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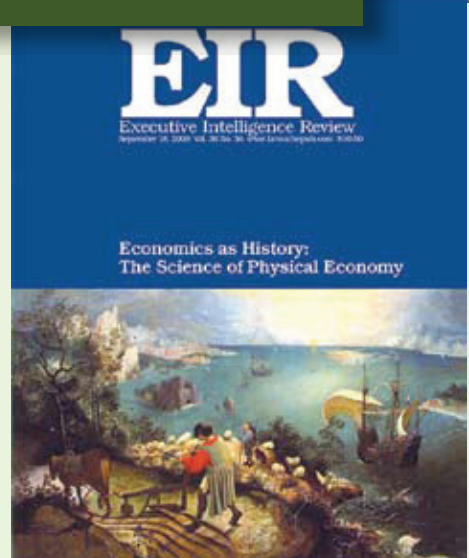


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From the Managing Editor

Behind the terror-bombings in Moscow, Baghdad, and Jagdalpur, India; the escalation of the war in Afghanistan; and the ramming through of the Nazi-like “health-care” reform in the United States, is a single purpose: the British Empire’s determination to prevent the emergence of Lyndon LaRouche’s Four Great Power Alliance, among the United States, Russia, China, and India, to lead the world out of a new dark age. Beijing and New Delhi have shown themselves to be less vulnerable to the machinations of the imperial financial cabal, as evidenced by their refusal to capitulate to the Copenhagen Climate mafia last December, and their drive to develop their nations through vast infrastructure projects, notably, nuclear power and high-speed rail.

Russia too is resisting, at the same time that it is the target of a vicious campaign of terror, and victim of the Empire’s new Opium War, as you will read in our *Feature* this week (p. 4).

But what of the United States? This nation is currently the “weak sister” among the Four Powers. The reason for that is as plain as the mustache on President Obama’s face! As LaRouche insists: Obama must go! Either by impeachment, or resignation—and fast. The case for impeachment is put forward by Jeffrey Steinberg: Obama’s Afghan policy is tantamount to treason, because it is sending Americans to die to protect Britain’s Opium War.

As the leader of those forces in the United States who wish to rescue the nation and return it to its Constitutional principles, especially the commitment to *promote the General Welfare*, LaRouche addressed a special edition of the *LPAC-TV Weekly Update* on March 31 (p. 16). The subject of economics, LaRouche declared, is mankind: “Man’s prospects, if we are sane, are unlimited. And value, economic value, is that.”

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LAROUCHE DEMANDS IMPEACHMENT

Obama's Afghan Policy Is Tantamount to Treason

by Jeffrey Steinberg

April 4—Lyndon LaRouche is demanding President Barack Obama's immediate impeachment or resignation from office, for crimes that are "tantamount to treason," starting with his Afghanistan policy. "American soldiers are being sent to Afghanistan to be shot by an enemy that the President is defending," LaRouche charged. "By refusing to go after the opium trade, which is the logistical and financial backbone of the Taliban insurgency, the Obama policy is giving those narco-insurgents a free hand to kill American soldiers."

President Obama's personal complicity in the opium treachery was demonstrated on March 28, when he made a 24-hour unannounced visit to Kabul, to scold Afghan President Hamid Karzai for his government's "corruption," but never mentioned the opium and heroin trade, which accounts for over 90% of the world's supply, and bankrolls the very Taliban insurgency that the Administration purports to be combatting.

"American soldiers are dying in Afghanistan, fighting an enemy that thrives on the opium trade, that the President refuses to target," LaRouche declared. "That kind of policy is tantamount to treason, and warrants the President's immediate impeachment. It cannot be tolerated."

LaRouche also called for the immediate dismissal of Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, who has been pivotal in the di-

sastrous Obama policy.

In stark contrast to the Obama policy, the Russian government has called upon the United States and NATO to collaborate on a full-scale war on the Afghan opium and heroin trade, which is the backbone of a global narco-insurgency, now running wild in Eurasia and the Americas, and which has been the cause of at least 1 million drug deaths from Afghan heroin overdoses over the past decade alone, according to United Nations data.

Two weeks before President Obama's Kabul visit, Victor Ivanov, the head of the Russian federal anti-narcotics agency, spoke at a conference in Kabul, demanding a comprehensive campaign to eradicate the Afghan opium trade. Ivanov cited UN statistics, showing that the Afghan opium trade generated at least \$65 billion a year in criminal revenue, and was the principal source of funding for the Taliban insurgency, as well as terrorist organizations operating across Eurasia, into the Russian North Caucasus.

As reported on Russian television on March 15, Ivanov's call was explicitly challenged by a British military officer, Richard Connelly, who was quoted: "Nobody knows better than Afghan politicians do, the history of their people and their way of life. Therefore the best thing is for them to decide themselves, what to do with the plantings. Without participation from the



USAF/TSft. Efrén Lopez

“American soldiers are dying in Afghanistan, fighting an enemy that thrives on the opium trade, that the President refuses to target,” Lyndon LaRouche charged. Shown: A U.S. Army officer and his Afghan interpreter discover a pile of dried poppy plants in Badula Qulp, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Feb. 12, 2010. The evidence is everywhere.

international forces.”

Such rhetorical nonsense has been used by the British for the past decade, to aid and abet the Afghan opium trade, which is the lifeblood of Britain’s offshore financial operations, centered in such locales as Dubai and the Cayman Islands, where the drug profits are laundered and invested.

A week after his Kabul speech, on March 24, Ivanov presented a detailed proposal at the NATO-Russia Council meeting in Brussels (see *Documentation*), for a comprehensive international campaign to wipe out the

drug scourge, starting with the eradication of Afghan opium, of trafficking organizations, and of the money-laundering infrastructure. The Ivanov proposal was summarily rejected by the U.S. and NATO.

LaRouche Targets London

Then on March 29, suicide bombers carried out two attacks on the Moscow subway system, killing 38 people and injuring 100. Russian security services linked the attacks, as well as follow-on attacks in the North Caucasus region, to Chechen-based terrorists, who are part of the global apparatus bankrolled by the Afghan opium and heroin trade.

LaRouche identified the strategic objectives behind the terrorist attacks on Russia, in a statement on March 31: “Based on the facts presented, from what we believe to be competent sources, this is a threat to the Russian people, in order to demonstrate that the Russian government cannot protect the people. It’s an attempt to discredit the Russian government, and show its vulnerability. I am looking at complicity, behind the scenes, by British intelligence.

“This is not a couple of loose nuts. This action has a mission orientation. That mission is to discredit the government’s ability to provide security, and it is particularly aimed at Vladimir Yakunin, president of Russian Railways.”

Indeed, the recent attacks come from the same Caucasus-based Anglo/Saudi-sponsored networks, funded by the Afghan opium trade, who were responsible for the November 2009 bombing of the Moscow-St. Petersburg Nevsky Express Train.

In the wake of the U.S. and NATO rejection of the Ivanov proposal, and particularly the Moscow subway bombings, the Russian government has responded with appropriate anger. Moscow knows perfectly well that the refusal of the Obama Administration to move against the Afghan opium trade guarantees that the terrorist networks targeting Russia will have the logistical and financial support to continue their destabilization.

LaRouche characterized the Obama policy, particularly following the President’s Kabul visit, as a radical “phase shift” in the global strategic situation. Coming just days after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

successfully completed year-long negotiations with her Russian counterpart, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, on a nuclear arms reduction treaty, President Obama's Kabul trip and the associated refusal to take on the Afghan opium apparatus, represented sabotage of the potential for U.S.-Russian cooperation, a potential that cannot be repaired so long as President Obama remains in office.

While the nuclear arms reduction treaty is still scheduled to be signed in Washington in the coming days, the damage has been done.

GOP Psycho-Sexual Impotence

To be sure, the U.S. government's policy of de facto support for the Afghan opium apparatus did not begin with of President Obama. Successive U.S. administrations, going back to 1979, have either boosted the Afghan opium trade, or turned a blind eye to its presence. When the George W. Bush Administration invaded Afghanistan in October 2001, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld explicitly rejected proposals from some of his top military commanders to wipe out the opium trade.

Under the U.S. occupation, the Afghan opium business skyrocketed, to the point that, as of 2007, Afghanistan was producing 95% of the world's opium and heroin. In 2007 alone, Afghanistan produced 8,200 metric tons of opium, 160% of world consumption!

LaRouche noted: "The Afghan opium and heroin trade, which is synonymous with the Taliban insurgency, is not entirely new. While the current White House policy of collusion with the Afghan drug lords demands that President Obama be sent to early retirement, it is equally the case that the Bush Administration followed the same disastrous recipe. As the result, the Republican Party is completely impotent, to fight against President Obama's Afghan treachery. The Bush legacy hangs around their neck."

An Open Secret

In March 2009, Richard Holbrooke, President Obama's special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan—and a former business partner of drug legalizer George Soros—announced that the Obama Administration was abandoning all efforts at opium eradication in Afghanistan, claiming that the program was "inefficient," "costly," and was driving Afghan farmers into the arms of the Taliban. While Holbrooke was echoing the long-standing British policy of sabotaging any meaningful

anti-narcotics effort in Afghanistan, evidence was accumulating that the Afghan opium trade was the life-blood of the Taliban and allied insurgencies, and that any counterinsurgency strategy that did not start with its eradication was doomed to fail miserably.

Several months after the Holbrooke announcement, the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), a Congressionally established and publicly funded research agency, published a 36-page dossier, "How Opium Profits the Taliban," by Gretchen Peters, which spelled out how the Taliban had evolved into a narcotics cartel. From the local level to the Taliban top leadership, widely believed to be operating out of Quetta, Pakistan, near the Afghan border, the insurgency is now synonymous with the narcotics trade.

And with that total integration, a level of brutality, previously not seen, has taken hold. Peters, a former ABC News correspondent in Pakistan and Afghanistan and the author of a 2009 book on the Taliban and the Afghan opium trade, wrote: "The drug economy brings an increased level of brutality—a viciousness that seems far more senseless to many who live under it. . . . The Taliban, which used to ban TV entirely, began releasing a grisly video series showing their fighters beheading men they accused of spying for the Americans. It culminated in an April release featuring a knife-wielding child executioner who looked barely 12 years old. There were also reports of Taliban soldiers gouging out eyes or gutting enemies they captured in battle."

In her USIP study, Peters wrote: "Opium has long played a supporting role in the Afghan conflict, and today the drug trade has moved to center stage. Not only have narcotics corrupted the Afghan government, they have also begun to transform—through deepening ties between insurgents and drug traffickers along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border—the nature of the insurgency from one based on ideology to one increasingly driven by profit. Insurgent commanders from the district level up to the top leadership have expanded their involvement vertically through the drug trade. . . . As the core Taliban in the south and other extremist groups such as al-Qaeda have become more closely tied to crime along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, levels of violence have increased. Additionally, insurgents have diversified into other criminal activities, including kidnapping for ransom, extortion, and, in some areas, human trafficking. The more complex the criminal networks become, the more difficult it will be for the coalition of foreign forces in Afghanistan to fight them."

Opium Politics

The Peters USIP study was based exclusively on publicly available material, and on interviews with scores of Afghan eyewitnesses to the transformation of the Taliban into a narco-terrorist organization, in the mold of the Colombian FARC or the Peruvian Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso).

An even more widely circulated profile of the Taliban and the Afghan opium and heroin trade appeared on March 30, in Salon.com, written by Alfred McCoy, author of *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia* (1972).

McCoy began his exposé with a devastating account of the U.S. military mission in Helmand Province, the center of the Afghan opium enterprise:

“After a year of cautious debate and costly deployments, President Obama finally launched his new Afghan war strategy at 2:40 am on Feb. 13, 2010, in a remote market town called Marja in southern Afghanistan’s Helmand Province. As a wave of helicopters descended on Marja’s outskirts spitting up clouds of dust, hundreds of U.S. Marines dashed through fields sprouting opium poppies toward the town’s mud-walled compounds.

“After a week of fighting, U.S. war commander Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal choppered into town with Afghanistan’s vice-president and Helmand’s provincial governor. Their mission: a media roll-out for the general’s new-look counterinsurgency strategy based on bringing government to remote villages just like Marja.

“At a carefully staged meet-and-greet with some 200 villagers, however, the vice-president and provincial governor faced some unexpected, unscripted anger. ‘If they come with tractors,’ one Afghan widow announced to a chorus of supportive shouts from her fellow farmers, ‘they will have to roll over me and kill me before they can kill my poppy.’

“For these poppy growers and thousands more like them, the return of government control, however contested, brought with it a perilous threat: opium eradication.

“Throughout all the shooting and shouting, Ameri-



USMC/CWO3 Philippe Chasse

Adm. James Stavridis identified the human disaster that Britain’s new Opium War has wrought in Russia, where, just last year, some 30,000 Russians, between the ages of 18 and 24, died from heroin usage. Shown: an Afghan poppy farmer watches an AH-1W Cobra helicopter fly over his field in Farah province, Afghanistan, March 8, 2009.

can commanders seemed strangely unaware that Marja might qualify as the world’s heroin capital—with hundreds of laboratories, reputedly hidden inside the area’s mud-brick houses, regularly processing the local poppy crop into high-grade heroin. After all, the surrounding fields of Helmand Province produce a remarkable 40% of the world’s illicit opium supply, and much of this harvest has been traded in Marja. Rushing through those opium fields to attack the Taliban on Day One of this offensive, the Marines missed their real enemy, the ultimate force behind the Taliban insurgency, as they pursued just the latest crop of peasant guerrillas whose guns and wages are funded by those poppy plants.”

McCoy’s account of the new Obama/McChrystal counterinsurgency doctrine graphically exposed the folly of the current U.S. strategy. The bulk of the report, however, catalogued the consequences of a 30-year war, waged on Afghan soil, which transformed a once-stable, remote agricultural nation into the world’s opium field. As the normal economic life of the nation was disrupted, the farmers found themselves at the mercy of the opium lords, who in many cases forced them to produce at the point of a gun.

When the Taliban seized power in Kabul in 1996, Afghanistan was already producing 75% of the world’s opium. The Taliban regime collected an estimated \$100

million a year in revenue from taxes on the government-sanctioned opium crop. Heroin labs in and around the city of Jalalabad boosted the Taliban's take.

McCoy reported: "During the 1990s, Afghanistan's soaring opium harvest fueled an international smuggling trade that tied Central Asia, Russia and Europe into a vast illicit market of arms, drugs and money-laundering. It also helped fuel an eruption of ethnic insurgency across a 3,000-mile swath of land from Uzbekistan in Central Asia to Bosnia in the Balkans."

In July 2000, Taliban leader Mullah Omar ordered a ban on opium production, for reasons that are still hotly debated. Almost overnight, poppy production, and with it, the Afghan economy, collapsed—by 94%.

The temporary rift between the Taliban and the legions of opium lords who had secured the group's consolidation of power in Kabul, benefitted the Bush Administration, in October 2001, when Bush launched the invasion of Afghanistan, to overthrow the Taliban and drive al-Qaeda, literally, underground. Opium lords who had prospered under Taliban rule prior to July 2000, lined up behind the Bush-Cheney invasion, and by the end of the first year of the U.S. occupation, opium production had soared back up to 3,400 metric tons. By 2007, Afghanistan was producing 93% of the world's opium, estimated by the UN at 8,200 metric tons.

The Generals Speak

If journalists like Peters and McCoy are capable of documenting the true state of affairs, where is the U.S. government?

Not all of America's top military commanders have adopted General McChrystal's "Made-in-London" mantra that the U.S./NATO coalition must first defeat the Taliban and al-Qaeda military forces, before taking on the opium trade. Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), who served President Bill Clinton as head of the White House Office on National Drug Control Policy, has conducted a series of fact-finding missions to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and has published his reports in memoranda to Col. Michael Meese of West Point.

General McCaffrey's latest mission to Afghanistan was in November 2009. His Dec. 5, 2009 report featured the following blunt assessment of the opium plague in Afghanistan and its implications for the U.S. mission there:

"The \$3.4 billion opium crop of 7,700 metric tons (2008) produces weapons and supplies for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, corrupts the police and civil authorities,

diverts land from food (two million drug workers) and has addicted a significant percentage of the population. Left unaddressed—the heroin menace will defeat our strategic goals in this campaign.

"Afghanistan is now the most damaged narco-state on the face of the earth. There are at least 920,000 drug users causing abject misery among widows, orphans, the unemployed, the poor. A new UN study will soon suggest there may be as many as two million drug users. . . .

"The current notion that we can ignore the growers as simple farmers trying to survive—and focus our counter-drug strategy only on law enforcement against the cartels—is painfully naive. These huge criminal Afghan heroin operations if not defeated will corrupt legal governance, addict the population, distort the economy, and funnel immense resources to the Taliban and terrorist groups.

"The solution is three-pronged. First, work on alternative livelihood agricultural crops. Second, have the Afghan political leadership confront the opium issue as un-Islamic and one that destroys their culture. Third, *destroy the crops. Without the last—nothing will work*" (emphasis added).

Adm. James Stavridis, the current head of the U.S. European Command and the NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe (SACEUR), has echoed McCaffrey's assessment, and delivered a de facto endorsement of Russian anti-narcotics chief Ivanov's warning that the terrorist threat across all of Eurasia is inextricably tied to the Afghan opium and heroin trade.

Addressing a conference of American ambassadors from the Black Sea region at his Stuttgart, Germany headquarters on April 1, Stavridis declared, "When I look at the [Caucasus region] in general, as we see with the recent subway bombings . . . I'm worried about that as a zone of terrorism." As reported in *Stars and Stripes* on April 3, "During Thursday's conference, Stavridis and his diplomatic counterparts looked for ways to better coordinate efforts to promote cooperation in the region. The flow of narcotics, particularly heroin from Afghanistan, human trafficking, and weapons smuggling, are some of the factors that contribute to growing instability in an area where regional rivalries have historically limited cooperation.

"For instance, he said, more needs to be done regarding heroin flowing into the region from Afghanistan. Stavridis said that heroin is to blame for the deaths of some 30,000 Russians last year between the ages of

18-24. ‘That in and of itself is a humanitarian disaster,’ Stavridis said. ‘And the profit and the money from that goes right back to the Taliban in Afghanistan.’ Heroin made from Afghanistan poppy crops generates from \$100 to \$400 million each year for the insurgency.”

Admiral Stavridis focussed on the need for greater American-Russian cooperation, including on Afghan drug production and its consequences across Eurasia.

