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From the Managing Editor

“The origins of each mind and spirit have their beginnings and their power in the fiery heavens.” These lines from Virgil’s *Aeneid*, written in the First Century A.D., tell us, in rich metaphorical language, that man has known for millennia that his destiny is in the stars; that he is intended to extend his reach as far as his imagination will take him.

Yet now, 2,000 years later, humanity is still stuck in the mud. Worse: We face the possibility that human civilization will be wiped out in a thermonuclear holocaust. This week’s *Strategy* lays out the reality, beginning with Nancy Spannaus’s “Why Obama Has To Go: To Risk Thermonuclear War Is Clinically Insane.” Here, Lyndon LaRouche warns: “If we don’t act *now*, we’re going to find we’re in a thermonuclear war; it’s going to happen, if we don’t act now to get this President out of office...” Documentation includes strong warnings from the Russians and the Chinese; a review of U.S. military deployments in the Middle East region; and a discussion of the destructive power of thermonuclear vs. atomic weapons.

The *International* section leads with Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s “The Oligarchy’s ‘Solution’ for the Euro: World War III,” in which she exposes the failure of the leadership of the trans-Atlantic nations to acknowledge, much less act on, the threat of war. On the other hand, read “Israeli Patriots Need U.S. Support Against Netanyahu and His Fascists,” a report on the backlash among leading military and intelligence circles within Israel, against the drive for war against Iran, which has been completely blacked out of the mainstream U.S. media.

As we have been reporting, the impulse for war is driven by the meltdown of the British imperial financial system, now centered on the disintegration of the euro. See: “Fed to the Rescue! But the System Can’t Be Saved.”

The question then becomes: How do we deal with this increasingly bleak situation? Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses this in a speech to a Schiller Institute conference in Frankfurt Nov. 27, which is excerpted in this week’s *Feature*, drawing on the beautiful language of Friedrich Schiller, who “Showed the Way To Cope with a Time of Crisis.”

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WHY OBAMA HAS TO GO

To Risk Thermonuclear War Is Clinically Insane

by Nancy Spannaus

Dec. 5—“If we don’t act *now*, we’re going to find we’re in a thermonuclear war; it’s going to happen, if we don’t act now to get this President out of office. . . .

“Now, if we don’t have him out of office, don’t worry about anything—you’re all going to be dead anyway.”

That was the brutal reality presented by leading American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche, during an hour-long interview with Internet radio host Alex Jones on Nov. 30. It’s the reality that certain leading members of the U.S. military are trying to deal with, by moving to block Barack Obama’s express intention to carry out a confrontation with Russia and China, which will lead inexorably into thermonuclear war.

But such blocking action has not been taken, and cannot take the threat of thermonuclear war off the table. That requires a recognition by more members of the institution of the Presidency that the war dynamic comes from London—and that London is counting on its puppet, the clinically insane Obama, to carry it through.

Now, will you act to remove Obama from office, on the grounds that he reaches the level of mental incompetence as specified under the Constitution’s 25th Amendment, Section 4? Or are you prepared to jeopardize civilization itself, by sticking your head in the sand, and ignoring the threat that hangs over our heads at this very instant?

Not Local—Thermonuclear!

LaRouche laid out his evaluation at the outset of the interview with Jones:

“We’re right on the edge of thermonuclear war. As to whether that will happen or not, that’s another question. But the likelihood that it *could* happen, is great.

“What’s happened is, the U.S. forces in the Eastern Mediterranean, and in the Persian Gulf region, especially naval forces, in particular, are positioned for launching a thermonuclear war. The name of the game, of course, is what we’re going to do to Syria, what we’re going to Iran, but if you look at the forces in the area, that makes no sense. Then you look at other aspects of it, and you know that now the Russians are in on the thing, in defending Syria, in particular, against this atrocity, and you realize that we’re on the edge of actually going to thermonuclear war.

“What happened was, of course, and I don’t know how much, or how well this is known, but our leading general officers, advisors, and so forth, who advise us on our security, have opposed any action by Obama of this type. So therefore, that is, in that degree, tied up. *But*, what’s hanging out there, is, at any moment, a war could start.

“Now, this war will be a war with thermonuclear weapons. That’s the fact. The idea that this is only Syria and Iran is nonsense. What we have positioned in the Gulf area, and in the Eastern Mediterranean, is the ca-



White House/Pete Souza

Obama has turned his back on top military advisors and others, to follow the British imperial drive for war. Here, he manically announces the killing of Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011.

pability for thermonuclear war, and nothing else. Our allies, including the British, do not have the depth of weapons capability for doing something like this. Only the United States, and only the thermonuclear warfare capability of the United States, could actually conduct such a war. It would be a war against the entirety of Asia, and other places.”

Look at the Forces

In an accompanying article, our military correspondent Carl Osgood provides a sketch, from public sources, of exactly what LaRouche outlined in terms of the U.S. military deployment. Look at the overwhelming concentration of firepower, including nuclear firepower, in the Persian Gulf region, and the overall “new Balkans” of the Middle East. In your mind’s eye, visualize what this array of forces looks like from a Russian or Chinese commander’s standpoint.

Then put that strategic picture together with the Obama Administration’s insistence upon deploying anti-missile systems (which can easily be converted into offensive systems), into Eastern Europe *unilaterally*, on the very border of Russia. The Administration’s stance was reiterated in a most brash, arrogant fashion on Dec. 2 by its Ambassador to NATO, Ivo Daalder, when he told a meeting in Washington, D.C. that the U.S. is going ahead with ballistic-missile defense, “whether Russia likes it or not.”

The snotty Daalder then, according to the *New York Times*, said that the complaint of Russian President Dmitri Medvedev might be motivated by domestic politics!

The full text of Daalder’s remarks is not available, but *New York Times* and Reuters cited him constantly reiterating the point. “Our estimate of the threat has gone up, not down,” he said. “This is the Iranian ballistic-missile threat—and becoming more severe than even we thought two years ago.” (This, as *EIR* has documented, is a lie.)

“Whether Russia likes it or not, we are about defending NATO-European territory against a growing ballistic-missile threat.”

Those remarks amount to turning the U.S.’s back, if not worse, to the extraordinary speech and measures announced by President Medvedev on Nov. 23, when he urged the U.S. and NATO to negotiate and work out enforceable agreements on the planned ABM systems, or Russia would have to put into place a series of military responses. Daalder’s remarks also portend more conflict during the scheduled meeting between Russia and the NATO Council on Dec. 8 in Brussels—as clearly does the U.S. constant escalation against Syria and Iran.

The British Are Nuts!

In the interview with Jones, LaRouche stressed that it is *British* oligarchical policy which is behind the war-provoking posture of the Obama Administration and NATO, and that the only kind of war possible under the current circumstances would be thermonuclear.

“The British policy—and they’ve said, the British royal family, the extended family, the whole blue-blooded crowd, have said repeatedly, they are now committed to the immediate objective of reducing the world’s population from 7 billion people, to 1, or less. That is the policy of the British monarchy. The British monarchy controls all of Europe, from the Atlantic into Central Europe, directly. They control the euro system, control it, totally.

“They control the forces, including our stupid forces themselves, who are working under Obama’s direction, under British direction, for a war in the Middle East, that will be a thermonuclear war. Because it will not be limited to Iran; it will not be limited to Syria. It will go to the entirety of Asia, and that’s what’s at stake.”

The British push for nuclear confrontation between

their would-be puppet, the United States, and Russia goes back, on record, to at least 1946, with the public advocacy by Lord Bertrand Russell of a nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union, if it did not agree to Western terms. Forced to retreat from this stance by the Soviets' development of thermonuclear weapons, the Anglo-American establishment in the early 1950s developed the Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) strategic policy, as an alleged deterrent to global war. It were best called the "balance of terror" policy, as shown in the recurrent stand-offs, such as the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, the Carter Administration's provocations of the late 1970s, and the European missiles showdown of the early 1980s.

By 1977, LaRouche and a grouping within the military-intelligence establishment in the United States had concluded that this balance of terror could be ended in only one way: through developing a war-avoidance policy by *joint* superpower development of anti-ballistic missile defenses based on new physical principles, defenses LaRouche dubbed "relativistic beam weapons." President Ronald Reagan initiated this program as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

As LaRouche emphasized to Jones, "a conventional war is not possible. . . . Actually since the time that I was launching what became known as the SDI, and the SDI principle, even though the circumstances are modified today by time, nonetheless the same principle is crucial. There can be no major war on this planet—that is, that's involving major powers—that does not lead to thermonuclear war."

That reality was already clear in the 1970s, LaRouche said, when he, his associates, and highly placed collaborators on both sides of the Atlantic had looked extensively into the implications of such a war. He described it this way in his 1982 pamphlet "Only Beam-Weapons Could Bring to an End the Kissingerian Age of Mutual Thermonuclear Terror: A Proposed Modern Military Policy of the United States":

"The general best estimate is that the first thermonuclear assaults upon the mainland United States will kill between 160-180 million residents (and unlucky visitors). In a study prepared for a NATO government by a leading European scientific center, it has been estimated that if only 10 percent of the superpowers' thermonuclear arsenals were exploded, the long-lived radioactive cesium produced would eliminate all higher forms of life throughout this planet within two years of the barrage." (See article in this section on nuclear and

thermonuclear weapons for more on their destructive power.)

LaRouche also took apart the fallacy of assuming that such a reality was an absolute deterrent to nuclear war. Either insanity, or a conviction that assured destruction is looming, could indeed lead a nation to launch this level of civilization-destroying holocaust.

Yet, in the face of the well-worked-out program for strategic defense, presented by LaRouche, Reagan, and allies, the British oligarchy and its tools deployed full bore to prevent its implementation. Russian British agents Yuri Andropov and Mikhail Gorbachov rejected Reagan's offers for joint work on the SDI, and British political tools globally, especially in the United States, went on a witchhunt against its advocates, and its initiator, LaRouche, ultimately sending him to prison. The interest of the British Empire, committed to depriving mankind of a pathway to increasing mastery over nature and the ultimate overthrow of its oligarchical system, prevailed—as it has done to this day.

The Time for War Is Over

If launching war between the major nuclear powers would have been catastrophic in the early 1980s, it would, if possible, be more disastrous now. All the disarmament talks in the world, as LaRouche stressed then, have not made the world safer, because the ultimate cause for provoking war lies in the British-dominated oligarchical system itself, which pits nation against nation in Roman imperial style, to maintain global power. Under the Empire, the world is condemned to permanent war, and depopulation.

The alternative, which was clearly visible among those who rallied around the SDI war avoidance strategy in the 1980s, is collaboration among nations for what the so-called father of the H-bomb, Edward Teller, called the "common aims of mankind," both here on Earth, and in the expansion of man's role into becoming a space-faring people.

LaRouche outlined his vision in discussion with associates on Dec. 3:

"The situation is desperate, but not hopeless. We're on the edge of the extinction of the human species, or something tantamount to that, right now. But it's not something which is hopeless. And we find people, like those in the military, at high ranks in the United States, who do understand this.

"Look the other side of this thing: We've come to a



U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brianna K. Dandridge

LaRouche and others have pointed to the concentration of firepower in the Persian Gulf region. Shown: The USS Nimitz (CVN 68, a nuclear-powered multimission aircraft carrier), one of the largest warships in the world, in Bahrain, where it has deployed with the U.S. 5th Fleet.

point, you talk about war. There is no legitimate reason for seeking war. Because what started me on what became the SDI was the fact that it was obvious to me, from what I knew then in the 1970s, that it's impossible to have general warfare in the age of nuclear warfare. You couldn't do it!

We demonstrated this, in the whole case of the SDI; what we demonstrated, going into the 1980s, was based on showing exactly what a thermonuclear war would be like! What we're faced with now—and we knew, and argued, and we had Soviet leaders who agreed with us on this—was that we can not have a nuclear war on this planet! Because a thermonuclear war would mean the extinction of humanity, or virtual extinction of humanity.

“So the time for war is past! War itself is now the enemy, per se! And the British are the enemy, because they are the factor of war.

“But you can not have a war on this planet, now, except at the price of the extinction of the human species. Or at least that's what the expectation must be, taken into account. We have gone to the point, where war is no longer possible! Which tells us something about mankind.

*“Now, what happened with what's come out of Russia, with this amplified version of SDI [the Strategic Defense of Earth proposal—see *EIR*, Nov. 25], is a rec-*

ognition of this: Our war is a war for the development of space, for dealing with the threats to humanity, of all kinds, especially those which come from space, or space areas; that's the issue. The issue here is not just stopping a war, or objecting to a war, because it's a war, a bad war. It's not a bad war: All wars, general wars, are bad wars from the inception. There is no moral justification for such war. Not possible.

“The access to thermo-nuclear capabilities and things that are comparable to that, make it impossible to put war on the agenda. And now, what the Russian formulation was actually goes

to the exact point of SDI: In formulating the SDI, we went through all these options, because we were looking at every kind of nuclear attack, every kind of nuclear assault and related assaults. We looked at these from the standpoint of what the effect of trying to defeat these things were. And it was demonstrated to us that we had reached a limit, at which there was no possibility of tolerating any such form of war!

“The time for war has come to an end.”

Why Obama Must Go

Which brings us back to the Obama issue.

As this publication and many others have documented exhaustively, Barack Obama is not only a British puppet, but he is clinically insane, with a narcissistic personality of the same type as Emperor Nero. He has consistently acted against the U.S. national interest, at home and abroad, and is presently seeking war confrontations with Russia and China, which more and more observers are noting could lead to World War III.

So far, he has met with resistance from the U.S. military establishment, whose most influential representatives insist that he draw back from confrontation with Russia in particular—but also China—around Syria and Iran, by controlling Israel, among other things. Reliable sources report that the President has outright declined a request by the top military brass to read the riot

act to Israel, going so far as to insist that “he’d rather not know” beforehand if the Israelis were going to attack Iran.

A Dec. 4 entry from the blog of retired Army combat officer and retired top defense intelligence officer W. Patrick Lang, gives some insight into the discussion.

“On GPS [a talk show] today [Sunday] Gideon Rose, the editor of *Foreign Affairs*, stated that ‘now we are all Israelis.’ He based this on conversations with officials in Washington who indicated to him that a nuclear Iran was ‘intolerable.’ He further stated that this reflects his view that Iranian progress on nuclear weapons will soon require air attacks on that country.

“In listening to him it became clear that either he does not know what would be involved in an air campaign to damage the Iranian nuclear program or else he does not care to tell us.

“In fact such a campaign in order to be effective would involve at least 500 strike sorties and at least that many support sorties. One must ask what is the game here? I am quite certain that the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Gen. Mattis of the Marine Corps have counseled the president that they feel it would be most

unwise to launch such a campaign. Their reasoning has to do with actual consideration of available resources and space/time factors. What is Mr. Rose’s statement based on?”

One can also point to the Dec. 2 posting on the National Interest website by Paul Pillar, a retired CIA official whose last position was National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia, who ripped into the oft-used Israeli attempt to justify a hit on Iran by comparing that nation to Hitler’s Germany. Pillar says that’s bunk, but dangerous, because the analogy is being used to drag the U.S. into another war, “with calamitous effects on U.S. interests.”

He could have said, on U.S. survival.

But there is no way the military can count on being able to control the insane Obama, whose strings are pulled in London. This Nero has already rolled right over military opposition to such operations as the illegal war in Libya, and torture policy, among others. He marches to a different drummer: the British Queen.

Before he realizes the British monarchy’s long-term goal of destroying the United States, and most of civilization itself, he’s got to go.

