolini Wall Street enemies, to scale back his New Deal programs to "balance the budget," that the economy took a brief dive. It was American Liberty League/Wall Street subversion that was behind the crisis of the late 1930s, not FDR's policies.

The Liberty League's lies from the 1930s are being used, today, as a battering ram against President Obama,

to make sure that he sticks to the bailout of Wall Street and London, a recipe for the total destruction of the United States.

As House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) demonstrated on Feb. 25, in response to the release of the first Obama Administration budget proposals, the Congressional Republicans are taking their cues from London, demanding that the President impose a "spending freeze so we can get our budget in order." According to sources close to the Obama Administration, George Bush and Dick Cheney, on their way out the door, spent the entire White House budget for 2009, to make sure that the new Administration would be faced with impossible obstacles.

DHM, Berlin/Stefan Moses

Former Nazi Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht in 1962. His austerity program, which made the Nazi military buildup possible, is the Brutish model today.

Behind Boehner's balanced budget rants is a Wall Street/Republican Party strategy, aimed at willfully sabotaging the President's so-far-flawed efforts to deal with the worst financial and economic crisis since the 14th-Century European New Dark Age. Right-wing dope fiend Rush Limbaugh let the cat out of the bag at the recent Conservative Political Action Committee hate rally in Washington, when he declared that the objective of the right wing was to destroy the Obama Presidency.

Gingrich made it clear that the Republican Party's goal is for the Administration to fail miserably, so that the GOP can make a Jacobin coup in the 2010 midterm elections, just as in 1994, when two years of partisan warfare against President Bill Clinton brought Gingrich's GOP Jacobins into the majority in both Houses of Congress. The Limbaugh-Gingrich strategy is drawn, precisely, from the American Liberty League's assault on FDR. Now, as then, the goal is Schachtian fascism, crushing austerity, and a Wall Street dictatorship over the United States, on London's behalf.

The Soros-London Drug Offensive

The asssault against the Obama Presidency is also coming from within ostensibly Democratic Party circles, led by British agent and self-confessed wartime Nazi collaborator, George Soros. Soros has poured untold millions of dollars of his illegal offshore profits into the campaign to legalize drugs in the United States—at the very moment that London is conducting an Opium War offensive against the U.S.A. Since being rebuffed by the Obama Administration, as he openly complained in a recent *Financial Times* feature, Soros has intensified his drive for the dope destruction of America, pushing legalization referenda in a number of states, including a bill in California that would legalize and tax cannabis production, on the grounds that it will help balance the state's budget.

This dope offensive has the full backing of London, as proclaimed in the March 7-13 edition of the City's flagship magazine *The Economist*, whose cover-story was headlined, "How to stop the drug wars."

The lead editorial began with a nostalgic reference to the 19th-Century Opium Wars: "A hundred years ago a group of foreign diplomats gathered in Shanghai for the first-ever international effort to ban trade in a narcotic drug. On February 26th 1909 they agreed to set up the International Opium Commission—just a few decades after Britain had fought a war with China to assert its right to peddle the stuff. Many other bans of mood-altering drugs have followed. In 1998 the UN General Assembly committed member countries to achieving a 'drug-free world' and to 'eliminating or significantly reducing' the production of opium, cocaine and cannabis by 2008.

"That is the kind of promise," the editorial continued, "that politicians love to make. It assuages the sense of moral panic that has been the handmaiden of prohibition for a century. It is intended to reassure the parents of teenagers across the world. Yet it is a hugely irresponsible promise, because it cannot be fulfilled.... In fact the war on drugs has been a disaster, creating failed states in the developing world even as addiction has

flourished in the rich world. By any sensible measure, this 100-year struggle has been illiberal, murderous and pointless. That is why *The Economist* continues to believe that the least bad policy is to legalise drugs."

If there were ever any doubt as to where George Soros's sophistry comes from, the London magazine presented the identical argument for legalization of *every* mind-destroying drug that their Nazi stooge pumps out with his millions of dollars in propaganda. "Legalisation would not only drive away the gangsters," *The Economist* lied, "it would transform drugs from a law-and-order problem into a public health problem, which is how they ought to be treated. Governments would tax and regulate the drug trade, and use the funds raised (and the billions saved on law-enforcement) to educate the public about the risks of drug-taking and to treat addiction." *The Economist* candidly admitted that legalization would likely *increase* the level of drug abuse. But, they ultimately conclude, what of it?

"Although some illegal drugs are extremely dangerous to some people, most are not especially harmful. (Tobacco is more addictive than virtually all of them.) Most consumers of illegal drugs, including cocaine and even heroin, take them only occasionally. They do so because they derive enjoyment from them (as they do from whiskey or a Marlboro Light). It is not the state's job to stop them from doing so."

This London-Soros dope offensive against the Obama Administration comes at the very moment that a narco-insurgency is being waged on both sides of the

Brutish Blair Invades U.S., Makes Zombies of Senators

March 8—At just the moment British Prime Minister Gordon Brown was making his ill-fated visit to President Obama in the White House, former Prime Minister Tony Blair was leading a top-level British Fabian delegation to kick off three days of closed-door brainwashing of hundreds of carefully selected influential Americans and foreign guests in Washington. Blair's team included top climate hoaxster Lord (or "Lurid") Prof. Nicholas Stern, and Britain's Environment Minister Ed Miliband; Lyndon LaRouche dubbed it "the Brutish Invasion of Washington."

UN Photo/Cia Pak

Tony Blair in New York, September 2008.

Blair and company were more successful in their anti-U.S. mission than Brown.

Their demand is that Obama's Washington fall in lockstep with a green-fascist world regime of deindustrialization, carbon swaps, and windmills. And London refuses to accept the fact that the Group of 20 has booted "climate change" off the agenda of its April 2 summit on the world economic breakdown crisis. Britain still insists that so-called global warming be discussed there, in order to wreck the meeting and insure that nothing gets done. Indeed, the British Foreign Office just sent Blair's genocidal buddy Prince Charles off on a tour of South America, specifically to force the global warming hoax back onto the G-20 agenda.

The three days of brainwashing sessions began the morning of March 2 with a closed Capitol Hill confab where Blair and his friends raved at 15 Senators, three governors, and several Congressmen and business executives. When reporters were allowed in afterwards, they heard testimonials to Blair from Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Olympia Snowe (R-Me.).

LaRouche said, "Even Senators emerging from a meeting with the Blair crowd, came out looking like zombies." Stabenow gushed breathlessly, "Blair focussed us. Britain is a leader. We have a lot to learn about climate change and how to create jobs." Snowe added, "Blair is a historic leader. Europe is in the vanguard of change, thanks to him. No country can go it alone. Europe has spearheaded the way. We will mitigate climate change while creating the jobs of the future."

"What jobs?" LaRouche asked. "Gravediggers' jobs?"

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

President Roosevelt in 1944. Like the American Liberty League which fought FDR in the 1930s and '40s, the British-backed right wing in the U.S. today is gunning for Obama, to make sure he doesn't take economic policy in a Rooseveltian direction.

U.S.-Mexico border, modelled precisely on the British Opium Wars. Mexican drug cartels are running slave plantations in both countries, producing the marijuana that Soros and London would legalize; and they are conducting military-scale operations, which, in some cases, outgun local law enforcement and even the Mexican military.

The Brown-Blair Fabian Offensive

In sync with the Wall Street right-wing attacks on the Presidency, and the Soros opium war drive, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and former Prime Minister Tony Blair sailed into Washington last week, to throw their weight behind the assault on the Presidency.

As widely reported in the British media, Brown's efforts to capture President Obama for London's agenda of massive bailout of the financial system, hyperinflation, and Schachtian austerity, failed miserably. The President and the First Lady made clear their disdain for the British leader and his policies, prompting a wave of vicious personal slanders in the London media.

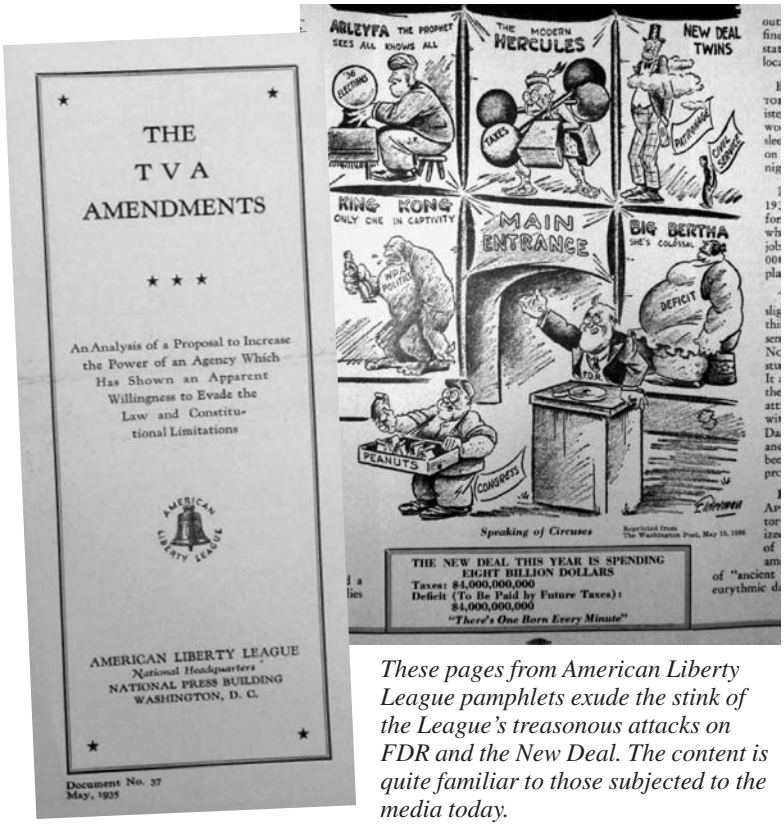
Daily Telegraph scribbler James Delingpole, the author of a book-length attack on the Obama Presidency, published by the American right-wing Regnery publishing house, whose roots trace back to the American Liberty League circles of the 1930s, accused the First Lady of being a modern "Lady Macbeth," who induced her husband to slight the British Prime Minister. "Was 'Lady Macbeth' Behind Barack Obama's Snub of Gordon Brown?" he wrote on March 5, denouncing the President's "double insult—first the sending back of the Winston Churchill bust, then his snub to Gordon Brown."

The *Daily Telegraph*'s top correspondent in Washington, Tim Shipman, who warned for days before Brown's arrival of a deep strain in the Anglo-American "Special Relationship" equated the Brown-Obama White House session with that accorded "a visiting head of a minor African state."

Yet, while Brown was taking the heat for his failed mission to bond with the new American leader, Blair, accompanied by Britain's leading climate change hoaxster, Lord Nicholas Stern, was staging a closed-door Capitol Hill session, with top lawmakers, governors, and corporate CEOs, to peddle his green fascist agenda of carbon swaps and deindustrialization. The Blair/Stern mission aimed to put enormous heat on the White House to fall in line with London's plans to hijack the G-20 heads of state meeting in London in April, to avoid the kind of global financial reorganization and reregulation plan that is of the highest urgency, in favor of an agenda dominated by the bogus threat of global warming. Leading Members of Congress, from both parties, genuflected in front of Blair, declaring him the "leader of the world" and similar babble. The British sleeper networks of agents and dupes in America have been activated, to add to the gang-up on the President.

And, like FDR, President Obama has already discovered that some of his most vicious enemies are among the leaders of his own Democratic Party in the Congress, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), and Senate Banking Committee chairman Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.).

These Wall Street Democrats, who have already sabotaged White House efforts to launch a genuine infrastructure investment and job-creation program, are no different than FDR's American Liberty League en-



These pages from American Liberty League pamphlets exude the stink of the League's treasonous attacks on FDR and the New Deal. The content is quite familiar to those subjected to the media today.

emies, including J.P. Morgan operative and onetime Democratic Party chairman John Raskob, former Democratic Presidential nominee Al Smith, and former Democratic National Committee official and Liberty League chairman, Jouett Shouse.

Inciting the Military

Until its plot was exposed by Gen. Smedley Darlington Butler, and probed by the McCormack-Dickstein Committee, a special Congressional panel on Nazi activities in America, the American Liberty League sought to overthrow the Roosevelt Administration, through a military putsch, modelled explicitly on the actions of Mussolini's Fascisti and the French Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire).

Today, again, the London propaganda machine is churning out lies aimed at provoking a military revolt against Obama. This effort was signaled on March 7, in a London *Daily Telegraph* piece, headlined "Barack Obama May Subject U.S. Troops to International Criminal Court." The author, Gerald Warner, fabricated the following account: "The signs are that the grandstanding Barack Obama is preparing to subject the U.S. to the jurisdiction of the ICC.... The next logical step is for the U.S. to sign up for the International Criminal Court. That would flatter Obama's ego as the conscience of the world. It would also put U.S. servicemen at the mercy of any America-hating opportunist who might choose to arraign them on trumped-up charges before an alien court whose judges are likely to be ill-disposed towards America, too."

Not only is the report of President Obama wanting to join the ICC, rump, self-proclaimed world court spawned by the World Federalist/Fabian Society and funded by Soros, a lie. Since his election last November, Obama has gone out of his way to include the U.S. military establishment in his inner national security team, appointing a retired four-star Marine general, James Jones, as his National Security Advisor, retaining Robert Gates as his Secretary of Defense, and consulting frequently with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The transparent efforts to orchestrate a confrontation between the military and the White House, which was a cornerstone of Wall Street's war on FDR, and was repeated, in the 1990s, in London's warfare against President Bill Clinton, is yet another key sign of London's intent to destroy the Obama Presidency by whatever means necessary.

Under these circumstances, as Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly warned, the very survival of humanity depends on the U.S. President being defended against the onslaught from London and Wall Street. FDR understood this clearly, and took great pride in the fact that he was the most hated enemy of Wall Street, constantly assailing the "economic royalists" who would destroy the United States of the Federal Constitution and, notably, its General Welfare clause.

Roosevelt defeated the American Liberty League coup plots and economic warfare assaults, and crushed Wall Street and London's Fascist and Nazi plans for worldwide Schachtian dictatorship and the end of the Westphalian nation-state system. Nothing short of an all-out confrontation with those same forces today will save the United States and the world as a whole from a plunge into a New Dark Age, a collapse that has already been underway since the Summer of 2007. This is the existential issue for humanity today, and this is why LaRouche has declared war on those who would sink the Obama Presidency.

Stop the British Empire's Fascist Assault on the USA!

by John Hoefle

March 7—The British Empire has launched an all-out financial and political assault on the United States, and that assault must be defeated if our nation is to survive. One of the major components of this assault is the criminal monstrosity called the "bank bailout," which is presented to the public as a way to save the American economy, but which in fact is a mechanism to destroy it.

This bailout is opposed, strongly, by an overwhelming majority of the American people, who see their present and future tax dollars being used to bail out a bunch of rich bastards who blew up the world, and are now demanding that their victims bail them out. That characterization is accurate as far as it goes, but requires more precision.

What is being bailed out is the global financial and monetary system run by the British Empire, more precisely the London-centered Anglo-Dutch Liberal system. This system is not English, but a parasite which has taken over the British Isles as a home base. The empire functions more like a disease than a nation, and it has thoroughly infected Wall Street.

The primary weapon of the empire is corruption. It is itself a thoroughly corrupt criminal organization, and it spreads, like syphilis, by infecting individuals and institutions in the nations it targets. It uses the money from its criminal operations to buy influence, to make its supporters wealthy, and to lure the greedy into its clutches.

The empire controls the international drug trade, which is both a highly lucrative source of profits and a highly effective tool in dumbing down targetted populations. Large sections of the international banking system are devoted to laundering the proceeds of drug trafficking, and the profits from the drug trade have played a crucial role in the takeover of the U.S. economy by the British Empire. The drug trade provided the seed money for the development of the derivatives market and the financial scam known as the shadow banking system, which in turn spawned the largest financial bubble in world history.

That bubble has now popped, bankrupting the banks and other financial institutions of this British Empire-run global monetary system. Rather than accept the consequences of its own actions, the empire is demanding that the U.S. government cover its losses and, in the process, bankrupt the United States itself.

The Bailout

The Federal government, under severe pressure from the financial markets, capitulated to this bailout demand. The Bush/Cheney Administration launched the greatest financial swindle in history in late 2007, with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke creating a series of special lending facilities, culminating in the passage of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which created the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP.

Paulson, the former chairman and CEO of Goldman Sachs, had demanded virtual dictatorial power over

Hjalmar Schacht was installed, by the Bank of England, as currency commissioner in November 1923, at the height of the Weimar hyperinflation, for the purpose of imposing austerity upon the German people; this austerity helped create the conditions which made the rise of the Nazis possible. He is shown here later, with Hitler, when he held the post of Economics Minister.

how the money would be spent, but found himself reversing course almost immediately, under pressure from the British. Whereas Paulson had wanted to use the TARP to buy bad assets from the banks, the Brits had their own plan to have the government inject capital directly into the banks. To help force their program through, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown visited the White House and met with Paulson. At the same time, the Brits launched an attack on the U.S. stock market, driving down bank stocks in particular. The Bush Administration quickly capitulated. That tactic of driving down the U.S. stock market has been used repeatedly since, as a way for the empire to manipulate the United States.

The Bush Administration also provided emergency cash to American International Group (AIG), Citigroup, and Bank of America, on top of the TARP funds and the multitude of special bank lending facilities. By the time the Bush-Cheney gang escaped Washington, it had put the taxpayers on the hook for somewhere in the range of $10 trillion, yet the system was more bankrupt than ever.

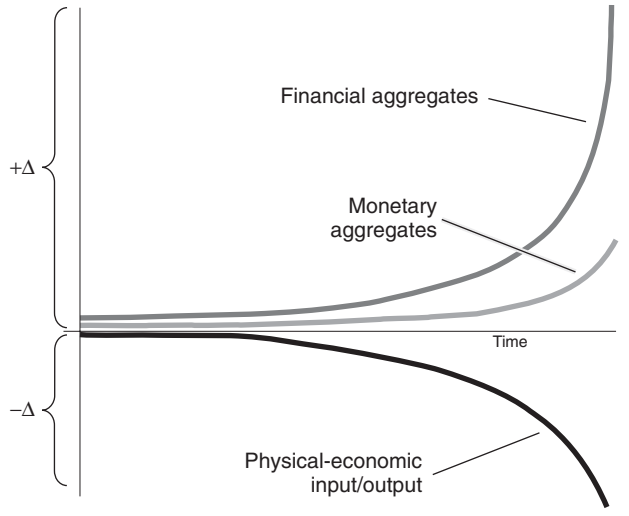
Now, the Obama Administration is taking its shot, and blowing it badly. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and the Fed's Bernanke are not only continuing, but expanding, the Bush bailout. Under the new Term Asset-Backed Securities Lending Facility, or TALF, the government will make no-recourse loans to hedge funds and other speculators to buy new securities backed by credit card receivables, auto loans, student loans, commercial and residential mortgages, and small-business loans. The no-recourse part means that the recipients of these government loans won't have to pay them back if they lose money on the securities. Which they will.

The purpose of this scheme, and related facilities, is to try to jump-start the shadow banking system, which accounted for some 40% of U.S. consumer loans before it blew up. Forget the fact that it was insane; forget the fact that it blew up because it was unsustainable: Let's just flood it with money until it restarts.

The problem with that, and with the bailout scheme in general, is that the system of which these activities were a part—the British oligarchic monetary system—has died, and it will not be coming back. Paulson and Bernanke then, and Geithner and Bernanke now, are foolishly trying to awaken the dead.

The British understand this, at least to some extent. They know the current monetary system is dead, and are pushing the bailout schemes as a way of destroying the United States. They know that the bailout scheme, far from saving the U.S. economy, will bankrupt it, and they also know that they will be able to use their dope-money flows to extend their control over what remains of the U.S. banking system. To fund our growing deficit, we will need to borrow ever larger amounts of money from the rest of the world—during a time when, as Lyndon LaRouche has noted, the only major source of money around is the British-run international dope

FIGURE 1
LaRouche's Typical Collapse Function



LaRouche's "Typical Collapse Function," known as the Triple Curve, which he developed in 1996, describes the general characteristics of the current collapse, as well as the curve of the 1923 Weimar Germany hyperinflation.

National Archives

During the 1920s and 1930s, the Anglophile financier networks in the United States were openly pushing Mussolini Fascism as the solution to the Great Depression, in opposition to FDR's New Deal. Today, the calls for fascism are more muted. Shown: Breadlines in New York City, ca. 1932.

trade. That money will come at a price, and that price is our sovereignty. The United States will, in effect, be given the colonial treatment. The bailout is not only a swindle, it's a British trap. One we are rushing into at top speed.

It Gets Worse

As bad as that is, there is worse to come. With the Federal government committing itself to double-digit trillions of dollars in spending down the road, we're going to be issuing huge amounts of dollars, far beyond the amounts issued thus far. At the same time, due to the demands of the bailout and the effects of the economic collapse, the Federal, state, and local governments will be slashing spending and raising taxes and fees, to cover their growing budget deficits.

That means savage austerity, and throwing the weakest among us to the wolves. To implement these cuts and deal with the inevitable protests from the citizenry, we will need a government less inclined to protect civil rights and more inclined to maintain control. That is, a government run by and for the oligarchy, not by and for the people.

In the preface to the 1937 German-language edition of his *General Theory,* British economist John Maynard Keynes noted that his economic policies were "much better adapted to the conditions of a totalitarian state." Keynes was thus identifying both himself and his economic policies as fascist; for this, and for his role in defending the British Empire against the anti-colonial intentions of Franklin Roosevelt, Keynes was promoted to Baron Keynes in 1942.

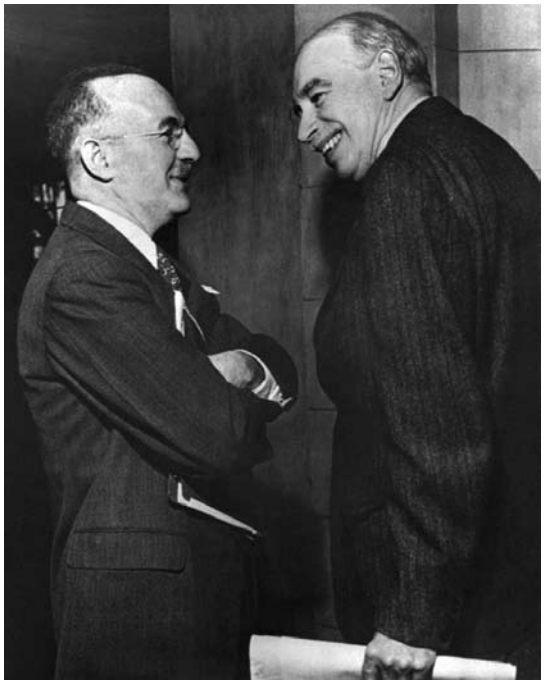
Germany, in 1937, was of course under the control of Adolf Hitler. The head of the German central bank, the Reichsbank, was Hjalmar Schacht. Schacht had been installed as currency commissioner in Weimar Germany in November 1923, at the height of German hyperinflation. Schacht was put into power in Germany by the Bank of England for the purpose of imposing austerity upon the German people, and this austerity helped create the conditions which made the rise of the Nazis possible. In addition to heading the Reichsbank under Hitler, Schacht played a key role in the formation of the infamous IG Farben, which ran the concentration camp at Auschwitz and manufactured the Zyklon B gas used to execute prisoners.

Given the role of the British, and some of their allied financiers in the United States, such as J.P. Morgan, the Harrimans, and Prescott Bush, in financing the rise of Mussolini and Hitler, it should come as no surprise that

HSBC, the flagship bank of the British Empire, is calling for a new Schacht to lead us out of our current financial crisis.

What is known today as the HSBC Group was founded in 1865 as the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to, as the bank's website so delicately put it, "finance the growing trade between Europe, India and China." That trade was opium, and the Hong Shang, as it was known, was the key bank of the British Empire's opium trade. The opium was grown in the British colony of India, and then sold in China. When the Chinese protested, the opium was forced upon them by military force. Hong Kong became a British Territory, and the Hong Shang became the world's largest dope bank.

HSBC knows fascism, and when executives of the bank call rather openly for another Hjalmar Schacht, they are calling for fascism.



In the preface to the 1937 German-language edition of his General Theory, British economist John Maynard Keynes (right) noted that his economic policies were "much better adapted to the conditions of a totalitarian state." Keynes is pictured here with Harry Dexter White at the Bretton Woods Conference, 1944.

During the 1920s and 1930s, the Anglophile financier networks in the United States were openly pushing fascism. Mussolini's corporatism was promoted as the solution to the Great Depression, in opposition to FDR's New Deal, and Mussolini was featured in the newspapers and magazines controlled by the British and their Anglophile allies.

Today, the calls for fascism are more muted. Hitler gave fascism a bad name, so the policies which Hitler and Mussolini represented, must be presented in a different form. But the basic principle, of using governments to enforce the whims of the imperial elite upon a subjugated population, remain. Fascism today is really just corporatism in a new package, with modern governments controlled by financial markets and corporate cartels. Corporate logos have replaced the colonial flags, but the result is the same.

This is the method by which the British Empire hopes to rule the post-crash world. Globalization is just a fancy new name for colonization, with the added element of Big Brother computerization thrown in.

