

Zeus versus Prometheus in California

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April 18—What is now hitting California will, as often before, hit the rest of the country next. An austerity policy of severe, mandated cuts in water supply by Gov. Jerry Brown, combined with escalating water prices leading toward Enron-style privatization, is being watched by numerous other states with water emergencies throughout the West. It is a fascist economic policy, hitting hardest at poor communities in California which cannot further reduce water use without depopulating, and farmers having to give up their livelihood. This is a population-reduction policy, being enforced by Brown's and his advisors' insistence that there is no way to increase water supplies to California.

California's green fascist governor Jerry Brown stopped the development of nuclear power in the state during his first two terms in that office in the 1975-1983 period, says veteran LaRouche Democratic political leader in the state, Harley Schlanger. In doing so, Brown guaranteed that a future western dry cycle would become a severe drought in the nation's most productive state—a drought in which the recycled Brown is now imposing water cuts which will, and are intended to, reduce the population.

"He ran a radical environmentalist policy against nuclear power, against the development of resources in the state, and at the same time an austerity policy," says Schlanger. Without nuclear, California lacks one of the key immediate means of using the vast Pacific lapping at its 800-mile coast to produce freshwater in quantity for the parched state. It will take five years to create that capacity now, and that will take removing Brown from office immediately; he is as much an anti-nuclear diehard as ever. He also recently blurted out that he thinks the stable population capacity over the very long term has been 300-400,000, just 1% of its current population. "The recycling of Jerry Brown is a radical environmentalism which is committed to population reduction," Schlanger says. "His is a Nazi policy."



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California has at many times, and in many fields, been the national leader in the application of science and technology, of human creativity, to the problems of economy and production. In the time of FDR's Presidency and then the governorship of Edmund "Pat" Brown (1959-67)—Jerry Brown's father—California was the center of, effectively, a second American Revolution in agriculture, industry, and economic infrastructure, making it alone one-sixth of the United States economy.

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But Schlanger, who knows the power hierarchy based in the West, from study as well as long practice, emphasizes that the strings of what is now Jerry Brown’s fascist policy imposed on California, are pulled from well above Brown’s level.

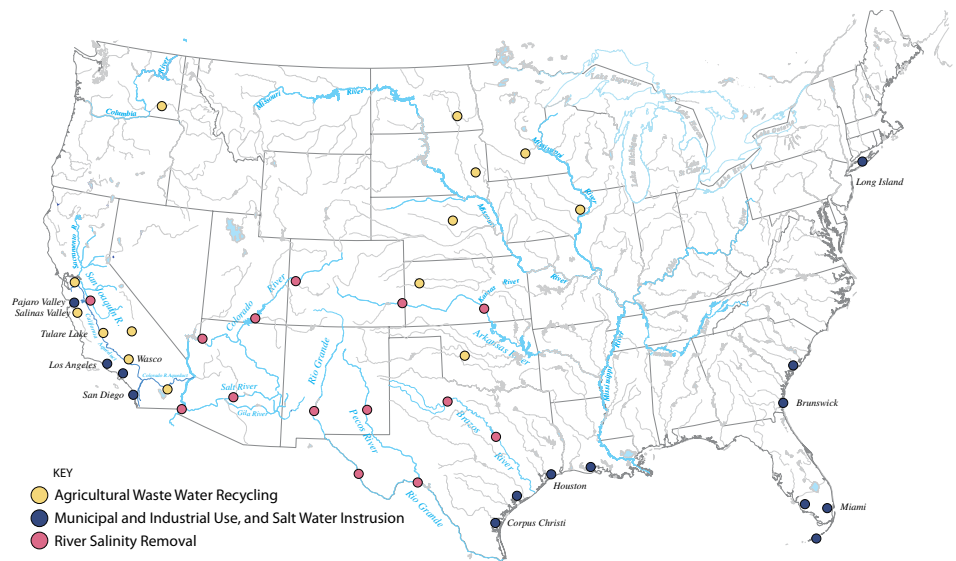
“Brown’s fascist, population-reduction policy is also coherent with the so-called conservatives, in particular Pete Wilson [California governor 1991-99—ed.], and then Arnold Schwarzenegger [governor 2003-07—ed.], both of whom have very green sides to them, especially Schwarzenegger. Social liberal, in the case of Jerry Brown . . . in terms of gay rights and things of that sort, but in terms of science policy, it’s anti-science, anti-population. And we can’t look at this in terms of this period from the Nixon Administration to the present, without seeing the big shadow of George Shultz, from the Hoover Institution at Stanford, as a godfather to most of the California governments over that period of time.”