Released on Thanksgiving 2011, the LPAC-TV documentary “NAWAPA 1964” is the true story of the fight for the North American Water and Power Alliance. Spanning the 1960s and early ‘70s, it is told through the words of Utah Senator Frank Moss. The 56-minute video, using extensive original film footage and documents, presents the astonishing mobilization for NAWAPA, which came near to being realized, until the assassination of President Kennedy, the Vietnam War, and the 1968 Jacobin reaction, killed it
... until now.

NAWAPA 1964

PUEBLO, COLORADO
AUGUST 16, 1962

<http://larouchepac.com/nawapa1964>

Medvedev Addresses Russian Armed Forces

The following is the official transcript of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's speech to the leadership of the Armed Forces on Nov. 29, 2011, with introductory remarks, as they appeared on the President of Russia website (<http://eng.kremlin.ru/transcripts/3141>).

Dmitry Medvedev held a meeting with the leadership of the Armed Forces in a Space Forces military unit.

During the meeting, Dmitry Medvedev noted that the commissioning of the Voronezh-DM radar station is a signal of Russia's readiness to give an adequate response to the threat posed by the missile defense system of NATO countries in Europe to Russia's strategic nuclear forces. The President stressed that Voronezh-DM is a tool for controlling the air space and is not a threat to neighboring countries. Mr. Medvedev stressed that the deployment of the radar station provides an opportunity to use the information collected by the station in the interest of European missile defense. President Medvedev instructed the Defense Ministry to address the issues of the radar's capacity parameters, to create good working conditions for the highly skilled professionals serving at the station and provide social benefits for the servicemen and their families.

President of Russia Dmitry Medvedev

Comrades, officers:

We have all just witnessed the deployment of our early warning radar station, putting it on combat duty. The radar station will issue warnings of missile attacks, as well as perform other functions and protect our interests in the direction of the greatest missile threat.

We believe that the station can be used to build a positive relationship with our European partners as part of a joint anti-missile defense system on the European continent. I would particularly like to emphasize once again that we are ready to use the station's unique capa-

bilities together with our partners to counter possible missile threats.

Unfortunately, we do not sense the readiness of our American and European colleagues to join efforts with us. Moreover, the European missile defense system, which is currently being established, clearly encroaches on our interests and thereby causes significant problems for the security of the Russian Federation.

In this context and in line with my decision, the Defense Ministry has launched the measures I announced on November 23 on countering the relevant plans. I hope that our Western partners will view this step as a signal of Russia's readiness to give an adequate response to the threat posed by the missile defense system to Russia's strategic nuclear forces. At the same time I would like to note that the Voronezh-DM radar station is an instrument for controlling the air space and by itself it certainly does not pose a threat to our neighbors. Its deployment does not close the doors to dialogue, to continuing the discussion on those issues we are conducting with our colleagues. Furthermore, the station's capabilities will make it possible to use the information gathered by the radar in the interest of a pan-European missile defense system. But I repeat, in this situation, the final approach should be formulated by NATO countries, the United States and our European partners.

In any case, the standard statements that the new system of the adaptive and phased transition to a European missile defense system is not directed against Russia can no longer satisfy us. These statements are made orally and unfortunately do not guarantee the protection of our interests. If other steps are made, naturally we will be ready to listen to them. However, it is not enough to issue oral statements. So when they tell us that the system is not directed against us, I would like to reply as follows: Friends, the early warning radar station that was put on combat duty today is not directed against you either; on the contrary, it can work for you and towards achieving the aims we have set for ourselves.

With regard to further actions, it is entirely up to those who make the relevant decisions today. If our signal is not heard, then, as I said on November 23, we will deploy other defense means, including the adoption of tough countermeasures and deployment of the main attack force.

The station has been put on combat duty, which



Russian Prime Minister Medvedev (right) visits the military unit in Kaliningrad Region, where the Voronezh-DM missile attack early warning radar station is deployed.

means that it has begun to work as a finished facility, although a number of parameters are still to be built up over time.

Therefore, I instruct the Defense Ministry, first, to carry out all the tasks required to achieve that. Second, I expect that the servicemen on duty at the station will be our highly trained Space Forces, our new combat arm. We should create good conditions for their service.

The station is modern; it was put together fast, using the right materials. I'm not even talking about the electronics inside, which is hopefully also on the highest level. But we must also address everyday problems, problems related to placement, officers' accommodation, as well as issues related to the employment of wives of the military personnel, providing kindergartens and transportation services for those who work here, improving the engineering infrastructure and building a good road. I think all of this may be done within a very short time. I have issued the relevant instructions to the Defense Minister and the Kaliningrad Region Governor.

Once again, I congratulate all of you on the deployment of a new radar system. This is an important step to protect the interests of our country and our citizens.

Mr. Serdyukov, the floor is yours.

Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the third early warning radar station of high operational capacity. Earlier such radars were deployed in the Leningrad Region and in Armavir, and now in Kaliningrad.

The latest advances in science and technology have been used here. With each station we build, we increase our capabilities and look at ways to reduce their construction time. This station was built in less than two years, which I think is quite good for

such a facility.

Dmitry Medvedev: In addition, the construction costs, without revealing the exact figures, are significantly lower than was the case with similar stations built in the Soviet times, including the existing stations, which is important in terms of cost saving, as that is always a major priority for the Defense Ministry.

Anatoly Serdyukov: As we increase its capabilities, it will extend for up to 6,000 kilometers and keep track of 500 objects at a time: these are its design characteristics. Starting from December 1, the Space Forces troops will begin to serve here. It will be a significant contribution to the development of these troops. For all the tasks you have set us, we will draft an action plan as soon as possible and submit it to you together with the deadlines for their implementation. That is, the plan will contain the dates, specific measures and full details of the steps we believe are necessary to carry out your orders.

Dmitry Medvedev: Thank you. You said 6,000 kilometers is the station's maximum range. That is a very considerable distance. In combination with other radars they can tackle all the challenges facing the Space Forces to protect our state's interests.

China: ‘Something Out Of Kilter in the World’

China’s response to U.S./NATO threats against Syria, Iran, and Pakistan, is expressed in the following two statements from the Chinese press on Dec. 2.

China Daily Editorial: In the wake of Washington and Paris’ overt threat to use force against Syria and reports that an American aircraft carrier is heading toward the coastal waters of Syria, the possibility that the United States and its NATO allies will start a Libya-style military intervention in Syria is increasing. Washington and Paris have obviously been emboldened by the success of the NATO intervention in Libya. However, it should be remembered the military campaign against Libya, which was supposed to be over in a few days, dragged on for more than eight months, with internal dissension emerging several times within NATO....

Syria is Iran’s most important ally in the Arab world. So intervention by Iran cannot be ruled out. And by striking at Syria, the US would actually be trying to clear the way for attack on Iran. It would be a challenge even for the US to launch a war against Damascus and Teheran simultaneously. Meanwhile, if forced into a corner by a military invasion by the West, Syria would be likely to strike against Israel, which would lead to full-blown conflicts in the Middle East....

There is clearly something out of kilter in the world, with conflicts breaking out one after another. Yet those who benefit from this imbalance in international relations are loath to accept any rebalancing that would make it more difficult for them to run roughshod over the consensus of the rest of the international community.”

People’s Daily Overseas Edition: “The US-Pakistan anti-terrorism coalition is about to collapse,” by Fu Xiaoqiang.

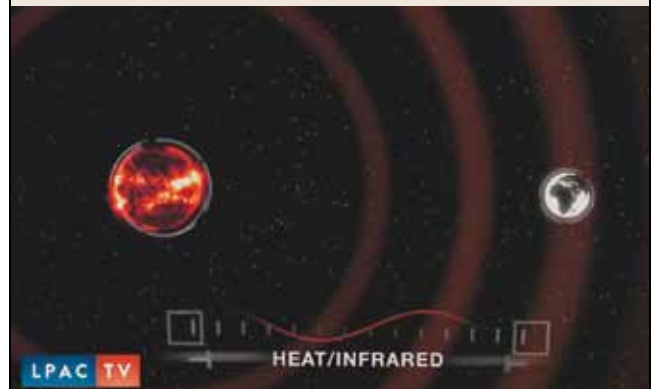
...An important reason leading the anti-terrorism coalition to the verge of collapse is that the United States follows no rules in its anti-terrorism actions. The United States always says “rules must be followed” on the one hand, but it ignores basic principles of interna-

tional law while conducting anti-terrorism activities in Pakistan and Afghanistan on the other hand. Unmanned U.S. aerial vehicles have recklessly trampled on Pakistan’s sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, and caused casualties of Pakistani civilians, soldiers and policemen. The case of Bin Laden killed by the United States this May reveals the United States’ selfishness and distrust in Pakistan since it has not considered the feeling of Pakistan as a front-line ally of anti-terrorism at all and never regarded Pakistan as an equal anti-terrorism partner....

Pakistani people regard the U.S. crossing of the Pakistani border to kill Bin Laden as a public insult to their country and have started to question the Pakistani army’s capacity to defend the country. The political and military authorities of Pakistan are facing severe challenges and are already not able to stand by and allow the United States to continue damaging Pakistan’s sovereignty and security just for a little U.S. aid any more....

If the United States does not change its policies and take measures to guarantee Pakistan’s sovereign[ty] and security, the U.S.-Pakistan alliance will inevitably come to an end.

Solar Flares, Asteroids, and Why We Need a Trillion People



Natalie Lovegren of the LPAC Basement Team explains why recent Solar activity, and a close encounter with an asteroid, among other developments in Earth’s neighborhood, call for a rapid increase in the human population.

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U.S. Deployments in the Mideast Cockpit

by Carl Osgood

Dec. 5 —When Lyndon LaRouche talks about the threat that thermonuclear war *could* happen, don't expect a massive mobilization such as that which preceded the 2003 invasion of Iraq, when ground, naval, and air forces were built up in the region for weeks before the assault was actually launched. There is no sign of such a mobilization, at least not yet, though the possibility is not to be excluded. But there are forces in the region, from the Mediterranean to the Arabian Sea, or otherwise within reach of that region, which can provide the trigger for such a conflict in an instant, and these forces are considerable.

Any picture of those forces drawn from public sources, however, is necessarily incomplete. U.S. Navy submarine deployments, for example, will not be known about unless the sub is caught on the surface; and the movements of U.S. Air Force aircraft occur with such frequency through the region that they are rarely reported. And when it comes to Special Forces, they're publicly unacknowledged, unless they do something that gets picked up in the news (such as killing a terrorist leader).

Yet sufficient information is available to back up LaRouche's assertion on the Alex Jones Internet radio show, that the forces deployed in the Middle East are appropriate not to a local conflict against Syria or Iran, but to a thermonuclear confrontation between superpowers.

How such a confrontation would unfold is not knowable, but the forces employed would not necessarily be limited to those in the Mediterranean/Middle East/Central Asia region. The U.S. B-52 and B-2 bombers have launched combat missions from bases in the United States, and can carry both nuclear-armed cruise missiles and gravity bombs (the B-1 bomber no longer has the nuclear mission). The B-2 is also being upgraded to carry the 30,000-pound Massive Ordnance Penetrator, a huge weapon said to be aimed at Iranian underground nuclear facilities.

U.S. naval ships also carry nuclear weapons, though,

with the exception of ballistic-missile submarines, the Navy is tight-lipped as to whether its ships are actually carrying nuclear weapons; but in the 1980s, when a number of countries declared themselves to be nuclear-free zones, the Navy refused to allow port calls for its ships in those places. The famous Tomahawk cruise missile, with a range in excess of 1,000 miles, exists in both conventional and nuclear-armed versions, and can be launched from both surface warships and attack submarines. Some 350 nuclear-armed versions were acquired in the 1990s, and carry a warhead with a yield of from 5 to 150 kilotons.

Then, there are the 14 Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines armed with 24 Trident ballistic missiles, each of which carries 6 to 8 warheads. The navy does not talk about the patrol schedules of its ballistic-missile submarines, but there are probably about four of them on patrol at any one time, in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Their missiles can hit any point on the Eurasian landmass from either ocean. Supplementing the submarine-launched missiles are the 450 Minuteman III missiles in silos in Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota, each carrying a 170 kiloton warhead.

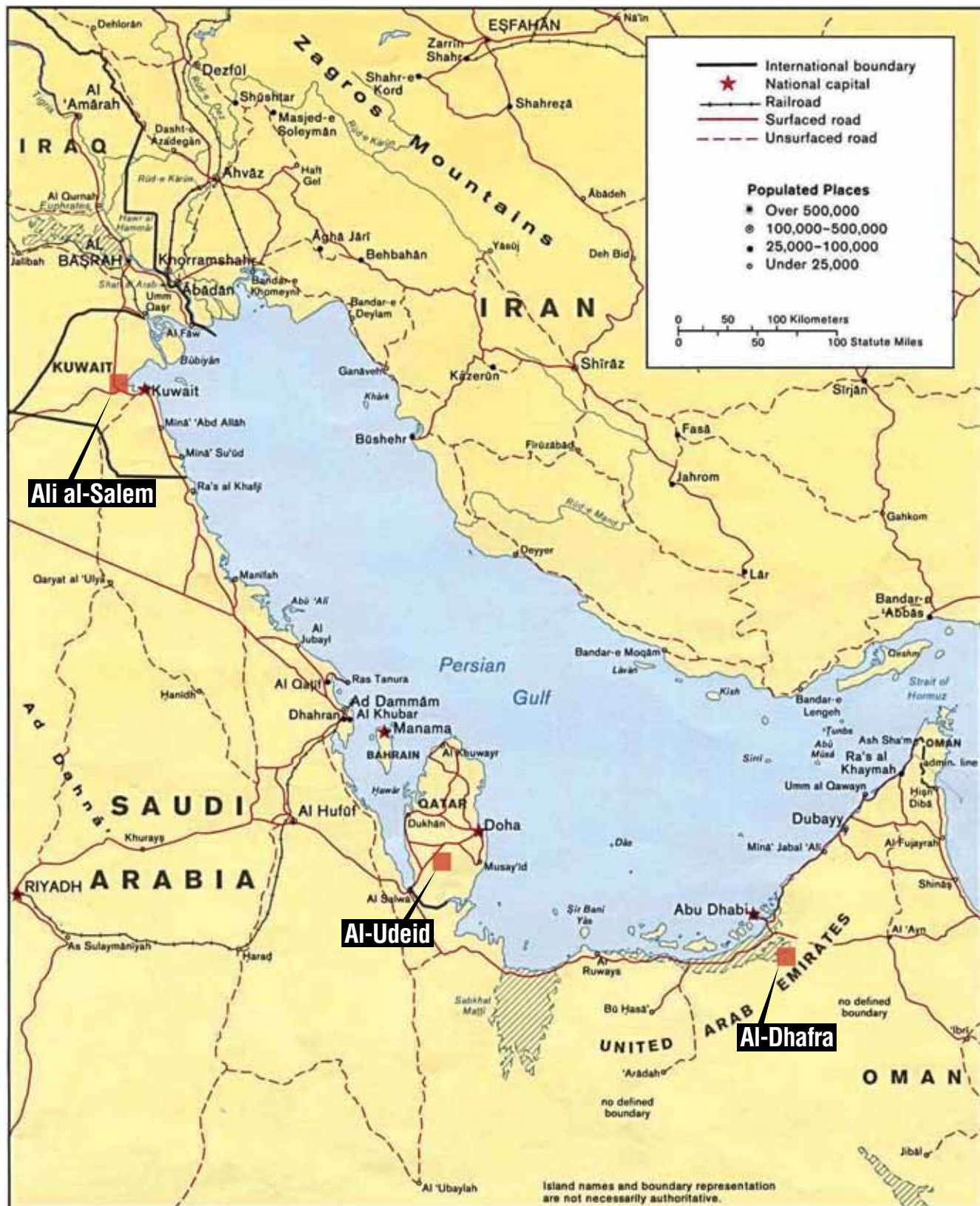
We present below a picture of the U.S. force deployment in the Middle East/Central Asia region, as far as it can be assembled from publicly available sources.