The Heart of the Beast

LaRouche today called for an immediate and massive American eradication program, to replace the failed McChrystal “counterinsurgency” strategy. “Bomb the poppy fields now,” launch a full-spectrum war on drugs, including to top-down elimination of such British offshore dirty-money havens as Dubai and the Cayman Islands. “It is the British opium war policy, now targeting all of Eurasia and all of the Americas, to sustain an already hopelessly bankrupt British offshore financial empire, that is the true enemy.”

LaRouche warned that the global dope trade and the flows of dirty money are the lifeblood of the London-centered financial system. “London will react desperately the moment they see the United States and Russia working together to take down their dope empire,” he said.

As for the program to defeat and replace Dope, Inc., LaRouche presented it concretely in 1985, when he outlined a 15-point war plan.¹

LaRouche warned, in the current context, that London is already putting in place an option of assassinating President Obama, as a means of throwing the United States into chaos. He also warned that the United States and Russia, in combination, must deliver an unmistakable, preemptive message to Israel: Under no circumstances are you to attack Iran. London’s other chaos option is to get Israel to bomb Iran, creating an even bigger global disaster.

“Only a strong alliance between Washington and Moscow,” he said, “which would be instantly joined by both China and India, can bring down the British offshore financial empire of drug money, terrorism, and unbridled speculation. That is why President Barack Obama, who has shown himself so far to be a pawn of the British financial interests, must be removed from office, through prescribed Constitutional means.”

1. http://www.larouche.com/eiw/public/2008/eirv35n28-20080718/eirv35n28-20080718_012-larouches_15_point_plan_for_a_wa-lar.pdf

Documentation

Russia’s Ivanov: Let’s Jointly Fight Afghan Drugs

April 1—Victor Ivanov, chairman of Russia’s State Anti-Narcotics Committee and director of the Federal Service for the Control of Narcotics, gave this speech at the enlarged ambassador-level session of the Russia-NATO Council in Brussels on March 24. The following day, the Russian Foreign Ministry denounced NATO’s refusal to eradicate the opium crop in Afghanistan, accusing the United States of “conniving” with Afghanistan’s drug producers with this decision. Subheads have been added; emphasis is from the Russian transcript.

Lines of Cooperation Between Russia and NATO Aimed at Eliminating the Global Phenomenon of Afghan Drug Production

Dear NATO Secretary General,
Dear Delegates,

Quite soon, on May 9, the whole world will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the victory of the Allies in World War II. One of the symbols of the unfading spirit of that prominent coalition will be, in particular, the Victory Parade in Moscow’s Red Square, involving NATO military personnel (up to a company of soldiers equipped with modern armaments).

It looks as though a new, broad coalition—but anti-drug, instead of anti-Hitler—should be set up. This is indicated by both the importance of keeping up traditions of partnership and cooperation, and the absolute fact that drug production in Afghanistan, which is phenomenal in terms of its scope, has become a *fundamental, damaging factor* for our countries’ populations.

We are professionals who realize the need for an adequate response to the threat that has emerged, and its scope, as well as for effective solutions to be taken for the sake of our peoples.

The other day, I returned from Kabul, where I discussed this problem with representatives of anti-drug



Russian “drug czar” Victor Ivanov is shown speaking here in Washington on Sept. 24, 2009.

institutions (those of Russia, ISAF countries [NATO’s International Security Assistance Force], and Afghanistan), as well as the UN mission.

Huge Drug Production

Therefore, let me say a few words about official estimates of Afghan drug production, which is a common challenge for our 29 countries. According to the UNO, 100,000 people die of Afghan heroin every year. *About 1 million people have died from Afghan drugs* during the first decade of this century, while 16 million have suffered mentally or physically. International heroin consumption in 2008 amounted to: 21% in Russia (70 tons), 26% in Europe, excluding Russia and Turkey (88 tons), 6% in the U.S. and Canada (22 tons). Thus, *the countries represented at today’s event account for more than half* of all globally consumed heroin. Our countries account for a greater part of the world opiate market: approximately \$20 billion in Europe, out of the total of \$65 billion; \$13 billion in the Russian Federation; \$8 billion in the U.S. and Canada; i.e., our countries account in total for 59% of the world opiate market.

Speaking of the threats and challenges facing our countries, we should compare figures showing losses among our citizens from events in the Central Asian region.

It is shocking that annual civilian losses in the NATO

countries due to heroin overdoses are *50 times higher than their military losses in Afghanistan*. This is confirmed by the data provided by UNODC [UN Office on Drugs and Crime] Director Antonio Costa regarding the annual death of 10,000 citizens of the North Atlantic Treaty countries caused by Afghan drugs.

It is obvious that military operations in the region should be aimed, not at self-protection, but at *protecting these countries’ own citizens*, who also happen to be the taxpayers that are paying for their military men’s operations.

It should be stressed that, besides direct damage to the lives and health of our citizens, Afghan drug production is forming and consolidating *transnational organized crime in Eurasia*, as well as—and this is extremely dangerous—providing huge financial resources and recruitment

potential for terrorist and extremist organizations, illegal infrastructure, and supplies of armaments, explosives, and communications facilities aimed at operations against the civilian population.

The International Response

At the same time, *the lack of results* of international anti-drug efforts in the region over a long period of time—*actually for eight and a half years*—has provided strong evidence of the inadequacy of the approaches that have been applied to ensuring security.

In summary, one can state that, in general, the existing architecture is not only ineffective, but *even has a negative result*. For example, the decisions of the Jan. 28 London Conference, on reintegrating a part of the Taliban into the power structure, indicate that there is an intensifying process of reassessment of the level and type of threat from this movement, while the role and significance of large-scale drug production keep growing steadily, and are *multiplying its negative and life-threatening consequences for the world in general*.

Under the conditions of globalization, there is an obvious need not to just pick discrete threats from among the broad spectrum of challenges, but also to *formulate a new security philosophy*. At the present time, a linear, or even primitive approach, of focusing

the total international force-potential on solving one problem, taken by itself—e.g., terrorism—is absolutely insufficient; this may be stated in the context of the evaluation by such prominent politicians as the head of the British Foreign Office, *David Miliband*, and others, to the effect that “*the war on terror*” was a mistake that may have caused “*more harm than good*.”

Issues concerning hierarchy and priority of threats must be addressed, within the security architecture, in such a way that elimination of some of them not give rise to new, much more dangerous threats, as has happened in the case of Afghanistan. Therefore, the new security starts not with a linear definition of a list of threats, but with the calculation of the risks and consequences of the international community’s response to such threats. Global policy is a *sphere of absolute risks*—i.e., absolutely unexpected and sometimes highly painful consequences can result from quite trivial and ordinary solutions and actions.

The term “risk” is of Greek origin (*risikon*), meaning “cliff”—i.e., a high degree of an unfavorable outcome, if you’re on the edge of a precipice.

Consequently, the planning of new steps and solutions by international institutions, in response to threats, must be accompanied by reflection on the outcomes of the solutions previously executed. An overview of the events of the last decade convinces us that *there has been a serious failure* in the application and character of joint efforts on the part of the international community, in implementing key UN resolutions.

Political imperatives to combat the drug menace were established in 1998. As a result, opium production in Afghanistan decreased 12-fold. 2,693 tons of opium were manufactured in 1998, but 185 tons in 2001. New enforcement solutions, adopted by the international community in the significant year 2001, resulted in a drastic growth of opium production—by 40-fold, in fact. Thus, using medical terminology, we can state that *the medicine proved to be more harmful* than the diagnosed disease.

When evaluating the architecture of global and Eurasian security, we should stress the priority of eliminating Afghan drug production. The stability of both Eurasia and the world as a whole depends on the efficacy of joint efforts in this area.

Cooperative Security

Probably we already have all the necessary grounds to introduce quite a *new type of security into interna-*

tional politics: anti-drug security. What we need is cooperative responsibility and cooperative security projects.

It is for these reasons that *Russia views NATO as its key partner in fighting the Afghan drug threat*. Moreover, NATO took command of the ISAF on Aug. 11, 2003, and is essentially operating on behalf of the global community, alongside another NATO member, the U. S.A., which, since Oct. 7, 2001, has been implementing *its own* Operation Invincible Freedom.

Thus, taking into account the principle of joint and shared responsibility, *it is NATO that is fully responsible* for normalizing the situation in Afghanistan, including the elimination of drug production.

But, *Russia is not willing to stand aside*.

The Russia-NATO Council, as well as the bilateral Medvedev-Obama Presidential Commission, within which there is already an actively working anti-drug group, jointly presided over by Mr. Gil Kerlikovsky and myself, provide a good basis. Along the lines of this Russian-American working group, it could be expedient to form *a joint Russia-NATO group*, aimed at elaborating a common approach to fighting Afghan drug production.

Russia’s Proposal

In the current situation, I would like to present to the Russia-NATO Council the main provisions of *Russia’s plan for the elimination of Afghan drug production*, as a practical basis for consolidating the efforts of Russia and the NATO member-states:

1. Raising the status, through the UN Security Council, of the problem of Afghan drug production to that of a threat to global peace and security.

2. Elaborating and implementing the program of Afghan economic development, through developing infrastructure, first and foremost for the energy and electricity industries, as well as creating a sufficient number of jobs (at least 2 million) for Afghan citizens.

3. Eliminating the cultivation of opium poppy through the eradication of crops by well-tested methods, and raising the efficiency of these efforts from 3% to not less than 25%.

4. Adding to the “UN Sanctions List” those landlords who provide their land for growing poppy. For this purpose, organizing a special cadastral registration of the territory of Afghanistan’s southern provinces.

5. Introducing into the ISAF mandate the compe-

tence and obligation to eradicate opium poppy crops in Afghanistan.

6. Providing the necessary level of trust, in order to develop operative collaboration, intelligence data exchange, including information on the location of drug laboratories, precursor supplies, movement of intermediate products, etc.

7. Joint, well-coordinated efforts aimed at training Afghan Drug Police (during the current year, Russia will train 225 policemen under the program of the Russia-NATO Council).

Taking into consideration the number of proposed points, I suggest naming this plan “Rainbow-Two: Russia-NATO.” Implementing this plan may require creating an international commission or agency for the elimination of Afghan drug production, with clearly established goals for the next five years. If this plan is supported and approved, I believe the anti-drug coalition which takes shape will receive an effective instrument and will succeed.

Incidentally, “the big success” of *Operation Moshtarak*, in the evaluation of the UN Secretary General and our colleague Mr. Rasmussen, has made it possible to liberate Helmand Province from armed insurgents; this is the province providing over 75% of Afghanistan’s drug production. Thus, already today we can see unique opportunities for implementing point 3 of the proposed plan, to eliminate 60% of the world’s drug production.

Thank you.

Russians See Foreign Financing of Attacks

April 4—Russian specialists, as well as the population at large, are looking intently at the factor of foreign funding of the ongoing spate of terrorist attacks on the country. This morning’s bombing of a freight train in Dagestan was officially declared an act of terrorism.

The LaRouche Political Action Committee release, “LaRouche: Look to British Intelligence Behind Moscow Bombings,” issued immediately after suicide bombers killed 29 people in the Moscow subway system, has been published in Russian on dozens of

websites, blogs, and Internet forums, drawing mostly approving comments from many readers. Some of those joining the discussion cite the British role in instigating conflicts in the Caucasus, going back to the 19th Century.

Speaking to the Rosbalt news agency on April 1, Vadim Mukhanov, a senior researcher at the Center for Caucasus Studies of the MGIMO (the Foreign Ministry’s university), stressed that “our” terrorists “have sources of funding abroad,” especially in the Middle East. While Saudi Arabia-based Wahhabite funding channels to Chechen and other North Caucasus radicals are well known, other Russian figures are looking deeper, to the British connection. It was reliably reported already two years ago, that the 2007 heightening of tension between Moscow and London was connected with Russian security agencies’ discovery of a “British trail” in the destabilization of the North Caucasus.

EIR presented a relevant dossier, beginning with the April 12, 1996 cover story, “British Monarchy Rapes Transcaucasus, Again,” which was updated in *EIR* of Sept. 10, 1999, in conjunction with publication of Lyndon LaRouche’s strategic video, “Storm Over Asia,” on the renewal of British imperial geopolitical schemes throughout Eurasia. *EIR* drew attention to the coherence of the London-sponsored North Caucasus Common Market plan and the radical separatist North Caucasus Caliphate scheme—and the overlap of some personnel between the two projects.

After the recent Moscow subway bombings, Vice-Speaker of the State Duma Vladimir Zhirinovskiy also brought up the London connection. “The explosions in the Metro are a continuation of the plan for struggle against Russia, which is worked out in London both by the special services and by our former compatriots,” said Zhirinovskiy. “It’s also certain forces from the U.S.A., who are unhappy that there will be some improvement in relations between our countries. . . . And it also is the North Caucasus, which remains in a state of latent terrorist threat. There may not be major fighting there, but the centers have remained, there are unemployed people, there’s drugs and there’s dollars. They all go off to Islamic universities in Cairo, and so forth, and it’s known what they study—how to do subversion.”

Gen. Leonid Ivashov (ret.), former head of the Ministry of Defense international department, in a March 29 interview, cautioned against being too sure the at-

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tacks were planned in the North Caucasus, even if that was the staging ground. “The situation in the Caucasus is socially, economically, and politically the most beaten down in Russia,” said Ivashov, “and there you have the most grotesque version of the clan relationships which have been imposed on Russia. . . . But, I wouldn’t jump to the conclusion that the organizers are sitting in the Caucasus. Of course, suicide bombers can be recruited. But the ultimate ‘customer’ is most likely somewhere higher up, maybe abroad, maybe here in Russia.”

Saudi/British Geopolitics

Behind the mindless acts of terrorism lurk the machinations of two external forces, represented by the Saudi Arabia-spawned Wahhabism, and the British policy to weaken Russia. Training of these terrorists, along with the Uzbek and Uighur Chinese terrorists, was carried out in Pakistan’s tribal area of North Waziristan. There were reports that since last August, these terrorists began moving towards their home bases, to step up jihad against the governments of Central Asia and Russia.

According to a high-level Indian intelligence contact, who follows terrorist activities in the region, reports from the Caucasian region of Russia indicate that jihadi terrorists continue to be active in the Ingushetia region, bordering Chechnya. In February, at least 20 insurgents were reportedly killed by Russian security forces in Ingushetia. Many Chechens work as security guards and manual laborers in the commercial establishments of Moscow. Pro-al-Qaeda Chechens sometimes use them for creating sleeper cells.

It should be stressed that those who are training the Chechens are Wahhabis, who are virulently anti-Shi’a, involved in violent dismantling of sovereign nation-states and installation of a supranational Caliphate. Many of these trainers are of Chechen origin, whose ancestors settled hundreds of years ago in Jordan and other Southwest Asian countries. Imbued with the ultra-orthodox Wahhabi version of Islam, they have become, in essence, terrorists working for Saudi Arabia and Britain, to undermine all sovereign nations in Central Asia, and Russia.

Obama War To Defend The Opium Traffickers

by Michele Steinberg

April 1—In a special edition of the LaRouche PAC Weekly Report of March 31 (published in this issue), Lyndon LaRouche said that the center of the strategic battle against the British Empire is Afghanistan.

“Remember, . . . there’s a war going on in Afghanistan,” LaRouche stated. “In this war, the United States, under the present President, *is defending the right of the drug-traffickers to continue to operate without interference.* We’re fighting a war—we’re sending troops in, to kill and be killed in Afghanistan, in order to protect the drug-traffickers! These drug-traffickers are also the major source of support for control of Russia. Because they harm Russia, . . . like the recent

[bombings] that just happened in Moscow. These are things which were *done*, and are being done against the United States, by killing our troops, in Afghanistan—with the President’s permission, and encouragement!

“At the same time, the same forces, the same group of people who were behind 9/11, are operating against Russia, too, now. And will operate against other nations.

“And Obama is practically committing an *act of treason*, by sending U.S. troops into area, *to be killed*, by the logistical force *which Obama is defending*. If that isn’t tantamount to treason, I don’t know what is.”

While the U.S. protection of the British-sponsored opium production in Afghanistan started under the Bush-Cheney Administration, it was Obama who ended *all eradication of opium*, and ended the efforts to eliminate the drug lords and traffickers who fund the Taliban and other insurgencies.

The background to Obama’s treason, from Spring 2008 to the present, is summarized here:

Chronology

Spring 2008: *EIR* researchers begin exposing the opium-protection policy in Afghanistan, after receiving detailed briefings from veterans of the Afghan War, who describe that the military targeting of the “narco-khans” (drug lords), opium and heroin warehouses, or drug traffickers is absolutely forbidden under NATO rules of engagement. Only “terrorists” and “insurgents” can be militarily targeted, and a decision by the NATO Council in Brussels would be required to change the rules of engagement. The Bush-Cheney Administration had totally backed the British, who occupied the opium-producing areas of Southern Afghanistan, and whose policy is to protect the opium fields and trafficking.

Under the direction of LaRouche, *EIR* publishes a series of articles and special reports documenting the connection of the opium traffic to the financing of both al-Qaeda and the Taliban. *EIR* identifies the role of Dubai—a British-run money-laundering banking center—and other offshore banking havens, as the centers that must be closed down to cut off the logistical flow to al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Aug. 1, 2008: *EIR* reports: “There is now full recognition within U.S. military circles that the commanders

of the Taliban, and Taliban’s al-Qaeda allies, are funding their armies—as *EIR* warned more than a decade ago—with opium and heroin trafficking, as well as a newer, burgeoning empire in hashish production. One U.S. intelligence source stated that more than \$100 million a year, directly from the opium grown in Afghanistan alone, goes directly to the Taliban, for its military operations.

“The source put the overall monetary value of the Afghan opium trade now accounting for 93% of the world’s opium production last year at approximately \$160 billion. . . .”

July 27, 2008: Thomas Schweich, a former top counter-narcotics official in the State Department, steps forward to expose the opium empire in Afghanistan that had grown under the NATO occupation. In a *New York Times Magazine* feature article, Schweich writes, “Over the next two years [from July 1, 2006], I would discover how deeply the Afghan government was involved in protecting the opium trade by shielding it from American-designed policies. While it is true that [Afghan President Hamid] Karzai’s Taliban enemies finance themselves from the drug trade, so do many of his supporters. At the same time, some of our NATO allies have resisted the anti-opium offensive, as has our own Defense Department. . . . The trouble is that the fighting is unlikely to end as long as the Taliban can finance themselves through drugs and as long as the Kabul government is dependent on opium to sustain its own hold on power.”

