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From the Managing Editor

Do you believe in miracles? Not the magical kind, but those that happen at certain times, to demonstrate to mankind that his efforts are in accord with the laws of the universe? Such a miracle occurred on March 2, with the unexpected, and historic primary victory of LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers in the 22nd Congressional District of Texas. Rogers, as you will read in our cover story this week, waged a passionate campaign, appealing to the patriotism of the electorate, based on a simple platform: “Impeach Obama; Save NASA; Vote for Me!” The “message,” as the pundits would say, got through. Rogers received 53% of the vote, in a three-way race. And the reverberations are continuing to shake the political rafters, from Manhattan to Moscow.

The dynamic of history has now shifted, from the Anglo-Dutch imperial system, to the movement, led by Lyndon LaRouche, to replace that financially and morally bankrupt system, with a Global Glass-Steagall system, as LaRouche calls for, in “Obama and Inter-Alpha Must Go: Global Glass-Steagall Now!” (*Economics*), complemented by Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s “A Glass-Steagall for Europe: Outlaw Currency Speculation,” which leads the *International* section.

Can such dramatic changes take place in time to rescue this beleaguered planet? We know that it is possible: As LaRouche has often noted, there is a phenomenon he calls “the Pearl Harbor effect.” America was asleep (although the President was preparing for war), until Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor. The people of the United States instantly began mobilizing for war.

Today, we face an enemy that is committed to eradicating billions of human beings from the face of the Earth, by denying to the world’s population, including our own, those conditions of life required to sustain human existence. If you want see your future, without the kind of shift the LaRouche movement is fighting to bring about, look at Haiti today, as we cover it in our *Feature* this week.

Now, we’ve been given a fighting chance. Kesha Rogers’ triumph in Texas is the proof that we can change the world. And the fun is just beginning! LaRouche will have lots more to say about this in his webcast on March 13. Be sure to be there (www.larouchepac.com).



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22ND DISTRICT IN TEXAS:

Kesha's Victory

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

March 3—This time, but not usually, “Landslide” was really an honest name for it. Ordinarily, a margin of victory of less than 55% of the vote cast in a Democratic Congressional primary campaign is not really a “landslide” victory; to some, it just sounds nice to say it on election night; sometimes people can crank themselves up to repeat “it was a landslide,” even on the morning after. The case of just-selected Democratic Congressional candidate Kesha Rogers’ victory in the Texas 22nd district, breaks all such rules. She won in a hard-fought election which she won, in fact, as what she had declared to be her impeachment campaign against the incumbent U.S. President Barack Obama.

Last night, President Obama just lost Texas.

She had said, “impeach him,” loud and clear, and that is what really happened in Texas, yesterday evening. Today, “impeachment” will soon begin to echo from around the world.

Yet, for what is perhaps a brief moment, even on the morning after, still today, the present Congressional leadership of both major parties still does not understand what is going on. Forces beyond their comprehension are in play.

The pillars of the Philistine’s political temple have just been pulled down. Somewhere, the voice of the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley is heard laughing with joy, for, in fact, in times like these, great and growing numbers of the people are “compelled to serve, the power

which is seated on the throne of their own soul.” There is a true “mass strike” in motion in many parts of the world, none more clearly than in our own U.S.A. Powers now among us, powers beyond the comprehension of those who have been considered our usual financial and political powers, are at work, powers which Shelley named “the unacknowledged legislators of the world.”

There is a great mass movement gathering out there, a new great moral power on this planet in the likeness of those greatest social upheavals which have been the true menace to tyrannies in the past.

That growing mass of those among our citizens who are the mass movement which has been growing since August 2009, gathering against the present Obama Presidency, are mobilized in a desperate effort to save themselves, and this nation from the ugliest echoes of the Adolf Hitler tradition, as typified by the global financial power of what is known as the Inter-Alpha group, a group of evil which has now, seemingly suddenly, been transformed into trash, even before the astonished eyes of that pack of global predators which they are.

That, in fact, is the gathering storm of political forces which are already at the verge of retiring President Barack Obama from office now.

During the early days, and later, after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the theme presented for

the purpose of mobilizing the consciousness of our patriotic citizenry was a series of films, and like productions titled "Why We Fight." All of the young fellows, like me, who recall that experience of that time, will probably recall that clearly today, even when some other notable things have been forgotten.

The alert and better informed patriots among us will recognize, that which threatens to destroy not only our nation, but our civilization today, is typified by that same enemy who places all civilization in peril today, the forces now gathered around the Inter-Alpha Group. Those are the fascist circles controlling the Obama Presidency from London; those are the international financier circles of today who fill the shoes, today, of those London-centered financier circles who brought us the Hitler regime and World War II then.

It is that against which our patriots are reacting when they rally to vote out what they regard as the strangely alien force of the inner circles controlling the Nero-like puppet-President Obama today. For our patriotic citizens generally, the issue is, essentially, "We want our republic back!"

It Comes Upon Us Like Belief In God

It is my obligation, as one of a relatively small ration of the people who actually understood the deep-rooted passions which the evil done by President Obama has stirred among us since that President's inauguration, my obligation to explain the kinds of forces which are moving a great and growing mass of the citizens who have turned against Obama with a deep sense of having been profoundly betrayed by a hoaxster in whom they had been misguided into placing their hopeful trust as recently, it seemed, as a short time ago.

When a people has been betrayed in so monstrous a degree as President Obama has, so quickly, betrayed so many of the people of the United States now, the people yearn for the intervention of a power beyond their own means, which will rescue them from a spirit of evil which seems to them as having grabbed hold of the ruling powers of their society. They pray for succor;



they cry for justice. In one fashion or another, they pray to God.

The God to whom they actually pray, is not some stranger from outside the universe, not a distant Heaven which no living person could know. They pray to a real God, whom they regard as inside the universe, reigning from within the same universe which we experience this side of death. They pray, ultimately, not to a visible God, but to His Presence which can be felt among us.

This is a God well known to the greatest intellects of science and of Classical artistic composition. It is a God known as an efficient presence; it is, in fact, the God who touched the spirit of

Percy Bysshe Shelley, and the author of the modern principle of physical science, Gottfried Leibniz, in referring to a principle of dynamics which envelops the universe which we inhabit.

So, read a few words from the concluding paragraph of Percy Bysshe Shelley's "A Defence of Poetry."

Poets are the hierophants of an unapprehended inspiration; the mirrors of the gigantic shadows which futurity casts upon the present; the words which express what they understand not; the trumpets which sing to battle, and feel not what they inspire; the influence which is moved not, but moves. Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.

It is dynamics in that sense, as the great physicist Albert Einstein wrote of the genius of the discovery of gravitation by Johannes Kepler, as knowing a universe which is (immediately) finite, but, infinitely, unbounded.

Sometimes, thus, when a people is strained to the limit, when despair envelops the sensibilities, as the vast majority of our despairing citizens are crying out now, their capacity to respond to a higher aspect of their inherent human nature, empowers them to hope, and in the power of hope to recognize that they, as a people, are given the power to bestow, as if by a prayer, a rescue from evil for themselves.

Impeachment Is Now On the Agenda

by Harley Schlanger

March 4—If the Scott Brown victory in the special senatorial election in Massachusetts on Jan. 19 was a “wake-up call” for the Obama Administration, demonstrating that the American people have turned against its fascist and unconstitutional policies, the vote in the Texas 22nd Congressional District Democratic primary on March 2, in which voters gave LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers a decisive victory, confirmed what Lyndon LaRouche declared at the end of last week: that Obama is now facing his own Ides of March.

With her victory in the Democratic primary, Rogers, a leader of the LaRouche Youth Movement, sent a clear and unmistakable message to the White House and its British imperial controllers: Your days are numbered! Rogers’ campaign hit relentlessly at a single theme—that President Obama must go, either through resignation or impeachment. His attacks on this nation—his dismantling of the manned space program; his efforts to ram through a fascist, killer “health-care” policy; his endless bailouts for Wall Street swindlers, while demanding budget cuts which will increase the death rates among the growing number of poor and unemployed, the elderly, and the sick, will no longer be tolerated.

While mainstream Democrats endorsed Rogers’ opponent, and refused to believe that any Democrat would listen to her case against Obama, the usual chorus of skeptics and naysayers among her putative supporters told her that sticking with LaRouche’s call for impeachment was “impractical.”

Obviously, the voters were ready for something “impractical,” as 53% cast their ballots for Rogers. They have been waiting for someone to take leadership, to “speak the unspeakable,” as the suffering imposed during the Bush-Cheney Presidency has grown worse under Obama, with unemployment and foreclosures skyrocketing, while hopes for improvement have been dashed. Appeals from Obama apologists to “give him more time” were rejected, as voters re-

sponded to Rogers’ insistence that the problem is not lack of time, but that Obama is controlled by the very City of London and Wall Street financial interests that are responsible for the policies that have spread misery and despair.

The landslide for Rogers (her Democratic Party-backed opponent received only 27%; a third candidate 20%) came from a population not yet sure what they want, but certain of what they no longer want—Obama in the White House!

‘Save NASA: Impeach Obama!’

The Rogers campaign took off once the President announced his intention to savage NASA, by cutting the funding to the manned mission to the Moon and Mars. While Rogers had been emphasizing the necessity of manned space flight as the kind of “science driver” essential to break out of the post-industrial collapse imposed on the U.S. since since mid-1960s, the Obama announcement provided an additional, special impetus to her campaign to impeach the President.

The 22nd C.D. includes the Johnson Space Center (JSC), NASA’s headquarters for training and operational control of the U.S. space program. The city of Houston and its surrounding area has benefited enormously from the work at the JSC, including its spinoffs in medicine and computer technologies. That the President was prepared to act, unilaterally, without the consent of Congress, to dismantle this last remaining area of American scientific progress and innovation, was the proverbial last straw for many, who had been holding on to some hope that the White House was not blind to their suffering and demoralization.

Rogers and her campaign team jumped on this, producing a huge banner, and lawn signs with illustrations of the Space Shuttle, and a simple message: “SAVE NASA, IMPEACH OBAMA, VOTE KESHA.” The campaigner workers were highly visible, at the intersections and highway overpasses through which hundreds of thousands of Houstonians pass every day; they went door-to-door, not only in neighborhoods surrounding the NASA complex, but in the run-down formerly middle class and poor neighborhoods in Fort Bend County, where the “forgotten men and women” are struggling for survival; and Rogers herself visited senior centers, where elderly have been left to die, out of sight, bringing to them her vibrant optimism, singing canons to them with other organizers, letting them know that she will not allow Obama-care to murder them.



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The voters in the Texas 22nd C.D. were ready for something “impractical”—53% cast their ballots for LaRouche Democrat Keshia Rogers, who boldly called for the impeachment of Obama and for a return to a manned space program.

While Rogers attended the “regular” Democratic clubs, it was evident that the hacks who preside over them were blindly unaware of the surge of anger and even hatred directed against the Obama Administration, from the voters they were hoping to control. When Rogers would begin by identifying herself as a “LaRouche Democrat, who is running on a platform of impeaching Obama, and implementing the LaRouche Plan for U.S. and global economic recovery,” their jaws would drop. Even those who agreed with Rogers on her program would pull her aside and whisper, with their voices shaking in fear, “You can’t say that in public.”

But Rogers did not worry about the clubs’ endorsements. Meanwhile, her main opponent would follow her, kissing up to the hacks, introducing himself as “the candidate in this race who doesn’t want to impeach President Obama.” His 27% of the Democratic vote in the 22nd District is not exactly a good sign for the Narcissist-in-Chief.

Courage and Imagination

Rogers’ victory demonstrates that the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) is beginning to deliver on its

promise to offer this nation a “new generation of leadership,” to revive the world historic tradition of the American Revolution, to take our nation back from the genocidalists of the City of London and the British monarchy, which have escalated their attacks on our nation and its people, through their puppet, Obama.

The victory also shows that the American people will respond to real leadership. Those, including her losing opponent, who claimed that the voters did not know what they were doing, displayed an arrogance which merely served to further rile up the voters against the Obama apologists and party hacks. It is clear that, on the contrary, the voters knew *exactly* what they were doing when they cast their ballots for Rogers. They were

inspired by her courage, with many asking, hopefully, “Will you really do what you are saying? Will you really push to impeach the President?”

Further, they were activated by her uncompromising message. Rogers told them, “This is your time to make history, to take this country back from those who are destroying everything which is precious to us. After we impeach Obama, we are going to implement the LaRouche Plan, beginning with a global Glass-Steagall, to put speculators out of business, and full funding for a Moon-Mars mission, as the science driver behind a commitment to build the modern infrastructure this nation needs.”

And the voters responded, proving Percy Bysshe Shelley right, that during moments of profound crisis, courage and imagination will defeat immoral skepticism and gutless pragmatism (see accompanying statement from Lyndon LaRouche).

Adding to Obama’s heartburn: Two other LaRouche Democrats, calling for impeachment, are running for Congress: Summer Shields, in California’s 8th C.D., against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (June 8); and, in the 4th C.D. of Massachusetts, Rachel Brown is taking on “Bailout Barney” Frank (Sept. 14).

Interview with Kesha Rogers: ‘We Were Not Afraid To Go Out and Tell the Truth’

The LaRouche Show, a weekly Internet radio program, interviewed Democratic Party candidate for Congress Kesha Rogers on March 6 (www.larouchepub.com/radio/index/html). Harley Schlanger was the host, and Matthew Ogden and Leandra Bernstein of LaRouche PAC TV joined in. The following is an edited transcript.

Schlanger: It’s my very special honor to have with me today the Democratic Party nominee from the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, Kesha Rogers. Kesha is a LaRouche Youth Movement member who shocked the Democratic Party establishment in the United States, including especially in the White House, as well as the ruling elites of the British Empire, with her election victory last Tuesday.

LaRouche PAC launched three Congressional campaigns, with the intent that they would form a single unifying force across the continental United States to defeat the assault of the British Empire, centered around the Rothschild-controlled Inter-Alpha Group, and acting through their puppet, the narcissistic President of the United States, Barack Obama, which is threatening to destroy our nation. LaRouche has been writing about the poet Percy Shelley’s insights into how a population that gets demoralized, gets frustrated, gets angry, and under threat of annihilation, can be moved as if by the spirit of the age, to rise above their littleness and act for all time. This is what just happened in the 22nd District of Texas, as voters of the Houston-area Congressional District cast their ballots for Kesha Rogers, knowing full well that she was a LaRouche Democrat, and that she was campaigning for the impeachment of President Obama. And she won!

So let me welcome to the program today, the Democratic Party nominee for Congress from the 22nd District of Texas, Kesha Rogers.

And also joining us will be the dynamic duo from the special weekly campaign show on LPAC-TV “Down with the Traitors!” If you’re not watching this program

each week, you’re making a very serious mistake about how you’re spending time in your life. So let me welcome, with great happiness, Matthew Ogden and Leandra Bernstein.

Kesha, as you and I have been talking, this last period, we never really talked about *winning* the election. We talked about winning the war, and if we did what was right in the war, we knew that it would have an effect in the election. How do you see this war? How are you organizing in your fight for the election?

Rogers: Well, I think that that’s very important, that when we put forth this campaign, our intention was not to go out and win an election, but to organize a new generation of leadership in the population, to change the population, to use what we saw fermenting within the population, what we identified as the mass strike. To take that, and challenge and educate the population to take a real responsibility for their futures.

And with that, with us going out on the streets to the population, into the district, where we were organizing very intensely for the past several months around the campaign, which I put very firmly on the table: One, that we have to immediately go with the impeachment of President Obama; and secondly, that we had to have an economic recovery policy that was centered on what Mr. LaRouche laid out clearly as the LaRouche Plan. And I think that our organizing exemplified a quality of leadership throughout the population, to get them out of their state of just “I’m going to wait to see what’s going to happen,” or “I’m only a small figure in this process, and I cannot do anything to change what’s happening.” But what we saw is that, since the mass strike ferment that started to erupt last August, you have seen the population start to move in a way that they’ve never moved before.

Organizing the Mass Strike

Schlanger: Well, Kesha, let me cut you off there, and ask you a question, because there’s a lot of confu-

Schlanger: You were speaking for the forgotten men and women of the 22nd District.

Rogers: Absolutely.

Schlanger: But also for the whole country, because you never saw this as a local campaign.

Rogers: Right, and that was the key: that we were moving people, that this fight was going to actually provoke and inspire a movement within the population, not just within the 22nd District, but throughout the country, and for that matter, as we've seen in the after-effects, throughout the world.

Schlanger: Well, Kesha, I've done campaigns for a long time in Texas, I know the population here. I know you've got this particular kind of ornery character in Texas, who doesn't like to be told how to think. Sometimes they don't think too well, and other times, they surprise you. Now, one of the indications to me that you were reaching people on a deeper level, was the events that you and Alicia Cerretani did at senior citizens' homes. I'd like you to describe that first one you went to, to give people a sense of what it means when Lyndon LaRouche says there is a spirit of the age, but you have to provoke it; you have to inspire it; you have to *invoke* it in people, so that they act. How did you guys do that? What happened then?

Rogers: Well, I think the most profound example to express it was in the organizing, if you're getting people who have been completely devastated, down and out, or if you have been going to the nursing homes, or going to the retirement homes. You look at what the Obama Administration is doing to push a policy to basically kill off the elderly, or to say that he's not going to look at them as valuable in society. And for myself and Alicia and other organizers to go in, and say, "No. We're here, and my campaign is to fight on behalf of your interests." To say that "we're out there doing everything that we can to make sure that you have a voice."

This is what we expressed to them. And by doing that, we gave them a sense that in order to change the culture and the thinking of population, you have to bring a sense of beauty back into the culture, and back into the population. So they were very stunned; they were very moved and overwhelmed when Alicia and I started to sing canons. We would sing canons by Mozart such as *Alleluia*, or *Dona Nobis Pacem*, and we would see the room just light up.

I know one place that we walked into, there were a

couple of older people, an older couple that was playing the piano. They were probably in their nineties. And when we walked in, they were completely inspired, by not only the message that we had that we're not afraid to tell the truth; we're going after President Obama and his policies to destroy the United States, and that go against your interests—but we're also going to do it by challenging a new generation of leadership, and by bringing forth a real culture in our society. And the music just really moved people to points beyond words.

Waking the Sleeping Giant

Schlanger: I'd like to bring in our team from LaRouche PAC-TV, from the "Down With the Traitors" show, Matthew and Leandra.

