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The Mission of Europe Vs. the British Empire

Jacques Cheminade, former French Presidential candidate and former president of Solidarité et Progrès, the LaRouche movement in France, gave the keynote address, immediately below, on the second day, Nov. 25, of the Schiller Institute conference in Flörsheim, Germany. Following that, we publish three additional conference presentations, by speakers from Greece, Germany, and Italy, all dealing with the economic crisis in Europe.

Additional speeches from the conference, including those of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, can be found in EIR, Dec. 14, Dec. 7, and Nov. 30. Videos of the entire conference are posted on the Schiller Institute [website](#).

“Of course, one can jump onto one’s chair like a young goat, and repeat ‘Europe! Europe! Europe!’ But that leads nowhere and means nothing.” That is what Charles de Gaulle had to say on Dec. 14, 1965, provoking a great scandal among the Lady-Do-Rightlys of his day.

Today, 47 years later, those who dislike empty words or words pronounced to produce the opposite effect of what they should mean, have the absolute human right to despise the shadow of itself that Europe has become, as ugly as sin. There is no more Europe, because European states have given up their national sovereignty to two interrelated entities. First, to what de Gaulle relentlessly denounced as the British or Anglo-American Empire, a conglomerate of financial interests

based in the networks of the City of London; and secondly, to its mediation on our continent—this “thing” that José Manuel Barroso, the head of the European Union Commission, once called a “non-imperial empire.”

The collusion between these two entities is like a feudal Faustian pact: The British Empire has the power of finance—the money, intelligence services, and ideology—while the European Union destroys itself for such an imperial empire, thanks to the voluntary servitude of ... ourselves, the subjects of this non-imperial empire. At this historic moment, we Europeans should all be ashamed to be in such an unpleasant position, where the systematic cost-cutting policy of the empire loots the very basis of our society, perverts the minds of our children with a culture of death, and wrecks the creative powers of human labor.

Despite that, subjects are slaves to their habits. Because what has been attacked is the best of our common cultures, the belief in the continuity of progress, which is the very meaning of the existence of mankind. We have been robbed of the social capacity to participate in, and lead that process, in the language of an artistically and scientifically creative imagination, in the human intention to discover principles. Europe has become an unprincipled, absurd chaos of discordant voices, with no sense of a community of purpose, or a unity.



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"The mission of Europe is to oppose both the British Empire and its own non-imperial empire, the failed euro system," Cheminade said. He is shown here meeting with French President François Hollande at the Élysée Palace, Dec. 7, 2012.

‘Paris Games Week’

Let me give you two examples. Three weeks ago, I went to the “Paris Games Week,” the yearly celebration of videogames, because a journalist wanted to interview me there. It was a very crude experience, because you had all these very young kids, mostly under 25, who were swaying and screaming in front of screens, playing first-person shooter games, surrounded by an addictive environment of extremely loud noise purporting to be music, in a dark environment. Such chaos represents for me a black metaphor of what Europe has become: sounds without music, and words without sentences, images appealing to sense perceptions and people reduced to bestialized, addicted victims.

Secondly, just this week, there was an international colloquium in Paris titled: “Selection, sorting out and triage in medicine, logics, practices, and values.” Presentations were given on “The conditions of the possibilities for the concept of triage: 18th to 21st century perspective.” They promoted the Harvard Medical School, the Liverpool Care Pathway for aging patients, and Tony Blair’s NICE [National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence].

Remember that Dr. Leo Alexander, at the Nuremberg Trials, said that when you put a price on human life, you commit a crime against humanity. I just mention these two examples to make it clear that new

Nuremberg criminals are banging down the doors, and that our mission in Europe is not just to correct some mistaken concepts and eventually find a refuge in the safe-houses of our respective nations, but to save mankind.

What goes under the name of Europe today is the relation between subservient subjects and the established institutions that are destroying them, rather than between citizens and a state of law, organized under consent to principles. This is precisely what the French author Étienne de La Boétie identified as “voluntary servitude” during the wars of religion of the 16th Century. And it leads us to a situation of economic collapse, which has always created the conditions for war, because war is the

most inhuman thing human beings can do to one another, and they do it when they have been turned into inhuman things.

The characteristic of this moment is that the threat of the oligarchy’s flight forward has thermonuclear teeth. Nuremberg and the threat of an escalation towards a thermonuclear confrontation is what defines our situation here and now.

Our mission is therefore to remove things that are a threat to the continued existence of mankind and our societies, i.e., not only the British Empire as such, but the principle of the British Empire that infects our way of thinking; or, better said, that undermines our capacity to think creatively. At the same time, we have to present a political composition, which is not defined by deducing something from where we are now, which could only bring disaster, but by stirring what gives the sense that better, higher orders of humanity can be reached.

