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## **This Week You Need To Know**

*On the Press Hoax Against the Pope:*

### **BRITAIN'S BERNARD LEWIS & HIS CRIMES**

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Let the faithful of Islam hear my warning words, before it is too late for us to prevent a terrible consequence for all humanity!

The founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ, was born during the reign of the evil Roman Emperor Augustus, and was murdered, through crucifixion, by the order of the Pontius Pilate who was the personal agent of the frankly satanic Emperor Tiberius, who was resident, with his retinue of Mithra-cultists, at his headquarters at the truly capricious Isle of Capri. The chronicle of these events was supplied by the four accounts of the Christian Apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; a deeper insight into the chronicled events was supplied by the Apostle John. The deeper understanding of the Christian mission, as I share presently relevant elements of this knowledge, was supplied, to the present day, by the Testament and Letters of the Apostle John and the Letters of the Apostle Paul.

The writings of the Apostles John and Paul represent the Classical Greek science which was the highest form of scientific and related knowledge of that time, in opposition to the pro-Satanic legacy of the worship of the Olympian Zeus and other pro-reductionist excretions of that wicked Pythian cult of the Delphi Apollo from which the evil of imperial Rome had sprung in that time.

So, the Apostles Peter and Paul, among legions of other Apostles and ordinary Christians, were murdered in their martyrdom by a Roman Empire which has been intrinsically evil from the time of its conception to its present incarnation in such forms as British intelligence's agent Bernard Lewis' view of the goals of the British Empire today.

So, when Rome's prolonged policy of mass murder of Christians failed to destroy Christianity, the evil Emperor Diocletian gave up the tactic of mass-murder, not because he was humane, but because he was a smart and infinitely corrupt tyrant who was shrewd enough to abandon what had been proven to be a hopeless quest. Nonetheless, despite that lesson from Roman history, a similar mass-murder against Jews was done by the German heir of the Roman Empire's tradition, Adolf Hitler. Thus, when all earlier efforts by the Roman Emperors to exterminate Christianity by Hitler-like methods had failed, Diocletian's faithful follower Constantine sought to accomplish, by corruption, what Rome had failed to effect by mass-murderous, overtly repressive force. Indeed, the current reality is that neither Christianity, nor Islam, could be extinguished from this planet, except by the destruction of the planet itself.

Thus, a would-be new Roman Empire, the heritage of Lord Shelburne's British Empire, reacted to U.S. President Abraham Lincoln's victory over Lord Palmerston's puppet, the slaveowner's Confederacy. Britain reacted to the defeat of its Confederacy puppet, by reliance on corruption deployed within, through the New York financial center's leading tools of British financier interests within the U.S.A. Where mere force had failed, Constantine's strategy for destroying Christianity was by corruption, by legalizing it as a cult of the heathen Roman Imperial Pantheon. The corruption was expressed

through Constantine's effort to control the selection of the bishops of an imperially legalized church. A similar, implicitly treasonous factor within London-linked U.S. financier circles has been used, repeatedly, in the use of corruption, as against the Franklin Roosevelt tradition by President Harry Truman, as a weapon to destroy the U.S.A., by corruption, from within.

Alexander the Great and his counselors of the Platonic Academy, defeated the design for such an oligarchical "world empire" at that time; but, with the close of the Second Punic War, and the fall of Syracuse and the deaths of Eratosthenes and his collaborator Archimedes, the emergence of the Roman Empire of the Mediterranean and adjoining regions was merely a matter of time.

Since that time, the tradition of the Roman Empire has persisted in various guises, as an earlier Rome was superseded by Diocletian's adoption of what had been the post-Peloponnesian War, Babylonian design for intended oligarchical world-rule: this time, by dividing the Roman Empire between its failing Western branch, Rome, and its Eastern branch, Byzantium.

So, the decline of Byzantium was exploited by Venice's financier oligarchy, to create the medieval system of Europe, in partnership with the brutish Norman chivalry.

So, the rise of modern European civilization was corrupted and nearly destroyed by the replacement of the failed Norman chivalry by the bestiality of the religious warfare launched by that satanic figure, Grand Inquisitor Tomàs de Torquemada, who sparked a 1492-1648 wave of Venice-steered religious warfare against modern European civilization.

This was the Torquemada who was the model chosen for crafting the synthetic personality of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, by the leader of Martinist freemasonry, Count Joseph de Maistre. This same model of Torquemada as "The Executioner," which de Maistre crafted directly for the creation of the personality of Napoleon as Emperor, was that copied for the creation of the same type of personality in the morally putrid flesh of Adolf Hitler.

The mass murder of Jews by Hitler, was and is the legacy of Torquemada and his nominally Christian, synarchist and kindred followers of Europe and throughout the Americas to the present day.

The legacy of the Norman and Torquemada's crusades, is the root of the present-day Anglo-Dutch Liberal system's intentions to stage a global religious warfare against Islam, the religious warfare which the British Arab Bureau's Bernard Lewis has done so much to foment today.

## **Why the Press Fraud Against the Pope**

Jesus Christ was born a Jew, and was murdered as what Rome viewed as a threat of reestablishment of a Jewish state. Christ's principal Apostles were Jews, as this is typified by the close association of the Apostle Peter with the great Jewish teacher Philo of Alexandria. The exemplary relation of Jew and Christian, alike, to Islam, is that typified by the collaboration of Christian, Muslim, and Jew which was expressed in the collaboration between Charlemagne and the Baghdad Caliphate. It should have been always, as the great theologian of Europe's Fifteenth-Century Renaissance, Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa presented this fact in his *De Pace Fidei*.

However, ever since Charlemagne's leadership in ecumenicism among Christian, Jew, and Islam, the legacy of the imperial Rome which perpetrated the judicial murder of Jesus Christ and masses of Christians, has repeatedly sought to reaffirm the oligarchical system of imperial reign, through putting Christians, Jews, and Muslims against one another's throats, as we see in the press orchestration of today's widespread, fraudulent representation of the implications of an excerpt from Pope Benedict's address. The history of the British Empire, to the present day of the British Arab Bureau's Bernard Lewis, is

exemplary of this use of religious warfare as an instrument of attempted global imperial reign by Venetian-style financier-oligarchy, the same attempt expressed today by the use of "globalization" to eradicate the institution of the sovereign nation-state.

The corrupt action of the international press, in this matter, has the ominous character of an effort to arrange the assassination of a Pope Benedict not much liked among Lynne Cheney's friends in Liz Symons' London, and have the Islamic world blamed for the attempt.

Indeed, the widespread, fraudulent representation of the recent address on the subject of ecumenicism, by Pope Benedict, can not be competently understood, except as a fresh expression of the malicious propaganda-effort of the British Arab Bureau's Bernard Lewis (the assigned controller of Harvard-trained British agents Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Samuel P. Huntington's "Clash of Civilizations"). So, as the Roman Empire sought to destroy Charlemagne's ecumenical collaboration among Christians, Jews, and Islam, through the Venetian-directed Norman Crusaders, the contemporary Anglo-Dutch-Liberal faction of today's imperial finance has created and deployed Bernard Lewis's pro-satanic dogma of "Clash of Civilizations," using not only corrupt U.S. creatures such as Kissinger, Huntington, and their ilk, but also Bush-loving fanatics whose adopted beliefs are close to the essentials of a Satanic cult.