George Shultz’s War on FDR

The State of California, despite its importance to the Union going back to its entry just before the Civil War, was built by President Franklin Roosevelt (see following article). The state had only one-tenth of its current population before FDR took office, and the world-famous Central Valley food-production powerhouse was inhabited by only a few tens of thousands of human beings.

This is the condition to which Jerry Brown’s water

FIGURE 1
Proposed Locations for 42 Nuclear Desalination Plants



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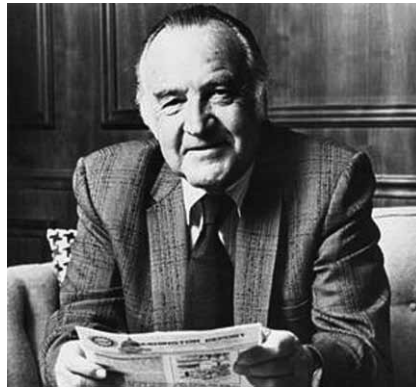
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cuts could return this incredibly productive state! Brown’s 25-35% water cuts are hitting the poorest communities, and those in the most drought-stricken Central Valley areas, the hardest; they will depopulate these areas. Farmers whose acreage is near the towns are *not* exempt from Brown’s water-cut mandates, because they get their water from the town water utilities which are ordered to impose the cuts. Millions of acres of farmland will lie fallow in 2015, more even than in 2014. This is being detailed to LaRouchePAC organizers by residents in the Central Valley; and those organizers are testing them: The water *is* there; we have to take it and create it; will you fight for that and dump Brown out of office, or will you try to “conserve until you leave”—or die?

Brown’s fascist no-water policy could take the state back to its condition before FDR’s great projects brought water from the Colorado River, water from the central California mountains, water, power, and transportation from the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

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Democrat. Jerry Brown, once elected, infamously refused to meet or even to speak to his father, who had gotten him into office. Pat Brown was the governor who basically inaugurated California into the modern era, with his infrastructure projects, water projects, improvement of the educational system, the advancement of industry and industrialized agriculture in the state. [Jerry] Brown turned against all of them with his 'small is beautiful' philosophy, and then also, brought in as special advisor in his first administration, Stewart Brand ... an anti-science, anti-government type who said, 'We need to enter an era of limits.' Brand had previously been one of the Merry Pranksters, known for dropping LSD in the punch at parties."

But George Shultz was the anti-FDR godfather who installed one California governorship after another, from his bases at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the University of Chicago, the Council of Foreign Relations, the Rocky Mountain Institution, the Bohemian Grove, etc. Shultz, in the early 1970s, as Nixon's Treasury Under Secretary and then Secretary, forced Nixon's abandonment of Roosevelt's Bretton Woods System, creating the modern "global financial casino" in place of stability and growth. Through Chicago, he worked closely with Milton Friedman to introduce fascist policies into Chile, overthrowing President Salvador Allende, replacing him with dictator Agostino Pinochet.

Shultz's father came from the same Morgan/Harriman banking networks as Prescott Bush, and Shultz has always been influential with George H.W. Bush. Shultz and Dick Cheney notoriously "created" the George W. Bush Administration.

Shultz has been prominent, with ex-Treasury Secre-

tary Hank Paulson who heads up the green anti-population Nature Conservancy, in the Green Business Alliance launched by British royal green fascist Prince Charles in 2012. Shultz's Rocky Mountain Institution was a big—perhaps the biggest—force behind pushing the subsidizing and mandating of ethanol as auto fuel.

Nazi Puppets

Harley Schlanger was a close observer, opponent, and one of the experts on the Enron "electricity deregulation" catastrophe of 1999-2001.

This scandal put electricity prices and "futures" on privatized speculative markets dominated by Enron, the closest single company to the Bush family—after electric utilities had been forced to break up into production and distribution "parts" which could be bought and sold by the same speculators.

Pete Wilson, from the Hoover Institution, was the Shultz governor (1995-99) who put California under electricity deregulation. Wilson's action was as destructive as it was because California, by the 1990s, was drastically short of electrical power generating capacity. And that was the work of the anti-nuclear, green fascist administration of Shultz governor Jerry Brown—the first time around.