Scorched Earth

As evil, and medieval, as this plan is, it is also a fantasy. The British Empire's intent to reduce the world's population from the current 6.5 billion people to 1 or 2 billion, will generate uncontrollable chaos, and a descent into a new Dark Age. The Brits may think they can keep things under control, but they can't. The collapse of global trade, food supplies, and other necessities of life, will unleash the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, sweeping away not only governments, but civilization itself.

Those who believe that the bailouts will work should reflect upon the type of financial system required under such circumstances. It will be much smaller and more concentrated, making most of today's financial institutions as viable as dinosaurs. To them we warn: The attempt to save your institutions and your money will not only destroy you, but it will destroy the our nation, and our civilization.

The same can be said to the creatures who rule the British Empire. You will not survive the horrors you are unleashing. Rather than scorch the Earth and everyone on it, it is time for you to give up your pompous titles, your medieval pretensions of superiority, and your ancient and inefficient system. Rejoin the human race. Let the British Isles and the other territories you control become nations. It may take us a while to trust you, but we are willing to try.

If you do not, we will be forced to use the power of the nation-state, the power embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, to break you. Your actions can no longer be tolerated, and they will not be. Your worst nightmare, the United States, is about to rise up and strike you and your evil empire down.

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FRAUDULENT ICC INDICTMENT

British Imperialists Launch War on Sudan's Sovereignty

by Lawrence K. Freeman

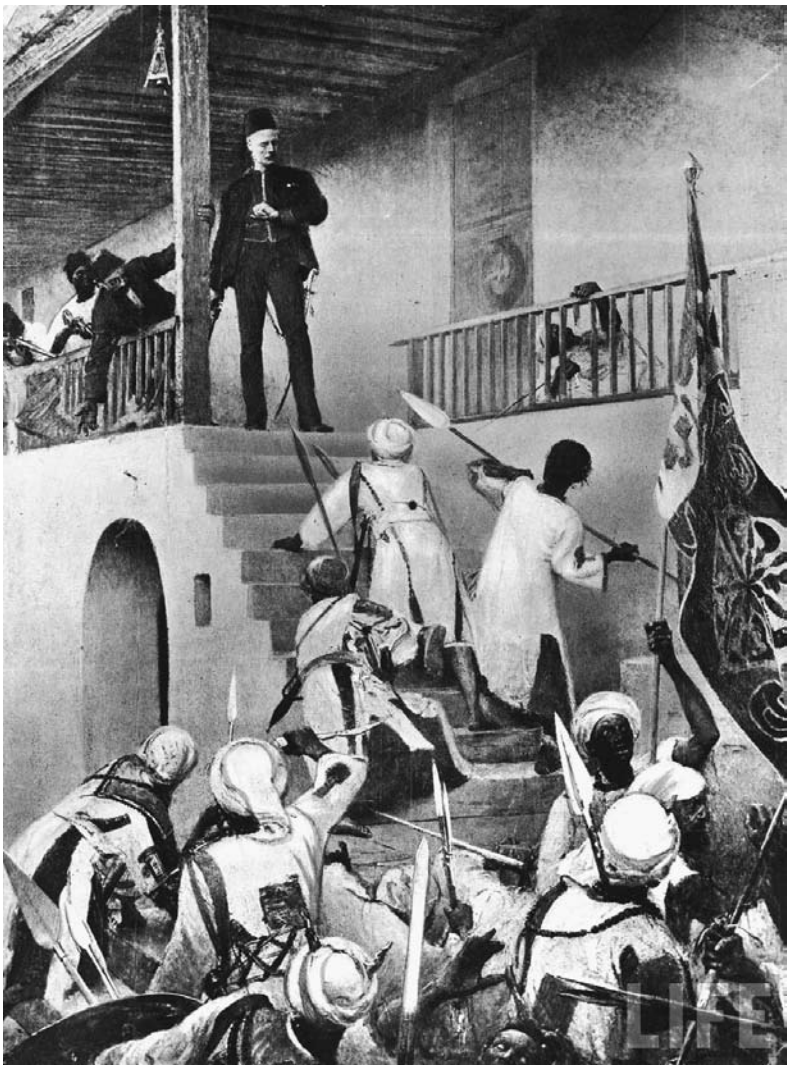
For the sake of the survival of the American Republic, and all nations in the world, we must speak out now against the fraudulent arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) on March 4. In defiance of manipulated public opinion, and just plain stupidity, it must be made known to all, that the motivation of the perpetrators of the warrant against Sudanese President Gen. Omar al-Bashir has absolutely nothing to do with the allegations of genocide in Darfur. It has everything to do with fomenting new outbreaks of war in Sudan and throughout the Horn of Africa, but most especially, establishing a precedent for the violation of *national sovereignty.*

In truth, a private international court like the ICC, which is not a UN body, and of which the United States is not even a member, was created and funded by British operative George Soros, a drug pusher and former Nazi collaborator, and Lord Malloch-Brown of the British Foreign Office. It has no standing *in law* to intervene against the sovereignty of Sudan. (See accompanying article on the history of the ICC.) If this unprecedented act against an elected President of an African nation were not to be overturned by a mobilization of the majority of nations in the world, than this planet would have little hope of survival at this moment, when every nation is suffering from a crushing, all-encompassing physical breakdown of the global economy. Unless emergency measures are taken by *sovereign nations* against those financial interests responsible for the present destructive and failed policies of globalization, there is no remedy that would prevent the planet from sliding further into a New Dark Age.

Lyndon LaRouche, in a memorandum on July 9, 2002, already objected to the creation of the ICC, pointing to the underlying danger: "The thing to be feared more than either war or crimes against humanity, is the establishment of an imperial form of *world rule of law*, a form of law which, in practice, would condemn all mankind to the kind of horrors suffered under the Roman Empire, and the ensuing Dark Age which that Empire brought down upon Europe and neighboring regions. The creation of such an international court returns civilization to the ancient and feudal state of affairs, in which *a head of a participating nation, or several such nations, is subject to the over reaching control of an ultramontane, hence imperial authority*" (emphasis added). As LaRouche forewarned, the ICC has become the perfect instrument for the monetarist-financier faction based in the City of London to destroy the sovereignty of nations. Of course, the British oligarchy, unable to control their racist proclivities and mindful of the continent's vast wealth of mineral resources, has targeted Africa first.

No Regard for Human Life

It is vitally important that the U.S. Administration not allow itself to be dragged into this British-orchestrated adventure. We must refuse to endorse in any way, for any reason, actions aimed at the break-up of Sudan,



Sudan has a long history of oppression by—and resistance to—the British Empire. Maj. Gen. Charles "Chinese" Gordon Pasha, the British governor of Sudan, was executed by Sudanese in the Presidential Palace in Khartoum in 1885. Painting by George William Joy, 1925.

which would have unimaginable strategic consequences harmful to the United States. Unfortunately, there are nasty ideologues in and around the Obama Administration, who have for decades advocated the overthrow of President Bashir, in an effort to dismember Sudan by re-igniting the civil war, and to spread more conflicts using multiple, ethnic, tribal, and religious fault-lines. Contrary to endless media propaganda, the ICC warrant is not intended to help the people of Darfur, but is a cynical ploy, whose real purpose is to remove of Bashir from the Presidency, thus to weaken the national government. Already the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), the Muslim Brotherhood-connected rebel group that attacked a government installation in February 2003, sparking the Darfur conflict, has boasted that it will enforce the ICC arrest warrant, and apprehend Bashir itself.

At a Washington, D.C. press conference the day following the issuance of the arrest warrant, Sudanese Ambassador Dr. Akec Khoc, a member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, from the South, explained how the ICC's ruling would be used to expand the war in Darfur. He said violence would escalate there because 1) the various rebel groups would decline to work for a peace agreement, believing that Bashir would have a limited time left in office; and 2) the rebels, believing that the government would be weakened by the ICC decision, would militarily attack Khartoum, as they did last year. Ambassador Khoc made clear that the government would not sit on its hands, but would deploy militarily to defend the nation.

Even more lethal than the Darfur conflict would be the collapse of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), signed in January 2005, which ended the four-decade war between North and South, a war which killed millions of Sudanese. Bashir put his own political neck on the line to bring the CPA into existence, putting a stop to what appeared to be an endless civil war. If not for the "regime change" madness that infected Washington, rational U.S. policy would have "rewarded" Bashir by normalizing U.S. relations with Sudan, as was promised to the Khartoum government during the time of the CPA negotiation process. To the detriment of the United States, a coalition of Bush League fundamentalists and anti-Khartoum fanatics joined in a "jihad" against the Islamic leadership of Sudan, ensuring the eruption of conflict that continues today.

Ironically, on the eve of the ICC's issuance of its arrest warrant, Bashir inaugurated the opening of the Merowe Dam, which will eventually bring 1,250 megawatts of electrical power to Sudan. This and other planned great infrastructure projects will help make Sudan the breadbasket of Africa, rather than the killing field hoped for by the supporters of the ICC (see article in this section). It is the lack of such infrastructure proj-

ects in Sudan and sub-Saharan Africa that creates the conditions for warfare of African against African. In Darfur, it was precisely the failure to "create water" for the both herdsman and farmers that provided fertile ground for the current conflict. Why has nothing been said about the failure of the West, for the last quarter of a century, to bring a single drop of water to the Darfur region? Where are the protests against this "crime against humanity"?

Some speculate that the Soros, Malloch-Brown, and the ICC have so exposed their contempt for the sovereignty of African nations, that the power of the ICC will be diminished. If there is any justice, and morality left in the world, the ICC will cease to function as an effective tool of British imperialism.

Strong Reaction Against ICC

There has already been a groundswell of opposition to the illegal activity by the ICC, from countries that represent a majority of nations, and a majority of the world's population. Protests have been registered from the African Union, representing 54 nations; the Arab League (22 nations); the Organization of Islamic Conference (57 nations); and G-77 (130 developing nations).

The most significant expression of outrage so far is from **Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, president of the UN General Assembly**, who identified the political nature of the charges by the ICC against Sudan. He said: "I am sorry about the decision of the ICC. It is more a decision motivated by political considerations than really for the sake of advancing the causes of justice in the world." He charged that there were "a few people with a very dubious past" who "put themselves on a pedestal of purity and immaculate behavior" with respect to the situation in Sudan.

The African Union, statement on March 6: The AU "reaffirms [its] conviction that the process initiated by the ICC and the decision of the Pre-Trial Chamber have the potential to seriously undermine the ongoing efforts to address the many pressing peace and security challenges facing the Sudan and may lead to further suffering for the people of the Sudan and greater destabilization of the country and the region.

"The AU deeply regrets that, despite the risks posed by the ongoing ICC process … the United Nations Security Council has failed to consider with the required attention the request made by the AU to implement the provisions of article 16 of the ICC Statute. (Article 16 states that the UNSC may request repeated 12-month delays in prosecutions.)

"The AU appeals once again to the UNSC to assume its responsibilities by deferring the process initiated by the ICC, and reiterates the AU's determination to continue to do whatever is in its power to mobilize the necessary support."

Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa, at a press conference after the emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo, March 4: The Arab League is "greatly disturbed" and supports the sovereignty of Sudan. The ICC decision is a "grave development" and the League will support the immunity of heads of state. The Arab League and the African Union will "send a high-ranking joint Arab and African delegation to the UN Security Council to delay the proceedings of the International Criminal Court." The League "stressed its solidarity with Sudan in confronting any plans targeting its sovereignty, stability, and unity."

South African Foreign Minister Nkosazana-Dlamini Zuma, March 5: "South Africa concurs with the African Union's initial response that the ICC's decision is regrettable as it will impact negatively on the current peace processes in the Sudan.… South Africa has never countenanced any acts of impunity. However, South Africa supported the decision of the African Union to defer the issuing of the warrant of arrest against President al-Bashir by a year to give the peace processes in the Sudan a chance." She said that the AU had appointed former President Thabo Mbeki to "intercede between the ICC and the Sudan."

Ethiopian Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin, March 5: "It is to be recalled that the indictment issued by the ICC prosecutor against the President of Sudan was viewed with a great deal of concern and anger by Africa and by the countries of our sub-region. No one in Africa saw the ICC initiative as balanced, even-handed, and fair.… The Government of Ethiopia has been saddened by this latest development and requests the Security Council to respond favorably to the request already made by the AU, a request which reflects the sentiments of Africa as a whole, and, no doubt, the sentiments of all those who care for the peace, security, and stability of Sudan and the sub-Saharan region and Africa as a whole.…"

Algerian Foreign Ministry, March 5: "Algeria received the ICC decision with 'profound regret.' This decision constitutes a grave precedent that entails serious threats to the peace, security, and stability of Sudan and of the region.…"

Is George Soros a Modern Rumpelstiltskin?

This statement was released by the LaRouche Political Action Committee on March 4, immediately following the issue of an arrest warrant by the International Criminal Court for Sudan's Head of State, President Omar Hassan al-Bashir.

Today's legally dubious, and probably fraudulent indictment of Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, by the International Criminal Court (ICC), on the warrant co-uttered by a private tribunal funded heavily by megaspeculator George Soros, once again recommends scrutiny of Soros. This has led Lyndon LaRouche to ask: "Is George Soros a Modern Rumpelstiltskin?"

Look back to the terribly shocking admissions which came out of Soros's own mouth during a CBS 60 Minutes interview of Soros, by Steve Kroft, on Dec. 20, 1998.

Britain's own Hungarian Jewish emigré Soros is known, by his own admission, to have had his character shaped, still today, by his experience during the Nazi occupation of his native land. Then, by his own admission, during those awful months, teenager Soros had been employed as a supposed gentile, in assisting the implementation the Nazi program of looting, and then exterminating, Soros's own fellow Jews.

What came out of Soros's mouth in that interview was a set of cold-blooded admissions which should have shocked any reader of celebrated U.S. journalist Ben Hecht's account given in a former best-seller documentary, *Perfidy!*, on the Eichmann case.

When Soros was questioned by Kroft, as to how he reacted to this experience as a teen-age runner for the Eichmann apparatus, Soros displayed not only his total lack of conscience at the time, but insisted, still in 1998, on justifying, still today, what he had done for the Eichmann apparatus back then.

That CBS interview elicited from Soros's autobiographical accounts, presented an image of Soros's mind which, still today, makes the blood run cold. LaRouche said of that interview: "I compare my own knowledge from eyewitness reports of former inmates, including a close professional associate who had been in the camps even during the earlier, 1933-1940 interval, or the account of a leading psychoanalyst, Bruno Bettelheim, who had been a victim of the Nazi camps himself."

CBS's Kroft asked Soros: "And you watched lots of people get shipped off to the death camps."

Soros replied: "Right. I was 14 years old. And I would say that that's when my character was made."

Soros had gone on in that broadcast, to reply to Kroft, that he felt no guilt whatsoever. In fact, according to the introduction to his father's book, which Soros himself wrote, "these were the happiest days of his life." Soros had added: "It is a sacreligious thing to say, but these ten months [of the Nazi occupation] were the happiest times of my life.... We led an adventurous life and we had fun together."

Lyndon LaRouche's evaluation of that CBS interview was: "Even as late as 1998 George Soros could react to the line of questioning by CBS's Kroft, by portraying himself, in that interview, as a man who has been broken by a brutal interrogation into identifying himself emotionally with his oppressors. In Soros's case, he, in that 1998 CBS interview, still identified himself as having had, still, the same craven submission to the fearful Nazi operation, as he had experienced it fifty-four years earlier!"

LaRouche's assessment of Soros's behavior in that broadcast is, that: "I wouldn't suggest that this attitude on Soros's part makes him inclined to go out and kill Jews. Rather, as the Nazi experience might suggest, the truth remains, to this day, that Soros does go out to kill, or ruin people, in one fashion or another, who are chosen to be his current choice of what he treats as lawful prey, acting as if without conscience, and does this in a way which is similar to the way he, in his own words spoken on CBS in 1998, reacted to his conditioning, as a terrified boy, at that time, an adolescent terrified into a mental state of virtual complicity by his experience with Adolf Hitler's Eichmann apparatus."

"All of the despicable, present British asset Soros's obvious defects—his reversion to pre-Peace of Westphalia types of attacks on national states, his destruction of national currencies, and his drug-pushing, for starters, reflect, according to his own admissions to CBS, his training by the Nazis,"

LaRouche said: "Psychoanalyst Bruno Bettlelheim wrote the book on cases like Soros's," and noted that: "According to associates of mine who had been victims in those Nazi camps, when anyone comparable to that Soros of 1998 makes the kinds of admissions which he made in that CBS interview, I shudder in the realization that I am witnessing in Soros the mind of the monster which the Nazis transformed him into becoming, a monster, still today, as in his experience, a terrified adolescent boy, back in those terrible times. That boy, as presented to CBS by Soros himself, is, according to his own reply to Kroft's questioning, now still that monster his propitiation of Nazi killers had transformed him into becoming back then. Soros's confession, heard from his own mouth on that CBS interviw, is that he is that kind of monster, still, even to the present day.

"We see the echo of the young Soros running errands for the Nazi Eichmann apparatus, in the Mutt and Jeff role of Britain's Lord Malloch Brown and his sidekick Soros in their present role against Sudan."

LaRouche continued:

"The creation of a private court, which seizes a citizen of some nation, to take that citizen out of the domain of what had been the realm of European international law since 1648, is itself a crime against humanity, and those who engage in such practice must, and probably will be treated, in some future time, in a manner no different than the Nazis who were processed through Nuremberg trials.

"The totally unlawful action against Sudan by the ICC warrant, is being taken in full knowledge that it will lead to massive bloodshed and destruction—i.e., genocide. When monsters such as Britain's Lord Malloch Brown, his sidekick George Soros, and their crowd, such as those in the International Crisis Group, cynically chatter on about 'transforming political institutions and policies' and creating a 'peaceful settlement' in the region, Soros's own admissions in the 1998 CBS interview remind us, that Hitler had the same euphemisms for his aggression. Soros's language is his Orwellian double-speak excuse for his own role, albeit a lesser one, in the intention to perpetrate present-day equivalents of the Nazi murders directed by Eichmann."

LaRouche concluded: "In the true account of the story, the monster of a dwarf, Rumpelstiltskin, when denied his pleasure from his intended victim, tore himself apart by his own hands out of rage and frustration. One wonders what the author of that famous children's story would have said, in his time, of the manner in which the lawful end will have come, ultimately, to the Mutt-and-Jeff image of Malloch Brown side-by-side with his monstrously evil little side-kick, the murderous international drug-pusher Soros. After all, Soros's international drug pushing has already killed far more victims from around the world than Eichmann did."

Sudan's Economic Accomplishments Become Casus Belli for British Empire

by Hussein Askary

The battle lines have been drawn, as Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized recently, between a continuation of the British Empire's system of slavery, and a system of perfectly sovereign nation-states working together for peace and prosperity with mutual respect and equality. These two systems can no longer co-exist on the same planet. The case of Sudan illustrates this question now. We either save Sudan, and consequently all Africa, from this latest onslaught, or our civilization will have no moral or physical basis for survival.

One day before the illegal International Criminal Court (ICC) issued its arrest warrant against Sudan's President Omar Hasan al-Bashir for alleged war crimes, al-Bashir led a national celebration on March 4 marking the accomplishment of one of the largest engineering projects in all Africa in decades, the Merowe Dam. The President, surrounded by thousands of Sudanese citizens and farmers benefitting from the project, gave the start-up signal for the dam's first two turbines (of ten). This comprehensive hydroelectric agro-industrial project was built with the help of China, and financed by Sudan, China, and some Arab countries. The turbines are provided by the French company Alstom, and the consulting services by the German firm Lahmeyer International.

This project, which will be followed by other similar ones, promises to take Sudan out of poverty and make it indeed "the breakbasket" of Africa. This can also make Sudan a model for other nations, because it has managed to accomplish this gargantuan mission in spite of a economic, political, and diplomatic blockade, in addition to a foreign-driven guerrilla war. Sudan did not get a penny from the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Europe, or the United States to finance the Merowe project, a matter which proved, ironically, to be a blessing rather than a curse. The dimensions of the project reveal the reasons behind the intensified attack on Sudan and Africa generally, by the forces of the British Empire, such as the ICC of George Soros and Lord Mark Malloch-Brown.

As *EIR* reported July 18, 2008, in "Defying Britain's Genocide System: Sudan's Great Project in Agriculture," this type of development is what LaRouche has identified as the determinant of Africa's future, where positive contributions by the United States and Europe could and should be made. But this is exactly what the British Empire, and its sympathizers in Europe and the U.S., have feared all along.

Sudan is Africa's largest nation in area (2.3 million

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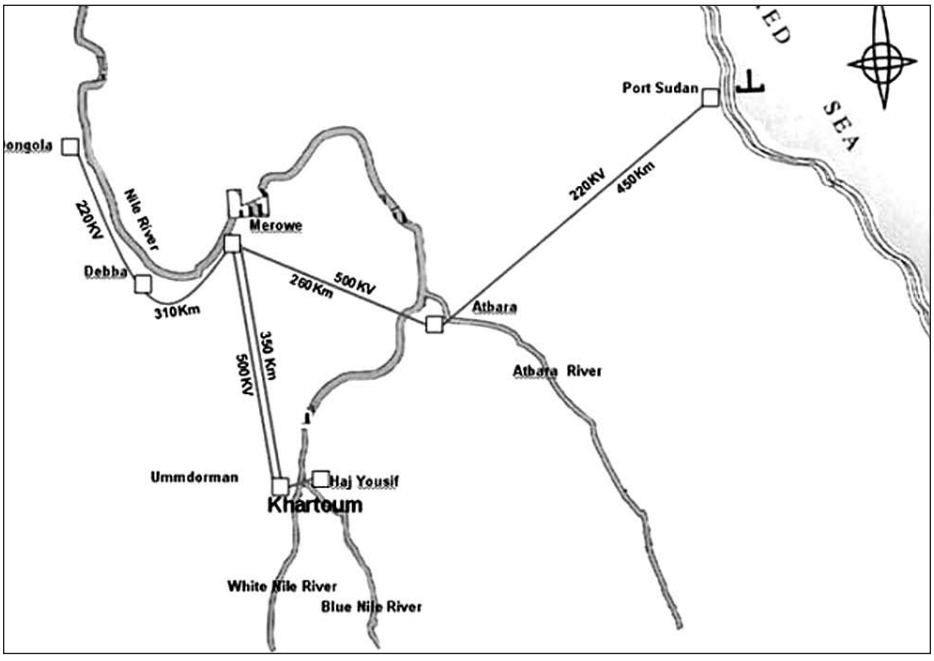
Sudan's Merowe Dam is one of the largest engineering projects in Africa in decades, and will add more than 1 million acres of arable farmland to the region.

FIGURE 1
Sudan's Merowe Dam



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square kilometers), and fully 40% of the land area is fertile and arable. It is also endowed with 30 million inhabitants with a great culture and deep roots in history, and one of the largest rivers in the world.

The Merowe Dam, located about 350 km north of Khartoum, will add more than 1 million acres of farmland in that area, with modern canals, electrified pumping stations, fertilizers, modern machinery on the farms, health-care centers, and modern housing units for the 70,000 relocated farmers in the area. The first harvest of wheat and potatoes was reaped already a year ago. Unlike many other locations in Africa, where the agricultural output gets destroyed for lack of refrigerated storage capabilities, the electricity from the dam is powering a major storage facility in the area. Farmers today can cultivate the land three times a year, compared to once a year earlier.

The Sudanese Dams Implementation Unit (DIU) announced on Feb. 8 the successful operation of the two first turbines (125 megawatts each), and on Feb. 22, celebrated the linkage of those turbines with the internal network of the Merowe Dam electricity station.

The dam will add 1,250 MW to the national grid by the end of 2010, when all ten generators will be operating. This means a doubling of the power supply in the country. What it also does, is to revolutionize the agricultural process, not only in the regions near the dam, but also far away, where power is lacking to draw river water and groundwater for agricultural use.

The dam's electricity will reach Northern State on March 18, when the transmission stations at Dongola, Dabba, and Merowe will be launched. On March 23, electricity will reach River Nile State (central province), and the Atbara transmission station. By June, electricity will reach Renk (in the south). In October, electricity will reach El-Obeid in Northern Kordofan (central-west), and in April 2010, the remaining two turbines will be in operation.

Just the Beginning

Addressing the Feb. 22 celebration, Minister of Finance and National Economy Dr. Awad Ahmed al-Jaz affirmed that what completed the Merowe Dam Project were will and determination, pointing out that electricity contributes to unity and linkage of all parts of the country. Minister of Energy and Mining al-Zubair Ahmed al-Hassan said that Sudan needs more electricity than this dam can produce, and called for building more dams.

Two more such projects are planned to be launched this year, one in Kajbar further north, at the Third Cataract of the Nile, and one in Atbara in the east, on the Atbara River flowing from Ethiopia. A third project, to raise the level of the Roseires Dam on the Blue Nile, is already underway by a consortium of Chinese and Sudanese companies.

The Chinese-Sudanese companies which built the Merowe Dam have now acquired the scientific and technical capabilities to achieve such projects faster and more efficiently. This could infect other African nations, spreading all over the continent, where great water projects on major African rivers have been awaiting implementation for decades. This way, Sudan, one of the poorest countries in the world until recently, is threatening to literally open the floodgates of self-confidence and optimism in all of Africa! While this is a dream for Africans, it is a nightmare for Brit-

ish and European oligarchs and such of their American allies as Henry Kissinger, Al Gore, and other liberal imperialists and greenies who have vowed to keep Africa depopulated and underdeveloped for the benefit of international raw material conglomerates and financial interests.

