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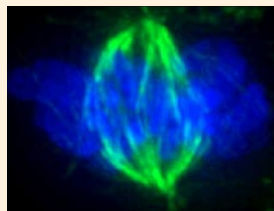
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# EIR

## From the Managing Editor

Since EIR's editorial in our July 30 issue put out Lyndon LaRouche's new call for immediate launching of the North American Water and Power Alliance, we have published quite an array of excellent articles on how NAWAPA will be conceptually upgraded, and why the earth-movers must start moving now. This week, LaRouche pulls it all together in a concise and inspiring analysis, "Learn from NAWAPA: Mind or Body?" To introduce it, I can do no better than to quote the man:

"History will not treat kindly those who might seek to reduce NAWAPA to a mere legislative proposal. NAWAPA, like the TVA, was, and remains a work of science, not mere legislation. Those who do not treat this as a science-driver undertaking, should not be trusted as being competent to judge the awesome economic issues confronting the entire planet at this moment. . . .

"The difference between the TVA back then, and what the reactivation of the NAWAPA means in practice now, is that the benefits inherent in realization of the NAWAPA now, would be not only global, but represent the foundation—the spark of progress—which must ignite the development of both the planet and the program's role in nearby space achievements beyond anything which could have been imagined as practicable at the close of World War II."

Complementing LaRouche's article are those on Leonardo da Vinci's unique way of linking science, art, and city-building; and on the Darien Gap project for Colombia, an adjunct to NAWAPA.

Here you have the marching orders for this Fall's campaign season—and for the century before us. This is in sharp contrast to the obsessions of too many of our fellow men as this calamitous Summer draws to a close. LaRouche addresses one aspect of the "silliness": the clamoring for a monetarist "forecast" respecting the financial system (p. 20). Helga Zepp-LaRouche takes apart another piece of nonsense: the hype about Germany's economic "boom."

The strategic core is and remains LaRouche's demand for the ouster of President Obama. Until that is achieved, forget about NAWAPA and economic recovery. The racist attacks on U.S. Reps. Rangel and Waters (pp. 34-43), the prospects for war in the Mideast (p. 27), the abysmal treatment of American veterans (p. 46)—none of these issues can be solved with Obama still in the White House.



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LEARN FROM NAWAPA:

## Mind or Body?

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

July 27, 2010

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*What is now the urgently needed launching of the NAWAPA project, demands an essential, implicit rejection of what has been the customary, ignorant but popular misconception of the functional meaning of the term “infrastructure,” that in respect to the mandatory principles of “physical economy.” We have reached the point in the history of a physical, rather than monetarist science of economy, at which, the mere survival of civilization on this planet, demands a sweeping correction of the very definition of “economy,” on this specific point.*

*Therefore, I say the following to you, here and now:*

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With the rise of the corrupting influence of the evil Aristotle, Mediterranean-centered maritime culture of that time, lost its connection to a competent notion of the meaning of the term, “science,” and, therefore, also, to any competent notion of the meaning of the term, “economy.”

Aristotle, for example, had decreed that an end be brought to the practice of human creativity, and did so, by declaring, that, in effect, the universe had been fixed, forever, by the completion of the “Seventh Day” of **Genesis** 1.

For similar reasons, no efficiently truthful meaning can be attached to that commonly taught, but incompetent notion of Euclidean geometry, a notion rooted in a ridiculous, Aristotelean misconception. A competent study of real economy, rather than a monetary economy, is to be approached as being a branch of the study of what are, actually, physical curves, such as the physical principle of the catenary, as the catenary was first introduced to modern scientific practice by Florence’s Filippo Brunelleschi, and examined more closely, later, in Leonardo da Vinci’s treatment of the physical relationship between the catenary and the tractrix.

# Geo-Engineering Is Back on the Agenda for North America

*Revelstoke Dam in British Columbia, Canada, completed for hydropower, in 1984.*



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
*The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway in eastern Mississippi, completed in 1984.*

*The NAWAPA project, first designed by the Ralph M. Parsons Co. in 1964, was never implemented. It would divert water flowing northward to the Arctic, southward through western Canada, the United States, and into northern Mexico. Launching it now will require a deep scientific understanding of what “infrastructure” actually means for mankind.*



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*NAWAPA and related projects will greatly enhance Mexico’s ability to irrigate crops in the arid regions of the north.*



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*The Rio Grande at White Rock, New Mexico. Heavy usage of water along the river, in parched regions of the United States and Mexico, has reduced its flow to the point that only one-fifth of its historical discharge reaches the sea today.*

In fact, all actually competent physical science today, like the discoveries of Brunelleschi, of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, and of their follower Leonardo da Vinci, is still premised on strict regard for the notion of metaphor as expressing what can be considered, legitimately, as a physical principle, as also being the essential principle of all competent notions of both physical

science and Classical artistic creativity as in poetry, music, and otherwise.<sup>1</sup>

1. I have emphasized in other published locations, that the term “metaphor” identifies the same quality of ontological intention in William Empson’s **Seven Types of Ambiguity** as in Johannes Kepler’s detailed presentation of the discovery of the unique principle of universal gravitation, as in Kepler’s **The Harmonies of the Worlds**. Kepler’s notion of

In the course of modern times, Paolo Sarpi, in turn, replaced what had long been Aristotle's still dominant regulation of putatively learned opinion, by eliminating all notions of principles from our earthly system of social practices, even the presumptions of the already meager, Aristotelean conjectures. So, Sarpi and his devotees launched, thus, the system known today as "empiricism."

Sarpi's argument was that copied by Adam Smith, as was stated explicitly, in Smith's **Theory of Moral Sentiments**. So, the entire British system of this world, hangs, at this moment of galloping awfulness, upon fraudulent presumptions which Smith copied faithfully from Sarpi, and from Sarpi's lackey known as that hoaxster Galileo.

So, with the death of Plato, had come opportunity for the rise of the influence on then Classical culture, as this was typified by that depraved, explicitly oligarchical ideology of the hoaxster Aristotle. So, the actual science which had reigned with the Pythagoreans and Plato, was pushed away. This pushing-away has been done in a fashion which reminds us of that more sweeping destruction of scientific competence, which had been done, in recent times, by the radical empiricism of the positivist followers of Bertrand Russell, as Russell's corruption came to reign in the thus corrupted channels of science during the time of the 1920s' celebrated Solvay conferences.

Thus, from the corruption typified by the frauds of the likes of Bertrand Russell, came the woe we have gained today.

It is notable for emphasis during these days, that Smith's faction had insisted that the entirety of both modern capitalist and Marxist dogma, depends, equally, upon the agreement of both, to share what was named, interchangeably, this Sarpian, or Newtonian fraud promoted by Smith. That is the fraud which presumes that man knows only his own emotional experience of sense-perceptions, but knows actually nothing, whatsoever, of any real universe, apart from that which an intellectual weakling's sense-perception might suggest to the credulous.<sup>2</sup> Smith's (and, therefore, also Marx's

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this original discovery by him, is identified by Albert Einstein as the proof that the universe is always finite, but never bounded (i.e., it is intrinsically anti-entropic), or, in other words, inherently creative in respect to the phase-spaces named by V.I. Vernadsky as, respectively, the lithosphere, biosphere, and noosphere, (of which three, only mankind is creative in a consciously willful way).

2. Interest should be attracted by the ironical fact that the Soviet Union

own) method is premised upon the practically ruinously incompetent method of practice of statistical methods, from among what passes for economic practice, in most official academic and business circles today. That practice has been the principal method by which our United States, and other nations, have been ruined since the day that a great man, President Franklin Roosevelt, was succeeded by Winston Churchill's and Wall Street's nasty little stooge, Harry S Truman.

Hence, that combined effect of the successive influences of the ancient Aristotle and modern Sarpi, has been the drilling of children, in that modern teaching of so-called "economics," which has been that prevalent doctrine which has brought the entire planet, now, to that state of crisis, under which any attempt to continue the presently prevalent notions of economy, would have brought all humanity to the brink, of the darkest of all our known ancient, medieval, and modern dark ages.

Thus, with the span of the modern religious warfare which dominated all of Europe during 1492-1648, we have scoundrels such as Paolo Sarpi, and, much later, his follower Bertrand Russell. These and kindred missionaries of evil, have brought the world those lasting epidemics of woe which the world has gained in this awful present time. The principal feature of this reign of evil, since the wars associated with France's Louis XIV, has been, for the greater part of time, that evil which came to our planet under the reign of an already doomed domination of the financial life of the entire planet by the presently crumbling state of the British Empire.

Hence, under those historic conditions of modern European civilization, we have been subjected to that combined effect of the successively, bad to worse influences which modern history had inherited from the tra-

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harbored what were, in principle, two mutually opposing notions which could not coexist, except as the common practice of the same universe. For example, consider the contrast of the scientific incompetence respecting living processes of that British ideologue of the Soviet scientific community, A.I. Oparin, as contrasted with the great V.I. Vernadsky. The relevant fact is, that both Karl Marx and Frederick Engels were, like the dupes of the British ideological cult known as IASA, avowed agents of the British doctrine of Adam Smith and Jeremy Bentham (and the school of the worshipers of the hoaxster Isaac Newton), while the relative incompetent Oparin was the pro-Newton incompetent, and adversary of that Vernadsky who contributed essential elements of the scientific basis for the continued existence of the Soviet Union, and of that Soviet Union's defense against the Hitler regime, and the legacy on which a viable Russia depends, still today. Oparin rejected the notion of life as a principle in itself; had Oparin been followed, rather than Vernadsky, Russia would not have continued to exist today.



ditions of the ancient Aristotle and modern Sarpi. These are influences which continue to be expressed today, expressed as an intrinsically fraudulent notion of economics which is still the prevalent doctrine among the principal parts of this planet.

It is the trajectory of action, as charted by those wretched, but widely believed doctrines of Aristotle and Sarpi, respectively, which has spread the evil of modern "Liberalism" even among many ranking professionals. It is this which has brought the entire planet, now, to the state of crisis under which, any attempt to continue the presently prevalent notions of economy, would have brought all humanity to the brink, of the darkest of all our hitherto known dark ages.

### The Needed Change

The particular aspect of this problem, on which I shall focus your attention in the following report, is a needed emphasis on the remedy which would be implicit in an immediate action to employ the waiting NAWAPA program, a program which is the basis for a general recovery of our planet, a recovery from the presently terminal state of the world's economy, when the implications for that economy are considered as a whole.

So, the dreadful time has come, today, when the future of all mankind depends, now, on this needed change in the shaping of the policies of, first, our nation, and then, the world. The time has come, when as Shakespeare put these words in the mouth of Hamlet, "... thus, the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought; and enterprises of great pith and moment, with this regard, their currents turn awry, and lose the name of action."

When sung from the right throat, "Creation" can be a wondrous word. So, as I shall show here, the true song lives, not in the note, but, when song and mind, alike, dwell only in that process of constant change which resides "between the notes."<sup>3</sup> The secret of the economy lies not in the thing produced, but, rather, in the ordering which subsumes, and surpasses each mere, made thing. Man's power to exist lies not in the things which exist, but in the process through which things, and

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3. The celebrated point by Wilhelm Furtwängler, is frequently cited, but, even then, rarely understood. It is the process which subsumes the ordering, and the true meaning of the notes-in-progress which is the only true content of both the composition and competent performance of a work composed in the Classical tradition of J.S. Bach and his faithful followers.

mortal human lives, come and go, in the domain of the immortality of each soul of a very special species, mankind. Such is the true, and only form of real human knowledge.

Such is the meaning of "man's universe." Such is the true meaning of "infrastructure." Such is the rarely understood grandeur of the intention of a NAWAPA whose idea could not be killed, even decades later, still today. Such is the true practical meaning of man's access to the immortality of each great dream. It partakes of the immortality of a Creator. NAWAPA could not be killed, because it was the immortal feat on which man's future presently depends.

So be NAWAPA, in our present hands.

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## I. Infrastructure!

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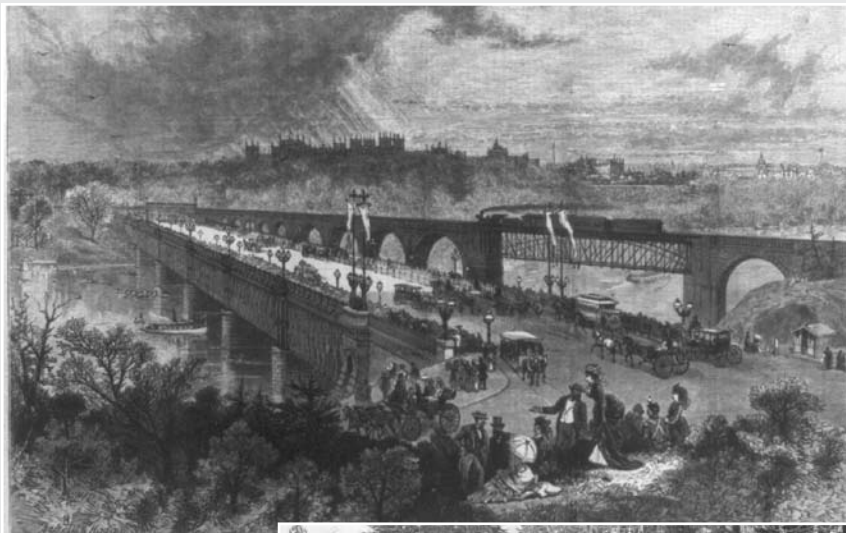
*A desert brings either, a terribly poor crop, or even, virtually no crop at all. It is the duty of mankind to use those same creative powers for solving this problem, which are represented by what are to be recognized as man's great productions in Classical art, as in the example of Albert Einstein's relationship, as one of the greatest scientists of his time, to his violin.*

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My relevant associates and I have recently launched what must be accomplished, in effect, as one presently unique among the greatest masterpieces of mankind's scientific endeavors at this time, as the leading undertaking for investment of our efforts in the use of the presently leading potential for the improvements of the conditions for human life on this planet, during the present century.

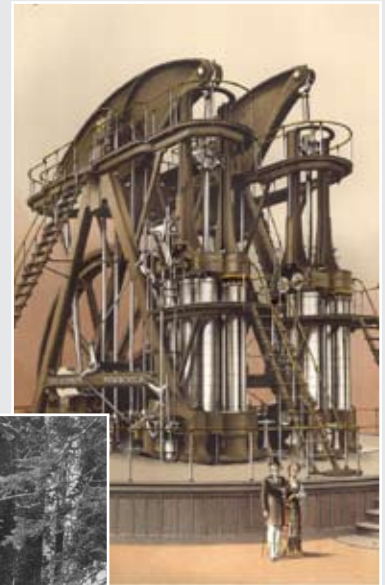
For this purpose, we have adopted, on the one hand, the energetic foundation for such a development within this planet, by an implementation of that already designed NAWAPA project as the starting-point of this new process for mankind. However, to this end, we have combined what we have adopted as that goal for the NAWAPA project with the implications of a mission-orientation of creating the pre-conditions of man's ability to fly to, and return from a landing on Mars, that, hopefully, within this presently ongoing century, that on the condition that we can oust a far worse than merely useless President Obama from office now. That specification is supplied here, through the necessary application of what has been the hitherto relatively little known science of physical economy.

# U.S. Centennial Exhibition: Impetus to Eurasian Development



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*The Centennial buildings in Philadelphia can be seen across the river, in this work from 1876. Note the railroad bridge—a sign of the times.*



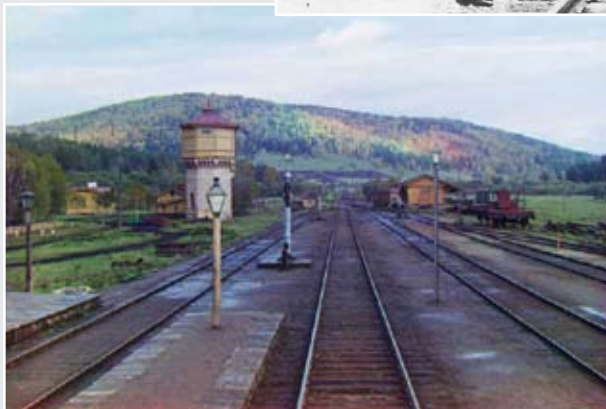
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*The huge Corliss steam engine was featured at the Centennial exhibition.*



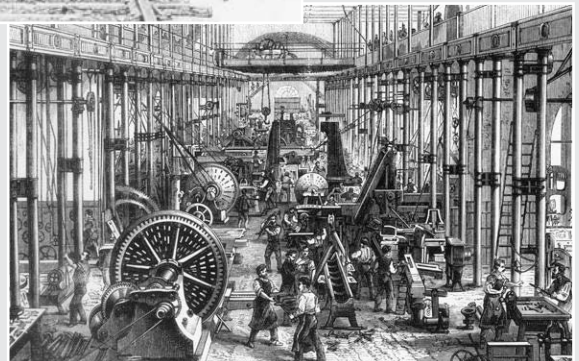
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*Construction of the Great Northern Railroad ended in 1893. It reached from Lake Superior to Seattle.*



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*The Trans-Siberian Railroad was another “spin-off” of the U.S. Centennial Exhibition. Here it is shown at the Samara-Zlatoust station, in a 1910 photo.*



*German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck was keenly influenced by American System economists, and progress in the United States sparked the development of industry and infrastructure in Germany under his leadership. Here, the Chemnitz factory in 1868.*

That much said, we must add a certain kind of word of caution against what should be identified as a certain, false kind of euphoria, a warning which I state here as follows.

It has been an integral part of mankind's great successes thus far, that many of the most meaningful kinds of successful results which we might have expected to be experienced in our own immediate lifetimes, have arrived either late in life of some then current generation, or even only several generations, so as, after our mortal "we" might have passed on.

To craft an image of the kind of perspective this implies, take the case of a relatively simple illustration of this point, the relationship between the implicitly, historically and strategically ironical, successful role of the Spartans at Thermopylae, and the resulting great victory against the same Persian emperor Xerxes, at Salamis (480 BC). Take note of the fact, that the consequence of this victory at Salamis, was to be echoed in Alexander the Great's great victory at Gaugamela in 331 BC. However, also note, that between 480 and 331, there was the continuing, paradoxical effect of the ruinous Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC). Unfortunately, in the time of the professional poisoner Aristotle, Alexander died rather young, and attrition then reigned in his place.

Later, modern European culture, as distinct from ancient Mediterranean maritime culture, prepared itself to emerge again, this time with Charlemagne's addition of a revolutionary advance to the founding of a riparian development of the nation-state form of an actual national economy. Modern European civilization began with the AD 1438-1445 great ecumenical Council of Florence, as continued through the consequent founding of trans-Atlantic colonies in the Americas.

So, as a consequence of this, modern European civilization had become dominant in the guise of the Mediterranean's maritime culture, as in the aftermath of Alexander the Great's victories; this continued until the shift away from the relative limits of the dominant role of the Mediterranean, toward a trans-Atlantic maritime culture, as begun with the roles of, first, the signal impact of the voyages of Christopher Columbus, and, then, from A.D. 1620 on, the establishment of the roots of the modern sovereign nation-state republic under the great charter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for as long as that original charter remained in force.

The greatest development following the victory of

the U.S.A. in an A.D. 1782 victory, over the British Empire, was the later revolution effected in the defeat of the evil intentions of the British Empire in that time, by the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln, as this increased power of the United States was shown more clearly through the time of that great Philadelphia Centennial celebration of 1876, which had changed the trans-Atlantic region of the world in a fundamental respect.

That change, which threatened the British Empire with the spread of the American revolution, world wide, in agriculture, industry, and the mass-inland-based, continental system of railway transportation, prompted the thus menaced and enraged tyrant, the British Empire, to organize what became known as "World War I," a war which was begun, in fact, with the British Empire's 1890 ouster of Chancellor von Bismarck through the intervention of the British Royal family. This latter action by the British monarchy during the 1890s, launched a series of Twentieth-century, great, long wars, a series of such wars which has, for the most part, continued to rock and ruin the planet since that time, as under the present, Nero-like tyranny of the British puppet Barack Obama.

We of our United States, should have intended to continue both of the goals posed by the Philadelphia Centennial, within the period of the presently preceding century, had we not, foolishly, permitted the United States to lose that capability during an interval from the assassination of President William McKinley, to the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and, that attempted renewal of that great mission of President Franklin Roosevelt under John F. Kennedy, a mission which should have been continued to the close of that century, but was terminated by President Kennedy's relevant assassination.

It was the assassination of President Kennedy which made possible that approximately decade's duration of an insanely conceived, and unnecessary, U.S. war in Indo-China. The economic and social crisis created by that war and its duration, dropped the U.S.A. from the position of leader of the economic progress on this planet, in 1963, into the state of ruin set into motion by the subsequent U.S. Administrations of, chiefly, Presidents Richard Nixon and James Carter. It has been downhill, all the way from the election of that President Nixon, which unleashed the full-throated, presently on-rushing threat of an immediate, global, economic-breakdown-crisis of our entire planet.

## In Earlier Centuries

On the crucial subject of “infrastructure,” there have been, so far, four, most crucial qualities of development of the basic economic infrastructure of the ancient through modern society of the world, as viewed, most notably from the standpoint of the trans-Atlantic world. I list these as follows.

The first of the qualities on this list, corresponds to the introduction of the discovery of what was, implicitly, a functionally finite map of the stellar system of stars and planets. A trans-Atlantic maritime culture, from no later than within the span of the most recent, great glaciation, navigated among the relevant oceans, from place to place, using the stellar and planetary arrays, combined, as the navigational map piloting the way linked among points within that watery world of maritime cultures during the great glaciations, then, or even earlier.

From that period, whatever was fiction, and which real history, onward, is shown by the emergence of maritime forms of imperialist monetarist cultures, from a time since the decline and fall of the Achaemenid empire, in the Mediterranean, and, through a civilization which had been dominated by the actually or implicitly imperial power of the principled form described for the reign of the not exactly fictional Olympian Zeus, in the great **Prometheus** trilogy of Aeschylus.