Besides repeated blackouts and the loss of the entire aluminum industry in the Northwest, the deregulation crisis forced poorer people to lose power entirely as prices per kilowatt-hour skyrocketed higher and higher. Schlanger reports, "We estimated at the time that \$70 billion was taken from California by the [electricity-trading] corporations, Enron and some of the others; and the state had to come up with some of that money. But the other effect was that poor and elderly people couldn't afford air conditioning in the hot Summer of 2000." When Shultz and Cheney's "W" Bush came in in 2001, Cheney refused all aid, "saying, 'We think this is a matter for the free market.'"

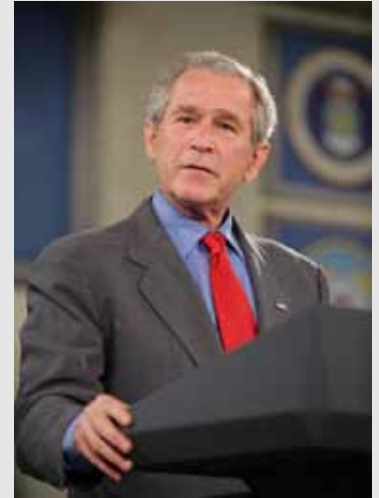
The Enron debacle was manipulated to push Democratic Gov. Gray Davis (1999-2003) out in a recall. Cartoon actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was picked out of Hollywood by Shultz (and Ted Kennedy, uncle to Schwarzenegger's wife) and taken to meetings at Lord Jacob Rothschild's English mansion to be vetted and prepared to replace Davis.



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George Shultz's fascist puppets, left to right: Pete Wilson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jerry Brown, George W. Bush

At those meetings, Schwarzenegger got the stamp of approval of Rothschild and British Royals, and Warren Buffett. “What they saw in Schwarzenegger was someone who they thought would have the toughness, the lack of human compassion to be willing to kill people with budget cuts,” says Schlanger. “He also governed along the same lines as Jerry Brown’s first two terms, as a greenie.” Schwarzenegger’s well-known earlier comments admiring the career of Adolf Hitler were put down as “youthful indiscretion.” With Davis tarred with the Enron disgrace that Shultz’s Pete Wilson had launched, Schwarzenegger got in, vowing war with labor unions, medical providers, Medicaid patients, and lower-middle-income citizens generally, to make “Cullyfornia” friendly for big business.

“Schwarzenegger,” recalls Schlanger, “brought in as his financial advisor Donna Arduin, who had been [Florida governor] Jeb Bush’s budget director. . . . As they said in Florida, ‘She cut to the bone, if not into the bone,’ cutting programs for the poor and elderly, education, dental and vision plans for children in poor families.”

After four years in office, “Terminator” Schwarzenegger was sufficiently hated by Californians that the trick could be pulled yet again: Shultz governor Jerry Brown came back into office as anybody-but Shultz governor Schwarzenegger.

Now Shultz has formed a “Hoover Intitute-Silicon Valley” alliance with hedge fund billionaire Tom

Steyer, to implement carbon limits and carbon “trading” in California. The rubric is “Future 500,” and it also advises on “water stewardship.” Future 500 currently features on its site an interview with World Wildlife Fund Board Member Alexis Brown, who says about California’s drought: “The win isn’t solving the drought; rather, the goal is to get people to share water resources and work together to make best use of these limited resources for the well-being of humans and nature.”

To Jerry Brown’s economic advisors—one of whom wanted to call the police on author Michael Steger for disagreeing that the deepening drought is caused by CO₂ emissions—Silicon Valley now *is* California’s economy. They view the Central Valley, where 30% of America’s vegetables, and much of its other produce, are grown, as “just 2% of GDP.”

But water is not “GDP”; it is economy and food and life. Prohibiting “solving the drought,” when human science and ingenuity could solve it, is anti-human. Schlanger calls it “a Nazi policy, which starts from the idea of eliminating useless eaters, or reducing population using whatever means are at hand—coming from very high-level Wall Street operatives, who have used California as a testing ground for a long time, for introducing crazy ideas which are designed to brainwash a population into rejecting the orientation of science and technology which characterized the best moments in California.”