You were closely following this; you were bringing to life the image from the 22nd District—and also that of Rachel Brown, who's running against "Bailout" Barney Frank up in the 4th District of Massachusetts, and I'm sure Barney has hired two or three new consultants, and is going for an image makeover after the results down here. Also, Summer Shields out in California, running against Nancy Pelosi. But, how did you see this from where you were sitting in Purcellville, [Va.], either of you? I know you were closely watching, I know you were in touch with Kesha and Alicia, and with me. How did this process evolve in your minds?

Bernstein: I think the point should be made, that what Kesha did, and what the other LaRouche Democrats are doing, is they put their political careers on the line in calling for Obama's impeachment. I mean, we had rumblings from inside the institutions, from the organizing that we've been doing, that's been done on the streets, that people hate Obama, especially on the question of the health-care mess. But to have a Congressional candidate really with the courage and the guts to put everything on the line, to make it happen, and to tell people on the streets, "I am going to do this; this is my promise to you." That's absolutely significant, and it's created an outstanding potential within the Democratic Party, within the rest of the races nationally, to force Obama out, before these candidates even come in.

Schlanger: You know, you could see that in one of the films that you highlighted on the "Down with the Traitors" program, where Kesha is at a door, and there's a woman standing there, eyeing Kesha a little suspiciously. Then Kesha shows her a statement which says



Rachel Brown campaigns at a town hall meeting in Boston on Dec. 19, 2009. She is running in the Sept. 14 Democratic Primary against incumbent Rep. Barney "Bailout" Frank.

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"Impeach Obama"; she gets huge grin on her face, and starts pumping her fist. That actually was going on throughout the district. Matthew, what do you have to say on that?

Ogden: I remember when Kesha and Summer and Rachel gave their initial press conference at the National Press Club—that was on Jan. 12—and the idea at that point, with these campaigns, was that something had been released within the American population; something which had been lurking underneath the surface—what we called "waking the sleeping giant"—had occurred in August with these town hall meetings, and the initial salvo, when LaRouche came out with the Obama mustache, and we led the fight against the Obama health-care plan. We had identified that there was this mass strike in motion, in the United States.

The question was, where do we go now, for the American people; what do we do now? What's the next step? And the unifying idea was, "Look, we know that somebody has betrayed us, and we want our republic back"; but it wasn't clear how the American people were going to do that. So, the idea with these campaigns, expressed at that National Press Club event, was that we're going to come out as a new generation of leadership, and we're going to educate this mass strike. We're going to take something that is a fragmented and piecemeal process, and bring it into a single unified front, with a limited number of these Congressional

campaigns—these three campaigns, around a unified theme—and we're going to focus it towards bringing in a new generation of leadership, and changing the political terrain before the November elections even come around.

In that way, it was a question of leading the fight. And one of the things that has definitely caught people's attention around the world, in the days following Kesha's victory, is that Kesha openly said, "I'm leading a fight against the British Empire, and I don't care what the Democratic Party hacks have to say."

National and International Response

Schlanger: And the house organ of the British Empire, the *Economist* of London, reflected that in a story on their American politics blog, where they wrote about how it looks like America is going to go to war with Britain. It was written in a typical British tongue-in-cheek style, and of course you don't know which tongue and which cheek that is. But, as Lyndon LaRouche said, it really wasn't tongue-in-cheek; it was the British sending out a message that this is serious.

Now, Kesha, when you took off on this campaign with this idea that you're going to go for the impeachment of Obama, I guess you could say that this is counter-intuitive: a Democrat calling for the impeachment of a Democratic President. I assume that you had quite a bit of opposition, and also people who thought they

were helping you, telling you, “Kesha, don’t bring that up. Just stick with your positive ideas.”

Give us a little sense of what that back-and-forth was when you first went out with this campaign.

Rogers: Well, yes, I think the ironic thing is that once we started to go very forcefully with this campaign for impeachment, my opponent took it upon himself to use the fact that I was calling for impeachment, to use that as his campaign rally; to say that “I’m *not* the candidate that’s going out for impeachment, so vote for me.”

And the party hacks, and those within the party establishment, did their best to try to say, “No, you have to be practical. You have to say what’s in the party line. We’re not going for impeachment. If you want us to endorse you, if you want to actually get somewhere in the Democratic Party, then you have to stop this insanity about calling for the President’s impeachment.” And a lot of people came up to me, and said, “I don’t agree with everything LaRouche has to say, but your policies are good, you have some really good ideas, economic policies, but why do you have go out there and call for the President’s impeachment?”

And as we continued to go more and more into the campaign, and become more and more outspoken on this question of impeachment, people started to take us seriously in the population, and say, “OK, this goes on to something.” As the President’s policies started to come out, with the cuts on NASA, then more and more people started to join us.

But at the same time, it was sending a clear signal of the freak-out within the Democratic Party and the establishment. And I can rest assured that the party hacks are still, today, trying to pick themselves up off the floor, after this victory, trying to figure out how, after they went very strongly against my call for impeachment (especially with the nominal candidate of the Democratic Party saying, “I’m not like Kesha; I’m not going for impeachment,” receiving only 27% of the vote)—when I went out very strongly in the population, not pulling any punches on this, and received 53% of the vote: They’re still trying to figure out, how in the world did that happen?

Schlanger: I’d also like you to comment on a comment made by an aide to your opponent in November, Pete Olson, who’s the incumbent—and clearly they’re watching these results very closely. There’s an article in today’s *Houston Chronicle*—and I must say, having

fought the *Chronicle* for many years, and my wife Susan cut her teeth digging into *Chronicle* reporters over the years to try to get them to be honest—in today’s paper, there’s a relatively honest story. They quote your opponent’s aide, who said, “Perhaps you wonder whether the Democrats in this district have profoundly changed their views on the President, because she didn’t hide her position.” I think that’s what you found, isn’t it? The Democrats, once someone said the “unspeakable,” and said Obama has to go, you did get responses from people.

Rogers: Absolutely. That’s what people were looking for. Once there was somebody who had the guts to tell the truth, to go out there and say, “You don’t need to be afraid. Come out; come out of your hidey holes and fight with us,” that’s what people started to do. And, it was very clear that population broke from the practical standards that were put forth in the Democratic Party, and took our initiative, as we were going out and saying this is not a fight about Democrats vs. Republicans, but a fight of real patriots vs. the traitors to the nation. And people took that, and really started to run with it, as we saw from the election results. . . .

Awakening the FDR Tradition

Schlanger: There are some people, mostly a bunch of degenerate tweeners in Austin, who are trying to figure out a way how to do something to un-elect you. Their quarrel is not with you; it’s with the voters. And it’s clear that the White House has been afraid, thus far, to say anything. We saw Robert Gibbs dance around this the other day, when he was asked, what about Kesha Rogers in the 22nd District? He started babbling about bipartisanship; he might as well have been talking about unicorns and fairies.

So, the question comes up, who is a Democrat? Because, some of these people are saying, “Well, Kesha’s not really a Democrat.” But in today’s *Chronicle*, it also identified the Harris County Democratic Party chairman, who said that LaRouche’s ideas and Kesha’s ideas are those of Franklin Roosevelt. So, how important do you think it is that you’re putting forward the traditional views of the real Democrats before the tutti-frutti Democrats like Al Gore took over? How significant is that for your district?

Rogers: This is very important. One thing about the reaction from the White House right now, is that Obama made it clear that he was *not* going to re-inspire, or re-invigorate the ideas of the Franklin Roosevelt legacy, or



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Summer Shields, who is running for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's seat in Congress, organizes at a student demonstration at the Civic Center in San Francisco on March 4.

interest of the enemies of the United States, and what our U.S. Constitution and our U.S. Preamble and republic represent. And so, I think it's clear right now, that what Mr. LaRouche has laid out, and what he's going to continue to emphasize in his upcoming webcast [March 13]—that the Ides of March is rapidly approaching the Obama Administration, and it's coming more quickly than you can imagine—is very appropriate, because Obama is on the way out. Many people know that. That's why his administration has held back from responding to what just happened in the 22nd District with my campaign nomination for the Democratic Party. . . .

the John F. Kennedy legacy in the Democratic Party. That that was old news and it should be thrown out the window. And we have seen from his policies, that he has taken to spitting on the grave and the legacy of President Roosevelt.

And this is what the Obama Administration is responding to in this victory: that they know that what LaRouche has been fighting for, and what my campaign and the campaigns of Rachel and Summer have continued to represent, is a re-energizing of the spirit and the tradition of President Lincoln, who fought very strongly and powerfully, should I say, against the British Empire, against the forces of Wall Street and London—and especially Roosevelt. Roosevelt with his policy of Glass-Steagall, his policy of bankruptcy reorganization; going in the first 100 days and completely transforming the government by shutting down the banks, and saying that we are going to put the banks through bankruptcy reorganization, we are going to sort out the dirty Wall Street and London financial interests from that which is legitimate.

That's what we're fighting to bring back today, and this is what scares the hell out of not only the Obama Administration, but those who continue to act in the

Schlanger: Kesha, you wanted to bring something up in conclusion?

Rogers: Yes, very important: I think that it's important to tell the audience and the listeners and the voters, that the fight's not over. I know that people have the tendency, that once they go to the voting polls, they pull the lever, they vote for the candidates, and say, "I've done my job, so it's over." But, no, what we're trying to inspire in people is that we're building a movement, we're going out and educating the mass of the population that you have to understand your role in history, and participate in this fight to save the Republic.

So, as we continue in the next eight months here, with Rachel's campaign and Summer's campaign, people should understand that that's our objective, that they have to continue to back our campaigns, to contribute, to be a part of the process of educating a new generation of leadership within the population and of taking responsibility for our republic and for their futures. And so, anybody who thinks that they just went out and voted and that was said and done, is highly mistaken. And they have to start to think about what they're going to do now, to continue this fight with us.

OBAMA AND INTER-ALPHA MUST GO:

Global Glass-Steagall Now!

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

March 2, 2010

At New York's Queens College, on Dec. 2, 1971, I subjected pro-Keynes Professor Abba Lerner to a humiliating defeat in a widely celebrated debate which centered on the implications of the specific issue of a proposed, fascist form of monetarist policy for Brazil. That year, that policy, led by Lord Jacob Rothschild, was being launched in Brazil. It is known today as the operations of the Inter-Alpha Group. Today, the harvest of the launching of that very same policy of the Inter-Alpha Group over the 1971-2010 interval has brought the economy of the entire world to the brink of collapse into a world-wide crisis which is to be fairly compared to a November breakdown-crisis of the economy of the entire planet.

At this moment, the United States, in California and elsewhere, is hovering at the point of a general breakdown-crisis of not only the entirety of the U.S. economy, but a chain-reaction collapse of every part of the economy of the world. Any contrary estimate is either a product of ignorant foolishness, or just another, damned Obama Administration lie. The immediate fate of every part of the planet now depends upon the immediate ouster of President Barack Obama from the office of the U.S. President.

There is an option. If a significant portion among the present nations of the world, will join with the United States of America in subjecting every part of the planet, implicitly, to the only available remedy to this onrushing, planet-wide disaster, the imposition of what is

known as a strict form of a "Glass-Steagall" standard among the nations of the world, the presently onrushing general breakdown-crisis can be halted abruptly, and an infrastructure-building-based, physical economic recovery launched among a global set of nations organized as a fixed-exchange-rate system of long-term credit.

It must be plainly stated, that an emergency reform of that type would virtually wipe out the nominal claims associated with such financier complexes as the Inter-Alpha hyperinflationary bubble. The time for that Inter-Alpha has come, and gone over the course of the recent four decades; the time for the spirit of President Franklin Roosevelt has come again. There is no other practical option but this for humanity at large.

The intent of this emergency reform includes a commitment to rescue those banking and related institutions which can meet the Glass-Steagall standard, even if the relevant institution remains under protection of bankruptcy law for an extended period of its reorganization. The points to be emphasized on that account, are the following.

The recovery of an otherwise doomed planetary economy, now depends upon a fixed-exchange-rate system of long-term credit at rates below 2% per annum. The chief driver of the economic recovery and security of the nations of the planet, must come, presently, from emphasis on long-term investments in basic economic infrastructure in the categories of high-energy-flux density power systems, modern mass-transit systems, greatly expanded systems of enlarged capacities in water-management, emphasizing potable water, and



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The chief driver of the economic recovery and security of the nations of the planet must come from long-term investments in basic economic infrastructure. Shown: Dalles Dam and powerhouse in Oregon, with Mt. Hood in the distance.

expanded systems of general health-care and education in support of the development of populations designed in a accord with very-high-energy-flux-density power-sources and modes of physical development of the economies of the world.

Therefore, the driver employed to halt the presently onrushing collapse of the physical economies and populations of the nations, per capita, must be led by the role of development of modern basic economic infrastructure as the origin of the market for the progressive development of agriculture and industry through the cooperative role of national governments and banking systems which meet the requirements for a Glass-Steagall standard.

The measures to be taken immediately, to this effect, are feasible and will be successful if there is the kind of aggressively pro-development orientation I have implied here.

The world no longer has any need for gigantic schemes of the types associated with the Inter-Alpha organization. The loss of Wall Street will be no loss to present or future humanity.

What I have outlined, while immediately a summary, is nonetheless the only option available for the United States of America, among others, during the duration of the present calendar year. The effort will succeed, provided we find the political leaders with the guts to launch and support the job to be done now.

The Inter-Alpha Group

Why It Must Be Destroyed—and How

by John Hoefle

March 5—With every passing day, the demands for fascist austerity coming from the financiers of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal empire grow louder. Governments worldwide are being told that they must slash their budgets, cut their services, shred their social safety nets, and cast their populations to the wolves, all in the name of “fiscal responsibility.” “All available resources must be funneled to us,” the financiers shriek. “We need the money, and the people must fend for themselves!”

At the same time, the financier networks that are making these inhuman demands are continuing to loot the planet through a variety of open and hidden bailout schemes, currency manipulations, derivatives scams—in short, these sanctimonious and hypocritical bastards continue to steal us all blind—destroying the basis for our very existence.

Lyndon LaRouche has identified the financial group at the center of this conspiracy as the Inter-Alpha Group, a financial syndicate controlled by Lord Jacob Rothschild, the British baron and financier. We shall lift the rock and let the sunlight shine on this group of parasites, both as a public service, and for the enjoyment of watching these pests scurry back into the darkness of their crypt.

Identifying them, though, is only the beginning. It is our intention to destroy the Inter-Alpha Group and the monetary system it represents, as a prerequisite to a genuine global recovery. If humanity is to survive, the Inter-Alpha Group must be destroyed.

A Legion of Parasites

The Inter-Alpha Group was formed in 1971, as a syndicate of six European banks. Its composition has changed over the years, as it adapted to changing circumstances, but its essence as a tool for destroying nation-states and their populations for the glory of the British Empire has not changed a whit.

The Rothschild family has been a power in world finance since the 1700s, emerging from Frankfurt and establishing additional banks in London, Paris, Vienna, and Naples. The family operates according to the Venetian method, not being tied to any particular nation, but to an imperial oligarchy which sees itself above the level of mere nations, viewing them as colonies with no real sovereignty. The empire exists by playing nations against each other, drawing them deep into debt, and taking control over their issuance of money through the mechanism of so-called “independent” central banks.

The family was picked up in the early years by a network of Venetian operatives in Germany, including the powerful Thurn und Taxis family of the Venetian intelligence service. This was the source of the Rothschilds’ notorious intelligence and courier network, which allowed them to trade on inside information, in a



The Anglo-Venetian Inter-Alpha Group of banks is a conduit for Europe’s oligarchic families, notably the Rothschilds, who specialize in dirty money operations for the empire. Lord Jacob Rothschild (shown here) runs the syndicate.

way that made them filthy rich and gave them the power to defeat their rivals. Behind the Rothschilds, stands Venice. That is crucial to understanding not only their history, but their current operations.

The Rothschilds specialize in dirty money operations for this Anglo-Venetian empire, and the Inter-Alpha Group reflects that role. The banks in the group represent the family funds (or *fondi*) of some of the most powerful families in Europe, and provide a mechanism for those funds to be deployed, hidden from public view. These old families, located in enclaves across Europe, wield enormous power, but do so discreetly, to keep their power and influence hidden from the general public.

As with certain insects, darkness

is essential to their survival.

The founding banks themselves were hardly household names, even in 1971: Williams & Glyn’s Bank of England; BHF-Bank of Germany; Banco Ambrosiano of Italy; Crédit Commercial de France of France; Kredietbank of Luxembourg; and Nederlandsche Middenstands Bank of the Netherlands. Williams & Glyn’s was a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland, bankers to the opium-running British East India Company, the Venetian-controlled company which became the British Empire (as did Rothschild). These banks all serve as “private bankers,” specializing in managing the *fondi* of the imperial elite.

The Inter-Alpha Group is a conduit for these oligarchic families, and their wealth and power. It represents a predatory system which exists by keeping mankind as peasants, to be looted as required, and cast aside when they are no longer useful. It is the face of the enemy.

A Medieval Model

The medieval system of private banking, which the Inter-Alpha Group represents, is the key to understanding how a relatively small group of oligarchs has controlled the planet for centuries. Pooling their resources

through these private banks, the oligarchs leverage their considerable collective wealth into control over large sections of finance and commerce. They specialize in corruption, bribing those who help them, and destroying those who refuse. They run the central banks of most nations, controlling both the price and supply of money, usurping the power of governments for their own tawdry purposes. They manipulate markets, jack up our prices where ever they can, and, in general, lie, cheat, and steal, as both an impulse and a tactic.

As Lyndon LaRouche reports in his accompanying article, Jacob Rothschild has been pushing fascist monetary policies upon Brazil since 1971. Those policies were at the center of the debate that same year between LaRouche and Prof. Abba Lerner, the prominent economist, deployed by the bankers to put LaRouche in his place. Instead, LaRouche destroyed Lerner, forcing the professor to blurt out that, in his view, had Germany capitulated to the bankers' demands, "Hitler would not have been necessary."

Lerner's revealing comment, essentially admitting that the bankers created Hitler for their own purposes, is highly relevant today, as the bankers demand austerity worldwide—including in the U.S., where the Obama Administration relentlessly pushes its fascist agenda.

Lord Rothschild is still after Brazil, in particular, through the Inter-Alpha Group's Banco Santander's role in the Brazilian carry trade. Despite the trillions of dollars of bailout money from the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, the British Empire is still hopelessly broke. Thus, the spectacle of the lords of the empire robbing the Brazilians blind, in the hope of sucking the last dollar out of a dying world, before it all collapses.