Glass-Steagall: Key to the Future

For that purpose, which is a very concrete one, we, as Europeans, have to recover our national and individual sovereignties from the imperial and “non-imperial” empires. Because a community of purpose cannot be generated within a political cage, but to unite by freely combining different aspects of a single idea.

The best way to put it, I think, is that Europe should not be composed like a mathematical or romantic combination of sounds, such as piece by Strauss, Rameau or Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstances," but like a composition of Bach: as a language combining different statements of the same idea. These different statements are the contribution of our nations, throwing off the shackles of the oligarchic and imperial principle to drive the minds of all towards the future, through the common accomplishment of a great design.

First, we have to stop the empire from doing harm. This is all about the Glass-Steagall principle in economics. If you don't implement it, you cannot get the key to open the door to the future. It is only a key, but without it, you cannot open the door which leads to the walled garden, where lies the undiscovered principle of our common European future. In that sense, Glass-Steagall is both a political weapon and the expression of a leap of the mind. It puts an end to the universal bank—to those banks too big to fail, too big to manage, too big to control, and too big to jail. Because as long as the process of monetary creation inherent to a commercial bank is allowed within investment banks, the consequence will be to attract never ending quantities of new money into all kinds of spreading speculation, and to create financial bubbles that benefit those whom Roosevelt called the "economic royalists."

On the one side, there are the commercial or credit and deposit banks, and on the other side, market activities; if the two are not separated, money issuance finances speculation and destroys the economy. No more bailouts of investment banks! The derivatives folly should be stopped! A dozen mega-banks now control about 85% of the derivatives market, and 90% operate in the dark pools of shadow banking, with no public control, a market amounting to more than ten times the GNP of the planet. The obvious first mission of Europe should be to shut down such a volcano instead of feeding it.

Once we have sorted out and cleaned up the mess, we have to build the future. To do so, we have to understand what the word "economics" really means. It does not mean buying monetary products cheap and selling them dear, and then adding up the profits made to come up with a GNP. It is defined by the capacity to ensure the lives of more human beings, with better skilled jobs, and the ability to master ever more advanced technologies.

The idea of density is crucial: a growing energy-flux

density enables society to produce more and better with less physical effort, per square kilometer and per capita. This allows the long-term survival of humanity at higher and higher levels of intervention, with the mission being to increase the development of the human mind over generations.

A Platform of Development

The lift-off to the future means creating a platform of development: physical infrastructure (water management, energy, high-speed transportation), and human infrastructure (education, public health, R&D, innovation), as well as exchanges of men, goods, and ideas through development corridors. You heard yesterday about a "Revolutionary Development Plan for the Near and Middle East,"¹ our fight for a Eurasian Land-Bridge reaching into the Mediterranean and Africa, to become an East-West and North-South World Land-Bridge. We must stop, once and for all, the suicidal policies of cost-cutting, austerity, and human destruction, and go back to the spirit of the policies of Franklin Roosevelt and of the post-World War II reconstruction of Europe.

The enemies of such a policy argue: "Let's be realistic, let's be practical; there is no money for such idealistic projects." That is where the concept of credit comes in. Economies are not built on the basis of "savings" or money issuance per se; they are built with credit for investments which yield the means to pay back that credit! Credit, as people in the German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau [Reconstruction Credit Agency], and in the French planning commissions after World War II knew, is a wager on the future. The alternative is destruction.

The proof of that, is that a Europe with no savings or income, but with funds from the Marshall Plan, was rebuilt by following such a political approach, while today we are destroying ourselves under a monetary system. European nations, to ensure their future, must hark back to such policies, together with Eurasia, the Mediterranean area, the Middle and Near East, and Africa, as touchstones of our identity and survival. What we need is enthusiasm, what the Greeks called "the inner God." Here is the source, and to wait is a crime.

But such a credit system is incompatible with the

1. Speeches by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, *EIR*, Nov. 30, 2012, and Hussein Askary, *EIR*, Dec. 7, 2012.



Instead of the death culture, exemplified in the “Paris Games Week,” we should revive the Classical culture of Leonardo, Comenius, and Erasmus, Cheminade urged. Left to right: Leonardo, self-portrait (c. 1505); Comenius, portrait by Rembrandt (1664-65); Erasmus, portrait by Holbein the Younger (1497-98).

euro system, which is, by political intention, a monetary system in the service of the oligarchy. It cannot be changed, it cannot be repaired from the inside, because its very purpose is to abolish those national and individual sovereignties that are responsible for the future. Bodies emptied of their souls and their culture cannot guarantee the future.