The Persian Gulf

The Persian Gulf probably contains the highest concentration of U.S. naval and air forces outside of U.S. territory (see **Figure 1**). The aircraft carrier *USS John C. Stennis* is currently deployed under the control of U.S. Fifth Fleet headquarters in Bahrain. It is accompanied by three or four surface warships carrying a large number of cruise and air defense missiles, and is carrying about 50 F-18 Hornet strike aircraft.

Also in the region is the *USS Bataan* amphibious ready group carrying 2,200 Marines, with tanks, artil-

FIGURE 1
Persian Gulf Region



lery, helicopters, and Harrier jump jets.

The U.S. Air Force has the use of four major bases in the region. First, **al-Udeid, Qatar**, the largest air base in the region, which hosts six operational squadrons flying B-1 bombers, KC-10 and KC-135 air refueling aircraft, and C-130 and C-17 cargo aircraft. The Air Force's website says that there are about 100 aircraft stationed at al-Udeid at any one time.

Then, **al-Dhafra, U.A.E.**, which hosts four squadrons flying the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, KC-10 air refueling aircraft, E-3 Sentry airborne radar aircraft, and F-15 fighters; **Ali al-Salem, Kuwait**, which has served as a logistics base in support of operations inside Iraq, and hosts C-130 cargo aircraft; and **Manas, Kyrgyzstan**, which serves as a transit center for C-17 cargo and KC-135 air refueling aircraft flying missions in support of operations in Afghanistan.

The other base of great importance is the British territory of **Diego Garcia** in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Diego Garcia has a long history of hosting B-1, B-2, and B-52 bombers and their supporting tanker aircraft, for operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but *EIR* has not yet determined whether there are any aircraft stationed there at the present time.

Another important base is the **Incirlik Air Base in Turkey**, which has a long history of hosting both U.S. fighter wings and their nuclear weapons. According to recent news reports, there are 60-70 tactical nuclear warheads stockpiled there at present, although there are no nuclear-qualified strike aircraft currently based there. They would have to be flown in from elsewhere, possibly from Lakenheath, England, where a squadron of F-15Es is based, or from the United States. There may also be tactical nuclear weapons stockpiled at U.S. bases in Germany, but the number is not thought to be large.

By all accounts, the withdrawal from Iraq is proceeding on schedule, and the last troops will be out of there by Dec. 31. There is talk, however, of beefing up the U.S. presence in Kuwait, and while the details have not yet been revealed, the increased presence could include an Army infantry brigade. The immediate effect of the Iraq withdrawal will be to free up naval and air transport resources that have been dedicated to supporting that mission; but it will take time for the Army brigades withdrawn from Iraq to reset and reconstitute before they are mission-ready again.

Afghanistan

Outside of the Persian Gulf, the next major force concentration is in Afghanistan. There are approximately 95,000 U.S. troops there, including about 20,000 Marines. These include 11 U.S. Army combat brigades, along with two aviation brigades equipped with helicopters, the 2nd Marine Division with two Marine regiments and a Marine Air Wing with four squadrons of helicopters and one of Harrier jump jets, and two Air Force wings at Bagram and Kandahar air fields. Bagram is home to a squadron of A-10 attack aircraft and a squadron of C-130s, while Kandahar hosts two fighter squadrons equipped with F-15s and F-16s, a C-130 squadron, and an electronic warfare detachment. There are also reconnaissance squadrons at both bases, flying both manned and unmanned aircraft.

Eastern Mediterranean

The Eastern Mediterranean Sea would be the other theater of operations, but it has been difficult to determine what naval assets are currently deployed there. The aircraft carrier *George H. W. Bush* entered the Mediterranean on Nov. 20, via the Suez Canal, but is reported to be heading home to Norfolk, Va., and appears to have entered the Atlantic Ocean after a port call, on Nov. 28-29, at Marseilles in France. The cruise missile submarine *USS Georgia* was caught on the surface in the Eastern Mediterranean when it had to transfer one of its sailors to a surface ship. The *USS Georgia* can carry up to 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles and a SEAL team on board.

In October, U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced that four Aegis guided-missile destroyers would be permanently stationed at Rota, Spain, for the European missile defense mission, and while the first of those ships will not arrive until 2014, it is not to be excluded that there are similar ships deployed in the Mediterranean, now, for that mission.

All of these forces can be quickly reinforced from Europe, where the U.S. Air Force still has eight fighter squadrons flying F-15s and F-16s, and bomber missions have been, and can be, flown directly from home bases in the United States to either return back to home bases or recover at bases in Europe. Also, the aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson* (where Obama hosted his so-called "Carrier Classic" NCAA basketball game) departed San Diego on Nov. 30, for deployment to the Western Pacific and the Middle East.

What Are A-Bombs vs. Thermonuclear Weapons?

by Charles B. Stevens

To understand the implications of the imminent threat of near-total extinction of civilization from a thermonuclear world war, the following comparison is highly instructive.

Dec. 3—The first two nuclear weapons were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, killing over 200,000 people. These were fission weapons, also known as atomic, or A-bombs, which utilize the principle of the chain-reaction fission of the heavy elements uranium or plutonium.

The Hiroshima bomb used the fissile isotope uranium-235, which makes up only 7 of every 1,000 atoms of uranium found in the Earth. In order to be effective in a bomb, the percentage of the U-235 isotope must be increased (enriched) to about 800 to 900 parts per 1,000, and then converted into metallic form, a difficult and very dangerous process.

The other bomb dropped on Japan used plutonium as the fissile material. Plutonium does not occur naturally, and can only be produced as a byproduct of nuclear fission in a specially designed reactor. The first example was produced at Hanford, Wash., as part of the World War II Manhattan Project.

The two atomic bombs each produced an explosive energy (heat and blast) about equal to 20 kilotons (20,000 tons) of TNT chemical explosive. Only a small fraction of their actual nuclear fuel was “burned up” by the fission reaction.

By the early 1950s, both the United States and the Soviet Union had also developed nuclear weapons based on the thermonuclear fusion of the isotopes of hydrogen, or H-bombs. Thermonuclear fusion is the same process that energizes the stars like our Sun. In principle, it can be unlimited in scale, and generates potentially far greater energy densities than can be achieved through nuclear fission.

In 1961, the Soviet Union exploded the Tsar Bomb with an output of 50 megatons (50 million tons) of TNT equivalent. But such a large device is militarily ineffi-

cient, because most of its energy is simply blown out into space. Most strategic warheads in the U.S. and Russian arsenals have an explosive yield of about 1 megaton, and weigh about 2,400 pounds.

The United Kingdom, France, the People’s Republic of China, India, Pakistan, and North Korea have tested nuclear weapons. Israel is reported to have a large nuclear arsenal, but some experts dispute this, and report that Israel utilizes biological warheads in its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

How Nuclear Weapons Work

To achieve a nuclear fission explosion, one needs to assemble a critical mass of fissile material. This is minimally 52 kilograms (115 lbs.) in the case of uranium-235, and 10 kilograms (22 lbs.) in the case of plutonium-239. This is usually achieved by utilizing chemical explosives formed into a “lens” system, which implodes a hollow sphere of the appropriate critical mass.

The output of A-bombs can be significantly boosted by injecting a small quantity of fusion fuel into the hollow sphere. This usually consists of the two heavy isotopes of hydrogen, deuterium (D) and tritium (T). Although the heat from the nuclear fission explosion is not sufficient to fully ignite the D-T fusion fuel, some fusion reactions are generated. The D-T reaction output primarily consists of 14 MeV (million electron volt) neutrons. Even a small number of these fusion byproduct neutrons can greatly accelerate the nuclear fission chain reaction, and thereby increase the burn-up of the nuclear fissile fuel.

For example, what would only be a 1 kiloton output fission weapon can be boosted to 100 kilotons with a full D-T loading. It is possible to “dial” the yield to any level in between by simply changing the D-T loading. This is the basis of “dial-a-yield” tactical nuclear weapons.

Achieving a fully ignited fusion plasma is far more difficult. It took France nearly seven years to replicate what the U.S. and Russia had achieved. The key proved to be a scientific concept first developed by Max Planck in the early 20th Century, the hohlraum. A hohlraum (German for a hollow space or cavity) is simply a chamber, like a hollow cylinder, in which radiation (soft X-rays in this case) can be temporarily trapped.

In the Teller-Ulam configuration, an atom bomb is placed at one end of the hohlraum cylinder, and a sphere



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In 1961, the Soviet Union exploded the “Tsar Bomb” (shown here), based on the Teller-Ulam design, with an output of 50 megatons of TNT equivalent—the largest weapon ever detonated.

of fusion fuel is placed at the other end. Layers of material are placed between the two. The primary output of the atom bomb is high-energy (hard) X-rays. The in-between material absorbs these hard X-rays and emits low-energy (soft) x-rays.

The soft X-rays are trapped in the fusion fuel end of the hohlraum, and bathe the fuel sphere in soft x-rays. This causes the sphere surface to rapidly burn off, thereby imploding the remaining fusion fuel. After the fuel is compressed by the implosion process, the implosion shock will converge on the center and heat the fusion fuel to over 100,000,000°Celsius, thereby igniting D-T fusion in the core. This burning core will then propagate outwardly, burning up much of the remaining fusion fuel.

Most H-bombs utilized lithium deuteride. In this case, neutrons from the atom bomb interact with the lithium and generate the tritium fusion fuel.

Tactical Nuclear Weapons

A wide variety of tactical and special nuclear weapons has been developed. There have been over several

thousand nuclear weapons tests since 1945. These range from small fission devices the size of a grapefruit for battlefield mortars, to large Reduced Residual Radiation Devices for excavation of tunnels and mountain passes.

The most famous of these tactical weapons is the neutron bomb. By reducing the fission component to a very low level in a small thermonuclear weapon, it is possible to have an output of mostly 14 MeV neutrons with a very small residual blast wave. The primary effect of the weapon is biological—killing everything that does not have three feet of dirt between it and the detonation point, over a radius of about 1 kilometer. This can give a huge offensive capability to a small

number of troops.

For example, experts have said that a tank platoon armed with neutron bombs would have the battlefield fire power equivalent to 30,000 155-millimeter howitzers. Deployment of the neutron bomb to Europe in the mid-1980s went a long way toward convincing Soviet military planners that war was not an option that could be contemplated.

Both the U.S.A. and Russia possess many more atomic than thermonuclear weapons. Arms limitation treaties do not cover tactical battlefield weapons and cruise missile-launched nuclear devices with range below 300 miles. Such weapons may have yields in the 20- to 100-kiloton range (larger than the Hiroshima or Nagasaki bombs). There are far more of these smaller nuclear weapons than the strategic or intermediate-range type. Some experts suggest that Russia possesses ten times more tactical nuclear weapons than the U.S.A. For technical reasons, atomic weapons are far easier to maintain than either the thermonuclear or boosted devices containing both fission and fusion explosives.

The Oligarchy's 'Solution' For the Euro: World War III

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Dec. 3—The only and absolute priority for any person capable of thinking clearly is the existential question: how to prevent the danger of global thermonuclear war, at this very advanced stage. The problem in Germany, and most other Western nations, is that the media are reporting next to nothing about the acute danger at hand, and that neither Chancellor Angela Merkel nor any of the speakers in the ensuing parliamentary debate Dec. 2 said even a single word about the danger. And therefore, the majority of the populace is totally in the dark. World War could break out at any time—that's how close we are to the edge!

Neither the actions taken by the Syrian government in certain cities against the foreign-encouraged and in part foreign-instigated rebellion, nor the supposed construction of nuclear rockets by the Iranian government are the spark plugs for the acute war danger, but rather, the fact that the trans-Atlantic financial system—including the Euro-experiment—is disintegrating. Of course, the forces flooding the markets with liquidity, in order to delay further Lehman-style bankruptcies of the big banks (see *Economics* lead), know very well that such hyperinflationary measures can have but a short-lived effect.

For this reason, on the level of the oligarchical elite, the decision has been made for some time, to solve the problem with the time-tested method of previous collapsing empires: a war into which a "coalition of the willing" at last draws in the unwilling as well. An old method. Only this time, the price would be World War III.

Russia and China Know

The myriad puppets in the media and in politics, now engaged in the propaganda campaign against Syria and Iran, have apparently neglected to adequately take into account the rather hard-to-miss fact, which Russia and China have long realized, that it is they themselves, not Syria or Iran, which are the actual targets in this confrontation.

Thus, both nations have drawn a clear red line around Syria and Iran, which dare not be crossed, if an escalation leading to World War III is to be prevented. Maj. Gen. Zhang Zhaozhong of the National Defense University in Beijing chose exactly this formulation, as reported by Chinese television broadcasts, in warning that China would not hesitate to defend Iran, even if this meant World War III.

Further warnings were published in *China Daily*, which wrote that a military intervention against Syria, whereby the United States and its NATO partners employ the model of the Libyan War, is becoming ever more possible, as seen against the backdrop of open threats of violence against Syria from Washington and Paris, as well as the positioning of a U.S. aircraft carrier off the Syrian coast (see *Strategy*). Were Syria to be attacked, the article reads, then retaliatory attacks by Syria's ally Iran could not be ruled out, and Syria, thus driven into a corner, would probably react with an attack on Israel, which would threaten to lead to a further escalation of conflict in the region.

It is because of these same threatened conse-



The foreign-manipulated revolt in Syria, shown here, and the crackdown by the Assad government against it, are providing the pretext for war; but the real dynamic driving the war buildup is the British oligarchy's determination to maintain its financial power in the face of global collapse.



quences, that the attempted heavy sanctioning, and the indictment of Syria at the International Criminal Court, which was debated in an emergency session of the UN Human Rights Council, was denounced as an unacceptable pretext for military intervention by both Russia and China.

Russia has sent warships to the Syrian port of Tartus; the aircraft carrier *Admiral Kuznetsov* is on its way to Syrian waters (and thus, in the direct vicinity of the U.S. deployments in the area), and has also helped Syria install supersonic Yachont rockets, which would be used in defense of the Syrian coastline. All of these elements together are a clear message from the Russians, that a military intervention against Syria will not go unanswered, in what is an unmistakable attempt on their part to avoid war.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov laid out the Russian position at a meeting with ambassadors of Arab nations, and accused some of Syria's neighbors of providing weapons to the rebels, and aiming these at the Syrian armed forces. In addition, Russian media are reporting on scenarios, whereby an attack against Syria is being prepared from Saudi territory.

War Has Already Begun

In reality, the war on Iran has already begun. One example is the explosion in the city of Isfahan, where a factory producing uranium fluoride gas appears to have

been blown up. This gas is used in centrifuges to enrich uranium. The Iranian government has denied that the explosion took place, but the *Times* of London

reported that video recordings and witness accounts confirm that the second such explosion in the space of a month has taken place. This has fed speculation that Iranian military and nuclear facilities are already being attacked by foreign agents.

Just two weeks ago, a bomb explosion near Tehran killed 30 members of the Iranian Revolution-

ary Guard Command, including the head of Iran's missile research program, Gen. Hassan Moghadam. These events—ignored by the Western media—are the context for the storming of the British Embassy in Tehran, by Iranian students. In Germany, only the weekly news magazine *Stern* has warned that the West's playing with fire could lead to war.