This fact was reflected in the speech made by President al-Bashir on March 3, at the inauguration of the dam. He made it clear that the "ICC is the creation of Europeans who turned the Darfur crisis from a normal crisis into a major one, when they saw that the war in southern Sudan was stopped." He added that they "want to use it as a tool to colonize Africa and loot its resources and stop the development drive of Sudan and other nations."

Al-Bashir stated that the building of the Merowe Dam and other development projects is Sudan's response to the ICC, and that these will continue. He said that the ICC can take its decision tomorrow," immerse it in water, and drink the juice coming out of it"—a traditional way of saying it is a worthless piece of paper.

Other government officials made similar statements.

Vice President Ali Osman Mohammad Taha said, without mentioning any specific countries, that the ICC is "an imperialist tool to achieve the objectives of certain states." He told citizens in a village in western Sudan that "this battle will be long. But the ICC will not force the Sudanese leadership into the ditches, but we will encounter it with more economic development."

Taha stressed that the Sudanese "do not worship men, but al-Bashir is the symbol of our sovereignty, and anyone who harms him, harms the dignity of our nation. We will not resist the ICC with slogans and demonstrations, but with political and economic development."

Although Defense Minister Abdul-Rahim Hussein attacked the U.S. policy against Sudan, he emphasized that the Sudanese people have nothing but goodwill towards the United States. He called for "destroying the ICC before it is used to destroy nations." The Assistant to the President, Nafie Ali Nafie, attacked the United States, France, and Britain for using the ICC to recolonize Africa and the Middle East.

FIGURE 2
Northeast Africa

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Al-Bashir Attacks the British Empire

On March 5, al-Bashir addressed what Sudanese sources estimate to be hundreds of thousands of Sudanese citizens who gathered in the capital Khartoum to protest the ICC's decision to issue an arrest warrant against their President. Al-Bashir started by blasting the British Empire, invoking the fight the ancestors of the Sudanese people launched against the British in the 19th and 20th centuries, saying that that fight continues

now against neo-colonialism. He thoroughly described how "the Sudanese tried and punished the British Empire for its crimes against the Chinese people and other Asian and African peoples by executing the British governor Gordon Pasha, here in the Presidential palace" in 1885. Al-Bashir said that Gordon, who was known as Chinese Gordon, "was famous for torturing and killing masses of people in China and Asia." He said "the British never forgave the Sudanese people for doing that, and brought new armies and modern weapons to subdue the Sudanese people, but they resisted." Al-Bashir gave an account of the many battles of the Sudanese people and the different tribes and groups that fought against the British armies, which includes every part of the country. The President emphasized that this is what the whole issue today is about. "They want to subdue Africa, stop its economic development, and loot its natural wealth."

President al-Bashir vowed to continue the development process in the country. He also called for establishing a new international front against the neocolonial policy. He attacked the genocide committed by the British and other empires in Africa, including the slave trade, as well as the U.S. attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Vietnam War, the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the Israeli wars against Lebanon and Gaza, and said that all these constitute war crimes. He added that the perpetrators of these crimes come now to try the Africans. He said that the road to the invasion of Iraq was paved with lies, and that the allegations raised by the International Criminal Court are just similar lies.

The U.S. and the Role of LaRouche

The most crucial factor in this development is what position the United States will take. An interesting aspect of this is that the United States is not a member-state in the ICC. The Bush Administration had rejected the idea, because it was touted as an anti-American operation in 2002 to lure African, Latin American, and European nations into accepting this supranational abomination.

President Barak Obama has a great opportunity to turn the whole situation in a different direction, by adopting what LaRouche has recommended as a "positive policy towards Africa" with active input into economic development projects. Obama's own family history should tell him something about the evils of pursuing a British-created policy, as his grandfather was a victim, along with hundreds of thousands of Kenyans, of British colonial torture and mass killing in Kenya during the Mau Mau insurgency in the 1950s.

One interesting development in that direction that took place on March 4 and 5, was the highlighting of LaRouche's role in the Sudanese and Arab media: The Sudan Media Center, which is one of the main news sources in the country, posted LaRouche's March 2 statement, demanding that the Secretary of State and the U.S. Administration as a whole distance themselves from the policy of the ICC. The statement was posted prominently on the SMC's website with a large LaRouche PAC logo. The same day, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) issued a wire report in Arabic on LaRouche's statement. SUNA's wire cited LaRouche's call on Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to distance the U.S. from the ICC decision, and that she "should under no conditions accept anything that sounds like any endorsement, for any reason, for any price, of this ICC question." It quoted LaRouche as saying, "This is a matter of life or death for civilization as a whole."

SUNA further reported: "The LaRouche movement in the United States is producing videos and reports intending to educate the American people and politicians about the truth of the situation in Sudan, and the necessity of adopting a new policy that follows in the footsteps of the Founding Fathers of the American Republic which was anti-imperialistic, and a policy committed to the legacy and ideas of Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the freedom and development of Africa."

The SUNA wire was republished on March 5 in various Arabic news websites and in the Saudi national daily *al-Madina*.

We stand now at a crossroads for all humanity. Sometimes in the course of such historic developments, a truthful but forceful intervention, no matter how small it may seem, could move mountains. A change of U.S. policy towards Africa is both possible and essential for all mankind. In spite of what George Soros and his earlier Nazi and current British patrons claim, human nature is not bestial. The look on the faces of the celebrating Sudanese citizens standing in front of the gushing water from the Merowe Dam, a look of joy and optimism that said, "We can accomplish anything we want," showed that nothing is impossible if our will and passion is directed towards the progress and prosperity our nations and the coming generations in every nation.

The ICC: British Imperialist Tool

by an EIR Investigative Team

March 5—The International Criminal Court (ICC) is nothing more than an instrument of British Imperialism. The ICC cannot be tolerated because it is intrinsically British imperialist. The authors of the ICC are imperialists. And imperialism is a crime. Therefore, it must be cancelled.

What follows is a fact sheet which shows conclusively that the ICC is an H.G. Wells-inspired instrument of the British Empire created by the Mutt and Jeff Bobbsey twins, George Soros and his crony in overthrowing governments since 1986—Lord Mark Malloch-Brown. Lord Mark is presently the Secretary General of the British government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office for Asia, Africa and the United Nations.

Fact Sheet on the ICC

Without the efforts of Nazi collaborator Soros, the International Criminal Court, a totally private organization, formally established in 2002, would not exist. But even more important than Soros is the British Empire in creating this ICC atrocity.

• The ICC is based on the negation of national sovereignty, spelled out more than a decade ago by former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and his British collaborators like MP Ann Clwyd (head of the anti-Saddam Hussein organization, INDICT), who organized the illegal and unjustified Iraq War in 2003;

• British agent Soros financed the organizations that lobbied and organized for the ICC;

• Soros partner Malloch-Brown orchestrated the United Nations' referral to the ICC of the officials of the government of Sudan;

• Soros crony, Luis Moreno-Ocampo of Argentina, has been "the Court's Chief Prosecutor" since it was founded;

The "Court" answers to no one—it was designed by the British Empire in precisely that way. It is completely outside the United Nations and completely outside any sovereign nation-state. To be established, the ICC, based on a document known as the Rome Statute, had to be ratified by at least 60 countries. That occurred in 2002; but the ratification, following the "adoption" of the Rome Statute by 120 countries, required massive funding by private interests, and speculator Soros was at the top of the list.

The three primary funders of the current International Criminal Court are 1) George Soros, through his various organizations, including the Open Society Institute, Human Rights Watch, and the Soros Foundation; 2) the British Empire, through the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, where Soros's former business partner Malloch-Brown is currently ensconced; and 3) the European Union's "European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights," whose initiatives are enmeshed with and co-managed by the Soros apparatus.

By its own description, the ICC "is an independent international organisation, and is not part of the United Nations system." While its "seat" is in The Hague, it has nothing to do with the international courts affiliated with the UN, such as the International Court of Justice—an official court of the United Nations which has been in operation since 1946, or the tribunals that dealt with the Balkans and Rwanda. Rather, it gets its funding from "States' Parties," and 'voluntary contributions from governments, international organisations, individuals, corporations and other entities." The chief organizing vehicle for the Court is the Coalition for an International Criminal Court, (CICC), a "super-NGO" created by the other Soros- and British Empire-dominated NGOs.

The idea of the ICC, as an H.G. Wells form of world government, goes back decades.

• The World Federalist Movement, which was founded by Bertrand Russell in 1947 to carry out H.G. Wells's campaign for a world government, was the first to officially propose an International Criminal Court early after World War II. In 1995, the WFM established, and still runs, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, which campaigned for the ICC. The WFM is funded by Soros.

• The CICC says, on its website: "The Coalition was founded in 1995 by a small group of NGOs that coordinated their work to ensure the establishment of an International Criminal Court. Since then, the Coalition's membership has increased exponentially as its original goal of establishing the ICC grew to include the larger goal of guaranteeing the Court's fair, effec-

tive and independent functioning. Over the years, the Coalition Secretariat and its global membership have worked together at every stage of the Court's development from the preparatory committees for the establishment of the Court, to the Rome Conference that established the Court to the annual Assembly of States Parties meetings."

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Soros cronies Lord Malloch-Brown, British Foreign Office Minister (right), and ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo (left) are trying to use the ICC to further the Empire's goal of destroying national sovereignty. They are pictured here sharing a laugh at the expense of their victims, in September 2007.

Blair's 'Humanitarian Interventions' Manifesto

The main impetus for the ICC is the British Empire:

• In April 1999, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of NATO, Prime Minister Tony Blair made a side trip to Chicago, where he delivered the "Manifesto" of "humanitarian interventions" against national sovereignty, in a speech to the Economics Club, called "The Doctrine of the International Community." Blair was pushing for a NATO ground invasion of Kosovo, a proposal which was rejected by then-President Bill Clinton, but his main purpose was to smash the principle of the sovereign nation-state. Blair said that the "principle of non-interference" in other nations' internal affairs cannot be "jettison[ed]" without definitions, but military operations against genocide and human rights violations are necessary. "War is an imperfect instrument for righting humanitarian distress," Blair said, "but armed force is sometimes the only means of dealing with dictators," making this the first of five conditions for the world government to intervene against national sovereignty.

• In November 1999, British MP and Fabian Society leader Ann Clwyd gave a speech to Parliament in the debate for creating the ICC. An active leader of the Coalition for the ICC, Clwyd was also one of the biggest "left-wing" warmongers, heading the organization INDICT, which was gathering evidence for the indictment of Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders. Soros crony Clwyd's INDICT was funded by the U.S. government, through the neo-conservative slush fund of the "Iraq Liberation Act of 1998." INDICT worked hand-in-hand with the notorious fabricator, Ahmed Chalabi. Such is the pedigree of the ICC—*the same people who brought us the Iraq War.*

In her speech, Clwyd motivated the need for the ICC based on the United Nations' failure to indict Saddam Hussein. "We must ask ourselves why Saddam Hussein has not been indicted by the United Nations as a war criminal," Clwyd ranted. "First, and most importantly, it is crucial that the prosecutor be genuinely independent. Unless he can act on his own initiative and not be subject to the control of the Security Council or anyone else, we will not be able to have full faith in the court." That is, the ICC must be *outside* the UN recognition of national sovereignty.

Clwyd became one of the strongest supporters of Blair's Iraq war, based on fabricated intelligence.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the head of the ICC, has worked for Soros and the British for almost two decades.

• Beginning in 1995, he went to work for the Soros-funded Transparency International, as vice president for

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The International Criminal Court is the realization of the dream of British utopian fascist H.G. Wells, to establish a world government, under the control of the Anglo-dutch Liberal Empire.

Latin America and the Caribbean, in which capacity he traveled around the continent giving seminars and doing training sessions, on how to "combat corruption."

• Moreno-Ocampo's own Citizen Power Foundation NGO in Argentina, focussed on rooting out "authoritarian tendencies" embedded in the country's "political culture." Among its prominent backers, was the real estate conglomerate IRSA (Inversiones y Representaciones SA), whose owner Eduardo Elzstain purchased it in 1990 after receiving $10 million from George Soros. Soros continued to put money into IRSA, and by 1998, he owned a 20% stake. He eventually sold most of his shares to JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs, but still holds a small stake today.

• Among other funders of his Fundación Poder Ciudadano (Citizen Power Foundation) in Argentina, dedicated to uprooting corruption and fostering grass-roots community organizing, are the Ford Foundation, the NED, and the Friedrich Ebert, Friedrich Naumann, and Konrad Adenaur Foundations, the World Bank, the British Embassy, Dutch Embassy (in Argentina), HSBC Bank, and Shell Oil.

• On Dec. 14, 2005, Moreno-Ocampo was a key participant at a New York City roundtable sponsored by Soros's Open Society Institute (OSI) on "Restoring American Leadership—the Int'l Criminal Court." Moreno-Ocampo's visit to OSI was part of its Restoring American Leadership roundtable series, which was a project of OSI and the Security and Peace Initiative, which in turn, was a joint initiative of the Center for American Progress and the Century Foundation. Morton Halperin was director of the Security and Peace Initiative at that time. The OSI organized the above conference, one day after Sudan's Justice Minister declared that the ICC was barred from entering Darfur. OSI said it wanted to provide to experts and the press "an exclusive opportunity to discuss these developments" with Moreno-Ocampo.

• The person responsible for initiating the first investigations of Darfur in 2005 was Lord Malloch-Brown. In 1994, Malloch-Brown became the World Bank's vice-president for external affairs, which included taking care of relations with the United Nations. In 1999, he moved to the UN to become administrator of the UNDG (United Nations Development Group). By 2004, Malloch-Brown and Soros were a team in collaboration with Tony Blair and George Bush in creating the "Rose Revolution" in Georgia, and its test-tube baby, Mikheil Saakashvili. In fact, in 2004, Soros and Malloch-Brown put together a *private* fund of $1.5 million to pay Saakashvili's incoming government, made up of Soros's operatives.

In January 2005, Malloch-Brown launched the drive to indict Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir, when his Lordship became chief of the cabinet of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Only a few months later, under the influence of Malloch-Brown, the names of 51 suspects linked to tens of thousands of killings in Darfur were referred by Annan to the ICC under Luis Moreno-Ocampo. These were the first cases that the UN Security Council referred to the prosecutor, and the move reinforced his legitimacy and that of the court.

Malloch-Brown was then appointed by Soros in 2007 as vice-president of both Soros speculative hedge fund the Quantum fund and his Open Society Institute.

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MUMBAI TWO IN BANGLADESH

Saudi Attempt To Assassinate Hasina Fails; Threat Remains

by Ramtanu Maitra

March 5—The Feb. 25 massacre, conducted by individuals wearing Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) uniforms, at Dhaka at the BDR headquarters, killed at least 70 senior Army officers; it is evident that it was an attempted assassination of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed. The killings were carried out at the order of Riyadh, with adequate support from London, and put in place by a global terrorist network which includes a number of other players, such as the renegades in the Pakistani ISI, Wahhabi jihadis, and the foot soldiers of the British MI6-ISI-Saudi-protected international drug- and gun-runner, Dawood Ibrahim.

In essence, this is exactly the same network that orchestrated the Mumbai, India attack in late November of last year, and there is little doubt that this network will strike again, unless world leaders take initiatives to dismantle this Killers, Inc.

The first wave of killings in Dhaka did not succeed in eliminating either the Chief of the Army Staff (CAS) or the Prime Minister, but the devastation that the killings caused to the military means the threat to them remains as high now as it was at the time of the killings. In fact, on March 4, Hasina said there is a risk of further attacks "to foil the country's democracy," and added that her own safety was also at risk. She said the 33-hour mutiny was part of a wider plot to destabilize the country. "Conspiracies against Bangladesh are not over yet … the game is still on," she warned at a seminar speech, later published in an online newspaper.

Positive Response from New Delhi

Because of this persistent threat and its potential to endanger India, New Delhi has airlifted "elements" of its Independent Parachute Brigade, based in West Bengal, to deal with any contingency which might arise due to the internal turmoil in Bangladesh. Sources said over one battalion strength (over 1,000 soldiers) of the 50th Parachute Brigade was re-deployed on March 1, from Agra to Kalaikunda, which has a large Indian Air Force base.

"Depending on the situation, more could follow. With the Bangladesh army progressively taking over from the paramilitary BDR in posts along the Indo-Bangladesh border, it's a precautionary move," said a source. Dhaka has requested New Delhi to disarm and hand over Bangladesh Rifles mutineers trying to flee into India pursued by the Bangladesh Army, officials in Dhaka told *The Telegraph* of Kolkata. Other reports indicate that it is likely that a number of BDR personnel have already infiltrated the border areas of India.

In addition, on March 4, the director general of the Border Security Forces (BSF), India's paramilitary forces deployed along the India-Bangladesh border, M.L. Kumawat, said the Security Forces are on high alert along the border to ensure that BDR soldiers on the run do not enter the country. Speaking on the sidelines of a function at the National Industrial Security Academy in Hyderabad, Kumawat pointed out that there are some areas along the 4,096 km India-Bangla-

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Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed, after the unsuccessful assassination attempt against her, warned that there is a risk of further attacks, "to foil the country's democracy."

desh border which are porous, and if the BDR soldiers manage to enter, the force will apprehend them, he said, adding "they will be disarmed and handed over back to Bangladesh government." "We are with Bangladesh Government in this regard," he said.

Beyond these measures, Hasina has called off her scheduled March 7 visit to Saudi Arabia, the source of financing of the assassins in Bangladesh. This would have been her first foreign trip since she assumed office in late December.

Saudi Terrorist-Financing Exposed

On Feb. 7, the Bangladeshi Prime Minister's office had announced she would be visiting Saudi Arabia. The purpose of her visit, as explained by Commerce Minister Faruk Khan, was to urge the Saudis to stop the funding of terrorists. "She is expected to request the Saudi government to take special measures so that no militant outfit in Bangladesh gets funds from any Saudi organization or individual," Faruk Khan told the Bangladeshi *Daily Star*.

During the trip, "she is also likely to explain the issue of trying war criminals," a senior minister told the newspaper, speaking on condition of anonymity. This refers to the top leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh's largest Islamist party, which has strong connections to Saudi authorities, and is accused of leading gangs that killed hundreds of unarmed civilians during the 1971 freedom movement.

Hasina's father, the acknowledged founder and first President of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was assassinated along with almost his entire family, in 1975. Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana, were out of the country at the time, and were the sole survivors of the killings, carried out by a pro-Pakistan, pro-Saudi Arabia killer gang with the ostensible blessing of then-U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Subsequently, Saudi Arabia, working hand-in-glove with the coup plotters, sheltered at least one of the cold-blooded killers, A.K.M. Mohiuddin Ahmed, a former army major, when he was on the run.

Following the failed assassination attempt of Sheikh Hasina and the top Army brass, according to a report published in Dhaka's leading vernacular daily *Manabzamin*, on March 2, four killer BDR personnel fled the country on Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight number BG-049 to Saudi Arabia. With the help of powers-that-be inside the Bangladeshi government, not only was the flight delayed for two hours, but the killer BDR men boarded the aircraft through a special passage, just minutes before the flight took off, the report said. Subsequently, members of Bangladeshi intelligence agencies arrested another BDR member, Rafiqul Islam, as he was attempting to flee to Saudi Arabia on Saudia flight number SB-801.

Indians Hit Saudis on Mumbai

The Saudi involvement in the Mumbai attack of Nov. 26-29, 2008 has come to light simultaneously. On March 1, the Mumbai Police claimed that the Mumbai terror attacks were financed by a Saudi national, identified as Mahmoud Mohammed Bahaziq. An India-born Saudi citizen, Bahaziq raised money in Saudi Arabia for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the terrorist group identified as the attackers in Mumbai. Bahaziq's front organizations for the banned Al Rashid and Al Akhtar trusts, which raised funds for LeT, are also included in the UN Security Council's terror list. "Aid Organization of the Ulema, Pakistan," "Al Amin Welfare Trust," and "Al-

Madina Trust" are among the front organizations that Bahaziq created.

The U.S. Department of Treasury, in a report on May 27, 2008, said that Bahaziq was identified as the main financier behind the establishment of the LeT and its activities in the 1980s and 1990s, and continues to fund them today. He has also served as the leader of LeT in Saudi Arabia.

In addition, Bahaziq was in touch with Dubai-based terrorist Dawood Ibrahim. Bahaziq, also known as Abu Abd al-Aziz, approached Dawood in the late '90s to fund the LeT. Sources in the Indian Intelligence Bureau said Dawood acceded to Bahaziq's demands and also promised him foot soldiers for the LeT in India. Bahaziq was a popular visitor to the Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD)'s center in Pakistan. The parent body of the LeT, JuD has been identified by the United Nations as a terrorist group.

It is important that Hasina has recognized the Saudi role in helping the perpetrators to assassinate her, but the threat will not go away unless Dhaka effectively attacks both the Saudi and the British masterminds who have endangered her life.

Bangladesh

The Set Up

Prior to the BDR-led assassination attempt, a number of attempts were made on Sheikh Hasina's life. And, yet, these murderers' nests were not torn down and, instead, were allowed to flourish.

The Feb. 25 set-up to kill senior army officers and then pull a coup by eliminating Hasina and Gen. Moeen U. Ahmed, centered on the ongoing demands of the BDR personnel for better pay and better working conditions. This was the pretext on which the discussions began, and then, the killers moved in.

A day after the killing, the New Delhi-based daily *The Times of India* reported the spread of the BDR "rebellion" to other parts of the country, from Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, and Naikhongchari in the South, Sylhet in the Northeast, Rajshahi and Naogaon in the Northwest, and Dinajpur. The *Times of India* correspondent said that "it became clearer that there was a larger, more insider design to the rebellion. The rebels were seen wearing distinctive orange-colored bandanas, colors belonging to a U.K.-based Islamist organization, Hizb ut-Tahrir. According to terrorism analysts, Tahrir has been focused on Bangladesh for the past couple of years to turn the nation into an Islamist caliphate."

This is the British hook into the flesh of Bangladesh, and if this is not pulled out, neither the Army nor Sheikh Hasina will ever be safe. To begin with, Hizb ut-Tahrir is a terrorist outfit, born, nurtured, and protected in Britain. Like the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka and the Mirpuri terrorists demanding independent Kashmir, Hizb ut-Tahrir is also controlled and used by Her Majesty's Service to assassinate leaders and destabilize nations.

Hizb ut-Tahrir (HuT) is banned in Russia, Germany, and many other nations because of its terrorist activities. In Britain, from time to time, questions have been raised about its terrorist activities, but Prime Minister Tony Blair, earlier, and now Gordon Brown, made clear that HuT is to be given a free hand.

In fact, the British government was actively helping the HuT to overturn the German government's banning of the party in 2003 because of its vicious anti-Jewish activities. According to the press release, HuT had recruited the services of Barristers Chambers, and the team includes Keir Starmer QC (Doughty Street Chambers) Matthew Ryder, Keiron Beal (both of Matrix Chambers) and Tayab Ali (McCormacks Solicitors). The use of such legal methods, institutions, and persons close to the British government is unprecedented even in HuT's history.

That was Blair's role in keeping the killers alive and well. Then, on July 4, 2007, Tory Party chief David

Cameron, in his first public exchange with Prime Minister Gordon Brown, launched an attack on the government for not having proscribed the Islamic movement Hizb ut-Tahrir. Brown said there was no evidence against the HuT. Then, Brown leaned on former Home Office Minister John Reid, who argued that there had been two reviews carried out by the government, following which, it had decided not to ban the group.

Brown has taken one step further. On Jan. 20, the news agency ANI reported that Brown had allocated £1 million to an anti-extremist group, the Quilliam Foundation. What is interesting to note, is that the Quillian Foundation chiefs, Ed Husain and Maajid Nawaz, were both former HuT leaders, who "now have seen the light." What Brown did is the classic British intelligence operation: set up a countergang and fund the original gang (HuT) by funding the countergang (Quilliam).

HuT operates almost everywhere from Tajikistan to the Pankisi Gorge in Georgia, in the form of Quran-distributing, white-robed Islamists who "peacefully" preach elimination of all non-Muslims. Central Asia is chock full of terrorist outfits like the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, and Chechen rebels, among others. In fact, most of the individuals recruited by these terrorist groups come from the Hizb ut-Tahrir.

HuT began flexing its muscles in 2007 in Bangladesh, when the country was under the state of emergency. HuT's links with al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Central Asia have been widely recorded. HuT initially began its campaign in Bangladesh to boycott products from Denmark, citing the publication of anti-Muslim cartoons in a Danish newspaper. Now, it is also campaigning for boycotting products from the United States and some of the European countries. For obvious reasons, this organization never says a word against its protector, Great Britain.

In Bangladesh, HuT is headed by Mohiuddin Ahmed, a professor with Dhaka University. Ahmed is recruiting members for Hizb ut-Tahrir in Bangladesh from various madrassahs (Islamic schools). The Bangladesh government is aware of such activities, but is maintaining a kind of silence, allowing the dangers to proliferate.

Recruiting of BDR Personnel

Many of the Bangladeshi Rifles personnel were educated in madrassahs, which preach the Wahhabi version of Islam. Much of the financing of the madrassahs comes from Saudi Arabia. In addition to one big contributor, Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS), a Kuwait-based organization, money also comes from Pakistan and South Africa. In 2002, the U.S. State Department blacklisted some RIHS offices, citing their support of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

However, the foreign support to these terrorist outfits could not have been sustained without a tacit approval of Dhaka. In fact, extremism in Bangladesh flourished because Islamist politics has gained ground since 1975; and the former ruling BNP party, under the leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia, came to power in 2001 by forming a coalition with two Islamist parties, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islamic Oikye Jote, which together held 20 seats in the parliament.