Meanwhile, elements in the ranks of nominal Moslems who have been traditionally assets spun out of London's puppet Al-Afghani, are used by Anglo-Dutch-Liberal intelligence organizations, as creatures from a drama written and directed by Bernard Lewis, to seek, thus, to bring Islam to self-destruction of its peoples from within.

Witness those abysmally immoral degenerates, the fanatical backers of a lunatic President George W. Bush, Jr., whose very presence in office defiles the name of Christianity. Witness nominal Catholics who continue the tradition of the Habsburgs and Coudenhove-Kalergi in frankly fascist guise still today, the continuing tradition of the religious warfare of 1492-1648. *See the fraudulent mass-media treatment of Benedict's proffer of a dialogue of religions, as being a part of the preparations for Vice President Dick Cheney's intended launching of a probably nuclear-armed attack on Iran at some moment of orchestrated opportunity prior to the November U.S. mid-term elections.*

*Such an attack on Iran would be the detonator of an unquenchable global holocaust which would not end until it had burned out the combustible material of our planet as a whole. Such an attack on Iran is the goal of those behind the fraudulent operation against Pope Benedict run on Vice President Cheney's behalf, through a complicit European and other corrupt, and usually lying mass media, on whose rotten moral character I have remarkably expert personal experience.*

Any political leader of any nation, who is not a fool, will quickly see this matter as I do. Anyone foolish enough to play into the game which an orchestrated press has played through the fraudulent treatment of an excerpt taken from the Pope's remarks, will be guilty of any Hell on Earth which continued promotion of the press-hoax is clearly intended to facilitate.

## **1. WHAT MUST YOU BELIEVE?**

The common conception of the nature of man and woman, shared among Jew, Christian, and Muslim, is that distinction emphasized in the conclusion of the first Chapter of the Book of *Genesis*. I can attest to the absolute, scientific validity of those verses from my personal knowledge. I can attest, on a related subject, to the absolute validity of that denunciation which was presented by Philo of Alexandria against the philosophically reductionist misconception of Creation. This is what we, all three, should believe.

The Creator of the universe must be recognized as a living personality, whose nature, as distinguished from that of all of the beasts, is reflected in the essential nature of the immortal essence of the creative powers, absent among the beasts, but

which is the essential distinction of the human personality. On that account, the lives of all human individuals are sacred under the natural law of this eternal universe. So, we must see the relationship among Christian, Jew, and Muslim as Nicholas of Cusa portrays this principle in his famous dialogue *De Pace Fidei*. In this configuration of the social process, the individual's belief must be primarily accountable to this specific kind of personal relationship, as emphasized by Cusa, to the living Creator existing as the actively willful power within a finite, but boundlessly self-bounded universe.

So, as nations must be sovereign in their lawmaking, the community of sovereign peoples must seek constantly to come to a less imperfect common understanding of the natural law implicit in the Creator's governance of that universe. We must never overestimate the perfection of what we might consider to be our established belief. We shall always have much which is essential yet to discover, and a task of which we had not dreamed to do.

However, this needed understanding, by any person, or by any nation, or any body of religious belief, is necessarily imperfect in two ways. Firstly, we know the universe as it exists until now only imperfectly, as the Apostle Paul insists in his *I Corinthians* 13. Secondly, as Philo warns the Aristoteleans of his time, God the Creator never surrendered His power to change the universe which He had created. Philo's argument implies the question: Would any sane person pray to a Creator which they believed to be impotent? A wise Jewish Rabbi would say, therefore, and some whom I have known, have done, that the Messiah will not return according to some time-table, but only when the Creator chooses.

On the matter of the higher implications of the Creator's nature: The best evidence of scientific knowledge is, that as the Solar planetary system was generated, as a higher form of existence, by a young, fast-spinning Sun, God's universe is not fixed, is never entropic, but always *anti-entropic*, always working to develop and expand into higher states of existence. Mankind's essential mission is to act in the likeness of the Creator, and companion of that Creator, in this way.

Accordingly, we must approach the management of the affairs of the universe in a manner which is governed by a careful blending of certainties and humilities.

## **An Example: Modern European Science**

Modern European science emerged out of the influence of the history of ancient Egypt, as in the form of what the ancient Classical Greeks, such as the Pythagoreans and Plato, knew as the scientific method of *Sphaerics*. Although this knowledge, as typified by the circles of Plato, was sustained by the Platonic Academy until about B.C. 212, until the deaths of Eratosthenes and Archimedes, it was largely suppressed by the influence of the Delphi Apollo cult on the ideology of ancient Rome, both before and after the imperial phase. Much of the knowledge was kept on record, in Greek, under Byzantium, and was echoed in the collected work of the Baghdad Caliphate, but this knowledge was not revived as a leading, active feature of culture until the Venetian-Norman ultramontane system of tyranny had collapsed, and the subsequent rise of the influence of the great ecumenical Council of Florence.

Modern science, and its beneficial effects on shaping mankind's conception of itself, was founded as experimental physical science by Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, beginning with his *De Docta Ignorantia*. All of the valid currents of modern science are traced from that point through such students of Cusa as Luca Pacioli and Leonardo da Vinci. However, a systematic view of physical science as a whole was first established by Cusa follower Johannes Kepler's uniquely original discovery of universal gravitation. From that point on, science progressed along the lines marked chiefly by Fermat, Leibniz, Gauss, and Riemann, in opposition to the reductionists typified by such house-lackeys and followers of Venice's Paolo Sarpi as the scurrilous Galileo Galilei, the wicked René Descartes, the morally perverted John Locke, and the Eighteenth-Century radical reductionists de Moivre, d'Alembert, Euler, Lagrange, and the Nineteenth-Century followers of Laplace, Cauchy, Kelvin, Helmholtz, et al.

The relevant point to be emphasized here, is that the differences between the two, principally opposing currents in modern

European physical science, between the followers of Cusa and Kepler, and the reductionist schools of empiricism, positivism, and existentialism, are essentially theological, that in the specific sense that the science of the followers of Cusa, Kepler, Leibniz, and Riemann, is emphatically a Christian view of the universe consistent with the referenced identification of man and woman in *Genesis* 1, whereas the reductionist schools in science find their roots in the tradition of the implicitly pro-Satanic school of the Delphi Apollo and Roman imperial Pantheon.

These same issues, which appear in such forms in the domain of European physical science since ancient Classical Greece, are related to the ugly fact that organized Christianity itself is dying in North America and Western and Central Europe, this as a result of the induced cultural paradigm-shift which was launched by such frankly Satanic cults as the Congress for Cultural Freedom led by such deceased and still living creatures of the U.S.A. as the late Professor Sidney Hook and currently active John Train.

This decadence spread within the Christian churches, including the Catholic Church, is typified by the accelerated shrinking of the clergy, through the combined effects of aging and death of the older ranks, and the lack of renewal of those ranks from younger volunteers. This decadence is also expressed, in appropriate forms, by the wild-eyed lunatic cults associated with the political base of increasingly demented U.S. President George W. Bush, Jr. Fewer and fewer serve, because fewer and fewer believe, a fault which lies not in the belief, but in the believer.

The most important, common, practical issue of religion and science, is the issue of truth. In both cases, the issue is essentially the same. No living person has ever seen a universal physical principle with the human senses, nor has he seen the Creator. Both objects exist, but since each encompasses the entire universe, neither is an object of sense-perception. Sense-perception perceives no more than the footprints of each. So, just as we are enabled, as Cusa, Kepler, and Leibniz were, to discover universal physical principles, we are enabled, by the same quality unique to the human mind, to recognize the proof of the existence of the Creator.