Considering, in the context of the installation of the European Missile Defense System in Eastern Europe, that Russian President Dmitri Medvedev has activated missile warning systems in Kaliningrad; the stance China has taken in reaction to the “stark strategy of confrontation” displayed by President Obama during his recent trip to Asia; and the statement by Chinese military officers, that China would militarily repulse any attempt to impinge upon its vital interests—then it should be clear to everyone how explosive the situation is.

And, as U.S. Gen. Wesley Clark (ret.) explains in his book *Winning Modern Wars*, the strategy against Libya, Syria, and Iran is the product of plans the Pentagon has had in place since the 1990s, and therefore has nothing to do with today's “rebels.”

The world today stands on the edge of World War III, which, very likely, no one would survive to investigate afterwards how it came about. One thing is definitely clear: Europe cannot afford to be drawn into another farce such as the “humanitarian” intervention in

Libya. Were an attack on Syria or Iran to eventuate, the bells would definitely begin to toll for the death of civilization.

Addressing the Real Crisis

The acute danger of war can only be overcome, if the actual reason for it—the breakdown-crisis of the trans-Atlantic financial system—is dealt with. When the point has been reached at which the only way the central banks can prevent new Lehman-style bankruptcies, is by flooding the markets with massive amounts of liquidity—just to set off a day of euphoria, as happened last week—then clearly the end of the road has been reached.

The Eurozone is falling apart, and unfortunately, all the scenarios being officially circulated totally fail to get to the root of the problem. Chancellor Merkel has stated her intent to use the EU summit on Dec. 9 to establish a fiscal union, including “the right to impose drastic measures” against budgetary sinners. This would be an act of suicide, intended to sacrifice the real economy and living standards to the advantage of an overwhelmingly virtual banking system.

Whatever Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy end up thrashing out between them at their meeting Dec. 5, the smaller Euro member-states already view the “Merkozy” duo with distrust. And the banks are threatening in advance, that either a comprehensive fiscal union is established, or else there will be a real bank run after Dec. 9.

Meanwhile, banks, regulators, and export firms, such as travel host TUI, the Swiss firm Roche, and the world’s largest electronic derivatives trading platform ICAP, have announced that they have been running scenarios for months, for the seamless transition of trading in euros and dollars, to the Greek drachma and other national currencies.

Unfortunately, one cannot expect that those at the EU summit will have the intelligence to carry out the only possible solution. But here it is nonetheless:

It must be conceded: The euro was a faulty construct from the very beginning, because it was created to fulfill the ideological aim of forcing a reunited Germany into the straitjacket of EU integration, and thereby weaken it economically, which it has succeeded in doing. The German economy did not gain from the euro, but only the multinational export companies which profited, while the internal market—i.e., the buying power and the social safety net of the

Mittelstand (small and medium-size) firms—suffered under it.

Economic booms in the weaker countries turned out to be monetarist bubbles, and their bursting has led to unemployment rates among youth of up to 50%. The attempt to force all of Europe into a “debt brake” (zero deficit) and “drastic measures” to impose austerity, would be to repeat the errors of the austerity undertaken by German Chancellor Brüning in the early 1930s, and the effects would be just as catastrophic. General poverty, frustration, and social upheaval would be the mildest consequences. And nothing would be offered to counter the danger of war.

So governments must revoke the euro, in favor of returning currency and budget policy to the sovereign control of the relevant governments. Further bailouts for “systemic” banks are a way to perpetuate high-risk speculation; therefore, a Glass-Steagall-style separation of banks must be introduced, under which only commercial banks enjoy guarantees by the government. Investment banks and the various assortment of other vehicles must do without any access to the deposit accounts of average citizens, and undergo bankruptcy proceedings if necessary.

A new credit system must issue comprehensive lines of credit for investment in projects that increase the productivity of the real economy, as set forth in the principles of physical economy, and thereby create productive full employment. This is the only way to create the kind of wealth in society, with which pensions, savings accounts, and other legitimate obligations in the financial system can be serviced. Were the currently threatened hyperinflation to take hold, all these categories of assets would be lost.

A new credit system has to be established, in order to realize multi-national projects amongst sovereign republics over timespans of 50-100 years, which include a Marshall Plan for the development of the southern European nations; industrialization of Africa; and the expansion of the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

The nations of Europe would present this concept to the United States, Russia, China, India, and other nations as a statement of intent to cooperate for real peace in the 21st Century.

Therefore, an alternative does exist! Do your part to make it reality!

Translated from German.

Israeli Patriots Need U.S. Support Against Netanyahu and His Fascists

by Michele Steinberg

Dec. 5—In early November, a strategic fight broke out publicly in Israel over the decision by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak to go to war against Iran—a fight that has been raging in Israel, but has been nearly invisible in the United States, blacked out of television, radio, magazines, and newspapers.

If Americans want to know what the fight for peace is in Israel, they should turn to the websites LPAC-TV (www.larouchepac.com) and *EIR* (ExecutiveIntelligenceReviewOnline.com), the sources on the strategic interventions of Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche has been personally involved for four decades—since the early 1970s—with Israeli institutions that have fought against the foolhardy war plans.

In a Dec. 5 segment on LPAC-TV <http://www.larouchepac.com/warroom>, LaRouche talked about the powerful intervention by U.S. military circles against the Anglo-imperial war plan that threatens to unleash a thermonuclear war starting in the Middle East, and the parallel resistance in Israel.

“There’s a faction inside Israel, which, in the course of the early 1970s, recognized and agreed among themselves, that the Israeli war against the Arabs was a mistake,” said LaRouche. “And during that period, I had a relationship with the core of the Israeli leadership, from the Labor Party, on that issue, the old veterans of Hashomer Hatzair (The Youth Guard), largely.

“And they came to me, and responded to me, and we responded to them, on the question of the effort to prevent the fascist wing of Israel from taking over. And we engaged in a fight; and we were actually collaborating in the fight against a new war, against a takeover by the right wing, and the right wing was a bunch of fascists. And they still are! The same thing is there now.

“So now, practically, in the way the resistance from within Israel, from that circle, which are the same circles that I knew back in the early 1970s, that circle is



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A public backlash has erupted in Israel against the insane plan of Prime Minister Netanyahu (right) and Defense Minister Barak (left) to go to war against Iran—but has been blacked out of the mainstream U.S. press.

now organizing the resistance against Israel going in to play the game for the British, for the war. And that’s a part of reality, which we have to take into account.”

Israeli Fight vs. Bibi’s Armageddon

While it is only the United States that can stop the British Empire’s drive for war, the high-decibel resistance to attacking Iran from the highest levels of Israel’s military and security institutions is out in the open. And not only have they spoken out, but according to an explosive *Ha’aretz* report on Dec. 2, former Mossad chief Meir Dagan formed a “strategic alliance” with retired Defense Forces chief of staff Gabi Ashkenazy, and Shin Bet security service chief Yuval Diskin, regarding Iran, “as a counterbalance to the line espoused by Netanyahu and Barak.”

And rather than limit their concerns to press conferences and speeches, after he left the Mossad in January 2011, Dagan took their concerns to the State Comptroller’s office, where he met Yaakov Or, head of the agen-



Flash 90

Former Mossad chief Meir Dagan has formed a “strategic alliance” with other retired defense and intelligence officials against the Netanyahu-Barak war plan: “An attack on Iran is the stupidest thing I ever heard,” said Dagan.

cy’s security division, after meeting with comptroller Micha Lindenstrauss himself, according to *Ha’aretz*.

The State Comptroller’s Office has enough power to step in on the affairs of any Israeli coalition government, but whether that is a factor in stopping Netanyahu and Barak’s recklessness at this time is not known.

While British and American news media luridly cheer for an Israeli attack on Iran, and hype the lying distortions in the Nov. 18 report on Iran by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as an excuse for military action, here is what leading Israelis have been saying.

“An attack on Iran is the stupidest thing I ever heard,” said Dagan, the man who is no soft-liner but has been called the head of the “world’s most efficient killing machine.” While the statement was made in Spring of 2011, it has been republished and repeated thousands of times in the Israeli media since then, especially since the Dagan group blew the whistle on the Netanyahu-Barak war plan.

“I decided to speak because when I was in office, Diskin, Ashkenazi, and I could block any dangerous adventure,” said Dagan, according to the London *Guardian* on June 3, 2011. “Now I am afraid that there is no one to stop Bibi [Netanyahu] and Barak.”

“Israel should give international sanctions on Iran more time,” said Moshe Ya’alon, a former chief of the Defense Staff of the Israeli Defense Forces, in *Ha’aretz* Nov. 4. “[I]f military action did become necessary, under no circumstances would Israel conduct such an operation on its own.”

“If anyone can save Israel from catastrophe it is the Israel Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Ido Nechushtan,” wrote strategic analyst Reuven Pedatzur on Nov. 4 in *Ha’aretz*. Nechushtan has to tell “the prime minister and the defense minister that an Air Force attack on Iran cannot achieve its goals. Nechushtan must act with national responsibility. It would not be a display of defeatism, but rather one of supreme responsibility in an era when the decision-making process has gone dangerously haywire. Only he can stop the train speeding to collision in Iran’s skies.”

“The State of Israel cannot be destroyed,” said former Mossad chief Ephraim Halevy, to Israel’s *Yediot Aharonot* Nov. 4. “An attack on Iran could affect not only Israel, but the entire region for 100 years.”

“The growing *haredi* [Jewish religious fundamentalist] radicalization poses a bigger risk than Ahmadinejad. . . . [T]he ultra-Orthodox extremism has darkened our lives,” he added.

“Have the prime minister and defense minister settled on a decision, just between the two of them, to launch a military attack on the nuclear facilities in Iran?” wrote Nahum Barnea, one of the leading Israeli columnists, on Oct. 28 in *Yediot Aharonot*. “This question preoccupies many people in the defense establishment and high circles of government. It distresses foreign governments, which find it difficult to understand what is happening here: On the one hand, there are mounting rumors of an Israeli move that will change the face of the Middle East and possibly seal Israel’s fate for generations to come. . . .”

In this urgent call for open national debate, Barnea described Netanyahu’s twisted megalomania: “Ahmadinejad is Hitler; if he isn’t stopped in time, there will be another Holocaust. There are those who describe Netanyahu’s attitude on the matter as an obsession: All his life he dreamed of being Churchill; Iran gives him the opportunity. The popularity he gained as a result of the Shalit [prisoner exchange] deal didn’t pacify him: the opposite, it gave him a sense of power.”

By early November, Netanyahu was livid and feeling the heat. To stop the debate, he ordered the head of Israel’s Shin Bet (equivalent to the FBI in function) to launch an investigation into the leaking of sensitive Cabinet discussions about an attack on Iran. Dagan shot back, daring Netanyahu to indict him for leaking secrets.

And rather than being silenced, Dagan is relentlessly fighting the Netanyahu insanity. On Nov. 30, he took the



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Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has drawn a sharp line between the United States and Israel, on policy toward Iran. "I'm not sure the Israelis share our assessment," he said, diplomatically.

‘Get Back to the Damn Table’

On Nov. 17, as the post-IAEA report war frenzy was at its height, a well-placed U.S. intelligence source told *EIR* that the top U.S. military officials are feverishly working on a war avoidance track, but their main obstacle is British puppet Barack Obama.

According to the source, the generals conveyed personally to the President that it is the consensus of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, CENTCOM, and all of the other top military brass, that the Israelis must be told, in absolutely clear terms, that any military attack on Iran is thoroughly unacceptable, and would likely lead to world war.

President Obama was asked by the generals to convey this message to the Israeli Prime Minister, and the President reportedly refused. Obama responded that the U.S. has no control over Israeli policy and, if Israel is

going to attack Iran, “it would be better for us not to know in advance.”

microphone on Ilana Dayan’s radio program, “Facts,” where he again warned that the war danger is not over. “I’m very troubled,” Dagan said, according to *Ha’aretz*’s report. “What I understand [from Barak’s statement] is that Israel must act within that time frame. I don’t share that appraisal.”

Ha’aretz senior reporter Amos Harel added his commentary to Dagan’s interview with Dayan:

“Dagan believes with all his heart that he has a duty to prevent a military attack at this time. He may be expected to continue warning against this in future as well.

“‘The defense minister, prime minister and finance minister will not be able to stop me from expressing my opinion. We are not living in a non-democratic state,’ he said.

“Dagan last night expressed concern for possible mistakes made by Israel’s leadership. He explained that if a decision takes shape to attack Iran, it is up to him to warn of the imminent disaster. He said an offensive now would be entering ‘a regional war with eyes wide open. This is necessary only when we’re attacked or when the sword begins to cut the flesh.’

“He added that Iran would react with missile fire, as would Hezbollah, Hamas ‘and in view of Syria’s problematic situation, there’s a good chance the Syrians would join in. . . .’

“‘I can’t predict the number of fatalities in such an attack,’ he said.”

going to attack Iran, “it would be better for us not to know in advance.”

This report of Obama’s non-response to a British imperial Armageddon triggered by Israel is going viral in military and intelligence circles, and there are public indications that in spite of Obama, the message to Netanyahu and his fascists is being delivered.

On Nov. 30, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey drew a sharp line on Iran between Israel and the U.S., during an interview with Reuters. Asked if he thought Israel would notify the U.S. ahead of time if it decided to launch an attack on Iran, he flatly stated, “I don’t know.” He said the United States was convinced that sanctions and diplomatic pressure were the right path to take on Iran, along with “the stated intent not to take any options off the table”—language that leaves open the possibility of future military action, but does not emphasize it.

“I’m not sure the Israelis share our assessment of that,” he said. “And because they don’t and because to them this is an existential threat, I think probably that it’s fair to say that our expectations are different right now.”

The statement was no game-changer, but Barak felt the heat, and told Israeli Radio on Dec. 1, “We have no intention, at the moment, of taking action, but the State of Israel is far from being paralyzed by fear; we don’t need big wars.” A few days later, however, Barak was back to his “war on Iran before it’s too late” script.

On Dec. 2, another message to Israel was delivered,

this time by U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who told the annual “We Are All Israel Lovers” forum at the Brookings Institution’s Saban Center, that a military attack on Iran is *not* U.S. policy.

An attack would not stop the Iran nuclear program, Panetta said; first, it would only set it back two years, “at best.”

“Of greater concern to me,” Panetta continued, “are the unintended consequences, which would be that ultimately it would have a backlash and the regime that is weak now ... suddenly instead of being isolated would get the greater support in a region that right now views it as a pariah.”

The United States would “obviously be blamed,” Panetta added, “and we could possibly be the target of retaliation from Iran, striking our ships, striking our military bases ... [and] there are economic consequences to that attack, severe economic consequences that could impact a very fragile economy in Europe and a fragile economy here in the United States.”

But what has the Netanyahu camp in wild panic reaction was not the “rational” argument against an attack

on Iran, but Panetta’s rare expression of what well-informed military circles in Washington now say about Israel, i.e., that it has become a strategic liability.

This simple truth came out when Panetta was asked what steps Israel should take toward the Palestinians.

“Just get to the damn table,” Panetta shot back. “I understand the view that this is not the time to pursue peace, and that the Arab awakening further imperils the dream of a safe and secure, Jewish and democratic Israel. But I disagree with that view.”

In case the point was missed, Panetta reiterated, “We all know what the pieces are here for a potential agreement. We’ve talked it out ... we understand the concerns of Israel, understand the concerns of the Palestinians.... So first and foremost, get to the damn table.”

Netanyahu has no intention of negotiating with the Palestinians, nor breaking with the British imperial drive for global war.

The war danger is not passed, LaRouche warns, but it is unthinkable, and it can be stopped, here in the United States.