The second phase of development of the general infrastructure of European civilization, emerging in the form of the hegemony of that Mediterranean-pivoted form of maritime imperialism, was first challenged on a grand scale by the developments associated with the great reforms under Charlemagne. These reforms, based on extending the principle of extending the river channels within the land-mass by the development of a system of canals throughout a major portion of settled nations in Europe, continued to be the principal challenger to continued, maritime-imperialist domination, a shift in the basis of continued domination by maritime imperialism, a shift such as that secured by the British Empire of the British East India Company in February 1763, which continued until the emergence, in the 1820s, of the

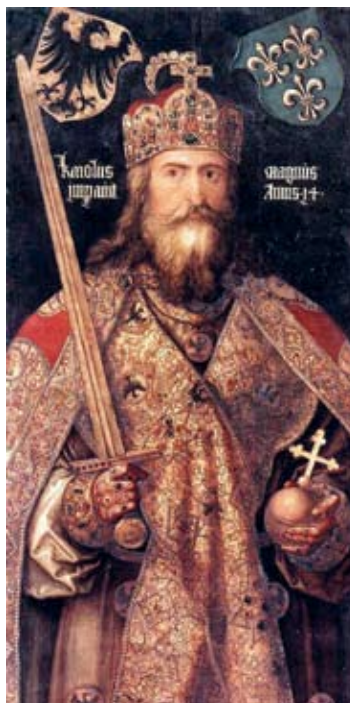
Reading Railroad within what had been the recently constituted United States of America.

The development of the U.S. transcontinental railway system, over the interval from the founding of the Reading Railroad, and through the global impact of the establishment of the U.S. transcontinental-railway system launched by President Abraham Lincoln, as a crucial feature of the 1876 U.S. Centennial celebration, a process of development which won great foreign nations, such as Bismarck’s Germany and the role of the great Dmitri Mendeleev to their launching of transcontinental rail systems within Eurasia.

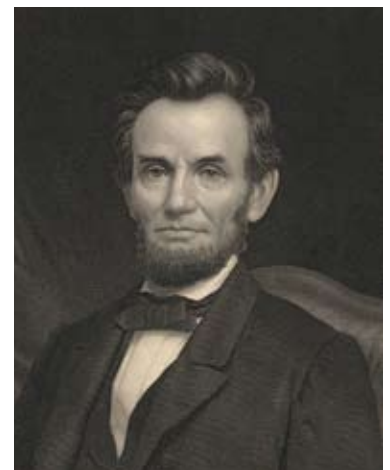
The spread of the influence of the progress of our United States, especially through our victory over British imperialism in the U.S. Civil War and the explosive spread of the American agricultural, industrial, and railway systems, was the revolution in economy which impelled a maddened British Empire to oust Germany’s Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, an expulsion of Bismarck which was the actually opening shot fired by the British Empire in launching the actuality of what was to become



1. *The Greek astronomer Hipparchus (c. 190-120 B.C.)*



2a. *Charlemagne, portrait by Albrecht Dürer (c. 1512)*



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2b. *Abraham Lincoln*

known as “geopolitical warfare,” over the 1890-1917 interval of “World War One.”

The third great change in the essential characteristics of basic economic infrastructure, came in the strategically crucial development of airborne transport; but, the most crucial, fourth, stage in the form of development of infrastructure came with the society’s entry, through the emergence of the science of physical chemistry, into the technology of transuranic and yet higher qualities of sources of power of relatively very-high energy-flux densities.

Each of these four successive levels of development of the crucially distinct categories of civilizations’ basic economic infrastructure, represented, in effect, the common feature of a relatively qualitative advancement in the power of mankind to exist, as adumbrated in terms of qualitative leaps in the energy-flux density of society, both per capita, and per square kilometer of territory.

Today, we have put our figurative “toe” in the waters of a fifth leap forward, that of the development of an intra-Solar-system mode of travel as a new historical, “extra-terrestrial imperative:” man in space.

Since each of these five qualitative advances signifies an increase in the available, practiced level of power employed per capita and per square kilometer, these effects are to be correlated with man’s progress in mastering and mustering the use of higher orders of reaches within both the domains of the “periodic table of physical-chemistry,” and the modes of increased energy-flux density of practice, both of which may be correlated with both such a “table,” and with the changing role of man’s employment of, and response to the challenge of cosmic radiation, rather than a system of particles.

The summary definitions which I have employed here to outline the characteristics of this array, are simply that, and little more than just that. However, that portraiture is sufficient for the purpose of introducing the concept to be introduced to the reader at this juncture in this report.



3. *The first successful human flight, by the Wright brothers, Dec. 17, 1903.*



Office-Museum of V.I. Vernadsky

4. *V.I. Vernadsky, portrait by I.E. Grabar*



Johnson Space Center

5. *Astronaut Neil Armstrong in the Apollo 11 lunar module, as it rests on the Moon’s surface, July 20, 1969.*

That much said to that effect, it is the progress of man’s knowledge of what we can rightly identify as universal physical principles of action, which is the virtual “foundation” on which any competent definition of economy, or of relative quality of economic performance by any, or all kinds of societies depends.

Take some of the most obvious of the problems posed by the intent to establish a feasible state of even temporary habitation on the Planet Mars, as illustration of this, as prompting us to adopt a more broadly conceived, general conception of the truly practical meaning of the physical-economic meaning of the term “in-

frastructure “—within, for example, our Solar System.

There are, admittedly, certain problems to be treated as challenges for science during the time ahead.

Mars has about one-third of the mass of our Earth, and there are numerous other, crucial kinds of qualitative differences posed by the very idea of man’s attempts to dwell on Mars, even for relatively very short intervals.

This does not signify, that the challenges are insuperable in principle. It does mean that there are major improvements in our knowledge of relevant, practicable

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principles to be acquired, including that of effects which might fit the working term of “synthetic gravitation.”

All feasible production of the preconditions for human existence and its reproduction lie essentially within the bounds of the definitions of “basic economic infrastructure” which I have outlined here.

### **In The Present Century**

Now, therefore, we must rebuild our ruined U.S. economy, beginning with the level of development of the prerequisites of qualitative and quantitative levels of basic economic infrastructure. Presently, that progress must be carried to a point equal to its level of potential identified with the close of the President Lyndon Johnson Administration, and, at the same time, foresee, at least, the coming three generations within the duration of this present Twenty-First Century, as a time for a process of upward-progressive generation, one to be considered as devoted to the role of our United States in building up our economy, once more, this time to reach the point of undertaking the mission assigned to the

third of three generations which are to be born, and brought to maturity, during the remainder of this present century. In short, we must include what must be assigned as a goal of a successful, manned Mars-landing, and safe return, during the closing decades of this present century.

To grasp the task thus placed before the United States at that hopeful, prospective, very early moment, when current President Barack Obama might have been soon expelled from office by the presently rising wave of popular disgust with both his crimes against this nation, and also offenses against humanity generally: let us now choose a point for comparisons between today’s situation and that of mid-Summer 1933, when the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Then, trace the prospect for a more ambitious undertaking intended for the post-World War II United States, the North American Water and Power project, known as NAWAPA.

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That is not to suggest that the Parsons company, the author of the proposed engineering project, did not understand what it was proposing. Rather, the fact is, that there have been great advances in science and technology, however poorly used, or almost totally neglected, but, nonetheless, advances in conceptions of scientific progress, since 1933-1964. The nuclear age had arrived, as if seventy years ago. Remember now, that nuclear

power and its correlatives came into being through aid of a crucial, contributing role by the success of the TVA launched in 1933. The Moon landing less than forty years later, marked mankind's successful entry into nearby space, and into the advances in scientific knowledge which accompanied that achievement.

The difference between the TVA back then, and what the reactivation of the NAWAPA means in practice now, is that the benefits inherent in realization of the NAWAPA now, would be not only global, but represent the foundation—the spark of progress—which must ignite the development of both the planet and the program's role in nearby space achievements beyond anything which could have been imagined as practicable at the close of World War II.

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## II. The Role of the Human Mind

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*Here, in this present chapter, I begin by restating a crucial point of principle which I had already presented in locations published earlier. In this case, I now carry the development of the same point to a more advanced stage.*

It has been a prevalent delusion of many popular and some other bodies of opinion, that the overwhelming mass of public, and even much scientific opinion, has continued to be, until now, an expression of the view, that the proper definition of truth is located, primarily, in the functions of sense-perception as such.

Contrary to that still widespread delusion, the fact is, that, although what are called “sense-perceptions” are, proximately, the fruit of sensory functions of the human brain-system, sense-perception itself was never sufficient evidence of the real universe of our experience; mere sense-perception, in and of itself, is never evidence of actual processes which sense-perceptions echo only as shadows cast by reality. The quality needed for humanity's security, now, must be recognized in the rigorous observance of the principle, that truth is to be found only in the judgments which the human mind supplies in correcting those errors of still prevalent opinion which inhere in a naive reliance on mere sense-perceptions as such.

The point which I have made in the preceding paragraph, can, and must be now repeatedly restated in the terms of a famous work by that celebrated British author, whose essential argument I have now made

more accessible to the presently relevant readership, the late William Empson (1906-1984), in his **Seven Types of Ambiguity**.<sup>4</sup> Empson's central point of concern there, is the fact that the human mind's ability to make truthful sense of mere sense-perceptions, depends upon imparting the relatively most exact expression of what is known as the ontological form of dramatic irony, a form which is to be defined as the expressed Classical principle of *metaphor*.

Empson's own notion of the role of metaphor in Classical poetry, drama, and, implicitly, the competent uttering of Classical musical composition, is, for the present readers, not only appropriate for William Shakespeare, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and John Keats, in English, or Friedrich Schiller's German, but is, otherwise, the exact same quality of conception represented in a crucial way, by the notion of a universal physical principle, such as that of Filippo Brunelleschi's discovery of the universal physical principle of the catenary, as the catenary was employed as a physical principle of the construction of the cupola of Florence's cathedral of *Santa Maria del Fiore*. That same point is delivered more dramatically, by Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa's **De Docta Ignorantia**, and by Cusa's avowed follower, Johannes Kepler, as in Kepler's systematic proof of his uniquely original discovery of the universal principle of gravitation, that as being the content of his **The Harmonies of the Worlds**.

To state that same point otherwise: the truly authoritative powers of the individual human mind, are to be located in the type of empirical demonstrations which have been shown to represent a consistent form of an experimentally defined, systemic, implicitly universal point of empirical disagreement among two or more, natural, or extended, synthetic sense-perceptual functions of the sense-perceptual experiences of the human brain-functions. Kepler's uniquely original discovery of the principle of universal gravitation, is exemplary.

The same principle is expressed as the principle of Classical methods for defining metaphor in all forms of Classical artistic composition, as for the case of the methods of counterpoint specific to the work of Johann

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4. William Empson, **Seven Types of Ambiguity**, 1948. Much of the internet commentaries on Empson's work, to this day, has no relevant correspondence to the content of the work itself. I am not surprised. Under influences of the post-World War II period, such as the existentialists generally, and the post-war influence of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, the very existence of the idea of metaphor has been virtually banned, together with the very idea of the existence of history.

Sebastian Bach, and, for all of the great Classical composers who built the practice of their craft upon the precedent of J.S. Bach, as that is typified by Bach's celebrated, paradigmatic **Musical Offering**, and by the set of preludes and fugues, and by his **St. John** and **St. Matthew** Passions. The same is typified by the Classical mode of the Greek drama as by Aeschylus. The same principle of irony is typified by the genius of John Keats' **Ode on a Grecian Urn**, and in the concluding paragraphs of Percy Bysshe Shelley's **A Defence of Poetry**.<sup>5</sup>

In earlier reports on the subject of this equivalence of Classical poetic and physical-scientific notions of metaphorical irony, I have recommended that we imagine ourselves as if in the role of that of the captain of a vehicle traveling in intra-Solar-system space, who lacks command of any directly sensory access to control over the phenomena which his vehicle is experiencing externally, but, must therefore, as in the case of Kepler's uniquely original discovery of the principle of universal gravitation, rely on the paradoxical juxtaposition of contrasting categories of instrumentation, to synthesize a faithful reading of the crucial aspect of those contradictions among the data which are represented by the application of differing types of reporting instruments.

That is the principle of Classical metaphor, exactly as Albert Einstein was to recognize the deeper, universal implications of Kepler's discovery of gravitation.

Hence, we have a case, that of Johannes Kepler's

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5. The commonplace, but factually absurd description of Keats, Shelley, Heinrich Heine, or composers Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, or Johannes Brahms, as "Romantics," was promoted by the purely fraudulent presumption that the work of those musical composers, and comparable cases among poets, such as the composers Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, et al., represented anything but a continued process of development of the revolution in a scientifically valid notion of tuning and counterpoint launched by none other than the composer who is fairly considered as the greatest genius of them all, Johann Sebastian Bach. The relevant problem often is, that poorly advised musical performers perform the works of Classical composers as if those composers have been "Romantics." The practice of "elevated pitch," contrary to Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, et al., not only prompts the early ruin of well-trained but abused performers to early retirement, through the wear-and-tear promoted by the fraud of post-World War II doctrines of elevated pitch. Scientific tests of the greatest violins crafted for use, originally, in those parts of the Eighteenth century, proved that the instruments had been perfected for nothing different than C=256. Such bestialization of the relevant human voices, or musical instruments, is a product of chiefly, the utter moral, scientific, and cultural depravity typified by the influence of my impassioned adversaries of the post-World War II, social-fascism cult, which was known as the "Congress for Cultural Freedom."

uniquely original discovery of the principle of gravitation, which is comparable, from within the domain of physical science, to the role of the principle of metaphor presented in William Empson's notion of the role of metaphor in Classical artistic composition. Indeed, the principle of scientific creativity expressed in every competent experimental definition of a universal physical principle, is never to be found within the bounds of a pre-existing mathematical scheme; but, only through the same aspects of human creativity which are congruent in their essential nature with the role of valid metaphor within the domain of Classical artistic composition. Indeed, it is a process situated within the intrinsically ironical principles of experimental physics, which creates the preconditions for a qualitative improvement in the use of a competent mathematics for physics, rather than the other way around.

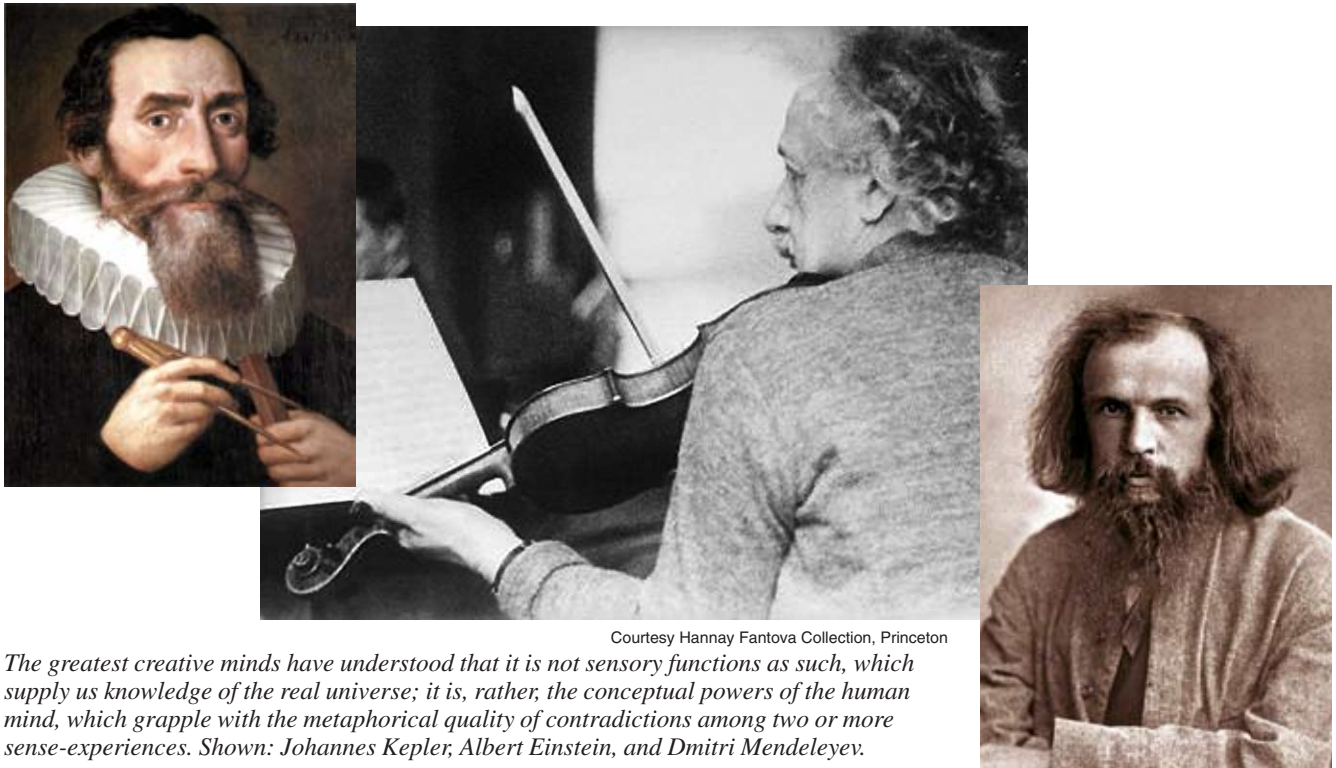
The principal conclusion which I am pressing in these comparisons, is the point in fact, that it is not the sensory functions of the human brain-function as such, which supply us knowledge of the principles inhering in that real universe we are experiencing; it is, rather, those conceptual powers of the individual human mind which are expressed in terms of the *crucial-experimental* feature of the *metaphorical quality of contradictions among two or more among the several categories of sense-experience* pertaining to a common process of experience. Therefore, it were of crucial importance that we make the corresponding distinction between the sensory features of the brain-function, and the crucial knowledge of principles which are demonstrated by the contradictory nature of the relationships among the products of any set of sensory functions as such. Such is the necessary distinction between the notion of a sensory function of the "human brain," and the *ontologically distinct* notion of the "human mind."

Admittedly, sensory functions remain conditionally reliable as sensory functions; however, even at their very best, they will remain only shadows cast by the real objects which sense-perceptions as such do not "know" directly.

This just stated distinction, is the essential definition of the human *mind*, as distinct from the *mere notions of sense-experience* delimited to notions of the sensory record experienced as located within the human brain.

This has been, among other considerations, the key to the conflict between the reductionist delusions of mere mathematicians such as both the relatively more respectable David Hilbert, and the despicable devotees





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*The greatest creative minds have understood that it is not sensory functions as such, which supply us knowledge of the real universe; it is, rather, the conceptual powers of the human mind, which grapple with the metaphorical quality of contradictions among two or more sense-experiences. Shown: Johannes Kepler, Albert Einstein, and Dmitri Mendeleev.*

of the utterly depraved Bertrand Russell. The latter are typified by such creatures found among Russell’s familiars as Professor Norbert Wiener, John von Neumann, and the devotees of the Laxenberg, Austria International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), as those, latter, poor wretches are to be contrasted with the original method of all competent modern science.

This set of distinctions provides us with a source of competence located in those roots of modern European science which are to be recognized in the complementary efforts of such as Filippo Brunelleschi (the discovery of the catenary’s role as a physical principle), as also Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa’s **De Docta Ignorantia**, and in the contemporary Riemannian physics expressed as contemporary physical chemistry as the latter is typified by the discoveries of Louis Pasteur, as through Max Planck, Dmitri Mendeleev, William Draper Harkins, Albert Einstein, and Academician V.I. Vernadsky and the latter’s associates and followers.<sup>6</sup>

Add a crucially important distinction to be made on this account. Distinguish between two, respectively valid conclusions to be adduced in this fashion. For this pur-

6. Consider the opening two paragraphs of Riemann’s 1854 habilitation dissertation and the richly ironical single concluding sentence, as definitive evidence on this point.

pose, consider, first, what might be the two “classical” cases which I have often used before: the comparison of, first, the role of metaphor, as in William Empson’s reference to metaphor, as compared with, second, Johannes Kepler’s parallel case, Kepler’s uniquely original, and successful discovery of the principle of universal gravitation, as in his **The Harmonies of the Worlds**.

All competent forms of what could be arguably competent principles of a science of economy, depend, absolutely, on those considerations. My own unblemished successes in forecasting of crucial events in the U.S. economy since my first forecast of Summer 1956, up through the longer-range forecasts, up through the present instant, are merely exemplary of the contrast of the standpoint of a science of physical economy to the infallibly erring efforts of the practitioners of contemporary types of ideological-statistical methods.

### Kepler and Einstein

For the reasons implicit in what has been written here thus far, the appropriate appreciation of Johannes Kepler’s uniquely original discovery of a principle of universal gravitation, must be defined, today, to the following effect.

Any competent form of modern European scientific method has been exemplified by the work of Nicholas

of Cusa, a method also exemplified by the work of such followers of Cusa as Leonardo da Vinci, and exemplified for all modern science by the documented methods of Johannes Kepler. This pattern of practice, on which all competent expressions of advances of modern science were premised, is distinguished by an emphasis on successive approximations in respect of the discovery of universal principles, a notion of “principle” which is actually lacking in all the work of the respective followers of such as ancient Aristotle and the modern European Liberalism of Paolo Sarpi.

Kepler’s discoveries in astronomy and cohering subject-matters are to be viewed retrospectively, accordingly, today.

In any suitably adjusted view of matters from the standpoint of sense-certainty, as in the adjustment presented by Kepler’s principal discoveries in astronomy, such as his uniquely original discovery of the universal principle of gravitation, the proper notion of the human mind, rather than as a matter of mere sense-perception, must be adopted as that conception of an ontologically defined personality, which is expressed as the aspect of the mental life which pertains to the efficiently creative nature of the potential represented by the inner human personality itself.

Stated in other words, this signifies the following.