Schweich reports that the Bush Administration’s backing for Karzai’s insistence that aerial eradication of opium fields be ended, was fatal to the counter-narcotics effort. He shows how forcing the U.S. anti-drug forces to use manual eradication has led to U.S. troops fighting farmers and tribal leaders, when the U.S. forces tried to seize opium fields. Such manual eradication was deliberate sabotage by the British and the Bush Administration. Competent anti-drug experts in the U.S. knew, from the successful experience in Colombia, that other effective non-lethal means were possible.

July 30, 2008: Gen. Barry McCaffrey (USA, ret.), the former head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President Bill Clinton, submits his report on Afghanistan to Col. Michael Meese at West Point.

EIR endorses McCaffrey’s findings in an Aug. 7 press release, and reports: “McCaffrey writes: ‘Afghan-

istan is in misery.’ Sixty-eight percent of the population has never known peace, life expectancy is only 44, and Afghanistan has the highest maternal death rate in the world. . . . The atmosphere of terror cannot be countered mainly by military means. We cannot win through a war of attrition. . . . Afghanistan will not be solved by the addition of two or three more U.S. combat brigades from our rapidly unraveling Army.’

“Instead, McCaffrey argues that, in addition to building up the Afghan security forces, economic measures are also required. He calls for the deployment of a ‘five battalion Army engineer brigade . . . to lead a five-year road-building effort employing Afghan contractors and training and mentoring Afghan engineers. . . . The war will be won when we fix the Afghan agricultural system which employs 82% of the population. . . . The war will be won when the international community demands the eradication of the opium and cannabis crops and robustly supports the development of alternative economic activity.’

“McCaffrey pointed to the tremendous growth in the poppy crop since the U.S. invasion in 2001 and warned that ‘Unless we deal head-on with this enormous cancer, we should have little expectation that our efforts in Afghanistan will not eventually come to ruin.’”

August 2008-January 2009: *EIR* publishes feature articles continuing to detail the Afghanistan opium/heroin traffic connection to terrorism, including the November 2008 attack by Islamic extremist narco-terrorists on Mumbai, India. The LaRouche movement organizes among elected officials, and military and intelligence professionals, to force a change in Afghanistan strategy to eliminate the opium traffic, and thereby cut off the logistics for the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Jan. 16, 2009: *EIR*’s cover story on how to combat the drug trade is published under the title, “Drive the Narcos Out of the Americas.” It includes excerpts from a Fall 2008 report by General McCaffrey on Mexico, which called for a joint U.S.-Mexico anti-drug fight, “Colombia Nearly Disappeared by Negotiating with Narcoterrorists,” and “How Drugs Can Be Wiped Out, Totally” (which explains how crops can be wiped out using high-tech, non-lethal methods); LaRouche’s 1985 fifteen-point plan to combat narcoterrorism; and “George Soros, Britain’s Drug Kingpin Waging War Against the Americas.”

January 2009: There is a short-lived victory for the

anti-opium strategy in Afghanistan, with the news that Gen. Bantz John Craddock, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), the highest military commander in Europe, had approved NATO military operations against drug traffickers, narco-lords, and drug refineries and warehouses in Afghanistan. But, on Jan. 28, the German news weekly *Der Spiegel* reports on a leaked classified NATO document, in which Craddock approved the targetting of narco-traffickers and the bombing of narcotics laboratories in Afghanistan. After a violent backlash from several NATO countries that support legalization of drugs, the policy is shelved, and shortly thereafter, Craddock’s rotation as SACEUR ends.

Enter Obama

March 2009: Obama’s Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, announces in Brussels that the poppy eradication effort in Afghanistan has been ended because it is “wasteful” and is driving Afghan farmers “into the arms” of the Taliban, because it destroys the farmers’ livelihood. Holbrooke downplays the significance of drug money in financing the insurgency, and lies that the United States and NATO will focus efforts on interdicting narcotics shipments, and on stopping money laundering. No such actions are carried out against the Afghanistan dope trade, and instead the Taliban insurgents continue to make major gains in Afghanistan—financed by dope money.

A George Soros-linked pro-legalization website, www.stophedrugwar.com, gleefully welcomes Holbrooke’s denunciation of opium eradication, and claims the decision as a victory for the march towards drug legalization. Holbrooke had been a business partner of Soros, the world’s leading drug legalizer, in a biomedical company.

May 11, 2009: Obama suddenly fires Afghanistan commander Gen. David McKiernan, and replaces him with Gen. Stanley McChrystal. McKiernan was widely reported to have been favorable to SACEUR General Craddock’s decision to target narcotics operations and laboratories.

With the Holbrooke declaration and the McChrystal appointment, any effective U.S./NATO operation against the dope traffic that is financing the Islamic extremist terrorist operations, from Afghanistan to the Northern Caucasus to Moscow and Mumbai, India, is ended.

On the Subject of Economy: The Issue Is Humanity

This special edition of the LPAC-TV Weekly Update, featuring guest Lyndon LaRouche, aired on March 31. The program, hosted by LPAC Economics Editor John Hoefle and EIR Editor Nancy Spannaus, is archived at <http://archive.larouchepac.com/lpactv?nid=14043>.

John Hoefle: Welcome to the March 31 edition of the LaRouche PAC Weekly Report. This is a special program today. We're going to cover the subject of economics, and what you need to know, if we're going to save this planet we live on. So, we thought we'd bring in the expert himself, Lyndon LaRouche, and Nancy Spannaus.

Now, to start with, we're going to play a clip, from the LaRouche PAC March 13 webcast, in which Lyn addresses this particular question:

From the March 13 Webcast

This question was posed at the webcast by a leader of the Stanford group of economists, who are studying LaRouche's economic teachings; she is also a former cabinet member.

"Lyn, we're taught, for the most part, that any truly intelligible universal principles, and, I suppose, in that sense, any actual truth, doesn't exist. Now, it would seem to me, in reflecting on it, that it is that very notion

that underlies the whole idea of monetarism. And this has come up, in discussions of our group, in comparing monetarism to what you have called for in terms of a new economic system.

"But, the fact is, that monetarism—and that is really what we are all taught—says that reality can somehow be represented by an essentially statistical notion of value, and of monetary value.

"Now, the question that this raises, at least as I see it, is one of mathematics versus physics. For the most part, economists are trained in mathematics, and we are told—in fact, we are ruled by the idea—that any economic principle that we put forward, must be qualified mathematically.

"Now, obviously, the physicist takes a very different approach. And one of the things that has become immediately apparent to us, is that your Triple Curve function (**Figure 1**) could never have been arrived at purely from the standpoint of mathematics. Therefore—and please understand we're not trying to replace you, but we're trying to figure out why it is, that you were able to do this, when no one else was. And somehow, it seems that it is in this area of mathematics versus physics, in dealing with questions of economy and of national economy, that the answer lies. Would you comment?"

Mathematics Is Not Economics

LaRouche: Well, of course, the whole mathematical system of economics is a fraud inherently. And it



Lyndon LaRouche joined hosts John Hoefle and Nancy Spannaus for a special edition of the LPAC-TV Weekly Report March 31, to discuss the subject of economics, and “what you need to know if we’re going to save this planet we live on.”

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was based on an imperialist system, to begin with. And it’s against humanity.

Now, the question should be, is: What is causality? There is no concept of causality in a mathematical economics. We choose one thing over the other. What’s the difference? Well, someone says it’s the mathematical equation. Crap! That has nothing to do with it. It’s causality that’s important. And when we use a financial system which is statistical, it never works.

Why? Look, in no case in history, the known history of mankind, has mathematics, or mathematical economics, ever succeeded in producing an improvement in the conditions of life. Never. So, mathematics has, in that sense, constantly failed, and will always fail.

What happens? First of all, look, you have to look at it from the standpoint of chemistry. Life processes and chemistry. In other words, you have to have an actual science, and there’s no science in mathematical economics. None. And the results are always bad. As the case history of the United States since the death of Franklin Roosevelt shows. Always wrong. American history. Always wrong. History of Europe. Always wrong.

We have the greatest perfection of mathematics per se, with no physics in it, which was introduced by reductionism, especially since Alan Greenspan came into power, with these innovations. The greatest freedom of mathematics to test everything, without any difference for quality. The result has been the greatest catastrophe in all human history. So, any kind of mathematical eco-

nomics, as such, has been proven, again and again, to be a total failure.

Now, if you want to say a failure is a success, your measure of success, then mathematical physics is superior.

The fact of the matter is, you live in a universe which is essentially consonant with what is defined by Vernadsky’s conception of the three qualitative phase-spaces of which existence is composed, at least experimental areas: the non-living, living processes as such, and the human mind. Three different phase-spaces.

Now, what do we do? Mankind does not live naturally. Mankind’s achievement is to be highly unnatural. I don’t want to encourage certain tendencies by that, but it’s unnatural in the sense of the typical ordinary physical chemist who is not really a competent physical chemist. What is the physical chemistry of the universe? We have the physical chemistry we identify with the non-living—that is, which has no antecedent as an organized process. Then we have processes which are living processes inherently, or residues of living processes. Then we have humanity, which is not quite the same thing as any other form of living process.

So, you have the three categories. These are dynamic, they are universal and dynamic. They interact. The universe is a composite of interaction of these three phase-spaces, and everything that’s derived from it.

So now, how do we live? Let’s take a typical case of

iron. How do we get iron? Well, we could get iron in many ways, hypothetically, but how do we actually get it? How have we gotten it in terms of the 18th and 19th, and 20th centuries? We went to areas where a lot of little animals and plants died. We went and we robbed their graves, for iron.

Now, iron is all over the planet. It's a universal thing. But, why do we go and rob graves to get iron? As around the Great Lakes area, it's one of the great deposits of iron. And we rob the graves of the little creatures that died there. That's how we get iron. Why? Because the little creatures who used iron, as part of their biological process, would, when they died, have left a concentration of iron in their little dead bodies. And you can go there and say a prayer over them, hmm?

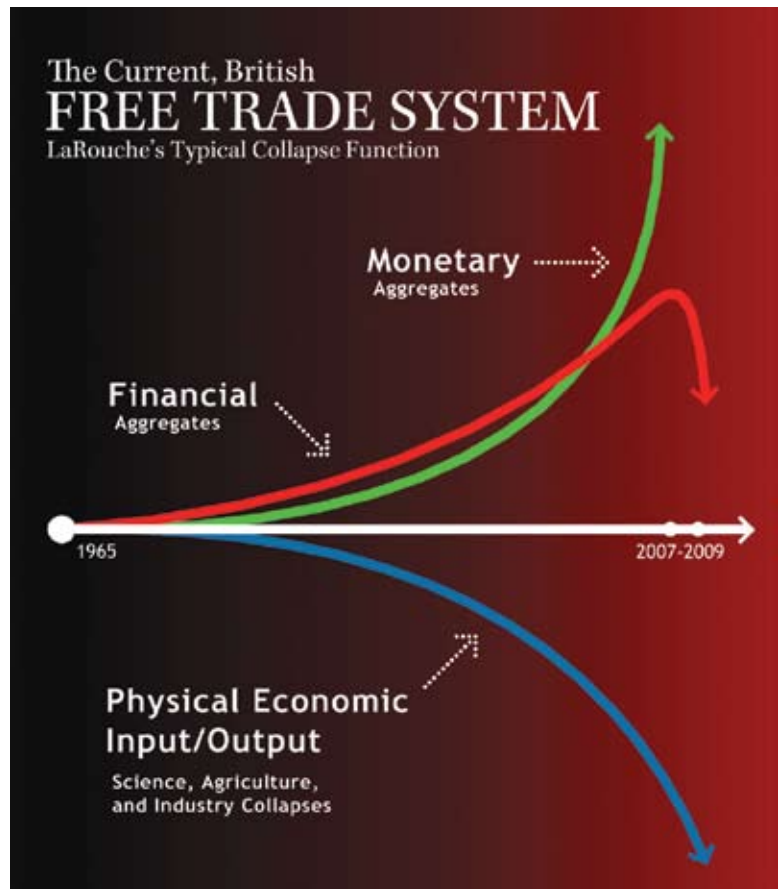
So, therefore, we found the sources of the richest concentration of iron ores, for us, such as bog iron in the Jersey swamp, which is where the Revolutionary War got its metal, iron from New Jersey, the bog iron swamp.

So, we concentrate on grave-robbing of living processes, and we find that we go in, and we take the areas which have the richest concentration of iron, which means the least heat, the least coal, used up in order to refine the stuff, and we leave behind the things that are not quite as efficient, that consume too much power in order to reduce this thing to a form of usable iron.

Now we find out that by doing that, we tend to exhaust the richest resources, of various kinds, left behind in the graveyards of various kinds of species. That's how we get them. We have the Lithosphere, and on top of this, we have a Biosphere, which is developing. It selects certain materials in the environment; grabs it, takes it into their bodies: food, food, food, for this little creature. These things die, and they leave behind these deposits. And you go running around the world to find out what kind of species was loose in this area, and they will give you the best concentration of this kind of deposit from the Periodic Table.

But then—you're using it up! Are you using it up? No, you haven't diminished the total iron in the universe, or on Earth. It's still there, it's still abundant. But it's now dispersed! It's not in graves you can rob any more. You have to go out and rob other graves, or you

FIGURE 1



have to take other resources, and you have to get more powerful means of reducing resources, in order to make them equivalent to what had been the richest resources of this iron.

So, the essence of the thing, is: For humanity to exist, several things are necessary. Humanity must increase its power, measured in heat energy, or heat power per square kilometer, per square centimeter, or smaller. And by increasing our power, by increasing the energy-flux-density of the power applied, we are able to make poor resources, better than what had been previously considered rich resources. To do that, we have to develop infrastructure, a total systemic infrastructure. We have to develop an infrastructure which is able to organize the application of energy, power, in various ways, which makes it possible at various points in the Earth, to extract economically a raw material from the Periodic Table, and to distribute it. Because you're getting it here, and you want it over here. That requires a system of power to deliver this damned stuff.

So, therefore, you can take the increase of the energy-flux-density, per capita and per square kilometer, of the planet, as a limiting consideration.

The Science of Physical Economy

So now, let's look at economics, from that standpoint: Which is called the science of physical economy. Which, in its modern form, is based on the work of many scientists, especially the followers of Bernhard Riemann, such as Max Planck, such as Albert Einstein, and Vernadsky. That, is real economic science.

Now then, the other part of it—well, it's not just economics. It's political, also. Because what kind of a political system do you have, of coordination among people, to do all the various things, including distribution, to make this system work? Look at it from the standpoint of Vernadsky. Look at it from the standpoint of physical chemistry as defined by Vernadsky. What do you have to do in terms of organization of human activity, development of power systems, transportation systems, management in general, to make this work? And to keep society progressing, and not deteriorating, entropically?

That's physical chemistry!

Now, let's take those standards, and let's measure the performance of an economy by that standard, that yardstick, and you have it. That's the problem. You need a science of physical economy, which means that you do have to consider all these psychological and other things, because they're involved in the way in which you bring about the organization of the efforts of society, to solve this problem.

And it's the same thing we're going to do to industrialize the Moon, which is one of the easiest chores before us, and how we're going to get to Mars, in less than 300 days, and not end up as a piece of jelly that's going to make it difficult to control the machine to get back.

So, therefore, the meaning of economics, as it's taught, is gibberish. And we know it's gibberish, because every time you use it, you end up in bad trouble.

So, you have to test things by their effects, but you have to choose the right effect. You have to find the time-scale on which you have to measure the effect. So, there's nothing scientific about what is taught as economics today. What is taught is, how to behave, to make the bloodsuckers rich.

[End of webcast excerpt.]

Economics, as Taught, Is Dangerously Incompetent

LaRouche: The problem today, in the United States and in the world, is among other things, the fact that what is thought of as economics, as taught, and practiced, in most places, is intrinsically incompetent. Now, it always *has been* incompetent, in these respects. But now, we've reached the point that the incompetence is taking its revenge upon us: We're now in a general, global breakdown crisis of the entire planet.

There's a difference between one side, that is the Atlantic side, and the other, the western side of the Pacific: One is for nuclear power—that's the western side of the Pacific, and of course, Africa, as well—the Indian Ocean and Pacific. On the Atlantic side, both in Europe, and in the Americas, the present system of economics, is headed toward a crash, but a crash of the European system and the Americas, would bring down the entire world economy. So that what we're facing at this time, is the immediate onrush, at an accelerating rate, of a general breakdown crisis of the entire world, a breakdown which will occur, first, in the countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

Now, what you heard, was from a leading economist of the United States, who is a member of a group of economists, who are also leading economists of the United States, who, since March-April of the past year, have been doing intensive research on my outline of what the issues of economy are today, as physical economy, but the effects of physical economy. These economists have come to understand, what the essence of my argument is, and what the proofs of my argument have been: That is, everything that has happened in the post-war world, since the death of Franklin Roosevelt, has been going, essentially, down. There have been no real periods of net growth in the United States, or generally in the trans-Atlantic system. There have been periods of slight upturn in the short term. But the overall trend has been a collapse of the world economy, particularly the countries that border both sides of the Atlantic.

We've now reached a point of total breakdown. This has gone through various stages, for example, when [President John F.] Kennedy was killed, there was a downturn, because Kennedy's policy itself was sound, but the policies of his successor were incompetent. Kennedy had opposed the war in Indo-China, as a per-



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Following the assassination of President Kennedy, and the decade-long Indo-China War, the U.S. economy went into a downward spiral from which it has never recovered. Shown: President John F. and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, Nov. 22, 1963, just before he was shot.

manent war. He was killed, and therefore, the war went on for ten years. And the U.S. economy never returned, and recovered from the effect of those ten years, of degeneration of the U.S. economy.

Nixon set into motion a further destruction of the U.S. economy. For example, as of 1967-68, there never has been, since that time, any net growth in the basic economic infrastructure of the United States. Since that time, in fact, the net infrastructure of the United States has been collapsing. Since that time, and since, particularly, the Carter Administration, which went wild with the Rockefeller program, the United States has been systematically destroyed, and has lost all the character of its government, which was responsible for the achievements of the United States, heretofore.

In 1987, the point was reached, where a new system was introduced, called “financial derivatives,” introduced by Alan Greenspan, in the wake of a general breakdown crisis, comparable to the 1929 breakdown.

Since that time, we’ve been going to Hell, more and more and more. And unless we make very fundamental changes in the system, we’re not going to have an economy. We’re going to have the worst crisis in known history, that is, what is known as history: a general breakdown crisis of the planet, which will start in the Atlantic region, and then bring down the Asian region, as a consequence of that. There will be no recovery, from that

depression, for a long time to come.