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Space Technology Has Improved The Lives of Millions of Nigerians

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Dr. Mohammed has served as director-general of the Kogi State Directorate of Rural Development; managing director of the Nigerian Satellite Imageries and Consultancy Limited; director and CEO, National Centre for Remote Sensing, Jos; and is currently director-general and CEO of the National Space Research and Development Agency. In 2009 he was elected a member of the International Academy of Astronautics.

He was interviewed on Oct. 5, 2011, by William Jones and Marsha Freeman, on the sidelines of the 2011 International Astronautical Congress held in Capetown, South Africa.

EIR: Nigeria has been utilizing satellite technology and has been interested in space for a long time. Can you say something about what the net effect of having the capabilities of space has been for the economy, and for the general population?

Mohammed: That is an interesting question. Of

course we are confronted with that kind of question on a daily basis. Ten years ago, at the beginning [of the space program], we were severely criticized. Particularly by the elites.

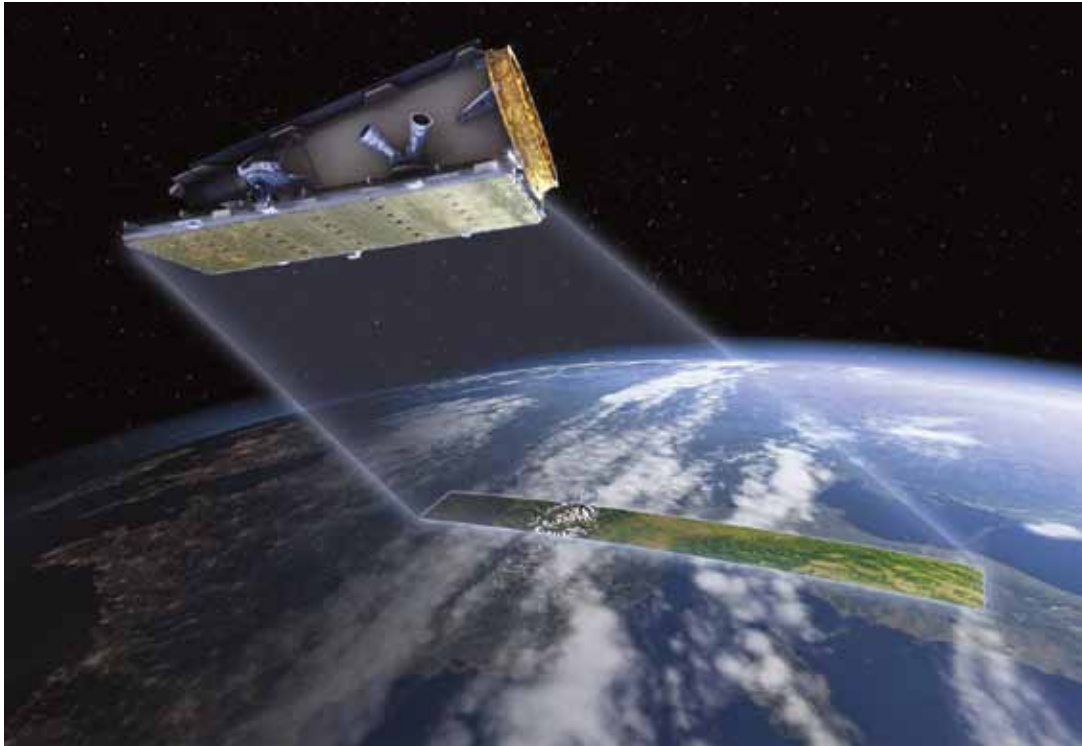
Space Technology Is Not Only for Advanced Countries

EIR: Inside Nigeria?

Mohammed: Yes, inside Nigeria. For a developing country, what business do you have going into space? But we're happy that after 10-11 years, the population criticizing us has been reduced considerably. That's number one. Number two, our colleagues all over Africa,

after Nigeria, when they saw what we were doing, Algeria has established number two [in space]. South Africa has formalized its space agency, number three. Kenya has joined, making it four. Also Egypt formalized, for number five. Morocco is making good efforts. And Ghana is joining. So nobody will talk badly about this project.

And at home it has helped to develop local competences. In 2003, when we did our first microsatellite, with our partners, Surrey Satellite in the United Kingdom, about 15 engineers and scientists were trained from that project. In 2007, we had a collaboration with the Chinese to do a communications satellite. Fifty engineers and scientists were trained from that project. And the latest one that was launched Aug. 17, 2011, twenty-five engineers and scientists were trained. Through that, also currently training are about 40 of our colleagues at 11 facilities all over the world, including the University of Alabama, Surrey University, and several others across the world. And about 50 are also doing their MSc [Masters of Science degrees]



Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd.

Space technology is not just for industrialized economies, Dr. Mohammed insists. Shown: a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Satellite System, NovaSAR-s, manufactured by Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd, used by Nigeria.

to develop enough capacity to carry on, to man our facilities.

All these facilities are ground stations manned by Nigerian engineers and scientists working on these satellites. We have also established processing platforms to process the data from those Earth observation satellites, an area for environmental assessment, providing maps for farmers, and so on and so forth.

We recently completed a project, the National Land Cover Map for the whole country, at the scale of 1:100,000. There was a similar project in 1995-96. At that time, the Nigerian government got a grant from the World Bank for about \$3 million to buy images from the French, 14 images. But this time, we didn't get any grant from anybody because we don't have a satellite. And at that time, it was Canadian consultants who came to do it. This time, we looked to use local resource persons from a Nigerian university to develop those maps. From one single project alone, we saved more than \$10 million. So, because of this, more Nigerians are encouraged.

We have also produced a satellite atlas map which, all over Nigeria, is being used by local people, people wanting to establish business chains, restaurants, and so on. These are high-resolution images to look at the

best population area, to look at population that is a little bit well-to-do, to look at where several routes join, that can have an impact.

So that we begin to see now that Nigerians are being mobilized to this, and more and more people are being converted, that space technology can be of use, and that it is not meant [only] for industrialized economies. Because ours is not a level two, ours is meant to solve particular problems. So with that, I win more converts.

But that is not to say that some people are not still criticizing us. I keep telling people that, as advanced as NASA is, all Americans do not believe in space projects!

The Farmers Follow the Water

EIR: The water issue in many parts of the region has become absolutely critical. There is now a proposal on the table to build a massive irrigation system that would bring the waters from the Congo River to refurbish Lake Chad and begin reversing the desertification. How do you view such a project?

Mohammed: This affects the lives of over 20 million people, not only in Nigeria, but also in Cameroon, in Chad, in Niger probably, and in part of Sudan. And

because of that recession of the water, the livelihoods are being disturbed. And this is because of human activities. Most of these countries have now come up with dams, with reservoirs, that are affecting the supply of water. And the result of that is that there is no underground water in Chad. This is a big problem.

And sometimes, because there is water, and the farmers follow it, and sometimes it's already moving out of their country boundary. But they don't know it, and they begin to fight. You know, "You have taken all my land." But as far as they're concerned, it is their water, and they are prepared to go with it wherever it goes. They [the farmers] have told me that they have come up with more images of Lake Chad than anywhere else. I say that that is correct, because the Corona pictures that we are using from the '60s come from the U.S.

EIR: So these are historic images?

Mohammed: Yes.

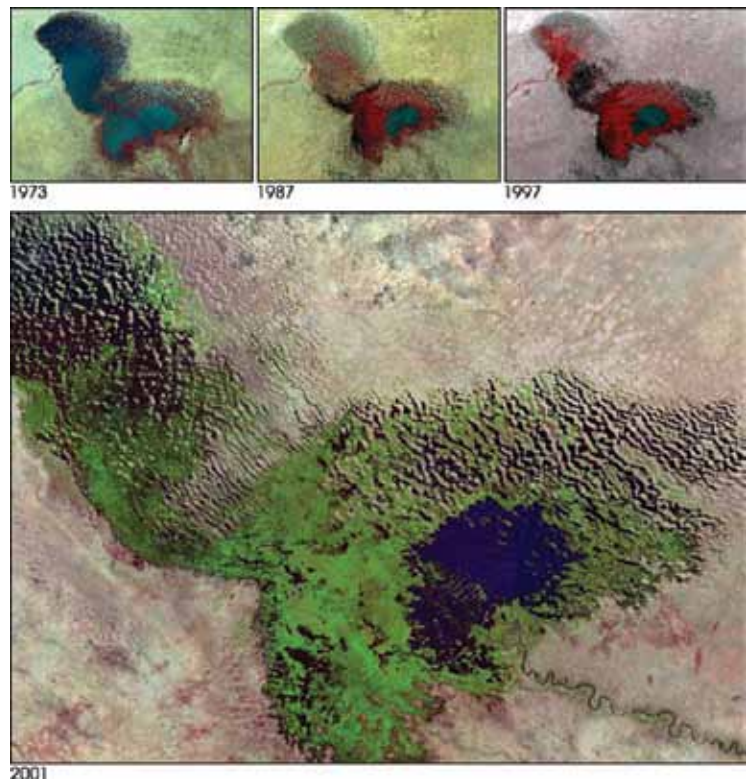
EIR: I told [NASA Administrator] Charlie Bolden that every time there's a new picture, there's probably less water in Lake Chad. And he agreed that that was the case. So the idea should be, with the Transaqua project, to bring the water back to Lake Chad and help reverse the desertification.

Mohammed: Fantastic.

EIR: What are the next steps then?

Mohammed: Like I said during the conference, we now have optical images. The next one we're launching is a communications satellite. The population is over 150 million people. We have over 95 million GSM [Global System for Mobile Communications] lines. With that alone you can cover over 50% of the population. The capital flight of \$400 billion will be reduced to less than \$500 million, to create jobs. This money can be used to reduce loans. This money can be used to provide medical services, and to rehabilitate schools for young ones.

That is number two. Number three, we need also to have synthetic aperture radar satellites. Because more than 50% of Nigeria is covered by clouds, and radar for now is the only technology that can penetrate clouds. It gives us the opportunity to assess our assets of oil and



NASA GSFC Scientific Visualization Studio; Landsat 7 Project Science Office

The dessication of Lake Chad, shown in these composite images taken between 1973 and 2001, affects the lives of over 20 million people, in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and part of Sudan. The map shows the location of Lake Chad near the upper righthand corner.



gas. It will be an opportunity to monitor the environment, oil spillages, and also monitor related problems in the Niger Delta areas. And it also gives us the opportunity to monitor offshore activities, particularly illegal fishing vessels that dominate our waters. All of these are important. And so this is the direction. We need to build a radar satellite. So this is a part of what we are looking at totally.

EIR: Is this synthetic aperture radar satellite something that you will develop yourselves?

Mohammed: There are several models. Model one is go out and buy it yourself. Model two is, start the process from beginning to end, like the U.S. has done. We don't have the money to do that. Because if you lose one satellite and you lose another, they will call for my head.

EIR: They fired the head of the Russian Space Agency for that reason.

Mohammed: Yes. So, in that case we have to develop a model in-between, so we're not reinventing the wheel. So this is exactly what we are doing.

Looking Ahead: A Nigerian Astronaut

EIR: You mentioned that by 2025, you would have a testing and design center, and in 15 years...

Mohammed: No! A testing and design center, we want that now. We are in the process of doing that now. We're looking for money to do that. In 2025, we said our industries should have grown to commercialize production services to our space technology. That's what we said.

By 2030, we want collaboration with other nations to develop a launch facility like they have in Kourou. We are looking for partners now. We are coming to America, we are coming to Europe, to shop for them. So that at that time we can jointly develop a launch facility, because of our uniqueness close to the equator. And we want the support of collaborators.

EIR: You also mentioned that you collaborated with South Africa on a number of projects. What programs have you worked with them on?

Mohammed: We currently have within the African Platform, we have the African Earth Resource Monitoring Constellation. We are saying that those who can contribute satellites should contribute to provide data for Africa. The satellite that we launched, the last one,

is the first in that constellation, which means collaboration has started. And we are going to work in a number of ways through capacity-building, and then start by developing the SKA [Square Kilometre Array]. We are initially not there, but we want to join as part of an effort to develop an astronomy program in Africa, because it is capable of impacting several areas. So all of these are currently happening.

Now we also expect that the private sector—there are good signs in South Africa—can also have their footprints in Nigeria, so that we two combine to make it a purely African affair. This is our intention: To work together, that would strengthen our effort and it will go a long way to being on the list with a fair share of the African market.

EIR: In a presentation the other day on the Nigerian program, it was mentioned that there should be a Nigerian astronaut by 2015.

Mohammed: Yes. By our roadmap, in 2015 we are supposed to have a young Nigerian at the International Space Station. That is what we want. But, you know, global policy—like Bolden was saying—we are looking at that, and seeing how it affects our roadmap, and how we can also tailor the roadmap to suit it. Bolden is saying they want further participation now, in space. So we are watching carefully to see how that can affect our program. But all we are interested in is how it affects us. We need to take along with us some of the indigenous foods in Nigeria, in zero gravity for effect, to see how it can improve the varieties.

EIR: The Chinese are doing a lot of experiments with Chinese seeds and different rice and all kinds of things, to see if microgravity improves it.

Mohammed: Correct.

EIR: The possibility of a Nigerian astronaut would be very important. Because people have talked a lot at the conference about how to engage young people in space. And of course, the most exciting part of space is the manned space program. And man walking on the Moon is always the thing people see the most. So if you had a Nigerian in space—

Mohammed: Fantastic! That icon alone! I would walk the streets of Nigeria, and I could now move mountains. If we do that, that would be enough of a campaign for the space program. I wouldn't have to do any thing else.

Fed to the Rescue! But the System Can't Be Saved

by Claudio Celani

Dec. 5—France now, for the moment, tops the list of Euroland countries giving *agita* to financiers and bankers around the world. The decision by the U.S. Federal Reserve to cut 50 basis points on dollar swap rates, to European central banks, prevented a meltdown centered on French banks. With \$8 trillion in (largely phony) assets, the French banking system is the most overexposed in the world. In the current phase of the global financial collapse, it is crumbling under the combined effects of a deleveraging of financial markets, stock capital collapse, depreciation of sovereign bonds portfolios, and a virtual dry-up of American funds.

Remember that European banks, especially members of the Inter-Alpha Group, were among the main beneficiaries of the circa \$16 trillion bailout of the various Fed funds in 2008. For instance, six of the first eleven beneficiaries of the Term Auction Facility (overnight Fed funds), were European banks, including Société Générale and Royal Bank of Scotland.

Bottomless Bailout

The new rate cut in the Fed swap agreement, which had already been revived in October, is a continuation of that bailout. It throws bad money after bad, debasing the U.S. currency and setting up the world for a hyper-inflationary catastrophe. It allows the European Central Bank, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, and the Swiss and Canadian central banks to borrow cheap dollars from the Fed, and loan them to European banks, replacing frozen interbank and U.S. money markets.

Together, the six central banks have also created a

temporary mechanism aimed at making it easier to perform the swaps—i.e., send dollars in exchange for euro-paper as collateral, just as the Fed did for the U.S. banks, illegally and secretly, to the tune of nearly \$8 trillion, as just revealed this week by Bloomberg, after obtaining the Fed documents through FOIA requests.

Bank of England governor Mervyn King played a central role in arranging the new Fed bailout, according to King's own statements, reported in *The Economic Times* of India.

And yet, this new mega-injection of liquidity is still not enough. U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is flying again to Europe, ahead of the Dec. 8-9 EU summit, to press activation of the ECB for a role similar to the Fed. The scheme now being discussed is to have the ECB lend money to the IMF, so that the IMF can create a \$600 billion “temporary” safety net for Italy and Spain (i.e., French, British, and German banks owning Spanish and Italian sovereign debt). At the same time, pressure continues on Germany to accept so-called “Eurobonds,” i.e., creating a EU debt underwritten together by all 17 Eurozone members.