The actual human personality is not to be located as if it were confined within the bounds of sense-perception as such. The true human personality, which conceives the experience of the universe it inhabits, is, admittedly, greatly dependent upon the functions performed by the senses, but those senses do not contain that human faculty which it employs to such effect. It can be fairly stated, therefore, that *the existence of the actual personality of the human individuality is, in the language of the modern physical chemist, not a perceptible object, but is a singularity which expresses the explicitly voluntary functions performed by the human mind; but, it itself, is not bounded ontologically by the mere functions of sense-perception as such.*

Hence, Johannes Kepler’s method in his uniquely original discovery of the principle of universal gravitation, is a method which depended upon those of its actions, as if from above, on the mutually contradictory, notional senses of sight and harmonics of hearing, which are expressed as a quality of action by the human mind of a type which is not located within the bounds of the mere senses.

It is implicitly fruitful, to view this notion of the

human personality as a true, and efficient singularity, as one being located as if within the existence of physical space-time, and is to be located from the vantage-point of restating the developed periodic table which had been launched by Dmitri Mendeleev, this time within the “framework” of a universe constituted as a field of cosmic radiation, rather than as an assembly of particle-like objects deployed within the bounds of the all-embracing emptiness of an imaginary space. There is nothing wrong with Mendeleev’s work itself on this account; rather, the benefits of the discovery of physical relativity oblige us to regard the domain of singularities of cosmic radiation, as expressions of physical space-time, rather than simply physical-space imagined to be existing within mere time.

The immediate advantage secured by that marginal shift in approach, is that it prompts us to take into account the fact that when we examine what are considered, conventionally, today, as the evidence of the role of the human senses in scientific work, even including the augmentation of scientific process which reaches, more and more, into the very small and very large, as Bernhard Riemann emphasized this point in his 1854 habilitation dissertation; our attention is shifted to take into account the effects of those electro-magnetic experiences of universal, cosmic radiation, which are, in fact, part of the spectrum of communication among animals and human beings, but which are not powers defined within the confined range of what we treat as human communication defined in sense-perceptual terms presently. This includes that part of the role of mass social behavior which functions as an important form of communication under relevant conditions, but which lies outside the modes of literal communication as we presently tend to define the presumed limitations of communications bearing on interpersonal social behavior.<sup>7</sup>

That ironical thought is brought closer to our understanding, when we reflect on the case of ontologically crucial leaps in the practice of physical science which have been accomplished by modern developments. We presently treat as knowable states of nature, what are subjects of efficient human intervention into the universe, but lie entirely outside the domain of the axiomatic presumptions of the earlier practices of physical science, a progress which can be communicated among

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7. A subject which is part of an active discussion among the participants in the “basement team” currently.

relevant scientific workers today. In this way, it has always been a physics which creates a new mathematics, not the other way around. The case of the discovery of the principle of relativity, as, most notably, by Albert Einstein, is an appropriate illustration of this general point.

As some among my collaborators have pointed out, this is already illustrated in the biology of living processes, by the existence of apparently obnoxious small creatures which operate on the basis of use of aspects of the spectrum of the cosmic radiation relevant to living creatures, but which lie outside anything we would attribute to ourselves, or to forms of animal life like our own. Once we take such phenomena as this into account, we are obliged to reassess our own categories of sense-perception, such as the emphasis on the principle of the “mass strike” emphasized as a form of mass social communication outside the customary notion of interpersonal radiation of dispositions within large populations, or, similarly, the related, metaphorical argument which occupies the concluding paragraphs of Percy Bysshe Shelley’s *A Defence of Poetry*.

All of my remarks on this subject-matter thus far, here, should be considered as returning our attention to what I have emphasized here earlier, as the ontological distinction between the actual human personality, which is not included, ontologically, as being confined within the ontological domain of the senses and their function in those terms of reference.

At this point in the report, I must emphasize the most relevant of the specific precedents for the portrait which I have just outlined above, as being located within certain portions of Bernhard Riemann’s 1854 habilitation dissertation. Firstly, to the opening two paragraphs of that dissertation, and, secondly, Riemann’s emphasis on the ontologically systemic distinction of those aspects of scientific knowledge which lie outside the bounds of ordinary sense-experience, in the very large, or very small.<sup>8</sup>

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8. B. Riemann, *Über die Hypothesen, welche der Geometrie zu Grunde liegen*, III. Anwendung auf den Raum, 2 “...Dieser Umstand wird wichtig bei der Ausdehnung dieser empirischen Bestimmungen über die Grenzen der Beobachtung in’s Unmessbare und Unmessbarkeine; denn die letztern können offenbar jenseits der Grenzen der Beobachtung immer ungenauer werden, die ersteren aber nicht. ...” [This consideration becomes important in the extensions of these empirical determinations beyond the limits of observation to the infinitely great and infinitely small; since the latter may clearly become more inaccurate beyond the limits of observation, but not the former. From translation by William Kingdon Clifford.] Riemann continues treatment

Albert Einstein’s cardinal observation on the subject of Johannes Kepler’s great, and unique, original discovery of the principle of universal gravitation, is that the fact that Kepler had proven that the universe is finite, but not bounded, leads us directly toward the pre-conditions for Einstein’s initial definition of the principle of general relativity. The most prominent of the difficulties in grasping the point made by both Riemann and Einstein, as implicitly, by Nicholas of Cusa and Cusa’s immediate followers earlier, is located in the common principal error of the argument by both Aristotle and Sarpi. The systemic error of the latter, is that of substituting an a-prioristic, erroneous notion of man’s knowledge, for the actual modern science of such as that of Nicholas of Cusa, replacing, thus, either that of Aristotle (like Friedrich Nietzsche: “God as Creator, is virtually dead”), or the doctrine of incurably infinite ignorance, that of Sarpi, from which British empiricism and related mental disorders take their presently adopted origins.

### **The Ironies of Sense-Perception**

One might consider it astonishing, that so little regard is given to the ironical fact that the tendency to ignore the evidence of what might be termed “extra-sensory” features within human social behavior, should have been left in the domain of obscurity, such that when this matter has been treated, in society today, even the apparently anomalous proofs of relevant statistical correlations are either brushed aside, or relegated to the domain of the allegedly, exotically extra-terrestrial. I do not find that factual anomaly in putatively scientific behavior to be so strange as that. For me, it is clearly clinical whenever the relevant selection of physical-scientific evidence is taken under consideration.

The most obvious of the immediate causes for that kind of failure of judgment, is obviously that such a failure is a reflection of the denial of the knowable existence of reality by those devotees of modern British Liberalism whose frankly admitted rejections of the existence of any knowable kind of actual universal scientific principles, are typified by the direct copy of those arbitrary assertions by the slimy Venetian Paolo Sarpi,

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of that theme to the end of his dissertation, which he concludes with his “this takes us into the domain of another science, the domain of physics, which the nature of the present deliberations” (i.e., mathematics) “does not permit us to enter.”

and, therefore by British Liberal ideologues made, not of suspected mud, but according to the dogma of Adam Smith.

Notably, the relevant consequences of the doctrine of Sarpi devotee Adam Smith, include the almost inevitably consistent failures of modern attempts at forecasting by contemporary Liberal economists who rely on statistical methods. A similar folly is met in the presently continuing influence of Aristotle's quasi-Nietzschean, implicit "Any Creative God is now Dead." The mystical perversion known as "zero growth" as a perversion typical, of both the Aristoteleans and British Liberals, is to be emphasized on this account.

However, the asserted predicaments, typified by the cases of the dupes of either Aristotle or Sarpi, can be put aside in the following approach.

The key to understanding the origins of the inherent incompetence shown by those alleged scientists, or others, who claim to proffer a systemic proof of the so-called "principle" of universal entropy, is revealed most clearly by those, such as either of the type of David Hilbert, or the hopelessly depraved co-thinkers of the Cambridge school of Bertrand Russell and his followers' International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), who insist that physical science must be derived from mathematics. This is in contrast to the physical scientists, such as relevant practitioners who oppose the radically reductionist standpoint from within the domain of physical chemistry, such as Dmitri Mendeleev, Max Planck, William Draper Harkins, V.I. Vernadsky, and Albert Einstein.

The examination of the issue so posed, is to be traced in the modern European history of science from what I have already referenced here as the principled discoveries of such most notable cases as that of Filippo Brunelleschi, Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, and their teachers, followers, and associates, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Johannes Kepler, Gottfried Leibniz, and Bernhard Riemann. The direct connection of Albert Einstein's appreciation of Kepler's discovery of gravitation, as demonstrating a finite but unbounded universe, as, also, to Einstein's conception of physical relativity, illustrates the crucial point to be emphasized.

Experimental physical science, when it is applied to the history of modern scientific progress from an experimental standpoint, rather than subsumed under a notion of the body of Aristotelean or Sarpian "mathematical formalism," demands discerning the existence of universal physical principles which reign over a

mathematical apprehension of phenomena. In fact, in a world of decent behavior, it is the progress of discoveries of principles of physical science, which, as Albert Einstein's case illustrates the principle, drives the progress of an actually competent physical-scientific progress in the use of mathematics.

Thus, the fact of "mass behavior" of a form to which Shelley refers in the concluding paragraphs of his **A Defence of Poetry**, is a physically-efficient fact. That fact defines an implied physical principle governing the direct connections expressed by such mass behavior.

To the same point, the fact that the human individual's primary sensory capabilities are limited, does not measure the universe. Thus, we must keep our minds open to the existence of what should be regarded as social phenomena of a principled type which reflects channels of communication beyond the boundaries implicit in a certain, selected array of sense-perceptions. We must, on this account, cultivate and develop experimental methods which assist us in such investigations.

Imagine an encounter with some intelligent species of life which relies upon sense-perceptual organs other than our own. We already know cases of species, which are not intelligent life, which do "communicate" through types of organisms other than our own.

### **The Practical Implications Now**

Once we have distinguished the inner human personality from those instruments of sense-perception which the inner human personality, to be known as the mind, employs for its purposes, we are prompted to look into a future state of human exploration of the universe, a state in which the mind itself exists as that of an efficiently acting and reacting individual, but in which the present-day notions of "body" and of "sense-perception" lose much of their presently indicated character. That is to say, that in the future, the mind of the human individual will also dwell as an efficient agency within physical conditions which no human body itself would tolerate.

In principle, such seemingly very novel relations already existing among our best scientific and Classical-artistic minds, demonstrate the efficiency of the principle involved. The human body can not tolerate the internal conditions of our Sun, but the human mind, once its nature and identity are properly acknowledged, can experience seemingly impossible physical conditions for human life, even so as if at a distance from locations habitable by living human bodies. It is pre-



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*The principles of scientific creativity are congruent, in their essential nature, with the role of valid metaphor within the domain of Classical artistic composition. Here, the LaRouche Youth Movement performs the choral movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in Berlin, March 25, 2010.*

cisely here, in this notion, that the notion of human individual immortality assumes a very real meaning. As the ghosts in my favorite German film from the 1950s said it, "the most important thing is the effect!" Even for a "spook"!<sup>9</sup>

The time has now arrived, at least for those who are engaged most seriously in the business of securing humanity's future, even when our Sun will have blown up, perhaps some billions of years, ahead, that what those worthy to serve as those leaders of our society working in the fields of building mankind's future will do, that we must discover the specific kinds of steps which ensure the fulfillment of man as a consciously efficient being in the universe, whatever might happen for the ages yet to come, a creature crafted in the image of a Creator.

That future may be mistakenly judged by some, even many currently, to be practically irrelevant for us living today; but, this is not the case for those among us who are sufficiently wise to locate the meaning of the mortal life we experience now in what we are able to contribute, as discoveries of useful principles, to future mankind, as done through the new foundations we add to humanity's repertoire even as we are living now.

9. "Die Hauptsache ist der Effekt!" From "Das Spukschloss im Spessart" (1960).

All this begins to be clear at the moment we take note of the evidence which is the proof of the reality of the inner self, for which the powers of sense-perception are useful, attached appendages supplied to a truly creative being which is no mere appendage of experienced sense-perceptions.

The hopeful aspect of this matter, which I have emphasized in the immediately preceding paragraphs, must be more brightly illuminated. What is the alternative to the hopeful portrait of man's inner self to which I have pointed just above? What is the haunting sense of worthlessness which accompanies the belief that the human individual is merely an expression of notions akin to mere sense-certainty? We should recognize that consequence as something we should consider ourselves as knowing, "all too well."

To measure the breadth and depth of evil loose on this planet today, consider the case of the program of willful, impassioned genocide, represented by Britain's Prince Philip and his erstwhile colleague, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, a Satanic-like expression of pure evil, an evil supplied chiefly by the British empire and its Wall Street financier appendages, an evil which has taken over the currently "Nero-like" U.S. Presidency and much of the law-making by an intimidated, virtually Neronic, U.S. Congress at this present time.

WALL STREET IS NOT DYING; IT IS DEAD!

## Please Don't Be Silly!

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

August 12, 2010

This is the week that Wall Street virtually died. The Federal Reserve System which was already attempting bail-outs within a virtually zero-percentile degree of hyper-inflationary, monetary bail-outs, has now declared its intention to launch the more drastic practice of copying the exact-same kind of monetary hyperinflation which brought the entire Weimar Germany economy to a general breakdown during the Summer and Autumn of 1923.

Notably, those who are pressing *EIR* to publish a monetarist analysis of Wall Street's chances for recovery, have been consistently wrong in all of the forecasts and suggestions which they have presented to my knowledge in the past couple of decades. Not one of the well-wishing charlatans has ever treated the post-1987 effects of Alan Greenspan's intrinsically inflationary monetary swindles from the standpoint of the only method of forecasting which has succeeded during recent decades, the method of the physical-economy-based forecasts which I have supplied over past decades to date.

For those reasonable persons who honestly wish to know the essential facts, the following were sufficient for this moment.

Following the successful U.S.-led breakthrough at Normandy, both the leading American and German

generals knew that the Hitler regime was inevitably doomed. The knowledge led to a Wall Street-backed, and anti-President Franklin Roosevelt upsurge from the same Wall Street and London gang of financier interests who had not only hated President Franklin Roosevelt, but who had joined the Bank of England in putting Adolf Hitler into power, until the time that Winston Churchill began screaming for military and economic aid against Adolf Hitler from Franklin Roosevelt's United States. ("Don't contradict me, Bud. I was in that war and I know all the essential facts about that business very well.")

Now, since the successful June 1944 Allied landings in France, the same Wall Street and London crowd which had brought Adolf Hitler into power in Germany during the 1920s and 1930s, went back to the same pro-fascist economic and social policies as rapidly as the traffic would bear.

I was not surprised at the import of Wall Street's backing of Harry S Truman's candidacy for the Vice-Presidency. On the night the news of President Roosevelt's death reached us in the China-Burma-India theater, I replied to questioning by a group of my fellow-soldiers: "We have lived through this war so far under a great President. Now, he has been replaced by a very little man, and I am afraid of what might become of us." In 1947, I sent a brief letter to General Dwight Eisenhower, then the President of Columbia University, stat-



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*The buildings on Wall Street, like the New York Stock Exchange, shown here, may still be standing, but, LaRouche writes, the Street is virtually dead. Perhaps the same could be said about Alan Greenspan (inset): for sure, it is long past time that his economic prognostications, which never made sense anyway, were buried and forgotten.*

ing my reasons for suggesting his candidacy for the 1948 Presidential election. He replied, saying in effect, “not at this time,” and, later, I came to understand his reasoning in this matter.

Coming out from the CBI theater about a year after the end of the war in Europe, I knew that that Wall Street crowd tied to London was the long-term mortal enemy from inside our nation. Nonetheless, the U.S.A. remained too powerful, and the memories of the U.S. citizenry too strong, to let Britain resume the imperial role it had played in the world since the British East India Company’s imperial triumph of February 1763. So, for that reason, the U.S.A. remained powerful, until the assassination of President Kennedy cleared the way for launching the long, wasting war which a living President Kennedy had prevented. An ensuing ten years of U.S. war in Indo-China brought the U.S. down in the fashion which imperial London desired.

In Summer 1971, two crucial developments occurred under the time of President Richard Nixon’s administration. First, was Arthur Burns’ role in cancelling the 1944 Bretton Woods agreement. Second, was the action of Britain’s Lord Jacob Rothschild in using the collapse of the Bretton Woods system to launch what became the British Imperial Inter-Alpha Group, a group whose influence presently controls an estimated 70% of the world’s banking and related operations. That group, which virtually owns Wall Street presently, and also President Barack Obama and his administration, too, has brought about the uttering of virtually quadrillions of dollars of purely make-believe, Monopoly-game money in the form of financial derivatives and related outright swindles.

In the effort to sustain that gigantic, Anglo-American controlled mass of quadrillions of nominal dollars of that “Monopoly-game money called financial derivatives, or the like,” to provide an urgently needed margin of sup-

port for that cancerous mass of virtual play-currencies, the chief London and allied swindlers in the likeness of Alan Greenspan have drained the remaining real issues of the U.S.A. and its citizens, outdoing those follies of Marie Antoinette and her husband which destroyed much of continental Europe through the period of the chronic Napoleonic wars.

As a result, it has been during this week that the Federal Reserve System has indicated that a state of monetarist desperation has now been reached, at which the Fed is now disposed to unleash beyond the United States itself what the British and French predators of the 1920s launched as the 1923 hyperinflationary breakdown-crisis of Weimar Germany.

Hey, buster. What does that leave silly fellows like you to discuss about analyzing the difficulties of the Federal Reserve System? What in Hell do you actually propose to do? Send funeral wreaths to Wall Street?

# Federal Reserve Sparks Hyperinflation: Implement Glass-Steagall in September!

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

*This article is translated from German.*

Aug. 13—When the “H” word turns up, even in the mass media, it must be clear to all but the most stubborn deniers of reality, that a storm is coming. The Aug. 10 decision of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) to buy trillions more in toxic securities from the banks, means simply that the Fed has lost all control and is taking its last resort: unlimited printing of money. The result will very soon be a hyperinflationary explosion like that in 1923 in Germany, only this time worldwide.

The influential Washington newspaper *Politico* commented that the Fed’s desperation move, euphemistically called “quantitative easing 2,” or QE2 (the banks are sitting on at least \$3 trillion in toxic waste), raises dangers beyond mere inflation: “...printing money in the quantities needed risks causing not inflation, but hyperinflation of the Weimar Republic kind.” Even the arch-conservative *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* warned of hyperinflation caused by the Fed.

The economic data on the real U.S. economy has also put Washington and Wall Street into a state of panic. Rising unemployment, falling incomes, insolvent municipalities, a new round of the real estate crisis with devastating consequences for the construction sector, the expectation of tax increases due to reduced tax revenues—all these factors illustrate the collapse of the United States. Lyndon LaRouche and his political action committee, LaRouche PAC, have launched a super-mobilization for the immediate reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall standards, given the real possibility that the financial system will not survive the third quarter.

## **Inflated Food Prices**

The enormous amounts of liquidity that were pumped into the markets by the Fed and other central

banks to rescue the speculators, created enormous surplus liquidity, which is, of course, not being hidden under the gamblers’ beds, but rather, is being thrust into the raw materials markets. Raw materials prices are exploding as a result, even though the economy in the U. S.A., the Eurozone—with the very short-term exception of Germany—and much of the world, is depressed.

Oil, metals, and especially agricultural commodities, are once again targets of speculation for investment banks, hedge funds, and cartels. Of course, the usual opinion-shapers blame increased consumption in Asia, and Russia’s ban on farm exports for the increased prices for agricultural goods, but if, for example, the price of wheat soars up by 50% in a single week, then clearly, something else is going on. Cocoa, coffee, sugar, maize, barley, etc., are increasing by 20-30%, which will affect consumer food prices in the Fall.

Considering that a handful of food cartels such as Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland, and Monsanto control more than 80% of food production and marketing—from sowing and harvesting, to processing and the retail trade—and that these conglomerates are massively involved in futures trading, one can easily figure out who will benefit from the price increases. Also the investment banks, such as Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch, have developed complex financial instruments for agricultural commodities. A study by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in June said that only 2% of futures contracts on the raw materials markets result in the actual exchange of goods.

Investment banks are grabbing up arable land in the industrial nations, but also, in the developing countries; they operate warehouses and buy ships and port terminals. The gamblers are primarily on the London futures exchange or the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Here, the investment banks, hedge funds, pension



funds, etc., act as real locusts, with the result that food is so scarce, that the poor of this world can no longer afford their daily bread. After all, for people who have to spend more than 50% of their monthly income on food, a 50% price increase for wheat is truly catastrophic.

The food riots in 40 nations in 2008 were only the harbinger of what threatens now. The price explosion could lead very soon to a worst-case scenario for world food, which could only be prevented by implementing the policies this author has already called for: doubling of food production, the absolute elimination of speculation in food commodities by a Glass-Steagall Act, and the replacement of the current monetarist system by a credit system.

According to the independent Greek Statistical Office, the inflation rate in Greece, despite draconian austerity measures and the insolvency of one quarter of all businesses, has now reached 5.5%, which is the same as it was before Greece joined the Eurozone. The British media warn that the inflation rate could make savings accounts “obsolete.”

But all this is just a foretaste of what is imminent: a hyperinflationary explosion like that of 1923. Then as now, inflation was invisible for years, although the Reichsbank started printing money like crazy in 1919, to pay the German war debt and the reparations imposed at Versailles. It was not until the Spring of 1923, that, because of the French occupation of the Rhineland, passive resistance and strikes occurred, halting production; hyperinflation exploded within six months, such that, by November 1923, prices were wildly out of control.



*Hyperinflation in Weimar Germany, 1923: Money was good for building towers, but not much else.*

## Boom in Germany?

The financial press is crowing that in Germany, the economy is growing more strongly than at any time “since reunification.” But this temporary high will very quickly be driven away by a low-pressure storm system, because it owes its existence solely to the temporary increase in exports, principally to Asia, and particularly to China. But those markets, in particular, are showing increasing signs of the coming turbulence. The collapse of the consumer market in the United States is already having a dramatic impact on China. As a result, two bubbles that have formed in China’s internal market: a real estate bubble and a bad loan bubble are about to burst.

Social tensions are increasing, partly from conflicts between migrant workers and farmers, and

also, because food-price inflation in July had already reached 6.8%. The government is currently trying to curb lending and real estate speculation. But the news about China’s difficulties, alongside the data from the United States, has already led to a fall of stock prices on the international markets. Reinforcement of this development, which is, unfortunately, inevitable, will end the German “boom” faster than you can say the word “hyperinflation.”