Enforce the Law

The way to defeat this lawless imperial mob is to use the power of the nation-state. The empire, as a predatory phenomenon, essentially operates according to

The Inter-Alpha Group, 2010

- Royal Bank of Scotland, U.K.
- Banco Santander, Spain
- Société Générale, France
- Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy
- ING, The Netherlands
- Commerzbank, Germany
- AIB, Ireland
- KBC Group, Belgium
- Nordea Bank, Sweden
- National Bank of Greece, Greece
- Banco Espírito Santo, Portugal

the law of the jungle, where the strong eat the weak. It survives by bestializing man, making him a slave to his impulses and senses. Basically, it survives by making sure that its subjects are too stupid and self-absorbed to effectively resist imperial rule. (Sound familiar?)

The highest expression of the principle of the nation-state in history, on the other hand, is found in the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution, which both reject the oligarchic model and establish a new form of government based upon protecting the rights and potentials of its citizens.

The Declaration of Independence clearly states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This is direct rejection of the oligarchic system, with its lords and peasants, its power of a small elite to do as it pleases, without regard for the rest of humanity. It is also in violation of the foundation of U.S. law. Which means, in turn, that it is *illegal* for Lord Jacob Rothschild and his pack of Inter-Alpha predators to operate in the United States.

Therefore, *any and all licenses which permit members and affiliates of the Inter-Alpha Group to operate in any capacity in the United States must be summarily revoked.*

That will accomplish a great deal by itself. Most of the banks of the Inter-Alpha Group, which now number 11, have operations in the U.S., some of them quite extensive. The infamous Banco Santander of Spain, for example, owns Sovereign Bancorp of Philadelphia. The U.S. government must seize Sovereign, and either return it to independence or sell it. Banco Santander, as an illegal operation, would not be entitled to any compensation, and neither would it have any standing to sue. We cannot put foreign bankers in jail, but we can shut them down here.

We also must seize any and all records held in their

U.S. offices, to facilitate a Pecora Commission-style investigation. With, of course, an eye to prosecution where laws have been violated.

Such a unilateral assertion of sovereignty by the U.S. will serve as a signal to other nations that they, too, would be free to defend their peoples, and as a signal to the empire that its rule had ended.

The British Empire, thoroughly bankrupt financially, morally, and culturally, will howl. It will puff itself up and bluster unimaginable threats. It will lash out and kill, as it has so often in the past. But it will also collapse, because the oligarchic system is no match for nation-states that act in concert with the principles upon which the United States was founded.

We need to take the Queen, Lord Jacob, and their pretentious aristocratic and financier coterie, and put them in a zoo somewhere, so that future generations can see what life was like during the Middle Ages, while the rest of us move forward building a prosperous and civilized future.

Global Glass-Steagall

With the predators safely caged, we can begin the task of sorting out the mess they created. The standard to be used to reorganize the banking system is simple: If an activity or a debt is related to useful physical-economic activity, it will be protected; if it's not, it's toast. All existing derivatives contracts will be declared null and void—and all future ones outlawed—eliminating the need to sort through quadrillions of dollars of worthless transactions, and eliminating all claims associated with them: Sorry, guys, your casino went broke, and your chips are worthless.

Under the new re-regulation, banks will be subject to stringent regulation, designed to prohibit the practices which got us into so much trouble. The line between commercial banking and speculation will be rigid, and enforced ruthlessly. No more using customer deposits to play the casino.

We will take back the bailout funds, and apply them to rebuilding the nation. We will take special glee in taking back the funds from those Inter-Alpha banks—Royal Bank of Scotland, Banco Santander, Société Générale, ING, and Dresdner (now Commerzbank)—that received money under the AIG credit default swap payoff scam.

Such moves will dramatically change the face of banking. Nearly all of the bozos so praised by the

hacks at the *Wall Street Urinal* and *New York Slimes* will be sent packing. Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein will have to find another way of doing “God’s work,” if he knows how. Maybe we’ll give him a prominent spot in the zoo, along with Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase. Once these pseudo-bankers are out of the way, real bankers can take over, men and women committed to building their communities and raising the standards of living for the people as a whole. There are such people out there, just waiting for the chance to clear out the roulette wheels and return to making loans.

A further exercise in national sovereignty will be the return to a credit system. The Constitution makes clear that the power to authorize the issuance of national credit resides in Congress, *and Congress alone*. We take the Federal Reserve and put it into receivership, and replace it with a Third National Bank of the United States. That bank will be the vehicle for moving the credit authorized by Congress, into the hands of the intended recipients.

That credit will go, at low interest rates, to fund the rebuilding of the U.S. economy, and to protect the people whose lives have been destroyed by the parasites and their casino. The people will be protected by a social safety net. Essential services will continue—public education, health care, police and fire protection—while we put the nation back on its feet.

We will begin to put our people back to work, in productive jobs. Our youth, instead of twittering their lives away, can be deployed to help rebuild the nation, on the model of Franklin Roosevelt’s Civilian Conservation Corps. We can train a whole new generation in the principles of physical economics and science, preparing them for careers in the new industries that will be created from the breakthroughs in science and technology they will help make. Some will become astronauts, to lead mankind back to the Moon, then to Mars and beyond.

All of this is necessary, if we are to survive the current crisis. But it is also easily within our grasp, if we summon the political will as a nation to do it. And if we take the lead, as we have done before, the rest of the world will follow us. Europe and the United Kingdom might take a while, but even they will eventually cast off their aristocrats and join the future. It’s time to let the Middle Ages go.

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The California Lord Rothschild Hath Wrought

by Harley Schlanger and Nancy Spannaus

March 6—There is no way to understand the current and future disintegration of the state of California, without identifying the central role of financial kingpin and nation-destroyer, Lord Jacob Rothschild, of the Inter-Alpha Group. It was Lord Rothschild and his fellow financiers who gave the green light to fascist George Shultz's Schwarzenegger Project, at a vetting session at one of Rothschild's country estates, on Sept. 23, 2002. And it is Arnold Schwarzenegger, as chief thug and governor of California, who has systematically done the bidding of his financier sponsors, with the devastating results for the population which are now apparent to all.

A Page from the 14th Century

The setting was Waddesdon Manor, a huge baroque palace outside London, built by the Rothschild family in the 1980s. The time, late September 2002. The occasion was a conference sponsored by Lord Jacob Rothschild and Warren Buffett, the second-richest man in the world, and a confirmed devotee of the goal of reducing world population. The official agenda was the escalating crisis in the Middle East, and the global economic collapse, which showed every prospect of turning into a global depression.

Among the guests was movie star, body-builder, and Hitler-admirer Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had not yet decided to enter politics, but was brought by his good friend Buffett (later his official economic advisor) to mingle with the political and economic elite, including World Bank president James Wolfensohn, former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, the CEOs of leading global corporations, and certain hand-picked, trusted journalists.

It was from one of these journalists, senior London *Times* columnist Anatole Kaletsky, that the public learned of the character of this private gathering. "Everything about this gathering made me think of Boccaccio,"

Kaletsky wrote in his Sept. 26, 2002 column, referring to the famous 14th-Century Italian author of the *Decameron*, who wrote ironically how the rich had turned away from the horrors of life amidst the plague. "The conference agenda made me think of Boccaccio's sybarites, eating sweetmeats on their hilltop outside Florence, as plague ravaged the world outside."

Kaletsky went on to say that the meeting not only discussed the inevitability of war against Iraq, but, even grimmer, the disastrous economic outlook which the "experts" present declared they were impotent to stop.

The Man for the Job

While Kaletsky doesn't discuss details, there is no question but that certain proposals to meet the coming crises were also discussed at this gathering. Among them, history bears out, was the seal of approval given to Arnold Schwarzenegger to play a major role in the period of economic devastation ahead.

Less than one year later, Schwarzenegger, with Buffett at his side, plunged into the race to replace Democratic California Gov. Gray Davis in a recall election—and took the prize. Since then, he has successfully carried out the New Dark Age mission of the Rothschild group, driving California into the status of an ungovernable state no longer capable of sustaining its 35-plus million population.

For the last seven years, the "Governator" has mugged and bullied his way through one short-term legislative budget compromise after another, each one worse than the last. He has achieved balanced budgets by cutting key components of the state's social welfare system, with health care for the poor, sick, and elderly targeted most viciously, but also with major cuts in law enforcement and public safety, infrastructure, the state work force, and, especially, education. In the last sessions, he has grabbed funds from municipal and county

governments, imposed onerous fees (a kind of hidden tax, for example, on parks), and floated bonds, mostly to pay debt on previous borrowing.

While failing to achieve popular support for becoming an all-out dictator, by means of ballot-initiatives he attempted in 2005, Schwarzenegger has successfully intimidated a Democratic opposition which has itself failed to face the reality of the bankruptcy of the global financial system, and thus has not fought effectively to destroy the apparatus on which Schwarzenegger depends.

In the meantime, the state economy has crashed, with record levels of home foreclosures, and near-record levels of unemployment, as most of the state's basic industry and construction have been shut down, and farm income has collapsed.

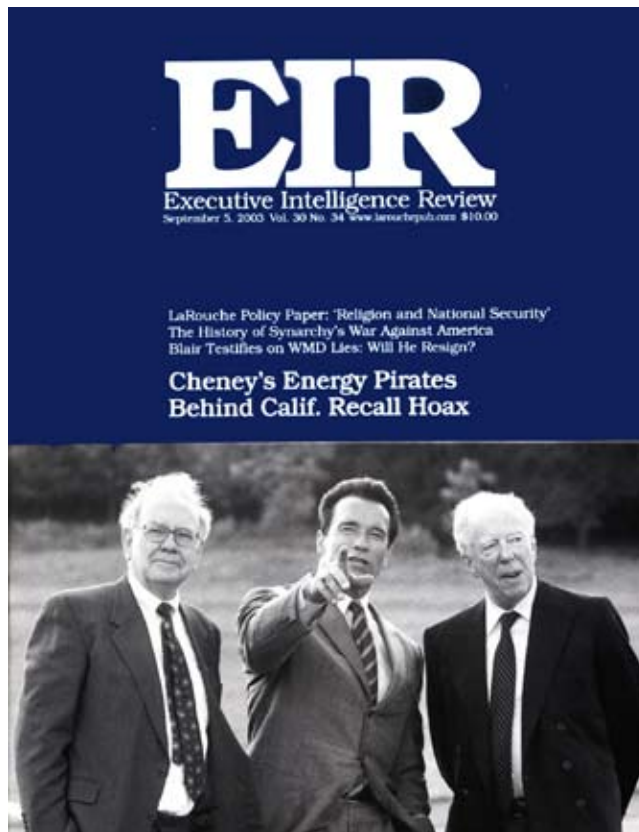
In the last two years, Schwarzenegger has presided over four special sessions of the legislature, to hack over \$60 billion from the budget. At the moment, the state still has a \$20 billion shortfall. While Schwarzenegger blames the shortfall on a dysfunctional legislature which he says spends too much, a broken tax system, and over-protected and pampered unions, arguing that this has led to too much spending, in reality, there is a revenue crisis, with revenues collected by the state falling more than 27% this year, compared to last—which was an awful year for collections.

With the legislature now in special session, there is a Democratic Party plan to cut spending by \$5 billion, leaving it well short of covering the \$20 billion deficit. Other than the proposal to sell off 11 state-owned buildings to private companies, which the state will then rent back—at an increased cost over the long-term!—the only proposals on the table are for further cuts in state employee rolls, and gouging more from seniors, children's health care, and education.

The Nub of the Problem

At present, the population of California, led by millions of university students being hit with tuition cost increases of up to 40%, is mobilizing to stop Arnie in his tracks. But once again, they have no solution, because they are not addressing the bankruptcy of the system itself.

In fact, Arnie finally told the truth last week, when he told a group of students who came to his office, that he has no money because the state is bankrupt. What he didn't say, is that the reason the state is bankrupt, is because his and the nation's economic and financial policy are being run by the likes of Rothschild and the Inter-



At a conference at the Rothschilds' Waddesdon Manor, a baroque palace outside London, in September 2002, Schwarzenegger was given his deadly mission by Lord Jacob and Warren Buffett. The result can be seen today, in the devastation that the Governor has wrought on the former economic powerhouse that was the State of California. EIR blew the whistle on all this back in September 2003, with this cover story (left to right: Buffett, Arnie, Rothschild).

Alpha Group, who are committed to maintaining their own power, and income stream, no matter what happens in the rest of the population. Like the financiers who pulled the plug on the Venetian-run system in the 14th Century, they are prepared to let the world collapse into chaos and mass-death, as long as they can position themselves to come out on top.

The solution to the crisis, as members of the LaRouche Youth Movement are telling the students in the streets, is to identify the enemy, and join LaRouche in demanding the impeachment of President Obama, who represents the chief obstacle to establishing the global Glass-Steagall, fixed-exchange-rate system which would bring down Rothschild's Inter-Alpha network. If LaRouche's policies were implemented, Arnie would soon be gone, as collateral damage of the collapse of the British imperial Rothschild empire.

Economics in Brief

Debt

Iceland Referendum: No to Anglo-Dutch Usury

March 8—Despite threats from the British empire that Iceland would be made “an international pariah” by refusing to acquiesce to the demand that it pay \$5.5 billion at 5% interest to the Anglo-Dutch financial predators who lost money in the Icesave bank, the citizens of Iceland voted 93%, in a March 7 referendum, to reject the demand.

While the Iceland parliament had okayed the Anglo-Dutch demands by a one-vote margin in December 2009, an upsurge of popular opposition led President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson to decline to sign it, and call a referendum.

The referendum asked the citizens whether they approved the Act adopted by the parliament on Dec. 30, which featured amendments dictated by the British and the Dutch governments, that basically threw out all the conditions defending Iceland’s sovereignty which appeared in the Aug. 28 Act on the issue. The “no” vote means that the August agreement stands.

In that agreement, there were several conditionalities crafted to protect the country, which the new Act eliminates. It established a cap on payments at a maximum 6% of the growth of the national GDP, meaning no money would be paid at all if there were no growth. If the debt were not paid by 2024, the remainder would be written off.

Britain

Big Macs More Secure Than British Gilts

March 4—Are McDonald’s Big Macs a safer investment than British Treasury Bonds (gilts)? According to the British website Metro.co.uk, the cost of insuring £6.6 million worth of British gilts, or the “big craps,” is £56,000 a year. The cost of insuring commercial bonds issued by Mc-

Donalds is only £31,000, and only £33,000 for Pepsi Cola.

The pound sterling is continuing a decline over the past week that has reached 4.5% against the dollar. The Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee, which met March 4, held rates at 0.5%. They claim that the low pound will help exports.

Meanwhile, at auction, £4 billion of five-year bonds were sold amid “strong interest,” according to the *Daily Telegraph*; the two-year gilt sales foundered, with yields up by 7 basis points.

It’s not as though other nations haven’t noticed. *Spiegel online* headlined its coverage, “Crash Bet Against the Pound,” and *Manager* magazine’s headline was “Death Bell Tolls for England,” over an article saying that “the champion of debt doesn’t sit in Athens but in London.” Neither article, however, goes further than forecasting a drastic devaluation of the pound, and maybe also a downgrading by the rating agencies.

Trade

U.S. Congressmen Seek To Repeal NAFTA

March 6—Twenty-seven members of Congress, led by Rep. Gene Taylor (D-Miss.), unveiled legislation to repeal North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on March 4. The bill would require President Barack Obama to give Mexico and Canada six months notice that the U.S. will no longer be part of the 16-year-old trade pact. “At a time when 10 to 12 percent of the American people are unemployed, I think Congress has an obligation to put people back to work,” Taylor said, arguing that NAFTA has cost the United States millions of manufacturing jobs and hurt national security by encouraging companies to move production to Mexico.

“I voted against this legislation in 1993 because I knew that this trade agreement would lead to a decline in jobs and our industrial manufacturing base,” Taylor said. A statement on Taylor’s website

notes that the U.S. has lost 29% of its manufacturing base since 1993, and that almost 5 million jobs have left the U.S. and never returned.

“You’ll see the American people rally behind this, in my humble opinion,” said Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), another of the 28 co-sponsors of the bill.

Unemployment

Obama Crows, While Construction Jobs Tank

Wall Street cheered March 5, and President Obama crowed “better than expected.... We’re turning our economy around,” at the report that the U.S. economy lost another 36,000 jobs in February and construction unemployment officially reached an unprecedented 27.1%. The White House continues to spit on the legacy of President Franklin Roosevelt, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and the Works Progress Administration.

Some 64,000 more construction jobs were lost in February nationwide, while other sectors of employment largely stayed flat. The economist of the Associated General Contractors emphasized that February snows were not the problem—the construction collapse has continued at the same rate for the past six months, and 28% of all U.S. construction work, by dollar value, has disappeared over the past two years. And he pointed out that heavy and civil engineering construction—the specific sector which should be boosted by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“stimulus”) projects, lost another 1.1% of its national employment in February.

Also in February, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, government employment fell by 18,000 jobs due to layoffs by revenue-devastated city and state governments.

There are still over 30 million Americans actually unemployed or underemployed. The only new jobs were “temps,” which went up by 48,000. Average weekly wages are only 1.0% above one year ago.

A Glass-Steagall for Europe: Outlaw Currency Speculation

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

The author is the chairwoman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo), a German political party. Her article was translated from German.

Feb. 2—Imagine the scene: A bank director invites a gang of bandits in, and gives them the keys and security codes to the bank’s branches—which the bandits proceed to rob. The bank director then demands that the customers on the receiving end not only accept the losses and pay damages to the bank, but also pay for the bandits’ expenses, while he himself continues to give them tips on how to bet on the likely insolvency of those customers and, in expectation of their premature death, how to make a profit on their life insurance.

Those who invited hedge funds into Germany in 2004, and who are now passively watching those same funds speculate not only against Greece, but on the collapse of the euro, while demanding that the taxpayers cover the losses, and that the citizens tighten their belts, have a striking similarity to that bank director. Germany has truly fallen prey to the bandits.

In order to prevent a chaotic collapse of the euro, with catastrophic consequences for the real economy and living standards, governments in Europe must immediately implement a Glass-Steagall standard, i.e., set up a strict firewall between commercial banks and investment banks. Speculation by financial holding companies, hedge funds, private equity funds, etc., must be

totally separated from the savings and lending activities of commercial banks. Should financial institutions engaged in high-risk operations make the wrong bets, they will have to face the music themselves. Taxpayers should no longer be expected to cover the debts of professional gamblers.

Should it prove impossible to establish fixed exchange rates in the short term, we will have to penalize currency speculation immediately. It is unacceptable to have “all-star” managers of the largest hedge funds decide, over a private dinner in Manhattan, to speculate on a collapse of the euro down to a 1:1 parity with the dollar, which would slash, by a quarter or a third, the economic wealth of those people who have the misfortune of living in the Eurozone.