Eurobonds are based on the multiple illusion that 1) they will enjoy low rates, close to current German refinancing costs; 2) they will enjoy a strong global demand.

However, big market players are already discounting a depreciation of German debt values, not to mention those of the weaker economies. Goldman Sachs has recommended to its customers, “betting on German 10-year bond yields climbing to 2.8 percent from 2.3 percent and exiting the trade if they fall to 2 percent,”



Presidenza della Repubblica

The latest round of cuts demanded by the EU are so draconian, that Italy's Welfare Minister Elsa Fornero broke down in tears during a press conference Dec. 5, when she had to announce the brutal austerity reform. She is shown here, being sworn in by Prime Minister Mario Monti.

Bloomberg reports, because German debt is becoming less German and more European.

According to Italy's *Corriere della Sera*, "Goldman Sachs thinks that Germany will anyway take the burden of a [major] part of a balanced monetary union, whose structural flaws have been exposed by the crisis."

As for the second condition, the catastrophic result of the last German bond sale, on Nov. 24, where 35% of the EU6 billion issue was not sold, shows that the era of lower bond rates is over.

Dictatorship To Follow

If the ECB is to play the role of lender of last resort in the dimension required by the bankrupt system, current EU treaties must be changed. EU leaders are determined to follow this path to suicide, but it's turning out to be a slow path, and until that is accomplished, there will be no money available.

This elimination of sovereignty was the idea behind the establishment of the euro to begin with, and it has been incrementally enacted through violations of the Maastricht Treaty itself. Utilizing the mechanism of the "markets," the supranational financial establishment has systematically "punished" European nations, one after another, which have not agreed to the austerity measures and bail-out policies, demanded by the EU and the ECB. Governments have been toppled in Ireland, Portugal, Greece,

Spain, and now Italy, as populations reject the brutal conditions. Yet those very conditions continue to be rammed through, even as their implementation visibly *reduces* the productivity and viability of the subject economies.

Exemplary is the situation in Greece, where the European central financial institutions have effectively taken over the government, with a commitment to further slash living conditions which already amount to genocide against the population.

Much larger Italy is now getting the same treatment, with a technocratic austerity government imposed, again by the will of the "markets," not the population. The latest round of cuts demanded by the EU targets pensions for the elderly, and is so draconian, that Elsa Fornero, Welfare Minister in the puppet government of Mario Monti, broke down in tears during a press conference Dec. 5, when she had to announce tough sacrifices demanded by her pension reform. Fornero was going to announce severe reforms, including the abolition of inflation adjustment for pensions above EU960 monthly. She could not pronounce the word "sacrifices" and started to cry. Premier Monti had to intervene, explaining what Fornero intended to say.

The Monti government program, explicitly aimed at "saving the euro," provides for overall cuts amounting to EU20 billion, as demanded by the EU. This comes on top of what already decided by the former Berlusconi government, bringing the total amount of the austerity package decided this year to EU151 billion.

Will It Survive?

While German Chancellor Angela Merkel knows she doesn't have the political support for eurobonds, she is doing what costs Germany nothing: enforcing more EU totalitarian measures, through what is called a "fiscal union." In her speech at the Bundestag Dec. 3, Merkel announced that this is all that Germany can concede—for the moment. That is, the EU Commission shall acquire total control of Eurozone member countries' budgets, ordering "fiscally undisciplined" members what, where, and when to cut. Such a "fiscal union" shall be announced at the EU summit Dec. 9—if the system has survived until then.

In fact, there *is* no solution to the crisis without dumping the bankrupt *system*, cancelling worthless speculative debt, and adopting a two-tiered banking system as part of a global shift by an post-Obama United States. Then the U.S. could actually save Europe, not just give the bankers a few more weeks.

Genocide Lobby Refutes Need For Emergency Food Production

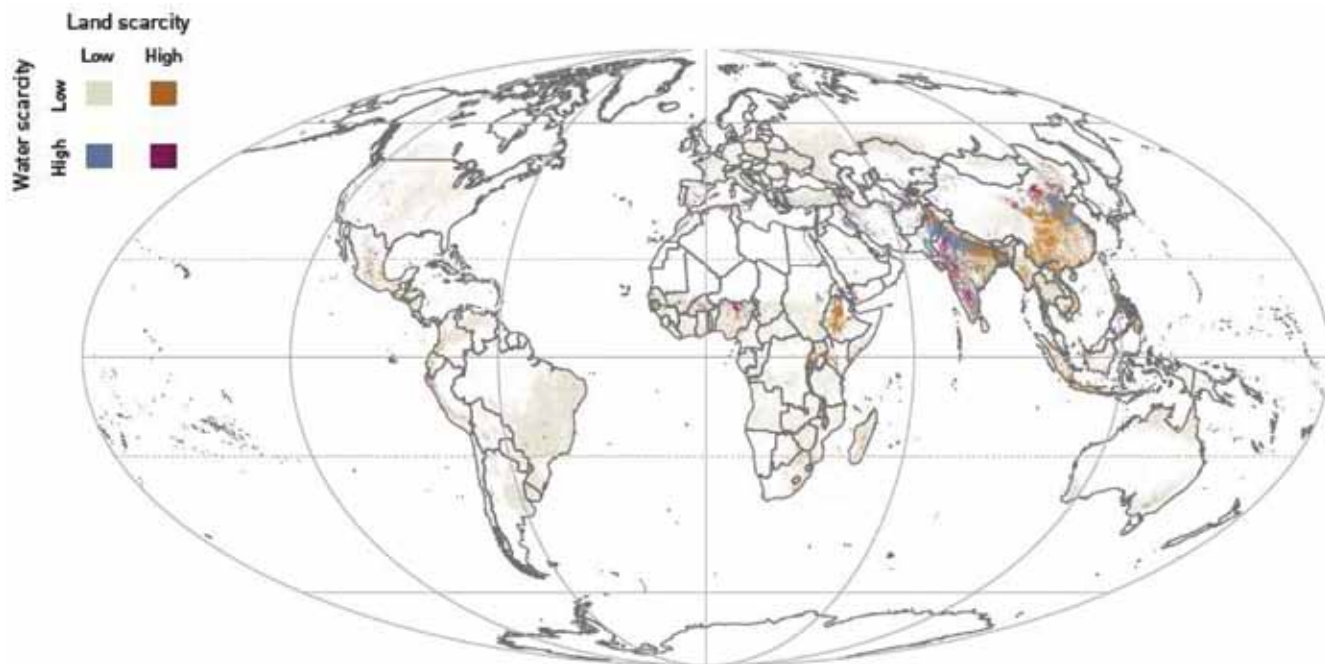
by Marcia Merry Baker

Dec. 5—The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), on Nov. 28, issued what it calls a flagship report, “State of the World’s Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture” (SOLAW)—on the lack of security of the food supply, and of the means of production of food output. The report launches what is to be an ongoing world assay, from the Malthusian viewpoint that natural resources are so depleted from overpopulation, that the most that can be done, is to just keep on trying for “sustainable” ways to eke out more food. Who and what are to blame? According to the report, blame “human pressure,” global warming, and fixed resources.

The message behind the jargon is: People must die. Don’t even try for emergency measures, because the planet is at the end of the line, and the situation is hopeless. The report names five countries, out of its survey of 93, which are considered to have exceeded their resource base.

What this FAO report, and others like it, represent, is just the latest salvo from the genocide lobby, to confuse, deter, and threaten any government leader or citizen, from mobilizing for emergency action on food and other economic measures. Behind the genocide lobby is the network of financial and political interests, best called the British Empire, which has imposed glo-

FIGURE 1
Agricultural Systems at Risk: Human Pressure on Land and Water



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balization and monetarism over the past 40 years, and systematically obstructed the needed geo-engineering projects to upgrade the natural resource base, and build up national economies on all continents. This same lobby has even blocked the R&D of crop and livestock genetic improvements, by imposing private-patent control over food lifeforms and biotech methods. It has determined what crops get produced, where, and how.

That destructive process created the conditions shown on the hallmark map presented by SOLAW, titled, “Agricultural Systems at Risk, Human Pressure on Land and Water” (**Figure 1**). The report states that present-day agriculture systems “face the risk of progressive breakdown of their productive capacity under a combination of excessive demographic pressure and unsustainable agriculture use and practices.”

Empirically, the map accurately depicts some of the extent of depletion and degradation of soils and water in many crop regions. For example, the drawdown of the Ogallala Aquifer in southwestern United States. Or the water shortage in the Yellow River Basin in northern China. But the truth is, this picture isn’t “natural” or inevitable. These conditions resulted from the practices imposed as policy by the British Empire, over decades of globalization.

In any case, so-called “natural” resources are always actually man-made, and always have been. The FAO map shows the result *intended* by the British Empire. Instead of the world having the means to adequately feed our current 7 billion people, we have 1 billion people going hungry. And many more millions face sudden food shortages in the coming months. Spokesmen for the Empire, such as Prince Philip himself, have called for a culling of people down to 1 billion. This lies ahead, unless stopped cold.

The Human Solution

Visualize the opposite to all this evil: a well-fed, productive, creative, populous world. Imagine the Earth today, if the post-World War II projects around the globe had been carried out as planned, beginning in the time of the Atoms for Peace years, in the 1950s. In the Americas, there would be the North American Water and Power Alliance. In South America, the full development of the Pampas, the Cerrado, and all the northern potential. In Eurasia, huge water management programs, including diverting southward some of the Ob-Irtysh Rivers. In Africa, the grand TransAqua program.

(See “The Extended NAWAPA: Project Overview,” *EIR*, Jan. 28, 2011.)

Altogether, these programs would have added millions of hectares of productive land, with plentiful water, and improved crop types and advanced animal husbandry. Agriculture-in-space would be well underway, and providing breakthroughs for application on Earth. These projects are now life or death.

This is the conceptual vantage point from which to consider emergency measures here and now, even short-term. Moreover, we are at the point of do-or-die; no lesser “reforms” or quick fixes are possible. The British Empire system is itself crashing. Break with the myths and mind-control systems—such as in the FAO report—and it is evident how to launch the needed emergency measures.

The essential first step is to demand the ouster of Barack Obama from the Presidency. He and his Administration are in lockstep with London on agriculture and food policies now leading to famine, as surely as Obama and London are conducting insane foreign policy moves, threatening to start World War III.

Scope of Food Shortages

The scope of today’s food crisis is dramatically obvious. The current range of total annual world grains output (all kinds) of 2,200 million tons, is less than that of two years ago. Add the annual output tonnage of other staple foods, such as potatoes and cassava, and the maximum is about 4,600 million tons—still less than is required for 7 billion people, for direct consumption and secondarily, to supply animal protein through the livestock chain.

The situation in Africa makes the point. Food production there per capita has dropped over the last 30 years, to the point that 12 million people in the Horn of Africa, as well as millions elsewhere, are without adequate food, and without even the prospect of sufficiency or minimal food security.

Adding to the food shortage danger everywhere, is the condition of weather extremes associated with the presently unfolding solar and galactic cycles. The recent pattern of crop losses, hitting during the same season in several of the world’s major agriculture regions makes the point.

Among the severe episodes over the last 18 months: 1) the 2010 Eurasian drought which dropped the Black Sea wheat crop by 35%; 2) the ongoing drought in the southern High Plains of North America, which dropped

the 2011 wheat crop in Texas by 30%, and is the occasion for mass cattle liquidation; the 2011 U.S. peanut crop fell by 30% under southern drought conditions; 3) the current flooding in Indochina, resulting in major rice crop losses; 4) the Horn of Africa drought, now broken, but by heavy rains and flooding; 5) epic flooding in the farmbelt of northeastern Australia, in December 2010/January 2011; and so on.

Short-Term Emergency Measures

In the short term, there are two fronts of action required, considered in terms of the actual physical requirements of production, and the related realm of financial measures.

Firstly, there must be direct support for the maximum output possible in the pre-existing crop regions, and in pre-existing areas of meat and milk production systems. This can be done by intervention to assure the timely supply of all crop inputs required: seed, fertilizer, agro-chemicals, fuel, mechanization, transport, and storage. And likewise, the backing of supply of inputs to maintain and expand meat animal and dairy herds—fodder, water, veterinary, transport, and processing.

The opposite seasons of the two hemispheres can be used to maximum advantage. Politically, there is significant readiness to back this from specific leaders. Argentina President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner has called for a doubling of her nation's food production as soon as possible, and steps are underway to do that.

Leaders associated with the BRICS—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—are talking in similar terms. On Dec. 2, a call was made for these countries to collaborate on increasing agriculture and food cooperation to increase production. Bai Lichen, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference—an advisory body to China—said, at the first BRICS Forum of local governments, in Hainan, that “The BRICS countries will contribute a lot to global food safety if their grain production is greatly increased. Given that they are home to 43% of the world's population ... [they] should not rely too much on the global food market.”

As of early December, the sowing of Spring-planted crops is well underway in the Southern Hemisphere. For example, corn in South Africa, Argentina, and Australia; soybeans in Argentina and Brazil, and

so on. Whatever is required during the growing season—pest control, fertilizer—to protect and maximize the harvest, must be done. The harvesting of Winter wheat in the Southern Hemisphere is nearly done now.

In the Northern Hemisphere—the half of the globe with the most cropland mass—Winter wheat is already planted. But provisions should be made for the maximum planting of food crops of all kinds in the Spring. This can be done through opening up set-aside land, and other measures specific to crop potential in different nations.

In areas considered likely to be hit by weather extremes of flooding, drought, winds, and storm damage, all measures should be put in place to mitigate agriculture damage. Such measures range from rush-repair and replacement of levees, and other flood-control systems, to contingency plans for relocating endangered cattle herds to safe ground and alternative pastures, and similar fallback plans.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in October testified to Congress, begging for at least \$1 billion to speed repairs of flood control systems on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

The most immediate increase in the food supply, can come from the elimination of food crops going into biofuels, especially corn for ethanol. In the United States at present, nearly 40% of the entire corn harvest is going into ethanol. This grain can instead be redirected to milling for livestock feed and food uses, and the agriculture capacity involved in producing that corn, preserved intact, through parity prices for the farmer.

Financial Measures Needed

Secondly, there are a series of obvious financial steps, going along with the physical emergency measures. First, farmers must be guaranteed a parity, or floor price, to cover their costs of production, plus a reasonable profit, to eliminate uncertainty, and to relieve them from recourse to bogus “risk-management” by gaming on the out-of-control futures exchanges. Wherever required, grants, credits, and disaster-aid to farmers must be forthcoming.

Speculation on the Chicago Board of Trade and others, must be banned outright. Food price controls must be imposed at key points in the food chain and supply lines for farming inputs.

Anti-trust and patent-reform is required to break the

chokehold by a few select cartel companies over crop and livestock genetics, and procedures. The seed and crop research control by Monsanto, Syngenta, BASF, DuPont, and a few others, is based on the wrongful claim to patent rights over lifeforms.

Essential to all these measures is to cancel the World Trade Organization. Nations must be able to strike bilateral and multilateral trade arrangements wherever it is in their mutual interest, and escape from the one-world control system imposed by the WTO on behalf of the British Empire nexus of commodity cartels, operating against the interests of nations.

This is deadly clear when it comes to food. At present, mega-firms, from Cargill to Wal-Mart, are imposing crazy cross-flows of food, such as fruit and vegetable exports from Africa to Europe and North America. China is the third-biggest supplier of food to the U.S., after Canada and Mexico.