While this country is dreaming “mid-Summer fairy tales” about the economic recovery, the response to the obvious threat of inflation is completely wrong. The policy of the EU Commission and the German government, of applying the “debt brake” to all of Europe, will only accelerate the economic collapse. Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble’s intent to save EU80 billion by eliminating infrastructure projects is the worst thing

that could be done. Not only has Germany long had an infrastructure investment backlog of around EU1 trillion, which has resulted in bad stretches on the autobahns and roads, unsafe bridges, etc., but the cuts are also hitting what little of our productive sector remains.

The Auto Club Europa (ACE) says that at least EU2.5 billion is needed for the minimal repair of about 64,000 km out of a total of 400,000 km of local roads, but the funds are not available, due to the municipalities' current EU15 billion deficit. The ACE cautions that it is only a matter of time before serious accidents occur. This, of course, has negative effects on the construction sector, as a result of the planned cuts.

The calculation of Hartmut Mehdorn, of all people—who, as ex-chief of Deutsche Bahn [the German Railroad], is still remembered for his unsuccessful privatization policy—that the government should recall that the massive reductions in infrastructure undermine the future of Germany as an industrial nation, shows how far things have gone. What is needed instead are massive investments in the modernization of railway and other infrastructure, including connections for goods and containers to and from seaports.

By the end of September, the situation will deteriorate so dramatically, that the failure of the current policy will be placed emphatically on the agenda. The conjuncture of the economic collapse in the U.S.A., a serious crisis in China, massive turbulence in the Eurozone, and a hyperinflationary explosion, will make clear that a different financial and economic system is absolutely indispensable.

It is high time to put a stop to the “irrational exuberance” and irresponsible gambling for the benefit of the few, at the expense of the overwhelming majority of mankind. The toxic waste must be disposed of, and instead, productive loans must be made available for large infrastructure projects, such as the NAWAPA water-management project for the American continent, the development of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and urgently needed projects, such as the Transaqua for Africa.

The collapse of the globalization system will present the world with very much greater challenges than the collapse of Communism did 20 years ago. Then as now, the development plans are ready. This time, we cannot allow ourselves to miss a historic opportunity once again. A plunge into a dark age would be the certain result.

## Obama's Auto-Eroticism Disastrous for Economy

by Paul Gallagher

Aug. 13—Preening himself at several Detroit auto plants in succession on July 30, President Barack Obama proclaimed himself the savior of “an industry on the brink,” through the forced bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler run by his “auto czars” Steven Rattner and Ron Bloom. Rattner (who has since withdrawn due to exposed involvement in a New York State pension scandal) and Bloom both have long associations with Lazard Frères, the synarchist bank of Felix “the Fixer” Rohatyn, planner of “tactical bankruptcies” to get rid of union workers, and reduce wages and benefits in the auto industry, since the 1970s.

In these Obama bankruptcies, which were rushed through the courts in April (Chrysler) and June (GM) 2009, the Obama Administration put some \$76 billion in taxpayer bailout funds into GM, and into Fiat's effective takeover of Chrysler. The United Autoworkers effectively scrapped the wage and health benefit provisions of its contract, and took on some aspects of a company union. Mass layoffs occurred; GM and Chrysler dealerships were permanently closed in large numbers across the country; their auto production nearly ground to a standstill during Spring and Summer 2009.

Now, “This industry is growing stronger,” Obama declared from the floor of Chrysler's Jefferson North plant, which recently added a second production shift. “You are proving the naysayers wrong. The three American automakers have created 55,000 new jobs,” since his bankruptcies, he boasted. Visiting plants of all three automakers, Obama claimed his favorite car was, depending on the location, his Cadillac Presidential limousine, a Ford Escort he doesn't drive, and a Chrysler Jeep he once owned.

In fact, Obama's policy has not only been devastating to the current auto industry, but represents a mortal danger to the machine-tool capacity—manpower, and plant and equipment—it represents, a machine-tool capacity absolutely required to implement the NAWAPA



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*President Obama poses behind the wheel of the new “green” electric Chevy Volt, during his tour of the Detroit auto industry, which his policies have nearly shut down.*

policy LaRouche has identified as crucial to a world economic turnaround.

### **I Fired Them Before I Hired Them**

But apart from affirming his “savior” self-image, often mocked as “The One,” Obama, as usual, did not know what he was talking about. Just as the oceans are not receding under his Presidency, as he promised they would, in Denver in August 2008, so the collapsed industrial capacity of the U.S. auto industry is not being revived as of August 2010.

The employment picture in the auto/machine-tool industry is grim. When Obama took office in January 2009, automakers and suppliers employed 713,600 workers in the United States, already a loss of 45% of the auto workforce since 2000. Since this workforce was skilled in the use of the biggest and most versatile inventory of machine tools left in the U.S. economy, their vanishing employment is a critical loss to our ability to recover. But by June of 2010, as Obama readied his Midwest boasting tour, the auto industry was employing just 680,900, an elimination of 43,000 more, or loss of another 6% of the employment, since his inauguration. Auto is now employing just half of its workforce of ten years ago.

During the period of the GM/Chrysler bailout/bankruptcies themselves (April-July 2009), there was a very

rapid elimination of nearly 80,000 more auto jobs, most paying close to \$30/hour plus benefits.

Then, starting July 2009, there has been gradual re-hiring by the automakers of, by now, over half the number who were rapidly laid off last Spring. But, as new hires, these workers are earning only \$14/hour. Autoworkers, who, for nearly a century, set the wage horizon for others wearing blue collars, and “created the American middle class,” are now going to work well *below* the national average hourly wage of roughly \$20.

Add to this, the fact that, since the Obama bankruptcies, the mass shutdowns of auto dealerships have eliminated “tens of thousands of small-business jobs,” according to TARP Inspector General Neil Barofsky, in testimony to Congress July 12. Barofsky’s report made clear that the Obama White House ordered those *immediate closures of 2,200 dealerships*; GM and Chrysler management wanted to eliminate only 330 dealerships, over a longer period of time.

And in the auto parts and systems supply area, where the most advanced machine-tool inventory is found, no fewer than 50 auto-supply companies went into bankruptcy in 2009 and the first quarter 2010, with no bailout support from the White House and TARP. By the second quarter of 2010, auto production had fallen to the point, where dealers nationwide cannot meet con-

sumer demand, even though demand is 35% lower than three years ago. Nor can those dealers get credit to support a showroom inventory.

Auto industry capacity utilization fell from about 80% in early 2008 to 56% in late 2009, the lowest level since the mid-1930s, even as capacity itself was shrinking rapidly as plants closed. Other industrial capacity utilization in the U.S. fell “only” by about 10% during that time, from 77-78% to about 67-68%. Capacity utilization of what little plant remains open in auto, is about 76% in August 2010, but that has fallen from 81% in July.

### **Destroying Machine-Tool Capacity**

In the auto industry as a whole, 100 production, assembly, and other facilities were closed in 2008; and in 2009, despite the “savior pulling the industry back from the brink,” the disaster continued: 70 more facilities were shut down! More than 200 GM, Ford, and Chrysler production facilities, of all sizes and functions, have been closed since 2006.

*EIR* warned of these shutdowns, plant by plant, with national maps and lists, in 2005-06, when Lyndon LaRouche led a national mobilization behind his proposal to retool this vast excess capacity in the auto arsenal, to produce the elements of modern economic infrastructure, under an “infrastructure plants corporation” with Federal credit. His urgent legislative proposal was stopped in Congress when the Democratic leadership “turned green,” from February 2006 on, leading them to the failed Presidency of Obama.

Now, on Aug. 10, Obama’s Director of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, Ed Montgomery, has resigned with just three (!) of those 200 facilities having been put to any new use. One, a large GM/Toyota innovation center in Fremont, Calif., which employed 2,400, has become a much smaller Tesla Auto facility with a Federal loan arranged by Montgomery. A second, GM’s Delaware assembly plant, has been taken over (but not yet reopened) by Fisker Automotive. The third, in Reading, Pa., now houses an amusement park. For virtually all of the closed machine-tool sites, “cleanup” (getting rid of the plant and its machine-tool inventory) has been the Obama task force’s objective.

So much for “pulling auto communities back from the brink”; Obama’s man Montgomery is leaving the job to his 32-year-old deputy, and the communities have gone over the brink and into the pit of mass unemployment.

Just one of all of GM’s closed plants, for example, appears to have a prospect of reopening: GM has notified Spring Hill, Tenn., and Janesville, Wisc., that it is considering reopening *a* plant. Spring Hill is typical, because GM laid off 2,000 workers there in mid-2009, *during Obama’s “saving” bankruptcy*. Some 1,000 remained working in an attached facility. As for Janesville, former UAW Local 95 shop chairman John Dohner says that GM has already “decimated” the workforce there. Dohner and other GM Janesville employees have retired or transferred to other plants.

### **Engineers on the Scrap-Heap**

The loss of all this auto/machine-tool employment points to the decimation of even more skilled employees and engineers whose skills and creativity are deployable to build crucial new infrastructure, starting with the vast water- and weather-management undertaking known as the North American Water and Power Alliance/NAWAPA.

In the national economy as a whole and over the past decade—and mostly over the past four years—a shocking picture emerges from data of the Commerce Department. Among electrical machinery workers and engineers, for example, 222,000 jobs have been lost since 2000, or 37% (!) of national employment of those skills. Among electrical power machinery producers, 67,000 jobs are gone since 2006, or 15%; among other machinery producers, 200,000 jobs eliminated since 2005, or 16%.

Some 43,000, or 7%, of all electric utility employees have lost employment since 2000; 15,000, or 6%, of rail transportation employees since 2006. Among civil and heavy construction engineers, there has been an employment loss of 301,000 since 2005, or 16%, of all such engineers employed in the country; among specialty contractors’ employees, 28% or 1.436 million jobs lost since 2005; and among all construction workers, 21.5% or 2.44 million jobs eliminated since 2006.

These are the workers who would be immediately put to work, en masse, with the realization of the NAWAPA program, and provide the basis for employing millions more, including the unskilled.

Anyone who believes that Barack Obama has “saved” any part of collapsing U.S. industry and its skilled employment, perhaps needs—to quote arrogant White House spokesman Robert Gibbs—“to be drug-tested.”

SYKES-PICOT REDUX

## Will London's Puppet Israel Soon Launch Attack on Iran?

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Aug. 16—Two high-level sources have warned of a growing concern that Israel will launch a military attack against Iran within the next months, despite strong U.S. institutional opposition to such an action. One such source, a senior retired U.S. military intelligence official, said on Aug. 13, that he is concerned that a new consensus has been reached between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak, for a unilateral Israeli attack on Iran, ostensibly to preempt additional political pressure on Israel, following Israel's attack on the Gaza flotilla earlier this year. This source, who has close ties to the current Pentagon leadership, emphasized that the issue of Iran's purported nuclear weapons program is an excuse for the Israeli action, not the trigger. He emphasized that a combination of factors has stalled Iran's nuclear energy program, and that there is ample time for a serious diplomatic effort to resolve the outstanding issues.

"Israel has other motives for attacking Iran in the near term," he concluded.

A second source, a former Israeli intelligence officer based in the United States, with close ties to the Likud leadership, offered a similar warning: that a Netanyahu-Barak "new consensus" has been reached, in the past week, for an attack on Iran by October 2010. He described the political situation inside Israel as "deep in turmoil" over this, noting that senior Israeli military officials, including the current IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) chief of staff, Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, oppose such an attack, but, are nevertheless, proceed-

ing with updated operational plans, focused on the Israeli Air Force and Israeli Navy submarine forces already deployed in the Persian Gulf.

The source reported on recent Israeli helicopter rescue maneuvers in Romania, and other recent actions by the IDF, characterizing them as advance preparations for such an attack, sometime this year. "Such pre-war deployments would not be taking place if these were just contingency plans, being updated," the source concluded.

According to this Israeli source, there is even serious opposition to an attack on Iran by Israel, coming from factions of the Likud, and this factor could result in a government crisis. But, he warned, there are emergency powers, granted to the Prime Minister during a national emergency, that Netanyahu could invoke, to order an attack, without even the endorsement of his security cabinet.

### Sykes-Picot

Lyndon LaRouche today emphasized that the real source of the war danger is the British hysteria over the total collapse of the global dollar/sterling financial system. The British, he warned, can trigger an attack on Iran by Israel, utilizing their longstanding Sykes-Picot<sup>1</sup> controls over key regional assets, including both the Ja-

1. The secret 1916 Sykes-Picot Treaty divided up the Ottoman Empire between imperial Britain and France. Its legacy remains in every aspect of the Mideast conflict today.



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Sources tell EIR that the Israeli government has reached a consensus for an attack on Iran, by October 2010; however, there is “deep turmoil” inside the country over the plan. Here, the IDF “Netzah Yehuda” recon company prepares for a night raid in the West Bank.

botinsky apparatus in Israel and factions of the Saudi royal family.

“The British policy is strategic chaos,” LaRouche explained. “Through assets like Saudi Arabia’s Prince Turki bin-Faisal, to name just one of many, the British have imposed cultural backwardness throughout the Muslim world. It is a policy of manipulated religious wars. Such wars,” LaRouche concluded, “should be banned as crimes against humanity. Religious war is the work of Satan, and this current provocation is coming from a Satanic cult, run from London.”

Another senior U.S. intelligence source, speaking on condition of anonymity, recently warned that Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf oil sheikdoms are now obsessed with Iran’s allegedly looming nuclear weapons capability, and, while publicly shunning any kind of alliance with Israel, are privately conveying their support for an Israeli or American attack on Iran.

At a recent Aspen Institute conference in Colorado, the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the United States was grilled about his country’s concerns about Iran, and conceded that, under worst-case conditions, he would prefer an attack on Iran to that country acquiring a nuclear bomb. The statement was widely misquoted, to create a drumbeat for war.

Nevertheless, the U.S. intelligence source expressed concern that the combined lobbying pressures of Israel

and Saudi Arabia carry considerable political clout in Washington, and could drive a desperate Obama Administration into war, whether launched by Israel or by the United States itself. “The Sunni Arab states, particularly those in the Persian Gulf, are now obsessed with Iran. They would protest publicly, but privately applaud the knocking out of Iran’s suspected nuclear program,” the source warned.

### Jabotinsky Speaks

In a recent widely circulated war propaganda piece, published as the cover story to the September 2010 issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*, Jeffrey Goldberg profiled Netanyahu’s 100-year old father, Benzion Netanyahu, who was the personal secretary of the British pro-Mussolini revisionist Zionist agent Vladimir Jabotinsky, and who, at his recent 100th birthday party, hosted by his son, demanded preemptive military

action by Israel against Iran, equating Iran’s current leadership with the Spanish Inquisition and Adolf Hitler. “The Jewish people are making their position clear and putting faith in their military power,” the elder Netanyahu told his birthday gathering. “The nation of Israel is showing the world today how a state should behave when it stands before an existential threat: by looking danger in the eye and calmly considering what should be done and what can be done. And to be ready to enter the fray at the moment there is reasonable chance of success.”

Author Goldberg, an IDF reservist, who moderated the Aspen event, set the trap for the U.A.E. ambassador; his credentials as an Israeli war propagandist go back to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, when he penned a series of shameless lies, claiming to “prove” that Saddam Hussein was sponsoring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda, thus justifying the Anglo-American invasion.

The Goldberg piece signaled an all-out mobilization for war, from the usual suspects. Within days of the Goldberg article’s pre-release, former George W. Bush UN Ambassador John Bolton demanded an attack on Iran prior to Aug. 21, when Russia plans to activate the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran, by installing the fuel rods. The same day, syndicated columnist George Will issued a similar call for support for an Israeli “self-defense” attack on Iran.

# NAWAPA: Bridging The Darien Gap

by Dennis Small

Aug. 16—In remarks on the Aug. 11 LPAC-TV Weekly Report, Lyndon LaRouche presented the international scope of his concept of the NAWAPA (North American Water and Power Alliance) project, including its connection to similar water projects on the drawing boards or underway in Russia and China; to the proposal to build a tunnel under the Bering Strait; and to the need to build a high-speed rail corridor to bridge the Darien Gap, a 60-mile stretch of currently impenetrable jungle along the Colombia-Panama border, which thereby divides North from South America.

“When you have a NAWAPA project, which immediately demands the Bering Strait tunnel project, now you have taken, and you are now integrating it . . . with the Darien strait obstacle overcome. Implicitly, we now have the entire area of Eurasia *and* the Americas, as united into one international system, among respectively sovereign nation-states! Who are in economic cooperation, based on a differentiation of sharing of technologies, complementary development.”

Such an integrated world system, LaRouche continued, “would open up the railway systems into Africa. Now the only way you can solve the problems of Africa . . . is largely, basic economic infrastructure.”

The fact that LaRouche is making the NAWAPA project an object for immediate implementation in the United States, means that projects such as the Bering Strait tunnel and the Darien Gap railroad have also suddenly become central, live issues on the international stage. This is something of which incoming Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, who took office on Aug. 7, is probably quite unaware, but which he would be wise to take note of immediately. The British intend to use their long-standing influence on Santos to ensure that Colombia abandons its serious war on drugs under the previous administration of Alvaro Uribe, and that no significant economic development occurs in the region.

But the Darien Gap railroad could well become the

dominant issue facing Santos’s fledgling presidency—to his own surprise, and Britain’s great discomfiture.

## The Twain *Shall* Meet

The Darien Gap is a region of some 60 miles (100 kilometers) in length, covering the border region between Colombia and Panama. It is generally considered to be impenetrable (although, if truth be told, it is, today, overrun by the FARC narcoterrorist drug cartel, among others). The Pan American Highway, for example, extends down through all of Central America and Panama, until it reaches the Darien Gap, and goes no further. Detailed plans for the construction of a Pan American Railway, including through the Darien Gap, were drawn up as far back as the administration of U.S. President William McKinley (1897-1901), but have never been implemented.

Environmentalists and other anti-scientific pessimists have insisted that it is technically impossible to build a highway or railway there, because “the jungle will swallow it up.” Furthermore, they say, even if it were possible, it should not be built, because the Gap is a “natural barrier” between North and South America, which man dare not breach.

Both problems can, and must be overcome.

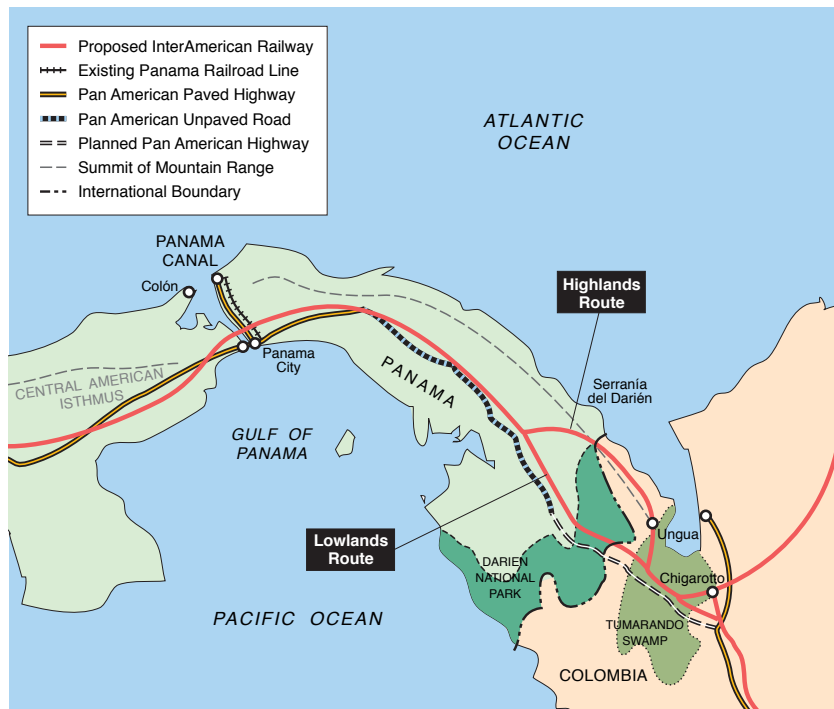
On the technical side: If the Biosphere, left to its own devices, has denied the Great American Desert (which stretches through western Canada, the United States, and northern Mexico) enough water to sustain life to the degree required, it has dumped excessive amounts of water in the Darien region. The area is one of the wettest places on Earth, with very heavy rainfall, over 300 days a year, producing annual precipitation of more than 5,000 mm (5 meters) per year—about 20 times more than the Great American Desert! As a result, the area is a swampy jungle, and any highway built in the ordinary fashion sinks into the mud with each rainy season.

Local inhabitants have learned to go with the flow, building roads on top of tree trunks, which then float when the solid land turns into marsh. But a more sophisticated approach will be required for the maglev rail lines which will be built there, including the use of elevated roadways and railways, among other technical advances.

The Darien Gap has been newly studied by the highly qualified American rail engineer Hal Cooper. In a paper prepared for delivery in October 2008 at an international conference in Turkey (an advance copy of which was made available to *EIR*), Cooper presents two

FIGURE 1

## Proposed Route Options for the InterAmerican Railway Through the Darien Gap of Panama



Source: Hal Cooper/EIR

distinct, viable routes for the project (Figure 1).

“The Darien Gap railway connector would be approximately 85 to 95 miles (136 to 152 km) long, and could go by either a central lowland route, parallel to the uncompleted Pan American Highway, or by an elevated hill and mountain route to the east of the Pan American highway,” Cooper proposes. The former route would run “through thick tropical rain forests in parallel to the Chucunaque and Tuira Rivers where heavy rainfall, thick jungles, insects and snakes, plus frequent flooding, would be major problems over much of the year. . . . The alternative eastern mountain route would go over the Serranía del Darién Mountains to the Atlantic drainage side over relatively gentle grades through rolling hills with maximum elevations of 1,500 to 2,000 feet (455 to 610 meters) through heavy tropical forests.”