The problem behind this phenomenon of decadence today, is that the alternative to truth is what is often called "democracy," but is better recognized as Sophistry. The standard here is the same which Plato's dialogues present as the evidence against the Sophistry through which a formerly triumphant Athens destroyed itself through the adoption of that Sophistry associated with that Democratic Party of Athens which perpetrated the judicial murder of the saintly Socrates.

The characteristic of Sophistry is the substitution of belief in popular opinion of some group in society for scientific evidence, just as the idea of "democracy" associated with the Athens of Pericles induced Athens to destroy itself in the Peloponnesian War. The decline and fall of European civilization now, especially since the time of the official cover-up of the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy, and the earlier replacement of the policies of President Franklin Roosevelt by the corruption embodied in the Harry Truman Administration, has led into the virtual bankruptcy of the U.S.A. and Western and Central Europe today.

Powerful cultures are never destroyed except as global civilization is being destroyed today, by the decadence spreading from the U.S.A. and Europe, the decadence typified by the role of pro-British U.S. President Harry Truman and the rise of the so-called "68ers" of Europe and the Americas today.

The problem now is that advocacy of what is induced as widely accepted mass opinion, is used as a substitute for, and even a vicious opponent of truth. That is what the term "Sophistry" means. That is what the terms "rhetoric," or "spin," mean. "You can't go against popular opinion," is the sound of the death-rattle of whole civilizations.

## **2. TRUTH IS LOVE OF ALL MANKIND**

*Do you love mankind? Is love of all mankind your highest priority in all matters, including religious belief?*

Take the case of the Netherlands today. One of the ugliest problems of moral corruption seen anywhere on this planet today, is the notorious Dutch policy toward persons past the age of seventy years. Euthanasia is cheaper than Nazi death-camps as a way of ridding a nation of an unwanted population. A nation which tolerates such practice of so-called "euthanasia" should be regarded as an outlaw nation until such time as it might mend its ways.

Of course, this policy of mass murder in the name of "euthanasia," was begun by my wealthy enemies inside the U.S.A., not Nazi Germany. The Dutch gave us the Elm disease; the U.S.A. gave Hitler and today's Dutch government the euthanasia disease.

This illustrates the point, that the worst crimes against humanity are those practiced in the name of adopted policies of governments, or, simply, the spread of a certain strain of popular opinion. Thus, the greatest of all crimes is lack of a primary emphasis on love for all mankind. Religious and racial hatred, such as anti-Semitism, or hatred against Islam, or, hatred of Christians, is, on record of known history, the most evil expression of criminality to be seen on the planet today.

Return attention to Nicholas of Cusa's *De Pace Fidei* on this account. If you love the Creator, you must view all branches of the human family in that light, as Cusa presents that argument there. This was the stroke of genius expressed by the role of Cardinal Mazarin, in bringing the warring people of Europe to the commitment to "love one another," in the 1648 Peace of Westphalia. The great danger to all humanity today, is the attempts, on the one side, of pitifully deranged minds like that of President George W. Bush, Jr., or the brutishly pro-Satanic Vice-President Dick Cheney, to launch a war against Islam, and the danger that forces within Islam would tend to react in kind. In either case, especially in the case of such responses from both sides, civilization throughout this planet would be doomed to effects to be suffered for generations yet to come.

The same forces behind the fraudulent campaigns of a corrupt international press, in using a willfully lying fallacy of composition to stir up Islamic hatreds against a Pope Benedict, are the forces behind the intention of having Vice-President Cheney launch a terrible aerial attack of about a month's duration against Iran and other targets. If you wish a session in Hell for yourself and also for your descendants, if any actually live, continue the kind of pattern of action and reaction which the widespread press-hoax against Pope Benedict unleashed during this past week.

## **Latest From The Worldwide LaRouche Youth Movement**

### **Superconductivity Conference**

#### **Seattle LYM Conduct Between the Notes**

**by Wesley Irwin, LaRouche Youth Movement**

LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) organizers attended the week-long Applied Superconductivity Conference in Seattle, Washington, Aug. 27-Sept. 1, to interject some scientific and economic reality, and to learn more about the amazing technology of superconductivity. We found an open response from hundreds of scientists, who need our help in keeping science alive. We happily discussed solutions to the breakdown of the U.S. science orientation, and the ongoing global economic breakdown.

Superconductivity is one of the most amazing scientific discoveries of the 20th Century. This still largely unexplained property causes certain materials, at very low temperatures, to lose all resistance to the flow of electricity, thus enabling a variety of new technological applications. Its development could revolutionize our use of electricity, enabling higher efficiencies than previously imagined were possible.

Discovered in 1911, by a Dutch physicist named H.K. Onnes, superconductivity was first demonstrated in cooled mercury metal. Through the 1900s, many other materials were found to be superconductors at temperatures below 23.2 kelvin. These materials are referred to as low-temperature superconductors (LTS), while those discovered decades later are known today as high-temperature superconductors (HTS), and are used at temperatures above 23.3K....

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## Feature:

### [A Eurasian Dialogue With LaRouche on Economic Progress](#)

Sept. 6, 2006 marked the beginning of a new phase of public international dialogue between American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche, and leading political and scientific personalities in the countries of Eurasia, in particular, on the crucial questions of international economic development over the next 50 years.

### [Dialogue Continues by E-Mail After Berlin](#)

Of the many questions and comments that came in to the Berlin webcast both before and during the Sept. 6 event, from international scientists, political leaders, and others, the following were answered by Mr. LaRouche after the webcast, by e-mail, as of Sept. 12.

- [Global and Regional Dimensions of the SCO](#)  
[by Prof. S.G. Luzyanin](#)

Prof. S.G. Luzyanin is a senior scientific researcher from the Far East Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, working on current questions of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and security in Central Asia. He sent this paper, titled 'The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO); Its Development During 2006; Global and Regional Dimensions' (Aug. 24, 2006) to the Berlin conference, and it was summarized during the question period.

- [The SCO and 50-Year Development Prospects](#)  
[by R.G. Tomberg](#)

Professor Tomberg is a scholar at the Center for External Economic Research, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Moscow. He sent this letter to the Berlin conference on Sept. 4.

- [Primakov Issues Book On Mideast Prospects](#)

Vladimir B. Isakov, the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, who works directly under the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Yevgeni M. Primakov, former Prime Minister of Russia, sent this contribution to the Berlin conference.

- [Support for LaRouche's Long-Term Perspective](#)  
[by Prof. O.L. Kuznetsov and Prof. B.Ye. Bolshakov](#)

Professor Kuznetsov is the Rector and Professor Bolshakov is a professor, at the Dubna University of Nature, Society, and Man, in

Dubna, Russia. They were long-time collaborators of the late Dr. Pobisk G. Kuznetsov (see a commemoration in EIR, Dec. 28, 2001). Dr. O.L. Kuznetsov is also president of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. They sent this paper to the Berlin conference (translated from Russian by EIR). Mr. LaRouche's comments on this and related contributions were published in last week's issue.