Long-Term Measures

The long-term measures to increase food production can be seen in two related categories: First, the upgrading of land and water for high-technology, but conventional open-field cultivation of crops, and animal husbandry. And second, to vastly expand farming operations utilizing “protected agriculture,” ranging from what is called plasticulture in fields—plastic coverings of row crops, to greenhouses, to hydroponics, to aeroponics, and even Earth-based closed-cycle agriculture systems, as under development for space travel.

The long-stalled continental-scale projects—e.g., TransAqua in Africa, or NAWAPA in the Americas—will vastly increase the land area for food cultivation, by bringing water for use in former deserts, but also by bringing power and transportation to currently remote areas, where more energy-intensive systems of protected agriculture can be established, such as in Alaska and the Yukon.

In doing this, we are “returning to the future.” For example, in 1944, then-Vice President Henry Wallace, formerly three-term Agriculture Secretary in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Administration, toured Alaska and Siberia, and called for the North Pacific to become the “New Frontier” of the post-war period. He stated his support for the formation of an Arctic Agriculture Society, to further farming in the Far North. This initiative was just part of his overall approach in initiating the research effort which became the Green Revolution for vastly expanded agricultural production.

It is a lie that we are bound by shrinking natural resources.

Food Genocide Lobby

The new SOLAW FAO report is thus seen as yet another propaganda piece for Green Fascism. A similar policy statement was issued Nov. 29 in Washington, D.C. by Worldwatch Institute, in the release of its latest “Vital Signs Online” publication. In it, Worldwatch researcher Richard Weil reviews how wheat, rice, and corn output have increased in the last 50 years, faster than global acreage of these crops, but, he claims, this is bad for the environment. “Production increased worldwide, but there was greater reliance on irrigation, synthetic fertilizers, and pesticides—all of which take resources, can be costly, and may cause substantial environmental degradation.”

The FAO, Worldwatch, and related high-publicity false authorities assert that people are exceeding the Earth’s “carrying capacity,” and polluting the environment. The SOLAW and Worldwatch reports came out on the eve of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) event in South Africa, which continues to push the Big Lie that mankind’s activity is a threat to the Earth, leading to doom. A number of networks are hyperactive on this same theme right now.

One of the most well-funded is the AGree outfit, formed in Summer 2011 by nine foundations, including the Rockefeller, Wal-Mart, Ford, and Bill and Melinda Gates foundations. The intent is to pressure governments to stay in line with the “global food system” as is, while spewing out goody-goody lines about corporate partnerships to improve nutrition, and aid “smallholder farmers.” AGree co-chairman, former Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, is a high-profile activist on this in Washington, D.C. On Dec. 5 and 6, he is to keynote the annual *Farm Journal* event Forum 2011, sponsored by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, run by the son of Warren Buffett.

Howard Buffett and Bill Gates are representing themselves as champions of “smallholder farmers” worldwide, while advocating radical depopulation. In October, the two were given the McGovern Leadership Award in Washington, for their action against global hunger. Attending the ceremony were Dr. Rajiv Shah, former employee of the Gates Foundation and now Obama’s appointed director of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Greg Page, CEO of Cargill.

Desperately Seeking Hillary

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Dec. 6—Several prominent Democratic Party-linked voices have weighed in publicly over recent weeks on the insanity of President Obama, and the need to remove him from office. Behind at least some of the long-overdue anti-Obama chatter is a move to oust him from office and replace him with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Chris Matthews, one of the earliest and most obnoxious of the Obama groupies, made a public break with the President, during an MSNBC interview with Alex Witt. The Matthews interview immediately went out widely on the Internet.

Matthews went into a state of manic frenzy, going after Obama for failing to give any idea of what he is doing or why he should be given a second term as President. “What is he going to do in his second term? More of this? Is this as good as it gets?” Matthews really went bonkers against the President and his advisors, whom he called “little kids with propellers on their heads. They’re all virtual.” Matthews assailed Obama for cutting off all contact with fellow Democrats in the Congress, in the governors’ mansions, etc. “I hear stories you will not believe,” he lamented.

A more devastating, albeit subdued, break with Obama was announced in the pages of the *Wall Street Journal* on Nov. 21, in a half-page article by Democratic Party pollsters Patrick Caddell and Douglas Schoen, headlined “The Hillary Moment.” They began, “When Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson accepted the reality that they could not effectively govern the nation if they

sought re-election to the White House, both men took the moral high ground and decided against running for a new term as President. President Barack Obama is facing a similar reality—and he must reach the same conclusion. He should abandon his candidacy for re-election in favor of a clear alternative, one capable not only of saving the Democratic Party, but more important, of governing effectively and in a way that preserves the most important of the President’s accomplishments. He should step aside for the one candidate who would become, by acclamation, the nominee of the Democratic Party: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.”

The authors describe Clinton as “an obvious potential successor . . . who is the only leader capable of uniting the country around a bipartisan economic and foreign policy.”

The authors went on to show that Obama is a loser in all the recent polls, and that his only chance to win reelection would be through a brutal partisan assault on the GOP nominee, which would make it impossible afterwards to govern. Clinton, in contrast, defeats all of the current GOP candidates by landslide majorities.

Caddell and Schoen ended the article: “If President Obama is not willing to seize the moral high ground and step aside, then the two Democratic leaders in Congress, Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, must urge the President not to seek re-election, for the good of the party and most of all for the good of the country. And they must present the only clear alternative—Hillary Clinton.”



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Hillary Clinton is “the only leader capable of uniting the country around a bipartisan economic and foreign policy,” write two Democratic Party pollsters. Her 2008 New Hampshire primary victory shows that she can win again. She is pictured here campaigning in April 2008.

On to New Hampshire

Following the publication of the *Wall Street Journal* piece, Caddell appeared on a number of radio shows, where he took the “Dump Obama” campaign one step further. He called for a wealthy patriotic Democrat to purchase billboards all over the state of New Hampshire, calling on voters to write in Hillary Clinton’s name on the Democratic Party primary election ballot Jan. 10, 2012. Caddell forecast that Clinton would get 25-30% of the vote and that this would thoroughly shake up the elections.

EIR has confirmed that this Caddell-Schoen initiative is absolutely not coming from the Clinton political camp. Indeed, the group of powerful Democratic Party elders and donors who are pushing the “Dump Obama” effort approached Secretary Clinton months ago—and were rebuffed.

Next, they put together a list of prospective Democrats who could challenge the President in the primaries, in a replay of the 1968 Eugene McCarthy challenge to incumbent President Lyndon Johnson. That year, McCarthy campaigned in New Hampshire against LBJ on the basis that the failures of the Vietnam War were destroying the United States, and that Johnson had to be defeated in order to bring the troops home. In a stunning electoral upset, McCarthy got 43% of the New Hampshire Democratic primary vote, to the President’s 49%. Soon after the vote, a delegation of leading Democrats went to LBJ and convinced him to announce he was dropping his reelection campaign.

The McCarthy campaign was a stalking horse for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who entered the race for the Democratic nomination within weeks of the stunning New Hampshire vote.

The backers of Caddell and Schoen, according to *EIR*’s sources, concluded that the option of a direct challenge to Obama in the primaries was not viable. At that point, the Caddell and Schoen op-ed and the followup efforts were launched.

What Will Nerobama Do?

One known consequence of the efforts to dump Obama is that the President, who suffers from a severe narcissist disorder, is already bouncing off walls over the attacks on his Presidency. Sources close to the White House report that they are certain that, unlike LBJ and even Truman, Obama has no intention of gracefully stepping aside for the good of the party or the country. And, if Obama were to even consider such an exit, First Lady Michelle Obama would step in and veto any such sign of sanity, according to the sources.

While no immediate action is pending, these same sources confirm that there is quiet talk among some increasingly worried Cabinet members that the President is perhaps mentally unfit to continue to serve. The sources describe a President who is disengaged from all serious policy deliberations, short-tempered, and distracted. When he does make a decision, often his own top Cabinet members and White House advisors are baffled about whom he consulted with, and how the decision was taken. To say that there is deep anxiety over this worsening state of mind, one source confirmed, is an understatement.

Although Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution delegates to the Vice President the authority to act to remove the President if he is deemed physically or mentally unfit to serve, it would take a consensus among leading Cabinet members to actually remove the President.

The mere fact that such talk is taking place, albeit behind closed doors, and well out of earshot of the President or the First Lady, is an indication of just how mad things have gotten at the White House.

It was announced this week that President Obama and the First Family will soon embark on a 17-day Hawaii vacation, and that the President will have no public appearances and no other official business during the entire year-end period. A good place for a secluded retirement, if responsible members of the Cabinet just decide to act.

On the Retirement Of Barney Frank

by Rachel Brown

Dec. 1—The recent decision of Rep. Barney Frank to retire from his seat in Congress is the only decision he has ever made which I agree with. Indeed, we may never know the real reasons for this decision—perhaps it was his fear of being known as one of the most incompetent and corrupt lawmakers in U.S. history. In any case, it is clear that we need leadership immediately to get rid of Obama, as I had proposed, along with the other LaRouche candidates, during the 2010 campaign.

While Barney Frank continually defended the British puppet Obama, who should have already been ousted for his repeated violations of the Constitution, and lack of regard for the citizens' welfare, I opposed his policies and helped build a movement for the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, which would have ended the financial crisis. There are now 56 Congressional co-sponsors for H.R. 1489 (to reinstate Glass-Steagall), and my identification of this solution put Barney Frank on the defensive, as he publicly attempted to argue that his protection (bailout) of the "financial industry" was somehow justified.

While Barney defended Obama's Nazi-modeled health-care travesty, which constitutes "crimes against humanity" under the Nuremberg Military Tribunal criterion, I fought against it, and made clear that such a policy was nothing but a necessary consequence of the imperial British policy of monetarism, and proposed instead the replacement of the HMO system, backed up by a physically productive economy.

While Barney attacked the funding of NASA (which he thought to be an "atmospherics" association), and manned space-flight programs, I fought to educate people on the importance of NASA and human space flight for advancing mankind's knowledge of the universe, and creating spinoff technologies for improved levels of economic productivity and creativity.

While Barney Frank represented the tradition of the British Tories, sent to Massachusetts to sabo-

tage the establishment of a truly humanist society, I represented the republican tradition of the Winthrops and Mathers in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Now, however, we have one more tyrant to topple: Nerobama occupying the White House. Obama's pathological mental state has displayed itself for the world to see, and high-level military officials warn of his "unpredictability" in office. In current conditions of economic meltdown, with the Eurozone days or minutes away from complete collapse, British financial interests are pushing for World War III. The recent illegal "regime change" in Libya, made possible by Obama's drones; the rapidly escalating moves toward war with Iran and Syria by the British Empire; and direct military provocations toward Russia and China, such as this weekend's bombing of Pakistan, illustrate this threat. Obama's enraged Nero-style breakdown has put us inches away from a global thermonuclear showdown, which would eliminate billions of people from the planet, as intended.

This is why I am declaring, along with the rest of the LaRouche Democratic Slate, that Obama must be removed from office without delay; either by impeachment, threat of impeachment, or the 25th Amendment. Any candidate for office or current office-holder who is not requesting Obama's removal will be guilty of the repercussions of thermonuclear war, quite possibly hitting U.S. soil. No issues are relevant other than the immediate removal of Obama, after which, we can safely restore the functioning of our nation.

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Rachel Brown is shown here confronting Barney Frank at a town hall meeting in Dartmouth, Mass., Aug. 18, 2009; the video immediately went viral.

Schiller Showed the Way To Cope with a Time of Crisis

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

The Schiller Institute in Germany met on Nov. 27 in Frankfurt, with some 80 members and supporters gathering to discuss the dangerous world situation and what to do about it. The Institute's chairwoman, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, began her keynote speech by saying that the main problem we face is the emotional underdevelopment of the majority of people today, which prevents them from understanding the existential threats confronting us. Too often, their response to a briefing is indifference and self-centeredness.

She went on to describe the build-up toward a possible global thermonuclear war, with the Western and Israeli threats against Syria and Iran, the deployment of Russian naval vessels off the coast of Syria in response; the Russian concern about NATO's deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems on its borders, without assurances to Moscow that the systems are not aimed at weakening Russia's defense capability; and other recent developments (which are also reported in International.)

She emphasized that the cause of this drive for war is the collapse of the global financial system, whereby



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche at the conference in Berlin, Nov. 27.

the British-steered financial oligarchy views war as the only way to maintain its power—just as it did in the buildup to World Wars I and II. The other principal motivating factor, she said, is the malthusian mindset of the British imperialists, including notably such as Bertrand Russell and the current royal family.

We publish here a translation of the second half of her speech; the entire presentation is posted in German, both as a video and as a transcript, at <http://www.schiller-institut.de/>.

The question is, how do we deal with this situation? How can one find the strength in oneself to cope with such a terrifying reality, and to launch the mobilization that is absolutely necessary to prevent this danger?

I have thought about it, and naturally I cannot guarantee that we can stop it. But where does one find the moral support, in reality or in what one can think of doing about it, so as not to lose the inner fortitude required to cope with it? I thought about it some more, and then said to myself: Actually, such moral support is to be found in the very laws of the universe.



Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805). His sublime concept of man in the image of the creative God can be a source of strength and courage for mankind's battles today. Shown here: painting by Gerhard von Kügelgen.

I asked myself: What are our traditions; how have earlier thinkers grappled with this problem or a similar problem? And I came to the conclusion that the first thinker who really laid out the laws of the universe and their relationship to man and his creativity was—at least from what has come down to us—Plato. The *Timaeus* was the only work by Plato that was known in the West in the 1,700 years after the demise of Classical Greece and the takeover by the Roman Empire, until the Orthodox delegation, by the intervention of Nicolaus of Cusa, brought all of Plato's works to the Council of Florence [1438-45]. Just imagine! Throughout these 1,700 years, Plato had almost completely disappeared, and his work existed only in a few copies of the *Timaeus*, behind some monastery walls, where no one could read it who did not know Greek. In any case, Plato had almost disappeared.

This *Timaeus* is thus very interesting, because there, for the first time—at least from the surviving documents that have come down to us—it presented the

notion of a universe understood as a universal principle of development, with the idea of man as the aim and intent of this development.

In the introduction, the interlocutor Critias describes the history of mankind as the result of cultures that had collapsed from time to time—sometimes because of moral failings, sometimes due to physical catastrophes. And if these cultures went under, then a new culture always came along, built on the ruins of the old one.

And according to the *Timaeus*, man knows this part of the universe outside himself, and realizes that there is an ontological congruence with his own creativity.

The characteristic of this creativity is the change from lower to higher states of development, and this occurs in both the non-human domain and in the domain of human creativity. However, in the non-human domain, this development takes place without the willful and conscious aspect.

Thus here was expressed, for the first time, an idea of a developing universe, in which man is the driving force.

These are, of course, ideas that Nicolaus of Cusa, Leibniz, and naturally V.I. Vernadsky have developed further, and that today, with modern scientific methods, have been proven. That was the conception of the universe that actually exists, unlike all other false notions of the Earth as a disc, or a closed system, or a finite planet, or all these false doctrines that appeared over and over again.

The Biogenetic Law of Evolution

Nicolaus of Cusa described, in his *Docta Ignorantia*, what Prof. [Rudolf] Haubst has called the biogenetic law of evolution; it was Cusa who first made this distinction among the inorganic, the biological, and the domain of human reason. For Nicolaus, however, there is also a fourth level, and that is God, the Creator.

Nicolaus does not describe this process of evolution as a development from the lower to the higher, in Darwin's sense—the survival of the fittest—but rather that it proceeds from the One, the Creator God, who practically has a law of development for the order of Creation, that each species can only reach its full development through these three stages, if it partakes at one point with the nature of the next higher species.