So therefore, we’re now at the point, that, if certain changes in policy are not made, changes in policy which require the impeachment of the President of the United States, the current President—because under no circumstances, will he allow the United States to make any of the changes in policy, which could lead to a recovery.

A recovery is possible: It’s very clearly possible. Some of these leading economists of the United States, including the person who made the remarks, the question I’m responding to, *do* understand what we’re talking about. They’re competent economists, they’re among the leading economists in the United States, and they have nothing in common with that trash which is running the U.S. government today. So, if those kinds of people, who *do* understand what I’m talking about, who are competent economists, are able to exert their legiti-

mate influence, as recognized outstanding economists in the United States, we can not only save the United States and its economy; we can take measures, in cooperation with other countries, which will save the world from disaster.

The intention on the part, for example, of what’s called the British Empire, which is otherwise known as the Inter-Alpha Group (**Figure 2**), essentially, that interest, is to bring the world population down from a level of 6.7 billion people, now, to a level of less than 2, as a permanent arrangement: a program of genocide, of which this health-care reform, so-called, in Britain and in the United States, are examples.

Now, what we have, is the situation, at the same time, in which the people in government—not all the people in government, but generally the Congress, for example—the Congress right now, is a useless wreck! It’s lost all its morality, all its competence, because it’s under the Obama influence, and similar kinds of influence. So there’s no chance of recovery of the United States, or even the survival of the United States, unless this is changed.

It can be changed. Because we do have, in government, apart from, particularly, the Obama sections; the Obama-specific sections of the U.S. government, must be simply thrown out. If we take them out, then other sections of the Federal government are capable of

adapting to policies which will cause a recovery of our economy and that of the world, through diplomatic policies.

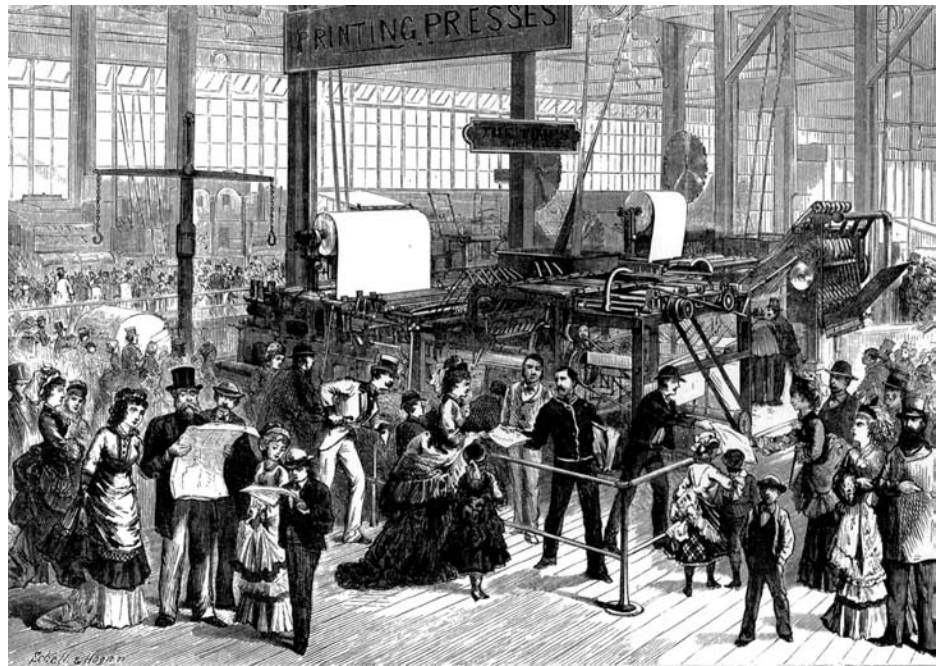
The Economics of Empire

Now, the crucial point is this: Where does the problem lie? Since the time of the Peloponnesian War, the concept of economy, in Mediterranean-centered, European civilization, has been based on the idea of empire.

Now, empires are not empires as, usually, they're described. They're not some big king, who sets up a rulership over many governments and many peoples. An empire is above kings. It's a system, which, even with nation-states, the nation-states are subject to an imperial force, which determines—the main function of the imperial force is two things: to regulate the nations by causing them to make war against each other. We should understand that; the Indo-China War was an example of that. We did not return from the Indo-China War after ten years of that war.

War has been used, as Bismarck warned, long wars, like the Seven Years War, have been used to destroy nations, by getting them to destroy one another in war; and thus, the empire comes in on top, at the end of these wars, and takes charge again. For example: The United States made a world revolution, in launching the Transcontinental Railway system in the United States. The effect of this hit the world, with the Philadelphia Centennial convention, at which the completion of the Transcontinental Railway system had been established. This was a revolution in economy. For the first time in world history, it had been possible to have a nation which is integrated economically, from border to border.

The result of this, was, about 1877 on, right after the holding of the Philadelphia Centennial, that nations of the world began to adopt this. We saw the spread of the rail system as a national rail system in France. This was connected to Germany. Germany launched a world



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The U.S. Transcontinental Railroad produced an economic revolution, whose effect hit the world with the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial. For the first time in world history, it became possible to have a nation, integrated economically, from border to border. Shown: the rotary press exhibit at the Centennial, in Philadelphia, Pa.

system of continental railway. Russia developed the same, the transcontinental railway system.

We have moved to a period, where no longer could sea power dominate the world, and control the fate of nations in an imperial way. We had reached toward the point, typified by what Roosevelt did, to establish a fixed-exchange-rate credit-system for the world—not a monetary system, but a credit system, among sovereign nations, in order to integrate nations, in the world as a whole, into a system of sovereign nation-states, working under a fixed-exchange-rate system, under a credit system, which would be capable of developing the interior of entire continents, as well as nations.

As a result of that, as Bismarck warned, after he was fired in 1890—Bismarck was a proponent of the American System of political economy, for Europe. He said, now what we're headed for, is, the British are going to launch a world war. The British Empire's going to launch a world war, and I've been kicked out of office for that purpose. This world war will be like the Seven Years War, in the middle of the 18th Century. This will destroy the world.

That's what happened. But it became known as World War I. Then, another thing happened, called World War II. The change was, the United States was

supposed to be on the British side for World War II; we weren't. We supported the British against Nazi Germany, but Roosevelt's intention was to *eliminate* the British Empire. Unfortunately, when Roosevelt died, his successor, Truman, went to the British, to Churchill, to restore the international monetary imperial system.

The world, to this day, has been run by an international monetary imperialist system, whose political capital is London. It is not an empire of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom is only a kingdom within a world imperial system. The world imperial system is a money system, based on international money, the power of international money. And that is the system which has been used by these imperial-minded people, to attempt to destroy the nation-state as an institution, internationally, to destroy the United States, in particular, by giving us this present President, for example, who's a British puppet.

Remember, the example of this, is, there's a war going on in Afghanistan. In this war, the United States, under the present President, *is defending the right of the drug-traffickers to continue to operate without interference*. We're fighting a war—we're sending troops in, to kill and be killed in Afghanistan, in order to protect the drug-traffickers! These drug-traffickers are also the major source of support for control of Russia. Because they harm Russia; they harbor circumstances, like the recent [terrorism] that just happened in Moscow. These are things which were *done*, and are being done against the United States, by killing our troops, in Afghanistan—with the President's permission, and encouragement!

At the same time, the same forces, the same group of people, who were behind 9/11, are operating against Russia, too, now. And will operate against other nations.

And Obama is practically committing an *act of treason*, by sending U.S. troops into the area, *to be killed*, by the logistical force *which Obama is defending*. If that isn't tantamount to treason, I don't know what is.

Back to the Bretton Woods System

So, now, this is our situation. We can change this, but the first thing we have to do, is, we have to eliminate the present world monetary system, to go back to the kind of system which Franklin Roosevelt had intended to establish in the post-war period, the so-called Bretton Woods model: a fixed-exchange rate of credit systems among the nations of the world, eliminating all colo-

nies, of every part of the world, establishing a principle of perfect sovereignty of each nation-state of the world. That was the policy. Truman, however, with Churchill, went with the British policy of restoring British imperialism, and Dutch imperialism, both in the old form, and in new forms.

We are run today by a system of currency, of money, which is totally polluted, which is sucking the blood out of nations, including our own. This financial system which they have created, is now in a process of terminal collapse. At the present state—for example, the Inter-Alpha Group, which is the actual British Empire, in the Summer of 1971, Arthur Burns and George Shultz, and other people like that, shut down the U.S. dollar, the fixed-exchange-rate system. They collapsed it.

And they set into motion, at the same time, using the Rothschilds as a vehicle for this, they set up what became known as the Inter-Alpha system of banking. That Inter-Alpha system of banking controls most of the world, today. It's the British Empire, in its present form. That Inter-Alpha system is, itself, presently hopelessly bankrupt. And that is the system which is presently dominating and setting the pace for the entire world economy.

Now, therefore, we have to do two things: First of all, we have to apply—and get nations to agree with us on this—to apply a Glass-Steagall standard to the world economy. Because, \$26 trillion of garbage in the United States debt has to go! Cancel it, with a Glass-Steagall approach! *Wipe out Wall Street! We don't need Wall Street! We never did!*

We have a merchant banking system, under a national banking conception by our Founders of this Republic. That system works. Under that system, properly used, *you don't need Wall Street!* And the sooner we get rid of that mass of pollution, the better. Benjamin Franklin wanted to kick those guys out of the United States at the end of the Revolutionary War, and he was right. And weak-minded people opposed him on that thing. We should have kicked them out then. It's been the curse within us ever since!

All right, so, what do we do? We get the nations of the world, who are all bankrupt—everybody's bankrupt. There's no part of the world economy that is not bankrupt. It may appear not to be bankrupt, because it's standing up, and that's because it hasn't got the strength to fall down!

So therefore, what we have to do, is establish a new world monetary system, using the viable mer-

FIGURE 2



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merchant banking capabilities, and national banking, of each country, to cooperate among countries, in a fixed-exchange-rate system, and we can then immediately launch a process which will lead to a general recovery, of the world economy.

Now, that means the idea of a monetary system, as we understand it now, has to go. Roosevelt was moving in that direction, while he was still President. But we have to go to it, now. We have to have sovereign nation-states wipe this worthless cash off the books. *Wipe \$26 trillion off the books of the United States!* It's worthless crap: Get rid of it! Restore the merchant banking principle under national banking: a system of national banking like Hamilton's First and Second National Bank of the United States.

Restore that system, and you put a system of merchant banking under the protection and promotion of that system, where the Treasury Department, independently—forget the Federal Reserve System—the Treasury Department, as an agency of the government, will work through a semi-private organization, a National Bank, the Third Hamiltonian National Bank, and work through that, to create a flow of credit, through the merchant banking system, largely, restoring banks which are merchant banks to merchant banking, under the old rules, Roosevelt kind of rules.

Then we can start on large-scale infrastructure projects. We've destroyed our agriculture; we've destroyed our industry; we've destroyed much of our infrastructure. What we're going to have to do, is take this economy of ours—and similar things are going to have to happen in Europe and elsewhere—we're going to have

to have a massive investment in large-scale, nationwide, and inter-continental infrastructure. The investment of government funds, through the state and Federal government—Federal government primarily; the states will benefit from the Federal government's offer. We have to build a basic infrastructure system, for the nation.

Build that, and then, we will get the credit going through the merchant banks, which will then be used to finance the build-up of private firms—newly created private firms. Their first market will be created by the investment in national infrastruc-

ture: water systems, power systems, health-care systems, go back to the original post-war medical system, Hill-Burton; and this will restore the U.S. economy. And it can begin to be restored properly, immediately. But it will take two generations to really get to the full state of self-sufficient recovery.

We then have to cooperate, in long-term credit arrangements, with other nations, sovereign nations, in the world, to get these nations to work together, to build up the basic economic infrastructure of the world, with massive emphasis on nuclear power and what comes beyond that, in order to rebuild a world economy.

Now, this means that the concept of economy, which is prevalent among schools and so forth today, is incompetent. The idea of a monetary system *is incompetence!* A credit system, based on the concepts of the founding of the United States as a republic, is the method that must be used. Every nation needs it. China would agree immediately. India would probably agree, with some Indian responses, adjustments. Russia needs it desperately. This would free Europe, continental Europe, from its present destruction, continental Europe under the euro system. This would mean, we would take all the things which are drivers, high-technology drivers of recovery, using infrastructure as a starting point, to rebuild a world economy based on a concept of *physical economy*.

Physical Economy vs. a Money System

Now, here's where the problem comes up. And fortunately, some of these economists, like the questioner, of this question we just heard, come into play: They un-

derstand what I am talking about. They represent a broad layer, relatively speaking, of what is now presently economic competence, which did not exist in that form, at the time that Obama was inaugurated as President. This has been a process, as a result of my role, under the conditions of the Obama Presidency. They have done studies, in which they are competent; they have learned a lot, and they are actually among the top economists of the world, as a team. The questioner here, is one of the top economists of the world.

So these people are qualified. I mean, I'm an older man, I'm not going to be around forever. But we have people who are professionals, who already have an understanding of what's wrong with this economy, and what has to be done. That's where we stand today.

Now, the principle involved is what's called "physical economy." We have been induced to believe, that money is the measure of value. It is not. Physical values are the measure. The money system, as we've known it in European civilization, is a product of the aftermath of the Peloponnesian War, in which imperial power, which was then a form of sea power, maritime power, dominated the world, from the seas—from the Mediterranean Sea—and from the oceans, later on. The oceans, the maritime trade in the world, has been controlled by a money system. That money system *is* the imperial system, of an *imperial, maritime power*.

Now, along came, in the middle of the 16th Century, a fellow called Paolo Sarpi. And Paolo Sarpi is the author of the world system which has caused this crash: Paolo Sarpi is the author of what became known as British imperialism. Or British monetarism, which is intrinsically incompetent. It is British monetarism, imperial monetarism, which is the empire. It is not one kingdom controlling other kingdoms; it's controlling all kingdoms, by a money system, an international money system controlled by international bankers. As long as Roosevelt's system, the fixed-exchange-rate system, existed, it was not possible to do this. We were defended against that by the Roosevelt system.

But when the system was repealed, by Nixon's authority—actually by Arthur Burn, whose plaything was Shultz—when that was done, the worst was unleashed. Immediately, the Inter-Alpha Group moved in, knowing this was going to be done, and set up a system of banking, a core system of banking around the British Empire, through Spanish channels, like Banco Santander, and this thing has run the world, increasingly, since that time. That empire must be destroyed!

The British system must be destroyed. Monetarist systems must be destroyed.

We must set up, instead, a system of national credit systems, organized under a fixed-exchange-rate system, for long-term credit, up to 50 years and more, of credit uttered for long-term infrastructure projects, and for private development of farms and industries, as by-products of the infrastructure program. Which means, we have to go to a physical economy.

Now, a monetary economy, the dollar system, is crap. A dollar system, or any other monetary system, represents *nothing* except speculation. There's no truth in it!

Now, the reason this came up in this form, was, Paolo Sarpi came up with a system, in the latter part of the 16th Century, which became the British Empire. The system is typified by Adam Smith. The concept is this: There is no truth. That's the basis for the British system. It's called the imperial system, or the free-trade system, or the liberal system. *There is no truth*: That's British principle! It's specifically in Adam Smith, that we don't know anything, we don't know the truth. But we guess, and we use our passions, our appetites and our passions, to determine what *pleases* us! And what we can agree to do, because, it *pleases* us! This is the way a monetary system is created.

Now, there's no relationship between values as specified by monetary standards, by liberal systems, and *value*. Value is *physical*, as I indicated in the response to the question. And that's the thing we have to do: We have to get people in leading positions, to understand—forget all the other explanations, get to the core of the question! People don't know what economic value is! What they believe is economic value, is a damned lie!

Once they understand what real economic value is, which is *physical* value, as I illustrated in that case; the basis for measuring value, is largely the values of a guy called Vernadsky. That is: What is it, that sustains and increases the productive powers of labor on the planet? The *physical* powers. The intellectual development, which is essential for development of those powers. The use of methods which promote creativity in the minds of citizens. So therefore, things like education, development of raw materials, invention of higher-technology things. Increase of the energy-flux-density, that is, the actual intensity of power. *These* are the things that determine actual value.

And the way governments can deal with this, is, you



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What is it, that sustains and increases the productive powers of labor on the planet? Intellectual development; the use of methods which promote creativity in the minds of citizens; increase of energy-flux-density: These are the things that determine actual value. Shown: A welder works aboard the USS John C. Stennis.

say: “Here, world, is what we need, as governments, together. Here’s why we cooperate as governments, sovereign governments which cooperate on long-term investments with each other. We set up large-scale infrastructure projects, which are state projects, essentially, which are needed, and are needed internationally, as well as by nations individually. We use the stimulus of those infrastructure projects to develop the private firms, the opportunity for which is created by the infrastructure projects. We then use state credit, and international credit among states, to finance this. And we can survive quite nicely.

But as long as we believe that money, in the ordinary sense, is a measure of value, and as long as we’re afraid

that money must not be “tampered with,” that monetarism must not be tampered with, we’re going to die! If you don’t kill the idea of money, as it prevails in Wall Street today, and if you don’t shut down a bankrupt Federal Reserve System, and have it gobbled up by a new American [National] Bank, as part of a merchant banking system, we don’t have a chance for survival of this nation or any other.

We’re at the point that the *way people think*, the way this government thinks, now, of the United States—the way the governments of Europe think, and other governments—there’s not a chance for survival of civilization on this planet, for the remainder of this century.

If we are willing to dump the idea of monetary value, whatever some idiot believes who comes out of Harvard Business School—I think we probably ought to take Harvard Business School, and turn it into a zoo; then it would have a harmless effect on the economy, I believe. It would be a way of keeping them quiet. You could feed them regularly, have visitors come and look at them—but not children! And so forth.

Mankind’s Purpose in the Universe

So that’s what the subject of economy is. The subject is humanity: How does the human race do two things: number one, how does it survive? We’re always depleting existing resources. We’re not permanently depleting them, but we’re making them scarce to our convenience. Therefore, we have to constantly discover new resources, or we have to increase the power we have to develop them.

We also have to develop the future of mankind. And the future of mankind does not lie alone, on this planet. This planet Earth, some time in the future, is going to be destroyed: The Sun is going to act up, and we’re going to call it a “sun-of-a-something,” because it’s going to act up. Mankind has to have a space program: We have to think of the future of mankind.