- **Nuclear Energy and Sustained Development**  
**by Dr. Stanislav Subbotin**

Dr. Subbotin is from the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow, an associate of Academician Ye.P. Velikhov. The full title of his paper, submitted to the Berlin conference, is 'Nuclear Energy As the Basis for Transition to a Sustainable Development Trajectory' (excerpted here and translated from Russian by EIR). His remarks were summarized at the conference, and Lyndon LaRouche's comments appeared in last week's issue.

- **Can We Establish a New Bretton Woods?**  
**by Prof. Dai Lunzhang**

The following comments and questions were posed by Prof. Dai Lunzhang, former chief economist of the Central Bank of China, first vice president of the China International Economic Relations Society, and one of China's leading experts in banking and finance, presently manager of an investment company in Shanghai. He was joined in his remarks by Dr. Zhang Yun and Mr. Dai Jun, MA in International Relations.

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## National:

### **LaRouche Demands Immediate Impeachment of Bush, Cheney**

Lyndon LaRouche has called on all patriotic Americans to join him in pressing for the immediate impeachment of President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. LaRouche issued the call Sept. 11, in the immediate aftermath of three developments...

### **Committee Finds No Saddam-al-Qaeda Link**

Following are excerpts from the conclusions of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report dealing with allegations of Iraqi links to al-Qaeda. This section of the SSCI report was approved by a 14:1 vote in the Committee.

### **Investigation**

### **Behind the ABC 9/11 Docudrama**

### **The Axis of YWAM**

### **by Anton Chaitkin**

'Youth With A Mission,' the global religious group that cooked up the hoax 'The Path to 9/11,' a docudrama aired on ABC Sept. 10-11, is, underneath its public cover, the organization created in the 1920s-1930s by the notorious pro-Nazi Frank Buchman. Above cover, it was known during and after World War II as Moral Rearmament, and also as the National Prayer Breakfast Movement or 'The Fellowship' or 'The Family.'

- **YWAM Celebrates Founder Frank Buchman**

In 1990, Youth With A Mission created an organizational sub-entity called the International Reconciliation Coalition, a psychological profiling initiative aimed mostly at 'indigenous people' in the former colonial sector, an initiative modelled on Frank Buchman's operations in Caux, Switzerland.

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## International:

### **Iran: Turning the Tables On the War Party**

### **by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach**



Those neo-cons in Washington who are itching to let the bombs fly on Iran, have been hit with two important documents, which effectively expose the campaign of lies and manipulation mounted to justify belligerent action against the Persian Gulf nation.

## Economics:

### CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO ACT

#### Ford Is Repeating Delphi's Destruction As Auto Sales Fall

by Paul Gallagher

With the announcement by the United Auto Workers to its locals on Sept. 14, of a massive retirement buyout by Ford Motor Co. across its entire North American production workforce, and with a late-August plunge in U.S. auto sales across the board, the auto industry's collapse in the United States is picking up speed.

#### The U.S. Electric Grid Is Reaching the End Game

by Marsha Freeman

This Summer, three decades of underinvestment and looting of the U.S. electrical industry grid system came home to roost. A week-long blackout in New York City, calls for 'voluntary' conservation, the shutting off of power to large industrial enterprises, and lowering of voltages across the nation, were all evidence of the wreckage that has been made of this most critical infrastructure.

#### Drive Your Car and Starve!

#### U.S. Corn Belt Shifts to Ethanol

by Marcia Merry Baker

There are drastic agriculture shifts associated with the rising biofuels bubble, in particular corn for ethanol, as the accompanying figures show. The gasoline used by one SUV with a 25-gallon tank, for one year, is equivalent to the grain needed to sustain one person for one year, estimates Lester Brown, the founder and spokesman for Worldwatch Institute.

#### One Year After Katrina, Huge Rebuilding Task Remains

by Mary Jane Freeman

One year after the worst natural disaster in the nation's history struck the Gulf Coast, the monumental task of rebuilding the lives, communities, and economies demolished by Hurricane Katrina still remains.

#### China's 'Western Development' Spurs Growth of the Eurasian Land-Bridge

by William Jones

The Eurasian Land-Bridge conference, held in Beijing in 1996, with the participation of a Schiller Institute delegation headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche truly represented a far-sighted and optimistic vision for the development of the Eurasian land-mass and its peoples.

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## Youth Movement:

### A CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL FOR THE NDC

# **The Mexican Republic Requires a Renaissance**

## **by the LaRouche Youth Movement in Mexico**

The following document was prepared by the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in Mexico for the National Democratic Convention (NDC) convoked by Andre's Manuel Lo'pez Obrador for Mexico's Independence Day, Sept. 16, to discuss what comes next in the battle to save Mexico from its current path towards disintegration. The document, published as a beautiful 16-page pamphlet (available at [www.wlym.com/~spanish](http://www.wlym.com/~spanish)), was translated into English by Gabriela Arroyo and Hector Antonio Rivas, Jr. from the LYM in the United States.

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## **Editorial:**

### **Throw the Bums Out**

Syndicated columnist Robert Novak weighed in on Sept. 14 with his own account of former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage's role in leaking the identity of former CIA clandestine officer Valerie Plame, charging that Colin Powell's deputy had gone out of his way to 'out' the wife of Ambassador Joseph Wilson. While Novak's account of his private discussion with Armitage may prove accurate, it says nothing about the underlying subject of Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald's probe: Was there a politically driven policy decision at the White House to expose Valerie Plame? And if so, who was responsible?

## **U.S. Economic/Financial News**

### **July Trade Deficit Sets a Record**

As a searing indictment of the gross incompetence of Bush-Cheney Administration policy, the U.S. trade deficit on goods and services climbed to \$68.0 billion in July, the highest monthly level ever, the Department of Commerce reported Sept. 12.

However, restricting attention solely to physical goods—excluding services—the U.S. trade deficit reached \$73.4 billion in July, likewise unprecedented. For July relative to June of this year, physical goods exports fell by \$1.3 billion to \$85.7 billion, while imports rose \$2.1 billion to reach \$159.1 billion. America now imports twice as many physical goods as it exports.

Were the present trend to continue for the rest of the year—and it could get worse—it is projected that the U.S. trade deficit for goods and services would reach \$776.6 billion for 2006, compared with \$716.7 billion for 2005; the U.S. trade deficit only for physical goods would reach \$843.4 billion for 2006, compared with \$782.7 billion for 2005.

### **Freddie Mac SWAT Team To Deal with 'Flood of Foreclosures'**

Despite the lies from Bush Administration officials that the U.S. housing market is "basically sound," and "crash-proof," the secondary housing market giant Freddie Mac is fervidly working with banks to construct a SWAT team intended to stave off the wave of housing foreclosures before they rupture the U.S. financial system. Under the headline, "Lenders Rally To Stem Foreclosures as Interest Rates Rise," the Sept. 10 *Los Angeles Times* wrote that "The lending business is marshalling its forces on an unprecedented scale to get in front of what could be a flood of foreclosures." Freddie Mac is coordinating. Craig Nickerson, executive VP of expanding markets at Freddie Mac stated, "We're trying to create a comprehensive safety net to help people stay in their homes. But 167,000 new families are entering foreclosure every three

months, according to the Mortgage Bankers Assn. And that could just be the proverbial tip of the iceberg."

