

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!"