However, the rise of extremism and terrorism in Bangladesh has also attracted other nasty mercenaries offering their services. In 2006, the Kolkata-based Bengali-language news weekly *Desh* reported on Dawood Ibrahim's involvement in Bangladesh. It was evident that Dawood was holding meetings with renegade Bangladeshis to bring in large caches of arms.

The article also said that on June 6, 1999, a meeting took place at St. James Court Hotel in London, to plan the assassination of Sheikh Hasina, who was prime minister at the time. A decision was taken to pay the Tamil Tigers $10 million for its suicide bombers. LTTE was the perfect organization for this kind of assassination, using suicide bombers, who would leave no trace of their origins. The quid pro quo for LTTE was that, if the opposition party BNP, a soft-on-fundamentalism party, came to power, the Tigers would get use of some of islands in Bangladesh. They had used two islands (Qutubdia and Sonadia) earlier as their arms warehouses and safe houses in 1994. The plan was to store their arms in these two islands for their campaign against the Sri Lankan government, and to sell arms to the various secessionist and separatist groups operating in northeastern India.

Desh says the meeting was also attended by a former Pakistani Army officer and front person for the ISI, Col. R.M. Ahsan, who owns Ahsan TradEx, a Karachi-based export-import firm; and two Bangladeshis, Lt. Col. Khondakar Abdur Rashid and Lt. Col. S.H.M.B. Noor Chowdhury. Both Rashid and Noor Chowdhury were involved in the killing of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and were hiding in London at the time. The plot fell through when the Indian intelligence the drift of it, *Desh* said.

JACQUES CHEMINADE

Why a New 'Pecora Commission' Is Urgently Needed

The Schiller Institute, founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, held an international conference in Rüsselsheim, Germany, Feb. 21-22, with the title, "Rebuilding the World Economy after the Systemic Crisis." Keynoted by Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche, whose speeches we published last week, the conference was attended by about 350 people from 25 nations. We continue here with presentations by some of the other speakers.

Jacques Cheminade, president of France's Solidarity and Progress party (Solidarité et Progrès) addressed the conference on Feb. 22. The panel was entitled, "Is Mankind Capable of Governing Himself?"

Good morning.

The scene is in the United States hearings. The year is 1933. On one side is J.P. Morgan, Jr., the "Lion of Wall Street," who comes to testify grudgingly. On the other side, Ferdinand Pecora. He enjoys it.

On a hot July afternoon, Ferdinand Pecora asked Morgan if he had paid income tax in 1930. Morgan was silent. Pecora was silent. Finally, the Lion of Wall Street replied, "I can't remember." The same question was asked for 1931, then 1932, and received the same answer—"I can't remember."

Then Pecora gathered his papers, and revealed that J.P. Morgan had paid no income tax—ever. And had done nothing illegal. It was perfectly legal!

Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon ("Andy," to the ladies), stressed Pecora, had inserted enough clauses in the tax code, so that Morgan and his like would never pay taxes. Al Capone would *never* have gone to prison, had he known "Andy" Mellon better. Pecora then showed that the total taxes paid by the entire House of Morgan, not only J.P. Morgan, but the entire House of Morgan, and its partners, in the previous five years, was a single payment of $5,000 in 1931.

Then came the list of J.P. Morgan's and his associates' properties. They controlled most of the American economy, with their British friends. And then came J.P. Morgan's preferred list, by which a bank's influential friends, including former President Calvin Coolidge, participated in stock offerings at steeply discounted rates. Their full control of the American economy was then exposed.

This was before the United States Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, where Ferdinand Pecora was chief counsel for an investigation of Wall Street banking and stock brokerage practices, after the 1929 Crash. Pecora was born in Sicily, the son of an immigrant cobbler. He was originally a progressive Republican—he was not a Democrat—and was appointed in the last months of the Herbert Hoover Presidency. His expertise as a hard-nosed assistant district attorney in New York County, had been to shut down more than 100 "bucket shops." These bucket shops were something peculiar to the United States of those days: They were fly-by-night brokerage houses, illegal brokerages based on bets on futures thrown into buckets, the primitive precedents for derivatives.

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Jacques Cheminade's call for new Pecora-type hearings has challenged the rules of the game, but, he said, now is the time "to call for impossible things, that become mandatory, as the crisis unravels."

Pecora, in his state position, was helped by John T. Flynn, an Irish-American journalist, and Max Lowenthal, a Jewish lawyer. No WASPs needed apply. The American Republic was striking back against the Empire.

Well, that is an interesting point, the main point, and in the spirit, the true spirit of America. An Italian-American, an Irish-American, and a Jewish-American, bonded together to embody the spirit of the Founding Fathers, against the Anglo-American Wall Street grandees: the WASPs. Another key point, was the bipartisan nature of their endeavor, on behalf of the principles of the American Declaration of Independence, and Constitutional law. Let's now think of these people feeling good about getting the truth out of the closet, and willing to be unpopular at it—as Lyndon LaRouche would say, "unpopular when it really tastes good."

In sharing their purpose, we become ready today to be inspired by them in our respective countries, to call for a new Pecora Commission, a sweeping inquest—today, like then—into the twin housing and stock market crashes, to create the intellectual context, and the political constituency for change, as Ron Chernow, the author of *The House of Morgan* and of *Alexander Hamilton* put it in the Jan. 5, 2009 *New York Times*. Before that, of course, LaRouche had called for a new Pecora Commission, even more necessary today than in those days, because the world financial collapse, the disintegration, is now far, far worse in scope than the 1929 Crash, as it was said yesterday, here. Its unfolding, if it's not stopped, would lead to a crisis like the Black Death of the 14th Century, but this time not only in Europe, but on a world scale.

What Pecora Accomplished

Let's then see what Pecora accomplished in those days.

What is usually said is that he unearthed evidence of "irregular practices"—fraud, in plain words—in the financial markets. It's fraud that favored the rich insiders, at the expense of the ordinary investors. True enough, he did that. But there is much, much more to it. He grilled, relentlessly grilled, the most famous names in finance. He did not start with Morgan. The indictment of Morgan was a sort of apotheosis. He started with Charles Mitchell, president and chairman of the board of National City Bank. He proved that Mitchell had sold stock in the bank, betting against his own firm and making a lot of money at it, during the Crash. He bet against his own stock, which was forbidden by law. The same thing that Goldman Sachs has been doing, selling subprimes to their clients, and selling them short for themselves.

He revealed the dirty deals of Mitchell, with then Cuban President Gerardo "the Butcher" Machado. City Bank had unloaded $31 million of useless Cuban sugar loans, by transferring them to the stockholders of the Cuban National City affiliate, without their knowledge, and ruining them. He had dumped useless Peruvian government bonds on unsuspecting customers of National City Company.

Pecora then exposed the greatest fraud in American banking history of those times, the National City Bank

The New York Times *attacked Ferdinand Pecora's investigation of Wall Street criminals as "vulgar, sweating, cheap applause; cigar-chomping, so un-British." Here is the cigar-chomping Pecora on the cover of* Time *magazine, June 12, 1933.*

After Sen. Carter Glass attacked Pecora's grilling of J.P. Morgan as a "circus," Morgan showed up at the next session with a circus midget on his lap. A photo of this appeared in newspapers the next day, exposing the banker's arrogance—a hard blow to his power on Wall Street.

Anaconda Copper deal, and he showed that Mitchell was an old friend of … Treasury Secretary Andy Mellon! Who had been running the country, in the years before, on behalf of Presidents Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover, or, better said, dominating and exploiting them.

Remember, that it was the Mellon Scaife Foundation, which, in the 1980s, financed the operation against us, against Lyndon LaRouche; and then in the '90s, the press campaign which led to the Clinton impeachment, then.[1] And it stopped, in those years, Clinton's efforts towards a new international financial architecture, and organized the pressure to get rid of the Glass-Steagall Act through the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of Nov. 12, 1999.

1. President Bill Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives on Dec. 19, 1998, and acquitted by the Senate on Feb. 12, 1999.

After Mitchell, Pecora grilled Albert Wiggin, head of Chase National Bank, exposing how he, too, had shorted Chase shares during the Crash, and made a lot of money at the expense of his own bank and its customers. He then got Richard Whitney, head of the New York Stock Exchange, who, contrary to Bernard Madoff, ended up in jail, in Sing Sing.

Pecora had been hired for $255 a month by the Senate committee, and was earning less money than most Wall Street mandarins disbursed weekly in pocket money. And he defrocked the high priests; he ridiculed the high priests, making them seem small and greedy, exactly as they were. Pecora had become then an American folk hero.

Roosevelt's March 4 Inauguration speech against the "modern money-changers" was given in the conditions created by Pecora and the Pecora hearings. The fight was fierce. The head of Roosevelt's budget [Lewis Douglas], who was a Morgan guy inside the administration, declared at this point, "It is the end of Western Civilization!" It is at that time, when John Maynard Keynes wrote a letter to Roosevelt, which was duly classified—in the garbage can—urging Roosevelt to "get softer with business."

Upending Morgan's 'Circus'

The Pecora investigation was therefore much more than an attack against bankers and Wall Street, as it is usually described, Wall Street and their oath. It was an indictment of a whole system, not a "courageous, pragmatic" initiative, but an all-encompassing political operation against the oligarchy. Its apex was reached, when Sen. Carter Glass, who was a bad guy, jumped in, in defense of Morgan, saying, "This should be stopped! It is a circus! And the only thing missing is peanuts and lemonade."

Morgan picked up on the idea, and at the next committee session, he appeared, thinking it was a funny thing to do, with a circus midget sitting on his lap. Pecora and the Roosevelt team jumped at the opportu-

nity (this is what you have to do in such cases). Morgan's picture with the midget was published in the press of the entire world: Morgan's arrogance and disdain for human beings was then exposed, and he was finished as a power on Wall Street.

At that point, the *New York Times*, which had attacked Pecora—"Vulgar!"—and it's a shame that we can't see it, "vulgar, sweating, cheap applause; cigar-chomping, so un-British." The *New York Times* itself had to retreat and recognize that the power of J.P. Morgan was not "a great popular delusion," as Thomas Lamont had said, but a fact, a shocking fact. His power reached into all corners of the United States, into the institutions of the Federal state, and into the business world. Roosevelt's Treasury Secretary William Woodin, whose name was on the Morgan preferred list, had to quit, on the very day, May 26, 1933, of the Glass-Pecora confrontation on the circus issue.

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Pecora highlighted the contrast between the lives of millions of Americans who were living in abject poverty, thrown into the street by the Great Depression, and the high-rolling "banksters." Here, the struggle to survive in one of the thousands of squalid migrant camps, called "Hoovervilles," in honor of the President.

And, on this very day, Franklin Roosevelt abolished the possibility of including a gold clause in private contracts, thereby killing the Wall Street speculation on gold. On the same day, the law on industry was voted in Congress, extending the Presidential powers on Customs to protect American industry.

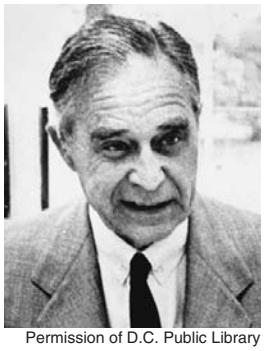
So, it was not just an operation against the "banksters," as the *Times* called them—probably Pecora coined the name—but an all-encompassing political operation. Pecora highlighted the contrast between the lives of millions of Americans who were living in abject poverty in those days, thrown into the street by the Great Depression, and the high-rolling lives of the financiers and their political accomplices. Pecora's was not a public show-trial, but the result of a tenacious, patient investigation, to open the eyes of the American people. When Wall Street banks were called to appear before Ferdinand Pecora, there were 17 million unemployed in the United States, and 40% of all American banks had closed. Even the music was Depression music: "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" was America's most popular song. There were thousands of migrant camps, overcrowded, squalid, unsanitary, called "Hoovervilles," in honor of President Hoover's "Prosperity is just around the corner." Newspapers were called "Hoover blankets," and bicycles were nicknamed "Hoovermobiles."

A Bolt of Lightning

In that social context, Pecora and his hearings were like a bolt of lightning, illuminating the dark—what was behind the scenes. Pecora, exposing the frauds, exposing the issuance of fictitious capital, gambling with money at the expense of human lives, gave people the sense that they had a defender in Congress, and another one in the Presidency—smart, and caring for them, caring for the people. There is a very nice picture of Pecora, very joyful—he's like that—"Ha-ha-ha!" David winning against Goliath, radiating joy, radiating leadership, the sense of a possible change for the good, the judgment on the bad people.

Pecora had accomplished the following: He had personally examined many high-profile witnesses with an absolute commitment to expose the truth—the issue of the Pecora Commission is truthfulness—the truth of what Roosevelt had called during his campaign, "the ruthless manipulation of professional gamblers, and the corporate system." Pecora had established a true Amer-

ican debate on the key issues of economics, on the very nature of what economy *is*, and is not. He had organized media coverage as a pedagogical device for the population, a public forum on the causes of the Depression, relieving the population of its guilty feelings that the oligarchy had been trying to induce into them. Pecora not only had subpoena powers as a prosecutor, but also access to the documents of the banks. It was then not only words against words, but ideas, substantiated by validated proofs.



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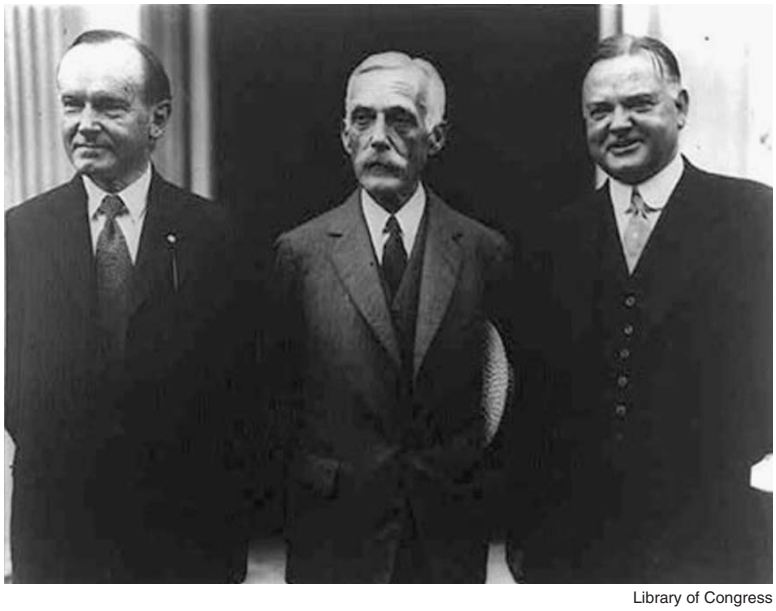
Among the most rabid enemies of FDR and Pecora were (top left to right): Prescott Bush, financed Hitler's rise to power, with the cooperation of bankers; Thomas Lamont, financier of Mussolini, claimed Morgan's power was "a great popular delusion"; Carter Glass, Morgan's bought-and-paid-for man in the Senate, rushed to his defense during the hearings; (below): Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon (center) to Presidents Coolidge (left) and Hoover (right), ensured that Morgan & Co. would never pay taxes.



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The debate in itself was not the subject matter, but the true issue was the laws that it was going to inspire, the legal leverage, I would say. For that purpose, Pecora produced 171 boxes of material, and testimony recorded in more than 12,000 printed pages. The hearings led to the creation of new institutions, asserting the power of the State over Wall Street, and much more deeply, the prevalence of the American Constitutional order. It was not to produce new institutions, issue per issue, on a single-issue basis, but a coherent set of institutions to control an environment.

The banksters had lost, temporarily, and the United States Congress voted, then, spurred by the relevations: the Securities Act of 1933; the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; the 1935 formation of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as a means to enforce the new acts. The Emergency Banking Act, in the context of the famous banking holiday. The Home Owners Loan Corporation, the precedent for LaRouche's much broader Homeowners and Bank Protection Act. The Glass-Steagall Act, separating activities of chartered commercial banks from investment banks, and banking from insurance; that was at the end of June 1933. And then, the Wheeler-Rayburn Public Utility Holding Company Act.

Pecora, when he closed his investigation on July 2, 1934, was appointed by Roosevelt as Commissioner of the newly formed U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. And in 1939, he wrote his famous book about his state investigations, *Wall Street Under Oath: The Story of Our Modern Money Changers*—the subtitle is often left aside, "The Story of Our Modern Money Changers," *Les Marchands du Temple* in French.

Let me present two quotes from Pecora's book. First, from the Preface, and this is a quote from Pecora himself: "Under the surface of the governmental regulation of the securities market, the same forces that produced the riotous speculative excesses of the 'wild bull market' of 1929 still give evidence of their existence and influence. Though repressed for the present, it cannot be doubted that, given a suitable opportunity, they would spring back to their pernicious activity."

Then, a second quote in the book itself, *Wall Street Under Oath*: "Had there been full disclosure of what has been done in furtherance of these schemes, they could not long have survived the fierce light of publicity and criticism. Legal chicanery and pitch darkness were the bankers' stoutest allies."

Picking Up the Torch

What Pecora is telling us, is that much remained to be done then, and it is up to us to pick up the torch. Indeed, it is since then, that all the regulatory legislation of those days which vanished, or was diluted, in the permissive and criminal atmosphere of the "New Economy"—the decoupling in 1971 of the dollar from gold, Aug. 15, 1971; the London Big Bang, big deregulation, of Oct. 27, 1986, the Thatcher deregulation; the Alan Greenspan exuberant follies from 1987 on, and the "Washington Consensus" of the 1990s. And the City of London is proven, if you look at this period of history, as having been the platform for the Wall Street gangsterism, and you can see it if you follow one Joseph Casano, the insurance company AIG's representative in London, who there, following Michael Milken's example, invented the collateralized debt obligation, to transform credit into assets, then make money at it, then more credit, then more assets, and have the snowball rolling—and destroying economies and human beings.

Hence, the urgent need, here and now, for a new Pecora Commission. Lyndon LaRouche said it first: We of his movement have said it for each of our countries. In France at this point, we have 50 mayors, more or less, who have signed for it, and about 1,500 individuals. A hundred experts, like Ron Chernow, asked for it. Bernie Sanders, who is the Independent Senator from Vermont, has said it in *The Nation* magazine: "Put Wall Street Under Oath," he wrote. Republican Sen. Richard Shelby from Alabama called for it; and even Stephen Lewis, writing on Jan. 9, 2009, in, "Investigating the Financial Crisis and My Passion for Borsalino Hats," which relates his personal encounter with Judge Pecora.

The problem is that the Pecora Commission issue, except for us and very few more, tends to become an issue in itself, a single issue, what was certainly not the case for Pecora himself and for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Therefore, you have, today, committees asking question to the bankers, such idiotic questions as: "What'd you do with the money?" *Never* ask such a question to a banker—he will never respect you again.

So Barney Frank's Financial Services Committee of the House of Representatives organized hearings on "how to regulate the financial markets." Here are the words. Nothing came out of it. By a fallacy of composition, it was technical hearings, not political, contrary to Pecora's. Barney Frank—the question remains if he's an imbecile, or a financial pirate, or both—sabotaged efforts to place curbs on the $1.4 trillion unregulated derivatives markets, which are uncontrolled. He even killed a bill which would have banned the sale of naked shorts, which means betting against something that you don't own. He even killed that.

Timidly, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission proposed to ban trading in naked credit default swaps, the famous CDSs, the most peculiar security—a bet on thy neighbor's life, or default. Even that was refused! And it was said, timidly, by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, "under certain circumstances and with the President's consent." But nonetheless, Barney Frank said no. "Wall Street has rebelled against the proposal; Nancy Pelosi and myself will support Wall Street." And that's what happened.

Lyndon LaRouche commented: "We are in the midst of the worst financial and economic crisis in the history of the United States. Nothing comparable has occurred since the 14th-Century collapse of the House of Bardi, which brought on the European New Dark Age. At that time, one-third of the population of Europe was wiped out, as the consequence of the collapse of the Lombard banking system. And I see Barney Frank behaving like some creature from the pages of Boccaccio's *Decameron*, prancing around, denying reality, as civilization disintegrates all around him. This is malice. This is evil."

Too Polite!

In France, the National Assembly and the Senate called very politely to the banks to come and testify, with no powers to subpoena, and no access to documents for the Deputies and Senators. It is as if Pecora, before his hearings, would have cut off his hands and feet.

The bankers said that the state had given them money, and that they had to accept it. But the situation is so good, that they could have refused the offer! In other words, they pocketed the money, without even saying "thanks." Etienne Pflimlin, president of the Crédit Mutuel and representative of a family which made history in France, declared: "When it is said that

the state granted gifts to the banks, it has a disastrous effect when a customer comes to ask for credit, and we have to refuse. There is no 'credit crunch' in France, only unreliable clients." There was some laughter about it, and it is said that the nose of the bankers crossed the River Seine, from the National Assembly, and reached into the Church of the Madeleine.

All this is, of course, ridiculous, and has nothing to do with the Pecora investigation, except for the word "commission" or "committee."

In my own call, I asked for a true inquiry, not only on what the banks do with the money given to them by the state, but on all practices of the last 40 years, like Pecora did. Not a single issue, but an investigation to replace "financial time" by "economic time," in a political context. I asked for subpoena powers, right to access to banking documents, presence of counsel or counsels with the commission, and the temporary requisition of the banks. And I added, that I would be delighted to be there, to ask questions—or to help the others in asking the questions.

"Oh! M'sieur, m'sieur! What are you telling me? This is impossible! It breaks the rules of the game! *Non!*"

Well, Lyndon LaRouche, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and I must say, also myself, have a specialty: to call for impossible things, that become mandatory as time goes on, as the crisis unravels. If we don't look at what happened in the past, we have no power to master our future.

Let me tell you now what type of questions I would ask (I can't restrain myself from that):

"Why are your operational margins increasing, and nonetheless, you are granting so few loans?"

"Why don't you give the *Mittelstand—le petit et moyen entreprise* [small and medium firms]—the credit that they're asking for? Either your banks are in much worse shape than you say, or you are trying to make more profit through the crisis—or, both: Please, could you explain?"

"Why, a few months ago, were you saying, Messieurs Bébéar and Pébereau [French businessmen], that the complexity of the financial system was an absolute insurance for the investors and the economy? And now, you are blaming the complexity, and not yourselves? Well, most of you, together with our own prime minister of France, are blaming tax havens. But then, why are you continuing to open offices in those tax havens? Like in Jersey, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands. Lately it was BNP Paribas in Jersey. Please, can you say something about that, Mr. Pebereau? Can you explain?"

"Why, Mr. Josef Ackermann [CEO, Deutsche Bank], did you call for a 'bad bank,' to gobble up Deutsche Bank's toxic waste, in 2003, when you were saying that everything was good and fine?"

"Why M. de la Société Générale, why did you tell your Swiss affiliate to sell off the Madoff holdings in 2005, without telling your customers? Please, can you explain?"

"Why, today, do interest rates in T-bonds have such spreads? For 10-year T-bonds, it's 5.8% in Greece, 4.6% in Italy, 5.5% in Ireland, 3.2% in Germany, and 3.6% in France. There is a rule of solidarity in the eurozone, and therefore the rates should be the same: Hey! Mr. Bankers, are you betting on the euro to collapse, while you are saying publicly, at the same time, that it would be a 'catastrophe that could never happen,' that it would be a disaster?"

And a last one:

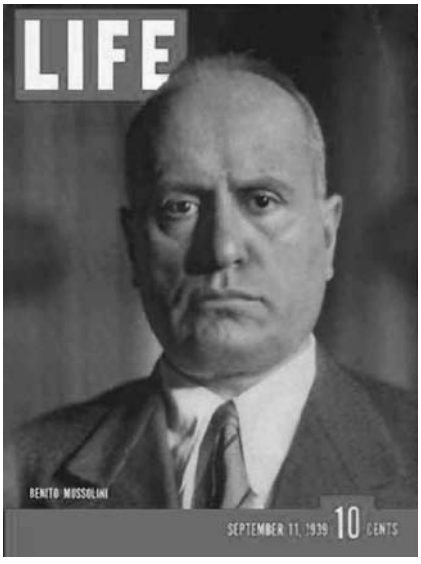
"Antonio Maria Costa, as was said yesterday by Helga, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime director, has recently declared, and it's published in the Jan. 27 issue of the Austrian weekly *Profil*: 'In many cases, drug money is currently the only liquid investment capital, to buy real estate, for example. In the second half of 2008, liquidity was the biggest problem that the banking system had, and therefore, this liquid drug capital becomes an important factor.' Then, Mr. Jean-Claude Trichet [president of the European Central Bank], why have you swallowed billions of euros to provide liquidity to Banco Santander and others, which have organized the real estate boom in Spain, with funds coming from a certain type of production in Central and South America. Please, let us check your books. Let us check your accounts."

Don't expect Barney Frank in the U.S. or Mr. Arthuis [chair, French Senate Finance Commission] or Mr. Migaud [chair, Assembly supply committee] in France, or others in Germany, to ask such questions. They are too polite, too polite to be honest.

But this is not yet going to happen, at this point. Why? Political cowardice.