The gimmicks that Freddie Mac is proposing can't work. One such gimmick, the *L.A. Times* reported, is to have the huge balance a homeowner owes on a mortgage rolled over into a new loan, but at a slightly lower interest rate. However, the fact that Freddie Mac has chosen this moment to assemble such a team, demonstrates that within the home mortgage lending domain, which includes all the big U.S. banks, there are many sweaty palms ... and soiled pants.

\* One of the markets that most signifies the crisis is the San Francisco Bay Area, where the average price of a new home exceeds \$550,000. The Internet website patrick.net reported, under the headline, "U.S. Housing Crash Continues: San Francisco Bay Area Hit Hard," that there is near hysteria in the once red-hot home market there. Among more than two dozen reasons patrick.net assembled as to why the market will crash are: "82% of recent Bay Area [mortgage] loans are adjustable not fixed. This means a big hit to the finances of many owners every time interest rates go up, and this will only get worse." In addition, "Massive job loss. More than 300,000 jobs are gone from the Bay Area since the dot-com bubble popped. *This is the worst percentage job loss in the last 60 years*" (emphasis added). I.e., people who don't have jobs don't pay mortgages.

## **Foreclosures Sweep Midwest in Wake of Auto Layoffs**

Foreclosures in the Metro Detroit area jumped a whopping 137%—more than double—in the first eight months of 2006, compared to last year. According to RealtyTrac, a real estate firm that tracks foreclosed properties, foreclosures rose sharply from 14,789 to 35,041, in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston counties during January through August, compared to the same period last year. In August, Michigan had the sixth-highest foreclosure rate, worsening from 10th in August 2005.

A mass foreclosed-home auction in the state will take place in late September, with more than 250 bank-owned single-family homes, condos, and duplexes on the auction block. The majority of the properties, about 150 in all, lie within 60 miles of Detroit.

The deindustrialized Midwest leads the nation in foreclosure rates. According to the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), of the weakest 20 metropolitan area housing markets in the U.S., eight are in Michigan, and 17 are in the Midwest in other so-called "auto-wreck states."

Nationwide, 115,292 properties entered some stage of foreclosure in August, RealtyTrac reported, up 24% from July, and 53% higher than a year ago. This was the second-highest monthly foreclosure total of 2006. Homeowners unable to afford rising monthly payments on adjustable-rate mortgages, for example, are finding it difficult to sell their homes for what they owe on their mortgages or to refinance.

Five states—California, Florida, Texas, Ohio, and Illinois—accounted for half of the nation's new foreclosures in August.

## **Collapse of U.S. Housing Market Highlighted in Swiss Financial Paper**

"Alarming Decline of Housing Market" reads the headline of a special feature in Switzerland's *Neue Zuericher Zeitung*. It notes that the U.S. real estate market is "spreading ever-larger worries among investors." Among the features reported are that all indices point to a slowdown, which will hit both the economy as well as the stock market; moreover construction investments in August suffered their biggest plunge in five years. Obviously, the housing market is experiencing a significant downturn, "but some sceptics rather call it a crash."

Merrill Lynch has published a chart showing a strong correlation over decades between the housing construction index of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the S&P stock market index, with the latter following by a 12-month time lag. As the housing construction index has already crashed by 50%, the outlook for the U.S. stock market is "not very promising." There can no longer be any doubt that a "bubble" has emerged in the housing market, states *NZZ*. It has been built on cheap central bank money, a huge increase of mortgage debt, and the widespread use of risky financial instruments. By refinancing their mortgages under such circumstances, American private households could turn their houses into ATMs. According to *NZZ*, U.S. homeowners cashed out \$850 billion (figure not yet confirmed by *EIR*) by mortgage refinancings just in the second quarter of 2006, with two-thirds of the money going directly into consumption. But as interest rates rise, many mortgage debtors, in particular those with adjustable rates (ARMs), are running into trouble. The Dominion Bond Rating Service already speaks of a coming "payment shock" for home owners.

## **Mortgage Bankers Data Show Home-Mortgage Bubble Trouble**

Data released by the Mortgage Bankers Association Sept. 14 shows major problems in the home-mortgage market. Some examples:

- \* More Americans are falling behind on home mortgage payments. The problem is expected to grow as adjustable rates reset higher. Homeowners with shaky credit are falling behind on payments, especially where job losses have hit local economies, e.g., in Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, Michigan, and West Virginia. Among sub-prime credit borrowers with higher interest rates and adjustable loans resetting to higher rates, 12.2% were late paying loans in April-June. About 25% of all mortgages carry adjustable rates, and more than half of these loans are to sub-prime borrowers. Delinquencies are expected to rise over the next year, as adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) shift to higher rates.

- \* Sub-prime ARM borrowers are at increased risk of entering foreclosure. They hit 2.01%, the highest number since the fourth quarter of 2003.

- \* Record high of home foreclosures on adjustable rate mortgages for prime borrowers in 2006. These are homeowners with good credit ratings. Their share of mortgages entering foreclosure went up to 0.27% from 0.21% three months previously. The average rate for an ARM has risen by 1% since 2005, at the same time as energy and insurance costs are rising.

## **House Dems Back Farm Drought Relief vs. White House**

On Sept. 12, the House Democratic Caucus sent a letter to the Republican leadership, by asking for time to be scheduled in the current session "to debate and vote on emergency agricultural disaster assistance for 2005 and 2006," before the October recess. They asked for a "comprehensive agriculture disaster package." The letter points out, "Democrats have sought to provide relief several times in the House. Last Fall ... [measures were] defeated by party-line votes.... The Senate included agriculture disaster assistance [for \$4 billion] in both of their emergency supplemental bills. Unfortunately, earlier this year, under pressure from President Bush's veto threat, House Republicans failed to stand up for disaster assistance," and it was eliminated.

On Sept. 6, a bipartisan \$6 billion farm disaster relief bill was filed in the Senate by 12 Senators, led by Kent Conrad (D-ND), and Norm Coleman (R-Minn). It includes \$4 billion to deal with the devastating impacts of the High Plains drought, and covers both 2005 and 2006. Conrad said they intend to attach this to some remaining legislation in the Senate. The previous \$4 billion farm disaster relief measure, passed by the Senate, and intended for inclusion in the Defense Supplemental bill, was squashed in June by House/Senate conference, at the demand of Cheney/Bush.

On Sept. 6, White House spokesman Alex Conant responded that the administration still opposes the farm disaster relief measure, cavilling that Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns will wait until after the fall harvest to see if any such action

is warranted.

Backing the Senate farm disaster relief are Republicans Coleman and Jim Talent (Mo); Democrats Conrad and Dorgan (ND), Nelson (Neb), Johnson (SD), Salazar (Colo), Baucus (Mont), Cantwell (Wash), Durbin (Ill), Obama (Ill), and Dayton (Minn).

## World Economic News

### Ecuador Prez Candidate Moots 'Argentine Style Debt Restructuring'; Wall Street Gets Jitters

During a trip to New York Sept. 10-16, Ecuadoran Presidential candidate Rafael Correa said, "We cannot dismiss an Argentine solution," when asked about dealing with this small oil-producing country's \$10.37 billion foreign debt. He insisted that no more than 3%-3.5% of a country's GNP should be devoted to foreign debt service. Ecuador is currently paying 7%. Speaking to an investors group in Manhattan, Correa said, "We have to pay Ecuadorans first, especially their social needs." He also said that all debt would be reviewed, as most loan deals have proven "detrimental" to the country's interests.