“A significant challenge would be involved no matter what routes were chosen,” Cooper notes. “The western lowlands route would be shorter in length, but would go through flood-prone areas with heavy rainfall, and would have to be built through a national park. The eastern highland route would be longer, but would be able to avoid much of the flood-prone areas, and

would probably not need any tunnels, and would not have to be built on an elevated courseway.”<sup>1</sup>

Technical matters aside, there is good reason to choose the western lowland route, precisely because it *does* go right through the Darien National Park. Such “Biosphere reserves” are a concoction of Nazi Prince Philip and Prince Bernhard’s World Wildlife Fund (WWF), for the very purpose of denying necessary development to the world, and taking entire swaths of territory—often in border regions—away from sovereign nation-states’ control (see *EIR*, Aug. 22, 1997). Unless such greenie ideology and policies are wiped off the planet, humanity will not survive. That alone is a good reason to run the Darien Gap maglev railroad right through the middle of the British Empire’s “Biosphere reserve.”

This new east-west route along the Colombia-Panama border should be joined to another great infrastructure project on the Colombian side of the border, which would run north-south:

the *Atrato-Truandó Canal*. This canal, some 50 miles (80 km) in length, would use two semi-navigable rivers in the region—the Atrato and the Truandó—to create a sea-level canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, through which ships larger than 65,000 tons—the current limit on the Panama Canal—would be able to travel.

In this way, what is today perhaps the most inhospitable region of the Biosphere in the Western Hemisphere, would be turned into a unique world crossroads for north-south and east-west transport and commerce.

It would also go a long way towards wiping out the British-run drug trade which infests the region.

### Tripling Ibero-American Food Production

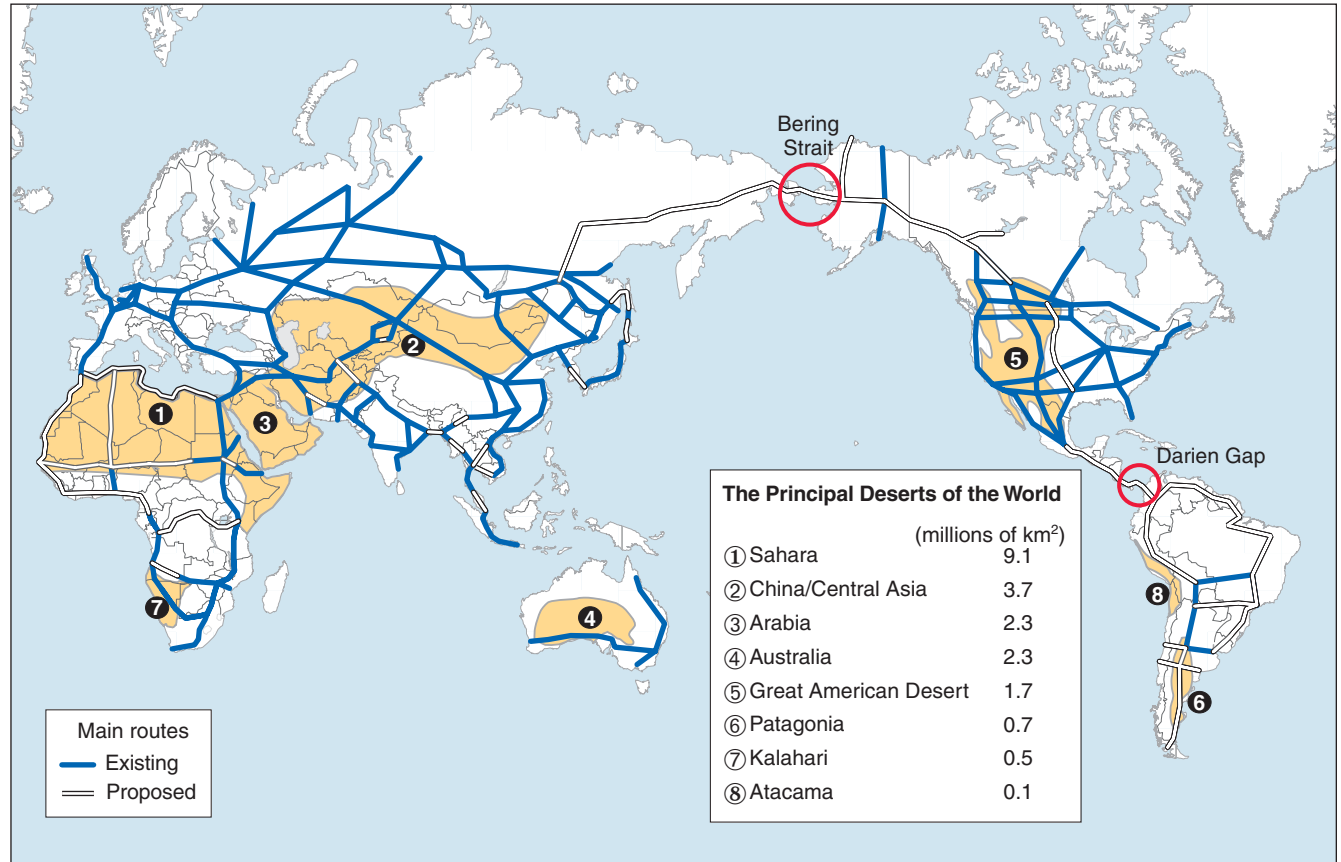
Once the rail line has crossed the Darien Gap into Colombia, it will branch into a number of major North-South continental corridors which run the length of South America. The Western Corridor will run south

1. Further considerations by Cooper can be found in an interview with *EIR*, Jan. 30, 2009 ([http://www.larouche.com/eiw/public/2009/eirv36n04-20090130/eirv36n04-20090130\\_049-rail\\_expert\\_build\\_the\\_darien\\_gap.pdf](http://www.larouche.com/eiw/public/2009/eirv36n04-20090130/eirv36n04-20090130_049-rail_expert_build_the_darien_gap.pdf)).



FIGURE 1

The World Land-Bridge and the Principal Deserts of the World\*



\* Shaded areas include both deserts (0-250 mm. annual precipitation) and contiguous semi-arid area (250-500 mm. annual precipitation).

Source: EIR.

from Bogotá, Colombia, through Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, and into Argentina. This route will run along the eastern foothills of the Andes Mountains, laying the basis for opening up the entire undeveloped interior of the continent, which runs from the Andes to the Atlantic coast.

This includes the highly fertile Colombian-Venezuelan plains region, a continuous stretch of some 50 million hectares (212,000 square miles) in the Orinoco River basin, where adequate rail and water management infrastructure would allow the production of some 60 million tons of grain per year. In size, the Colombian-Venezuelan plains are equivalent to the combined area of the U.S. Great Plains states of Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa. In fact, it was President Abraham Lincoln's Transcontinental Railroad that allowed for the transformation of the Great Plains states west of the Mississippi into the agri-

culture powerhouse that they became. That same principle applies, 150 years later, to the heartland of South America.

In addition, such a rail network would lay the groundwork for also opening up Brazil's highly fertile *Cerrado* region, which could produce some 210 million tons of grain per year. These two projects, in combination with the increased food production which NAWAPA would help bring to Mexico, mean that Ibero-America's current production of some 160 million tons of grain, could readily be *tripled*.

More broadly, the Darien Gap project, along with the Bering Strait tunnel, will allow the full link-up of the Americas, North and South, with the World Land-Bridge, as indicated in **Figure 2**. Such an achievement, in combination with NAWAPA, would lead to an unprecedented explosion of physical-economic productivity worldwide.

# Like Nero and Hitler: Obama Is a Failed Personality

*Lyndon LaRouche made these remarks during his guest appearance on the LPACTV Weekly Report Aug. 11, in a discussion about why President Obama must leave office. The full discussion is at [www.larouchepac.com](http://www.larouchepac.com).*

When you have a disease, you don't fight the disease on the basis of its symptoms. You fight it on the basis of the disease. [Obama's] symptomatic behavior is not what we should focus on.

Look, in April of last year, on the 11th, I gave the world a precise *and accurate* diagnosis of the personality of President Obama. I said what he was, and what he was going to do. He has behaved *exactly the way I said, on April 11, of last year, all the way through to the present time*. The trajectory of his patterns of behavior, is exactly identical, from a clinical standpoint, identical to that of Nero and Adolf Hitler! Their personalities are identical! And the prognosis for the United States, which tolerates an Obama in the Presidency now, is the same as the Germany which tolerated Adolf Hitler!

Adolf Hitler was a tool! The others were tools, but they were tools of failed personalities who could not make it normally in society, because they were failed personalities. And they were inherently *doomed*, if they ever came into a position of power, or they had a free hand as a power. That was the case of Nero—and people should look at the case of Nero, the actual, known history of Nero. Look at the actual, known history of Adolf

Hitler. Look at the actual, known history of Obama! They are identical personalities.

And we should not be concerned about what has happened, in the past. We have to be concerned, as I have been, about what is about to happen, if we do not act on this knowledge.

Now, the problem is, institutions in the United States government have recognized this sociological fact: What do you do, if the President is a “failed personality”? That is the specific study that was conducted. And the answer was, “Well, there is not much we can do about it.”

That's where I come in: I understand this characteristic. I have been right. Those who opposed me were wrong. Everybody who has opposed me on this analysis, has been *proven wrong*! Now, they should step to one side, and let somebody who knew what the hell they were doing, straighten this mess out. This guy *must leave now*! Don't try to say, “These ‘facts’ mean that we have to get him out.” We have to say, “This is his personality, and that's why we have to get him out!” And the problem with our politics on this matter, is people want to find the evidence to convict him. But you are not talking about evidence to convict him. You're talking about a guy who is a different species, psychologically. Who's a dangerous species!

The guy is a habitual cannibal! And you want to make him President? The guy is a failed personality; he



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*In April of last year, LaRouche gave the world a precise and accurate diagnosis of the personality of President Obama. And, since then, Obama has behaved exactly as LaRouche forecast he would. The prognosis: Get him out now!*

should never have been in there in the first place. He should have been written off, because his psychological profile was known! And people should have said so. The guy is dangerous. He's a mere puppet of the British! The British recognized what he was, and used him; they used him, because they were afraid of Hillary Clinton. And they would do anything to get rid of Hillary Clinton. And they took this character, who was *known* for what he was, beforehand.

The man is intrinsically evil! Not because he has had something wrong in his ideas: His personality is a defective one. It's a form of insanity. You don't put a homicidal lunatic, in the Presidency! And this guy who had a personality which is identical, and maps exactly with that on record, as Nero and Hitler: You don't put that kind of creep in the Presidency.

### **We Have Reached the Breaking Point**

Now, we have reached the breaking point: You get this guy out *now*, or kiss the nation good-bye, and kiss civilization good-bye, because of the chain-reaction effects. People have got to get serious, and grow up. And

stop talking about gossip, gossip about this, gossip about that—who cares?! It's not the acts that are important. The acts don't make the man; the man makes the acts. And this man, in the Presidency, is a menace to the existence of the United States, as long as he remains President. If he were some slob on the street that everybody is laughing at, okay, he may kill somebody out of rage. But he's not a menace to our system of government, and to the system of civilization.

This man, as President, *is a threat to civilization!* Because you put a lunatic, equivalent to the Emperor Nero, and to Adolf Hitler, and you have put him in power. If you don't get Hitler out of power, something is going to happen. *And it did!* And, but for the United States, this thing could have taken over the world. But for Roosevelt. And that's the situation you have.

This thing is equivalent to Hitler, this object called Obama, is equivalent to Hitler. If you allow him to continue in power under these conditions, you are going to kiss the nation good-bye, and you're as good as being a traitor, just by tolerating him. You want to save this nation, and save civilization? *Get him out!*

And that is the decision that people *duck* by talking about the "facts." But the facts are not important:

The facts are only important, because they reveal to you the kind of personality you are dealing with. And this personality, in this position of power, with this behavioral pattern, *is a menace to the existence of civilization.* Put him out of power! Make him harmless. You don't have to kill him—that is the worst thing to do. It creates an effect you don't want to get into. Put him into retirement. Put him under protection. Put him in a cage; let the children come and make faces at him. But, *don't say*, "The facts will demand that we take this action." The facts are only significant, in the fact that they *point to a behavioral commitment*, on the part of a person, on the part of an organization. That's the menace.

It's the *disease* that you're looking at, and you don't look at the disease as a series of symptoms. You look at the symptoms as a warning that there's a disease present, and you act on the basis of defining the disease, not discussing the symptoms.

And we are at that point of choice. We're at that point of decision: Either we recognize, that the continued existence of this man as President, not in retirement—we don't want him killed, in any way; we want him safely kept, if necessary in a zoo, but he's kept *safe*,

but *out of the Presidency*. And remove this factor from the Presidency, and don't put some other failed personality in to replace him. And then we can make it.

### The Congress Is Hypnotized

The problem is: You look at the Congress. The members of the U.S. Congress are hypnotized by this failed personality. *In the same way*—they have not got up with a Roman salute, and shouting “Heil Hitler!” in a meeting of the Senate or the House of Representatives—but *they have done practically the same thing*. They are hypnotized by this Hitler. This Hitler-like phenomenon. And you don't need to do anything, except consider, *this is what this man's nature is*.

They looked at the failed personality type. They did an analysis of the failed personality type, which is relevant. But then they came to the question of, “What do these clinical conclusions indicate, from a psychiatry standpoint?” “There's nothing we can do about it.”

I say, they were wrong! You don't limit yourself to proof, that he committed this offense. You are trying to prevent, what he's about to do! You say, “We can't convict him, till he commits the crime,” and this is a crime against all humanity. You mean, that we are impotent, to act morally, under law, under these conditions? That's what our folly is! This man should be eliminated from the Presidency! And he must be kept safe, and alive.

Eliminate him as a factor. You kill him? You let him be killed? And he becomes now—a new factor—he becomes a martyr. We must not have that. Keep him safe, keep him alive. That way he's not a martyr, and in somebody's way. *But get him out, now! Get him out this month! It's your last chance*. You want to save the nation? You want to solve a problem? Drop all other issues. This is the issue: The existence of the United States depends upon our acting upon this issue. All other issues are relatively irrelevant, until this one is settled.

That's why I complain about the gutlessness of our leaders. I see something clearly, that has to be done, I know how to do it. I know what has to be done. And people are reluctant to do it! And *their cowardice*, their failure to face these facts and the action demanded of them, is the greatest threat to civilization as a whole, now. The greatest threat to the human race, existing now, is people who condone this process, who say, “Well, there's nothing we can do about it.” Like someone who retreats before a deadly disease that's about to wipe out humanity—“well, there's nothing we can do about it. It's a disease, diseases have their rights.”

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## Racist Charges Challenged

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# Rangel, Waters Stun Their Accusers

by Nancy Spannaus

Aug. 16—“I've been to a lot of funerals, and this damn sure isn't a funeral,” commented senior Democratic Congressman Charles Rangel at his well-attended 80th birthday party/fundraiser Aug. 11 in New York City. The rallying behind Rangel evident at that event, which was hosted by New York Gov. David Paterson, and attended by many leading Democratic personalities, was a fitting follow-up to the Congressman's historic, Shakespearean address to the House of Representatives the day before. There, Rangel stunned his accusers by challenging the specious charges by the House Ethics Committee against him, and saying that he is “not going anywhere.” He is going to stand and fight.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) expressed the same combativeness two days later, when she called a press briefing in Washington, where she ripped to shreds the charges brought against her by the Ethics Committee. Not only did Waters and her chief of staff document that they did nothing wrong, but she implicitly highlighted the racial targeting involved, by contrasting the ability of the big Wall Street, bankers to get right on the phone with the Treasury Secretary's office, with the lack of access for minority and community banks.

The Obama Administration's Ethics Gestapo—which is suspected of having an Enemies List à la Richard Nixon—had expected both senior African-American lawmakers to shun combat, and make a deal. But instead, both Rangel and Waters have gone on the offensive, demanding their Constitutional rights to due process, and to face their accusers in a trial. “I think it's kind of important for due process to take place,” Waters said wryly at her Aug. 13 press conference. “It's kind of guaranteed by something called the Constitution.”

### A Constitutional Issue

In fact, the prosecution against Rangel and Waters does violate the Constitution, as this magazine elabo-



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*Representatives Maxine Waters and Charlie Rangel have refused to roll over and play dead for Obama's Ethics Gestapo. The two lawmakers are the latest targets on the FBI's "Operation Frühmenschen" hit-list against those who have committed the crime of "legislating while black."*

rated in our last two issues. In both cases, but especially that of Waters, the formal, initiating role was played by an institution created by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)—the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). The OCE itself, an "independent" panel appointed by House leaders without any Members of Congress on it, violates the Constitution by setting up an agency outside Congress to judge its members, and to act, as critic Rep. Marcy Fudge (D-Ohio) has argued, as prosecutor, judge, and jury, on the basis of complaints that can be submitted by anyone, even anonymously.

The second un-Constitutional aspect comes from the role being played by the FBI, which, according to *EIR*'s sources and evidence publicly available, is pursuing its Operation Frühmenschen program of targeting African-American lawmakers. Operation Frühmenschen (German for primitive man) was first exposed by former Congressional Black Caucus leader Mervyn Dymally in 1988, who presented Congress with sworn testimony from an FBI agent in the program. Yet, the overwhelming majority of the targets of today's "ethics" investigations continue to be African-Americans, specifically, those who oppose crucial aspects of Obama's British-Wall Street program.

Dymally has recently spoken out in strong support of Waters, in interviews with the *Los Angeles Sentinel* and LPAC-TV (<http://www.larouchepac.com/node/15508>).

The outrageousness of the charges against Rangel and Waters has even been reflected on cable TV. Jon

Stewart's "Daily Show" satirical news program Aug. 9, identified the targeting of the two Congressional Black Caucus members, as the crime of "LWB," or, "Legislating While Black."

In the documentation section below, you will find further evidence of the slimy frameups being crafted by the Obama Administration, the Pelosi crowd, and their cohorts—most especially, the role of OCE co-chair Porter Goss, and of Obama's outgoing "Ethics Czar," Norman Eisen.

But, there is no substitute for the eloquent arguments on this question from Reps. Rangel and Waters them-

selves. While we urge you to listen to the presentations, to get their full import, we present *EIR*'s transcripts of their own statements below.

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## Porter Goss's Cover-Up

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# Waters Exposed Contra Drug Trafficking

by Michele Steinberg

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—On Aug. 6, LaRouche PAC posed the question, "Who is Porter Goss to sit in judgement against members of Congress for the racist Barack Obama?"

Well-placed intelligence sources in Washington had pointed to a bitter conflict between Rep. Maxine Waters and Goss, now co-chairman of the unconstitutional Office of Congressional Ethics that initiated the phony ethics charges against Waters. That conflict goes back to 1997-99, when Goss blocked the efforts of Waters to expose the Bush family/Iran-Contra cocaine trafficking which had created a hellish epidemic of crack cocaine use in South Central Los Angeles—Waters' Congressional District—as well as in other parts of the country.

As *EIR* has reported, Goss became head of the

House Select Committee on Intelligence in 1997, courtesy of then-GOP Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, after playing a key role in protecting Gingrich in an ethics investigation.

In the aftermath of the 1998 release of the CIA Inspector General's reports, following the 1996 exposé of the crack cocaine scandal by now-deceased journalist Gary Webb, Waters demanded a full, open investigation by the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

Since 1996, Waters had vigorously pursued the investigation of the Webb revelations which appeared in the San Jose *Mercury News*. She conducted an in-depth investigation of the charges, including using her own money for a trip to Nicaragua to interview CIA assets and cocaine traffickers who were named in the Webb series, and held a forum at the 1996 conference of the Congressional Black Caucus.

On March 16, 1998, Waters and Rep. Juanita M. McDonald testified at a hastily-called hearing before Goss's Intelligence Committee, which was prompted, at least in part, by the fact that the CIA Inspector General Fred Hitz had announced that he was going to resign after Parts I and II of the report were released.

Hitz testified at the hearing that "during the Contra era, CIA worked with a variety of people to support the Contra program. These included CIA assets, pilots who ferried supplies to the Contras, as well as Contra officials and others. Let me be frank about what we are finding. There are instances where CIA did not, in an expeditious or consistent fashion, cut off relationships with individuals supporting the Contra program who were alleged to have engaged in drug trafficking activity...."

In her testimony, Waters not only detailed her own interviews, but passionately emphasized that *only* Congress had the subpoena powers to get to the bottom of this story. Neither the CIA, nor the Justice Department, nor the White House had such powers. She noted in speeches and interviews, that Iran-Contra chieftain Col. Oliver North had never been questioned about the drug trafficking. In the *New York Times*, North went after Waters for demanding such a useless and "baseless investigation."

In late 1998, Part II of the CIA IG's report finally came out, with extensive evidence of knowledge by high-level officials in the CIA and the White House, in 1984-86, of the cocaine-trafficking allegations. Referring to the new disclosures, Waters wrote a letter to Goss demanding another hearing.

"[T]he dramatic new developments in this ongoing scandal make it imperative that the House Intelligence Committee hold full public hearings to be able to fully and adequately complete its investigation," wrote Waters. "I ask you to set a date for the commencement of these hearings as soon as possible...."

Part II of the IG report came out in the midst of the impeachment against President Bill Clinton, and in that witchhunt atmosphere, Waters' letter was completely ignored. Even worse, reported investigative journalist Robert Parry, in *Consortium News*, when the follow-up Congressional probe that Goss had promised a year earlier was held in May 1999, it was a *closed, secret* hearing, where Goss did not even allow Waters to sit in.

But Waters did not stop fighting Washington's cover-up of the cocaine trafficking and money laundering. In 1999, she wrote letters to every top official in the bank regulatory and criminal justice chain of command demanding a halt to the proposed Citibank-Travelers Insurance merger, based on evidence of Citi's money laundering. Not only was Citi laundering drug money, she warned, but the creation of such a "mega-bank" would further destroy the access by minority communities' to credit and banking services.

Waters' interventions made her an enemy of Wall Street and the speculators, and that is what is behind the persecution of her today.

## Rangel Mounts Strong Defense in Congress

*Here is Rep. Charles Rangel's speech on the House floor Aug. 10. (Subheads have been added. We recommend watching the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIMlvrA0bx8>.)*

Thank you, my dear friends and colleagues.