The future of mankind lives in space. It lives in other planets. It lives in what we can do, and make changes. And we have to, now, lay the groundwork for a space program, which is the most natural of all science-driver programs today, to continue the tradition of the space

program, to develop the Moon as an industrial center, which will enable us to build there, the kind of equipment we need to go to Mars and other places. We have to make discoveries, which we're on the edge of making, or, at any time we choose to do so, which will enable us to master the problems this leads to.

We have to not only provide a caretaking system for mankind on this planet, we have to inspire man, with the sense of a future for humanity, even if the Earth should some day no longer be habitable by human beings.

The weakness in our culture, the culture of the world today, is that the future of mankind, the really serious problems of the future of mankind, are not the motive. When you are living for the future of mankind, for what the future of mankind's going *to be*, then your existence has a reason. If you're trying to survive, just survive, and "get by" and live, you don't have a reason to exist! And that's why we get all these kinds of problems in humanity, that way.

They have no reason to exist, why? Because they have no space program. And the space program typifies the idea of man, as having a *purpose in the universe*, so that every member of every generation, has a sense of participating in the future of mankind in this universe! And they work, not for just satisfaction in their lives, they work for the satisfaction and assurance that humanity's going to continue to exist. And their investment in the progress of humanity, is permanent, and will outlive them!

And we don't have that sense right now—and that's what's wrong with us.

The Idea of Progress

Hoefle: All right, so the real asset, then, in any society, is actually the creative mind of the human individual.

LaRouche: That's right!

Hoefle: And that what we see, is, we're told, repeatedly, that there are too many people on this planet, that we have to protect all the financial assets, and that in order to do so, we have to start culling the human herd. That we have a President who's imposing a health-care program, which is designed to kill people; we have budgetary programs which are designed to kill people; we have wars which are designed to kill people; everything that's set in motion is designed to *kill people*, in order to try to protect these financial assets.

Nancy Spannaus: Well, they say, "because we

don't have enough resources," which gets to a totally different question.

Hoefle: Yeah. And so, what we're doing as a planet, is, we're committing suicide, unless we overthrow this.

LaRouche: There's another factor here, a very important one, which is the human intellect. Most people on this planet today, are conditioned to be stupid, is the problem; because they are not educated competently, they're not given the opportunities in life, to develop themselves. You know, each generation of humanity should be an improvement over the preceding one, in terms of its power, in terms of its understanding, in terms of its culture. Because, then, mankind has this sense of dynamic, moving forward from generation to generation. Today, when people die, they die with fantasies on their mind, and on their lips. We're living in a dying society, a dying culture, and people are dying today, knowing that they are part of no future.

Spannaus: Bad place.

LaRouche: End. They're gone! There's no purpose in their life! We've taken away the sense of a purpose in life, away from people, so now people get on the idea of *entertainment*, and other queer kinds of things they like, as a substitute for a purpose for their existence. They have no sense of a meaning of their future existence. And that's the great crime.

The United States was a nation of optimism, because getting out of Europe, and out from under the oligarchical pressure, then you had a sense, we could go forward. People came to the United States—one generation came often as poor, especially in the second half of the 19th Century. The poor people who came here, and got poor jobs and poor opportunities—their children were generally in a better condition. Their grandchildren would probably be scientists or things like that: achievement.

So, the idea was of progress, as a development of the conditions of life, and power of the human species, from generation to generation. It was not an investment in money. It was an investment in the future of children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and that was the purpose: The United States was unique in that kind of sense, as a nation. Not like the oligarchical nations of Europe, which is what we came away from. Not because of European culture, but because of the oligarchical character of European culture! We were living, most people were living, as serfs and slaves for a privileged oligarchy, which didn't want any changes.



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The United States was a nation of optimism. The poor people who came here, got poor jobs and poor opportunities, but their children moved up, and would often become skilled workers or professionals. Shown: New York City tenements, early 20th Century, where millions of immigrant families started out.

Now, if you have a culture which makes changes, then the individual in society is the most important thing in society; the individuals in the family household, are the most important. And the development, and progress, of that family household, and those people, is what's important: That's your value, to do things that are better, to make mankind more secure, more capable in each generation. Then you can say, as I can say, for example, looking back at some of my ancestors, "They succeeded." Because we progressed from one generation to another, with progress in the human condition. We took a nation, which we made as a nation; we brought people from all over the world, into the United States. They would progress in their conditions of life; families would improve in their power, from generation to generation.

You had a sense of this thing which led naturally to the idea of the space program. Once you say, we on the Earth: Look, this is a crowded place here. We can go to the Moon, but that's not exactly a premium place to reside. We can learn to control more and more of the Solar System. We can create the conditions in the Solar System which are useful for mankind. Mankind, what will we do? Mankind is going to reach out! Mankind is going to improve, increase mankind's power, so that everybody today can be proud of what their descen-

dants are going to be doing.

That's the idea. That's the morality.

We don't have that morality in this system. Why? Because the British monarchy believes, typically, that the population exists as serfs, like cattle, for them, for their convenience! And they don't want the cattle to get smart, and figure out how not to be cattle. They want to cull the herd! That's what Obama's health-care policy is: Cull the herd! It's more ambitious than Hitler's policy! Obama is no better than Hitler; he may be even worse, because he's more dangerous in what he's doing, in the British Empire.

So, it's a moral problem, not in the sense of an arbitrary morals as rules, but there is a natural morality, built into the nature of the

human being. The natural morality is that mankind must progress, as you have it in the first chapter of *Genesis*: Mankind's destiny lies there. It's not a fixed objective that's important. It's the fact of progress: Every generation must advance beyond that of the preceding generation. And that hope, that that will happen, should be what's on the mind of the person who's dying of old age: that their life has meant something, because it laid the foundation for a better life than they knew, as a result of their having lived. And we don't have that any more.

The Space Program Is Morally Necessary for Mankind

So, you have the practical economic problem: We're not even doing the maintaining of the present world population. We're not remedying the evils that have been imposed on this population. But there's a further one: Mankind has a future in the universe. And that is the basis of our morality. If we don't have that—I mean, religious teachings sometimes try to find a substitute for that, and people have lived often on religious teachings as such, in this vague general hope that God will somehow provide better and better for people who behave themselves.

But the fact is, there is a practical consideration, with which physical science today confronts us: The



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“People who have sensitive souls sense that the space program is morally necessary for mankind.” The challenge before us now, is to send humans to Mars, and make it habitable. Shown: liftoff of Apollo 11, which landed the first man on the Moon, July 16, 1969.

idea of a space program, for many people typifies that. People who have sensitive souls sense that the *space program is morally necessary for mankind*. That mankind must find a way to colonize Mars. It’s a terrible place to go right now, but can we fix it?! Can we fix it, so it’s habitable, so people can live there? And that’s the challenge before us.

And so, we have a practical requirement of understanding what morality is, political morality, economic morality. But then we have to realize that morality has to have a goal, and the goal is not necessarily some definite goal. It’s a series of definite goals, which always lead in one direction: Increase man’s power to do good in the universe. And further and further out, in the universe. And that’s the basis for polity. Otherwise, people

will adopt “goals,” like entertainment goals. You know what entertainment goals look like today, what they lead to: syphilis, or something like that—entertainment goals. And therefore, that’s the problem.

Hoefle: We went from the first manned flight to putting a man on the Moon, in a little over 60 years. And in the 40 years since, we really haven’t done much of anything. And so, you had a period in which we were making tremendous scientific progress, of a sort—and then, we stopped! And we had the chance to go to a nuclear economy—and we stopped that. And we’re now suffering the consequences of being stuck at one technological mode, this energy-flux-density mode of petroleum.

LaRouche: Right.

Hoefle: And if we’re going to progress, we really have to go finish the job of converting to a nuclear economy, as a gateway to a whole new era of capabilities.

LaRouche: We just had this thing in Switzerland, reported, yet today. We’re now moving on the edge of really thermo-nuclear processes.

Spannaus: This is this accelerator thing?

LaRouche: Yes, right.

Spannaus: It’s actually positive? Oh, good.

LaRouche: Yes. A positive development. Not the final positive accomplishment, but a positive development. We’re on the verge of the capability for things in the universe which have never existed before: Mankind on Earth, developing the power of running a Sun—that’s what it amounts to. It’s on the verge of it. It’s not all there, but there it is!

Spannaus: Wow!

LaRouche: And there’s the greatest reason for optimism about mankind, right in that. Our potential in the universe is unlimited.

Right now, what we’re doing on the question, today, now, in the Basement work, borders on that, this question of cosmic radiation. Cosmic radiation is the science, now, of the future; it’s what we’re working on,

concentrating on. It's going to be a long haul, but we can make revolutions along the way. It's a new way of thinking; it's a necessary way of thinking.

So, we are in the process; man's prospects, if we are sane, are unlimited. And it all stands before us. And value, economic value, is that. Economic value is, we took it down to Vernadskyian standards, and economic value is exactly that. Mankind is the most powerful thing in the universe: It's the most vulnerable and most powerful thing on the universe, at the same time. Human beings are extremely vulnerable to all kinds of enemies and weapons, and so forth. But, mankind's mind is the most powerful force we know, in the universe that we deal with. And therefore, the development of the minds of our people, and the realization of their potential of growth in these powers of the mind, *is* the future!

The only way you get a moral attitude of mankind of any durable value is that way. You have to show man, that we have a purpose for *existing in the universe*. That we, as a species, are making a contribution to the universe which is a necessary one, and a unique one. And that becomes our moral purpose. It becomes our confidence in what it is to be a human being. It becomes our appreciation of the value of a fellow human being: that they, too, can participate in this creativity. And there are no limits to this creativity.

And what we're dealing with now, in this cosmic radiation field, which is a revolution in the conception of physics, will open up new dimensions, which people have not thought of before. In my mind, and for some of us, it already has opened up new dimensions. *That's real economics!* Not money! It's the creative powers of mind, as understood by people who work with economies, real economies.

Hoeffle: So, we're proposing to employ the rocket scientists as rocket scientists, as opposed to derivative designers.

LaRouche: Exactly. We have challenges before us, which are both urgent challenges, because of problems, and challenges which are just plain opportunities. And the most important thing that these things combined give the individual: If they think they live in that kind of society, it gives them a real moral sense. Without that prospect, society does not have a valid moral sense. And that is the moral value of money, when it's in that form: when money is simply a medium of exchange, essential to the process, of organizing this process, and getting people through the week, at the same time.

A Sense of 'We'

Spannaus: My sense is, you come to a point, under Roosevelt—and we're at that point today—where there's a conflict between the glaring need for what has to be done for the physical survival of the human race, and money; today, it's called "the markets." Right? Who says that this is impossible because of XYZ laws? Some professors, such as the one our interlocutor is talking about, would be arguing with other professors, that this is absolutely impossible by the laws of economics, so-called "economics": that we could go ahead and invest, and take away the powers of Wall Street, and make the investments you're talking about.

But I'm trying to get to the fundamental shift that has to occur, not only in the people who are going to make decisions in government, where they can say, "Yes, human need comes before the financial interest right now, and we're going to overrule that."

But you have to deal with it, also, in the population, because the population, number one, they don't trust the government right now; but number two, they've been brainwashed to think that—what Aristotle said, right? Which was Sarpi: It's the "household budget," and you balance this, and you balance that, and you play this way. And they are very vulnerable—we hear from a lot of our organizers—to the whole von Hayekian approach, of people saying, "Well, you've got to go back to the individual, and let it play out"; even though they agree, morally, that government should act on behalf of the people, instead of the markets, they have a real problem.

LaRouche: Yes, right now, you have a very interesting process from this standpoint. You have the majority of the people in the United States, hate their representatives in Washington, and hate their President. But they hate the representatives in Washington more, because the President's a bum anyway, and it's their representatives in Congress who betrayed them.

So, now, what's happening, is, the power, the authority, the moral authority, has *gone away!* You have Pelosi—11% popularity! *She* is the Squeaker of the House? This poor creature? Who can't find a quorum of popularity even in her own district?

Or, Harry Reid, the Great Master of the Senate! 8% popularity.

And then, the Congress advises the members of the Congress, "When you go back to your district, shun your citizens! Shun your constituents! Except for a select group of bums who agree with you."

The majority of the citizens of the United States *hate* the members of the U.S. Congress. They despise the President. They don't know him well enough, they never considered him a friend, so how could he be an enemy? He's just an outsider; he doesn't belong here. Send him someplace else.

All right, now, you're coming into the greatest principle of all economy, the greatest principle of all science, which corresponds to what Percy Bysshe Shelley presented in the conclusion of his *A Defence of Poetry*: What moves processes, is not individual opinion, but is a shaping of opinion, shaped by the impact of many people, interacting, who come to a sense of "we." "We" have a common interest.

What we have emerging in the United States, is a sense of "we," among a great part of the population of the United States. They sense that they had no authority, they were accustomed to taking orders from Washington, [who were] customers to their employees, or the people who funded their financial campaigns for Congress, or something of that sort. And the ordinary people sat back and said, "We have to support our local Congressman." Now they say, "We have to hang our local Congressman!" And the Congressmen are hiding from them, essentially.

So the change has occurred, which corresponds to the mass-strike phenomenon described by Rosa Luxemburg, that, as Shelley indicated, populations operate on a sense of common interest, which they share, and which rises above them. And therefore, people are persuaded to change their opinions, on the sensitivity that "our interest," the "interest of us," demands that we change things

What is happening now: We've come to a time, where the majority of the population, the citizens of the United States, have contempt and hatred for the members of Congress, and sort of contemptibly despise this thing called "Obama," which they somehow think might go away some day. He's so skinny, he might just evaporate.

So, the force here of options, depends upon that, and we have to be very careful about the way we approach the majority of citizens, who are outside the Congress, outside the White House. Because, as you say, in the case of the French Revolution, there was a legitimate issue, and when Lafayette failed to act as he should have acted, then the French nation was lost. And France has never recovered from the French Revolution, to the present day.

And the danger is, that you can get a panic situation, inside the United States, where the people *hate their government, so much*, they see nothing but hatred of the government before them. And you get a process like what happened in the German population, which fell for Hitler, under similar kinds of conditions, because these conditions were artificially induced.

So today, the question is: inspiring. Our project is not to go out there and make good points, which is what some of our members tend to do. They don't understand politics; they don't understand the process. You have to worry about that population out there, the ordinary people—forget the members of Congress! Some of them are good people, but forget them for the time being. It's the people out there, you have to be concerned about, the ordinary people out there, who know they're being screwed. Who know they're losing everything they depended upon, everything that was promised them has been taken away. Their future is taken away, their life is taken away, their health care is taken away!

You've got to think about those people. That's your constituency. That's the constituency to which you have to be loyal. If you're not loyal to that constituency, you don't deserve loyalty. Politicians who are not committed to those citizens, do not deserve loyalty, for you or anybody else, not at all!

Therefore, we have to be careful of going ahead, full blast, to state clearly what the problem is: Don't tone it down, in order to try to influence a Congressman. If the Congressman is any damned good, he's going to go with you anyway. But don't go with the idea of propitiating authority. Don't try to influence somebody in authority: Because, as in France, in the French Revolution, if you propitiate authority as a way of trying to exert influence on people in power, you are going to find yourself dead! With what's coming!

Therefore, you have to have absolute loyalty, to the people of the United States, as confused as they might appear to be. And similarly in other nations. If you don't do that, then you will never succeed.

And that's what I'm concerned about today, right here. Because too many of our own people, are talking too much about trying to influence this, influence that; this is the guy we can influence; we can talk to this guy, let's not get him upset. No! I take him in the corner, and beat him up! And say, "Now, do you feel better?" after I've done it. Because that's the way you have to think, if you're a leader under these kinds of conditions.

You have to make it absolutely clear, to the average



People don't trust the government, because they've been betrayed. But they've also been brainwashed to believe in the "markets," instead of demanding that human needs come before financial interests. Shown: a Tea Party rally, September 2009, in Washington, D.C.

person in the United States, that you are committed to them, and not to anything else. That's your constituency. And you're going to beat the Congress up, you're going to beat the President up, you're going to beat anybody up, for the sake of those people! Because if they lose hope, if they become despairing, and enraged, you're not going to have a civilization.

So we have to learn these things. Don't try to influence members of Congress: Educate them! Roughly! Mercilessly! Because that's the only way they're going to behave themselves—because they're cowards! They're whores! They've been trained to be whores! And they go along with whoever's going to provide the comforts and entertainment they want, and the money.

So therefore, you've got to stick to: Who are you going to use? Who are you going to work with? Who are you going to be loyal to? And I say: You have to be loyal to the people of the nation, not to something within them, not to some little excrescences, not to some niche, some special interest group. And you have to inspire them. I mean, if they're optimistic, they'll do wonders: I know the American people, what's in them. If they're optimistic, they will do wonders.

But if you betray them! The way they're being betrayed now, and continue to betray them, and if you walk up, and try to propitiate a member of Congress, or

some other influential, and turn your back on these people, *these people are going to turn their back on you!*

And our typical politicians, and leaders, and newspaper people, and so forth, don't understand history. They're ignorant. And that's the problem. We don't have historians any more; we killed them off.

But this question of demonstrated loyalty to the citizenry of this nation, is the crucial thing which will decide whether this nation survives or not.

And that means, Obama has to go! Because Obama is the enemy, and the members of the Congress who support Obama are also the enemy. And when it comes to choosing, I choose the people.

The Fraud of Statistics

Hoefle: One of the things that you've hit on repeatedly, is the use of statistics, people believing in statistics. Now, if

your head is on fire, and your feet are frozen, on average, you're doing just fine. And that pretty much situates much of the world of statistics today, in which you have—it's nothing but fakery, and used to brainwash people. You know, the media's full of it; all of the people who look at financial processes are using these statistics, and there's nothing real there. GDP, for example, doesn't make any differentiation between production and overhead. So it's sort of like adding your expenses and income together, to decide how much you're worth!

LaRouche: Well, of course, you take the case of the head of the Federal Reserve System, who is not just stupid, he's a bare-faced liar! He doesn't tell the truth about anything, saying there's a recovery in process? This man is not just stupid: This man is a moral degenerate in the extreme. We should probably take away his citizenship and send him to some country where cannibalism reigns or something, and find out what's eating him.

But, in any case, that's the problem. The problem is, this idea of the money system is—it's Sarpi, again. Sarpi laid out a system, which was described among other people, by our dear Adam Smith. And Adam Smith, on Sarpi, said there is no truth known to mankind: That's a principle. Sarpi said there is no such thing

as a scientific principle—he insisted upon it. That’s how you got Isaac Newton: You take a complete idiot who had no brains at all, and you call him the greatest scientist, because there’s nothing in his head to challenge! Except this weird stuff.