The Bankers Strike Back

Let's go back now, to the situation in the United States in 1933-1934: February 1933, before his inauguration, there was a murder attempt against President-



Time *and* Life *magazines put Mussolini on their covers in the '30s (above). Today,* Time *runs this cover featuring Obama as Roosevelt (Nov. 24, 2008): This was the crowd that plotted a fascist coup against FDR! They are warning Obama, "Behave! Don't listen to LaRouche. He represents the dangerous ideas of FDR."*

elect Roosevelt, and the Mayor of Chicago, Illinois, who was next to him, was killed. This is not mentioned, or barely mentioned, in the French history books; I don't about other countries of Europe.

April-June 1934: Wall Street was defeated before the Pecora Commission. Or the conditions for the defeat were created. What happened? They prepared a fascist coup in the United States! It is not only that George W. Bush's grandfather, Prescott Bush, had financed Hitler's rise to power, with the cooperation of bankers, *but they were preparing a fascist coup inside the United States itself!*

Look at today. There is this picture: That's the "cigar-chomping" Pecora, which I mentioned before. This is David confronting Goliath, and he's happy, he gets a kick out of it: He's happy!

So, this is the attack. In *Time* [magazine], I think, that they show Roosevelt's picture; and they attack Obama, by putting Obama as if he was Roosevelt, and with a racist connotation in it that is really disgusting. The article is not too favorable to Obama.

So, it is here, today. If they are comparing Roosevelt to Obama, and a fascist coup was prepared against Roosevelt, they are warning Obama, and Soros and company are telling him, "Behave! Do what you have been paid for. Don't listen to this man [LaRouche]. He is representative of Roosevelt in these days—don't listen to him." And this is the message.

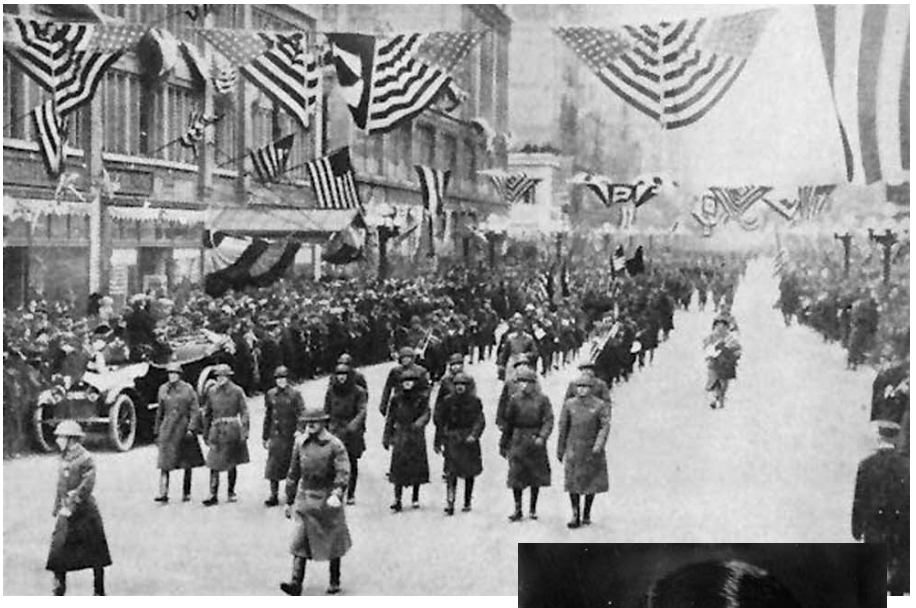
So, this is what *Time* magazine was producing in those days, promoting this man, Benito Mussolini. Then, you had *Life* magazine: Benito Mussolini, 1934, the magazine of Henry and Claire Booth Luce, the Synarchy in the United States. This is July 1934.

So: The attack against Roosevelt that's launched today—and remember that Obama has recently mentioned Roosevelt as a reference; he may not understand very well what he's talking about, but he's talking about it. And what Lyn laid out in his last webcast.

So, then you see, with the inspiration of the past, what is the present situation of the United States, with the same type of dangers that were faced in '33-'34—in different form, with the control of the strings, today, but with the same intention and targetting the same type of people.

What was behind the campaign against Roosevelt, against Pecora, and in favor of Benito in the '30s? The coup prepared by Wall Street and the City of London to get rid of Roosevelt. Maybe not to kill him, but to weaken him, so that he would be like a French President of those days, *inauguret les chrysanthèmes*,[2] a puppet President. Or, as an oligarch of those days said, to do to Roosevelt, what Mussolini did to the King of Italy. Their first tool was the American Legion, which was nicknamed, "The Royals," because their behavior was so British, and so patrician. In 1921, the head of the Legion, Alvin Owsley, said, "If need be,

2. Literally, "to begin the ceremony of placing chrysanthemums (on a grave)." As a metaphor, it refers to a politician who has become a figurehead, one reduced to a ceremonial or honorary role.



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In 1921, the head of the Mussolini-loving American Legion, Alvin Owsley (inset), said, "If need be, the American Legion is ready to protect the institutions of this country and its ideals, in the same way as the Fascists have treated the destructive forces threatening Italy. Don't forget that the Fascists are for today's Italy what the American Legion is for the United States." Above, the first Legion parade, Minneapolis, November 1919.

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Well, 1931, 1932, 1934, around the American Legion—not only the American Legion—came a lot of declarations praising Mussolini, attacking Roosevelt, and involving the Ku Klux Klan.

Second, after the American Legion, or together with the American Legion, was a creation of paramilitary fascist groups in the United States, such as the Silver Shirts, the Crusaders, and the Sentinels of the Republic. And in California, of all places, in California, Victor McLaglen, the actor, launched the California Light Brigades. So all this is not important—all these things are not important in themselves, but they try to create emotion for a fascist-type of government in the United States.

A Coup Attempt

The idea was to finance and exploit the discontent of the war veterans. Already, what is not known in Europe, in July 1932, a Bonus Army, veterans asking to be paid, legitimately paid for their bonuses, had settled on the banks of the Anacostia River. The head of the operation—it was July 1932, before the elections of '32—Maj. Gen. Smedley Darlington Butler, who was a true American patriot at the time, even if somehow misguided, managed to calm down the situation.

The idea of the Morgans and the Lamonts, together with British and Italian Fascist agents, was to entice Butler into a new operation after the Bonus operation, with veterans against Roosevelt. The key man in the operation, the key field operator, was one Gerald MacGuire, who worked with Col. Grayson Mallet-Prevost Murphy— Mallet—a man on the preferred list of the Morgans, and one of the directors of the Morgan Guaranty Trust. He used to wear a Fascist state medal given to him by Mussolini. MacGuire, with various sources of money—the Lamonts, the Morgans, the Singer family money. One Clark, who gave him the money from the Singer sewing machine family money, tried to buy Butler, but he failed.

There were also initiatives to coopt Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., who was elected the head of the Legion in the Fall of 1933. And this Belgrano was a vice president of the Bank of Italy/Bank of America, the one that managed Mussolini's accounts in the United States.

It was in those days that Roosevelt was the first Western head of state, on Nov. 6, 1933, to officially recognize the Soviet Union, the U.S.S.R. The bankers immediately jumped at his throat, saying, "It's a new Rappallo with the Soviets!" And the British, more than anybody else, feared that Roosevelt would torpedo their plans to pit Hitler against Stalin and Stalin against Hitler. Thomas Lamont, then, gave an incredible speech before the Foreign Policy Association, praising to the

The fascist coup plotters attempted to recruit Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler to their scheme, but Butler blew the whistle on them. He was pilloried in the pro-fascist press, and Morgan pronounced him "ridiculous." "This cannot happen in the United States," he huffed.

hilt Benito Mussolini, and his methods, saying, Fascism, as a social and economic policy, is the best of all systems.

On Dec. 1, 1933, MacGuire went to Europe, and decided, when he came back, that the hard-core fascisms were not convenient for the United States, and he promoted another model: The French model! Fascism, with war veterans, the Croix de Feu [Cross of Fire], which later becomes the Parti Social Français, launched against Roosevelt's friend and ally in France, Léon Blum, and containing him. MacGuire also refers to the Cagoule, the paramilitary organization which planned a fascist coup in post-Popular Front France.

But Roosevelt, with the Pecora Commission impulse, was building his base. He stopped foreclosures; he promoted the parity price in agriculture; the Wagner Act of 1935 for labor; the Tennessee Valley Authority, electrification; reconstruction, the Reconstruction Finance Corp.; the Works Progress Administration.

Then the coup failed, because of Roosevelt's popular support, he had gained the support through his fight. And this is what people today, attacking Roosevelt, hate him for: Because he won. Despite the fact that the du Pont family had joined the camp of the coup, and prepared the eventual supply of weapons with a controlled Remington Company. And also Butler, realizing that he was manipulated, and being a patriot, denounced the coup. All the press at that time, from the *New York Times* to the magazines, then ridiculed Butler! Morgan himself declared, "This is too ridiculous to comment. Something like that can not happen in the United States."

But the "coup hypothesis," as it was said at the time, was checked by the special House Committee to investigate Nazi crimes in the United States. And this is like a follow-up, in exposure, of the Pecora Commission. You have to see that as a single thing.

I went through all this, to show you that what Pecora organized was not, again, something technical, the work of a good expert, of a courageous man. But it was a political battle, with all the political consequences: The anti-Nazi Commission published a report on Feb. 15, 1935, which said, "During the few weeks of our commission's existence, we have obtained proofs that some persons had made an attempt to establish a Fascist organization in this country. There is no question but that these attempts were discussed, were planned, and might have been placed in execution when and if the financial backers deemed it expedient."

Roosevelt's New Deal was therefore the policy to escape from the Fascist dilemma, from the Fascist coup. It was based on the general welfare, and the tradition of the American System of physical economy. Neither liberal monetarism, nor dirigist monetarism, it was the system of Friedrich List, Hamilton—and Lyn has told us many times the connection between Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Isaac Roosevelt, a friend of Hamilton's; this was a system of List, Hamilton, the Careys, and such European economists as Paul Cauwès, in France, only a more advanced form; Bismarck's counselors in Germany.

Roosevelt's reference to a New Deal for the entire world, in 1944, remains a reference for today against the betrayal by Harry Truman, and these people that had hidden behind Roosevelt during the war, who came up again on the scene with Truman after the war.

Pissing on Sacred Gardens

Now, a last thing, and I think it's the most relevant of all: Today, with the policies followed in England, the United States, and Europe, what is happening is a reappearance of those banking holdings similar to

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"Enemy allies": President Franklin Roosevelt (seated) and Gen. Charles de Gaulle fought in the Pecora tradition, each in his own way. Both governed with the eyes of the future.

those of the Mussolini period in Italy. And we have to remember that Hitler and Mussolini, and Pétain in France, were put in power by international banking and financial holdings, in particular, from the City, and their allies in Wall Street, to divide and conquer Europe, and finally destroy Russia, and mainly, the United States. This was their plot, and it's still their plot, now.

Therefore, to call for a Pecora Commission today is not a thing in itself, or a single issue. It is a weapon to organize people against the coming back of financial fascism under the present conditions of the destruction of labor, and the destruction and disintegration of the productive economies. The issue is, the potential productive powers of labor are being destroyed, while the relative potential population density, in the present terms, is lower than the present population density. So, the potential to feed and develop a population is lower than the conditions to maintain the present population!

What prevents a change at this point, in orientation, is precisely those financial interests which revived at the end of World War II and after the death of Roosevelt. Pecora is an example: Because he pissed on sacred gardens of the bankers, like a Rabelaisian character. He deliberately located his identity outside of the system: For this reason, he was an example for all his people, the will of a few that provide orientation and leadership to all, in a joyful, humorous way. He challenged, under Roosevelt and with him, the cultural immorality of a society in decay.

The effect of an intervention of that sort in human beings, is that human beings discover—or re-discover—their human potential. And this is the key for Pecora and the revival of Pecora today.

Lyndon LaRouche, in his latest paper ["Now Comes Economic Time," *EIR*, Feb. 20, 2009], shows the need to be effective in our mission, to understand the relativity of physical space-time, as against the linear time of the clocks: the physical space-time, which is a time of creation.

Let's now look at something. Contrary to what certain people would think, this doesn't mean superman: It's John Maynard Keynes. It means sex and statistics. [laughter] Because, Keynes himself, in a letter, when he went on a honeymoon trip (as he called it) with Duncan Grant—and Duncan Grant was the future husband of Vanessa Bell, the sister of Virginia Woolf (I'm getting lost now!)—and Keynes was writing the letter from the Orchid Islands to his former lover Lytton Strachey, who was also the lover of Virginia Woolf at some point, and also of Duncan Grant. This is like the conglomerates in London. It's like a group of people who are together—this was called the Bloomsbury Set—with divergent interests, but together to dominate and curb the others.

Remember that yesterday, Lyn mentioned the fact that Keynes himself, in his Preface to the 1937 German edition of *Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*, wrote that a state like Germany, Nazi Germany at the time, is best suited to apply my ideas. Also Jean [de l'Argenté] in 1942, when the *Theory* of Keynes was

published in French in 1942, said, "As for the monetary policy applied in Germany since 1933 by Dr. [Hjalmar] Schacht, it would be difficult to comprehend its nature and its results without Keynes."

So, Keynes was an admirer of the pirates, and he thought that England was in part created by Sir Francis Drake.

'Enemy Allies'

So, the next, and last thing, I want to show you, is two persons that fought, in the Pecora tradition, accomplishing part of the potential that Pecora gathered: de Gaulle and Roosevelt, each in their own way. They were called "enemy allies," or "allies as enemies." In fact, they were both disoriented by Churchill, and bad advisors on both sides. But in fact, in intention, and in the work that was done, they did it together, because both governed with the eyes of the future.

And then, what happens when you have such leadership? You realize that time in itself, and space by existence, are delusions, as Lyndon LaRouche has put it. You see space changing, time changing, under the conditions of human development, time and space are relative—physically. You see space changing: You don't measure space in kilometers or miles, but in the reduction of time, least time, to go from one place to another. The distance traveled contracts itself, through the scientific discovery of principle, applied as technological progress—the TGV high-speed trains and the maglevs. Time also becomes measured in social demographic terms, "relative" meaning, then, the increasing relative population density, relative again to the dynamics of the power of technology.

You are, then, in a true human universe. Ferdinand Pecora, somehow, opened the gates. Our task and our constraints, forced by the dramatic collapse of the world and society, is to bring forth higher states of humanity, higher states of being, the shared power to escape today from the *pit*, because what threatens us is a pit. That is a condition for humanity to master its destiny.

And I am, at the same time, angry, as Helga said yesterday, and very, very hopeful, being among you. I think that, provided we all fulfill our mission, we are entering a period where there is an accumulation of the power of communicating and receiving intense and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature, a power which is seated on the throne of our own souls, in the time of all times.

Thank you.

Prof. Devendra Kaushik

Strategic Cooperation: U.S.-Russia-China-India

Prof. Devendra Kaushik of the Asian Study Institute of the Indian Ministry on Education addressed the Schiller Institute conference on Feb. 22.

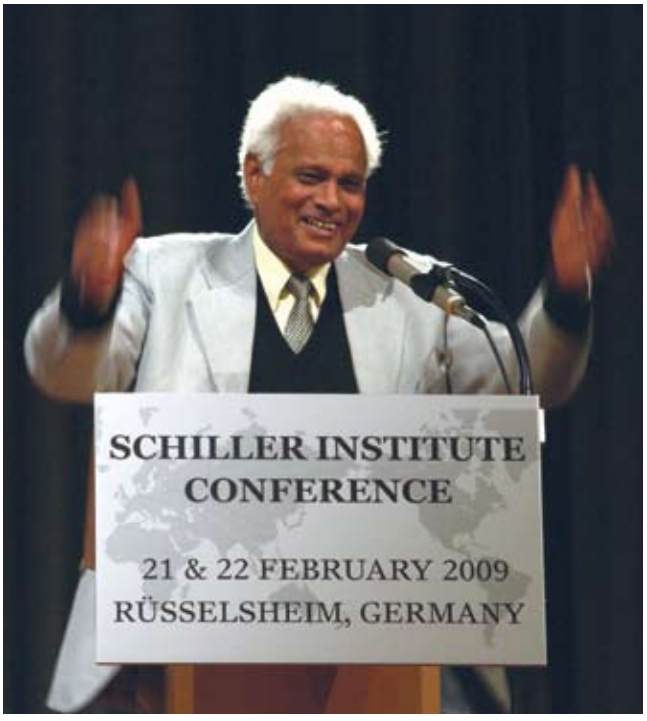
Madame Helga, Great Teacher Mahaguru Lyn, esteemed friends from Germany, colleagues from the Schiller Institute, other fellow co-participants from countries of Europe, America, and other continents. I would, at the outset, like to express my gratitude to the Schiller Institute, and its dynamic director for giving me this opportunity to be here with you this afternoon.

Incidentally, it marks this year, the half a century of my first interface of a stint with your country, Germany, which I visited for the first time in 1959. I was impressed by what in those days used to be called the "German miracle." But, as a young lecturer of international relations from India, I had just begun my academic career, I was not aware of all the complications, the techniques, the mechanisms of this recovery. And here, you know, my association with the LaRouche movement, with this young couple—ever young, because youthfulness is not measured by age. Well, his youthfulness, his exuberance, his optimism is simply infectious, and it has infected me, and not me alone, but many in my country.

I have been a teacher, for now more than half a century. And in my humble way, I'm lovingly and fondly addressed in India as a guru. But here, is *Mahaguru*, "Guru of the gurus." Yes! I'm not saying it just to express certain pleasantries, but this is what I have experienced over the years.

In the beginning there was difficulty in understanding his ideas. I thought, here is some staunchly anti-British American, who, because of his German connection perhaps, he is—you know, the old Anglo-German rivalry, and all that!—there were certain aspects. But then, I could reach the kernel of truth: this *British Empire.*

So, the British Empire he refers to, is not the British people! It is an institution, a reincarnation of Venetian



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usurers, going to Dutch, Anglo-Dutch, British, and then finally, Anglo-Dutch-British-Saudi Arabia.

It took me quite some time, but I think my first association with the LaRouche movement goes back to the period when the Soviet Union was disintegrating. In the immediate aftermath of this disintegration, my association with the LaRouche movement, his representatives in India, and here in Germany, in America, became quite active. I was a sad, disillusioned person, because of my passion for Communism/Marxism—I would not conceal it—and for the Soviet Union. At that time, I was already working in the Jawaharlal Nehru University as a professor of Soviet Studies, so my discipline was about to disappear! The Soviet Union disappears, and well, you can imagine my pride! And so, how to explain this disintegration and all this?

So, my serious journey, with Lyn as lodestar, and Helga also as a guide, started.

To be precise, in 1997, Helga was in Jawaharlal Nehru University; I was chairing that session, and she made a presentation on—I think it was the Eurasian Land-Bridge. And in that connection, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, through slides, she presented the railroads and the connectivity between Europe, and Russia, and the Far East, and down to South Asia, and the Bering Strait Tunnel, and then to Alaska, and to Latin America; and through southern Europe to Africa. Africa was not neglected. In her presentation, Africa was very much there, and I still remember, she presented slides on the screen showing that this is the idea of the Eurasian Land-Bridge which will expand to other states, and which will be an effective instrument in fighting the impending economic crisis, and staving off that economic crisis—in 1997!

Several important academics from Delhi, including a former university grants chairman, were there. They were quite skeptical. They thought that she was perhaps overdrawing a negative picture of world development—slightly pessimistic.

The 'Landmarks of History'

But then—she had just left, and the next month, you know, the 1997 Asian economic crisis blew up: '98, the GKO crash in Russia; '99, Brazil. So, it became apparent that the crisis was not just a chance occurrence or just a cyclical thing, but a systemic crisis. And then, our academics started turning to me, and saying, "Oh—how come she was so accurate?" I said, "Because she has learned this science of forecasting from her spouse," whose writings I was already following very closely. So this physical economy, real economic thing: anti-monetarism—she's a student of history. My attention was at once drawn to these. These facts were known to me, but not in this perspective! This Leibniz, this Friedrich List, Adam Smith on the other side, free market and protectionism, and national sovereignty. And this Treaty of Westphalia.

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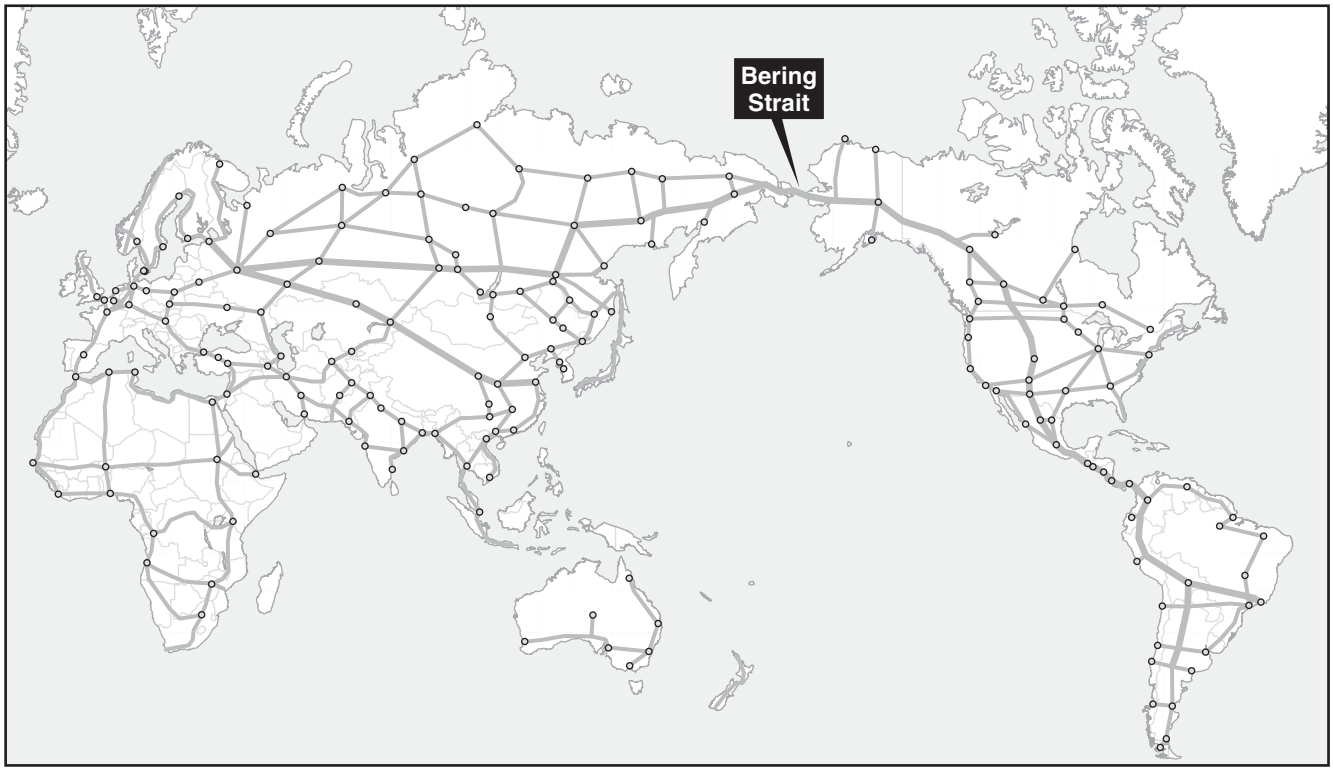
Helga Zepp-LaRouche in New Delhi in 1997, speaking on the global financial crisis and the Eurasian Land-Bridge. With her is former Indian Foreign Secretary S.K. Singh. Kaushik found her remarks inspiring, but some participants were skeptical—until the following month, when the "Asian crisis" hit.

FIGURE 1
The Eurasian Land-Bridge: Proposed Links to a Worldwide Rail Network



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These are things which are landmarks of history; without closely following these events, you cannot understand the present crisis.

And his forecast—he had been writing, and during my interactions with him, I said, "When is the crash coming?" He said, "Oh, it's like, you are with oars, you are going through the Lake District, and the Niagara has not yet been reached. So you think, 'Ah! Everything is fine, I have been sailing like this, and no crisis. And we will cross the bridge when it comes, so why worry about it—nothing has happened so far.' So that is the reason to expect that nothing happen in the near future." You cannot argue with such people. I still vividly remember.

But it happened. Well, I don't take any pleasure in recollecting that he forecast it. I mean, he was really concerned about it, and he had been forewarning, "It is coming! It is coming! And it will be a thing human history has never witnessed before, much worse than the 14th-Century Dark Age."

At that time, it was a dark age confined to Europe—a Eurocentric dark age. Now the world is so integrated that it will be a calamity. And this calamity is now staring at us. And we have to search for solutions and answers, answers he has given. I wish the United States leadership, the new leadership of Obama—he's dynamic; I have also hope from him. People from India, in spite of what our Prime Minister might be saying—there are a few people who are nostalgic about Bush, even after Obama's victory—our economist bureaucrat-turned-prime-minister, told Bush, "Mr. President"—"our good President" he didn't say—"people in India deeply love you!" And just last week, a spokesperson of the Indian National Congress, a Member of Parliament, a young member, Singhvi, suggested and proposed that Bush be conferred the title of "Gem of India," the highest honor the government of India can confer.