I rise to the floor because the newspapers and the media have indicated that there's a concern among some of the Members of that House that I retire or remove myself from this body, and I've always tried to play by the rules, and I cannot think of *anybody* that has encouraged me to speak here. I want to thank all of you who are concerned about me, for saying that "a guy's a fool to represent himself," as some of the people have said. But I have been losing a lot of sleep over these al-

legations, and my family and my community.

And some of these rules that they have, that I'm restricted by confidentiality, but for years, I have been saying, "no comment, no comment, no comment," to a lot of serious allegations, because I could not comment, and I would refer them to the Ethics Committee.

And when the Ethics Committee finally brought out their statement of alleged violations, there was a long list of things, and somehow the chairman of the subcommittee of investigation, indicated that I had received a lot of offers to settle this thing, so that it would not cause embarrassment to my Democratic friends. And that I've been offered a reprimand, and a lot of people kind of felt that sounded like a wonderful opportunity to remove this, so that I could leave the Congress with some degree of dignity.

Why, some people have even said that the President has suggested that *his* life might be made easier if there was no Charlie Rangel so-called "scandal." But I interpret it another way. I think when the President said that, that he wanted me to end my career "in dignity," he didn't put a time limit on it, and I would think that his concern would be, that if any Member of the House of Representative has been accused of serious crimes or allegations, that somehow, within the process—even though we're not entitled to a court process—there has to be some process in which the Member has an opportunity to tell his constituents, his family, his friends, what he didn't believe.

So, when the chairman of the investigation committee said I had been offered a settlement, it reminded of something that I will devote my retirement years to, besides education, which is the major thrust of my attempt here; but it's something that those of you who go anywhere near the criminal courts would know, that we have a terrible thing that happens throughout these United States, that someone gets arrested for a very serious crime, and they get their lawyer, and the lawyer explains that, "I think it's better that you plead guilty to a lesser crime"; and he says, "I'm not only not guilty, I don't even know what's involved here." And they say, "I'm not suggesting that you plead guilty if you're innocent, but we think you ought to know that this judge, if you're found guilty, is going to send you away for 20 years; but on the other hand, you have no offenses, you're a first offender, and if you could just forget about this thing and explain later what happened." And so he continues to tell his lawyers, "Hey, I'm willing to admit what I've done wrong, and I've done some things

wrong, but I shouldn't have to..."

Well, anyway, he says, "We would never tell you to quit or resign; we're just telling you that it would be easier for us if this is not an issue." But knowing the President as I do, I think he believes "dignity" means that everybody is entitled to be judged for allegations against them.

## **I Have a Primary Coming Up**

Now, what's working against me? We come back to this House, because the Speaker has called us here in order to make certain that we would provide resources for governors and mayors to maintain our teachers and firefighters, and Rangel's not on the schedule for anything. Which is okay, because I know that the members of the Committee—they work hard, it's a selfless job. God knows I wouldn't take it, I respect the time they place on this—and it's been almost two years. But I have a primary that takes place a few of days before they even thought about meeting. And then I found out from my lawyers that even when they meet on the 13th of September, that there is no trial date, for then.

And I don't want to be awkward and embarrass anybody, and as a matter of fact, those people that believe that their election is going to be dependent on me resigning, I'd like to encourage them aggressively, and I think Republicans have given you enough reason to get re-elected, and they continue to do something. But quite frankly, I think I've given—, and a lot of people don't know but, when the...

I don't want to be critical of the Ethics Committee; and the lawyers said, "You can't get annoyed with them, because there still may be room for settlement." And I thought about it, and, well, when I found out that one of the Republicans that will be sitting on what they call the adjudication committee, had made remarks condemning me for my contributions to City College, that it was a "Rangel thing," an "ego thing," and a "corrupt thing," and he was going to judge me, I asked my lawyer, "How can they do that?" And they said, "Well, the Ethics Committee can do what they want."

I said: "Well, do me a favor. I've paid close to 2 million dollars, I continue to owe you money, and you're telling me you have no idea when there's going to be a hearing, and every time I talk to you there's six or seven lawyers. Do me a favor," I said on Friday, "let's see what happens today, in terms of reaching out to settle this thing, because I can't afford to be represented by counsel."

Each and every day, the expenses build up. And I think that I have an obligation to younger Members of Congress, to be able to tell them, “If you couldn’t raise the 2 million dollars, you’re out of business, no matter what the allegations are, because no one’s going to read the defense.” And of course, just the allegations by themselves—for Members who have close districts, Republicans or Democrats—they would be out of business.

So I’m here, because I could afford lawyers for close to two years. But everyone would know, that there comes a limit, so I told them, “Just put everything on hold, see what happens when we meet here.” And, guess what? Nothing happened. There’s no agenda. So what they’re saying is, that while the Ethics Committee will be leaving, for Members to be able to work in their districts and to get re-elected, and I’m having a primary, that I have to wait until after my primary, to find out when the Ethics Committee intends to have a hearing. And then that hearing comes just before—maybe—the general election.

There must be something wrong with the rules, because people would advise me that I can only hurt myself, by coming before this committee. Nobody has tried to protect the integrity of the Congress, with almost two years of investigation, to say that the mistakes that Rangel has made, should be public. And it should have been public earlier than now.

And I couldn’t say anything, because I didn’t want to offend, and don’t want to offend, the Ethics Committee. But the Ethics Committee won’t even tell me when I’m going to have a hearing. And heck, people who are concerned about me—I’m 80 years old, I don’t want to die before the hearing—and I think my electorate are entitled to finding out who their Congressman for 40 years, is. *Who am I? Am I corrupt? Did I get a nickel? What did they offer me?*

And I want to be a role model for new Members, and tell them the mistakes I’ve made, so they don’t make [them]. And so they list the foundations that specialize in providing funds for education for kids.

And so I’m convinced that the President wants some dignity in knowing, that not only am I one of his



Rep. Charles Rangel addressing the House of Representatives Aug. 10.

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strongest supporters, but I know that you know, that unless we are able to provide education for every child that’s there, almost by any means possible, that our nation’s national security is being threatened by foreigners, that our ability to be ahead of the curve in terms of trade—and nobody is more supportive of the President in trade—clear up some of the things in the Korean bill so you don’t hurt us; clear up a little violence and corruption in Colombia; move on with the thing—so the whole idea is really, me trying to have some dignity in making sure that America is stronger.

### **It May Be Stupid, But Not Corrupt**

Now, the thing is that, in the haste of sending out hundreds of letters, never asking for a penny, but still suggesting: I wish you’d meet with these people, because I hoped that they would convince them to provide money. A lot of people have done that; it doesn’t mean that it’s right, but the rules have changed, and so there has to be a penalty for grabbing the wrong stationery, and not really doing the right thing. *But it’s not corrupt.* It may be stupid, it may be negligent, but it’s not corrupt. And there’s no indication that any sworn committee would say I’ve received a benefit. Some might say that “the benefit was that you have a legacy with your name up there.” Well, you should go to my website to take a look at my answers. This is a broken-down build-



ing, that you have to run away from, if someone's going to put your name on it. But it's still there.

And then they say that I would receive a luxurious office. The sworn testimony was that they never told me they were giving it to me. Who the heck needs an office, with 40 years of service in the Congress, in a broken-down building? And then they said, "Well, we didn't ask him, we just put it in there, so that we encourage people to put it in there." And they said the name, they thought, was not a benefit to me, but a benefit in order for them to get the money. I can't imagine why, because of all of these things: that I used government personnel, that I didn't buy stamps. . . Well, if you think that it's official, and you're wrong, then I violated the franking benefits; and at the end of the day, the inferences are very serious, and mistakes can be made, and these things shouldn't have happened.

But I can't walk away, and have you guys doing your campaign, because I'm annoying, and the action is out there calling me corrupt, and no one's coming forward saying, "Rangel's not corrupt, Rangel didn't make a nickel." No witness ever said there was preferential treatment given, and the one guy that had an issue before the Senate staff, the Democrats, the Republicans, are saying "It never came before the House," but they keep putting it down there, and guess what?

It was the District Attorney of New York for over 40 years, that suggested that I meet with him because he was in the education/philanthropic business, in addition to having business in the Senate, which Republicans and Democrats say, never came to the Ways and Means Committee, and staff certainly can prove it. I don't know how far you go in making a mistake in trying to help kids, but you have to be very careful, new Members, of making certain that when they change the rules, that you know what happens. And I'm prepared to say, "I'm very sorry for any embarrassment that that has caused."

Another issue has to do with having an office, a Congressional office, in the building that I live in. Now, forever, people say I took advantage, in having four rent-controlled, rent-stabilized apartments. Nobody has said that the Ethics Committee never found four stabilized apartments. No one said I broke any laws. No one said that the apartment that they considered two, had always been considered one at the least. No one said that ten years ago, the apartment—the one-bedroom apartment—that I got for my family, for my political friends that I no longer have—. But the concern was:

well, how do you explain the Congressional office?

Well, let's read the landlord's testimony: he said it was 20% vacant, that he needed money, that he knew the checks were paid by the Congressional committee, that the mail came in there "Rangel for Congress," and that the lawyers have told him, and the officials of the City and State of New York, that there was no violation of any law or rules.

And, what was the benefit? The benefit was that your colleague and friend was not sensitive to the fact, that there were appearances, though, that I was being treated differently than anyone else. But the landlord said, he didn't treat me differently. No one said that they did treat me differently. But, I have to admit that, I wasn't sensitive to anything, because I never felt then, that I was treated any differently than anybody else. And so, that ends the apartment thing. But, I plead guilty of not being sensitive.

### **The Tax Issues**

Now, when it comes to the negligence of the disclosures and the tax issues, there's absolutely no excuse—that's there. When accusations were made, I hired a forensics accountant, and told them to check out what the heck is going on, because I want to make certain that when I stand up and speak, that it's true. Well, after I found out that it was far more serious than the accusations, I then referred it to the Ethics Committee. It wasn't as though someone tracked me down—the IRS, or the Clerk of the House. I filed the correct papers. And the taxes that were paid, an accountant might say that, "Had my accountant recognized, that this \$32,000 down payment for a house in the Dominican Republic, that was promised to be paid off in seven years, would be a complete failure, and if indeed they did not give me one nickel, but whenever they thought they were making a dollar or two, they reduced the mortgage, then there's no question—you don't have to be a tax expert to know—that if you didn't report that income, notwithstanding the fact that if you'd done the right thing, you'd have no liability, because the taxes that were paid to the Dominican Republic, would have been deducted." And with depreciation, I'd have had no liability.

Having said that, is that an excuse that's worthy? Of course not! And the fact that there was negligence on the part of the person who for 20 years did it, and the fact that I signed it, does not really give an excuse as to why I should not apologize to this body for not paying the attention to it that I should have paid to it. But there

is no—not one scintilla bit of evidence, that the negligence involved in the disclosures, that there was some way, to hide from the public what I had. Because, the value of the property—they would say it was \$25,000, \$100,000, \$200,000, or whatever it would be—that it didn't make any sense that I was trying to disclose it.

So, why did I take the floor today, when I haven't found one lawyer that said I should do it? I haven't even found one friend that said I should do it, but I thought about it. If the lawyers are going to continue to charge me—and I don't even know when the hearing's going to be. And I can't tell them that I want one, and not six lawyers; I don't want to offend the Ethics Committee; they're doing the best they can. But hey! I'm in the position...

[Interruption by presiding chair to clear out all floor conversations; she then instructs Rangel to resume]

### A Life in Public Service

I'm 80 years old. All my life has been, from the beginning, public service. That's all I've ever done. Been in the Army, been a state legislator, been a federal prosecutor, 40 years here, and all I'm saying is, "If it is the judgment of people here—for *whatever reason*—that I resign, then heck!, have the Ethics Committee expedite this." Don't leave me swinging in the wind until November.

*If this is an emergency, and I think it is, to help our local and state governments out, what about me!* I don't want anybody to feel embarrassed, awkward. Hey, if I was you, I would want me to go away, too.

*I am not going away! I am here!* [sustained applause]

And I do recognize that—I'm not saying there's any partisanship in this, because if I knew, of all the people that have been accused of accusations... I'm in a close District, and I—they were Republicans, I'd give a couple of moments of thought to see whether or not—especially if I didn't have anything to work with to get re-elected, I would say, "Take a look at these Republicans; they've been *accused!*"

But I don't really think that the unfairness of this is to me. I don't take it personally. I'm thinking about all of you. The President wants dignity; let's have dignity in this House where the Ethics Committee means something, and that none of you, if the newspapers say anything, will have to wait *two years* before you can say, "No comment."

And in addition to that, once they make the accusa-

tion, they have no business making any mistakes, in saying that I didn't cooperate. I've got papers with my signature on, I've got a paper saying that I tried my darndest. I've got papers, where my lawyer tells me, she has every reason to believe that the full committee would sign on, and there was space for people to sign. I'm the only one who signed. I don't know what changed their mind about settling this case.

### 'Don't Offend the Ethics Committee'

But, my lawyer says: "Don't offend them." My friends say: "Don't go to the floor." And I say, "What are you going to do me?" Suppose I do get emotional. Suppose I do think of my life, the beginning, and the end. Are you going to expel me from this body? Are you going to say, that while there's no evidence that I took a nickel, asked for a nickel, that there's no sworn testimony, no conflict, that I have to leave here? As much as I love you Democrats that figure it would be easier for you, I'm the guy that was raising money in Republican districts to get you here, but does that mean I'm criticizing you for saying, "That's great, but that was then, and I'm running for re-election now"? I mean, do what you have to do.

And Republicans; Hey, you don't have much to run on, but—you know, but what the hell? If Rangel is an embarrassment, based on newspaper articles, I can see why you would do it. But think. Think. Isn't this historically the first time, that it appears as though partisanship is—the Ethics Committee? Isn't it historically the first time that the recommendations of the subcommittee of investigation is turned down?

And darn, who in the heck would want somebody who politically called you corrupt, to be the ranking bipartisan guy to judge you?

Now, I don't expect answers today, and I know you're going home, and I wish all of you well. But at the end of the day, somebody—somebody has to do more than wish I go away. Somebody has to tell me, when does Rangel get a chance to talk to witnesses? I haven't talked with any member of the Ethics Committee. I mean, in terms of settlement, my lawyers have. I haven't talked with any of the witnesses. And they had to expedite this case.

In other words, I have a shorter time to prepare, for reasons that they tell me, "Don't challenge the Ethics Committee. They make up this stuff as they go along."

So my lawyer—I can understand how financially this thing can go on longer than I can afford. But she is

willing to assist me in working out something in *pro bono*, and I'll expect the leadership to help me.

Don't let this happen to you! Don't walk away from here because it's convenient that I disappear. Because not all of you will be able to withstand it as I have. If there's no issue of corruption, if everybody, including the leader over here, has to start off with what a great American I am before he drops the bomb, well, I think that should count for something.

*And I am not asking for leniency. I'm asking for exposure of the facts.* They've made a decision. I want you to make a decision.

Now, I apologize to the leadership. I feel for those people, especially the newcomers, that love this place so much that—. Like someone said, "Charlie, they all love you." And I paused until they finished—"But they love themselves better." I understand that, you know.

But for God's sake, just don't believe that I don't have feelings, that I don't have pride. That—that I do want the dignity that the President has said. And the dignity is that, even if you see fit to cause me not to be able to come back, because you're not going to do it in my district, but if there's some recommendation that I be expelled, for me—*for me*, that would be dignity. Because it shows openly that this system isn't working for me. And I hope some of you might think: If it doesn't work for me, that it may not work for you.

## **No Evidence of Corruption**

So I know we're anxious to get home. I know I can't get on the agenda. I know that sometime, somewhere, I would have a hearing. So while you're saying I should resign, I do hope that you might think about what happens if the whole country starts thinking, it's better that you resign and don't make anyone feel uncomfortable, than to have the truth, at least a person, an opportunity, to say: You have made alleged violations. I am saying that you're wrong, based on sworn testimony. And I want somebody (and I don't think it's going to be people who have been critical of me for doing the same thing) that's going to be the judge.

And I know outside doesn't count, because we judge the conduct of our own members. Adam Powell knew that when they wouldn't let him be seated, and the courts, of course, overruled it. *But if I can't get my dignity back here, then fire your best shot, in getting rid of me through expulsion.*

Now, I apologize for any embarrassment that I've caused. I'm prepared to admit and try to let young

people know that you never get too big to recognize that these rules are for junior Members, as they are for senior Members. And that you can't get so carried away with good intentions that you break the rules, because the rules are there to make certain that we have some order, some discipline and respect for the rules. And I violated that. And I'm apologizing for it. And I don't think apologies mean that this is a light matter. It's very serious. But corruption? No evidence, no suggestion that this was ever found.

And lastly, I close by saying that there is an organization that some of you know—National Truth in Government—whatever. And the only thing I can say that some of my more important Democrats on the list that sent out mail soliciting money in order to get rid of me, even before I became the chairman.

And they have a Web site that I will be giving you, because they've got a lot of our Members, including Black Caucus members, on their list. What I do remember is, "Send your money in now. We've got Rangel against the ropes. And we've got to get rid of him." Everyone knows who they are.

And they followed me on vacation. They followed me when I was doing business. They're at the airport. They're outside where I live. It's kind of rough.

I'm sensitive to your feelings and the hard work by the Ethics Committee. *But this has to stop sometime.* It has to stop. One month, one year, two years. Primaries, election. And all I'm saying is, *I deserve and demand the right to be heard.*

And if I hurt anybody's feelings, believe me, it's the equity and the fairness and the justice that I'm asking for, and not your feelings. We're entitled to our political feelings, in what we want done. But we have to respect each other, and this institution, which I love.

I love my country. I love my Congress. And there's nothing I wouldn't do to preserve this from going on. I love the disagreements. I love the debates. I love the arguments. But you're not going to tell me to resign to make you feel comfortable.

So to all of those that tried to help me to help myself, let me appreciate it. And for those who disagree, I'm sorry, but that's one thing you can't take away from me.

So thank you for listening. I do hope that—that you have a pleasant time while you're away. And maybe, just maybe, the members of the Ethics Committee might think about telling me when they think they might have a hearing, so that whatever they decide, I can let my

constituents, my families, my friends, know that I did the best I could as an American, as a patriot, and someone that loves this country.

Thank you for your attention. Go home.

## Maxine Waters: 'No Benefit, No Case'

*Here are excerpted remarks from Rep. Maxine Waters press conference Aug. 13. (We recommend watching the video at <http://www.c-span.org/video/?295040-1/maxine-waters-reaction-ethics-committee-investigation>.)*

I want to thank you for all being here today, especially on a Friday during recess.

The press and public have now had an opportunity to read the statement of alleged violation and have shown a lot of interest in the ethics matter that is now pending before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

I am, indeed, eager to be able to have an opportunity to present my case, and that is why I have requested that the Standards Committee schedule a hearing as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the committee has not yet specified a date for a hearing on this matter, and, given the Congressional schedule, it is possible that no hearing would be held for months, even after the November elections.

Such a delay is unacceptable, considering the investigation has dragged out for almost one year. It does not provide due process. It prevents my constituents and the American public from getting answers, and it delays me from being able to respond to the charges spelled out in the SAV [Statement of Alleged Violation].

I'm pleased that the committee released the SAV and related documents earlier this week, as I had insisted after waiving my right to have the SAV remain private until the adjudicatory hearing. I've arranged this press conference to present my facts in the case and to clear up ambiguities and misinformation.

I recognize the transparency that I'm providing may not eliminate an adjudicatory hearing. To reiterate, I am, in fact, anxious to share these facts with you and the public, because I have not violated any House rules.

I fully disclosed all of my financial information, as requested by House rules, and, in fact, went above and

beyond what was required by repeatedly disclosing my and my husband's financial interests during Financial Services Committee hearings. Neither my staff nor I engaged in any improper behavior, and we did not influence anyone, and we did not gain any benefit.

We are here today because I believe my actions and the allegations against me are not easily understood. Today I want to be absolutely clear about one thing: This case is not just about me. This case is about access. It's about access for those who are not heard by the decision makers, whether it's having their questions answered or their concerns addressed.

### **Access for Minority-, Women-Owned Businesses**

For the past 34 years I've served in elective office, both at the state and national level, and I've made one of my top priorities opening doors and providing access for small, minority- and women-owned businesses.

In fact, my advocacy and assistance in providing access for the National Bankers Association is why we're here today. The National Bankers Association consists of 103 minority banks, and I have worked with this association and their concerns for many years. I've spoken at their conventions on many occasions. I have participated in hearings about their issues, and I've worked with our federal agencies on their behalf, including the Treasury Department, FDIC, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

My telephone call to then-Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson during the worst economic crisis this nation has faced in 80 years was to provide access to the National Bankers Association, which was concerned about the fact that Treasury had placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into conservatorship.

It was represented to me that many minority banks had over-leveraged their capital in Fannie and Freddie, and the association wished to know whether or not their members' capital was lost, or if the government was responsible for protecting the capital that they had invested in preferred stock.

They had attempted to get a meeting with the Treasury Department, but had received no response. And so they sought me out to assist them in setting up a meeting.

The question at this point should not be why I called Secretary Paulson, but why I had to. The question at this point should be why a trade association representing over 100 minority banks could not get a meeting at the height of the crisis.



*Rep. Maxine Waters delivers her response to the ethics charges against her, in Washington, D.C. Aug. 13.*

When I contacted the Treasury Secretary, I did not suggest any solution to the problem of the National Bankers Association; I did not ask for any favors from the National Bankers Association; I did not ask for a meeting for any individual banks, including OneUnited Bank; I did not suggest who would be participants in that meeting.

I did not attend that meeting. And there was no such thing as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, known as TARP, at that time.

There has been a great deal of confusion over a conversation I had with the Financial Services chairman, Barney Frank. The conversation I had with Chairman Frank was a conversation several weeks after this meeting had taken place and after the TARP program had been announced.

OneUnited Bank was now raising questions about assistance from TARP because my office's assistance to the National Bankers Association was strictly to provide access for a discussion about the impact of the financial crisis on small and minority banks broadly; and because there was no TARP program at the time of the meeting. I did not wish to get involved with OneUnited Bank about any individual assistance or about this new TARP program.