Correa, an outspoken nationalist who was Ecuador's Finance Minister until his ouster last year, is running a close third in the polls. Ecuador's hotly contested Presidential election is scheduled for Oct. 15. Correa is a strong supporter of the current government's decision last May to oust Occidental Petroleum from Ecuador and take back its oil fields. Correa is also a furious opponent of a free-trade agreement with the U.S., currently trammled up in negotiations, and says his government would take back control of the Manta military base that has served as a U.S. military outpost in the Andes since 1999. He says his government would break ties with the IMF and World Bank, and supports South American integration and a regional currency, which he says would enable Ecuador to pursue "an orderly exit" from dollarization.

At least one of the investment houses attending Correa's Sept. 12 presentation in New York City, Morgan Stanley, told media that while some candidates often talk tough before elections but moderate their line after being elected, "it would be naive" to speculate that a President Correa would not default, "given his comments this morning and the consistency of his view on debt."

## United States News Digest

### Bush Sr. Allies Break with White House on Torture

Washington, D.C. sources reported to *EIR* Sept. 14 that one of the biggest developments in recent days is former Bush Secretary of State Colin Powell's Sept. 14 letter to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), supporting McCain and opposing the Bush White House efforts to skirt the Geneva Conventions in the interrogation and prosecution of alleged terrorists. Several hours after the Powell letter was released by McCain to the public, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 15-9 to reject the White House's reinterpretation of the Geneva Conventions. Committee chairman John Warner (R-Va) and three other Republicans joined with the Democrats in opposing the White House.

Washington sources say that the break by Powell and the alignment with McCain is reflective of a much broader split with the White House, on the part of three distinct Republican Party factions: traditional conservatives, "country club" patricians, and liberals. Furthermore, Powell's defection from the White House signals that the so-called "Bush Sr." Republicans are no longer taking their orders from Papa Bush, and are decisively breaking with the Bush-Cheney coalition, which is now based almost exclusively on right-wing religious fanatics and neoconservative fascists. The sources say that

two of Bush Sr.'s most formerly loyal associates, Powell and former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft, have led the break, and are now seriously weighing whether John McCain is capable of shedding his own prior neocon associations, to be an ally of the dissident Republicans. Powell's letter even sparked rumors among Republicans that McCain may be quietly talking with Powell about a McCain-Powell ticket in 2008.

One source emphasized his shock at the White House bungling over the torture and tribunal issue. "This was really, really stupid on their part," he said. The source added that President Bush's personal appearance on Capitol Hill Sept. 14, to press the White House case for continued non-compliance with the Geneva Conventions, was another serious blunder, showing just how weak and desperate the Administration has become. "The President rarely goes to Capitol Hill, except for the State of the Union," the source noted. "It is tantamount to a parliamentary system, if the President goes begging to Congress. Very ill advised," he concluded.

### **Novak Account of Armitage Role Changes Nothing**

A senior U.S. intelligence source provided the following assessment of the Robert Novak column of Sept. 14, which accused former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage of playing a far more proactive role in the Valerie Plame Wilson leak. Novak reported that Armitage had told him that Plame was with the Counterproliferation Division of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, and had encouraged Novak to write a column on Plame's role in encouraging the fact-finding mission to Niger of her husband, Amb. Joseph Wilson, just days after Wilson's op-ed appeared in the *New York Times* on July 6, 2003.

The source noted that, at the time of the Armitage-Novak meeting, Secretary of State Colin Powell was under intense attack from neoconservatives, who were seeking his ouster. Armitage's role in the Plame leak, the source commented, was part of Powell's effort to hold on to his job. "This was a demonstration of loyalty by Armitage and, by extension, by Powell as well," the source explained. However, the Plame leak was not an individual action, certainly not an individual indiscretion. "This was a policy decision that preceded Armitage's meeting with Novak." The source asked: "Where did the policy decision come from? The Oval Office or the Office of the Vice President?" He concluded that, with Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's decision not to indict Karl Rove, all the evidence pointed to Cheney and Lewis Libby. "The handwritten notes by Dick Cheney on the Wilson op-ed are just about a smoking gun—indicating that the policy to nail Wilson and Plame came from Cheney."

Recall that Fitzgerald knew about Armitage's role in the Novak leak from his first day on the job as Special Counsel. By October 2003, Armitage had come forward to Powell and to the general counsel of the State Department, revealing his role in the Plame leak, and had been interviewed by Fitzgerald in the first days of the independent probe.

### **IAEA: Hoekstra Iran Report Is 'Outrageous and Dishonest'**

Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency sent a letter to the Bush Administration and to House Intelligence Committee chairman Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich), calling the report on Iran written by committee staffer Fredrick Fleitz "outrageous and dishonest," and offering evidence to refute its central claims, the *Washington Post* reported Sept. 14. The agency noted five major errors in the committee's report. Fleitz (whom the *Post* identified as a one-time CIA officer and special assistant to John R. Bolton) is also working on a separate report about North Korea for Hoekstra's committee. A draft of the report includes several assertions about North Korea's weapons program that intelligence officials say they cannot substantiate.

### **Electoral Revolt Evident in Sept. 12 Primaries**

The Democratic national bureaucracy is so far behind the voters, that the Democratic candidates they did *not* endorse, who

took a stronger stand on key issues, such as the war in Iraq, won their primaries despite the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

\* New Hampshire social worker Carol Shea-Porter won the Democratic primary for Congress against a candidate who had been endorsed by the Party. Porter wants a deadline for withdrawal from Iraq, and won without institutional fundraising, instead using volunteers.

\* In Maryland, Rep. Albert Wynn, who never polled less than 80% in any primary since 1992, squeaked by with an 8% win over challenger Donna Edwards, who attacked Wynn for having voted for the Iraq war.

\* In Florida, former Air Force fighter pilot Bob Bowman, who campaigned on the charge that every dirty policy of the Bush Administration "marches through Cheney's office," that 9/11 was a conspiracy by the government, and that Cheney and Bush should be impeached, won the 15th District Democratic primary with 54% of the vote.

The Republicans are trying to limit Democratic wins by supporting moderate Republican candidates who *oppose* many of the policies of the Administration. In Rhode Island, incumbent Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R), a moderate, who didn't even vote for Bush in the last election, won the primary 54%-46% thanks to national GOP attack ads against his opponent.

Worried that a Congressional seat up for grabs in Arizona would go to the Democrat if a conservative Republican ran, the national GOP supported a moderate in the primary; a former GOP state chair called the Washington bureaucrats "idiots," for splitting the Republican vote.

## **Murtha Slams Rumsfeld for Collapse of Military Readiness**

On Sept. 13, Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa) released a report documenting the collapse of Army readiness. Army brigades are turning around between deployments in less than a year, and are unable to fully retrain because they lack the equipment, especially armored vehicles and trucks, which have been worn out in Iraq and Afghanistan, causing them to be redeployed at less than full combat readiness. "In effect," Murtha says, "the Army has become a 'hand-to-mouth' organization. Its inability to get ahead of the deployment and training curves is rooted in the Administration's miscalculations and blind optimism about troop and industrial surge requirements for the U.S. occupation of Iraq."

Murtha also reported that while the Army is meeting its recruiting and retention goals, the measures it is taking to do so may be resulting in a lower quality force. He says that company commanders are reporting that disciplinary actions resulting from drug and alcohol abuse have skyrocketed in the past year. "To suggest that the Global War on Terror will last for years, yet fail to even acknowledge—let alone take steps to address—the Army's readiness, equipment, and personnel shortfalls, is viewed as short-sighted at best. At worst, the future security and deterrent power of the United States is dangerously at risk," Murtha concluded.