The Civilizational Wisdom of India's People

So, we have such people. But then, the great merit of my country is the wisdom, intuitive wisdom, civilizational wisdom of our people. Our people, *always*, they have corrected the leadership, and I'm proud of it. They

have corrected even great leaders, made them realize their folly. So, one need not bother about India's reaction in this regard. It's not the reaction of the Indian people; it's a transitory phase—some people are sorry for the exit of Bush, but there are millions and millions of Indians who are very happy about the change that has come in the United States of America. It's really changed. And the influence I got from Lyn and Helga: I have come to think of the United States as an important center of world development, and an independent center of development. It's not my Marxism—I was trained like that to think in two terms, socialism and capitalism, like that.

And of course, even today, I would say that, in spite of all its deviations, aberrations, and excesses, the Soviet system, if you just assess its performance on the scales of history, has contributed many positive things to the welfare and well-being of the Soviet peoples: space age, development of science, culture.

So, the better part: The American scene has to be viewed as an important scene, and this change has come. And hopefully, Obama—I mean, he doesn't understand, as Lyn has been telling us, comprehend much of the economic processes; but one can hope that he's intelligent enough to grasp the reality, the new reality, and take the right steps.

Of course, the people, people in America, people in Europe, in Germany, in India, in Russia, in China—people of the whole world—have to struggle for the right course, for the right solution, because there are still a lot of misgivings being spread: "Well, protectionism is a danger, and the free market should not be given up." We have this perennial song being sung by Gordon Brown, by many people. Even in India, there is a thinking that only tinkering is required, accountability of the system, transparency and things like that, but no systemic overhaul is called for.

So, Mr. LaRouche has come out with a very realistic, bold, imaginative plan to overcome this economic crisis. Bailout—nothing: You can continue to sink even billions and even trillions, but it's not going to help. And it's against the principles! After all, free market and free enterprise teaches you cannot just have it your own way: that you gulp what is sweet and you throw out what is bitter. So it is your misdoing: You speculated, you gambled. Now, you pay for it. I mean, why should you call the poor taxpayer to come to your rescue?

He has come out with a plan which is catching the imagination of people in our part of the world—in India, in China, in Russia. Well, in my capacity as a humble student of this Eurasian area, China and the former Soviet Union, the Central Asian Republics, I visit these areas quite often, and I find, his ideas are catching on. In China, in Russia, in India, they are catching on. But more needs to be done.

The Expanded Quadrangle

Well, I think I have deviated a bit. I was supposed to speak on the Quadrangle, the Expanded Triangle—now the Triangle growing into a Quadrangle. In his solution for the crisis, he has suggested an alliance, or a sort of strategic cooperation among the United States of America, Russia, China, India. But lest one makes a common mistake that it is just these four powers which are prominent and he's making a case for a four-power overlordship of the world, or hegemony, or leadership, it's not his point. As I can understand him, he said, just as a nucleus, we start with this nucleus. Japan will follow, South Korea, Africa, other countries will follow.

And it's a continuation of the line: You started with the Productive Triangle, to save the Soviet Union, at the time: Paris-Berlin-Vienna. But it was not picked up. And then the Eurasian Land-Bridge and the Strategic Triangle between Russia, India, and China, this Strategic Triangle. And now, the Expanded Triangle includes the United States, after the overthrow of the Bush regime—so, America. So, this Quadrangle can contribute a lot to save the world from this impending New Dark Age.

Well, triangles, initiatives in diplomacy and history for triangular alliances, you have several instances: the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente before the First World War—very retrograde: These two triangles brought the First World War. Then, so many triangles: One hears of the U.S., Israel, and India triangle. There are some people who are located in this. In our country, there were some people who called for a triangle between Japan, Australia, and India.

In this connection, I am reminded of a call for very a progressive triangle, productive triangle, given by Sergei Witte,[3] triangle among France, Germany and Russia, to build infrastructure, railroads, and to connect Siberia and the Far East. And he persuaded even the Czars not to go in for adventure against China, not to

3. Count Witte (1849-1915) was the Russian prime minister (1905-06) who oversaw the extension of American System economic principles to begin the industrialization of Russia.

seize the Chinese lands, which grabbed Russia into a war with Japan. But this triangle could not materialize. But it was really a progressive triangle.

Similarly, this Russia-India-China triangle in Eurasia, the centrality of Eurasia, was focused upon by this triangle, and this triangle was an expression of the Nehruvian "Area of Peace" approach. It was not a military triangle. It was a triangle to promote security and peace through non-military means.

And the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, in my opinion, with all its lapses and inadequacies, is a right step in this direction. Because it is security through cooperation, meeting the challenges of, you can say, a non-conventional nature: drug traffic, traffic in arms, refugee problems, problems of energy—security in terms of contribution to these problems. So that is how this Shanghai Cooperation Organization grew.

But then, the initiative by [then-Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni] Primakov, 1998; earlier than that, 1996, this Shanghai Five, then elevated to Shanghai Cooperation Organization. So these positive developments took place because of concern for security, counteracting the threat to the security of the new Russia in South Caucasia, the threat to the security of that country from elements of forces of religious extremism. China in Xinjiang, again religious extremism. This organization was founded to meet the challenges of extremism, terrorism and secessionism, separatism.

And to forge cooperation in these Eurasian countries, not as an exclusive club: So India is an observer, Iran is an observer, and even it is open to United States—I mean, there is nothing in the charter of SCO that prevents the United States from joining the SCO. It's not NATO of the East. It's an altogether different type of regional cooperation, which deserves support. And which I think can play a very constructive role in finding a solution by undertaking mega-projects of infrastructure development, development of power, development of energy resources, the idea of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, extending to Africa from the Mediterranean. And just giving a stimulus to construction activities, to activities through which the world economy, had it been done in time, I think it would have saved the crisis. But it was ignored. Mega-projects were not undertaken, and much time was lost.

Well, two years before Primakov, I don't know how it happened, but I made a presentation in a seminar which was inaugurated by Mr. Gujaral, then foreign minister of our country. It was exactly the end of 1996. In 1997, it was published in a book form. And I happened to argue for building this triangle, the strategic triangle among the three Eurasian countries. I thought, this is the only concrete way to checkmate the expansion of the northern alliance, the alliance of the North, and by promoting multipolarity, things like that.

Then 1998, Primakov's proposal came. India gave some qualified support to it. It did get a response. But then we got immersed in so many problems, and the triangle took time to materialize. The three countries, their foreign ministers were meeting in the UN General Assembly, and things were getting on track. Yearly meetings of foreign ministers have been taking place, but it's still a far way to go, for this triangle to become really effective. And there are many things to be done, before it can play its meaningful role.

A New Turn to Human History

Now, America, as Lyn has proposed, must join this triangle, as a new nucleus, to grow, and just to include other powers also. So it's a good suggestion, because it's a new America. It's not the America of monetarists; it's not an America of globalization; it's not an America of empire: It's America of the national republic. And there is a realization in America, and outside America, that the problems of the world cannot be solved by America alone, but these problems also cannot be solved without the cooperation, without the involvement of America. America remains important, a new America.

So, if America joins this triangle, this will give a new turn to human history. And I think it will be exploiting asymmetrical powers, asymmetries in power for collective benefit.

Many people who are skeptical of American inclusion in Asian affairs say, "Well, America—their habit of thinking in terms of hegemonies is too strongly entrenched. For the last 60 years, the American elite had been thinking they are on top of the world, so it's very difficult for them to shed this idea." But then, after all, the United Nations and other institutions, and the whole history shows that asymmetries of power can be institutionalized; some can be baneful, some can gainful, useful, and in this sense, the Quadrangle which is being advocated by Lyn, to my likes, is of a different character. It is going to help this area to regenerate itself by the use of physical principles, physical economy principles, real economy principles. Of course, I would not like to minimize the problems and difficulties. There is

still a lot of misunderstanding in these three countries about their role.

In India, we thought, "Well, we need not bother about this crisis. We are not so well-integrated, so deeply integrated in the world system, world market, so it will not affect us." But it is affecting us. Just last week, an unemployed Indian youth immolated himself before the Presidential Palace. He was working in Dubai, he was laid off. Textiles, garments, and the gem industry, and outsourced industries—they are feeling the impact. Of course, it's another thing, "our resilient economy," you know, the growth rate will come down from 9% to 6%, but still it is something. It will be there. We are not so much dependent on exports as China.

China: When Lyn visited India in December, during that period, I had to leave for China. And in China, I found it was amazing! The Secretary of the Communist Party of China, of Guizhou province, our host, and governor of that state, they said, "No, this global tsunami, it will not affect us. We have a huge reserve, 1.6 trillion reserve of foreign currency. It is rather an opportunity for us! We can go in and buy American enterprises, American financial institutions, or.…" So, I said, "Excellencies, you are unaware of the magnitude—my guru has taught me that many of you think your 1.6 trillion will bring another 1.6 trillion, but you will be the loser, your money will be wiped out! You do not know what a bottomless gulf it is, the magnitude of this speculation! So, hedge funds, derivatives, and these things.…" Unfortunately, the leadership, in its zeal for achievement: "Oh, we have achieved something, and we are immune to it." Now they are also realizing 20 million [people who had migrated to the cities, but returned home when they were laid off] did not return from the rural areas, and China is in the midst of a crisis.

And the ideas of Lyn can help the Chinese, the Russians and the Indians. Because this Quadrangle, as he says, has to be propagated. Why is America needed? Because America is not monetarist! It has a Constitution which is not monetarist. It is committed to national sovereignty, a republic. So, America has a place.

Russia, because of the Siberian wealth—I used to say, when some Indian economist was skeptical of Russian economic performance, "Oh, if your Soviet Union is approaching now 2-3% growth," in the Brezhnev period. I'd say it is still 3%. "Don't worry," I used to say, "They have Siberia." You just poke your foot anywhere in Siberia, and you can say, "here lies diamonds, here lies copper, here lies petroleum, here lies gas." Anywhere you step, so rich in natural resources and raw materials. But they have to be exploited. And the scientific community of Russia—you see the influence of the real economy, Vernadsky, and Lyndon LaRouche. So, the scientific community is there! Technology is there, mining is there, resources are there. So Russia remains important.

Indian Space Research Organisation

An Indian satellite launch. LaRouche advises India to prioritize the advanced science and technology that will drive the economy forward, gradually raising the skill levels of a largely impoverished population.

In spite of, Putin—I would like him to perform much better. Well, he has performed all right, but I was disappointed by his speech in Davos, where he attributed the crisis to excessive state role! My goodness—contradicted himself. Because, the analysts used to say that he

is moving in the direction of state corporatism. State corporations are growing under him; he's a statist in his own way, and he's following state dirigist policies. At least, that is better than following the oligarchy. But then, at times, he has a tendency to fall under influence of the wrong people, this Tony Blair, the British; and Bush, like his predecessor Yeltsin, and Gorbachov, they're very fond of the elder Bush. At times, I feel that there is a very personal rapport with Bush. So that kind of approach, you know, a knee-jerk approach. He's a strong man, a karate fighter. But you have to react from here [the head], not from the knee—not knee-jerk reactions.

I remember, in Brussels, Bush made a speech advising Russia about its place: Your place is in Europe. You must integrate with Europe, you must only aspire to be a great a European power. And turn your back on Asia, Eurasia. And, like a loyal pupil, President Putin said, "Well, we were in Europe, we have been in Europe, we will always be in Europe." Nobody prevents you from being in Europe, but a large part of your territory lies in Asia! You cannot forget Eurasia!

But, Russia remains important: resources, and the scientists, scientific community, technology. And America, because of the Constitution, not just because of the dollar, the dollar as an international currency, but also American technology. And China, China and India, we are live economies. China, in spite of the recent setback, is still growing at the rate of at least 7%, 8%, or something like that.

But more than that, what Lyn has been telling these people, people in my country and in China, is that, you see, the Indian farmers, the Chinese farmers, they cannot wait indefinitely to improve their skills. Of course, education and health, etc., sanitation programs, must continue in a big way, but it will take time! If you give them proper technology that will augment their productivity. So he's advocating for nuclear, just to improve the lot of the Indian poor. He says, India must nuclearize, civil nuclear power. And plutonium, thorium reactors, small reactors on the coast of India, southern India, can be used for desalinating, solving the water problems. Things like that. So for that, cooperation with Russia, China—big markets. And there is hope that if this area is regenerated, by intensified cooperation, then it will help the entire world to recover from this crisis.

But then, there are forces in Russia, and also in China, which just do not want to look beyond their nose. We have a very strong presence of the Carnegie Foundation in Moscow, at the Carnegie Center. And I'm reminded of one work recently published by Dmitri Trenin, "The End of Eurasia": The Eurasian concept is over, it is no longer valid. Of course, physically it remains, but it was, he says, just an extension of the Russian Empire. And since Russia is now a weak economic power, in spite of its nuclear weapons, it can no longer realize its Eurasian dream, so it must seek its rightful place in Europe, as a third-class—. You know, the second-class Europeans, those who joined later on—how many are they? Poland, Czechoslovakia, and all this.

I will just end up here. East European diplomats had gathered to discuss the European Union, and they were expressing *a great desire and hurry to join European Union!* And it appeared to me that they were under the impression that once they join the European Union, they will be in Heaven. They will be living in an age of plenty, and they will become prosperous, and things like that. And when they came in—and the French and some other Western European ambassadors were there—I said, "Ask them: Are they really happy with this community? You see people who are watching this show, this theater of European progress, the European Union, are not applauding this spectacle! And you are queuing up outside, in a hurry to purchase tickets to enter this movie which is already a flop!"

A New Century of Universal Values

I think America should be included in this triangle: You have to build America into Asian regional systems. As some ambassadors, some diplomats said, "Well, the Asians are in a theater, a cinema, and they are looking to America as the screen, without looking to each other." In a way, by my training, temperament, everything, you may say I've misunderstood America a little bit; I'm an anti-American, in a broad sense. But then, I see, if America is integrated into building this region, that will be a very positive thing. And the regional organizations in Asia are open organizations, they're not exclusive clubs, so America is welcome. But it should not be America the Monetarist, America of Globalization, America of Speculative Finance. It has to be a new America, with a new understanding of the current developments, and a new approach.

So, this visit of Mrs. Clinton, the new Secretary of State, to—I'm sorry she will not be visiting India, but

we should not be oversensitive for that. She had been there a number of times, along with her husband. They are good friends of Lyn, and they are good friends of India. We don't mistrust them. So let's not be fussy that's she's visiting first Japan, and China, and South Korea, and Indonesia. But of course, it will be misinterpreted as a revisitation of the Pact of Free Asian Nations, which had been there on the American agenda since Eisenhower's time.

But then, when [then-Indian Foreign Minister Atal Bihari] Vajpayee went to China in 2003, in his meeting and later in the joint statement, and in St. Petersburg at the economic summit, the two leaders of India and China spoke about and expressed their faith in the Asian Century: that the 21st Century will be an Asian Century. Well, I have a way of looking at these definitions of history periods—Asian Century, Pacific Century—but then, if you think America is a legitimate Pacific power, and the Pacific Coast looks toward Asia. So, there is no harm. It will be progress if the trans-Atlanticism of NATO and those military pacts, and that Cold War type approach is given up, for this movement towards the Pacific and Asia. In fact, the new century has to be a century of universal values: not the Asian Century, not the Pacific Century.

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The late Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru with his daughter Indira Gandhi and grandson Rajiv Gandhi (both of whom were later prime ministers, and both of whom were assassinated). Nehru presciently forecast in 1948: "The world is not just Europe alone. Asia counts today; it will count much more tomorrow."

Jawaharlal Nehru, in 1948, in Paris, addressing the UN General Assembly, said: "The world is not just Europe alone. Asia counts today; it will count much more tomorrow." That day has arrived. Asia counts. Asia is an important center, it has become a center of gravity on the world stage. But that should not make Asians feel proud of these developments in a narrow, nationalistic way.

I think we have tried, through Japan and China, the Asian values and all these things. But still, we have to move towards universal values, which can be imbibed by adopting the Renaissance spirit, and national sovereignty, and sovereignty of culture—as we had the discussion at your place last night—sovereignty of cultures: *all cultures sovereign*, and they must propagate their fine points, their high points. And that should be a theme of dialogue. And then, through interaction, association of nations, then an international community will be formed, based on the spirit of Westphalia, mutuality of interests: My interests are better served if I accommodate the interests of the other party. That should be the spirit. And this is a renaissance; India, Eurasia—the Eurasian concept is a cultural concept for us. We are wedded to Eurasia. Tilak's *Arctic Home in Vedas*. This route was ours: migration through Central Asia, one part to Iran, the other part to the Subcontinent—Pakistan and India—and in Tajikistan, the Avestian term "*aryanam vaychak*" [phonetic], the "Aryan space." Not in a racist sense, I'm saying, but culturally, it is "Aryan space": Afghanistan, Aryana; Iran, also, Aryan.

So, this community of our ancestors, who stayed together sometimes in close proximity, close neighborhood, this attaches us to Eurasia, which is becoming a laboratory of new experiments. It has all the potential of becoming the laboratory of implementing, working out mega-projects: railways, powerhouses, energy, pipelines, roads, which will have a healthy effect on revival of the world economy. I think this cooperation among the four power, if this idea is propagated in a big way, and is internalized by the people in this area and beyond, has the potential of kick-starting the world recovery.

Thank you so much.

Prof. Hans Köchler

The End of Neoliberal Globalization

Prof. Köchler is president of the International Progress Organization, a UN non-governmental organization in Vienna, Austria. He gave this speech to the Schiller Institute Conference on Feb. 21.

Mr. LaRouche, Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche, Ladies and Gentlemen. The topic I have chosen for this presentation is "The 'New International Economic Order' Revisited: Philosophical Considerations on the Collapse of Neo-Liberal Globalization."

Let me begin with a brief historical note, looking back a few decades, only. On the 1st of May 1974, the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its sixth special session, adopted what is called "The Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order." That was more than three decades ago. Special emphasis was made in this Declaration—and that links up to what Mr. LaRouche said in his keynote speech—special emphasis was given to the *sovereign equality of the state*. The Declaration emphasized, as a basic principle of a *just economic order*, the following, and I quote, briefly: "full and effective participation on the basis of equality of all countries in the solving of world economic problems in the common interest" — and that's important—"common interest of all countries." End of quote from the Declaration. And the member-states of the United Nations at that time also emphasized "full, permanent sovereignty of every state, over its natural resources and all economic activities." That is stated in paragraph 4(e) of the Declaration.

The General Assembly subsequently adopted, at the same session, a "program of action" concerning the international economy, and one chapter, also, concerning the international monetary system. And, [given] the present situation, and the situation we find ourselves in, it may be of interest to recall some of these points made by the United Nations General Assembly. First of all, the member-states spoke, or demanded, measures—and I quote—"to eliminate the instability of the international monetary system, in particular, the uncertainty of the exchange rates." And the second point I would like to mention here, was their emphasis, the member-states' emphasis, on the maintenance of the real value of the currency reserves of the developing countries. And in that regard, they called—and let's be clear, that was in 1974—for the creation of international liquidity through international multilateral mechanisms.

In a meeting of experts on this idea of, or vision of, a new international economic order, which the International Progress Organization, the NGO which I represent, organized in Vienna in April of the year 1979, our experts emphasized the principle of what we called "mutual economic responsibility, at the international level, and the need of shifting the emphasis" as far as the value system is concerned, "of shifting the emphasis from having to being, and from consumption to quality of life." In general, we have demanded at this meeting in '79, that the economy be founded on ethical principles.

The Cancún Summit

Regrettably, in the more than three decades that have passed, since this United Nations initiative, the development of the global economy, went in the opposite direction. I think that's quite obvious. The vision of the UN General Assembly of a new international economic order—let's just recall it that—was effectively rejected by the industrialized countries at the Cancún Summit—"summit held in Cancún in Mexico—a summit of 22 world leaders, including leaders from 14 developing countries. That summit was held in October 1981. And I should recall here the leading role of the United States delegation under President Ronald Reagan as far as the rejection of the demands of the developing countries was concerned. So this whole idea and notion of a new international economic order was effectively buried at that time, in '81.

Since that moment—that's how I see it—the neoliberal project of globalization went on, with ever-increasing ideological zeal, in spite of the warnings and protests of many Third World leaders at the time—and I do recall that Mr. LaRouche was one of those international personalities who were very critical of this tendency, and who was at the time, in contact, also, with several leaders from the developing world, something which was not very positively viewed in the United States, at the time; but which has, in the meantime, proven to be exactly the right attitude.

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Prof. Hans Köchler called on "leaders and citizens who are committed to the Common Good," to do "everything in their power" to bring to an end the global casino, with its "repeating cycles of greed."

As far as the ideology, as I call it, the ideology of globalization is concerned, I would like to make the following remarks, or give the following characterization. What we have witnessed developing in these decades, since the beginning of the 1970s, is an almost *crazy*—as I say, a crazy belief in a kind of financial *perpetuum mobile*. That means, an assumption as if wealth can be created by means of financial transactions, or so-called financial instruments, alone. And that was due to certain attitudes which include, for instance, that regulatory mechanisms have been weakened, or completely given up, in the name of economic liberalization. And one should recall here, the infamous role of the U.S. Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan at the time.

What I also would like to mention here, is that the regulatory authority of the nation-state has been completely eroded in favor of what was, and still is called, "the free flow" not only of commodities, but of *money, beyond borders*. And all of this has been idolized by the slogan of globalization. And the World Economic Forum in Davos has been one of the ideological tools, to promote that ideology of globalization.

However, instead of a new world order, one that was, for instance, proclaimed by U.S. President George Bush, father, in 1991, in the U.S. Congress—instead of this, a state of global disorder has eventually been brought about, as a result of the abdication of the state's sovereignty over economic and financial policies. And the state had to give way to powerful, but completely unaccountable, vested interests, at the transnational level. Under this slogan of globalization, the cycle of greed in which the economy got entangled, has brought about a systemic crisis of the entire system of international relations, and not only of the system of international economic exchange.

The neoliberal advocates, or the advocates of the neoliberal ideology, still insist on addressing this crisis by way of dealing with its symptoms only. And they do engage, as far as I can see, in a rather stubborn denial of reality, when it comes to the identification of the real causes for the collapse of globalization: Namely, its exclusion, not only of geographical, but of moral or ethical boundaries, that have to structure or govern economic activity.

Money: No Intrinsic Value

And let me just recall briefly some basic philosophical principles, in that regard: I think the time has come to reconsider those basic principles of finance that have been outlined almost two and half millennia ago, in the era of Classical Greek philosophy. Mr. LaRouche already hinted at that in his speech when he said that "money has no intrinsic value." It does not have a natural value, it is not a commodity like others. Its value is determined by the human beings, by the governments, by means of conventions, so to speak, by agreement, or in Greek, the term is *nomo*, through a determination, through a rule, and, for that reason—that was something Aristotle has made us aware of—one does not have to agree with him on everything. And I certainly do not agree with him on what he said about the ideas and the status of ideas. But he made us aware of the etymology of the Greek term for money, namely: *nomisma*. And that means, because its value is determined by the human being, through regulations, *nomo*, *nomos* is the name for law.

That means money is the means that enables the exchange of goods, because it allows us to measure the value of goods. It ensures the commensurability of the

goods we want to exchange. And, if this, one could now say—playing with the etymology of the Greek term for money *nomisma*—if this numismatic character of money is overlooked, currencies are traded as if they were commodities. International currency speculation as a means to general wealth by artificial methods has indeed been one of the causes of the global financial crisis, as we all know by now.

Furthermore, the value of money, that means, the value of each currency, is to be rooted in the wealth represented by the real economy: *There can be no abstract value of money, itself*. If this basic fact is systematically overlooked or ignored, financial speculation will thrive, and so-called financial instruments will be created to generate wealth in a fictitious and illusionary manner.

In actual fact, these are all merely artificial transactions, if they are not embedded in value-generating real economic activities. This, in my view, is the reason why wealth generation by means of financial instruments alone, just to name trading in currencies, stocks, futures and so on, is often in the nature of a pyramid game. The pyramid will inevitably collapse at the very moment when the real economy demands its right, and people lose confidence in the myth of wealth creation through speculation, a development which suddenly stops the cycle by which ever new amounts of liquidity are being provided.

In my view, it is important to be aware of, or to stress, the intrinsically unethical, or amoral, nature of financial speculation, whether it's currency, stocks, futures. In this way, wealth, artificial wealth of course, is created at the expense of others, who are effectively expropriated in the course of the inevitable collapse of the system, which we witnessing right now.

Recalling the emphasis the Greek philosopher has made on the unnatural form of the creation of wealth through artificial financial transactions, one should also be aware of the famous dictum in *Politica* Book I, part 10, where a procedure is being condemned through which someone makes a gain, and I quote: "makes a gain out of money itself, and not from the natural object of it." That is a real, I would say, clear-minded, 2,500-years-old clear reminder of the importance of the *real* economy. That is a verdict, not only as it was in that context at the time on taking interest on money, but it does also apply, as far as I can see, to financial speculation in general. It does apply to the unproductive nature of this kind of quasi-economic activity. And let's just recall the other formulations coined in that treatise, namely, of the birth of money from money, of the breeding of money, as the most unnatural form of getting, of acquiring wealth.

Globalization: No Moral Boundaries

And that brings me to the final, third part of my presentation: The time has come to revisit the age-old insights of Greek philosophy, into the nature of money as a means to determine the value of goods; to make those goods comparable and thus allow economic exchange; and also, into the ethical principles that govern this activity. If it is said, that globalization—that's a common dictum nowadays—that globalization has or knows no boundaries, we also have to be aware that globalization as it is being idolized, has not only no geographical limits; it is often understood as having *no moral boundaries*.