Because my husband had once served on the board of OneUnited Bank and still held investments there, I felt I should seek assistance from Chairman Frank, a representative from the state where the bank was head-

quartered, and someone with a record of commitment to the health of minority banks.

It's also important to note that no government agency or their representatives had ever said that I requested any special assistance or compensation for anyone or any institution, or that I influenced the TARP process in any way.

### **It Was Not About OneUnited Bank**

There has also been a question about whether or not I instructed my staff not to get involved with OneUnited Bank, and their interest in accessing TARP funds.

My staff had only been involved in understanding the impact of the financial crisis on small and minority banks broadly, and assisting in setting up the meeting with the Treasury Department for, again—again—the National Bankers Association.

I told my chief of staff that I had informed Chairman Frank about OneUnited Bank's interest, that we were only concerned about small and minority banks broadly, that Chairman Frank would evaluate OneUnited's issue and make a decision about how to proceed.

And given the e-mails that the committee has offered as their evidence, we communicated with each other clearly.

So it's not just about us. It's about those who lack access.

I was honored to serve on the conference committee of the Wall Street reforms and Consumer Protection Act. I'm happy to say that much of the legislation I authored—access for women and minority rights, for shareholders, a more accountable consumer, financial protection bureau, and assistance for struggling and unemployed homeowners—were included in the final legislation that was signed by President Obama.

I'm particularly proud of the Offices of Minority and Women Inclusion that will be set up at the federal government's financial institutions, such as the FDIC. All of these agencies, continuing with my work about access, will now have these Offices of Minority and Women Inclusion.

Hear me clearly: Because of the need for access and the work that I have done over many years, I have now opened up new opportunities by creating the Offices of Minority and Women Inclusion at the FDIC, the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve, among others, to

deal with the historic lack of access that minority and women individuals and institutions have had in hiring, decision-making, contracting, and procurement opportunities.

And over the past year, I, and nine other Congressional Black Caucus members on the Financial Services Committee, have been meeting with the National Bankers Association, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the National Association of Black-Owned Broadcasters, the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers, the National Association of Securities Professionals, and the National Bar Association, among others, discussing the plight of minority businesses, where lack of access to capital and the lack of support from their government in banking, advertising and consulting contracts.

Access is key to understanding the scope of this case. This case is not just about them. This case is about fairness. The fact that the Investigative Subcommittee ignored or disregarded key pieces of exculpatory evidence crucial to my case is extremely troubling.

A truly robust investigatory process would have taken all the available evidence into consideration. I believe that if this had been done, we would not be here today.

Fairness is also key to understanding the scope of this case. The case is not just about that. The case is also about my constituents and the American people. I have truly been touched by the outpouring of support from my constituents in Los Angeles, and from friends in places like Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, New York, Illinois, Florida, and even from abroad.

I know the way that the American people view Congress. They hear talk of partisanship, of power, of money, of influence. For Congressional critics, it's easy to see a report of an ethics case and completely wash your hands of it all. But my constituents and supporters have seen the many inaccurate accusatory portrayals of my work, and they know me better than that. And they have encouraged me to fight.

I admit, there are some who do not believe in my philosophy or my methods. But no one should question my devotion to public service.

Therefore, I'm asking us all to pause for a moment, set aside our cynicism, and consider two things—the facts of the case and my life's work in trying to provide access to those who have been denied.

These two things will provide context for my constituents and your judgment. My constituents demand that I stand up for the values they elected me to represent.

In sum: No benefit, no improper action, no failure to disclose, no one influenced, no case.

# Norman Eisen: Obama's 'Ethics Czar'

by Michele Steinberg

Aug. 11—Barack Obama's "Ethics Czar" Norman Eisen spent his formative pre-Harvard Law School years working for the Los Angeles office of an organization that ran a massive domestic spy operation throughout the United States, illegally spying on minority groups like the NAACP, gay rights organizations, and progressive members of Congress and other elected officials.

From 1985 to about 1988, Eisen worked for the Los Angeles office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which, along with the ADL's San Francisco office, was raided by California police in April 1993, and later sued for spying on American citizens. The same California ADL whose operatives sold information on American organizations and citizens to the apartheid government of South Africa.

And Eisen has the chutzpah to describe his stint with the well-funded and powerful Los Angeles ADL, where he was deputy director, as spending three years, between college and law school, as a "community organizer," just like his Harvard Law School buddy, Barack Obama.

Since the 2008 Obama Presidential campaign, until June 23, 2010, when he was awarded with a nomination as ambassador to the Czech Republic, Eisen was Obama's "Ethics Czar." In 2008, while employed at the Washington law firm Zuckerman Spaeder, Eisen donated \$40,000 to the Democratic National Committee, to the Obama and Biden campaigns. All legal.

But having co-founded CREW—Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington—with funding from the nefarious off-shore billionaire George Soros, Eisen became Obama's specialist on "ethics," recording every promise that Obama had made on the campaign trail about not hiring lobbyists, and keeping them out of his government (unless he gave them a waiver!).

Eisen turned those Obama statements into a draft of an Executive Order on Ethics, which Obama signed on Jan. 21, 2009. Shortly afterward, Obama named Eisen to be Special Counsel to the President for Ethics and Government Reform.

But behind the persona of a "clean government"

nerd, is the racist and violent history of the Los Angeles domestic spying operations of the ADL.

### ADL's Dirty Laundry

The ADL spying case centered around the activities of an ADL informant/covert operative, Roy Bullock, who worked for them beginning 1960, when he signed up with the ADL in Southern California, until his activities were exposed in 1993.

According to journalist Robert I. Friedman of the *Village Voice*, writing in May 1993, Bullock “found his true calling when he became a paid spy for the Anti-Defamation League in 1960....

“Over a 30-year period, he compiled computer files for the ADL on 9,876 individuals and more than 950 groups of all political stripes, including the NAACP, the Rainbow Coalition, ACLU, the American Indian Movement, the Center for Investigative Reporting, Pacifica, ACT UP, Palestinian and Arab groups, Sandinista solidarity groups, Americans for Peace Now, and anti-apartheid organizations. Bullock, who even spied on the recently slain South African nationalist Chris Hani when he visited the Bay Area in April 1991, sold many of his ADL files on anti-apartheid activists to South African intelligence. Meanwhile, between 1985 and 1993, the ADL paid him nearly \$170,000, using a prominent Beverly Hills attorney as a conduit in order to conceal its financial relationship with Bullock....

“Between 1987 and 1991, Bullock sold information to South African intelligence, receiving steady raises, which he split evenly with [San Francisco police Sgt. Tom] Gerard. ‘Bullock said it was his impression, though Gerard never explicitly told him so, (and Bullock never asked) that Gerard may have been telling the CIA about his and Bullock’s contacts with the South Africans,’ says the FBI report [that was obtained and publicly released in the police raid].”

In 1993, *EIR* reported on what came out after California law enforcement authorities raided the California offices of the ADL, regarding its domestic spying operation known as “Operation Eavesdrop”:

“April 8, 1993: San Francisco Police again raided the offices of the ADL in San Francisco and Los Angeles, this time serving the search warrants and seizing



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ten cartons of ADL records, including interoffice communications and financial records. That same day, San Francisco Police release the search warrant affidavit, with over 700 pages of attachments, including SFPD and FBI interviews with [ADL paid informants] Roy Bullock and David Gurvitz, printouts from Bullock’s computer, copies of classified FBI materials found in the ADL files, and a list of 950 organizations that were being spied upon by the ADL. The lists were obtained from computer disks seized in the original raids on the Bullock and Gerard homes.

“Of the 950 organizations spied upon by the ADL, many were civil rights groups like the NAACP and the Rainbow Coalition, or trade unions like the United Auto Workers and United Farm Workers, and environmental groups like Greenpeace. The Arab-American community was heavily targeted for not only spying, but infiltration by ADL *agents provocateurs* who regularly stole membership data, obtained license plates numbers and deployed members of white supremacist groups into the Arab-American ranks for purposes of later ‘exposing’ the links.

“In a throwback to ADL spying in the 1940s, the declassified police investigative material also reveals that ADL has spied on members of Congress, including former Rep. Pete McCloskey, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Ron Dellums.

“A half-dozen organizations, campaign committees and publications associated with Lyndon LaRouche were also targeted for ADL spying.”

And there is a direct connection to Eisen’s Los Angeles office, according to the *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* (June 1993, p. 17), which reported: “According to the police affidavit, Bullock received direction from San Francisco ADL Executive Director Richard Hirschaut as well as from ADL’s research director in New York, Irwin Suall. But he was paid with cashier’s checks drawn by Los Angeles attorney Bruce Hochman, a former head of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council. ADL funneled the money for these checks to David Lehrer, ADL executive director in Los Angeles, who maintained a secret bank account for the sole purpose of paying Bullock and other informants. A checkbook for the account in the false name of ‘L. Patterson’ was kept in a locked safe at ADL’s Los Angeles headquarters.”

A class action suit was eventually brought on behalf of dozens of California residents by former Congressman Pete McCloskey. Rather than go to trial, the ADL settled the case out of court.



# The U.S. Army Still Can't Figure Out Its Suicide Problem

Aug. 12—On July 29, the Army released its “Health Promotion, Risk-Reduction and Suicide Prevention Report,” the result of a 15-month effort, directed by Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Chiarelli. Chiarelli explained to reporters at the Pentagon that the investigation that produced the report was prompted by the fact that in January 2009, the suicide rate in the Army hit 20 per 100,000 population, exceeding the civilian rate of 19 per 100,000 for the first time.

In addition to suicide, the report addresses other indicators of stress on the force, including high-risk behaviors, such as substance abuse, and the number of soldiers who enter the mental-health system voluntarily as well as involuntarily. Then it lays out what Chiarelli described as a “campaign plan” to try to drive down the suicide rate, and includes more than 250 recommendations in an attempt to identify and mitigate the problems that stem from “nearly a decade of persistent conflict.”

To get an assessment of the report, EIR turned to veterans’ advocate Steve Robinson. Robinson retired from the Army in 2001, after a career serving in Ranger and Special Operations units. Upon retirement, he went into veterans advocacy, initially working on health issues arising from the 1991 Gulf War.<sup>1</sup> He has since become a sought-after expert on the full range of veterans’ physical and mental-health issues that arise from exposure to combat, has testified numerous times before Congressional committees, and has advised the White House and the Department of Defense.

In the Spring of 2009, Robinson was told by the White House that they wanted him to take a position in

the Department of Defense on the implementation of policy and programs for returning combat veterans and wounded warriors. Robinson waited nearly 18 months for the Senate to confirm retired Marine Maj. Gen. Clifford Stanley to be Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. After interviewing Roberson, Stanley said he wanted to hire him, but then Secretary of Defense Robert Gates issued a hiring freeze for all Office of the Secretary of Defense agencies, preventing Roberson from being hired. Roberson was interviewed by Carl Osgood, EIR’s Pentagon correspondent, on Aug. 4 and 12, 2010.

**Osgood:** I want to start with the report that came out on July 29, the “Health Promotion, Risk-Reduction and Suicide-Prevention Report,” which General Chiarelli presented to reporters. Probably the best thing for me to do is just read a line from the introduction, and get your response to that.

You are, of course, well aware that the suicide rate and other symptoms of stress have been growing in the Army since 2004, and that there has always been an air of mystery about why this is happening—at least the way the Army talks about it. And they say in the introduction:

“No one could have foreseen the impact of 9 years of war on our leaders and soldiers. As a result of the protracted and intense operational tempo, the Army has lost its former situational awareness, and understanding of good order and discipline within its ranks. This report’s comprehensive review exposes gaps in how we see, identify, engage, and mitigate high-risk soldiers.”

## Nobody Acted on What We Told Them

**Robinson:** Well, right off the bat, they are wrong, that no one could have foreseen it, or said anything about it, or even suspected that it might happen. Myself, and Rick Weidman [executive director of

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1. EIR has interviewed Roberson several times on this and other veterans’ issues. See EIR, Sept. 5, 2003, <http://larouchepub.com/eiw/public/2003/eirv30n34-20030905/>; May 7, 2004, <http://larouchepub.com/eiw/public/2004/eirv31n18-20040507/>; May 11, 2007, [http://larouchepub.com/eiw/public/2007/eirv34n19-20-20070511/81-87\\_719\\_roberson.pdf](http://larouchepub.com/eiw/public/2007/eirv34n19-20-20070511/81-87_719_roberson.pdf).





Courtesy of Steve Robinson

*Veterans advocate Steve Robinson has challenged the President and the Defense establishment on their shameful neglect of the health problems, especially mental-health issues, faced by returning Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans.*

Vietnam Veterans of America], met with Dr. William Winkenwerder [then-Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs], I think in the Spring of 2002, as we knew that we were not only going to go to war, hunting down the guys that were responsible for 9/11, but that it also seemed like we were going to war in Iraq. And we understood that this war was going to be different, and that it was going to be house-to-house and urban combat. And that type of warfare requires a surge, if you will, and the ability to have mental-health-care treatment available, closer to the front, and also available when they come back home. The harder and uglier the war is, the more the psychological toll is on the human mind.

In that meeting, they looked at us as if we were people from outer space, wondering why we were there. They patted us on the back and told us they had everything under control, and they would be able to take care of any contingencies that might pop up. And that turned out not to be true.

So, we began to beat the drums at DoD [the Defense Department], the Secretary of the Army, and the Congress. On March 23, 2003, a few days after the invasion of Iraq, I testified to the House Armed Services Committee. In that hearing we brought up the issues of everything that eventually played out over the years. . . .

At that time, we were concerned that . . . the stated reason we were going to war was biological warfare and chemical weapons, and during that hearing, I testified that 250,000 chemical warfare suits were known to be defective, and had been issued, and nobody could find them; and M8 chemical agent alarms that were defective, and ridiculously false-alarmed in the first Gulf War, were the same M8 alarms that we were carrying into this war.

Everything just seemed wrong. Everything that could be broke was still broke, and we laid out the issues all the way up through mental health. And even though both Rick and I, and others, felt like we were giving them what they needed to know to get ready, everybody looked at us like we were some kind of voodoo,

crystal ball-gazing freaks, who didn't know what we were talking about, and nobody acted on any of the information that we gave, not the Congress, not the Department of Defense. And everything that we said would happen, has happened.

**Osgood:** One of the things that Chiarelli talked about in his briefing to reporters was leadership in garrison. He said that one of the problems his task force had identified was that commanders were not addressing and responding to high-risk behavior by their soldiers, such as drunk driving, and this is one of the features of the report.

**Robinson:** What does Chiarelli not understand about combat? Soldiers engage in high-risk behavior on deployment. The report is written in such a way to blame the soldier, and not the leadership of the military for its part in not inculcating people so that they have resiliency and understand how to deal with stress; because there are not any real programs that train the force as a whole. Also, the leadership treats this problem as a lack of moral character, and a lack of intestinal fortitude, when it is really a medical issue.

If somebody lost their legs due to an IED [improvised explosive device], and the leader came, and said, "Get up! Get back to your job! Get back into the humvee!": That is the same thing that they are actually

doing to people with these mental-health injuries and traumatic brain injuries that you can't see. They simply do not understand the medical side of what has happened to the human mind and body, and they are punishing people for having the symptoms of PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder] and traumatic brain injury. And when you do that, it's the same as punishing an amputee for having lost his legs.

The military doesn't even understand that the brain isn't fully formed yet until people are about 24 years old. So, we are taking 18-year-olds, putting them through basic training, and giving them five, six years of combat; filling their brain with nothing but war and trauma and death and destruction, and then acting as if we are mystified when they have problems. Well, the science of the brain and body tells us that, during that time, the reasoning center of the brain isn't fully formed, and so that means we have to be extra vigilant when veterans of that age come home, and make sure we can help them negotiate the experience of war, rather than leaving it up to them, or rolling the dice to figure who will and who won't kill themselves.

That's not speculation on my part. That is what we know about how the brain develops.

All I know is this: We don't have any real programs that emphasize, in the same way that we emphasize, let's say, for example, marksmanship, how the brain and body can be affected in war by witnessing people getting blown up. There is no military training that teaches you to be psychologically resilient to what happens in war.

They are just now beginning to think about it, eight, nine years after we've been telling them about it. But it does not surprise me. The suicide rate does not surprise me. We predicted it back in 2002, with Winkenwerder, that if we didn't get some training before people went to war, that was reinforced while they were at war, and watch for red flags when they came home from war, that we were going to have a crisis on our hands. And we do. It's here.

### **This War Is Different**

**Osgood:** Now, the other thing that bothers me about this is the reluctance on the part of the Army to connect this to the war itself, to the demands of the war.

**Robinson:** [sarcastically] Well, it can't be about the war, because war makes you stronger. The more you go to war, the stronger you get.

Let's just take previous wars—the Gulf War,

Panama, Somalia—the previous estimates—about 70% of people who serve are going to go [into combat], and it's going to be a defining moment in their life. . . . Thirty some-odd percent come back and have problems—it owns them. They suffer from it.

This war is different. We are already at a percentage rate where 45%, coming close to 50%, of the people who go to the VA [Department of Veterans Affairs health-care facilities], from Operation Iraq Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, are suffering from some form of mental-health-care issue. It could reach as high as 50%, or even higher. We don't know. RAND did their report that estimated anywhere between 300,000 and 400,000 people, right now, are suffering from some form of mental-health issue, as a result of their service.

This war is different because there is no place to withdraw, to rest, refit, and recuperate. It is different because there is no defined enemy. It is different because of the use of the IED. It is different because the objectives, in many cases, are not clear and understandable, so you don't know what you're fighting for. If you take turf one day, and then give it back to the Taliban the next day, and five of your buddies died, you are going to have a problem with that.

Plus, we have been fighting it longer than any war in our history; and it is wearing down the less than 1% [of the population] that is doing all the fighting. So, of course, there is going to be a significant toll.

None of those things are revelations to me, but they appear to be revelations to General Chiarelli, where suddenly, he is having this epiphany, eight and a half years into the war, that we are having problems. We have been seeing these problems from the beginning; they are just getting worse.

Why did their report say that, basically, war wasn't one of the factors in suicides? I don't know. That is what bothers me the most about the report, which is one of the reasons why, when we heard they were forming this task force, I went to Sen. Kit Bond, and I said, "Look, Andrew Pogony [an Iraq War veteran, who was medically retired after a bad reaction to the malaria drug lariam, and who then became a strong veterans advocate] and myself have been very close to this issue. If we don't get somebody on to this task force to bring some truth to it; if all it is, is an internal DoD investigating DoD, then the summary that comes out of it is predictable, and they're going to say that financial problems, relationship problems, lack of dis-

cipline, and soldiers not utilizing the services that are available, is the reason why people kill themselves.” And I’ll be goddamned if that isn’t exactly what they did!

And they blamed the soldier in their report. And it was an internal report, where no outside agencies, stakeholders, subject matter experts, or just plain old veteran advocates, like myself, were able to provide any input. And every time, over the course of the last four or five years, since Chiarelli has been in his position, and even before him, his predecessors, we have been sending cases to the Army, which demonstrate the Army’s failure, and almost the epidemiology of suicide in the making: showing them how failed leadership, lack of understanding of mental-health-care issues, lack of effective treatment programs, in essence, create a condition by which the service members kill themselves. We are creating the problem! Because of the lack of training programs and emphasis on prevention. And they don’t want to hear that. And this report reflects it. . . .

**Osgood:** In 2008, Barack Obama was running for President on the promise that all of this was going to change. In the beginning, after he took office, it even looked a little bit like it might, in part because of the appointment of General Shinseki to head the VA. Have things really begun to change? Or not?

**Robinson:** Well, there have been some improvements in the Department of Veterans Affairs. But there has also been a tremendous amount of missteps and political fumbling, because number one, the current Administration still, to this day, has unfilled vacancies, or they have left previous Administration officials in positions of responsibility and power, who have proved their incompetence—for example, Dr. Ira Katz [the VA’s top mental-health official]—and their lack of understanding of the issues that veterans face.

So, yes, there have been some improvements, some things that I am sure the veterans are appreciative of, but it baffles the mind to think that the Administration believes change will occur if they don’t clean house, and remove the entrenched bureaucrats, and policy wonks, who are gatekeepers to affecting that change. I don’t know why they haven’t moved them out, but they are still there, and they are, in fact, sabotaging Shinseki on several fronts. And there have been some political blunders that have occurred, because some of these entrenched bureaucrats—two and three levels

below Shinseki—have made recommendations that filtered their way up to the top; and because this Administration doesn’t have any historical perspective on the last 15 or 20 years of what happened in the VA—they ran with it. And those things have become political blunders.

## The President Is Failing

**Osgood:** At the same time, the war policy, at least with regard to Afghanistan, continues. In fact, Obama has escalated the war.

**Robinson:** During the Bush Administration, when I started bringing these issues forward, and talking about what was and what was not happening for returning veterans, a couple of organizations, and even news outlets, tried to throw the label of anti-war veteran on me. And it didn’t stick because I have never been involved in the anti-war movement, and I have understood the nuance of the fact that there are real reasons to protect the interests of the United States, and sometimes those reasons cause us to send people with guns to go protect things that are important to us.

And certainly, the war in Iraq looked like a bad idea. It looked like, early on, that it was about oil; early on that it was about revenge; early on that it was about showing the Middle East that we could come kick somebody’s ass if we wanted to.

But the war in Afghanistan, hunting down bad guys and killing them, who plotted to do things against us, and had training camps, seemed like a good idea to me. However, with no clear objective in mind, and the initial idea that, I think, we were nation-building and we were democracy-building, the mission in Afghanistan has turned into something else. And I am all about protecting America, and keeping bad guys from coming, and flying planes into buildings, but it appears to me that the mission of hunting al-Qaeda in Afghanistan is over. There ain’t that many of them there. And now, it’s not clear that we are democracy-building, because it doesn’t look like it’s going to look like anything that we want it to look like.