In conjunction with the report, Murtha also introduced a resolution in the House calling for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation "for the good of the country," and to "restore credibility both at home and abroad."

The resolution says: "The first step in restoring that credibility must be to demonstrate accountability for the mistakes that have been made in prosecuting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq"; to "reconstitute our military readiness, and refocus on the threats to national security posed by diffuse and proliferating terrorist cells as well as belligerent states."

The resolution blames Rumsfeld for the failure to capture Osama bin Laden during the battle of Tora Bora in December 2001, by failing to commit sufficient troops; failure to ensure adequate body armor and protective gear for troops in Iraq;

failure to anticipate the troop strength required; failure of training and supervision which led to abuses at Abu Ghraib; failure to address flagging readiness of U.S. ground forces; and failure to ensure adequate accounting of billions of dollars of Coalition Provisional Authority expenditures.

Briefed on this, Lyndon LaRouche took note that this is, in fact, another task for both using, and expanding, the machine-tool capabilities and principles of the automobile industry, which the free-trade lunatics are in the process of shutting down wholesale. Much of what the Pentagon is failing to replace successfully is rolling stock; some is armor; *all* is machinery and material the auto plants have built before—a task that can be handled successfully under the Emergency Re-Tooling Act proposed by LaRouche.

## **Specter Wiretap Bill Passes Senate Panel**

The Senate Judiciary Committee passed a wiretap bill introduced by Committee chairman Arlen Specter (R-Pa) on a partisan 10 to 8 vote, on Sept. 13, after rejecting all Democratic amendments on similar 10 to 8 votes. The bill, which Specter negotiated with the White House, gives the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court the jurisdiction to decide whether or not the NSA domestic wiretapping program is Constitutional, but doesn't require the President to submit the program to the court for review. Specter went ahead with the bill, however, on the basis of a promise from President Bush that he would do that. The committee otherwise rejected all Democratic amendments, also on partisan votes, all of which sought to increase Congressional oversight in other ways. As Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc) noted early during the committee debate, "none of us have enough information to legislate on this."

## **Ibero-American News Digest**

### **Kirchner: Defend Democracy with Justice and Equality**

Speaking Sept. 7 at the launching of a literacy program, Argentine President Nestor Kirchner slammed the bogus "public safety" campaign run by right-winger Juan Carlos Blumberg, whose demonstration in Buenos Aires that same day accused the President of being a power-hungry authoritarian who has failed to protect citizens from street crime. The real issue here isn't public safety, Kirchner said. "Democracy and security ... aren't built either with the end of a stick, or with determined attitudes or schemes." Obviously there are things that can complement the state's actions, he added, "but in a society which marginalizes its children, as ours does, which offers education only selectively ... this gives us cause to seriously reflect."

For there to be real democracy, "everyone must have equal opportunity; we must open the doors to everyone, and ensure that everyone has the same rights," Kirchner said. People must be able to have their own homes, and jobs, and family life around the evening dinner table, where each member reviews his or her day—parents and children. That was taken away from people as a result of the 2001 crisis.

Implicitly referencing Blumberg, who is a possible 2007 Presidential contender, Kirchner said some sectors seize on the normal difficulties that democratic processes experience for their own opportunistic aims, because they want a piece of power. But these same forces "get very nervous" about the effort to guarantee the equal rights for all citizens. "They get nervous when we fight impunity, when we seek justice, when we create jobs and open schools' and universities' doors to all Argentines," because these sectors think "that some things should only be offered selectively."

### **To Solve the Immigration Crisis: Develop Mexico!**

Mexico must choose between two diametrically opposed economic policies, Andrés Manuel López Obrador told supporters at his movement's nightly informational assembly in the Zocalo on Saturday, Sept. 9. The economic policy reigning today,



which aims to benefit only a few, must be replaced with a policy which fosters productive activities and generates employment, he declared.

López Obrador spoke following a representative of Mexican immigrants living in the U.S. who had addressed the rally, and attacked the immigration problem as a product of the lack of jobs. "This is like exile," he said. Under the government of Vicente Fox, "3 million Mexicans, around 500,000 a year, have abandoned the country, have gone into exile, out of necessity. They have abandoned their families, abandoned their peoples, out of necessity and in order to seek work on the other side of the border. That is why we are going to insist that there must be a new economy, which has to set productive activity into motion, and which has to generate jobs."

So, too, the right wing has set out to shut down public education, to give education over to "the market, as if it were a commodity, to see who could acquire it," he continued. We maintain that education is a right of the people, and it cannot be turned into a privilege. A family's economic or social condition must not matter; everyone has this right. But a silent privatization of public education has been going on, carried out by constantly cutting the public education budget. The result is that there aren't enough spaces in the high schools or universities, and thousands of students are being turned away each year. If we don't act, he told his movement, we will condemn thousands of students to a lack of schooling and deny them the opportunity to learn. The only future left for these youth is the street and anti-social behavior. And they wonder why there is so much violence!

"If we want to live in peace, there have to be jobs, there has to be well-being, there has to be education. That is the formula," he reiterated.

Lastly, López Obrador emphasized the necessity of revising the North American Free Trade Accord (NAFTA), to rescind the free import of corn and beans which is scheduled to go into effect in 2008. That would be the final blow for 3 million Mexican families, he exclaimed. Then you'll see emigration!

## **Renewed Push for Expanding Brazil's Nuclear Program**

Brazilian President Lula da Silva told *O Estado de Sao Paulo* Sept. 7 that he favors cooperation on nuclear power with Venezuela and other nations. "We defend international cooperation in this area and the right of all countries to have access to nuclear technology for peaceful uses, under the supervision of specialized multilateral agencies."

The pro-nuclear faction within Lula's government is still fighting, however, to get construction restarted on Brazil's third reactor, before the nuclear specialists all retire. A decision in favor of the completion, at long last, of the Angra III nuclear plant will be announced after the Oct. 1 Presidential elections, Brazilian Science and Technology Minister Sergio Rezende told *Carta Capital* magazine (Sept. 8 edition). Rezende has tried repeatedly for more than a year to get President Lula to order work to begin. The Environmental Ministry and the hefty environmentalist wing of Lula's PT party remain adamantly opposed. Reportedly, however, nine of the 11 Cabinet ministers involved in the decision are now in favor, with the latest convert being Mines and Energy Minister Silas Rondeau, who says the "markets" have convinced him the price is now "competitive." Finance Minister Guido Mantega is on board, Electrobras officials reported on Aug. 30.

The contract to build Angra 3 was signed 30 years ago last June, but geopolitical attacks and the environmentalist movement have stalled its completion at an accumulated cost of \$1.2 billion. The monetary loss is nothing, compared to its effect on Brazil's scientific community. At least 200 engineers were sent to Germany in the 1970s and 1980s to be trained, a capability that is about to be lost forever, the president of the Brazilian Nuclear Energy Association (Aben), Edson Kuramoto, warns. Kuramoto told *Carta Capital* that the average age of Brazil's nuclear specialists is now 50, and the majority will retire within the next ten years.