And so, the problem here, is this conception of what truth is: In the British system, *truth does not exist!* And Adam Smith’s specific is that. And the whole crowd around Obama are Adam Smith advocates; they do not believe that truth, on any subject, exists! Only power exists. The British system is an imperialist system, of arrogant, arbitrary power.

All right, now statistics are used, for what? To show patterns of human behavior, under these conditions, under conditions where people are *not following principles*. Prices have no correspondence to reality these days; the ratio of prices has nothing to do with it!

For example, as our economist referred to, in the programs we’ve been conducting since the Spring of 2009, these economists have pointed out, the United States *never made a net nickel since Roosevelt died*. Then, why do people say, “profit”? Where’s the profit, if we have not been making any increase in real economic value all this time? And they’ve proven it, with their studies, among a number of universities: It’s true.

So we’ve been in a period of an accelerating rate of decline of the world economy, and of the national economy, in all these periods. So where the hell is the profit? From eating people! Eating up resources; infrastructure’s gone: Can you get a clean cup of water from a faucet in a municipal system any more? These kinds of things. What’s happening to our Social Security system? What’s happening to our health-care system? Everything has been going *down*, consistently, since about the day Roosevelt died!

So, what we’ve been doing, is we’ve been eating our built-up resources, in net effect, all the way through. The idea of Schumpeter, for example, Schumpeter’s conception of economy, of “creative destruction”: We’ve been going through a process of creative destruction, as a policy, in the United Kingdom, in the United States, and it’s spread into Europe, which is: Destroy something that previously existed, and you have a net loss, in the total wealth of society. But you have a profit in the part which is eating the other part.

Which is what Kennedy’s problem was: to save the steel industry. As soon as they killed him, they got rid of the steel industry process. Same kind of thing.

So we have been destroying the underlying struc-

ture of the U.S. economy, while some people have been making what they call “profit.” Which is kind of dubious anyway.

So, the basis is, therefore, if you don’t believe in science, and if you don’t have morality, how do you define profit? You define profit in terms of this process, of guessing. And statistics, use statistics, and all statistics generally are lies!

I mean, the measure of economy is: Look at the population, look at the territory, look at everything in the U.S. economy at one time: What is worse, and what is better? And economists who look at these things seriously, apart from babble, statistical babble, will tell you: The U.S. economy never progressed, since the day Roosevelt died. And the rate of collapse has increased, over these times. Now we’re at an absolute bottom. Somebody says they earned a profit—it’s nonsense!

We’ve destroyed the world economy: We destroyed Europe; we’re committing mass murder in Africa; we’re trying to spread mass murder into Asia, again. We’re fighting wars which never should be fought—long wars, like a treasonous war, where a traitorous President is sending U.S. troops into war in Afghanistan, against a force, the opium interests, which are the supporters, and backers of the force U.S. troops have to fight! So, we’re supporting the enemy! And we’re sending our own troops, to be killed by that enemy, which our President is defending! That’s what this kind of thinking is.

Monopoly Money

Hoefle: Well, the lesson of September 2008 bears that out. The idea that you had banks which had been declaring profits, quarter after quarter, year after year, getting richer and richer and richer! And suddenly! All of a sudden, it was revealed, that they were bankrupt. And, in fact, truth is: They hadn’t been making any money at all, they’d just been cooking their books. They had the “markets”—quote/unquote—setting prices, which allowed them to maintain the fiction that this paper that they held had value.

LaRouche: It’s like the board game of Monopoly, exactly, the board game of Monopoly, exactly!

Hoefle: Yeah!

LaRouche: Fictitious assets; you go into tremendous debt, similar to the board game of Monopoly, and somebody loses and somebody gains, and the guy who gains owns nothing. It’s just paper money, it’s just Monopoly money—and that’s what this is!

Hoefle: Yeah. And now, they’re turning to the gov-



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The whole crowd around Obama are Adam Smith believers; they don't believe that truth exists! Only the arrogance of power exists. Shown: President Obama and his inner circle, left to right: Valerie Jarrett, Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, and (a bit apart) Rahm Emanuel.

ernment to try to bail them out. But that doesn't really solve the problem, because all you're doing is taking an amount of debt that's unpayable, and moving it from private pockets to the government pockets. And meanwhile the economy, the protective capability of the economy, which ultimately, has to pay off all this debt, is collapsing! So, nothing has been solved! It's only been made worse, and we have to throw this whole thing out, or we're all going down.

LaRouche: That's my basic point, here, is just exactly in that direction: There's a rationale to it, there's a science to it, which I've indicated what that is, briefly here, which I was not satisfied we had presented in this form on any other occasion earlier, so I decided to correct that error of omission, and get to the real subject of economy. And not try to butter up people, that some of our people would like to "influence," among influentials in society. I know the influentials in society; I'm influentially old, and therefore, I'm rich in knowledge of these kinds of matters, from just the acquisition of old age.

But, what we debate normally, even in our own or-

ganization, on economics, is absolute nonsense. It has no relationship to reality, and I'm declaring war on that stuff in our organization, at least, is going to *cut out right now!*

Hoefle: Asses are not really for kissing.

LaRouche: No. Unless it's a nice donkey.

Hoefle: Any final question?

Spannaus: It really did come to mind, when Lyn was saying, again, the Adam Smith point, that you've made over and over again: what the actual implications of that are. Because you hear it from people—I've heard it when I've been on the campaign trail, "Well, there's no way you can scientifically tell what investment leads to progress in the economy." Bunk! Because they don't believe in a principle, scientific principles that correspond to progress, so therefore, it has to be "everybody out for himself," to try to make something, to follow their passions, and so forth and so on.

But the fact that there *are* scientific principles, goes directly to the point of the reorganization of the economy that's required,

toward the American System. Because the founders did believe that principle guided your economic system, as well as your private life. And many Americans have lost faith in that. And I shudder—one thing I hear, they're starting to teach "economics" in grade school? I mean? Good grief! We haven't seen the brainwashing quite so bad!

LaRouche: Well, they should call it, "Eat the Teacher."

Spannaus: Yeah, it could very well be, given the economic conditions.

LaRouche: The teachers sold the children the school, so they don't get eaten. "Go home, and eat your mother!"

Hoefle: All right, well, thank you Lyn.

LaRouche: Have fun!

Hoefle: And I suggest, that you watch the show several times. Because each time, you watch it, you'll pick up on something else. And this is really a subject worth studying. So thank you for tuning in, and watch this one frequently.

EU Opens the Floodgates For Hyperinflation

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

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March 26—If one were to believe most of the media and the German government’s own pronouncements in the days leading up to the European Union summit on March 25-26, Chancellor Angela Merkel would suddenly have mutated from being the weak moderator of domestic politics, into the “Iron Chancellor,” the “Maggie Merkel” of the international stage, who is valiantly defending the stability of the euro against all opposition from the other EU members, and making sure that the German taxpayer does not have to bear the main burden of Greece’s impending bankruptcy. That things would somehow be more stable, if not only EU member-states, but also the IMF, were called upon in the emergency to rescue Greece.

But it was the monetarist-oriented daily *Handelsblatt*, believe it or not, that on March 25 let the cat out of the bag, with the headline: “Dam Break in the Fight Against Inflation,” pointing out that the IMF’s involve-



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Germany’s Chancellor, Angela Merkel, is trying to project an image as “Maggie Merkel,” the “Iron Chancellor.”

ment in Greece just means that nothing but such a detour can get the budget holes plugged with cash, and that this would mean “the highest risk of inflation.” (!) Talk of an imminent “meltdown” and the “threat of Germany’s self-destruction” is making the rounds at the Bundesbank and the Federal Ministry of Finance, and this, the newspaper comments, is the reason the public has not been informed, because there are “complex monetary and technical financial options” involved, for actions which are not clearly apparent at first glance.

With a view to the coming elections in North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin has abandoned the position it has defended for decades—that the central banks should not plug budget deficits—and, via the IMF, the central banks of several countries, including the Bundesbank,

are supplying Greece with fresh euros, which is the “disguised bailout” that the EU Treaty explicitly forbids. In any case, the IMF is not a separate institution—the Eurozone countries constitute 22% of it, so it is not an “either/or” matter. And since Greece represents only the tip of the iceberg, beneath which you can find the really big chunks—Spain, Italy, and Portugal—this IMF-EU model for Greece represents only the test case.

Of even more far-reaching importance, however, is the ECB's U-turn on this question—nobody is talking any more about the previously discussed “exit strategy” from money pumping. On March 26, ECB chief Jean-Claude Trichet, speaking at the European Parliament, announced the extension of the “exception rule,” introduced when the financial crisis began, which allows low collateral requirements for banks to finance their transactions. Thus, banks will now be permitted, beyond the year 2010, to offer lower-quality government bonds as collateral to borrow money from the ECB.

Until 2008, a rating agency grade of at least A-, or A3, was required as collateral for government bonds; since 2008, the ECB has also accepted government bonds with only a BBB- grade. The Spanish banks particularly benefited from this rule, since they could deposit such large amounts of toxic waste with the ECB, and have the pleasure of receiving fresh loans in return. With the current extension of the ruling, the ECB opens the door to deposits of enormous amounts of other financial paper, only one notch above junk-rating, according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which writes that we are talking about commercial paper valued at about EU11 trillion, whose security then comes into question.

The Italian business daily *Il Sole 24 Ore* describes the volume of such securities that are turning up in the accounts of the ECB: EU200 billion in sovereign debt, non-bank guaranteed bonds worth EU500 billion, and EU750 billion in asset-backed securities. So every time the (private) rating agencies downgrade a bond, the pile of waste on which the ECB is sitting increases, and the rating agencies can also determine in this way what is still accepted as collateral, and what is not.

Both measures have an inflationary effect: the IMF's involvement in future rescue packages, and the extended acceptance of lower-grade government bonds. Behind both is the intention to leave the casino economy and high-risk gambling essentially intact. Since the medicine that the IMF and EU are prescribing for Greece—namely, the most brutal budget cuts, which threaten to kill patients, and to set off a bottomless spiral, such that further state bankruptcies will occur this year—creates an instrumentarium that can lead to hyperinflation in the relatively short term.

Bryan Marsal, of all people, who is CEO of the bankrupt Lehman Brothers, said, in an interview with

Bryan Marsal, CEO of the bankrupt Lehman Brothers, to Handelsblatt: “It is even likely that a case like Lehmans will repeat itself in any event, as long as nothing fundamental changes in financial regulation and in financial institutions. Wall Street has not really learned a lot from the situation. There is still too much leverage in the market, and credit default swaps remain completely unregulated. Even with regulators and in the companies, little has been done after the global catastrophe.” HB: “But financial regulators around the world are now pulling in the reins.” Marsal: “Oh, really? That’s just for show.”



Handelsblatt, published March 24,¹ that the next great crisis is imminent, since none of the problems that came to light in 2008 have been solved, no lessons were learned from the disaster, and the banks are doing now exactly what they were doing before.

An indication of how the euro crisis is now perceived worldwide, is shown by the fact that, for the first time, the vice governor of China's central bank, Zhu Min, questioned the stability of the euro; Greece is just the tip of the iceberg, he said; and Spain and Italy are obviously of greater concern. Zhu stressed that the deeper structural problem is how the euro will be managed: “We do not see resolute actions that signal to the markets, ‘We can solve this problem, we can end this crisis.’ Therefore, the markets are very unpredictable.” Since China holds a significant part of its currency reserves in euros, and China, despite its relatively good growth rates, is sitting on a social and political powder keg, these concerns should not be ignored.

Exit from the Euro

The *Financial Times* of March 25 published an article by the four German professors, namely Professors [Wilhelm]Hankel,[Wilhelm]Nölling,[KarlAlbrecht]Schachtschneider, and [Joachim] Starbatty, who filed a lawsuit against the introduction of the euro in 1993 and 1998, before the German Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe. They argue that only Greece's exit from the euro and the reintroduction of the drachma would represent a way out.²

1. <http://pro.creditwritedowns.com/2010/03/lehman-chief-warns-of-more-big-bank-failures.html>
 2. <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/6a618b7a-3847-11df-8420-00144feabdc0.htm>

They also pointed to the Karlsruhe ruling of 1993, which allows Germany to remain in the euro system only if the euro maintains the same stability which the D-mark previously had; and they would announce an immediate new lawsuit in Karlsruhe, if the European governments dole out financial aid to Greece, in violation of the Maastricht Treaty's "no bailout clause." They expect to have a better chance of winning the case this time, given the massive problems of the euro.

Not only have these professors, along with the present author, been proven right, when they said back then that the European Monetary Union could not function due to the member-states' different structures: As forecast, their competitive differences have now become even stronger. The argument that "the European process," the euro, and European integration would secure peace in Europe, has turned out to be a fiction. Instead of developing into an orchestra which performs Classically composed works according to the laws of polyphonic harmony, this Europe has become a cacophony, in which prejudices, and even insults, have produced discontent and dissonance.

One thing, however, has to be set straight, with no room for misunderstanding: The multiple accusations against Germany, that it is reaping the benefits of the euro, and that it is deliberately procuring export advantages at the expense of the other member states—not to mention the many other vile accusations—are hypocritical, and false.

The fact is, Germany is not responsible for, but rather is the victim of the faulty construction of the euro. It wasn't Helmut Kohl who wanted to tie the euro to German reunification, but rather Margaret Thatcher, François Mitterrand, and George Bush, Sr., whose joint intention it was to weaken Germany's economy, forcing Germany into the EU corset and into NATO—explicitly as "unity and self-constraint through integration." Since then, the construct of the Monster of Maastricht has caused Germany to emerge as the great paymaster of the EU, and under the constraints set by the EU, its export surpluses have gone more for the benefit of the large corporations oriented toward British free trade, while at the same time, Germany's domestic market, along with the purchasing power and living standards of the productive segment of our population, has dwindled.

All of us—Germany, Greece, Ireland, and so forth—are victims of a construct which has been set into place in order to serve the interests of the financial oligarchy's empire, against the people's interests. This empire's lackeys, with Thatcher, Mitterrand, and Bush in the

forefront, took the lost historic opportunity of 1989, the fall of the Wall, and German reunification, and transformed the EU into a regional empire, as part of the worldwide globalization imperium.

And what has this brought us? Civilization is on the verge of a new Dark Age. Over the past four years, the number of people who go hungry each day has climbed from 800 million to 1.2 billion. The North-South dialogue, and even the mere pretense of remedying hunger in the developing countries, has ground to a complete halt. Ferry boats to many Greek islands in the Aegean are no longer operating, while in Germany's cities, public swimming pools, libraries, and day-care centers are shutting down. The debate over privatizing the health-care system is starting up again—we already had that once, 70 years ago. The United States is in the throes of a crisis far beyond most people's imagination. The list of institutions and other things that were once taken for granted, and are now breaking down, goes on and on.

Is Humanity Governable?

We must make a sudden, drastic change of course. Events in the coming period will make it crystal clear, that Germany's only chance of survival, is if we regain sovereignty over our own currency and economic policy. And that means we have to exit from the euro system, and reintroduce the deutschemark. The casino economy must be put out of business, and a Glass-Steagall standard must be enforced—i.e., a two-tier banking system—and a new credit system must be created to serve the general welfare and the real economy, and nothing else.

In an only slightly different context, a commentary in the Chinese *People's Daily* asked whether it must necessarily be the case, that American politicians believe they have to force China to adopt a policy which is damaging to the Chinese nation. That really begs the question, of whether humanity is governable at all. Because if China and America cannot successfully cooperate, then humanity would, in fact, become ungovernable.

And that's actually the same question which we Europeans must now ask ourselves: Can we liberate ourselves in time, from structures which conflict with the interests of humanity and our citizens' self-interest, and which, in short order, are going to render Europe, for all intents and purposes, ungovernable?

In the immediate future in North Rhine-Westphalia, we have an opportunity to make a powerful step toward setting Germany back on the right course. Support and vote for the BüSo!

Stop the British Assassination Plot Against President Obama!

by Anton Chaitkin and Nancy Spannaus

April 2—“Within the wave of justified outrage against President Barack Obama’s British-sponsored Nazi health bill, the British themselves are using their assets to target the President for assassination,” charged Democratic Party leader and statesman Lyndon LaRouche March 25. “This British criminal operation must be identified, and stopped.

“The tell-tale sign that a violent operation is being planned against the President appears in a current diatribe by ‘former Alabama militia member’ Mike Vanderboegh, who is being pointed to as the individual who called for bricks to be thrown through the windows of Congressional offices,” LaRouche said. While nominally eschewing assassination, Vanderboegh identifies himself as a hater of Abraham Lincoln, whom he accuses of having caused the death of hundreds of thousands of Americans by waging the Civil War, and of doing untold damage to the U.S. Constitution. “It is clear that Vanderboegh is indeed calling for Obama’s assassination,” LaRouche continued, and “his appeal to the British-created Confederacy is a clear marker that we are dealing with a British operation.”

The current focal point of the mobilization of militia and other groups from the terrorist milieu against Obama, and the republic, is an “armed march” on the Potomac called by Vanderboegh, scheduled for April 19, the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. That march, which has now been endorsed by veteran right-wing provocateur Larry Pratt, is clearly aimed as a provocation, in an attempt to build an atmosphere conducive to the assassination of the President. It occurs within the context of a national Tea Party mobilization, which is bringing people to Washington, D.C. on April 15.

Not surprisingly, this so-called “right-wing” action has been mirrored by announcement from “anarchist” networks threatening to disrupt the Tea Party events. Such a gang/countergang phenomenon is a well-known British intelligence modus operandi.

Such actions should be taken very seriously, commented LaRouche in a March 29 press release. “We’re

in an environment like that before JFK’s assassination,” he stated, and “as in the run-up to the JFK assassination, many of these so-called militia and terrorist groups will be bogus. Most of them will be nothing—but they will create a cover for a real operation to go ahead.”

LaRouche added that, “now that he’s rammed through the Hitler health bill, Obama is expendable to his sponsors in Britain. They may move against him at any time, in order to accomplish their larger purpose—the destruction of the United States.”

The British Pawprint

The British authorship of the planned April 19 provocation—which should by no means be considered the only event to watch—is not simply a matter of conjecture. *EIR*’s research has uncovered that the planned armed instigation is practically a re-run of operations run by British Intelligence against the U.S. in the 1990s.