Nicolaus says that the development therefore means that the higher being drags the lower one up. Man is thus only fully human when he partakes in at least one point with the next higher entity, the Creator God. Thus the person is only fully human if he is creative, if he uses the *vis creativa*, the creative force, that God has given him. And, at one point, Nicolaus goes so far as to say that ever since man was created, development occurs only through man's creativity.

This is quite correct, because if man, as so far the only intelligent form of life known to us, did not exist, then it would be of precious little use to us to know whether there are any other intelligent beings, because we would not be there to judge. So one can definitely say that even if we do discover other intelligent beings—which could happen soon, because the universe is so enormous, with billions of galaxies that are constantly evolving, and which we can only now begin to access for the first time with modern methods such as astronauts and probes—Nicolaus is still absolutely right: that man, if he uses his creativity, is a second God, in the sense of the pursuit of wisdom. That does not mean that he is equal to God, but that he can replicate the work of Creation through his own creative work.

The World and the Thinking Being

That is something which Vernadsky, as we know, developed further; and Schiller's entire work is influenced by this conception. You probably all know Schiller's little saying about nature: "Are you looking for the highest, the biggest? Plants can teach you. What they do by instinct, you do willfully. That's it."

That is a very simple thought, but it gets at the essence, and Schiller was very familiar with the works of Leibniz, through his teacher Jacob Friedrich Abel at the Karlsakademie. If you look, for example, at Schiller's youthful work "The Theosophy of Julius," you will see that Schiller absolutely thought in these terms. In the chapter "The World and the Thinking Being," he writes:

The universe is a thought of God. After this ideal mental image became manifest, and the new-born world fulfilled the plan of its Creator—permit me this human representation—so it is the vocation of all thinking beings to retrace the original design in this great reality, to seek out the principle in the mechanism, the unity in the compound, the law in the phenomenon, and to

proceed backwards from the structure to its original plan. Therefore, for me, there is but a single manifestation in nature: the thinking being. The great composition that we name the World is only remarkable to me now, because it indicates to me symbolically the manifold expressions of that being. Everything in me and outside me is only the hieroglyph of a power which is like me. The laws of nature are the ciphers which the thinking being pieces together to make itself understandable to the intellect—the alphabet by means of which all spirits communicate with the most perfect Spirit and with one another. Harmony, truth, order, beauty, excellence give me joy, because they transport me into the active state of their inventor, their possessor; because they betray the presence of a rational, feeling Being, and allow me to intuit my relationship with this Being. A new experience in this realm of truth—gravitation, the discovery of the circulation of the blood, the natural system of Linnaeus—correspond essentially in my mind, as an object from antiquity dug up at Herculaneum; both are only the reflection of one Spirit, a new acquaintance with a being like myself. I speak with the Eternal through the instrument of nature, through the history of the world; I read the soul of the artist in his Apollo.

This is the same theme, or the same idea, that Keats described in his "Ode on a Grecian Urn," whereby the person who sees this Grecian urn suddenly experiences the mind of the artist who made it many thousands or hundreds of years ago.

We will have a presentation today on this subject, so I do not want to go into it more now; but I recently had that experience with a painting by Leonardo da Vinci, "Lady with an Ermine," at the "Faces of the Renaissance" exhibition in Berlin. I was suddenly moved to tears, because looking at this incredible picture, the first of its kind in its mystery and ambiguity, I suddenly felt that I knew Leonardo, who was, so to speak, suddenly standing in the room next to the picture. This experience was so powerful that I was actually moved to tears.

This means that the universe is basically constructed such that we can recognize these truths.

Schiller goes on to say in the "Theosophy of Julius":

All spirits are attracted by perfection. There may



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The Schiller Institute chorus performs Bach's cantata "Jesu, meine Freude," Berlin, Nov. 27. Zepp-LaRouche called for reviving "absolute passion for the great ideas of Europe's humanist tradition."

be deviations, but not a single exception—all strive for the highest and freest expression of their powers; all possess the common instinct of extending their sphere of action, of drawing all, and centering all in themselves, of appropriating all that is good, all that is charming and excellent. When the beautiful, the true, and the excellent are once seen, there is an instantaneous attempt to take possession of them. A condition once perceived by us, we enter into it immediately. At the moment when we think of them, we become possessors of a virtue, authors of an action, discoverers of a truth, possessors of happiness. We ourselves become the perceived object.

We Need Aesthetic Education!

Now of course everyone will say: Sure, if it were so easy, if all that people had to do was to surround themselves with beauty, and so on, and they would be creative, they would be duty-bound to the beautiful, the noble, and true—but that's not how it is in real life.

Of course that is a problem, but I've thought about this problem for a long time. Schiller described this question of aesthetic education—that man actually is the only creature that can deliberately become a genius; in his *Aesthetic Letters*, Schiller responded to the downfall of the French Revolution and the Jacobin Reign of Terror, by saying, "A great moment has found a little people." And from then on, he even said that the aesthetic education of man is the only way to get out of this brutality and barbarism. And he also had the idea of educating the emotions.

And it still seems to me to be the most absolutely urgent thing, to say most deliberately that man must not only develop his reason, but he must also, above all else, become a beautiful soul. And to become a beautiful soul means bringing one's emotions to the level of reason; that you can trust them blindly, because they would never tell you something that reason does not mandate. And if this condition is reached, which can be achieved by concentrating on great art, on discoveries, on the creativity of man, then freedom and necessity, passion and duty, become one.

This is really the key, and I want to make this point once again at this grave moment in history, be-

cause there are many people who are highly intelligent, who can do all sorts of particular things very well, but if you see them in their human dimension, there are incredible shortcomings. And therefore, I think that Schiller's ideal of the education of the capacity for profound emotions is really the key to this crisis.

Because it is never just the technology or even weapons that are the problem; there is always the subjective aspect of the people who use them.

Schiller goes on to say, in the *Letters*:

I am convinced that in the happy moment of their ideal conceptions, the artist, the philosopher, and the poet are really great and good men, in conceiving the image of the ideal—however, this ennobling of the spirit is for many only an unnatural condition, produced forcibly by more vigorous boiling of the blood, more rapid flight of fancy, which, for that very reason, disappears as fleetingly as any other enchantment, and delivers the heart, all the more exhausted, to the despotic caprice of base passions. All the more exhausted, I say, because common experience teaches that the recidivist criminal is always the more enraged; that the renegades from virtue recover all the more sweetly in the arms of vice from the burdensome obligation of repentance.

And unfortunately, this is also precisely the present situation. In other words, if a more developed nation goes into decline, it becomes even more barbaric than one that has not yet developed at all.

I think we have in German history an example of this, and we see it now in some other belligerent nations, which must also confront themselves; that America, which, as a great republic, brought together, in its founding and its Constitution, the best that Europe had to offer, today is about to start a war worse than the First and the Second World War.

Therefore all those who were dubious when Lyn [LaRouche] said that Obama was like Nero, and who were upset about a certain facial ornament [the “Obamastache”], should now kindly reflect again on that position, whether it was not absolutely right. Because if we do not stop this crisis, then it is in fact worse than everything that has happened so far.

Universal History

Otherwise, Schiller has included the same ideas which we have already seen in the *Timaeus*, in his “Universal History,” where he effectively describes how the human species has developed from debased circumstances to ever-higher conditions, and I want to only very briefly quote that:

The discoveries which our European mariners have made in distant oceans and on remote coastlines, present us a spectacle as constructive as it is entertaining. They show us tribes which surround us at the most diverse levels of culture, like children of different ages gathered around an adult, reminding him by their example of what he used to be, and where he started from. A wise hand seems to have preserved these raw tribes for us down to our times, where we would be advanced enough in our own culture to make fruitful application of this discovery to ourselves, and to restore from this mirror the forgotten origin of our species. But how shaming and sad is the picture these people give us of our childhood! And yet the level at which we see them is not even the first. Mankind began even more miserably. Those we study today we already find as nations, as political bodies; but mankind first had to elevate itself by an extraordinary effort to political society. Now what do these travellers tell us about these savages? They found some without any knowledge of the most indispensable skills, without iron, without the plow, some even without the possession of fire. Some still wrestled with wild beasts for food and dwelling; among many, language had been scarcely elevated from animal sounds to understandable signs. In some places, there was not even the simple bond of marriage, as yet no knowledge of property, and in others the flaccid soul was not even able to retain an experience which repeats itself every day; one saw the savage carelessly relinquish the bed on which he slept, because it did not occur to him that he would sleep again tomorrow. War, however, was with them all, and the flesh of the vanquished enemy was not seldom the prize of victory.

Then Schiller contrasts that with the present, and says:



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By concentrating on great art, on discoveries, on man's creativity, Zepp-LaRouche stressed, one's passion and one's duty become inseparable. Here, Werner Hartmann (piano) and Kwame Cole (violin) play Brahms' Op. 77, violin concerto in D major, at the Berlin conference.

What are we now? Let me linger for a moment at this epoch in which we are now living, at this present shape of the world we inhabit.

Then he describes how man's industriousness, his ingenuity, has reclaimed land from the sea, how it developed Germany's forests, how it brought vines from Asia to Europe, filled the barns, and so forth.

How many creations of art, how many wonders of diligence, what light in all fields of knowledge, since man no longer consumes his energies in pitiful self-defense, since it has been placed at his discretion to reconcile himself with need, which he ought never fully to escape; since he has obtained the valuable privilege to command his capabilities freely, and to follow the call of his genius! What lively activity everywhere, since desires multiplied lent new wings to inventive genius and opened new areas to industriousness. The barriers are breached which isolated states and nations in hostile egoism. All thinking minds are now bound together by the

bond of world-citizenry, and all the light of the century can now illuminate the spirit of a new Galileo and Erasmus.

Then at the end of the "Universal History" Schiller famously comes to the conclusion that the only way mankind can achieve his own immortality is, by tying "his own ephemeral fate to the long chain which winds through human generations," and with a noble longing glowing within him, "to pass on that which he received from previous generations, multiplied, into the future and the coming generations."

Reaching the Level of the Sublime

And that, in a certain way, is the only thing which can somehow stabilize one at this point in time, that one is totally conscious of the possibility of bringing himself to the level of the Sublime, that is, that he not find his identity in the here and now, in sensuous enjoyments, in the experience of maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain, but that he actually thinks that we are historical individuals, that we have responsibility for everything that the human race has produced up to now, and that we

must preserve it, because it is intolerable to any human being who has felt love for the ideas of a Beethoven or a Schiller, that these might perish in such a crisis.

Because if human civilization were now destroyed, there would perhaps be nothing left; a Beethoven would have composed in vain, and Bach would have written this wonderful piece [“Jesu, meine Freude”], and it would be only a wave in a huge ocean. And I think that we have now come to a point where we must revive the absolute passion for the great ideas of Europe’s humanist tradition, and let them strike a chord in us, so that we evoke those ideas we now need, because only that can give us strength.

That means that one cannot consider intellectual work as something which one does, so to speak, in Sunday school, or when it’s somehow convenient, but that we actually think of these ideas with passion, those of a Plato, a Nicolas, a Leibniz, or a Schiller, Schubert, or Beethoven—that we actually use them to create a new Renaissance.

Because this idea, that we are responsible for coming out of this crisis—even if you have to say that

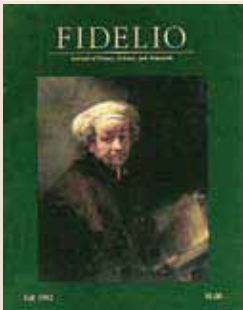
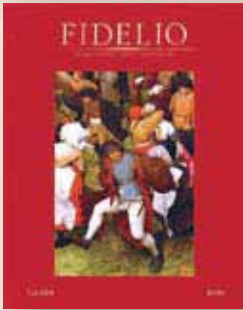
naturally it is not only our responsibility: This idea is what shifts us as people into the situation where we can cope with these hideous realities, and through which we do not permit our optimism to die.

I believe that it is very, very important that one in such a situation, even more so than previously, believes in the possibility of the aesthetical development of mankind, that man can bring about a Renaissance, and that one can say essentially: Perhaps precisely such an existential crisis of human civilization was necessary in order to do away with the axioms of a failed epoch, so that man supercedes them with better ideas, and thereby fundamentally ushers in a new chapter for the human race.

That is the task which the Schiller Institute actually posed for itself from the start; that is, that we, from the beginning, undertook to create a new just world economic order and a new cultural Renaissance. And that is the touchstone, more than ever before. And therefore, I urge all of you to apply yourselves in this situation to the idea that we must create that Renaissance—because the alternative is not acceptable.

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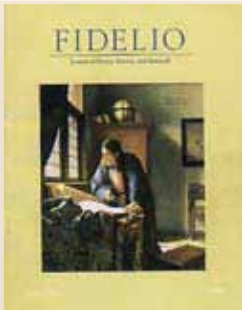
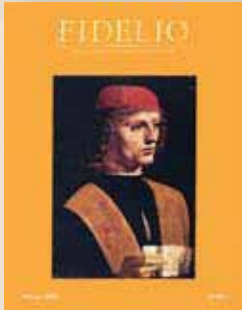
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Pearl Harbor Day and the Will To Fight

It was 70 years ago this week, when Americans woke up on Dec. 7 to find that we had been subject to the Japanese surprise attack at Pearl Harbor. From that moment on, the United States was set on the course of war, a war which changed the world for the better, and turned us into a superpower with immense power for good.

Today, as we seem to be approaching the nadir of our national life, we would do well to recall certain lessons from that horrific event.

First, it should be understood that in 1941, the global fascist onslaught by the marcher-lord nations, Germany and Japan, had already been underway for more than two years. Enormous devastation and suffering had been inflicted, and the danger of a global takeover by these forces of evil loomed large. President Franklin Roosevelt was well aware of this reality, and had been doing everything that he possibly could, within political and legal constraints, to provide support for those waging a resistance.

But, until the Pearl Harbor attack, FDR was unable to muster sufficient support to actively join the war against Germany and Japan. He knew that the United States was also a prime target of the fascist legions, and he had periodically briefed the American people in his Fireside Chats, on the nature of the assault on human civilization which they represented. He also knew that, even within his own military, there was fierce resistance to mobilizing against fascism. There had to be a shock, in order to get people to face reality—and Pearl Harbor provided it.

Could there be a parallel to today, when we are again under fascist assault, this time by a globalized British Empire-run financial system, and yet our leading institutions and people are unwilling to fight?

The second lesson, however, is that, in the face

of that attack, and under FDR's leadership, the American people were prepared to take up the fight, to sacrifice their lives and living standards for the sake of future generations, not only here in the U.S., but around the world. As Lyndon LaRouche has often recounted, the world changed dramatically on that Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, when American citizens decided they finally had to take responsibility to act.

Under what circumstances can the American people be inspired to undergo that same kind of transformation today?

Clearly, we cannot afford to wait for an assault, such as that which occurred on Pearl Harbor Day. We've already seen such an attack in the form of the 9/11 terror assault. But, under the misleadership of Bush and Cheney, we never publicly acknowledged the real enemy behind those attacks—the British Empire and its Saudi handmaidens. The shock did not arouse us to take the necessary measures to restore our nation, in alliance with others, but rather was used by our enemies to get us to reject our heritage, and virtually become a police state. It was a Reichstag fire, not a Pearl Harbor.

Today, the shock that will turn us into patriots willing to fight for the highest ideas of our nation, must come within the mind. Already, this shock is hitting certain layers of our military, who see with horror, that a British puppet President is leading us to World War III. There are signs that this recognition is spreading to other leading circles who see how Obama's dictatorship is destroying our nation. But the pace is dangerously slow.

The real challenge faces us all: To mobilize the nation in defense of the principles of our Constitution with all our mental and physical powers, *before* it is too late.

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