And because of this, we are confronted, at the present point in time, as has been said at the beginning, with a systemic crisis of epic dimensions. In my view, one of the basic reasons is that the moral rules of economic behavior have been systemically ignored, and even rejected.

For that reason, the time has come to reflect upon the principles of economic activity in general. And one will have to reconsider, also, the ideas which link finance to the real economy, namely to the manufacturing of goods, and one will have to seize this opportunity for propagating the creation of a genuine *new* international economic order, that is based not on the myth—what I call the myth of globalization and the philosophy of greed—but on the principles of wealth-creation that are oriented, as Mr. LaRouche has emphasized at the beginning, at the *bonum commune*, that is, the common good.

This implies, and these are just a few points I make here: Acknowledging the regulatory authority of the state, as an integral part of the exercise of the state's sovereignty. It also implies the establishment of regulatory mechanisms at the international level, by means of inter-governmental agreements—that means, agreements concluded on the basis of sovereign equality. It also means the banning of patently unethical practices, practices that resemble, in my view, the rationale or the logic of gambling, rather than of serious economic activity—and this is a non-exhaustive list of examples which I give here: I mean, for instance, the practice of so-called short-selling of stocks; I mean everything related to the derivatives market, currency speculation, in general, all practices that are based on generating individual wealth by triggering the devaluation of curren-

cies, stocks, etc. I mean making gain—systematically and deliberately making gain—by speculating with the losses of others, or through robbing others, expropriating others. And, of course, not to be forgotten, are all transactions that are based on the rationale of betting, that means, all forms of financial betting, which are still considered by many financiers as a legitimate form of their activity.

Shut the Global Casino!

What we witness, at this point in time, is the bankruptcy of globalization, as the epitome of neo-liberal ideology. Unexpected, apparently—at least that's what they say—unexpected by the neoliberal ideologues, globalization has by now shown its real nature. It has been proven to be an illusion of wealth, driven by individual greed. As such, the doctrine of globalization, I would say, is essentially irrational. The belief in the miracle of wealth-creation by means of unregulated, borderless, economic exchanges, has all the characteristics of hysteria, even.

It is an undeniable fact that we live in an ever-more interconnected world. The course of history, and the development particularly of technology, cannot be reversed.

However, under these circumstances, it is of utmost importance that leaders and citizens, who are committed to the Common Good, take everything in their power to arrest or to bring to an end, the repeating cycles of greed, which have ruined the lives of so many generations, indeed, millions of people, in the course of the economic activity in the last few hundred years. The global casino, into which the unregulated financial markets have degenerated, has to be shut, once and for all! And it has to be shut by the joint action of the sovereign states as the principal actors of international affairs, and thus, of guarantors of the global order. Only such a bold step will make possible the establishment of what—and this brings me back just to my first sentence—of what the United Nations member-states had characterized as "a just new world order," an order in which all nations can conduct their economic affairs, and engage in economic exchange on the basis of sovereign equality. This was the original idea behind the resolution of the Special Session of the General Assembly in 1974, and I guess, or I submit to you, in view of today's global crisis, this deserves further careful consideration. It deserves to be reconsidered, revisited.

And with this, I thank you for your attention.

Prof. Norton Mezvinsky

Prospects for Peace In Southwest Asia

Dr. Mezvinsky is a professor of history at Central Connecticut State University. His most recent book is Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel *(1999, 2004), co-authored with the late Israel Shahak. He addressed the Schiller Institute conference on Feb. 22. The full title of his speech was "The Perspective of the Obama Administration for Peace in Southwest Asia." Subheads have been added.*

I want to begin by thanking Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Lyndon LaRouche, and others in the LaRouche grouping for inviting me to be with and to speak with all of you at this conference.

I shall limit my discussion to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. This conflict, of course, is only one of the conflicts in Southwest Asia-North Africa, the geographically correct term for the area that encompasses what is popularly designated as the Middle East. The world economic crisis, upon which this conference primarily focuses, may already be affecting, and in the near future will almost certainly affect in some ways, the topic of my discussion. Although in my remarks I shall discuss aspects of the political, cultural, and national character of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I realize, as I have already stated, that economic factors are important and that the present crisis may be one of the factors that will prevent the kind of economic aid to help people in need and to rebuild infrastructure, especially for those who have been and are being oppressed.

From another, related perspective, failure to resolve peacefully the Israeli-Palestinian conflict within a reasonably brief period of time could result in an expansion of conflict and war in the area, e.g., conflict between Israel and Iran, which in turn could threaten economically and militarily the rest of the world.

In yesterday's discussion, national sovereignty was addressed in a number of ways. National sovereignty is an important consideration for the Israeli-Palestinian

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Professor Mezvinsky: The Obama Administration "has the potential to push Israelis and Palestinians to settle their conflict peacefully. The question is: Will it?"

conflict. I shall in my remarks comment upon whether we should expect the Obama Administration to push Israeli Jews and Palestinians to settle their conflict peacefully. It should be clear that the United States government has the potential to do this. The question is: Will it?

The Current Status

Let us first consider the present status of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

1. This conflict is worse today than it has been for the over 60 years of its existence. Since Sept. 28, 2000, when a clash occurred at the al-Aqsa Mosque area in Jerusalem, more people have been killed and wounded than were killed and wounded from the time Israel came into existence in 1948 to Sept. 28, 2000.

2. One and a half million Palestinians in Gaza and 2 million Palestinians in the West Bank are in terrible economic straits. Sixty percent of these Palestinians in Gaza are below the line of subsistence, measured at less than $2 per person per day. Fifty-one percent are living in serious poverty. The unemployment rate is off the chart. The statistics for West Bank Palestinians are not quite as bad, but are also extremely negative. If we knew nothing more than these two statistical items for any people anywhere in the world, we could readily conclude that trouble existed.

3. In the West Bank and Gaza, two political parties share political rule. Fatah, still headed by President Mahmoud Abbas, even though his term technically ended on Jan. 9, 2009, has surface control in the West Bank. Hamas, the party that won the election a couple years ago, controls Gaza and is also gaining strength in the West Bank. Hamas and Fatah have been and to a goodly extent still are antagonistic to one another, although representatives of each group are talking with one another and are considering a unity Palestinian government. Whether unity will soon occur is problematic. Hamas came to power largely because of its constructive, internal work and the internal corruption in Fatah.

The Feb. 10 Israeli election ended in a virtual tie between two parties, Kadima and Likud. Benjamin Netanyahu of Likud has been asked to put together a ruling coalition under his leadership as the next prime minister. This is a complicated process. How Netanyahu does it remains to be seen, but he will do it. The new Israeli government will be a rightist coalition. Netanyahu as the new, incoming prime minister has said that his top priority is not to negotiate with, but rather to destroy Hamas. He has also promised not to give back to Syria the Golan Heights. Not to give the Golan Heights back to Syria with agreed-upon water rights for both Israel and Syria will mean that no Israeli-Syrian peace treaty will be forthcoming. Not to negotiate with Hamas means that there will be no agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

4. After the Israeli incursion into Gaza a few weeks ago, and the massacre of Palestinians that occurred, antagonism towards one another by Palestinians and Israeli Jews is at an all-time high. Hamas leaders believe that Israel will continue to engage in an all-out war against Palestinians in order to destroy Palestinian nationalism. Hamas leaders believe the Israeli government wants to kill as many Palestinians, including women and children, as possible to achieve their goal. Already at least 1,360 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli Defense Forces during this latest incursion into Gaza, and thousands were wounded. The great majority of those killed and wounded were civilians; one-third were children. Much of the infrastructure in Gaza was

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This UN Relief and Works Agency warehouse in Gaza was destroyed by Israeli bombing, January 2009. UNRWA provides relief and basic services to 1.1 million Palestinian refugees in Gaza.

destroyed. On the other hand, altogether 15 Israeli Jews have been killed to date since the rocket launching by Palestinians began before the Israeli incursion.

5. Palestinians in the occupied West Bank are still consistently being oppressed by the Israeli government and Defense Forces (a bit later I shall specify some of this oppression).

6. The Zionist structure of the State of Israel guarantees, by law and in public policy, an exclusionist state for Jews that grants certain rights and privileges to Jews not granted to non-Jews, which include the 1.3 million Palestinian citizens of the State of Israel. These Palestinian citizens are clearly in a second-class status. Although better off in most ways than the 3.5 million Palestinian non-citizens in the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinian citizens of Israel are antagonized by discrimination in the social, economic, and political arenas; they are also antagonized by the Israeli treatment of non-citizen Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

It is doubtful that representatives of the Israeli government and of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza will soon negotiate a peace settlement. (In respect for our young Jewish friend, who yesterday reacted against the usage of the terms "pessimism" or "pessimist," I shall label my view a touch of realism; you can call me, if you wish, a realist.)

President Obama's Perspective

Can we expect that the United States government, i.e., the Obama Administration, backed by Congress, will use its powerful potential to influence or actually push the Israeli government and the Palestinians to negotiate a peaceful, relatively fair and equitable settlement, which the Arab governments in the Middle East will accept and support? My bottom-line answer at the present time is: Don't count on it. Let me attempt to tell you why.

Barack Obama is a person of superior intelligence and is careful in his choice of words. He should be taken seriously in both what he says and does not say. What he said on Jan. 22, when introducing George Mitchell as his special envoy for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is significant. Previously, during the Israeli incursion into Gaza, Obama—apart from a few platitudes—had said little. During his campaign for the Presidency, Obama did say and did repeat: "If missiles were falling where my two daughters sleep, I would do everything possible to stop that." He was referring to Israeli children, not to the hundreds of Palestinian children being killed by the Israeli Defense Forces using arms obtained from the United States.

In his introduction of Mitchell as special envoy, President Obama avoided mentioning the attack on Gaza, which Israel had conveniently called off (at least for awhile) just before the inauguration. He emphasized a commitment to a peaceful settlement, but was vague except for one specific item. He maintained: "The Arab [League] peace initiative contains constructive elements that could help advance these efforts. Now is the time for Arab states to act on the initiative's promise by supporting the Palestinian government under President Abbas and Prime Minister Fayyad, taking steps towards mobilizing relations with Israel, and by standing up to the extremism that threatens us all."

Obama framed the Arab League proposal in a misleading fashion. The proposal does indeed call for the

normalization of relations within the context of a two-state settlement with a longstanding international consensus. This proposal has actually been blocked for over three decades by Israel and the United States.

The heart of this proposal is a call for a peaceful political settlement on terms that have been and still are well known and recognized internationally. Obama's Middle East advisors know this; Obama himself must know this. This proposal then calls for the creation of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state, encompassing the total areas of the West Bank and Gaza, which have been occupied by Israel since June 1967. Successive Israeli governments at most have said that Israel would consider an autonomous Palestinian state in those parts of the West Bank and Gaza from which Israel would retreat. Autonomy here means that Palestinians could, with imposed restrictions, rule themselves locally, but that, whenever the Israeli government decided that what was being done might be detrimental to Israel, the Israeli government would come in, enforce its rule, and stop whatever it wished to stop. In other words, Israel would retain sovereignty.

An Israeli settlement on the West Bank as seen from Jerusalem, July 2007. The settlements form a ring around the city, dividing it from the rest of the West Bank.

Successive United States governments have supported the Israeli approach to and definition of a possible Palestinian state. (It is, of course, not certain that Netanyahu as prime minister will even go this far in backing some type of Palestinian autonomous rule, a so-called state in some parts of the West Bank and Gaza.) It is abundantly clear that the Arab League and Israeli government definitions of a West Bank-Gaza Palestinian state are diametrically opposed to one another.

By both what he said and did not say in his talk, introducing Mitchell as special envoy, President Obama, in guarded and ambiguous language, indicated that he did not actually support the kind of Palestinian state envisaged by the Arab League proposal.

Israel's continual confiscation of land and resources, together with other daily acts of oppression in the occupied territories, all backed by the United States, undermine any real peace settlement. As recently as December 2008, moreover, Israel, the United States, and three Pacific island nations voted against a United Nations supporting "the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination." The resolution passed on a vote of 173 to 5.

Obama has said nothing of importance to date about the expansion of Jewish settlements and infrastructure developments in the West Bank and the other Israeli actions, designed to control Palestinians and to undermine the possibility of a two-state settlement. This stands as a stark refutation of his statement: "I will sustain an active commitment to seek two states living side by side in peace and security."

Obama, of course, has not mentioned Israel's use of United States arms in Gaza or the shipment from the United States of new arms to Israel during the ongoing military incursion into Gaza. That this is most likely in violation of both international and U.S. law, is known to the President's Middle East advisors. Obama, on the other hand, firmly opposed smuggling arms for Hamas into Gaza; he said this must cease. Obama endorsed the agreement of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni that the Egypt-Gaza border should be closed to stop these shipments. The *Financial Times* editorialized: "As they [Rice and Livni] stood in Washington, congratulating each other, both officials seemed oblivious to the fact

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The Israeli separation wall in Abu Dis, 2004. The wall is extending deeper and deeper into the occupied territory.

that they were making a deal about an illegal trade on someone else's border—Egypt in this case."

Obama continues to restrict his support to Fatah, the defeated political party in the January 2006 Palestinian election, the only free election in the Arab world, to which the United States and Israel reacted immediately and overtly by severely punishing Palestinians for electing the wrong people from the American and Israeli perspective. Obama's insistence that only Abbas and Fatah exist as partners for a settlement of some sort conforms to a too-often-expressed contempt for democracy unless the masters control it.

Obama has cited the usual reasons for ignoring the elected government, led by Hamas: "To be a genuine party to peace," Obama stated, "the Quartet [United States, European Union, Russia, and United Nations] has made it clear that Hamas must meet clear conditions: recognize Israel's right to exist; renounce violence; and abide by past agreements." Obama as usual did not mention that the United States and Israel reject all of these conditions. In their international isolation they bar a two-state settlement including a sovereign, Palestinian state; they do not renounce the use of violence; they reject the Quartet's proposal of the "Road Map." Israel did formally accept what it regarded as the correct Road Map with 14 reservations to what was originally proposed. Those 14 reservations effectively removed the major substance and thrust from the original version. In his book *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, Jimmy Carter factually pointed this out. To date, Obama has referred to Hamas as a terrorist organization, dedicated to the destruction of Israel (or maybe all Jews). Obama has omitted mention of the facts that the United States and Israel are not only dedicated to opposition to any viable plan for a Palestinian state or to one Democratic, secular state in Israel-Palestine, but are also implementing destructive policies. Obama has also avoided mentioning that Hamas, as opposed to Israel and the United States, has publicly, explicitly, and repeatedly called for a two-state settlement within the context of and according to the terms of international consensus.

President Obama began his Jan. 22 remarks by noting: "Let me be clear: America is committed to Israel's security. And we will always support Israel's right to defend itself against legitimate threats." He has in essence reiterated this stance repeatedly in the past couple months. He, on the other hand, has said nothing about the right of Palestinians to defend themselves against far more extreme threats, such as Israeli threats, backed by the United States, that occur almost daily in the Occupied Territories. Obama has underlined the principle that Israel has the right to defend itself. That is correct. But it is also correct that so does everyone else.

The relevant question here is whether Israel has a right to defend itself by force. Few people believe that states have an absolute general right to defend themselves by force. It is necessary, first of all, to find possible peaceful alternatives and/or to be able to demonstrate that peaceful alternatives do not exist. An alternative in this case would have been for Israel to accept and to abide by a ceasefire proposal. Hamas's political leader, Khaled Meshal, proposed a ceasefire agreement days before Israel launched its attack on Dec. 27. Meshal called for a restoration of the 2005 agreement, which called for ending violence, uninterrupted opening of the border, and an Israeli guarantee that non-war goods and people could move freely between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The United States and Israel rejected the 2005 agreement after the free, open, and democratic Palestinian election of January 2006 produced election of the "wrong" people, in the opinion of Israel and the United States.

In the light of all of this, we have Obama's appointment of Mitchell as special envoy. Mitchell's primary achievement in peace-making was his role in the peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland. That settlement called for an end to IRA terror and British violence. There was recognition that although Britain had the right to defend itself from terror, it had no right to do so by force, because a peaceful alternative existed. That alternative was British recognition of the legitimate grievances of the Irish Catholic community, which constituted the roots of IRA terror. When Britain adopted

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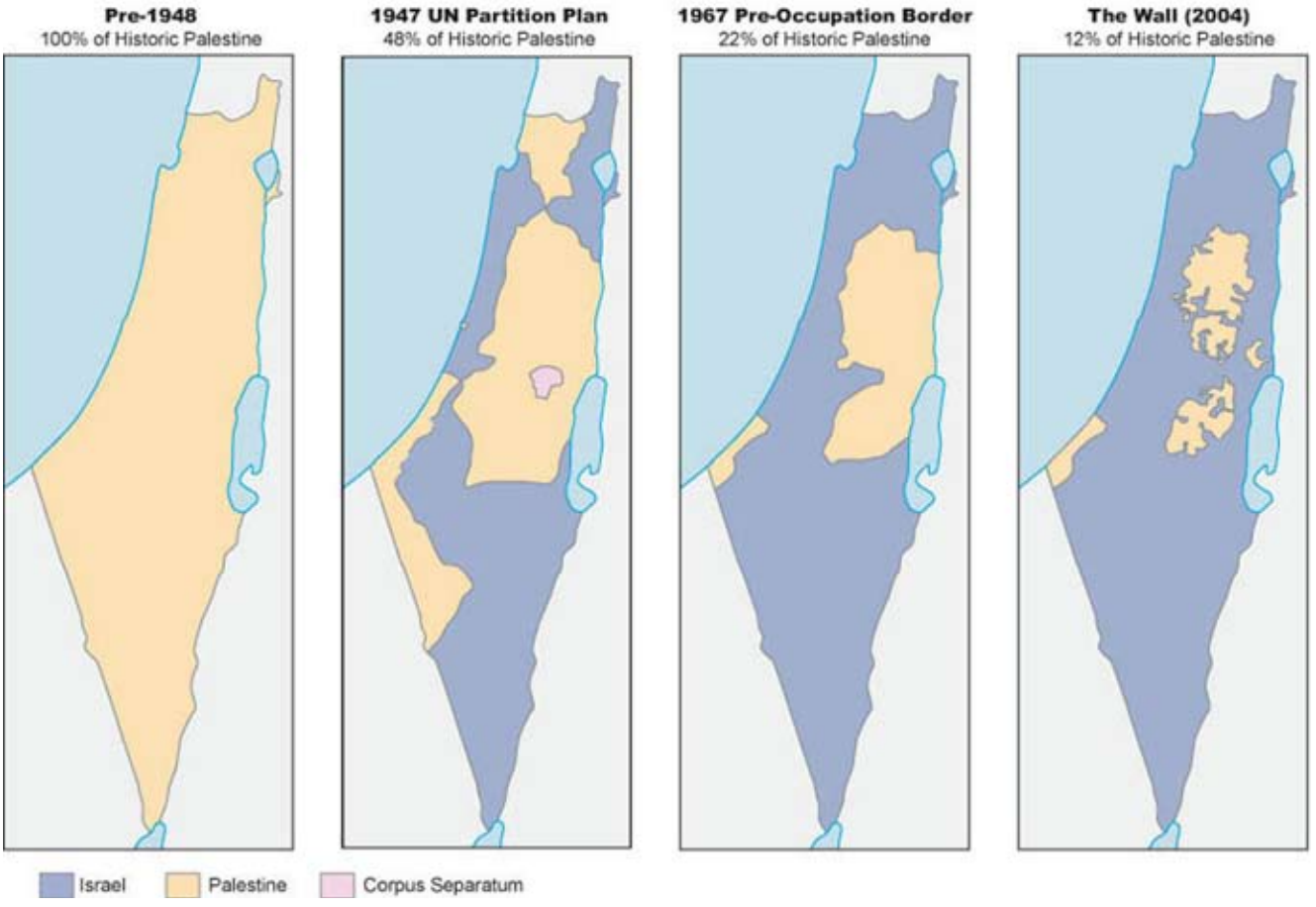
Destroying the Two-State Solution



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what seemed to be a more sensible course, the terror ended.

The implications of Mitchell's mission with regard to Israel-Palestine are obvious. Their omission at least suggests the commitment of the Obama Administration to the traditional United States position of backing the Israeli government and its rejectionist policies to the hilt.

Is the Two-State Solution Dead?

The immediate surface problem, faced by George Mitchell as he begins his job as envoy, is to extend a ceasefire in Gaza and to help Gazans rebuild. Perhaps his greatest and most challenging problem, however, is the apparent death of the proposed two-state solution. Since the June 1967 war, a two-state solution, centered upon a land-for-peace proposition, has remained the major focus of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict. Israel's harsh and unrelenting occupation, based primarily upon Jewish settlements in the West Bank, has not only blocked, but by now has made a two-state solution virtually impossible to achieve, without a drastic and improbable change in Israeli policy and action.

As documentation, consider the following:

1. In 1993, when Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Arafat signed the Oslo Agreement, 109,000 Israeli Jews lived in West Bank settlements (not including Jerusalem). The number of Jewish settlers increased steadily and consistently from the end of the Six-Day War in 1967, to 1993. Today, in early 2009, there are more than 275,000 Jewish settlers (not including Jerusalem) living in more than 230 settlements and strategically placed outposts designed to forge and keep permanent Jewish precedence on Palestinian land.

2. Ariel is the biggest Israeli settlement outside of Jerusalem. Twenty thousand Jews live there. Ariel is one-third of the way into the West Bank, but the wall, or "security barrier," being built by the Israeli government, which protects Ariel, extends further and deeper into occupied territory. Ariel's leaders and spokespeople consistently proclaim that they are "here to stay," and they continually try to recruit more American Jews to move to the settlement.

3. Massive infrastructure building to serve and protect the Jewish settlements has cut the West Bank into small pieces, fragmenting the lives of Palestinians and making it easier for the Israeli government to control the Palestinian population in the West Bank. The infrastructure building, which includes military posts, surveillance towers, and roads only for the use of the settlers, allows the settlers easy access to Jerusalem and/or to other places in Israel.

4. In order to ensure the separation of West Bank Arabs and Jews, Israel has erected more than 625 checkpoints, roadblocks, and other barriers. There has been a 70% increase since 2005 in a total area the size of Delaware, the second-smallest state. The Jewish settlers do not have to bother with these obstacles. Palestinians, however, who wish or need to travel between villages and towns, must obtain permits to travel. Even with permits, traveling a short journey often takes hours. Palestinian farmers, attempting to take their produce to markets in trucks in the Summer, too often watch their produce spoil under the hot Sun when delayed, as they often are, for hours or days at the roadblocks. Some pregnant women on their way to a hospital have lost their babies because they were stopped and kept at the roadblock areas.

5. The 200,000 Jews who live in East Jerusalem form a ring around and thus divide the city from the rest of the West Bank. East Jerusalem has been annexed by the State of Israel. It is not likely that the President of a Palestinian state would be able to have a capital in East Jerusalem and at the same time, be able to govern the people of his nation.

6. During the 41-year period of occupation, the Israeli government and Jewish settlers have made massive changes on the ground. Most of this has been accomplished since 1993, and the initiation of the so-called peace process. Consolidated settlements, land swaps, construction of roads and bridges for Jews have cut up Palestinian areas in order to maintain Jewish presence. It is highly unlikely that Israel will allow all of this to be destroyed, or even to be drastically changed, so that a viable, contiguous Palestinian state can be established.

7. Many of the Jewish settlers are ultra-Orthodox, messianic, fundamentalist, religious Zionists; they fervently believe that the entire West Bank is part of the land promised to the Jews by God. They believe that it would be a sin to relinquish any of this "promised land" to non-Jews, and they are ready and willing to fight anyone, including Israeli soldiers, who might try to evict them. It is sheer folly to believe that any Israeli government in the near future, especially the new, incoming, rightist government headed by Prime Minister Netanyahu, will even seriously consider uprooting these settlers in order to have a Palestinian state established in the West Bank. Israeli President Shimon Peres warned in London recently that any attempt by the Israeli government to evict settlers could trigger a civil war among Israeli Jews. That will not happen.

Mitchell will continue to hear from numerous people, some of whom are former United States negotiators, that, as Aaron Miller wrote in *The Much Too Promised Land,* the two-state solution still is the "least bad alternative." These people argue that the continuation of the status quo would be a nightmare, that expulsion of West Bank Palestinians to Jordan is completely unacceptable, and that a one-state solution would mean the end of the Jewish state and would put Jews in jeopardy.

A Note of Hope

It was Albert Einstein who believed in "sympathetic cooperation" between "the two great Semitic peoples," and who insisted that "no problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it." A few more Israeli Jews and Palestinians are beginning to think now, as some thought previously, about what this theory, posited by Einstein, would mean if practiced. These people and others, perhaps even Mitchell, might be encouraged a bit by recalling the advocacy of the great Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber, who argued for a binational state of "joint sovereignty" with "complete equality of rights between the two partners." Such a state in historic Palestine would be predicated upon "the love of their homeland that the two peoples share." It is then on a note of hope, rather than upon today's realism, that I shall end.