The key British operative for building up the militia groups, which were mobilized particularly against President Bill Clinton, then, was Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, still a reporter for the London *Daily Telegraph*. While resident in the U.S. in the mid-1990s, *Sunday Telegraph* Washington bureau chief Evans-Pritchard set up a web of paramilitary groups tied to British intelligence, and into corrupted U.S. military elements. Among his operatives were Jon Roland and Mike Vanderboegh.

Roland created his so-called “Constitutional Militia” in 1994, the period when the British were launching their “vast right-wing conspiracy” against the Clintons. Roland himself told this news agency, that Evans-Pritchard had put him “in touch with intelligence agents from around the world,” and that they had together set up various agents in charge of militia groups in the Midwest and Texas. One of these agents, self-proclaimed former Naval Intelligence man Brad Glover, was arrested in July 1997, on charges of plotting to bomb a military base.

The Roland group came into some prominence in



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On April 19, the anniversary of the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 (above), right-wing terrorists will hold an “armed march” against the government, posing a grave security threat to the President. The threat represented by such militias is illustrated by British-backed operative Larry Nichols (inset), shown here threatening then-President Bill Clinton during a speech in Boulder, Colo., May 11, 1994.

1995, when, a few days before the Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah Federal building, Roland forwarded to militia participants a report put out by Lord William Rees-Mogg of the *London Times*, in which he claimed that the Clinton Administration would soon begin oppressing militia people, and would carry out a big terror bombing and blame it on the militias. He induced deluded militia men to turn out to a March 25, 1995 rally in Cuero, Texas, to see if they would be arrested or shot.

Vanderboegh, who was part of Roland’s “Constitutional militia,” got into the spotlight somewhat later, as an “interpreter” of terrorist actions (i.e., a cover-up-artist for the British intelligence role). In his 1997 book, *The Secret Life of Bill Clinton*, Evans-Pritchard describes how he had set up Vanderboegh to publish material about the “broader conspiracy” behind the Oklahoma City

bombing, through his Internet journal, the *John Doe Times*. Vanderboegh acknowledges his debt to Evans-Pritchard, whom he refers to as his “old compadre.”

The British Kill American Presidents

As *EIR* has documented extensively over decades, and elaborated in LaRouche movement publications during late 1994 and early 1995, the British oligarchy has a long history of assassinating U.S. Presidents. Up until now, those assassinations—Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, and Kennedy—have been carried out to destroy those presidencies’ commitment to spreading the U.S. idea of progress. The American Presidents who have been assassinated were advancing U.S. interests in fierce conflict with British geopolitical aims, and their removal led, in all cases, to a reversal of policy, through the accession of their vice presidents.

Once the policy issues are understood, the identification of the British sponsors of these assassinations leaps out at the investigator. In each instance, one can discern the hand of British intelligence operations involved in deploying the assassin, along with corrupt elements within U.S. institutions which abetted the murders. *EIR*’s well-documented research on this subject can be found in its website archive, at www.larouche-pub.com.

But President Obama is a British puppet, you might object. Indeed, that is true. But, as the opposition to the Obama Presidency increases, in the wake of the health-care vote, and his other crimes, the British may well find that he is more useful to them dead than alive. The current activation of their known assets points in that direction.

In his March 29 statement, LaRouche emphasized that Obama has actually set himself up, and that his well-known narcissitic ego is his greatest vulnerability. “The sophisticated controllers of an assassination operation will count on Obama’s ego to make him vulnerable,” LaRouche said. “If they weren’t sophisticated enough to realize and employ that, they wouldn’t be running a serious assassination threat.”

“The President should be kept safe, and removed quietly from office, by peaceful Constitutional means, as I have elaborated in my recent March 13 webcast. That is the only safe pathway to safety for the country, and the President,” LaRouche concluded.

Will Britain's Genocide Policy For Haiti Finally Be Defeated?

by Gretchen Small

April 3—It was both right, and of some political significance, that the representative of Her Majesty's British government was denied a spot to speak at the March 31 "International Donors Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti," held in New York City, under United Nations auspices, and led by Haitian President René Préval, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

It was *right*, because Haiti today is teetering at the edge of national extinction, as a direct consequence of decades of British liberal economic policies of globalization, which left the desperately poor nation totally vulnerable to catastrophes such as the Jan. 12 earthquake that leveled the capital, Port-au-Prince; and because the British and their U.S. agents, such as the impeachable President Barack Obama, have adamantly refused to take the needed measures to immediately move 1 million homeless Haitians to higher ground, before the Spring rainy season produces another human holocaust.

That the British were left literally speechless at the Donors Conference was politically significant, because it was indicative of the fact that the most outrageous features of British policy—i.e., don't do anything of significance to try to stop further mass deaths in Haiti; and put the entire nation under receivership to globalization, through NGOs run by proponents of depopulation and drug-running, such as George Soros and Bill Gates—were in fact rejected by the international conference. This victory, albeit partial, was evidenced by the commitment made there by most of the world's nations, first, to help Haiti build a *better* future for its people than they faced before the earthquake; and second, that the Haitian government—not the NGOs—must be given the lead in that reconstruction, and provided the resources to do so.

The signal was sounded, most pointedly, by Bill

Clinton, that Haiti now has allies in its fight to regain its sovereignty from the squabbling "Republic of the NGOs," which currently rules much of the nation.

Time Is Running Out

While most world governments sent high-level officials to New York City to participate in the Haiti conference, the British government didn't bother even to appear interested. London sent its deputy ambassador to the UN to represent it, and refused to pledge any new funds for Haiti.

The rest of the international community (governments, NGOs, private sector, et al.) pledged at the conference to give Haiti \$5.3 billion over the next 18 months, more than the \$4 billion that the Haitian government had identified as the minimum required to reach "critical mass" for survival. Another \$4 billion or so was pledged for years after that.

Many such pledges are never made good. And the immediate critical fight remains undecided: whether the Haitian government will be assisted in carrying out the *physical-economic* measures required to secure Haiti's survival, starting with the immediate relocation of hundreds of thousands of Haitians into safe and sanitary housing on high ground.

The rains have begun, as they do every year at this time, and the number of suspected malaria cases is already reported to be on the rise amongst the upwards of a million malnourished people living largely at the mercy of the elements in the earthquake zone. The conditions are abominable: Most have nothing more than plastic sheeting or tents for protection; most have no access to latrines; even greater numbers are without mosquito nets; and they are now wading in raw sewage after each rain.

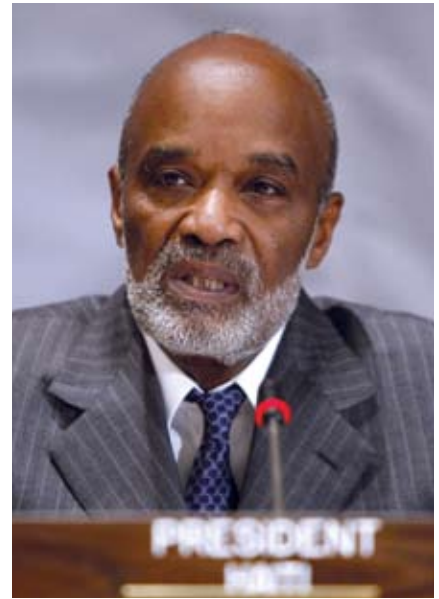
Such conditions will cause mass death, if not changed, and everyone knows it.



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UN Special Envoy for Haiti Bill Clinton (center), Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (left), and Haitian President René Prével (right), issued impassioned calls, at the UN Donors Conference, for saving Haiti, where over 1 million people's lives are now endangered. The Brits weren't invited.

In an impassioned presentation to NGOs and donors operating in Haiti on March 24, Bill Clinton warned that 20-40,000 people could die, if they are not moved to higher ground. "We gotta get those people out of there *now*," he implored. "If they die, our concern about the services we were going to provide them two weeks from now, won't sound very good.... I am *pleading* with you, if you can do anything about this now."

Clinton, if anything, is understating the number of people in imminent danger.

Four days later, Haitian Ambassador Raymond Joseph sounded an even graver alarm: "There is a race against the clock to find tents and to house" at least 500,000 people in Port-au-Prince, "away from areas that will be flooded. That's the big issue for us right now," he told an audience at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

A Plan on the Table

In mid-February, Lyndon LaRouche called upon the Obama Administration to offer the Haitian government the logistical capability of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to carry out precisely such an urgent relocation in the centralized fashion required to save the lives of those million-plus people. A few days later, LaRouche PAC learned that senior U.S. political

figures had presented just such a proposal to the White House on their own. The proposal was rejected out of hand.

Instead, despite the foreseeable second humanitarian catastrophe of mass death through disease, the U.S. military capabilities deployed to Haiti for the relief effort were ordered to begin their pullout.

LaRouche asked then: How many Haitians must die before we impeach President Obama?

In our March 12 issue, *EIR* released a plan for how "to move people out of danger, in mass numbers, into secure, healthful temporary accommodations in transition camps, conducted in tandem with initiating CCC-type [FDR's 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 in the quake zone, and the 600,000 who have fled to various other departments, is the same job as rebuilding the nation."

That issue of *EIR* included Marcia Merry Baker's article, "Move to Safe Ground; Build the Nation of Haiti," the centerpiece of the broader feature entitled

“How Many Haitians Must Die Before We Impeach Obama?” It circulated widely within U.S. institutions and the U.S. and Haitian governments, quickly becoming famous within the Haitian-American diaspora. As several Haitians noted, it makes clear that *saving and rebuilding Haiti is eminently feasible*; it is matter of mobilizing the political will to do so.

Now the rainy season is here, and as former President Clinton warned in his speech at New York University’s Rosenthal Pavillion, mass death could strike at any time. “Nobody knows what the weather is going to do. Maybe we’ll catch a huge break. But every day we leave people in a low camp at risk of flooding, when we don’t have to, is a day we put their lives at risk.”

After the rains, come hurricanes. Clinton noted that the chief U.S. Army engineer in Haiti has said that encampments that typically get high winds, but won’t flood out, are still at risk from hurricanes. “A 40-mile-an-hour wind could blow down a lot of those places there,” said the former President. He said he is trying to get at least one big hurricane-resistant building to be erected in each of the camps.

As of this writing, however, the policy of the UN, international aid agencies, and the Obama Administration, continues to be that relocation to new facilities is only to be carried out for the least number of people possible, and only as a last resort.

That is a policy for people to die.

The Fight Before Us

The UN Donors Conference opens the possibility of breaking the British grip over U.S. and international policy. The Clintons, who have adopted Haiti as a personal concern, played a prominent role in the conference, with Hillary Clinton opening and closing the conference, and UN Special Envoy Bill Clinton, chairing one of the panels.

Haitian President Préval and Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive presented the outlines of the government’s two-phase reconstruction plan, which focuses on building up new regional development centers, where “large economic infrastructure, that include industrial parks, and large collective facilities such as national referral hospitals and state universities, will need to be set up or consolidated.” Haiti was once self-sufficient in food, and it can be so again; watershed management, electricity generation, education, health—and job creation, are outlined. The State “must create hope

and affirm its legitimacy as leader of the process of rebuilding of the country. The response must be massive and immediate,” the plan declares.

As Ambassador Joseph had pointedly noted in his above-mentioned Tennessee interview, NGOs “can’t build the roads, cannot provide the energy, cannot build the major water purification system, cannot build the airports, either.”

To force the issue of giving aid *to the government*, which most of the speakers at the conference agreed to, at least verbally, the day before the conference, the government announced that an “Interim Haitian Reconstruction Commission” will be established to oversee the next 18 months of rebuilding, which will be co-chaired by Bill Clinton and Bellerive.

President Clinton insisted, again, at the March 31 Donors Conference, that the Haitian government must take the lead. The Commission’s 20-plus members, however, are to include representatives of international donors, NGOs, etc., as well as the government, while the aid pledged to Haiti is to be channeled through a new Trust Fund, with the Malthusian-dominated World Bank, as its “fiscal agent.”

Secretary of State Clinton noted, in her opening speech, that whether Haiti achieves a better future than it had before the earthquake, is a test of the international community, as much as of the Haitian people.

“Why is Haiti’s fate of such consequence to the region and the world that it deserves sustained help?” she asked. “As fellow human beings,” she continued, “we respond from a position of conscience and morality to help those who, but for the grace of God, we could be.”

President Préval spoke of how Haitians “have paid in blood for the price of the fight for human dignity,” losing 300,000 people, and 120% of its GDP. He called rebuilding Haiti a project of humanity, before accumulation of wealth, and urged investment be made in infrastructure, especially education, since 38% of Haitians over 15 are illiterate.

True to form, the London *Economist* sneered at the calls dominating the donors conference for using the crisis as the opportunity to found “a new Haiti,” writing in its April 1 report on the donors meeting, that “history suggests expectations may need to be tempered.”

Haiti, like the rest of the world, will have a viable future only when such bestial British policy is silenced, permanently.

From Nation-State To Cargo Cult!

by Hussein Askary

April 3—The intention behind the invasion of Iraq in 2003 had already been declared by British Prime Minister Tony Blair in 1999, as the ending of the epoch of the universal principle of national sovereignty, inaugurated by the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648.¹

However, that British imperial doctrine fell on its face, temporarily, at the Copenhagen Climate Conference, in December 2009, when China, India, and a group of African nations stood their ground in defense of the very principle of national sovereignty and independence the Iraq War was launched to make obsolete.

As Blair admitted in the recent “Chilcot Inquiry,” Iraq was never a threat to world peace. Actually, Iraq was only a threat to international peace, when its leadership, including Saddam Hussein, acted as useful tools of international geopolitical aims, under Anglo-American direction (as was the case with the Iran-Iraq War 1980-88). Unlike what many enemies and friends of Iraq believe, Iraq was not becoming a world power. At best, Iraq was, since the nationalization of the petroleum wealth away from the grip of British companies in 1971, a good example of how a developing nation, acting as a sovereign nation-state, was using its natural resources for real economic development, especially in basic infrastructure, health care, high-technology-oriented education, and scientific research.

All that is gone and forgotten now; after three devastating wars (1980-88, 1991, and 2003), 13 years of criminal economic sanctions (1990-2003), and destruction of the country’s infrastructure and industrial capabilities by the United States and Britain, Iraq was

sent back to the pre-1971 era of poverty, illiteracy, and religious fundamentalism. The recent emergence of bloody sectarian violence, instigated by foreign forces, although subsiding now, has left deep scars on the psychological character and social texture of society. At any given moment, an incident, with the killing of a few or many members of a specific group, can trigger a chain-reaction of revenge/counter-revenge reactions by either Sunni or Shi’a groups or individuals.

Instigating Sectarian Strife

The Iraqis this author met, during a recent visit to a neighboring country, strongly suspect that, in many cases, the initial attack is instigated by a third force, an outside force, supported by one or many of the foreign intelligence services or mercenary groups (foreign private-security firms) active in Iraq, such as the British, American, Saudi, or Iranian services. Or, these are carried out by Iraqi groups run by these intelligence agencies such as the Badr brigades (Shi’a), al-Mahdi army (Shi’a), or the Salafi group (Sunni) supported by international Saudi Wahhabi networks.

In one known case, two British Special Air Service officers were arrested by Iraqi police in 2005 in Basrah, when they refused to stop at a checkpoint; they were dressed in Arab garb and wearing beards; the car they were driving was loaded with weapons, explosives, and detonators. British forces, in a desperate move, smashed the police station with bulldozers and tanks the same day, to secure the release of the two officers. No serious investigation was ever carried out to determine what those two SAS officers were doing.

The Iraqi government, at the time, under Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, deprived of sovereignty, power, and dignity, did not even protest the incident! Iraqi policemen involved in the arrest managed at least to bring international reporters to the police station before the British raid, to take photos of the two Brits and their equipment. Counterinsurgency, or gang-counter-gang methods, where phony terror groups are created to divide and conquer subject societies, or to destroy legitimate resistance groups, is a well-known tactic to British imperialists, used in Malaysia, Kenya (the Mau-Mau operation), and in Northern Ireland. It is not unlikely that the private security firms in Iraq such as British Aegis and American Blackwater are copying these methods.

1. See Jeffrey Steinberg and Mary Burdman, “London’s Blair Pushes Post-Westphalia Chaos,” *EIR*, Jan. 18, 2008.

It is almost impossible to find out the identity of who commits massacres against the members of one sect or the other, because there are so many actors in the country, and the attacks are usually carried out by persons dressed either as U.S. or Iraqi soldiers or police, attacking in the darkness of night. This happened again, as this report was being written: A massacre was committed on April 2, in a village south of Baghdad where 25 Sunni civilians (including women and children) were handcuffed and shot by men dressed as soldiers.

The images of torture and satanic killing of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. prison guards in Abu Ghraib, and British soldiers abusing Iraqi children in Basrah, contributed greatly to the rage and bloodthirst among certain sections of Iraqi society, especially uneducated and hopeless youth with criminal inclinations. Although this was a tiny section of society, enormous damage was inflicted in the sectarian rampage.

Although the Iraqi people, in recent history, have exhibited an amazing ability to survive apocalyptic upheavals, and a spirit of determination to revive their national identity and begin rebuilding from the rubble, this time it is different: Without an external change in world affairs, there can be no recovery from the current crisis. Iraq itself, and Southwest Asia as whole, which has been placed on the edge of a volcano by the insane British-Saudi-American and even Iranian strategic games, such as the Shi'a-Sunni sectarian conflict, can descend into the abyss at any moment, from miscalculation or foolish moves by any of the parties involved.²

The Destruction of Iraq's Economy

The former government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, 2006-10 (a government without sovereignty), which was an artificial alliance of mostly Shi'a-Arab parties with the Kurds and some Sunni-Arab parties, was held hostage initially to the exploding Shi'a-Sunni sectarian violence and an insurgency. It also had to survive the political and military control of the U.S.-British occupation under Bush/Cheney and Tony Blair.

Al-Maliki's government sought to compensate the Iraqi people for all the suffering, not by giving them a

future, but by drowning them with petrodollars and cheaply imported goods, mainly from China. Iraq's oil production, which rose to 2.5 million barrels per day in that interval, is the single source of income for the country, due to the destruction of its domestic manufacturing and agriculture, by the cheap imports that the government and its foreign controllers encouraged.

Two members of this author's family illustrate this point clearly. One was a textile producer, but seeing the impossibility of running a factory (since the U.S.-British invading force destroyed the electric power production and distribution grid, and most of the production capabilities feeding his industry), he discovered early the advantages of importing cheap finished clothing from China. The other, also a manager of a textile factory, fought to keep his 30-year-long business producing clothing for a reasonable profit, and employing more than 20 workers, thus, sustaining many families.