The Federal government is urgently called upon to protect the German people from harm—as their oath of office states—by introducing the Glass-Steagall standard and by prohibiting currency speculation. If Chancellor Merkel, who has apparently noticed for the first time that the euro is in a difficult situation, is really concerned with ensuring a sustainable budget, this is the problem to be eradicated.

Organized Crime

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, some of the largest hedge funds got together on Feb. 8 for a private dinner in a townhouse in Manhattan and agreed to carry out a speculative attack on the euro. As the euro is likely



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Greece is now being told it must foot the bill for a massive hedge fund attack on its economy, by imposing draconian austerity. But the population is not taking it lying down, as can be seen in this mass protest against cuts in wages and benefits.

to drop down to parity with the dollar, it's a good opportunity "to make a lot of money," Hans Hufschmid is quoted as saying. Hufschmid is a former director of Salomon Brothers, who now runs the hedge fund GlobeOp Financial Services SA.

The host of the "idea dinner" was the investment and brokerage firm Monness, Crespi, Hardt & Co. The founder of Greenlight Capital, David Einhorn, was apparently also present, as was the manager of SAC Capital, Aaron Cowen, who views "all possible outcomes relating to the Greek debt crisis as negative for the euro." Soros Fund Management and Brigade Capital were also represented.

This meeting coincided, the *Financial Times Deutschland* reported, with the rapid rise of net short positions on the euro on futures markets. The same week saw a rise in the number of contracts at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange betting on the fall of the euro, which reached the record of 60,000, according to a report by Morgan Stanley. Three days after the dinner, the value of the euro dropped to \$1.36—down from \$1.51 in December.

Worldwide transactions reached new heights in January, with 820,000 contracts per day, for a nominal value of \$108 billion—an increase of 78% as compared

to the year before. There was an increasingly visible tendency among the market participants to bet on a weakening of the euro.

Targetting Greece

At the same time, hedge funds exacerbated the Greek debt crisis by using the credit default swaps (CDS) market to attack the country. According to Greek press reports, the Greek secret service, the EYP, is now investigating the matter. In the meantime, many funds secured their gains and got out of the Greek CDS, to focus on other countries, beginning with Spain.

The Greek population is now supposed to foot the bill. The European Union, the European Central Bank, and the German government (none other than Mr. "True Sale International" Jörg Asmussen—think back to the bandit story) are pressuring the Greek government to put through a draconian austerity package. Harsh cuts in health care and pensions are planned, as well as wage cuts of up to EU300 in the public sector, an increase in the value added tax (VAT) and the gasoline tax, and higher prices for electricity, water, gas, and transportation. Some 40,000 jobs are to be cut in the public sector; the labor market and social security system will be hard hit, and hospitals are supposed to reduce their costs by 30%! At the same time, German banks are refusing to extend more credit. No wonder the Greek population is angry with the EU and Germany, and that some have called for boycotting German goods.

In fact, the media focus on Greece has been completely exaggerated, and deliberately misleading, in order to deflect attention from the fact that the Greek national debt is relatively small. A far bigger problem is the bankruptcy of Great Britain, and the Spanish debt which is connected to that bankruptcy. Jim Rogers, a former business partner of George Soros, described

the pound sterling as a “hopeless case” in the *Guardian*—a weak currency that has already lost value against virtually every currency except the Zimbabwean dollar. The *Daily Telegraph* had already indicated weeks ago that Great Britain is in a much worse situation than Greece.

The Dollar Carry Trade

But anyone who thinks that the relative rise of the dollar against the euro and the pound is due to the strength of the dollar, is way off mark. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke’s decision to keep interest rates at near-zero levels, was motivated by the sorry state of the U.S. economy. Forty-nine of fifty states—with Vermont the sole exception—are bankrupt, and real unemployment is not at the official level of 10%, but rather at 30%! Foreclosures continue in the millions, tent cities are spreading, and the population is increasingly angry with a President who has not kept a single promise, and a Congress which they feel has betrayed them.

The low interest rates have generated a massive dollar carry trade, where speculators borrow money in the U.S. at near-zero rates, and then invest it in other markets with higher-yielding assets, for example, in emerging country shares and bonds, or in raw materials. Aside from the fact that this carry trade is done at the expense of the relevant populations, the relative rise of the dollar by 8% since the beginning of the year is prompting investors to begin cancelling their positions in those bonds or raw materials, which threatens to provoke a downward spiral on capital markets.

Bank of China executive vice president Zhu Min thinks that the dollar carry trade represents the greatest risk in 2010, as he stated at the World Economic forum in Davos at the end of January. The combination of short positions in the euro and the unwinding of dollar positions could quickly develop into panic, he said.

Bernanke’s insistence on the near-zero interest rate policy in the U.S., as well as the idea of using euro-bonds or other such instruments to postpone sovereign defaults in the Eurozone, are fanning the flames of hyperinflation as in Weimar Germany in 1923—but this time, on a worldwide scale. And devaluation is just another—and final—attempt to shift the problem onto the population, by stealing their savings, pensions, and hard-earned income. Here again, we can be sure that the

megaspeculators will have long since looked after their interests in the form of tangible assets.

Only One Solution: Glass-Steagall

Whereas Euroskeptics ran the risk, until recently, of being burned at the stake by the free-marketeers, it is no longer possible to quash the debate on the euro as a failed construction. For example, in its Feb. 21 edition, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* [Germany’s leading establishment daily], reported on the pro-and-con controversy within its own editorial board, under the title “Should the Euro Be Scrapped?” “Greece would also be better off today without the euro,” it writes. “It has now been demonstrated that the introduction of the euro was a grave mistake. What no one wanted to hear from the critics, can now be seen in reality: A monetary union without [economic] policy integration is a bad thing. The main point is that the introduction of the euro took away the possibility of buffering economic difficulties with fluctuating exchange rates.”

Now the trend of the gang of bandits is towards a European economic government (why on Earth would finance ministers or heads of government suddenly become wiser collectively, than they are individually?), or else to assign the world government to the IMF, in order to push through a really brutal austerity policy. Have these dilettantes really learned nothing from the mistakes of Brüning?¹

The only reasonable solution is to immediately implement the Glass-Steagall standard in Europe, and with as many partner countries as possible in the world. The next step must be to make public credit available for industry and agriculture, and to maintain or begin production of real goods. Gambling debts are a problem for those who have produced them, not for us taxpayers. A sustainable budget is one which prevents organized crime (viz., the dinner in Manhattan) from stealing old people’s pensions.

A sign of hope is that Chancellor Merkel is finally worried about the euro. In that case, she should fire Assmussen, allow an open debate on the motivations behind the climate change swindle, and let experts explain to her what Germany would look like as an industrial nation with solar and wind energy. She’s a physicist, after all, isn’t she?

1. Heinrich Brüning was Chancellor of Germany from March 1930 to May 1932. His brutal austerity measures paved the way for Hitler’s rise to power.—ed.

Chancellor Merkel's Moment of Truth: What About the Casino Economy?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

The author is the chairwoman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo), a German political party. Her article was translated from German.

March 6—We in Germany face a dramatic dilemma: 85% of citizens are worried that Germany is facing an existential crisis without real leadership, and is demanding, according to the ARD-Deutschlandtrend pollsters, that Chancellor Merkel lay out more clearly her government's political direction. But there is no informed debate about what this direction should be. No analysis is being presented of the reasons for the crisis, and, therefore, errors are not being corrected; and Frau Merkel is surrounded by what Friedrich Schiller called *Brotgelehrte* [bread-fed scholars] and ideologues, who like their own mental constructs a thousand times better than the truth. Seventy-two percent of Germans are therefore unhappy with the government, so that its approval rating is almost as bad as that of the Obama Administration.

The key reason for this loss of popularity is the same in both cases: The population is sick and tired of seeing taxpayers' money thrown at bankers and speculators, seemingly without end, while for most people, living standards are declining in every nook and cranny. And despite all the phony reprimands to Greece, most people suspect that the real point is not corruption in Greece (what about the same thing in Germany?!), but the system of a casino economy.

For the past 31 months, the systemic crisis has been escalating, enormous industrial capabilities have been destroyed, enormous sums of taxpayers' money were used to "rescue" the banks, or toxic waste was pumped into the system—and still the list of states that are facing

bankruptcy is growing, as well as the list of banks to which they are indebted.

A Glass-Steagall Standard

If the casino economy is not terminated very soon and replaced by the Glass-Steagall standard, and the monetary system replaced by a credit system, the strikes and unrest that we see now in Greece, will soon spread worldwide. We are facing a collapse of civilization.

The "economists" that are quoted by the pro-globalization media are doing everything they can to accelerate this process. Thus Professor Un-Sinn of the IFO Institute¹ has now suggested that the Greek government leave the Eurozone voluntarily, because by remaining in it, Greece is destabilizing the euro. That country should then turn for aid to the IMF (which is notorious for its draconian conditionalities). What to make of the competence of this proposal or of the professor? Nothing. Because not only Greece, but also Eurozone members Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and Italy, plus quite a number of countries outside it,

notably Great Britain and the United States, are even more bankrupt. The bashing of the Greeks is just intended to obfuscate the fact that the brutal austerity policies that are being demanded for Greece are standing at the ready for everyone, in their own governments' poison lock-boxes.

One of the most revealing insights into Professor Nonsense's competence is to be found in his Feb. 8 article in *Wirtschaftswoche*, in which he responded to President Obama's "Volcker Rule." That is the name of



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Hans-Werner Sinn

1. Prof. Hans-Werner Sinn is the president of the Institute for Economics. The pun on his name translates as "Professor Nonsense."

the half-hearted reform proposed by former Fed chairman Paul Volcker, which makes the banks' proprietary trading somewhat more difficult, but is totally undeserving of the name "Glass-Steagall II." Nevertheless, Professor Nonsense deemed that this was "not a good idea"—according to the title of his article.

"The U.S. government's plan to separate investment banking from commercial banking increases the vulnerability of the banking system, says Hans-Werner Sinn," states the editors' blurb introducing the article! But it gets even better: There is no basis, he says, for thinking that, because, after the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999, some commercial banks ventured "tentatively" into investment banking, that this was a cause of the financial crisis. On the contrary, this system—that is, Glass-Steagall—had itself made the crisis worse. As everyone knows (!), he writes, the crisis was triggered by the fact that Lehman Brothers, contrary to expectations, was not rescued by the government in 2008, thereby undermining the banks' trust in one another; the interbank market stalled, the savings of depositors were no longer at the disposal of investors, and as a result, the real economy crashed.

This statement is absurd.

The interbank market did not come to a standstill because the government did not save Lehman Brothers. With the bankruptcies of Lehman Brothers and AIG—which is now the subject of hearings in the U.S. Congress—the crisis that had already been obvious in late July 2007 (not September 2008!) came into the limelight, revealing that all the banks were sitting on at least three-digit trillions in unmarketable toxic waste, and none trusted the others, because if they had to admit the extent of their own toxic waste, they would all have had to declare insolvency. And since they all knew that the others were in the same situation as they were, interbank trading stopped.

And the toxic waste is nothing but the result of all the innovative financial instruments that "Mr. Bubble," Alan Greenspan, has bestowed upon us since 1987: all the official and over-the-counter derivatives contracts, the entire securitization market, the credit default swaps, etc., which ultimately turn debts turned into assets, and bets into bets into more bets. This is the system that Professor Nonsense wants to hold on to, when he warns that the upcoming G-20 talks should by no means be anchored in the idea of a separated banking system.

But let's again have him speak for himself. The up-

swing will last until 2010, and the world economy is in a situation more favorable than any in the postwar period, according to one of the professor's predictions, reported in the *Westdeutsche Zeitung* on March 16, 2007—four months before the outbreak of the systemic crisis. On Dec. 11, 2006, he spoke with *Der Spiegel* magazine about the eternal ups and downs of the economic cycle.

The Sorry Professor Un-Sinn

Perhaps the reason for the abysmal inaccuracy of these forecasts is that he is not really an economist, but a philosophical follower of the Mandevillean thesis, that "private vices" ultimately contribute to the "public benefit" (see box). In any case, he told *Profil* magazine on May 18, 2009, that man's drive to get rich is the motive force for economic development. The only thing needed is to channel that drive in the right way.

Couldn't a friendly fellow human being point out to him that people are not pigs that only want to feed at the trough, and that the driving force for economic development is man's creative ability to always come up with newer and better hypotheses about the laws of the universe? And that the application of this scientific progress, by introducing new technologies into the production process, is what raises productivity, which, in turn, increases living standards, which, if properly channeled—e.g., with better education, therefore, more creativity in the population—leads to more scientific progress, etc.

This driving force of human creativity, of course, has nonlinear effects on the economy. But the professor does not look at it that way; instead, he projects the statistical "patterns of previous decades" onto the future. Or even worse, he distributes questionnaires every month to companies, including those in manufacturing and construction, wholesale and retail, with a request that they disclose their economic expectations for the next six months. From this collective tea-leaf reading, he then creates the so-called IFO Business Climate Index. It's hard to imagine anything more unscientific.

His panacea is that the banks be forced to have higher capital reserves, because someone who has to set aside more of his own capital will behave more prudently. This analysis of excessive risk-taking which is caused by too little equity capital, was a central theme of his doctoral dissertation in 1977—that is, ten years before Greenspan brought his "creative financial instruments" into play, which created the gigantic sums of virtual capital in the first place! According to figures from the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation,

the sum of open CDS contracts alone is now \$25 trillion. If the banks speculated “more prudently,” due to increased capital requirements, this would not change much anyway.

Schiller on the ‘Bread-Fed Scholars’

Friedrich Schiller says of the bread-fed scholar, in his lecture “What Is, and to What End Do We Study Universal History?”:

“He will direct all his diligence to the demands made upon him by the future master of his fate, and he will believe he has achieved everything, once he has gotten over his fear of this authority. Once he has run his course and attained the goal of his desires, he dismisses the sciences that guided him, for why should he bother with them any longer? His greatest concern now is to display the accumulated treasures of his memory, and to take care that their value does not depreciate. Every extension of his bread-science upsets him, because it only portends more work, or makes the past useless; every important innovation frightens him, because it shatters the old curriculum that he worked so hard to master, threatening to obliterate all his preceding life’s work. Who rants more

against reformers than the gaggle of bread-fed scholars? Who holds up the progress of useful revolutions in the domain of knowledge more than they do? Every light radiated by a happy genius, in whichever science it may be lit, makes their poverty apparent; they joust with their opponents using bitterness, treachery, and desperation, because in defending their curriculum, they are also doing battle for their entire existence. . . .”²

Perhaps it is not fair to pick on poor Professor Nonsense, because many of his colleagues have similar problems. But the subject is too serious. If a banking system is not introduced that separates commercial from investment banking, and there are still gigantic amounts of toxic waste to be disposed of, then hyperinflation is inevitable. And our democracy certainly will not survive the general devaluation of pensions, savings, and wages of the average population. Their condition is already bad enough.

What we need in Germany is a public debate about the Glass-Steagall Act. Frau Merkel is on notice.

2. Adapted from the translation in *Friedrich Schiller: Poet of Freedom*, Vol. II (Washington, D.C.: Schiller Institute, 1988).

The Satanist Mandeville: Prof. Un-Sinn’s Idol?

Bernard de Mandeville (1670-1733) was a founder of the Hell Fire Clubs, a satanic cult, that exerted extraordinary influence over a succession of early 18th-Century British governments, and whose outlook continues to inspire the Libertarian movement today—and also, apparently, Prof. Hans-Werner Sinn.

Mandeville’s best-known work is *The Fable of the Bees: Private Vices, Publick Benefits* (1714), in which he argued that man is inherently evil and consumed by uncontrollable passions: greed, lust, rage, violence. Since this is man’s nature, Mandeville argued, the best society is that which is least intrusive, which makes no effort to impose any form of natural law. For Mandeville, the idea that man was created in the living image of God is not only untrue; it is the seed of destruction.

Mandeville wrote:

... Thus every Part was full of Vice,
Yet the whole Mass a Paradise
Flatter’d in Peace, and fear’d in Wars
They were th’ Esteem of Foreigners,
And lavish of the Wealth and Lives
The Ballance of all other Hives.
Such were the Blessings of that State;
Their Crimes conspired to make ’em Great;
And Vertue, who from Politicks
Had learn’d a thousand Cunning Tricks,
Was, by their happy Influence,
Made friends with Vice: And ever since
The Worst of all the Multitude
Did Something for the common Good.

This is the view that was adopted by David Hume, Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham, and all subsequent charlatan philosophers and economists of the British East India Company. Revolt against this evil was the essential feature of the American Revolution and the nation-state concept embedded in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.—*Jeffrey Steinberg*

How Many Haitians Must Die Before We Impeach Obama?

by Dennis Small

March 3—Acting as the real American President, Lyndon LaRouche on Feb. 22 issued an urgent call for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work with the Haitian government to help relocate up to a million Haitians, now homeless, and living amid the rubble of shattered Port-au-Prince, in the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed over a quarter million people.

The immediate emergency, LaRouche noted, is that the rainy season is upon us, and under current conditions, Port-au-Prince, within weeks, at best, will be subjected to floods, hit by mudslides, and be inundated by deadly sewage from the 1.3 million people who are now homeless and destitute in that city, and the immediately surrounding area. These people have been forced to live in the streets and slums under bits of plastic, and amid human excrement that is not being removed—because there is no ability to do so, nor even a place to take it.

Even before the earthquake, Haiti—long the victim of the globalization and free-trade policies of London-centered financial predators—*did not have a single public sewage treatment plant.* And now it is worse.

If we do not act, LaRouche stressed, Haiti will soon face conditions in which dengue, cholera, malaria, typhoid, and other epidemics will spread, with devastating consequences. Haiti is the image of what awaits all of humanity under the current, bankrupt British-imperial international financial system: It is the face of the

New Dark Age. We must stop it in Haiti, if we are to have the moral fitness to survive on this planet.

To prevent another wave of mass deaths and total national disintegration, a bilateral treaty agreement between the United States and Haiti should be promptly reached, to evacuate up to a million people to secure sites, to be built outside the coastal flood plain where Port-au-Prince lies—as part of a 25-year treaty agreement for national reconstruction to make Haiti a modern, industrialized nation, to be signed by the two sovereign nations.

LaRouche stated that President Obama, by refusing to act, is implementing a policy of intentional British-dictated Malthusian genocide; he must be impeached, or forced to resign, for this crime as well as numerous others. “How many Haitians are going to have to die before it becomes obvious that Obama has to be impeached?” LaRouche demanded.