The very people who shout today “Europe! Europe! Europe!” are the ones who are sabotaging the Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, and Comenius programs for European cultural exchanges and studies! There is no money for them, there is only money in the euro system, to bail out the banks and destroy peoples and nations. It is not only, of course, a matter of money; it is a matter of social selection. The average grants or scholarships amount to EU200 a month, so they only benefit those young people whose families can afford to pay their living expenses. On a deeper level, the programs are not based on an exchange of the best Classical cultures of our respective nations, but more and more on commercial, financial, or social studies, amounting to the proverbial Spanish inn where “pot-luck” is served.

Therefore, the mission of Europe is to oppose both the British Empire and its own “non-imperial” empire, the failed euro system. We don’t want to shut ourselves off within national borders, but rather bring to Europe and the world what is needed for the future. As it was

shown yesterday,² the space policy is the science driver toward our future. Mars is what compels us to change on Earth. Curiosity and the ExoMars European/Russian missions are the pathways toward not only the much needed Strategic Defense of Earth [proposed by the Russians] against the dangers coming from space, but steps toward mastery of the Solar System and beyond by man, to secure a future for humanity, when the Sun begins to collapse in about a billion years. But our commitment to act is in no way ensured; rather it is now stalled. The ExoMars program was designed well before the existence of the euro system, and now, the euro system threatens to kill it!

It’s the System, Stupid!

Curiosity and ExoMars will be dead-ends unless we fulfill our political mission. Europe and the United States, under the rule of the British Empire, will either end or lower their space policies to inadequate levels. “It is the system, stupid!” It is indeed a system which, if you look at its shadows on videogame screens, is a cult of death. Space, on the contrary, means a culture of life, to re-establish the knowledge of science because it asks those questions for which answers have not yet been found. In that sense, work on space programs is the most

2. A reference to the conference panel on “Space Cooperation and Other Common Aims of Mankind.”



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NASA's Curiosity and the ExoMars European/Russian missions are the pathway to both the Strategic Defense of Earth, and to mastery of the Solar System and beyond by man. Shown an artist's concept of an ExoMars mission robot on Mars.

advanced form of what the nature of labor for men in the future will become: cognitive labor to confront the unknown, and deal with what has never happened before.

But, again, it cannot be done without an in-depth mobilization of the economic systems, which can only be achieved with a global credit system.

In 2012, we had the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Élysée Treaty between France and Germany, and the year 2013 has been named the year of Franco-German friendship. We cannot look at our present governments without a deep feeling of shame. The French want to continue bailing out the banks, because they lack the courage to confront them. Even worse, the government is about to present, on Dec. 19, a fake banking reform to the Council of Ministers in order to preempt the European debate on a Glass-Steagall principle. The German government wants to impose austerity on all its partners in the euro system, destroying, by the same means, their capacity to import German goods, on which the so-called German economic model depends! Such criminal stupidity should be stopped.

Yesterday, we saw that the clouds of the financial storm are bringing war to the world. The time is overdue for change. It is time to seize the opportunity, with the British about to leave the European Union, to free ourselves of the rule of the City of London, and to re-establish the principles of the postwar European founding fathers.

It is long past time to look at the world from the standpoint of Mars and beyond. During my campaign for the French Presidency, the journalists were not mistaken, from their standpoint. They eventually focused all the attacks against me as being the “hair-brained eccentric” who wanted to split the banks in two, and develop a space program. Both subjects, as well as the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche, were taboo. They succeeded in siphoning off the vote, but they failed to control the development of the ideas. Those ideas are more than ever on the table of a threatened world, because what is at stake is the very idea of European culture.

We are now at the point where European Central Bank president Mario Draghi has announced that, in May 2013, the Bank is going to issue a new series of eurobills with the face of the Phoenician princess Europa, the woman abducted by Zeus. Intelligent people noted that she is not a goddess, but a mortal, and that it is bad omen for the euro.

It is time for us to move, in tune with what is going to happen in the United States around the fate of Barack Obama, with things to come from there that can uniquely shift the situation we have here. Let's stay tuned. The eyes of true European culture are not parochial, but look from the top down, from the standpoint of Mars.

With such eyes of the mind, our challenge, the challenge for us all in this room, is to mobilize for a new paradigm of world peace much, much more than what has been mobilized for the continuous process of world wars in the course of the ominous 20th Century. It is our task, because there could not be another one at the dimension of the challenge—except having no future. Let's fulfill it, here and now, because it would be suicidal to wait.

Thank you, thank you for what you are going to do henceforth, for what you are going to mobilize within yourselves tomorrow, which would have appeared impossible before this conference. Thank you for understanding the future, and acting accordingly.