So, why is the President still fighting that war, and why is he continuing to support Afghanistan? Those are all questions that I can’t figure out. But I do know this: If the President chooses to do it, and we are going to send people there, and we are going to surge into Afghanistan, then we have a responsibility to take care of those who come back from that war injured. And I’m not just talking about the amputees, and the people who



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*“It appears to me that the mission of hunting al-Qaeda in Afghanistan is over. There ain’t that many of them there. . . . So, why is the President still fighting that war?” Shown: Air Force medics move an injured American soldier from a helicopter, in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, April 2010.*

get burned, and the people who get shot. I’m also talking about the psychological casualties of war, and on that front, we are failing. The President is failing. The Department of Defense is failing. The services individually are failing, and it’s harming not only the individual service member,

And for the first time, I believe he [Obama] said it—he said something that I’ve been saying for probably eight years: It harms our national defense. It harms our national security, in that, if we don’t keep our promises to the men and women that we send down range to go fight, at some point under the current system that we have, people will not sign up to protect the nation. And it becomes a national security issue.

**Osgood:** On this point, are veterans groups satisfied? They supported Obama for President, or many veterans groups did, but how do they view him now?

**Robinson:** Well, the veterans service organizations themselves are political creatures, for the most part. And they have political leanings. And those political leanings are understood within the Beltway; and we know who the VFW is, we know who the American Legion is, and people don’t want to be put into those boxes.

But you can tell by the things that they do and don’t support, where they stand. I think veterans were frustrated with the Bush Administration, and when you looked at the possibility of getting more of the same with John McCain, and potentially his candidacy, veterans, and veteran services organizations, and others, I think, chose Obama.

And Obama got elected because they believed that Obama was going to fix the things. He was talking about our issues. In fact, I, myself, and Paul Sullivan [executive director of Veterans for Common Sense], and others, some of our talking points that we sent to then-candidate Obama actually came out of his mouth on platform speeches around the United

States: End homelessness. Zero tolerance for homelessness. Take care of the soldiers with PTSD and TBI [traumatic brain injury]. No inappropriately sending the guy with PTSD back into the war. A whole bunch of issues that we raised, and brought up to Obama, actually became platform issues that he ran his candidacy on.

So, the veterans service organizations liked that, and they sat back and watched. And now, we are 18-plus months into the Presidency of Barack Obama, and coming up on two years and something left to go, and people are starting to wonder, when are the campaign promises going to be kept?

Now there have been some improvements in the Department of Veterans Affairs, things that we can stand up and say, we’re glad that that was done. Many of them were initiatives that myself and Paul Sullivan and other people recommended, that actually came to fruition, like the lessening of the standards, the burden of requirement, to receive a PTSD diagnosis from the VA. The GI bill, which was something that was accomplished by Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and others who fought for the GI bill for this generation. There have been some improvements. The suicide hotline we called for, and got.

## What About the Veterans?

But, in the Department of Defense, the problems that we had in 2007, are the same problems that we have today—almost to a tee. In fact, I actually made a list the other day: No oversight. No accountability in the Department of Defense as it relates to suicides, mental-health-care programs, and appropriate discharges. Bush appointees still in key positions of responsibility in the Department of Defense. Failed leaders, unfilled vacancies, and harmful policies in wounded warrior care. Service members being denied benefits. Service members with PTSD and TBI still being redeployed. Current models of mental-health care in DoD do not reflect state-of-the-art recovery models available. Suicide rate, continuing to climb. Lack of suicide prevention programs. No Congressional oversight. Multiple programs. No singular effort. No one person in charge. Wasteful spending. The DoD uses a system of care that ignores mental health, but applies the UCMJ [Uniform Code of Military Justice] to the symptoms of PTSD.

All those things were happening in 2007, and they are still happening today. And the veteran service organizations that sat on their hands for 18 months, are now saying to themselves, okay, we gave you time; we've waited for you to address these issues. It doesn't seem like you're addressing them. The Congressional election cycle is coming up. You're going to be calling on us and asking us for support.

What's going on? How come these issues aren't being addressed?

There was an emergency meeting just a couple of days ago, at the White House, a very hastily called-together veterans service organization meeting, in which they brought in 12 of the largest organizations, to basically reintroduce them to the people in the White House who are responsible for answering their questions. And the reason I believe this meeting came about, is because I made a phone call to a couple of people in the White House, saying that it's my belief, and my sense, because of the circles that I walk in, that veterans service organizations, and veterans themselves, are going to start holding this Administration accountable for keeping its campaign promises. And that they are frustrated—it appears that veterans issues are not high on the priority list of things that the President has to deal with.

And listen: I get it. There is lots going on. There are oil wells spewing oil into the Gulf. There are two

wars going on. There's economic collapse. There is relationship-building between Palestinians and Israelis. There's all kinds of stuff going on. But somehow, somewhere, somebody has made the calculation over the last 18 months, that veterans issues, and keeping those promises, aren't as important as those other things. And it has agitated, I think, veterans, and the veterans service community, and I believe that we are going to see some rhetoric, which is already occurring, if you look at some of the different things that organizations are saying—we are going to see rhetoric, and pressure, to get the Administration to start answering the question of why these issues are not being solved.

I just saw it the other day. In the span of five days, the AFL-CIO raised hell about something that the Obama Administration was doing in reference to its ability to organize unions. And then, somebody made a phone call, to somebody, because, five days later, the AFL-CIO was announcing that it got \$53 million to make sure that the Democrats get elected across the United States, and oh, by the way, today Obama is meeting with the AFL-CIO.

So, I don't have \$53 million to get the attention of this Administration. But apparently that's how things work in this town. And so, the only thing we can do is make noise, and say that if you don't keep your promises, we're not going to vote for you.

## Austerity: Everything Is on the Table

**Osgood:** There are a couple things going on in this Administration. The notion which underlies them is, a policy of austerity—that is, you had the health-care reform bill, which was passed earlier this year, which includes a panel called the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which will decide what kinds of health-care services will be paid for, and what kinds won't. And you have the so-called Fiscal Deficit Commission, which is supposedly looking at the Federal deficit, and discussing ways to slash government spending. I don't believe that they have specifically mentioned veterans spending, but they say that everything is on the table.

And so, is there concern that this austerity drive will hit veterans, in the name of reducing costs, and reducing the deficit, and so forth?

**Robinson:** Well, it's already happening in the Department of Defense. One of the reasons why I'm not working in the DoD today—according to the people

that I have talked to in the White House—is because Secretary Gates announced a budget initiative, whereby offices would reduce their personal staff. I am not an economist, Carl, so I don't know if what I'm going to say is right or wrong. But it seems to me that we are not going to be able to tackle all the problems we have in the DoD, if we simply cut budgets, reduce staff, reduce mental-health-care providers. It seems to me the problems are only going to get worse. And it bothers me that this Administration has suddenly become budget-conscious, at a time in which they are holding the purse string, but yet, on other issues, there are tremendous bailouts, and money being given to companies that have really gotten us into a lot of trouble.

So, the answer to your question is, I think it's already happening. I think there are small, subtle signs that pay and benefits and health care, and all the things that we rely on, to get people to join the military, are up for grabs. And also how we honor them after they have served, looks to be in jeopardy.

But I had this conversation with a guy in the White

House, the liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This was during the Bush Administration. He said, if we were to keep every promise that we made to the veterans, it would bankrupt us as a nation.

And I said, if that's true, if that's why you're not taking care of them now, and that's why there are not enough mental-health-care providers, and that's why you're not addressing the suicide issue, and that's why there are not effective treatment programs, then why don't you tell the American people? Come out and say to the American people, guess what? It's gotten so bad that we can't keep our promises. And so if you join today, you may, or may not get programs and services to help you when you come back from war.

I would be much happier to have someone make that honest statement, than I am to hear you say, "Nothing's too good for our veterans, and we will give them everything that they need," and know that you won't do it.

So, I believe those things are on the table. I have seen in the past, where veteran programs were exempt from across-the-board cuts, but I'm imagining that if things are really as bad as everybody is saying they are, veterans, just like others, are going to be impacted. And if it does happen, then I would also like to hear from the Administration, that we can't keep our promises. We are not going to be able to provide you the best health care. We are not going to be able to create these great rehabilitation programs, because of the cost of the war.

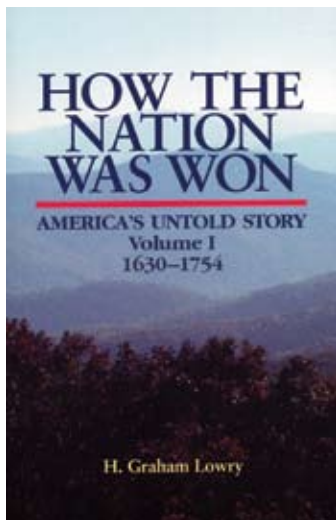
But, goddamn it, if that's the reason behind it, if it's never-ending war that's creating the situation where we can't take care of veterans, and keep our promises, then we ought to look at that too. And ask ourselves, what are we getting out of this deal? So, my rant on that.

Let me sum up. I think I'm not the only person out there who is articulating the sentiment that we are frustrated with the first 18 months of this Administration, and the pace at which it is tackling the issues that confront service members and veterans. And that there hasn't been much change in the Department of Defense. It's virtually the same as it was in 2005. And I think that there is a level of agitation among veterans service organizations, that is going to manifest into political action by those organizations, to hold leaders accountable—whether it be through the vote, or whether it be through activity on Capitol Hill, or activity in the press. But that we can't wait any longer.

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# Leonardo da Vinci Imagines The First Modern City

by Karel Vereycken

The undertaking of a great infrastructure program to boost the economy of an entire nation is not a new, “utopian” concept! Such an approach appeared notably during the Italian “Golden Renaissance,” and subsequently, as we will indicate here, in France.

In Autumn 1516, the great Renaissance engineering and water-management expert Leonardo da Vinci accepted the proposal of the French King François I to travel to France for a special task. The king and his sister, Marguerite de Navarre, who protected Rabelais and other members of the Erasmus youth movement, called on Leonardo to design and build an entire new city in Romorantin, and make this rather small city into the new capital of a blossoming French kingdom.

Leonardo’s design of the city is based on a dynamic concept of managing flows of water, air, energy, and human cognition. As recent historical and archaeological research demonstrates, Leonardo envisioned much more than building some kind of static “*città ideale*”: Romorantin is de-



*Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), was not only one of the greatest artists of the Italian Renaissance, but the leading engineer and water-management expert of the era. This self-portrait, in red chalk, is from ca. 1512.*

signed as a revolutionary living being. At its center: human cultural and living areas and, in the surrounding suburbs, eight modern water mills, capable of mechanizing the traditional wool production of the region. Beyond, between Romorantin and Amboise, the marshland was to be drained, and transformed into irrigated farmland.

At the center of Romorantin, there was to be a magnificent new palace for the French court, combining French taste with the new styles of the Italian Renaissance architects; but the entire city would be organized around, and on water! To fight the lethal epidemics that plagued urban centers in those times, Leonardo imagined the first “modern” city. While people would commute via canals, special underground conduits would bring in drinking water on the one side, and evacuate, via a sewer system, the

waters used by men and horses, who were guarded in “automatic” horse stalls. Leonardo indicates in his Codex Atlanticus (65 v-b) that never again would ar-

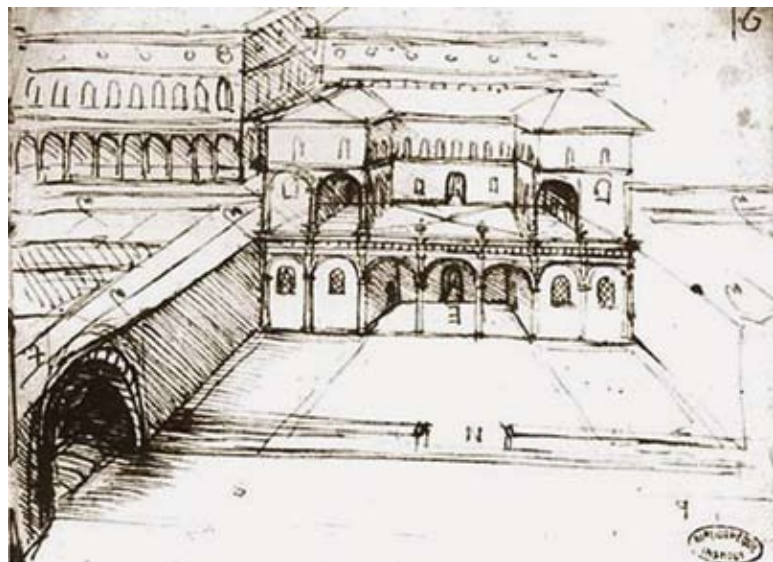
chitects create “such a vast agglomeration of people, packed one on top of the other like goats in a herd, which fill all corners with their smell and spread pestilence and death.”

### Realizing Charlemagne’s Dream

To start the project, Romorantin, which is a city build on the Sauldre River, a sub-tributary of the Loire, had to be connected to the Loire, by a series of dams, canals, and modern locks which are depicted in a drawing one can admire in Leonardo’s Codex Atlanticus

(f. 240-r-c). For this purpose, in January 1518, King François I allocates “4,000 gold pounds to make the Sauldre River navigable till the point where it enters the River Cher [leading into the Loire].”

Exactly at the same time, Leonardo was elaborating the plans for the port of the “Havre de Grace” in Normandy (now the port of Le Havre at the mouth of the Seine, and on the Atlantic) and undertook the study of the precise route required for building a canal linking up the Loire, France’s longest river, that runs across the country, from eastern Burgundy, to western Nantes on the Atlantic, via a canal (today the Canal du Centre) with the Saone-Rhone River that goes all the way down till the Mediterranean.



These three drawings from Leonardo’s Notebooks, indicate some of his designs for an “Ideal City,” and its mechanical and infrastructural requirements. The image of an Ideal City (1488-89), with modern sanitation facilities (above), was inspired by a plague outbreak in Florence; “automatic” horse stalls in this stable provided a sewer system to eliminate waste (below); the design for the San Marco lock, in Milan (ca. 1500), indicates Leonardo’s lifelong interest in hydraulic engineering.

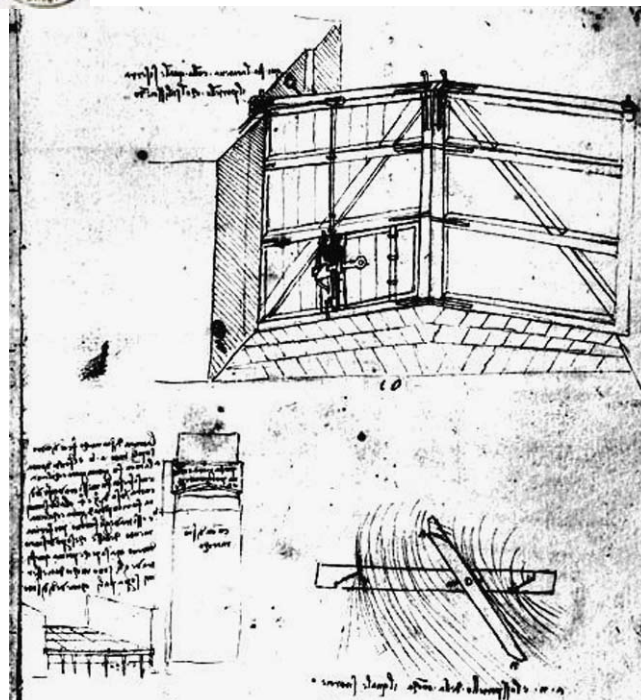
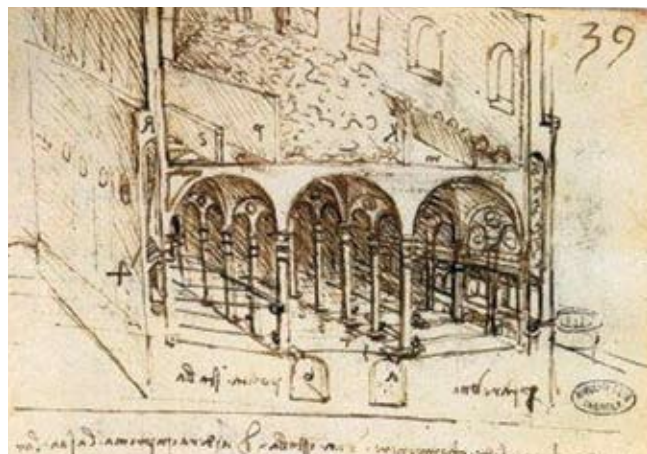




FIGURE 1  
**France, with the Loire River Highlighted**



*In 1516, Leonardo was called to France by King François I, to design a beautiful new city as the capital of the kingdom at Romorantin, on the Sauldre River. Leonardo planned to connect Romorantin to the Loire, by a series of dams, canals, and locks.*

in early 1519, according to some by the plague, to others for lack of funding. In reality, Leonardo was living his last hours (he died on May 2), and there was no one ready to replace him in this giant undertaking. Significantly, after Leonardo’s demise, François I shifted his outlook and, to compete with Charles V of Spain, he decided to build Chambord, the largest Renaissance castle on the Loire. Thus, the city building plan died with Leonardo.

As of June 9, an exhibit in the Romorantin museum describes the vast scope of what is called the “forgotten project” of Leonardo da Vinci, so tomorrow’s leaders can learn how to shape their policies for the post-Sarkozy era.

## The Leonardo-Machiavelli Plan To Divert the Arno

In the first decade of the 16th Century, two extraordinary Florentines collaborated on a great infrastructure project: to alter the course of the Arno River. The Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci, and the founder of modern statecraft Niccolò Machiavelli, working in the court of the famous *condottiere* Cesare Borgia, devised a plan that would redirect the flow of the river, using canals and locks, to change its course, as it travelled from Florence out to the Tyrrhenian Sea. Diverting the river would not only provide Florence with an outlet to the sea, bypassing the city’s military rival Pisa, it would help to limit damage to the surrounding farmlands from the flood-prone Arno.

Like today’s NAWAPA project, the plan, if carried out, would have altered

the economic and political realities of the time, and reshaped and upshifted the Biosphere to the benefit of mankind.

This aerial map of the Arno Valley was drawn by a young Leonardo in about 1473, and shows his early interest in hydrodynamics; it is a harbinger of his later Arno and Romarantin projects.

—Bonnie James



### *Political Reality Is About To Strike*

In an Aug. 12 column entitled “The Stunning Decline of Barack Obama: 10 Key Reasons the Obama Administration Is In Meltdown,” the *Daily Telegraph’s* Washington, D.C. correspondent Nile Gardiner correctly characterizes the current political nightmare President Obama is living through, “in a summer of discontent in the United States which has deeply unsettled the ruling liberal elites...” But Gardiner is “way off the mark,” in saying that the anti-establishment Tea Party movement is going to be the political winner in this situation, Lyndon LaRouche noted in an Aug. 16 rejoinder. The lead of LaRouche’s argument presents the reality:

“For the edification of the *Telegraph’s* staff and readers, the Tea Party factor was a significant participant in the Rosa Luxemburg-style ‘mass strike’ ferment against both the White House and Congress back in August 2009, but has suffered greatly from the citizens’ disgust with the Tea Party’s showing itself to be a tool of a U.S. Republican Party’s current fit of ‘Republican politics-as-usual’ amid the current rash of that Party’s preoccupation with inner-party primary-election campaigns. There is nothing in the Republican Party’s or Tea Party’s posturing which fits the impassioned concerns of the eighty-percentile of the citizenry which is increasingly enraged against the Democratic Party’s Congress, and only somewhat less enraged against the Republican Party.

“Crucial political realities, not costumed political stunts, is the dominant political force rampant within the body of the citizenry. That should surprise no one who cares to face lurid facts of the situation. As of the latter part of the past week, the global Anglo-American financier interest, as

represented by the global pair of Wall Street and the networks of the Inter-Alpha Group, has edged into a new phase of the already ongoing, general, global financial-monetarist meltdown-process....

“The immediate situation now, during the remainder of August and into September, is the issue whether or not the present lurch into Weimar-1923-style hyper-inflationary spiralling will be continued, or a remedy in the form of a more or less global revival of a ‘Glass-Steagall,’ fixed-exchange-rate, FDR-style recovery will be chosen, in time, instead. Meanwhile, the rulers of Wall Street and Inter-Alpha monetarist interests are currently lurching toward an early arrival of a state of affairs comparable to the Venetian monetarists’ plunging Fourteenth-century Europe and the Lombard bankers into the notorious, medieval ‘New Dark Age.’ No doubt some population-controllers, such as those of the World Wildlife Fund, or the kindred likenesses of the late Bertrand Russell, such as the Cambridge Apostles’ offshoot, the ‘Russellite’ International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), will drool at the prospect of reducing the world’s population from its currently estimated level, to less than two billions, but their lustful pleasures will be short-lived, as the reality of such a process strikes, and that presently soon, unless a sharp change in direction from current Anglo-American monetarist and related policies are turned around, suddenly, and that soon.

“Either way, no triumphant ‘Tea Party,’ Alice’s or any other, is to be seen on the political horizon for the near future at this time. An entirely different kind of politics, is currently on the agenda of real events....”

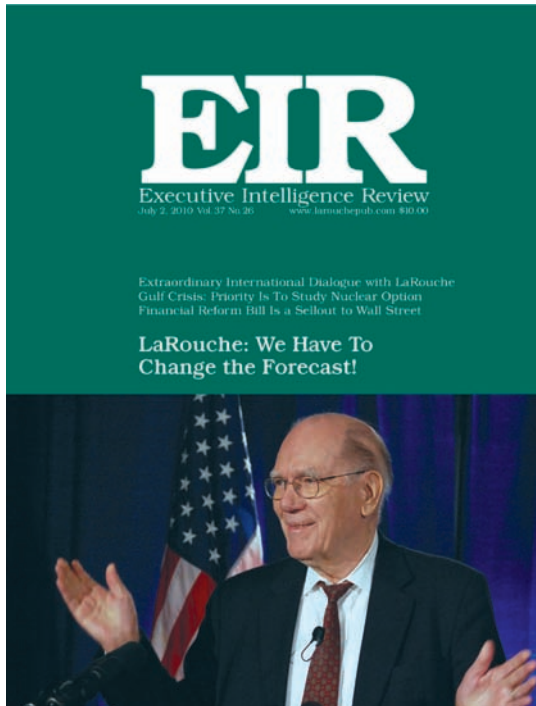


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