Obama’s Thumbs Down

EIR has learned that, a few days after LaRouche issued his call to action, senior U.S. political figures, who are also personally knowledgeable on Haiti, went to the White House and presented on their own an urgent proposal for the U.S. to help Haiti relocate hundreds of thousands of Haitians to higher ground before the serious rains start. A similar strategy was being worked on



UN/Sophia Paris

The Obama White House has turned its back on Haiti, rejecting proposals to revive FDR's "Good Neighbor" policy in the hemisphere, using modern methods to rescue the devastated nation. Without immediate aid, over 1 million people will die. Left: a woman living the one of the tent cities in Port-au-Prince. Below: 50,000 displaced people living in tents outside Port-au-Prince.



UN/Sophia Paris

by the Préval government in Haiti, with particular emphasis on the Central Plateau, which lies about 100 km north of Port-au-Prince—and is the area where the Franklin Roosevelt government, in the 1930s, helped to carry out the Artibonite River Valley Project, as part of its Good Neighbor Policy.

At the most senior level, the Obama Administration instantly shot the proposal down. Nothing of the sort would be done: Let the displaced Haitians simply return to the rubble of their old neighborhoods, perhaps with a sheet of donated thin plastic to shield them from their fate. Like Nero turning his thumb down at the Roman Circus, Obama condemned hundreds of thousands of black Haitians to probable death.

An error, you say? A miscalculation? A regrettable bit of simple political expedience?

Not on your life. Obama was coldly carrying out, with the stroke of a pen, the policy of *intentional genocide* dictated by the British Empire and its financial

power center, the Inter-Alpha Group, a policy which he has otherwise implemented in his health-care proposals, his destruction of NASA, his shameless bailout of Wall Street predators... and on, and on.

"Our solution for Haiti, as we have assessed it," La-Rouche countered on Feb. 24, "is, first of all, as long as Obama is President, there is no hope for Haiti. So either Haiti survives, or Obama survives, one of the two." And he added: "Haiti is exemplary. What's happening in Haiti, reveals, symptomatically, what the hell is going on globally. And what's going on globally, is the Ides of March, one way or the other."

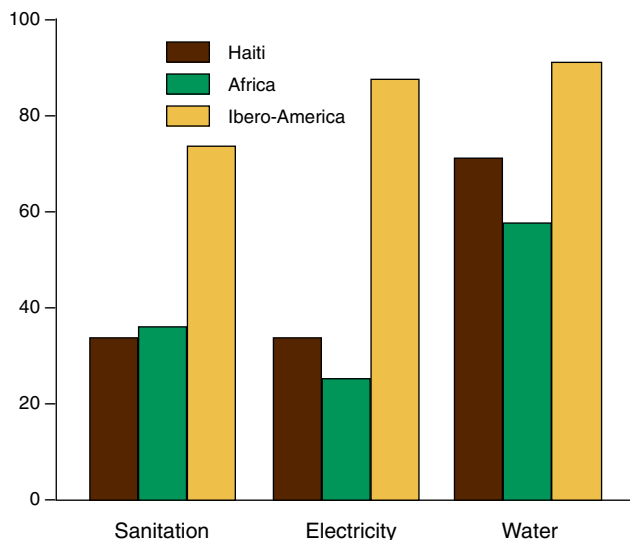
Haiti: Past, Present, and Future

Informed of the Obama Administration death sentence, the Haitian government was left with the thankless task of informing the world, on Feb. 26, of what some in the media described as an "abrupt shift" in policy: that homeless earthquake victims would now be

FIGURE 1

Haiti: Access to Sanitation, Electricity and Clean Water

(%of total population)



Sources: World Bank, PAHO.

urged to return to their old Port-au-Prince neighborhoods—the very ones whence they fled, and which remain in rubble.

The utter insanity of this “plan,” forced by the Obama Administration’s criminal inaction, is evident to all. *No one* working on the ground in Haiti believes it will actually work. And yet everyone is going through the motions of failure, as if mesmerized by the looming, certain catastrophe. For example, a dejected architect with the government’s reconstruction committee summed up the implications of the new approach: “Everything has to be done before the start of the rainy season, and we will not be able to do it,” said Gerald-Emile Brun. Edmond Mulet, the head of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti, agreed: “What the earthquake did not bring down, the rains will.”

But the coming rains are no inexorable “natural disaster.” Nor was the Jan. 12 magnitude-7 earthquake. The quake nearly extinguished the nation because decades of looting under British-system economic policies had already left the country totally vulnerable to such an event, reducing its 10 million people to African

levels of misery and degradation no human being should have to endure, with 80% living in poverty, unemployment levels ranging from 50-70%, scarcely 40% literacy among adults, and no infrastructure to speak of (**Figure 1**). Haiti was indeed a holocaust waiting to happen.

To restate the point: The 250,000-300,000 Haitians who died as a direct result of the Jan. 12 earthquake, had already been condemned to death by internationally imposed Malthusian economic policies decades earlier, many of them even before they were born.

Those same policies, left in place, will ensure that the mass murder set in motion in the past, and underway at present, will continue over the next weeks and months, possibly with another quarter million victims.

If Haiti is to be saved, the effects of *those global policies* of the British Empire’s Inter-Alpha group—past, present, and future—must be eradicated. It is perhaps the only way to give lasting meaning, at this late date, to the countless lives who perished at their hand.

Concretely, that means acting now in such fashion as to *simultaneously* address

Haiti’s Economy Has Been ‘Africanized’

A summary review of some basic physical economic parameters in Haiti during the mid-2000s makes the point (see **Figure 1**):

- **Life expectancy:** In Haiti, it’s 55-60 years (depending on the source); in Sub-Saharan Africa it is 46 years; in Ibero-America, 71.
- **Access to sanitation:** available to only 34% of Haitians; 36% of Africans; and 74% of Ibero-Americans.
- **Access to electricity:** available to 34% of Haitians; 25% of Africans; and 87% of Ibero-Americans.
- **Access to improved water:** 58% of Haitians; 58% of Africans; and 91% of Ibero-Americans.

In many categories, pre-earthquake Haiti was *worse off* than the average for Sub-Saharan Africa. For example:

- **Energy consumption:** Haiti consumes 251 kg oil equivalent per capita annually; Sub-Saharan Africa, 667; Ibero-America, 1,156.
- **Cereal yield:** In Haiti it is 868 grams per hectare; Africa, 1,071; and Ibero-America, 3,012.

Small wonder that Haiti has to import about 60% of its food, and has widespread malnutrition and infant mortality.

the immediate threat of flood and disease threatening Haiti, *and* the country's longer-term reconstruction needs, through a 25-year U.S.-Haitian partnership for high-technology development, in the spirit of FDR.

Under such a treaty agreement, Haiti's population and labor force will be treated like productive human beings, not cattle. They will be pulled out of their 50-70% unemployment into productive jobs rebuilding their nation, alongside trainers from the Army Corp of Engineers and associated American youth formed in Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)-style brigades.

Haiti needs *food*. Modern agriculture, coastal fishing (an excellent source of protein for a malnourished nation), and extensive reforestation will be undertaken.

Haiti needs *health care and education* to create a qualified, productive labor force.

Haiti needs *modern infrastructure*, including high-speed rail for the entire island of Hispaniola which Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic.

Haiti needs *housing* with sanitation services, including the rebuilding of devastated Port-au-Prince, from the ground up.

Haiti needs *abundant energy and clean water*, with

major hydroelectric projects that would simultaneously control flooding and provide needed irrigation, as well as nuclear energy provided by floating nuplex plants that could be placed along the coastline.

There are those who say such a plan is "too ambitious," that it can't possibly succeed, that "no grand vision" will ever work in Haiti. Those who do so, are parroting—wittingly or otherwise—a British imperial *lie*, imposed over decades and even centuries to keep Haiti in virtual slavery.

As John F. Kennedy would have put it, the U.S. must take on the shared task of saving Haiti, of industrializing the nation, and of educating its now-desperate youth to be scientists and artists, and to join in mankind's endeavor of colonizing Mars, *not because it is easy, but because it is hard*. It is a debt we in the U.S. owe ourselves, as well as Haiti's liberator, Toussaint L'Ouverture, who led the creation of the first free republic of the Americas by former slaves, whose significance has been understood over the years by the likes of Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

In the following pages, we will tell you how it can be done.

Which Haiti Will It Be?

"'Haiti's pigs live better lives than we do,' said Dora Nadege, 28, as she wandered back to her tent camp. . . . 'When the rains come, we'll be lucky not to drown in our own excrement,'" reported an article in the Feb. 20 *New York Times*.

"Haiti, a nation of 10 million, does not have a single sewage treatment plant. Trucks often simply take the waste to the Troutier trash dump near the slums of Cite Soleil on this city's edge. . . . A squatter community of a dozen families, including some new arrivals whose homes were destroyed in the earthquake, tries to eke out its survival by scavenging in this setting. 'There's food to be found here, and sometimes wood to cook with,' said Mackinson Charles, 14, who wandered around the pools of waste with his brother, Mickenson, 12, as dusk fell here one day this week. Four other boys accompanied them, including two who were barefoot. 'This is where we live,' Mackinson said. . . .

An American who travels frequently to Haiti recounted the following vignette, for *EIR*. Haitians, he began, are an intellectual lot. By way of illustration, he described what occurred on his bus ride from the Dominican Republic into Haiti, a few weeks after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

People were talking, as they do. One fellow said: "My wife and children survived, thank God." Fine. But when another fellow chimed in: "God saved my house," a third person protested: "That's not how God works!"

And for the next hour, our source recounted, "there we were, packed like sardines in this bus, and everyone was passionately debating the nature of God, and how He works!"

Move to Safe Ground; Build the Nation of Haiti

by Marcia Merry Baker

March 6—The annual rainy season in Haiti is commencing, and the urgent tasks for the island country of 10 million is to move to high ground and safety the 1.3 million people huddled in the quake zone of Port-au-Prince and the other stricken parts along the fault line of the southern peninsula, and launch the job of building a nation—infrastructure, agro-industry, transportation. In the profile of 53.3 inches of average annual rainfall in Port-au-Prince, fully 78% comes in the season of April through October, with 17%—9 inches—alone in the month of May. There is no time to lose.

On March 1, President Bill Clinton, United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti, held a conference call with UN and charitable aid groups, appealing for a step-up in relief supplies—plastic tenting, food, water, medicine, sanitation. But even if everything were delivered in abundance tomorrow, the quake victims, already subject to decades of globalization, are sitting targets for the pending rains, floods, landslides, and disease. There is no infrastructure.

Simultaneously with providing current relief for people *in situ*, relocation measures must be undertaken, to move people out of danger, in mass numbers, to provide them secure, healthful temporary accommodations in transition camps, conducted in tandem with initiating CCC-type (FDR Civilian Conservation Corps) programs desperately needed in the nation—flood control, reforestation, upgraded farming, infrastructure-building of all kinds—that at the same time, are geared for a new landscape of modern towns, cities, and economic activity. This way, saving the lives of masses among the 1.3 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in the quake zone, and the 600,000 who have fled to various other departments, is the same job as rebuilding the nation.

Figure 1 shows the patterns of dispersal around the country, and concentrated in the quake zone.

Relocate—Why?

The quake victims will be condemned to sure illness and death on a mass scale, if they remain on site in the rubble, as they are now ordered to do by the world aid structures, associated with George Soros, Bill Gates, and others in the network fronting for the disintegrating globalist financial system.

Before the quake, *Haiti had no public utility sewage treatment facilities at all*, only private treatment systems, serving select tourist, residential, and other very limited purposes. Throughout the nation, the norm was primitive waste disposal methods, and high rates of water-borne disease and death. Likewise, supplies of safe water were limited in volume. As of the 1990s, lack of domestic waste disposal had resulted in bacteriological pollution of several of the 18 springs supplying Port-au-Prince with water.

But now, even these inadequate systems are in rubble, in the quake zone. For example, on Gonâves Island, with 100,000 inhabitants pre-quake, an additional 40,000 IDPs have arrived, in a situation where the 60 rainfall catchment cisterns, formerly supplying water, are now damaged from the quake. With differing particulars, the situation is the same throughout the fault line settlements, where more than 25% of the population had come to reside in and around Port-au-Prince, as a last resort in recent decades, when the nation was plunged into disintegration.

In this context, the call by Sir John Holmes, UN Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, for the goal of digging

20,000 latrines in Port-au-Prince and nearby, is urgent and relevant to the present emergency, but it is no solution. As the rains come, thousands of these cess pits will flood, and add to the filth already debilitating and killing people.

To repeat, even if all the measures for localized relief are put in place, all residents will still be vulnerable to damage and death from the absence of infrastructure for flood control, water treatment, and protection from landslides.

The point is underscored by the fact that, the very same day as the Clinton appeal for more aid, the residents of Les Cayes, the longtime port on the southern coast, the second-largest city of Haiti, were *under a meter of water* from the rainfall run-off.

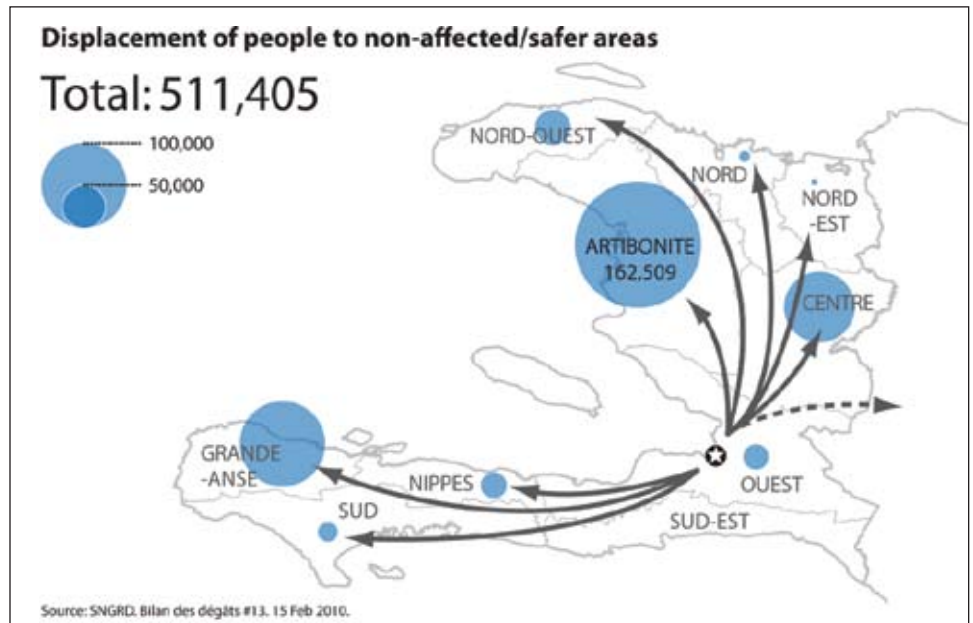
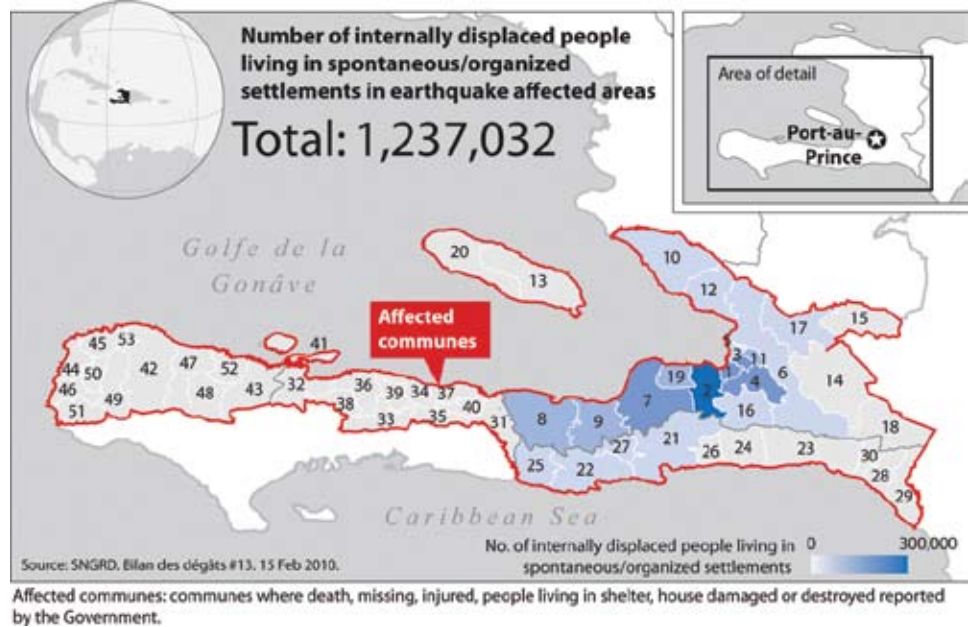
Relocate, Where?

Figure 2 shows the “High Hazard” zones for the whole nation, from the combined risks of quakes, hurricanes, tropical storms, landslides, and floods. Not only Port-au-Prince, adjacent Carrefour, and Les Cayes stand out, but also, farther north along the coast, is the large high-risk area of the delta of the Artibonite River, the largest river in Haiti, rising in the Dominican Republic, and flowing some 200 miles westward.

On the north coast, likewise, are the high-risk areas of Cap Haïtien and other coastal towns.