The latter relative is now bankrupt and his factory shut down, while the former has made a fortune.

The same applies to agriculture. With the destruction of the water/power infrastructure and absence of repair and maintenance operations, Iraqi farmers are producing poor crops, costing three or four times more than imports from Syria, Iran, and Turkey. Tariffs on imported food don't exist, nor subsidies for farmers. Previous state support, with free improved seeds and fertilizers, was withdrawn after the invasion in 2003. With several years of drought, lower levels of water in the rivers, and dysfunctional pumping systems, the available water became unsuitable even for animals, and actually dangerous for humans. Life for farmers in the rural areas has become a hell, with most of them being forced to move to urban areas with less horrendous living conditions.

The state of the basic infrastructure (transport, water, and electric power generation and distribution) remains disastrous, following the U.S. "Shock and Awe" bombing wave in 2003. Although minor repairs have been made, the system itself is not capable of supporting the 30 million Iraqis who have been moving into population concentrations in the capital and major cities. The health-care system continues to falter, because the infrastructure of the hospitals themselves, including the staff, is faltering. A great number of physicians and qualified health-care workers fled the country between 2005 and 2008, to escape from ethnic

2. See Hussein Askary, "A New 'Nawrooz' for the World? British Iran Sanctions Ploy Could Send Region into Chaos," *EIR*, April 2, 2010.



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The state of basic infrastructure (transport, water, and electric power generation and distribution) in Iraq remains disastrous, following the U.S. “Shock and Awe” bombing wave in 2003. Shown: Coalition Forces respond to a car bombing in South Baghdad, as a second bomb explodes, during “Operation Iraqi Freedom,” in 2005.

and sectarian killings.

The education system is in a similar condition. The phenomenon of students dropping out of school to work to support their families started during the 1990-2003 sanctions years, and continues to this day. According to UNESCO surveys conducted in 2009, an average of 250,000 children drop out of school every year. UNESCO also estimates that about 6 million of the country’s 30 million people are illiterate; this, in a country that was about to eliminate illiteracy in the 1980s. About 350,000 Iraqi children living in refugee camp conditions in neighboring countries, are not getting any real education.

Iraqi Oil Auctioned

In spite of that, al-Maliki’s government, with many, if not all, of its policies, seems to be moving fast to strengthen the “consumer society” structure of Iraq. It has auctioned off Iraq’s oil wealth to increase oil production to 8-10 million bpd from the current 2.5 million bpd. Since oil is the only source of national income, paying for increasing imports of goods that Iraqi society needs will demand greater amounts of cash. No credit for long-term national development plans is in

sight. Many unwitting Iraqis think that Iraq will be as prosperous as the other Arab Gulf states, which enjoy high levels of consumption by relying on oil and gas exports.

In January, the first major auction/bidding process for production of Iraqi oil by international oil companies was concluded. Anglo-Dutch Royal Shell received the lion’s share for developing production of the massive Majnoun oil field in Basrah in southern Iraq, one of the largest oil fields in the world. Majnoun currently produces 46,000 bpd, but, with its estimated reserves of 20-30 billion barrels, production can increase to 1.8 million bpd within six years, according to the contract with Shell.

The second- and third-largest contracts for development of the large Rumaila oil field in southern Iraq went to a consortium of British Petroleum (BP) and China’s National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC). Another, for development of al-Halfaya oil field, was awarded to CNPC. Other less impressive oil field development contracts for western and northern Iraq were awarded to companies in the U.S., Italy, and South Korea, countries that participated in the invasion in 2003.

Iraq has the second-largest oil reserve in the world, following Saudi Arabia, with an estimated 140-170 billion barrels. Although the government claims that the contract offers only \$1.39 to \$2 per barrel produced to the foreign companies, the fact is that the sovereign wealth of Iraq and its future have now moved from the control of an Iraqi state-owned company into the hands of the British and whoever is allied with them. China keeps a special place in the equation, but still, this is not an agreement between two sovereign governments. This is a deal between a government under siege and the London-based imperial world power.

That will need more study, but the underlying problem here is that the government is desperately focusing on the increase of oil production for cash, to help it flood the Iraqi people with cheap consumer goods to keep them quiet.

The Arithmetic of the Iraqi Elections

The situation in Iraq is highly insecure due to the uncertainty of the outcome of the elections held March 8, and the prospects for forming a viable government soon. The election results gave the al-Iraqia List, an alliance of different sectarian and secular groups under former Prime Minister Ibrahim Allawi, 91 seats; the Dawlat al-Qanun (State of Law), also an alliance of different Shi'a-Sunni groups, but of Shi'a dominance under Prime Minister al-Maliki, 89 seats; the Iraqi National Alliance (of Shi'a Islamist groups and clerics of Ammar al-Hakim and Muqtada Assadr), 71 seats; and the Kurdish alliance of President Jala Talabani and Masoud Barzani, 42 seats. None of these parties are capable of leading a government or formation of a government, according to the Iraqi Federal Court. A bloc of different parties needs at least 163 parliamentary seats, of the total 325, to form a government, but then needs the support of 217 members of Parliament to pass through the appointments of the Prime Minister, the President, and the Speaker of Parliament.

Therefore, a lot of horse trading is going on among the different blocs. The most likely outcome is that the current prime minister, al-Maliki, remains in power with his Dawlat al-Qanoun, the Iraqi "Shi'a" alliance, and the Kurds in one bloc. The problem this will create, is that the majority of Sunnis, who have had a share in the recent government, will be left out, leading to increasing sectarian tension.

Ironically, the fate of Iraq, in a similar fashion to that of Lebanon, is not decided by internal power-sharing acrobatics, but by the strategic conflicts among world powers, and among regional powers. Therefore, Iraqi leaders in the Shi'a and Kurdish groups made a pilgrimage to Tehran to discuss the formation of a power alliance with Iranian leaders! Allawi and the Sunni groups are in discussion with Saudi Arabia, Syria, and other Arab nations.

However, ultimately, the fate of Iraq will be decided by developments in the United States around the policies of President Barack Obama, not only in Iraq, but all over Southwest Asia and the world. The fight by sovereign nations against the British Empire has been and will remain the decisive factor in world politics.

Until that larger fight is decided, Iraq will remain on the edge of a volcano of both internal and external explosions.

Who Really Won the Italian Elections?

by Claudio Celani

April 1—On March 29, the conservative coalition led by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi won four regional elections, despite widespread predictions that it would lose. However, if one looks more closely at the results, the real winner was not Berlusconi's Partito della Libertà (Party of Liberty), which had a lower percentage, in comparison with the last elections, but his coalition partner, the Lega Nord (Northern League), which doubled, and even tripled its votes in some cases. And, as the London *Times* acknowledged in an article March 31, the big winner was Economics Minister Giulio Tremonti. In fact, Tremonti, although nominally a member of Berlusconi's party, is the League's most trusted ally in the government; and, in recent years there has been more consonance between Tremonti and the League than between Tremonti and his own party.

The reason, which explains the fact that the Italian ruling coalition *gained* votes (in contrast to the collapses of ruling parties in elections all over Europe, as, most recently, in France), is that Tremonti and the League have intersected, so far, what Rosa Luxemburg called the mass-strike process. Not accidentally, both Tremonti and factions in the League have oriented toward the leadership of Lyndon LaRouche: Tremonti has endorsed LaRouche's New Bretton Woods and bankruptcy reorganization proposals; and LaRouche representatives in Italy have been regular guests recently of political talk shows on the Lega Nord's national radio station, Radio Padania.

True, the League is a populist party with lights and shadows—some, indeed, very dark shadows. But that is, as Italians would say, "*quello che passa il convento*," (literally, "what the convent offers"), meaning that you cannot determine the precise character of a mass-strike. The League is seen as a party that defends the national territory against "the others," i.e., globalization, and also, "the caste" of politicians, bankers, and bureaucrats who have betrayed the population. League voters represent the middle class, including small and medium-size industry, but also workers. They see the country's

productive structure being destroyed by globalization and the euro, the European single currency system, which has taken away economic sovereignty. This sentiment, however, sometimes alternates with populist impulses that seek scapegoats instead of solutions, including racist elements.

Added to that, the League's "federalist reform," a project to redistribute power between the central government and the regions, is a big question mark. Originally a radical demand ("We want all the money and decisions to stay at the regional level"), the concept changed when pro-federalists realized that, in some fields, such as energy and infrastructure, policies must be formulated, implemented, and funded at the national level. The LaRouche movement has started educating some layers of the Lega Nord about the concept of national credit creation.

Another aspect of the population's rejection of the political institutions, which are clearly not dealing with the profound economic crisis, is the extremely low voter participation in the elections, 64%. This turnout would be extraordinarily high for a U.S. Presidential election, but by Italian standards is abysmally low. In fact, there was a 8% drop from the last election.

Inside the opposition, the center-left Democratic Party lost votes, to the jacobin party Italia dei Valori (Italy of the Values), led by former "Clean Hands" prosecutor Antonio di Pietro, and to the new "Five Stars" flagellant list, led by comedian Beppe Grillo, which had a major breakthrough in the Emilia-Romagna region.

The Leadership of the Mass Strike

When the London *Times* tells the truth, one has to worry that something is being cooked up. On March 31, the *Times'* chief foreign correspondent Bronwen Maddox wrote: "Italy has fared surprisingly well in the global financial turmoil. Let me be more precise—it is not that Mr Berlusconi has run the economy well, but that he appointed Giulio Tremonti as Finance Minister in May 2008 and had the wit to keep him in place. Mr Tremonti, a good candidate for Europe's best finance minister, has turned a near-disastrous po-



Livio Anticoli

The big winner in Italy's March 29 regional elections was not Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's (right) conservative coalition, as widely reported, but the Lega Nord party, and its closest ally in the government, Economics Minister Giulio Tremonti (left).

sition into a survivable one.... For that—but that alone—voters are justified in thanking Mr Tremonti's boss."

Maddox, however, misses the main point. Although Tremonti's policies as Economics Minister (an office combining Finances, Treasury, and Budget ministries) have not improved the economic situation, and he has de facto run a tight budget policy, nevertheless, he has stubbornly refused to give one cent to bail out the banks, and to cut any social entitlement outlays, such as pensions and health. On the contrary, he extended unemployment benefits.

Backed by the League, Tremonti has used all the money he could to assist small and medium enterprises—by offering credit support, canceling debts and taxes—and has fought for a bankruptcy reorganization of the global financial system, gaining an international reputation. His public association with Lyndon LaRouche—certainly known to the most informed section of Italian voters—has improved his credibility.

Several Italian observers, most of them no friends of the Economics Minister, recognize that Tremonti is now strengthened by the impressive Lega Nord victory. "The League has the power, and Tremonti the agenda," was the headline of an article by *Il Riformista* editor Antonio Polito. *Il Riformista* is the official daily of the opposition Democratic Party. "If we look

at the complex game of succession [to Berlusconi] . . . it is evident that the outcome of the elections is a further strengthening of Giulio Tremonti.” The financial daily *Milano Finanza* writes that “those who approached Economics Minister Giulio Tremonti, yesterday, perceived an unusual euphoria in the Professor. The League . . . has in Tremonti a fundamental political ally.”

The daily *La Repubblica*, owned by George Soros-allied financier Carlo De Benedetti, under the headline “The Grand Padania on the horizon, between Berlusconi and the trusted Tremonti,” called the League a “neofeudalist” element, “made up of localism and protectionism, fears and simplified plebeianism, which sees the utmost danger in globalized society.”

The figures of the League vote are the following: doubling of the vote in Piedmont, from 8.5 to 16%; almost doubling in Lombardy, from 15 to over 27%; doubling in Liguria to 10%, almost tripling in Veneto from 14.6 to 35.2%; tripling in Emilia Romagna from less than 5 to almost 14%; penetrating in the Marche and Tuscany regions with over 6%; establishing a foothold in Umbria, with 4%. The League is now the largest party in Lombardy, where it influences governor Roberto Formigoni; and it won the governorships of Piedmont and Veneto with Roberto Cota and Luca Zaia. Zaia, who will leave the post of Agricultural Minister, received an impressive 60% direct vote.

All of this makes the League de facto a national party, defusing fears of a separatist radicalization.

The Immediate Impact

An immediate effect of the vote is that now, the government coalition has a majority in the State-Regions Congress, in which the regions share responsibility, on such matters as energy, with the central government. Up till now, this shared responsibility was used by the center-left-dominated Congress to veto construction of nuclear plants. The government had announced a plan to build four nuclear plants, but even before the sites were announced, the regions vetoed the plan. The national government then went to the Constitutional Court. Now, with the election results, the regions could very well forget the veto, and the government drop its constitutional challenge, thus allowing the nuclear plans to proceed.

Another implication, is that the League will pene-

trate the banking establishment. In fact, major shareholders of large banks, such as Unicredit and Intesa-Sanpaolo, are the bank Foundations that are expressions of local political power, and control banks that have merged in the past, resulting in the two above-mentioned “global players.” Now that the League controls the political power, it will put its people in those Foundations, who will then sit on the boards of the larger banks.

Take the example of the main shareholders of Intesa-Sanpaolo: Among them, you have Compagnia di San Paolo with 9.8%, Cariplo (Savings Bank of the Lombard Provinces) with 4.6%, and the Savings Bank of Padova and Rovigo with 4.1%. This means Piedmont, Lombardy, and Veneto. Take Unicredit shareholders Cariverona (Savings Bank of Verona) with 4.9% and the Savings Bank of Turin with 3.6%. “Figures at hand, the League pinch is evident, since foundations are expression of local political power,” wrote the daily *Milano Finanza*. “The potentiality is there for a *longa manus* [long hand] of the League to penetrate the foundations.”

The paper reported that, especially Tremonti, who has been strongly opposed by the banks, was particularly happy about this. “If Cota will be elected governor,” Tremonti said during the election campaign, “he will have something to say in the Fondazione Sanpaolo.”

What is the League strategy? *Milano Finanza* continues: “Listen to Flavio Tosi, mayor of Verona, whose municipality is the main shareholder of Cariverona. Power? Posts? No, what the League is concerned with, Tosi insists, is that resources are used on the territory, and not elsewhere. This is the priority, a philosophy that clashes with the logics of the Milanese salons . . . and yet, bankers shall come to terms with this approach. And not only that. There are large infrastructure works worth billions of euros, which will change the face of Northern Italy, like the 157-km-long Pedemontana, the 62-km-long Brescia-Bergamo-Milan or the 94-km-long Pedemontana Veneta, just to mention some major works.”

“Bossi and Tremonti [are] in the driver’s seat.”

Il Riformista quotes the new governor of the Veneto region, Luca Zaia, who, in reference to Unicredit, said: “It is not possible to ask for a loan in Treviso and see them calling the Virgin Islands to get the authorization.”

Today's Opium War

The LaRouche political movement literally “wrote the book” on the British imperial policy of the Opium War, a policy which led to the death of at least 20 million Chinese in the 19th Century, when the Empire imposed its policy of free trade in deadly drugs on China, through force of arms. As the underground bestseller *Dope, Inc.* laid out, despite treaty arrangements in the early 1920s, which allegedly banned trade in dangerous narcotic drugs like opium and heroin, major British banking networks, linked to the monarchy, have maintained their deadly trade to the present day.

There are three reasons why the war against Britain's dope trade lies at the heart of the world strategic situation today.

First, as we note in our feature story, the British-controlled dope trade plays the decisive role in providing the financing for the world's leading terrorist entities. From Afghanistan's Taliban, to the Chechen rebels, to the genocidal FARC guerrillas of Colombia—just to name a few—the illicit drug trade buys the weapons, the officials, and the other needed matériel to facilitate the wars against sovereign nation-states. It has been consistently documented that these drug networks have more resources at their disposal than the targeted governments themselves.

There is no way to defeat terrorist groups, without eliminating their source of income: the highly lucrative drug trade.

Second, the British-controlled drug-money flows represent the most significant support for the bankrupt world financial system. According to the most recent estimates available from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in 2008, the proceeds from the illicit drug trade amounted to at least \$800 billion—nigh onto a trillion. This is an income stream based on

putting huge amounts of drugs on a growing market.

Much of these drug-money flows operate “off-shore,” in locations such as the Cayman Islands, Isle of Man, and other unregulated (largely British protectorate) centers. There they enter a world financial system which, through usury, gambling, and other kinds of speculation, turns them into trillions more in financial obligations, now sucking the blood out of the dwindling real physical economy.

To bankrupt the British imperial monetary system—a central aspect of LaRouche's program, and essential for putting a credit system in place—eliminating the drug trade is a number one priority.

But it is the third reason for wiping out the British Empire's illicit drug trade which speaks directly to the needs of humanity at this time in history: the urgent task of reasserting the identity of mankind, as the creative species responsible for developing our universe for the future.

The British Empire never justified its assertion of its “right” to trade in mind-destroying drugs simply because it was a means of making money, or even of maintaining power. The real reason behind their drug-pushing was to *degrade* the human race to the level of animals that can be herded, and culled; to literally rob human beings of their minds, and of futures worthy of an ennobled mankind. They have done the same by taking over our education systems with positivism, and by turning our economy into a degraded “service” sector. But none of this works, unless they destroy the human quality of mind.

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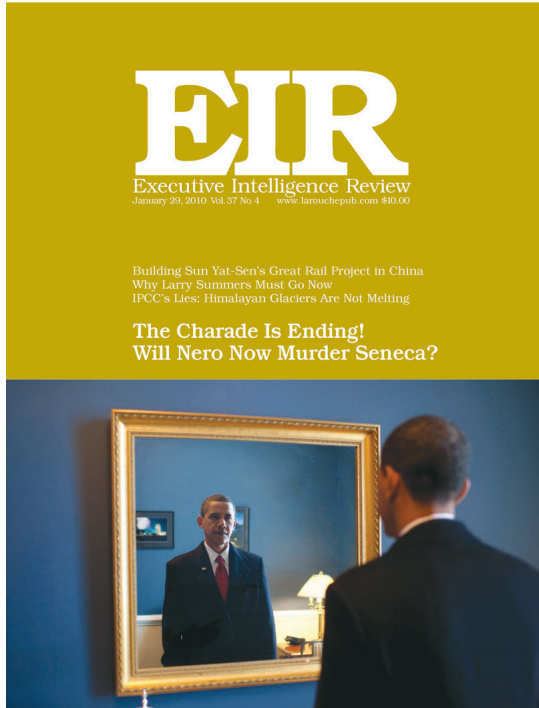
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