LaRouche: Your Mission Is Your Existence

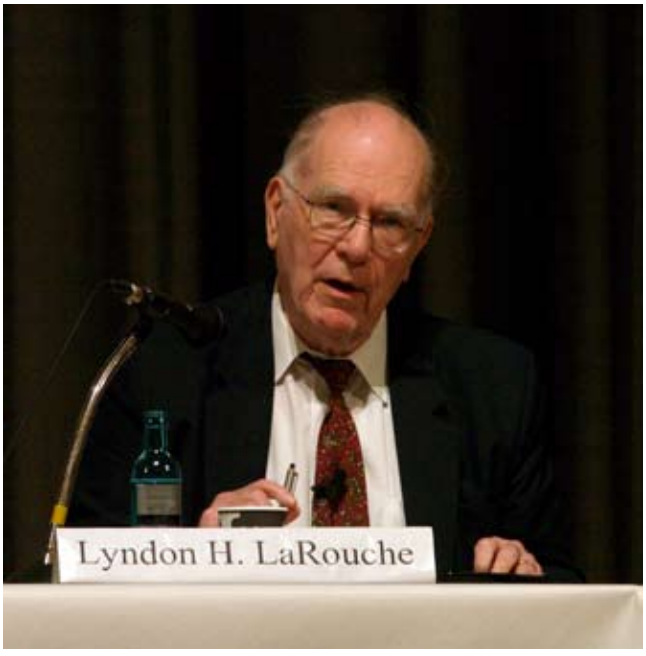
Lyndon LaRouche made the following intervention in the Feb. 22 morning panel on "Is Mankind Capable To Govern Itself?" following the speeches of Jacques Cheminade, Prof. Norton Mezvinsky, and Prof. Father Bonifacio Honings.

Several developments have transpired since this session began as a continuation of yesterday. One of them is the hopelessness of the situation, which my friend Norton [Mezvinsky] has presented, in terms of the Middle East, so-called; Jacques [Cheminade], of course, what has happened from Paris, the Paris view of the thing is also very relevant; but also to Father Honings[1], the same relevance.

The question comes up—the reason I intervened at this point—because it came up in something I referred to yesterday, in the discussion on the question of the simultaneity of eternity, in terms of the spiritual, or the idea of time, and the difference between man, as a human being, and an animal, where an animal lives in animal time—and dies, and that's the end of the animal. And the human being, if we understand human beings, then we know that the birth and death of a human being is not the beginning or the end of things for that person. This is only true of human beings. Only human beings are immortal in that sense.

We know—it's difficult for people to understand that, in these times, because of the influence of Paolo Sarpi in shaping modern civilization. Or, what it's become. Because Sarpi does not accept the existence of universal physical principles—or universal principles of any kind, implicitly. All people who are educated in universities, to think about mathematical formulas as being physical science, and they are not. There's no mathematical formula that corresponds to the reality, the physical reality of the universe! It's a shadow of reality, it is not the reality.

As I mentioned yesterday, the question of creativity:



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"The most characteristic thing about the universe is the role of creativity, LaRouche stated, "and the most characteristic feature of mankind, when mankind is mankind, as compared with the animal, is creativity."

Creativity can not be represented mathematically. And the most characteristic thing about the universe is the role of creativity in the universe, and the most characteristic feature of mankind, when mankind *is* mankind, as compared with the animal, is creativity. No animal has the ability to create a new condition in the universe! Only man as a living creature, a creature in this universe, can do that.

Now, when you think about this, and think, as they don't teach you in universities today, in modern universities—they don't *teach* you creativity. You take an aspect of creativity, like the discovery of the infinitesimal in the calculus by Leibniz; the attacks on that, came from the school of Descartes, and Sarpi before that. There's no belief in physical science, as taught in that way, of the existence of creativity. There is no *belief*, that Kepler discovered the principle of gravitation, in an elaborated process which was on the question of the harmonies of the universe. That's a discovery, and the process of the discovery is detailed.

There's no slop in this thing: Kepler was *rigorous*. He never took anything out of his writings. He added something to them, and criticized himself when he went back to the same subject: *He* discovered the concept of universal gravitation! And no one else! And no follower

1. Father Honings' speech to the conference will appear in an upcoming issue of *EIR*.

of Sarpi ever understood that concept.

So, this idea of creativity is strange to people. Because in this society, in this culture, it does not exist.

A Degeneration of Human Culture

Now we've come to a moment of great crisis, and the pessimism expressed by my friend Norton is appropriate! He expressed pessimism about the future of mankind. Pessimism about the possibility that the President of the United States will be able to live up to the responsibility heaped upon him, crucially, at this time, at a time of a great catastrophe for all mankind.

This is telling us, in a sense, that we can not proceed from the standards of conduct and belief, which have brought us to this point of crisis, and brought us to a process of *global degeneration of human culture*, since especially 1968, to the present time. Mankind has been going downhill toward Hell, since 1968, which is the zero point in the apex of human development, so far.

And therefore, we have to institute a change in the way we think about society, the way we form commitments. I see failure in the Obama Administration, in a different sense than Norton described it, but there's a failure, indeed. There's a danger, that humanity will go into a dark age, because of this failure. And the reason for that, is just the failure in Obama's outlook, or the failure in the outlook of some other people. The failure is that the standard of performance has failed! We've seen the degeneration of culture, in Europe, the United States, and throughout most of the world, world culture, in a dynamic, global sense, especially since 1968—the day the 68er was invented, sort of, was like the Devil came to rule. We've been going downhill ever since.

We have to reverse this cultural trend! We are not faced with fixing the problem of a crisis today. The crisis today is a reflection of this degeneration, which we can measure in its effect, from 1968. From 1968, we went to Hell. And we've been going downhill ever since then, in culture, in institutions, in everything, all over the world. Therefore, there has to be a revolution in the way *we think about mankind*: We have to have a new standard for thinking! Because we see that the present habits of thinking, in the past period, since 1968, have been the wrong habits. And we find that if we're going to make decisions about the present crisis, on the basis of those states of mind, and those habits, we're going to Hell. We're going into a dark age, for all mankind, a breakdown in the world.

Thinking in the Simultaneity of Eternity

Only if we think, or some of us think, more and more, in a different way, and begin to move society by our influence, is there much of a chance for mankind. And that is this concept, sometimes called the "simultaneity of eternity": That, when you think in terms of discovered, and valid, universal physical principles, and when you think about how you think when you do that—and of course, I've lived that way for a long time, so I'm familiar with this—but when you do that, what happens is, you are referring, always in your thinking, to predecessors which go back even thousands of years. You think of them as personalities, as if you had a personal conversation with them, and, in a sense, in your mind, you go back to that person *living*, who made that discovery, hundreds of years or thousands of years ago, as you know these things.

And you are talking to them, as was described in this [Raphael's] *School of Athens*, in the famous mural in the Vatican library now: You have people of different—who died, who are talking to each other, in this mural! Because, when you think in terms of universal principles, like universal physical principles, and you think about the discovery of these principles, you get into, today, to understand that you get into a conversation in your own mind, with a person who made the discovery to which you're referring. You think of them, you refer back to them. And in that sense, when you think about mankind, and its future and its past, you think in a *simultaneity of eternity*: You reach in both directions.

And because you are creative and human, you don't think of dying as the end of you. You think of it as you, in a sense, are relating to someone who's coming. You are relating, at the same time, to people in the past. You are immortal, in humanity. You're not immortal in the flesh: You're immortal in humanity!

And you have to have that kind of view, and dedication, to look at things as I do, and the way I've committed myself and developed my commitment in life: in exactly that way. You must think backward and forward in time. You must think in a simultaneity of eternity. You must think in terms of universal principles, which exist in the universe, and you have to think back to the people who made you aware of those principles by their discovery of them. And you have to engage in a dialogue with them, you wish to talk to them, to speak to them. To discuss what they did, to say, "Now, we've done this." You want to say to them, "Look, we've done

Raphael's "School of Athens" (1510-11, detail) depicts the "simultaneity of eternity."

this now; we've used what you gave us. We've done this now."

So, in our conscience, in our sense of identity, we do not live merely in our time of our flesh. We live in eternity. We're in that kind of process, where we think backward to those who gave us great principles to understand, and we think forward to what we have to give to mankind. We devote ourselves, not to what we will enjoy in our lifetime. Because all of the great things I can think of, that have to be done, most of them, will be completed not less than 20 years from now, or 50 years from now, or a century from now. So you have to think about the benefit you are creating, that you will never see in your lifetime. And you have to think of your dedication to those kinds of things, because it's *those* dedications, which will bring man out of the ditch, now.

Talking to Dead People

And therefore, our function, and I find this more and more, as I have these young people—some of whom are playing more and more of a role in scientific work with me, as in the Basement, back in the U.S.A.—and they have come to understand this concept of time. And that's why I push it at this time, because I didn't have anyone really to speak to about this, in terms of scientific terms, previously. So I do now, and we're doing this kind of work.

But, what we have to understand, as a dedication, we have to understand—we have to yearn, at least—to realize that Paolo Sarpi was an evil man, and probably Satan was proud of him: He was an evil man. And we find ourselves in a society, in a culture, which thinks in terms dictated by Paolo Sarpi, called modern Liberalism, Anglo-Dutch Liberalism, or Anglo-Dutch-Saudi

Liberalism: an extension of stealing. And we find ourselves incapable, in these terms, of thinking and being motivated, in ways which are necessary to solve the kind of problem which confronts us today. And therefore, we depend upon, at least some among us, who have some conception of this idea of time, the idea of universal physical principles and related principles, we think in terms, as we do in our educational work, in discussions, we devote much time to dead people; we talk to dead people: That's what science is. You're talking about the ancient Greeks, the Pythagoreans; you're talking about Plato; you're talking about Aeschylus—who are discoverers. You think about Eratosthenes, from about 200 B.C.

Your thinking about these people is what you're doing when you are trying to master science. Mastering science is not learning something by textbook, it's re-experiencing the *act of discovery*, that that person or those people made. And you enter this kind of dialogue. And we have to understand, that in this association that I have, international association, we have established this kind of concept, as a *goal* of self-development and common work. And we have to take that goal, which we are dedicated to, as an association, and contrast that with what is running society out there. If it's the society, if the opinion on the street, the opinion in the governments, *it's wrong*! Because the governments have failed. The standard of performance of the educational institutions has failed! We're in a failure, a failed society! Not a society which is suffering from a mistake made recently: We're talking about a mistake which was consolidated, as a direction of society globally, in 1968, with the appearance of the 68er. So, we're talking about 40 years of going to Hell. And the habits we have acquired in 40 years, which are the habits which we have developed as a society, which we're practicing, are going to carry us to doom, into a dark age.

Therefore, the standard of common sense, of convention, out there in the streets today, is doomed! And this organization's significance is, we reject doom. We deny its validity. And we do that, by affirming a commitment, not to practical considerations, because all practical discussions lead, again and again, to doom! All political discussion leads again and again, to doom! Economic discussion leads to doom! We're talking about a President of the United States and his new administration, we're talking about the probability of a doom! Of a failure!

Where's the failure? The failure lies in the habits of thinking, and reacting, in the cultures of the world today! Therefore, you have to stand *above* that level, and say: "What is *wrong* with this society? What is *wrong* with these governments?" If you're accepted by these governments, you must be some kind of a failure! If they accept your opinion, you know they're no good.

So, that's the problem, I just wanted to make that point of intervention. It's a much more complex point, and I'd do much more on discussion of this thing. But this is the key point, which my dear friend, Father Honings, has brought to the head on this issue, by the way he's presented the President. I just thought I would put this other framework around it as well. We have to understand, that we, as an association, are a commitment to *change the way society behaves!* To introduce a standard of behavior, which is appropriate to the threat, the challenge before us, the challenge of an early doom of the entire civilization, into a dark age, a new dark age. A dark age as evil, more evil, than that of the 14th Century.

And we have to think about ourselves as immortal: that is, we have a past, before we were born. We're able to reach the past by our relationship to those who represent fundamental principles, who have come before us.

LaRouche Makes a Commitment

I'll just mention one little funny example of this, which is relevant to the presentation just made: When I was in India, coming back from Burma, in the immediate post-war period, I spent some time in Calcutta region, in Bengal province region. And I looked at what had happened, back in the United States which I had left before the President had died, President Roosevelt. I made a kind of commitment to a life of dedication based on the understanding of what Roosevelt had represented as a direction, and the United States as it was expressed by Roosevelt, was something I had to commit my life to.

So I engaged in activities, and got into fights, for causes which I thought were necessary. In this process, I developed what became recognized later as an intelligence capability, and by the time I got into the 1970s, some of the leaders of what remained of the OSS, that one faction of the OSS, decided that I was very smart at this business of intelligence. And so, therefore, they collaborated with me. I have never had

a formal association, or employment, or direction, by any intelligence agency, but I've collaborated with a number of them, and I've collaborated especially with a certain faction in my own country of intelligence- and related-type services in my own country.

So, what I'm referring to is the fact that while I was serving overseas, I had a friend of mine, Max Corvo, who was the actual field organizer for U.S. intelligence in Italy, during the period after Sicily: He was one of the people who planned the U.S. Sicily operation. And because of his job in Sicily, he became appointed by Washington, as the chief of the intelligence in the field, for all Italy. In this connection, and toward the end of his service in Italy, he had a contact with a certain Monsignor, who was then in charge of the special department of the Vatican diplomatic office, called Montini, at that time. And, he was involved in that, because he was on the ground, and discussed a number of things with Montini, including the fact that the Japanese ambassador tried to negotiate, or was negotiating with Washington, for a peace agreement—which was later killed. It was killed by Truman. And we dropped two nuclear weapons on Japan—totally unnecessary—when Japan was ready to surrender. But Truman and Churchill did not want Japan to surrender. They wanted to drop these two nuclear bombs, as soon as Truman found out about them, on Japan. And they held back the peace agreement, *until* they dropped the nuclear weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Then, *after that point*, they negotiated with Hirohito. And they gave Hirohito *exactly the same plan of surrender, which had existed beforehand*!

Montini was involved in the discussion, among other things, with Max Corvo, on this subject, which is how I learned later, when people in the United States decided I was important enough for him to talk to me directly, that Max was one of the key people. And his supervisor, his boss, was the other key person. And this thing with Montini came up with him, then. He told me about it later, after I had started these discussions with him.

A Sense of Immortality

And so, it's in this sense, that you get—in my work, my history, my life—it's been like that. And this is a high point, of his mentioning Montini: That suddenly, I met Montini, back in the late 1970s, after he was dead, and through Max Corvo, who had worked with him on this thing. And through Max's discussion with Montini, and following the events afterward, he understood what had happened to Montini, on the way to becoming Pope Paul VI, through John XXIII. He was in a very obscure position, was not likely to get the appointment, get the selection. But he got the selection, in a rather miraculous way, with the intervention of John XXIII in very special way. And he became an important Pope. So, that came up again, when Father Honings told this story, the way he told it today, what flashed back immediately—I was making notes on it—what flashed back immediately, was that connection, the succession, through John XXIII, to Paul VI, and to the program for today.

And it's when we think in these terms, of going back to reference points, with people who we have not met before, didn't know before, and reference points to them; and then looking forward to the future, we find ourselves experiencing what Raphael portrayed in his *School of Athens* as the simultaneity of eternity. And it's when we live in the simultaneity of eternity, rather than in mere sense-perception, that we find ourselves with a sense of immortality, and it's a sense of immortality which meets a dedication to a mission.

And we need a society, in which we need not merely expertise, but we need people who are leaders in society, who have the sense of dedication to a mission, their mission in life, their mission in the skein of the simultaneity of eternity. And their mission as defined in terms of reference points, from the past, which contributed to what they're able to do now, and create a reference point for oneself, for the future to come. You think of your life, not in terms of what you enjoy in your life, as such, in experience: You think of your life in what you're creating, and what you're contributing to creating, a generation or two generations ahead. And the closer you can get to that, the more intimate that becomes to you, the more confident you are. And it's on this kind of thinking, and only this kind of thinking, that true morality arises. True morality arises, only when your commitment is immortal, when your commitment is immortal with respect to the past points of reference, and respect to what you *know* the mission is, you must cause to succeed, in times to come: That you must make that contribution.

Then you live. And as I said, yesterday, you're willing to die, if necessary, because your mission is your existence. And it's how you define your mission, that's what's important.

Editorial

Defend Our Presidency from London!

Six weeks into the Obama Administration, one thing is crystal clear: The British Empire, and its appendages on Wall Street and in U.S. political institutions, are totally committed to the destruction of the new Presidency, and the United States as well. As Lyndon LaRouche put it on March 7, it's time we American patriots stopped denying reality and mobilized to defend ourselves, by going on a war footing.

LaRouche said: "We are presently in a state of war. It's a war against the British Empire. The United States' existence is being attacked by the British Empire, and we have this crazy fascist, former Prime Minister of Britain Tony Blair coming in, and brainwashing a bunch of not only our citizens, but some of our members of Congress.

"So, now we're out to win war! And everything we do, every day, is to mobilize in the morning: You know, at Reveille, you're going to get up, and you're going to start fighting war! And some of the people will start fighting the war before Reveille, just to get things moving. We're out there for a war against the modern equivalent of the Liberty League, the bunch of traitors, the bunch of Fascists whom we fought in the 1930s, in the form of the Liberty League, which now represent the crowd behind Gingrich and so forth, today. So we're going to fight that war, and we're going to win it: That's our major objective."

There are many fronts to this war. While the major concentration by the British and their assets is to prevent the implementation of an FDR-style bankruptcy reorganization, the entire Imperial apparatus, from Prince Charles on down, has also gone into high gear on the so-called environmentalist front, with the "climate change" hoax. Baby Boomers, and even younger generations, are totally vulnerable on this point, but the point has to be made ruthlessly: Prince Charles, like his father Philip, and Tony Blair are full-fledged fascists, explicitly committed, in the case of the Royals, to the reduction of the human population by billions of people. They are either stopped—or civilization itself will be destroyed.

It is a sad fact that only LaRouche and his movement are prepared to lead this war against the British Empire. This has been the reality for 40 years, and our British enemy knows it well. For what other reason would they have mobilized their assets in the United States, to spend billions of dollars to defame and frame up LaRouche, in hopes of eliminating his influence with the nation's patriotic institutions?

LaRouche and his movement have played a pivotal role in defending the United States, despite the British assault on him. Most crucial were LaRouche's initiation of Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative policy, and the vigorous campaign to "Defend the Presidency," during the unconstitutional attempt to bring down President Bill Clinton. Yet, disastrously, the central thrust of LaRouche's policy alternative—the return to an American System economic policy, based on the physical economic principles mandated by our Constitutional commitment to scientific progress—has not yet been taken up.

But now the decisive moment has arrived. We're faced with a total disintegration of our financial and economic systems, and outright fascist destruction of our institutions. We have to focus on the real enemy—and drive forward for the solution which will destroy him. Tune into LaRouche's March 21st webcast, and muster up!

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  TW Ch.16: Tue 11 pm
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  CC Ch.15: Thu 3 & 9 pm
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- PROCTOR
  MC Ch. 12: Tue 5 pm to 1 am
- ST. CLOUD CH Ch.12: Mon 6 pm
- ST. CROIX VALLEY
  CC Ch.14: Thu 1 & 7 pm; Fri 9 am
- ST. LOUIS PARK CC Ch.15:
  Sat/Sun Midnite, 8 am, 4 pm
- ST. PAUL CC Ch.15: Wed 9:30 pm
- ST. PAUL (S&W Burbs) CC Ch.15:
  Wed 10:30 am; Fri 7:30 pm
- SAULK CENTRE
  SCTV Ch.19: Sat 5 pm
- WASHINGTON COUNTY (South)
  CC Ch.14: Thu 8 pm

NEVADA
- BOULDER CITY
  CH Ch.2: 2x/day: am & pm
- WASHOE COUNTY
  CH Ch.16: Thu 9 pm

NEW HAMPSHIRE
- CHESTERFIELD
  CC Ch.8: Wed 8 pm
- MANCHESTER
  CC Ch.23: Thu 4:30 pm

NEW JERSEY
- BERGEN CTY TW Ch.572: Mon & Thu 11 am; Wed & Fri 10:30 pm
- MERCER COUNTY CC
  Trenton Ch.26: 3rd & 4th Fri 6 pm
  Windsors Ch.27: Mon 5:30 pm
- MONTVALE/MAHWAH
  CV Ch.76: Mon 5 pm
- PISCATAWAY
  CV Ch.15: Thu 11:30 pm
- UNION CC Ch.26: Irregular

NEW MEXICO
- BERNALILLO COUNTY
  CC Ch.27: Tue 2 pm
- LOS ALAMOS
  CC Ch.8: Wed 10 pm
- SANTA FE
  CC Ch.16: Thu 9 pm; Sat 6:30 pm
- SILVER CITY
  CC Ch.17: Daily 8-10 pm
- TAOS CC Ch.2: Thu 7 pm

NEW YORK
- ALBANY TW Ch.18: Wed 5 pm.
- BETHLEHEM
  TW Ch.18: Thu 9:30 pm
- BRONX CV Ch.70: Wed 7:30 am
- BROOKLYN
  CV Ch.68: Mon 10 am
  TW Ch.35: Mon 10 am
  RCN Ch.83: Mon 10 am
  FIOS Ch.43: Mon 10 am
- BUFFALO
  TW Ch.20: Wed & Fri 10:30-11pm
- CHEMUNG/STEUBEN
  TW Ch.1/99: Tue 7:30 pm
- ERIE COUNTY
  TW Ch.20: Thu 10:35 pm
- IRONDEQUOIT
  TW Ch.15: Mon/Thu 7 pm
- JEFFERSON/LEWIS COUNTIES
  TW Ch.99: Irregular
- MANHATTAN TW & RCN Ch.57/85
  Fri 2:30 am
- ONEIDA COUNTY
  TW Ch.99: Thu 8 or 9 pm
- PENFIELD TW Ch.15: Irregular
- QUEENS
  TW Ch.56: 4th Sat 2 pm
  RCN Ch.85: 4th Sat 2 pm
- QUEENSBURY
  TW Ch.71: Mon 7 pm
- ROCHESTER
  TW Ch.15: Sun 9 pm; Thu 8 pm
- ROCKLAND CV Ch.76: Tue 5 pm
- SCHENECTADY
  TW Ch.16: Fri 1 pm; Sat 1:30 am
- STATEN ISLAND
  TW Ch.35: Mon & Thu Midnite.
  TW Ch.34: Sat 8 am
- TOMPKINS COUNTY TW Ch.13:
  Sun 12:30 pm; Sat 6 pm
- TRI-LAKES
  TW Ch.2: Sun 7 am, 1 pm, 8 pm
- WEBSTER TW Ch.12: Wed 9 pm
- WEST SENECA
  TW Ch.20: Thu 10:35 pm

NORTH CAROLINA
- HICKORY CH Ch.6: Tue 10 pm
- MECKLENBURG COUNTY
  TW Ch.22: Sat/Sun 11 pm

OHIO
- AMHERST TW Ch.95: 3X Daily
- CUYAHOGA COUNTY
  TW Ch.21: Wed 3:30 pm
- OBERLIN Cable Co-Op
  Ch.9: Thu 8 pm

OKLAHOMA
- NORMAN CX Ch.20: Wed 9 pm

PENNSYLVANIA
- PITTSBURGH
  CC Ch.21: Thu 6 am

RHODE ISLAND
- BRISTOL, BARRINGTON, WARREN
  Full Channel Ch.49: Tue: 10 am
- EAST PROVIDENCE
  CX Ch.18; FIOS Ch.25: Tue: 6 pm
- STATEWIDE RI INTERCONNECT
  CX Ch.13; FIOS Ch.32 Tue 10 am

TEXAS
- HOUSTON CC Ch.17 & TV Max Ch.95: Wed 5:30 pm; Sat 9 am
- KINGWOOD CB Ch.98:
  Wed 5:30 pm; Sat 9 am

VERMONT
- BRATTLEBORO CC Ch.8:
  Mon 6 pm, Tue 4:30 pm, Wed 8 pm
- GREATER FALLS
  CC Ch.10: Mon/Wed/Fri 1 pm
- MONTPELIER CC Ch.15:
  Tue 10 pm; Wed 3 am & 4 pm

VIRGINIA
- ALBEMARLE COUNTY
  CC Ch.13: Sun 4 am; Fri 3 pm
- ARLINGTON CC Ch.69 &
  FIOS Ch.38: Tue 9 am
- CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
  CC Ch.17; FIOS Ch.28: Mon 1 pm
- FAIRFAX CX & FIOS Ch.10:
  1st & 2nd Wed 1 pm; Sun 4 am.
  FIOS Ch.41: Wed 6 pm
- LOUDOUN COUNTY CC Ch.98 & FIOS Ch.41: Wed 6 pm
- ROANOKE COUNTY
  CX Ch.78: Tue 7 pm; Thu 2 pm

WASHINGTON
- KING COUNTY
  CC Ch.77: Mon 11 am, Wed 7 am
  BS Ch.23: Mon 11 am, Wed 7 am
- TRI CITIES CH Ch.13/99: Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 pm

WISCONSIN
- MARATHON CH Ch.10: Thu 9:30 pm; Fri 12 Noon
- MUSKEGO
  TW Ch.14: Sat 4 pm; Sun 7 am

WYOMING
- GILLETTE BR Ch.31: Tue 7

MSO Codes: AS=Astound; BD=Beld; BR=Bresnan; BH=BrightHouse; BS = Broadstripe; CV=Cablevision; CB=Cebridge; CH=Charter; CC=Comcast; CX=Cox; GY=Galaxy; IN=Insight;
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