The concept of relocation, is to prepare transitional mass housing at chosen sites in selected, relatively safe zones, in various departments. Then mass-move resi-

FIGURE 1
Haiti: Internal Displacement and Population Figures
 (as of Feb. 15, 2010)



Displacement of people to non-affected/safer areas

dents out of the vulnerable zones, into the new camps, where they can have lodging, education, and cultural programs, and most of all, the opportunity for productive work on priority construction projects, ranging from roads, to flood control, sewer systems, water

FIGURE 2

Haiti: Multi-Hazard Risk, Major Disasters and Severity (1998-2010)

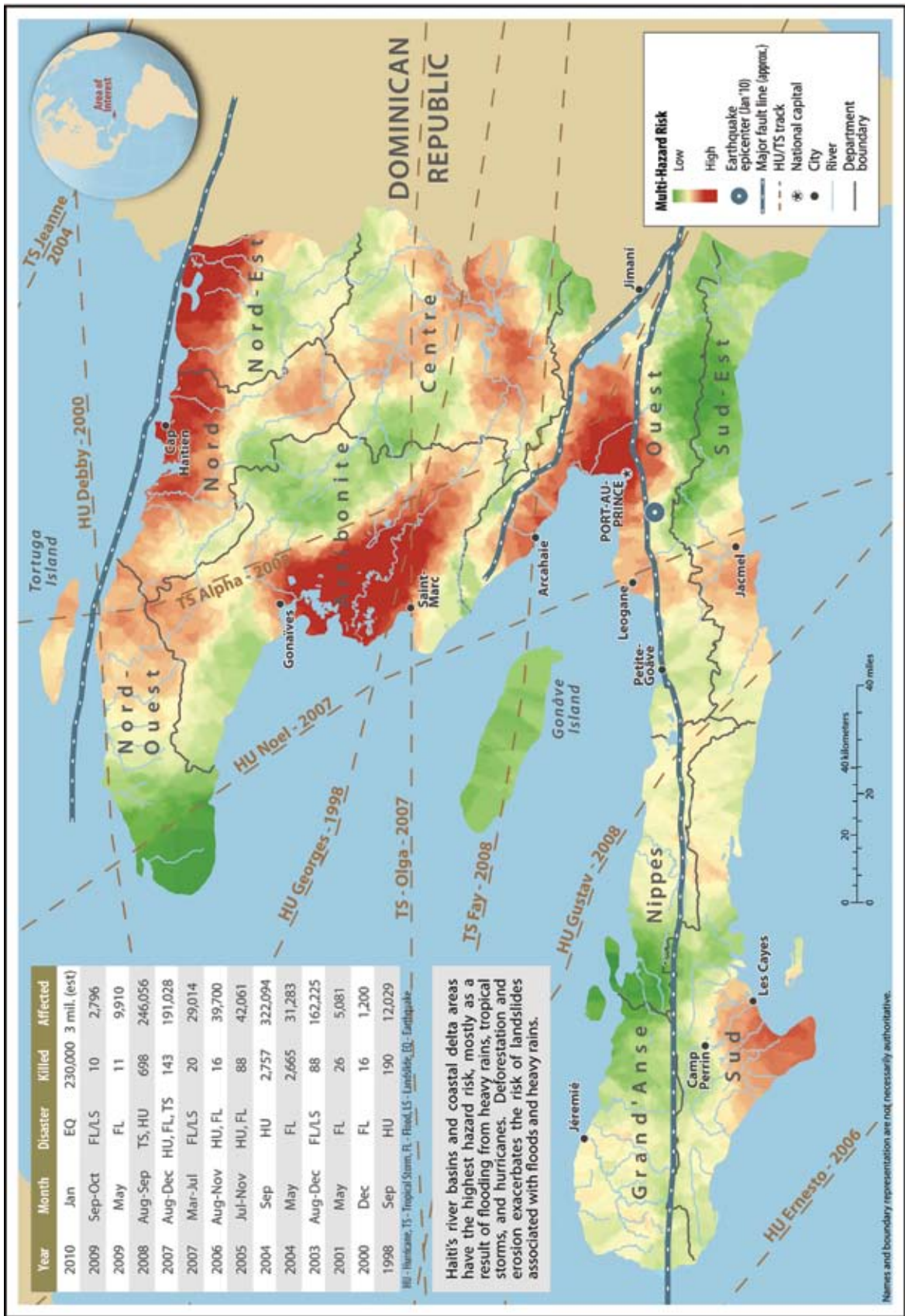


FIGURE 3



The area defined within the broken line is the Plateau Central, which is less hazardous, and suitable for an “agri-boom.”

supply, reforestation, farming, light industry, and new towns. It is even an open question to be decided by the Haitian people and leadership, if a new capital might be designated and built, away from its inherently dangerous flood plain location, which dates back to the earliest times of Hispaniola settlement.

The “High Hazard” zone map (Figure 2) indicates where the potential sites of relatively safe transitional camps might be located. For example, there is the Department of the Nord, to which at least 20,000 persons fled after the Jan. 12 quake. Though the coastal area is danger-prone, there is a relatively safe area southward. Departmental government leaders, after the quake, even expected to be asked by the UN, aid agencies, or the central government, to receive some 100,000 to 250,000 disaster victims, but no such request was ever made.

Another candidate area is the Centre Department. Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, in a *Time* maga-

zine interview (Feb. 22, 2010, “Haiti PM: We Can Rise Out of Our Postquake Squalor”) described this area as suitable for an “agri-boom.” The Centre Department comprises much of what is called the Plateau Central region of Haiti, which, for many reasons, is less hazardous than the high-risk flood zones. The Plateau Central is defined as the area running northwest-southeast, 85 km long and 30 km wide, along the Guayamouc River, which in turn, runs southeastward into the Artibonite River. It is indicated on the relief map **Figure 3**.

In the 1930s, under the FDR Good Neighbor policy, the Artibonite River Valley Project was undertaken, for a hydro-power dam, irrigation, flood control, and land and water resource development. This was a small-scale version of the New Deal projects in the United States, for basin-development of the Tennessee Valley, the Colorado, and the Columbia Rivers. The same principle applies today in Haiti, to all the 29 other, lesser

hydrographic basins throughout the nation. In the Plateau Central, there are certain features favorable to development, such as alluvial aquifers for wells, soils suitable for fertilization and enrichment, excellent cropping potential, etc.

This then, indicates certain of the criteria for selecting locations for siting of transitional civilian camps: safety, proximity to potential farming and rebuilding opportunities, sanitation and water supply, and relative ease of transportation of people and materiel.

By straight math, 1 million IDPs, to be presented with safe transition camp housing, could be accommodated at 50 sites of 20,000 per camp, located in several of the nation's 10 departments.

The daunting part is not the selection of locations, but the scale of the evacuation, and construction of camp lodging and supply chains on a fast timetable, measured in weeks, not months. Besides transporting evacuees overland, requiring multiple trips of mass-transport vehicles, and upgraded roads, thousands can be transported from Port-au-Prince around the coastline to Cap Haïtien and Labadee on the north coast, and thence overland to destination camps, on cruise ship billeting. On a small scale, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, which at present operates Labadee docks *as an entirely private cruise-ship enclave on the northcoast*, has been ferrying some personnel and supplies for quake assistance. This can be ramped up for deadline evacuation—with 5,000 or more per ferry-trip, for the period of relocation.

Relocation—How?

The entire history and orientation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—and its smaller, military counterpart in the U.S. Navy, the SeaBees (Navy Construction Battalions)—are up to the job, including the tasks of mobile construction, camp-building, flood control, road upgrades, airstrip establishment, ports, and cargo-handling, etc. The constraints to be overcome are the depleted ranks of the existing Corps of Engineers, which can be reversed in mounting up for the Haiti mission assignment.

Putting up the camp lodging and related buildings—bathhouses, cookhouses, clinics, warehouses, and centers for education, science, and culture—can be accomplished with the technologies and expertise in use for years for military encampment, as well as for disaster-relief, agriculture, warehousing, and similar uses.

Take one core example: the use of hoop or fabric

tension structures. The accompanying photograph shows a type of fabric tension structures, which are in widespread use now in various countries for agriculture, warehousing, military encampments, disaster relief, and many other purposes. These are the successors to the World War II Quonset huts, which were prefabricated structures of corrugated galvanized steel, with a semi-circular cross section.

Similar in appearance, today's hoop or fabric buildings, can be of ultra-lightweight aluminum ribs and thin sheeting; or of ultra-sturdy steel beams, with deep footings and ultra-strong fabric covering.

The structures can be up to 200 feet wide, as long as required, and be trimmed out to meet varying requirements for ventilation, doors, light, etc. The buildings can be fitted inside for barracks-style housing, for dormitory, or for family-unit domiciliaries, to allow high density, but comfort and decency at the same time. There are hundreds of examples of the use of hoop buildings in demanding environments, e.g., an entire hospital complex was built with hoop buildings in Kabul by French military engineers.

In all cases, the materiel is relatively easy to ship, which is a critical factor, given the almost total lack of wood and building materials inside Haiti. Plus, the procurement supply lines stateside, can be a priority for CCC-type programs for U.S. young people to learn skills by working at the building manufacturing plants and input suppliers, and within Haiti, for battalions of young people to help erect the buildings and camps.

The CCC Principle

The same principle of deploying with the CCC brigade approach, applies to building and maintaining all other aspects of Haiti's evacuee camps—water supply, plumbing, and showers; sanitation; power; cooking facilities, medical centers, etc.

In turn, the camp populations include workers of varying ages and skill-potential to deploy as CCC-teams to the differing kinds of national priority nation-building projects. The transportation needs include upgrading hundreds of miles of roads, establishing and expanding airfields, creating warehouse and goods-handling centers, and site-preparation for food processing, and light industry. Port facilities must be upgraded, while, in the meantime, interim docking and loading services can be provided military-style.

An immediate task, is to clear out an estimated 60 million cubic meters of rubble.

U.S. Navy Steelworkers from Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, set up a tension fabric structure in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala in 2007, during a simulated disaster response exercise. Similar structures can be used in Haiti to provide decent temporary housing, while the nation is rebuilt.



U.S. Navy/ Specialist Seaman Omar A. Dominguez

Power is a top national priority. Critical to this, is to rehabilitate the Lake Peligre hydropower installation, irrigation systems, and flood management in the Artibonite River basin, and in all other high-hazard flood-prone parts of the country. The second-largest lake in the country, Peligre is a reservoir created by the completion of the Peligre Hydroelectric Dam on the Artibonite River in 1956-57, which is in the Centre Department. The dam is the source of about half of the nation's electricity (the other half comes from oil-fueled plants), but it is in dire need of rehabilitation. Its hydropower potential is currently estimated to be around 173 megawatts. Peligre Lake is about 30% silted up, from sedimentation resulting from deforestation. All this can be reversed.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designed the hydroelectric dam project as part of the program for flood-control and power-provision in the Artibonite River, which in turn was part of the 1930s FDR Artibonite Valley Agricultural Project.

The new FDR-type reconstruction mission will also include bringing Haiti into the nuclear age, with float-

ing nuclear plants (nuplexes) brought to the coast on barges.

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

Haiti's agroclimatic potential is great, because it can grow both tropical and temperate crops and trees. There is good rainfall, and two growing-seasons a year for many crops. In area, Haiti is larger than Jamaica, and about the same size as the state of Maryland. Its miles of coastline make fishing development, including aquaculture, very favorable. Its geomorphological constraints are simply the many slopes—as in Japan, or even Switzerland, and also its vulnerability to hurricanes and earthquakes.

The objective involved is for achieving food self-sufficiency as quickly as possible, and building-up the fertility and plentitude of the land and water resources base of the nation.

The fact that, in recent years, Haiti has sunk to the level of importing 60% of its food overall, and fully 80% of its rice—the nation's staple—is not a reflection

of inherent paucity of physical resources of land and water, but the imposed pauperization of the people, and degradation of the resources base, under globalization. With good fertilizer, seeds, timely water applications, and tillage, yields can be raised dramatically for all the crops that can be produced: rice, corn, sorghum, sugar cane, and a wide range of fruits and vegetables (such as mangoes), plus specialties, including coffee, sisal, and aromatic oil plants, etc.

The first of two planting seasons in Haiti is now at hand, which runs March through the beginning of April—which, in the past, accounted for 60% of the annual crop. The second planting season runs from August to the beginning of September. Most of the rural areas of Haiti were not much affected, directly, by the Jan. 12 quake, except for southwestern Haiti, in the range of about 100 km from Port-au-Prince. So the *farming mobilization could be underway now*.

What is lacking, however, along with the lack of a U.S. commitment to go ahead, are seeds, fertilizer, and tools. The “Agriculture Cluster” of the UN OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)—82 NGOs and UN agencies led by the Food and Agriculture Organization—in Haiti, reported Feb. 25 having only about 8% of the funds they requested for the season.

A \$700 million plan for international donations to rebuild Haiti agriculture was presented Feb. 12 at a Rome meeting of FAO director-general Jacques Diouf and many food policy agencies, and the Haitian Agriculture Minister Joanas Gue. Whatever its merits, or demerits (i.e., premised on world free trade), the funds have not been forthcoming. The plan is going nowhere.

The general parameters of what to pursue, once the Obama Administration obstruction is overcome, are provided by a quick look-back to the crop profile when Haiti was relatively self-sufficient in food, during earlier decades. Back then, of Haiti’s total land area of 27,700 sq km (10,714 sq miles), or 2.775 million hectares, about 900,000 ha were considered arable and in crops; another 500,000 in pasture, and barely 70,000 ha were irrigated. All this can be upgraded.

Reforestation can proceed likewise, re-establishing the full range of types, from pines to fruit trees, viable for the right latitudes.

The fisheries potential is likewise significant. Mid-20th-Century coastal surveys showed a wealth of types, such as 270 different fish species in the Gulf of Gonâives. The conditions for freshwater fish can also be en-

hanced in rivers and lakes, once water management projects get underway. This is particularly important in terms of animal protein, which the malnourished population urgently requires.

Public Health Mobilization

Mobilizing to provide all aspects of public health—from safe water, sewerage, and nutrition, to disease-vector control, vaccines, and medical care—is an immediate and ongoing priority. As of March 4, the Red Cross/Red Crescent announced that the 100,000th person had been vaccinated in the quake zone, out of a goal of 700,000. The vaccination has five components: against measles, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, plus the de-worming agent, albendazol, and Vitamin A. Teams are trying to vaccinate 10,000 people a day. But bringing in the personnel to carry this vaccination campaign through faster must be done immediately.

Of special priority, is to launch the most thorough mosquito kill-and-control campaign ever in the island of Hispaniola. The mosquito is the vector for malaria and dengue fever.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in its March 4 release, “Haiti Pre-Decision Briefs for Public Health Actions,” that, “the island of Hispaniola [consisting of Haiti and the Dominican Republic] is the only island in the Caribbean region where malaria has not been eliminated,” and that the most prevalent strain—*P. falciparum*—is “endemic in low-lying areas of Haiti.” *Falciparum* is a killer strain. During the oncoming rainy season, the standing putrid water guarantees more cases, unless acted against.

Even before the earthquake, Haiti had 30,000 confirmed cases of malaria a year, although officials believe that the actual number is closer to 200,000, with a few dozen deaths each year.

Dengue fever is also widely present in Haiti. Under the mosquito-favoring conditions of the rainy season coming on the debris of the earthquake, the CDC said of dengue, “Substantial population susceptibility to infection will exist; . . . displaced person camps [in the quake zone] will most likely have unique vector (and dengue virus) population dynamics.” This is polite CDC language for “holocaust,” but the epidemiological point is clear.

The population must be relocated out of the unlivable conditions in the quake zone. With evacuees safe on high ground, a full-scale national sanitation campaign can be launched, with clean-up, drainage, and

DDT, to defeat malaria entirely, and roll back dengue as fast as possible.

FDR and the Army Corps of Engineers

This emergency relocation, and infrastructure plan for Haiti is precisely in the American System tradition of deliberate nation-building. Specifically for Haiti, it is embodied in the 1934 FDR Good Neighbor Policy, during which the U.S. Army Corps was deployed to work on water management improvements in the Artibonite River basin, for what, in 1956, included one of the largest hydroelectric dams in the Americas.

Had this development approach been continued, instead of side-tracked by the post-World War II, anti-FDR shift to globalization and impoverishment, we now would be christening new floating nuclear power plants, for installation in Haiti and other special sites. That will come, if we take the needed rescue measures now called for.

The Army Corps of Engineers has already done the groundwork for evacuating the quake victims and getting to work on the country. In August 1999, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District in Mobile, Ala., and the Topographic Engineering Center in Alexandria, Va. released “Water Resources Assessment of Haiti.” The hydrologists wrote: “This assessment can aid the host nation by highlighting its critical need areas, which in turn serves to support potential water resources development, preservation, and enhancement funding programs. Highlighted problems are the lack of access to water supply by much of the population, the density of the population and the high mortality rate, the lack of wastewater treatment, the devastating effects of deforestation on the water resources, and the lack of hydrologic data. Watershed management plans should be enacted to control deforestation and to manage water resources...”

In the emergency we face today, those with logistics experience, who know the array of task-requirements, can determine the staffing objectives, to increase the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ranks from its current size of 34,000—far too small—to double or triple that size, to undertake the infrastructure-building needs in Haiti, and within the United States, too. Retirees and reserves can help fill out the roster.

But the main deployment will come from hundreds of thousands of Haitians, and from the U.S. unemployed young people, who, with leadership and hands-on experience, will learn on the job, and accomplish the mission.

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Paul Collier

Britain’s Hit Man Against Haiti

by Gretchen Small

March 5—Since Independence, Haiti’s most crippling problem has been the prohibition against developing its labor power, a prohibition enforced by warfare, both military and cultural, by international isolation, even embargos. The retribution extracted for Haiti’s successful throwing off the chains of slavery and reaching out to the young United States as a new republic, was that the great mass of its people would remain enslaved in backwardness. Before the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake, almost 40% of Haiti’s children never had the opportunity to go to school at all; less than half the adult population is literate.

Thus, the only sane starting point for an economic development strategy for Haiti, is to discuss how to most rapidly foster scientific and technological progress, through infrastructure programs bringing mass electrification, roads and rail, and advanced water management, the introduction of modern agricultural techniques, and industries—not assembly plants!—in order to create the conditions for developing the creative powers of Haiti’s youth.

Such measures would have been obvious in years not that long ago.

Instead, in the wake of January’s earthquake, circling vultures have seized on the mass death and destruction as the opportunity to escalate the campaign to turn this bleeding nation into the exemplary case for the intended elimination of the nation-state globally. The British-owned billionaires club of George Soros, Bill Gates, et al., the same group of Malthusian vultures who met in Manhattan on May 5, 2009 to chart how to reduce the world’s population by billions, have pronounced that Haiti is unfit to rule itself, and must be placed under international receivership. They mean to use Haiti to establish direct rule by private finance over enslaved peoples generally, and vastly fewer numbers of them, too.

Their point man in this campaign is Oxford Uni-

versity Prof. Paul Collier, the hired pen who drafted the strategy for “rebuilding” that the vultures are determined to force upon Haiti. Collier is open: Haiti should be the showcase for how to “fix” fragile countries; it is easier to manage than similar situations in Africa, and international peacekeepers already control security. Once they are successful in Haiti, Africa comes next.

The proposed “fix” is globalization taken to its ultimate conclusion, the centralization of private “international investor/donor” control over countries, leaving governments as empty shells no more powerful than a flag blowing in the wind. Services are to be provided only for those people deemed necessary to produce for export in sweatshops and commercial agriculture. For the rest of the people, nothing is to be given—the better to eat you with, as the wolf said.

Call it “the Paul Collier re-enslavement program” for Haiti, a stepping stone to the return of British East India Company-style rule globally.

Beware the British *Bokor*!¹

Collier first came to *EIR*’s attention in Nigeria, in 1997. Fresh from a trip to China, where she discussed the new “Iron Silk Road” uniting Europe and Asia as a driver for a global renaissance, Schiller Institute founder and chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche traveled to Abuja, Nigeria, to address the opening of the Fourth Nigerian Economic Summit on Nov. 12, 1997. She presented a far-reaching perspective for making the continent of Africa bloom, building transcontinental railroads, nuclear power plants, and new cities, as part of “a new era of mankind,” in which “infrastructure corridors will bring industrial and agricultural development into land-locked regions.”

Collier followed Zepp-LaRouche on the panel. Apoplectic at the welcome reception her vision received, Collier departed from his prepared remarks to sputter that Nigerians should beware of “charlatans



UN/Paulo Filgueiras

Oxford Prof. Paul Collier, the Queen’s designated Bokor (voodoo priest) for Haiti, wants to bring back British East India Company-style rule to the island.

who are peddling prosperity,” and left the conference early.

No one could ever accuse Collier of “peddling prosperity” for the people he dismissively calls “the bottom billion.”

Collier is a career hit man for British imperialism. His latest partner on things Haitian, is the Soros-linked Jean-Louis Warnholz, cofounder of FastAfrica, a venture capital/intelligence outfit profiting from the looting of Africa, and looking to do the same with Haiti. An outspoken champion of “limited sovereignty,” Collier heads the Centre for the Study of African Economies at Oxford (specializing in Benthamite quantitative statistical analysis of their subjects of study); he was named a Commander of the British Empire on the Queen’s birthday in 2008; served as senior advisor to Tony Blair’s Commission on Africa; and is a hired hand of the Nazi-trained British imperialist drug pusher, George Soros, who promotes Collier as “one of the most original minds in the world today.”

Since when have sweatshops been original? That even some well-meaning people bow before Collier as an “authority” on development strategy, is a testimony to how low knowledge of actual economics has sunk in today’s world.

1. *Bokor*: an evil voodoo sorcerer or priest reputed to create zombies—humans who are killed, and then brought back to life, to serve their masters as mindless, but very strong slaves.

Modern-Day Slavery

Collier was deployed onto the Haiti case in 2008, when UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon commissioned him to draft the UN program of action for Haiti. “Haiti: From Natural Catastrophe to Economic Security, A Report for the Secretary-General of the United Nations” was released in January 2009.

His starting point for Haiti is the same as his angry response to the LaRouches’ plan presented in Nigeria in 1997: Nations have no right to aspire to greatness! Again and again, *ad nauseam*, he writes that nations like Haiti must face up to the fact that “distant grand visions are inappropriate. . . . Anything either grandiose or comprehensive stands no chance whatsoever of being implemented.” That is, no chance of being acceptable to the British imperial masters to whom Collier sold his soul.

Collier’s insistence on “realistic” plans, “Rebuilding Haiti, One Mango at a Time,” within current parameters, is to decree a second round of mass death against Haitians.

What Haiti has to offer, in Collier’s book, is its uneducated cheap labor, and backwardness. In his view, “due to its poverty and relatively unregulated labor market, Haiti has labor costs that are fully competitive with China, which is the global benchmark.”

Obsessively, Collier argues that if those few labor regulations that do exist are lifted, if “multi-shifting” is encouraged by providing security for workers going from their dangerous slums to the night shifts, and if

“second-hand electrical equipment” is used to power assembly plants, Haiti’s garment industry, paying a grand \$3.09 a day for eight hours of work, has a great future for expansion, fully competitive with the cheapest of Chinese labor.

Any infrastructure that might be required for the export zones (access roads, water, and sewage) shall be built, but only by labor-intensive means. When it comes to electricity, Collier is pathological against anyone proposing that Haiti develop a modern national electricity supply! “Cheap and reliable power needs to be generated for use in the export zones. Most probably this requires a private generating company to operate with second-hand equipment to keep costs low,” he wrote in the UN report. A few months later, he lashed out at donors’ modification of “his” plan, “because of the insistence on using new equipment, the cost of the power it would produce is triple that paid by the Chinese firms with which Haiti must compete” (*Guardian*, April 9, 2009).

As for the rest of the country, it can go rot. “Large tracts of Haiti are mountainous, and providing infrastructure to the scattered populations in these areas would create an unsustainable maintenance burden and not be economic,” he specifies, a statement as incompetent as it is immoral.

End Independence, Too

Under Collier’s plan, everything is to be privatized, from what little electricity might be permitted,

Malthus on Malthusianism

The following is from Thomas Malthus’s 1798 book, Essay on the Principle of Population.

All children who are born, beyond what would be required to keep up the population to a desired level, must necessarily perish, unless room be made for them by the death of grown persons. . . . Therefore . . . we should facilitate, instead of foolishly and vainly endeavoring to impede, the operations of nature in producing this mortality; and if we dread the too fre-

quent visitation of the horrid form of famine, we should sedulously encourage the other forms of destruction, which we compel nature to use.

Instead of recommending cleanliness to the poor, we should encourage contrary habits. In our towns we should make the streets narrower, crowd more people into the houses, and court the return of the plague. In the country, we should build our villages near stagnant pools, and particularly encourage settlement in all marshy and unwholesome situations. But above all we should reprobate specific remedies for ravaging diseases; and restrain those benevolent, but much mistaken men, who have thought they are doing a service to mankind by protecting schemes for the total extirpation of particular disorders.



UN/Logan Abassi

Even before the earthquake, Haiti was the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. What is needed today is the LaRouche Plan to rebuild the nation with great infrastructure projects. Shown: A Haitian man sits on the rubble that was his home in Jacmel.

to ports, the customs service, and the delivery of basic services, too.

Even before the earthquake, a stunning 80-90% of Haiti's basic social services (health, education, etc.) were provided by NGOs (non-government organizations) and the private sector, which receive 80% of the international development aid going into Haiti. Given the state of the country, the June 2009 Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti drily noted: "Haiti is a textbook example of the fact that the non-governmental sector cannot replace the State."

But Collier argues, as in the UN report, that scaling up public provision of services "is not a viable solution." Rather, Collier insists that Haiti's government be put into receivership, and hand its national sovereignty over to an independent authority, "temporarily," Collier demurs, suggesting "only" three years, for starters.

Supporting this demand, is the drumbeat of lies from these British genocidalists and their U.S. followers, that the Haitian government is so corrupt, that international aid and investment cannot be channeled through it, and instead must be given directly to an authority which "donors" and "investors" can trust—and run.

But the most dangerous problem of corruption in Haiti, is centered in the British Empire's very Dope, Inc. apparatus for which Collier is but the hired mouthpiece. Some 8% of the cocaine entering the U.S. comes through the island of Hispaniola, with an increasing proportion of that shifting from the Dominican Republic to Haiti, increasing the domination of Haiti's deliberately devastated economy by the London-run cocaine trade, and penetrating its political class.

To propose to hand direct control over to the world's largest drug-pusher, George Soros, and his ilk, while deepening

the policies which created the economic devastation in the first place, in the name of fighting "corruption," is the height of cynicism, but that's the plan.

In his UN report, Collier laid out a plan for an Independent Service Authority (ISA), "in which a quasi-independent public agency coordinates and co-funds NGO and private sector provision. . . . An ISA is a public agency outside the civil service, somewhat analogous to an independent central bank, or an Independent Revenue Authority, which implements government [sic!] policy but does not set policy."

The ultimate British imperialist model!

Who shall run this would-be ISA board? "Donors and any other pertinent actors," and, of course, government representatives. The ISA would allow Haiti "to tap into new sources of major funding for social provision such as the Gates Foundation." And why not, since they run it?

"This is the best idea around," Lord Rothschild's London *Economist* pronounced in a post-earthquake Jan. 21 editorial. "Haiti's government cannot rebuild the country. A temporary authority needs to be set up to do it." Fortunately, the *Economist* declared, Paul Collier has written the blueprint for how to do it.

Haiti's 'Natural Disasters' Were Man-Made

by Carlos Wesley and Cynthia Rush

“...The little community of Haiti, anchored in the Caribbean Sea, has had her mission in the world, and a mission which the world had much need to learn. She has taught the world the danger of slavery and the value of liberty. In this respect, she has been the greatest of all our modern teachers. . . .

“Until Haiti struck for freedom, the conscience of the Christian world slept profoundly over slavery. It was scarcely troubled even by a dream of this crime against justice and liberty. . . .

“In the face of the fact that Haiti still lives, after being boycotted by all the Christian world, . . . in the face of the fact that she has attached herself to the car of the world's civilization, I will not, I cannot believe that her star is to go out in darkness, but I will rather believe that whatever may happen, of peace or war, Haiti will remain in the firmament of nations, and, like the star of the north, will shine on and shine on forever.”

These words, spoken by the great abolitionist leader and former slave Frederick Douglass, on Jan. 2, 1893, as he inaugurated the Haiti Pavillion at the Chicago World's Fair, were from a speech in which he graphically described the horrors that Haiti had endured, starting well before it declared its independence on Jan. 1, 1804. But Douglass was also confident that Haiti could become a prosperous nation, and a valued U.S. ally, if given the chance by the developed world, and protected from the slaveholders, the “sharks, pirates and Shylocks,” which the British Empire, often in league with France, Spain, and, at times during her history, the United States, frequently deployed against her.

“But the future of Haiti, what is it to be?” Douglass asked. “Will it be civilization or barbarism?”

No Man-Made Disaster

In October 1989, the U.S. city of San Francisco and its surroundings were slammed by an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale. The quake left 63 dead,

more than 3,000 wounded, and as many as 12,000 homeless.

Compare this with what happened in Haiti Jan. 12, 2010, when an earthquake of similar magnitude (7.0) hit that Caribbean island-nation: an estimated 300,000 dead; the destruction of virtually every building in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, and, in large parts of the country; and some 2 million people left homeless, without shelter, food, or medical care.

Clearly, what caused the destruction of Haiti was not the earthquake, but the lack of earthquake-proof buildings and houses, and other solidly built sanitation, health, energy, and transportation infrastructure, designed, above all, to protect precious human life.

Today, 117 years after Douglass posed his question, the same two options face this devastated nation. One, is to remain the victim of the fascist free-trade and globalization policies of the British Empire and the Inter-Alpha banking group it controls, which have reduced Haiti to its current status as the most desperately poor nation in the Western Hemisphere, afflicted with diseases that should have been eradicated long ago.

Haiti today has the highest rate of infant, children under five years of age, and maternal mortality, in the Western Hemisphere. Diarrhea, respiratory infections, malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV-AIDS, are the leading causes of death, according to UNICEF, which estimates that 5.6% of the population, aged 15-49, live with HIV/AIDS, including 19,000 children. Anti-retroviral drugs are available only in small quantities.

According to the Pan American Health Organization's (PAHO) 2007 *Health in the Americas* report, 47% of the population, largely in rural areas, lack access to basic healthcare.

The only sane option is that proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, who has advanced the republican tradition of those European and American humanists who founded the United States as “a beacon of hope and

temple of liberty” in the New World for those who sought to escape Europe’s oppressive oligarchies.

On Jan. 31, LaRouche told an international webcast that the U.S. government should sign a treaty with Haiti which, while fully respecting its sovereignty, would rebuild its economy in a manner that would allow it to go forward as a viable nation. “This is a small nation of people which has been subjected to a terrible history, which has been promised and betrayed, promised and betrayed. Never delivered.”

Rebuilding Haiti would take a quarter century, at least, said LaRouche. “Many things have to be changed, but the most important thing is the prevailing attitude called fix-it, or patch-it.” The U.S. should tell the Haitians, “Okay, you’re a small country. We can absorb the burden. We are going to work with you to make sure that you come out of this successfully, as a country that can maintain itself, and survive,” he said.

Days earlier, LaRouche had said that the U.S. “has a moral responsibility to respond to this crisis.” Further, such assistance would give the United States the added benefit of developing “an improved capacity to address other crises, both abroad,” as well as at home, in cases like that of Hurricane Katrina. Such an aid program would also give useful jobs to many U.S. youth, who “could function as a complementary labor force to be trained for emergency situations, and could be the basis for a new Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC),” similar to the one established by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1930s.

A Historical Account

Whether LaRouche’s proposal becomes reality will depend, *as has been the case historically*, on whether the United States government and Presidency remain true to the founding republican principles enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. When those principles have been violated or abandoned, as they are today under the Obama Administration, Haiti has suffered needlessly.

This island-nation, first known as Saint-Domingue, has been the victim of the British Empire’s bestial policies virtually from the moment it won its independence on Jan. 1, 1804—the first country in the Americas to do



President Franklin Roosevelt (right) meets with Haitian President Sténio Vincent in Cap-Haïtien, 1934. FDR was the first U.S. President to visit Haiti; his Good Neighbor Policy helped to put that nation on the road to prosperity.

so, after the United States—and proclaimed itself the first modern republic ruled by blacks. This was achieved after the only successful slave rebellion in all of history was carried out under the leadership of Toussaint L’Ouverture; and the three great powers in the region—Spain, England, and Napoleon’s France—were dealt humiliating military defeats.

The British Empire never forgave Haiti for this accomplishment, or for its decisive support for the American Revolution. Citizens of Saint-Domingue, of all races and classes, fought on the side of the American patriots throughout the Revolution, most prominently at the 1779 battle of Savannah, Ga., and through the decisive 1781 Battle at Yorktown. Saint-Domingue’s alliance with the most outstanding of the U.S. Founding Fathers, especially its first Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, also stuck in London’s craw.

It was Haiti’s own war of independence that made it possible for the United States to make the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, which doubled its size in a single stroke. Moreover, Haiti’s material support for South America’s independence movement allowed the Liberator Simón Bolívar to return to fight for the independence of *Gran Colombia*—present-day Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela—after suffering two previous defeats.

Hamilton, who was born in the West Indies and abhorred slavery, had a hand in setting U.S. policy to-

wards the Caribbean, from the very founding of the American Republic. He was instrumental in naming nearly every U.S. consul to Saint-Domingue, starting with the first one, Sylvanus Bourne, appointed soon after the U.S. adopted its own Constitution in 1789.

At the request of John Adams's Secretary of State Timothy Pickering, Hamilton drafted a "Constitutional plan" for Haiti, dated Feb. 21, 1799, which, by 1801, became the core of the Constitution proclaimed by Toussaint, establishing Saint-Domingue as an independent nation in all but name—the first nation, in modern history, outside of Africa, governed by blacks.

By that time, U.S. collaboration with Toussaint had gone far beyond trade, much to Britain's horror. The fledgling U.S. Navy was now deploying "Ships of War," to help Toussaint to consolidate his power, which was continuously challenged by the British and the French throughout this period.

Named Governor-for-Life in 1801, Toussaint proceeded to implement policies that increased production, aided by the tax program that Hamilton designed for his government, and raised the living standards of the work force of emancipated slaves, paying them fair wages, banning corporal punishment, and limiting the work day to nine hours. Within 18 months, despite constant threats and interference from London-centered financier interests, Toussaint's administration succeeded in restoring sugar production to pre-Revolution levels, and built key infrastructure—roads, schools, bridges, and irrigation systems—despite the ravages of a decade of nearly uninterrupted warfare.

An Unending Battle

With Thomas Jefferson's 1801 entry into the Presidency, and under successive Presidents, relations with Saint-Domingue went downhill. Jefferson made known that once the warring nations of Britain and France made peace, the U.S. would act in concert with them "to confine the [Negro] pest to the island." Jefferson also let Napoleon's Foreign Minister Talleyrand, know that the U.S. was willing to furnish the French army and navy with everything they needed if they decided to reconquer Saint-Domingue.

Jefferson and his successors refused to recognize Haiti's independence, and, in the years that followed, it was punished with blockades and quarantines, not only by the imperial powers, but by the ungrateful South American countries and by the United States itself.

It was not until Abraham Lincoln became President



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in 1861 that the U.S. policy toward Haiti improved. "If any good reason exists why we should persevere longer in withholding our recognition of the sovereignty and independence of Haiti . . . I am unable to discern it," Lincoln said on Dec. 3, 1861. In 1863, he officially recognized Haiti and Liberia as independent and sovereign, and signed a treaty "of amity and commerce" in 1865.

In 1889, President Benjamin Harrison named Frederick Douglass to be Minister Resident and U.S. Consul to Haiti, which post he held until 1891. Never glossing over the complexities of the local situation, he wrote extensively about this small country's struggles and determination to survive as a sovereign republic, against daunting odds.

"You and I," he told his audience at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, referenced above, "have reason to respect Haiti for her services to the cause of liberty and

human equality throughout the world, and for the noble qualities she exhibited in all the trying conditions of her early history.”

At the end of the 19th Century, Haiti was a country which, if not prospering, at least was self-sufficient in key areas of the economy, and enjoyed the respect of the concert of nations.

Unfortunately, the negative side of U.S.-Haitian relations resurfaced under racist President Woodrow Wilson, the man who brought the Ku Klux Klan right into the White House with him. In 1915, Wilson ordered the invasion of Haiti on behalf of Wall Street and City of London interests, seizing control of customs and launching an, at times, brutal occupation that lasted until 1934. It was during the occupation that hordes of anthropologists and ethnologists arrived to brainwash Haitians into believing that voodoo and witchcraft were their true religion.

But that was not the only problem the Haitians faced. In the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispanola with Haiti, another dictator ruled—Rafael Trujillo. Installed under a U.S. occupation, Trujillo carried out “ethnic cleansing” in 1937, along the border between the two countries, massacring tens of thousands of Haitians.

FDR: ‘We Can Learn a Lot from Haiti’

The U.S. occupation ended in 1934, shortly after Franklin Roosevelt became President. Roosevelt, who was the first U.S. President to ever visit Haiti, helped Haiti retake the path toward prosperity through his Good Neighbor policy, which stood in stark contrast to the British Empire’s colonial doctrine of free trade.

In an Oct. 14, 1943 toast to Haitian President Elie Lescot, Roosevelt underscored that, “in this new civilization that we are coming to, of mutual aid and in a cooperative management between all the Nations of the world, I think that not only can Haiti learn a lot from us, but we can learn a lot from Haiti.” Roosevelt particularly emphasized the importance of helping Haiti produce more food.

Two years earlier, the U.S. government helped set up SHADA, the Société Hatiano-Americaine de Developpement Agricole, which used a \$5 million credit line from the Export-Import Bank to pursue “the development and exploitation of all agricultural and other resources of, and within, the Republic of Haiti. . . . Experimentation is to be undertaken to improve existing crops and to cultivate new ones.”

These policies set Haiti on the road to food self-suf-

ficiency. Eventually it not only produced enough to feed its own people, but also exported products such as coffee, cacao, meat, sugar, fruits, and vegetables.

“The future of Haiti is very, very bright,” Roosevelt told his Haitian counterpart on that October evening in 1943.

But upon Roosevelt’s death in April of 1945, things worsened once again. With the support of certain factions inside the U.S., François Duvalier, a medical doctor recruited by those same anthropologists and ethnologists and sent to the U.S. for training, imposed a fierce dictatorship in 1957, and as “Papa Doc,” ruled as the High Priest of Voodoo. At his death in 1971, his son Jean-Claude Duvalier, “Baby Doc,” succeeded him, at the age of 19.

Despite immense political turbulence and violence associated with the two Duvalier regimes, both of which played upon popular superstition associated with Voodoo, to keep the population in a state of backwardness, Haiti continued to be self-sufficient up through the 1980s, at least in rice production, the main staple in the national diet. In 1985, Haitian farmers produced more than 150,000 tons of rice, which met the population’s consumption needs.

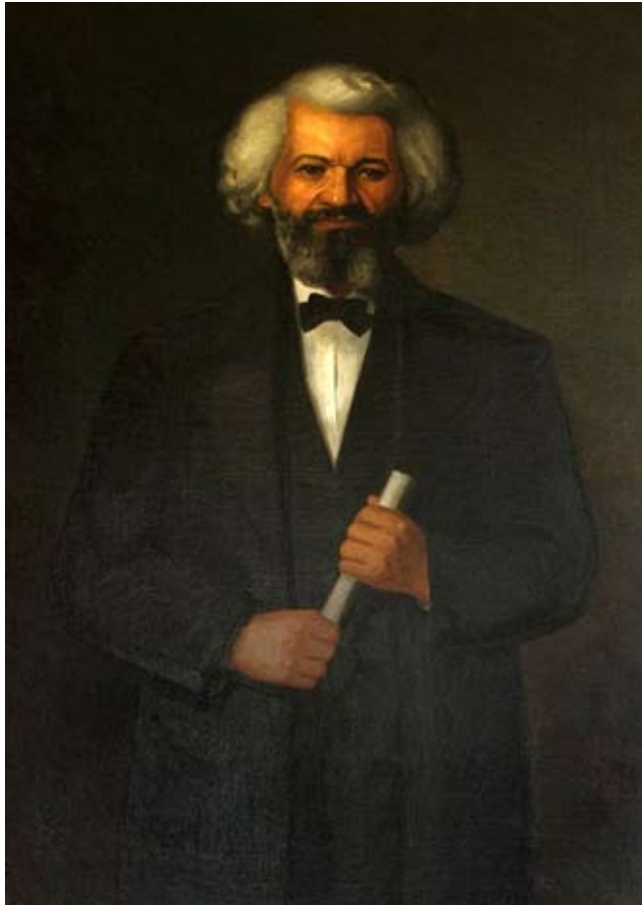
‘Shine On and Shine On Forever?’

But with the fall of Baby Doc in February of 1986, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its “structural adjustment” program (SAP) arrived, to impose murderous austerity conditionalities—trade liberalization, privatization, deregulation, wage reduction, and elimination of social services, among other things—further reducing the living standards of a population, 70% of which already lived below the poverty line.

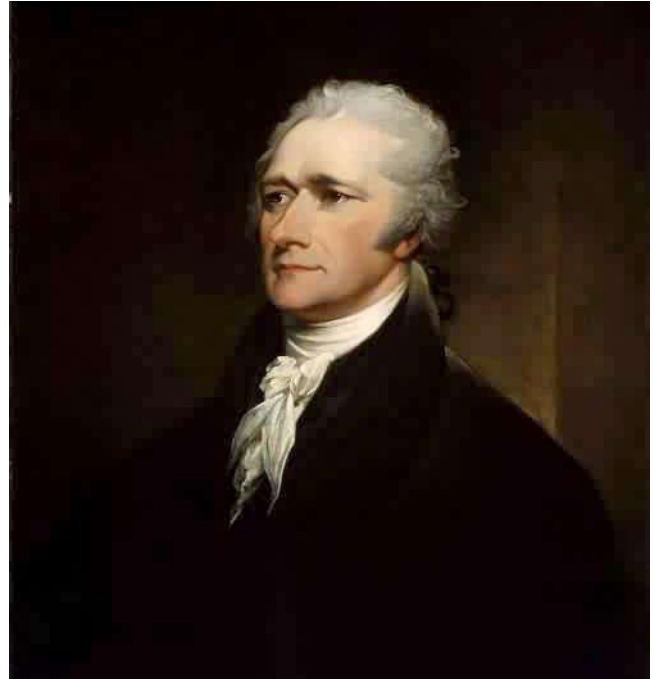
In 1991, the former priest and modern-day Jacobin, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, became President, but was overthrown in September of that year in a military coup, brought on largely by his own lunacy. This served as the pretext for then-President George H.W. Bush to impose an international embargo against the Haitian people, which, in combination with the military junta’s economic depredations, brought destructive consequences—severe supply shortages, economic displacement, and large price increases that slammed Haiti’s poor.

Employment declined by 80% during the three years of the embargo—1991-93—forcing the poor to eat even the seeds and bushes of certain exotic plants slated for export, just to avoid starving to death.

The embargo ended when the U.S. once again in-



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Painting by John Trumbull (1806)

Haiti's U.S. allies: The abolitionist leader and former slave Frederick Douglass (left) believed that Haiti could become a prosperous nation, and a valued U.S. ally, if protected from the "sharks, pirates and Shylocks," of the British Empire. And, Alexander Hamilton's (above) 'Constitutional plan' for Haiti, became the core of the Constitution proclaimed by Toussaint, in 1801, establishing Saint-Domingue as the first modern republic governed by blacks.

vaded Haiti in 1994, this time without firing a shot, under President Bill Clinton. The U.S. and its allies brought Aristide back *on the condition that Haiti accept more austerity!* The demand was to privatize everything: electricity, water, the airport, the ports, and even education. Within days of his return, Aristide removed fuel subsidies, terminated discretionary budgetary accounts, and cancelled all public-sector wage contracts.

In contrast to the optimistic future that FDR envisioned for Haiti, in a collaborative relationship with the U.S., the IMF's deadly SAPs, imposed repeatedly beginning in the mid-1980s and extending into the current decade, helped transform this poor nation into one giant sweatshop, in which in-bond assembly plants—the infamous *maquiladoras* known to Mexico and Central America—became the nation's largest employers. Agriculture was based, not on the production of food for domestic consumption, but on cash crops *for export*, including Winter vegetables and fruits.

By 1985, Haiti was ninth in the world in the assem-

bly of goods for U.S. consumption. It attained the dubious distinction of being the world's largest producer of baseballs, and among the top three in the assembly of such products as stuffed toys, dolls, and apparel.

When the 1994 SAP lowered tariffs on rice imports from 35% to 3%, making Haiti—insanely—the “most open economy” of all the Caribbean nations, cheap rice flooded the country, driving local traders, producers, millers, and others into bankruptcy, forcing their displacement into urban slums or out of the country.

The indignities have never stopped. When Aristide mobilized his Jacobin Lavalas movement against new demands for more brutal austerity, President George W. Bush arranged to have him overthrown, again, in 2004. While the U.S. Coast Guard has maintained a blockade for years to prevent Haitians from fleeing to U.S. refuge, USAID has spent millions to promote Haitian Creole, a language spoken *nowhere else in the world*, which ensures Haiti's isolation.

Shamefully, U.S. warships carry out Jefferson's mandate to “confine the pest to the island.”

The British Take a Big Hit

LaRouche's war against the British Empire has reached a new, most critical, and promising, phase. With the victory in Kesha Rogers' Congressional campaign, he and his associates have hit the enemies of the United States on a flank that they didn't expect, and they still aren't quite sure what hit them. They don't really know how to react—but the shock waves are spreading internationally.

Most critically, this blow against the British comes in the immediate aftermath of LaRouche's effective salvo on the Brazil flank, when he blew the whistle on the bankruptcy of Banco Santander on Feb. 1. With that hit, LaRouche refocused his assault on the core of the British imperial financial monster, the Inter-Alpha Group, an enemy of the United States and the world, which he had first attacked, although not by the same name, for its fascist deprivations against Brazil almost 40 years ago, in his debate with the Keynesian, Abba Lerner. Now the situation is more ripe—and LaRouche's position vastly strengthened. The major British counter-operation to LaRouche's Four Powers (U.S.A., Russia, China, India) agreement, the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China), has suffered a major blow, and now a significant inroad has been made within the body politic of the United States as well.

We know these Brits are doomed—and we are rubbing the reality in their faces. What's crucial now is that we use our current situation to force through the impeachment of British puppet Obama, and then the global Glass-Steagall and LaRouche Plan, which will finish off the British Inter-Alpha Group that is behind him. Because that's the only way we Americans will prevent the Brits from taking us down with them.

The press coverage of Rogers' victory reflects

the fact that the media are not sure how this war is going to turn out, and they are trying to play it safe. The coverage is unusually prompt, extensive, and serious—especially reflected in the fact that many of blogs have included one or two paragraphs from the LaRouchePAC release in their coverage, and some are including links to Kesha's website.

As for the British, notably the London *Economist*, they are upset and obsessed with the fact that it is *they* who are under attack. They make jokes, which are not quite jokes—which only underscore their vulnerability to our attack. They don't dare *not* mention the fact that we are out to destroy the British.

We know that there are some circles, like the rabid David Axelrod and his friends, who are just chomping at the bit to go berserk against Rogers' victory, but for the moment, they are being restrained by those who realize that such action would be another self-destruct. Not to be overlooked is the fact that other circles around the institution of the Presidency are actually debating the potential for impeaching Obama—in an environment where the victory of a "Democrat who called for impeachment" is *the* topic to discuss.

So, it's time to get serious. Patriots must move immediately to impeach the President who represents *the* major obstacle to implementing the global Glass-Steagall, by mobilizing the mass-strike ferment which, due to LaRouche's leadership, just succeeded in delivering a stunning blow to our nation's only enemy. We have the unique responsibility to *lead* this upsurge of patriots. In this context, LaRouche's next webcast, on March 13, takes on even more importance.

Does not the Ides-of-March doom of Obama seem even closer today?

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INTERNET

- BCAT.TV/BCAT Click BCAT-2 4th Fri: 10 am (Eastern Time)
- LAROUCHEPUB.COM Click *LaRouche's Writings*. (Avail. 24/7)
- LA36.ORG Click on The LaRouche Connection. Select desired show.
- MNN.ORG Click *Watch Ch.57* Fri: 2:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)
- QUOTE-UNQUOTE.COM Click on Ch.27. Tue. 6 pm (Mtn.)
- SCAN-TV.ORG Click *Scan on the Web (Pacific Time)*. Ch.23: Wed. 7 am Ch.77: Mon. 11 am
- WUWF.ORG Click *Watch WUWF-TV*. Last Mon 4:30-5 pm (Eastern)

INTERNATIONAL

THE PHILIPPINES

- MANILA Ch.3: Tue 9:30 pm

ALABAMA

- UNIONTOWN GY Ch.2: Wed, Thu, Fri: 6 am

ALASKA

- ANCHORAGE GCI Ch.12: Thu 10 pm

CALIFORNIA

- CONTRA COSTA CC Ch.26: 2nd Tue 7 pm
- COSTA MESA TW Ch.35: Thu 5:30 pm
- LANCASTER/PALMDALE TW Ch.36: Sun 1 pm
- ORANGE COUNTY TW Ch.95/97/98: Mon 3 pm
- SAN FRANCISCO CC Ch.29: 2nd & 4th Sat 9 pm

COLORADO

- DENVER CC Ch.56 Sun 10 am

CONNECTICUT

- GROTON CC Ch.12: Mon 5 pm
- NEW HAVEN CC Ch.27: Mon & Wed: 6 am; Sat: 6 pm
- NEWTOWN CH Ch.21: Mon 12:30 pm; Tue: 6 pm
- NORWICH CC Ch.14: Tue 8 pm
- SEYMOUR CC Ch.10: Tue 10 pm

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- WASHINGTON CC Ch.95 & RCN Ch.10: Irregular

FLORIDA

- ESCAMBIA COUNTY CX Ch.4: Last Sat 4:30 pm

ILLINOIS

- CHICAGO CC./RCN/WOW Ch.21: Irregular
- PEORIA COUNTY IN Ch.22: Sun 7:30 pm
- QUAD CITIES MC Ch.19: Thu 11 pm
- ROCKFORD CC Ch.17 Wed 9 pm

IOWA

- QUAD CITIES MC Ch.19: Thu 11 pm

KENTUCKY

- BOONE/KENTON COUNTIES IN Ch.21: Sun & Tue: Midnight
- JEFFERSON COUNTY IN Ch.98: Fri 2-2:30 pm

LOUISIANA

- ORLEANS PARISH CX Ch.78: Sun 11 pm; Mon 5 pm; Tue 4 pm; Thu 12:30 pm; Fri 12:30 am

MAINE

- PORTLAND TW Ch.2: Tue 10 pm; Thu 1 am; Sat Noon

MARYLAND

- ANNE ARUNDEL CC Ch.99; FIOS Ch.42: Tue & Thu: 10 am; Fri & Sat: midnight
- P.G. COUNTY CC Ch.76 & FIOS Ch.42: Mon 10:30 pm, Thu 11:30 am

MASSACHUSETTS

- CAMBRIDGE CC Ch.10: Tue 2:30 pm; Fri 10:30 am
- FRANKLIN COUNTY (NE) CC Ch.17: Sun 8 pm; Wed 9 pm; Sat 4 pm
- GREAT FALLS CC Ch.17: Irregular
- QUINCY CC Ch.8: Pop-ins.
- WALPOLE CC Ch.8: Tue 1 pm

MICHIGAN

- BYRON CENTER CC Ch.25: Mon 1 & 6 pm
- KENT COUNTY CC Ch.25: Mon 6:30 am
- KENT COUNTY (South) CC Ch.25: Wed 9:30 am
- LAKE ORION CC Ch.10: Irregular
- LANSING CC Ch.16: Fri Noon
- LIVONIA BH Ch.12: Thu 3 pm
- MT. PLEASANT CH Ch.3: Tue 7 am
- SHELBY TWP CC Ch.20, WOW Ch.18, UV Ch.99: Mon 11 pm
- WAYNE COUNTY CC Ch.16/18: Mon 6-8 pm

MINNESOTA

- ALBANY AMTC Ch.13: Tue & Thu: 7:30 pm
- CAMBRIDGE US Ch.10: Wed 6 pm
- COLD SPRING US Ch. 10: Wed 6 pm
- COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CC Ch.15: Tue 9 pm
- DULUTH CH Ch.16: Irregular. Ch.29: Wed Midnight; Fri 1 pm
- MARSHALL Knology Ch.67: & CH Ch.35/8: Sat. 8:30 am
- MINNEAPOLIS CC Ch.16: Tue 11 pm
- MINNEAPOLIS (N. Burbs) CC Ch.15: Thu 11 am & 6 pm
- NEW ULM CC Ch.14 & NUT Ch.3: Sun 6 am, Tue 9 pm
- PROCTOR MC Ch.7: Tue after 5 pm.
- ST. CLOUD CH Ch.12: Mon 5 pm
- ST. CROIX VALLEY CC Ch.14: Thu 1 & 7 pm; Fri 9 am
- ST. PAUL CC Ch.15: Wed 9:30 pm
- ST. PUAL (N.Burbs) CC Ch.21: Mon 7 pm, Tue 3 am & 11 am.

- ST. PAUL (S&W Burbs) CC Ch.15: Mon, Wed, Fri 9 am
- 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: Irregular
- WINDSOR Ch.27: Irregular
- MONTVALE/MAHWAH CV Ch.76: Mon 5 pm
- PISCATAWAY FIOS TV Ch.40, 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: Sat: 10 pm

NEW YORK

- ALBANY TW Ch.18: Wed 5 pm.
- BETHLEHEM TW Ch.18: Tue 6 am
- BRONX CV Ch.70: Wed 7:30 am
- BROOKLYN 4th Friday: CV Ch.67: 10-10:30 am TW Ch.34: 10-10:30 am RCN Ch.82:10-10:30 am FIOS Ch.42:10-10:30 am
- BUFFALO TW Ch.20: Wed & Fri 10:30-11pm
- CHEMUNG/STEUEN TW Ch.1/99: Tue 7:30 pm
- ERIE COUNTY TW Ch.20: Thu 10:35 pm
- IRONDEQUOIT TW Ch.15: Sun 10 am
- JEFFERSON/LEWIS COUNTIES TW Ch.99: Irregular
- MANHATTAN TW, RCN Ch.57/85, Verizon FIOS-TV Ch.35: Fri 2:30 am
- ONEIDA COUNTY TW Ch.99: Thu 8 or 9 pm
- PENFIELD TW Ch.15: Sun & Tue
- QUEENS: 4th Sat monthly 2 pm TW Ch.56, RCN Ch.85, Verizon FIOS-TV Ch.36
- QUEENSBURY TW Ch.18: Mon 7 pm
- ROCHESTER TW Ch.15: Irregular
- ROCKLAND CV Ch.76: Mon 6 pm

- SCHENECTADY TW Ch.16: Fri 1 pm; Sat 1:30 am
- STATEN ISLAND TW Ch.35: Tue 8:30 am & Midnight
- 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 10:30 pm

NORTH CAROLINA

- HICKORY CH Ch.6: Tue 10 pm
- MECKLENBURG COUNTY TW Ch.22: Fri 12:30 am

OHIO

- AMHERST TW Ch.95: Daily Noon & 2 pm
- OBERLIN Cable Co-Op Ch.9: Thu 8 pm

PENNSYLVANIA

- PITTSBURGH CC Ch.21: Irregular

RHODE ISLAND

- BRISTOL, BARRINGTON, WARREN Full Channel Ch.49: Tue: 10 am
- EAST PROVIDENCE CX Ch.18; FIOS Ch.24: 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 & SVC Ch.8: Mon 6 pm, Tue 4:30 pm, Wed 8 pm
- GREATER FALLS CC Ch.10: Mon/Wed/Fri 1 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.27: Mon 1 pm
- FAIRFAX CX & FIOS Ch.10: 1st & 2nd Wed 1 pm; Fri 10 am; 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 Noon BS Ch.23: Mon Noon
- TRI CITIES CH Ch.13/99: Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 pm

WISCONSIN

- MARATHON COUNTY CH Ch.98: Thu 9:30 pm; Fri Noon
- MUSKEGO TW Ch.14: Sun 7 am, Mon & Thu: 5:30 pm
- SUPERIOR CH & MC Ch.7: Tue after 5 pm.

WYOMING

- GILLETTE BR Ch.31: Tue 7

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