The Mines and Energy Ministry's ten-year plan projects that construction would begin in 2007, and be completed by 2013. The French Areva group has made various financing proposals to the Brazilian government.

## **Uruguay Seeks 'Fast-Track' Free-Trade Accord with Bush**

Despite the fact that his overtures to the U.S. have provoked a brawl inside his Cabinet, and a general strike by the national trade-union federation scheduled for Sept. 21, Uruguay's President Tabare Vasquez has met with his Foreign Trade Committee on pushing forwards a fast-track free-trade agreement with Washington, and may shortly send a delegation to Washington to further explore the matter prior to making a final decision in early October.

Such an accord would threaten the integrity of both the Common Market of the South (Mercosur) and South America's informal "Presidents' Club" in the region which has stood up to the Bush Administration's insane policies on several fronts. Right on cue, Paraguay's neocon Vice President Luis Castiglione, one of Dick Cheney's good friends, showed up in Uruguay on Sept. 13 to meet with Vasquez, and to loudly proclaim that "in Paraguay, we are very interested and are closely watching Uruguay's contacts with the U.S.," because "trade accords beyond Mercosur are important for Uruguay's and Paraguay's development."

Brazil and Argentina are seeking to avoid confrontation with Mercosur's two smaller countries, while hurrying to put the \$100 million Structural Convergence Fund (FOCEM) into place to offer special credit lines to both nations and begin to address their complaints of unfair trade practices within the customs union. They have even indicated they will be flexible about possible trade deals outside Mercosur, provided that these won't harm Mercosur's fundamental principles and structure. But synarchist financiers are trying to exploit existing tensions to undermine regional unity.

## **Russia and the CIS News Digest**

### **SCO Prime Ministers Meet in Tajikistan**

Prime Ministers from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries met Sept. 15 in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. Alongside the ministers from China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, observer nations and guests Iran, India, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Afghanistan were present. Russian Deputy Premier Mikhail Kamynin, who accompanied Premier Mikhail Fradkov, told RIA Novosti that the meeting would take up projects for hydroelectric power in Central Asia, transportation routes, roads, fiber-optic communications, and partnerships in science, technology, and agriculture. The transportation "pilot projects" on the agenda include a Caspian Sea-to-China corridor across the territory of Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. The SCO Prime Ministers resolved to study the idea of forming an energy club, to be concretized during 2007 on the basis of proposals from Kazakhstan and Russia, the largest fuel and energy producers in the SCO.

### **Putin Says Energy Exports Will Shift Toward Asia**

At his latest reception for Western reporters and academics, who had attended the annual Valday Club conference, Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed the notion of Russia as an "energy superpower." In general, he said he preferred to "abandon the terminology of the past," the word "superpower" being a legacy of the Cold War. He emphasized that Russia was looking at alternative energy sources, especially nuclear, aiming to bring its share in Russia's power generation to 25-30%.

As for Russian energy exports, the Russian President noted that currently only 3% go to Asian countries, but that within 10-15 years, Asia will account for 30% of these exports.

## **Russia Protests U.S. Abetting of Terrorism**

The Russian Foreign Ministry called in an American diplomat Sept. 14, to deliver an official protest over a conference held by the Jamestown Foundation on the North Caucasus. One of the invited participants was a former representative of the late Chechen separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov. Russia protested that "to hold, on American soil, events that propagandize terrorism contradicts the international obligations of the USA." The note stressed, "The American authorities' de facto connivance at anti-Russian actions is of concern, in the context of the developing anti-terrorism partnership of our countries."

## **LaRouche, LYM, Potential for Change in U.S. Featured in Russia**

An article by Prof. Yuri Gromyko in the Aug. 30 issue of *Russky Zhurnal* takes up current issues of economic policy and national identity, which are under discussion in Russia. At the end of piece, Gromyko stressed that the world strategic context is critical, for the success or failure of any policy measures in Russia. Most important, he writes, is for Russia to establish a better relationship with the leadership of the U.S. Democratic Party, while hoping that the latter get rid of such advisers as Richard Holbrooke. "From this standpoint," wrote Gromyko, "it was very important that on Aug. 16 there was an appearance on the First Channel of Russian television, of Lyndon LaRouche, the prominent American politician, who locates the causes of asymmetric warfare in Southwest Asia, in the onrushing crash of the world financial system. Lyndon LaRouche is known for his hard line against the neocons, as well as for his initiatives to revive the traditions of F.D. Roosevelt within the U.S. Democratic Party. The LaRouche Youth Movement, which he has created, is an interesting political form of mobilizing young people, upholding high standards of education, and a program of reindustrialization for the U.S.A. on the basis of the latest scientific discoveries. The leaders of the Russian youth movement Nashi have something to learn from the leaders of the LaRouche Youth Movement." (Nashi is the youth group, sponsored by the Kremlin.)

## **Russian Bank Official Assassinated**

Andrei Kozlov, one of the Russian Central Bank's deputy chairmen, died Sept. 13 after being shot at close range as he left a soccer match. Russian Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika, along with many others, quickly linked the murder with Kozlov's role in pushing through bank regulation and anti-money-laundering measures. His killing is the first of such a high-ranking Russian official since President Putin took office. In the 1990s, there were about 25 attempts on bankers and banking officials, 16 of whom were killed. Other recent high-profile assassinations or attempts in and around Moscow were the murder of *Forbes* editor Paul Klebnikov in 2004, and an attempt on electricity chief Anatoli Chubais last year.

## **Russia Plans Mars Mission; Sino-Russian Lunar Cooperation Nears**

In October 2009, the Russian space agency intends to launch an eight-ton spacecraft to the Martian moon, Phobos. Phobos-Grunt (meaning "soil"), resembling a giant spider, will have a drilling device that will excavate a sample of soil from Phobos to be returned to the Earth. The lander is designed to be active on the surface of Phobos for a year, and will image the landing site to help choose the spot for drilling and sampling.

The Russian government increased the space agency's budget by 30% over 2004-2005 and an additional 50% increase is planned by the end of this year. For the first decade after the fall of the Soviet Union, the space program that survived was what had existed from the investment, momentum, and hardware from the Soviet era. According to Russian officials, the multi-billion-dollar Phobos-Grunt mission will be funded 75% by Russia and 25% by foreign partners, including China. Russia has not launched a successful mission to Mars in the past 30 years. Major problems have entailed high-technology and long-lived electronics and other components, which international cooperation should help upgrade.

The Russia/China standing intergovernmental space subcommission on space, otherwise, is moving toward agreement on cooperation in lunar exploration. Russian Space Agency head Anatoli Perminov said Sept. 11 that the subcommission will hold its concluding session in Beijing at year's end. "We have already adopted a cooperation program with China for 2007-2009," he said. By the end of this year, the program may extend to the Moon. He said that the previous relationship between the two nations was that "China was a buyer and we were a seller." We have moved beyond that, Perminov said. "China is now a leading space power."

China will kick off its three-phase lunar program with the launch of its Chang'e lunar orbiter in April. For the second and third phases, China is open to international cooperation. These will involve lunar landers and rovers, with which the Russians have lots of experience. Russia is planning to launch its Moon Globe project in 2012, involving an orbiter, landing vehicle, and penetrators to explore the subsurface. In July, Russian officials attending a space conference in Beijing said it was quite possible that the two countries' lunar programs would share equipment that would be installed on each other's lunar craft.

### **Independence Referenda in South Ossetia, Transdniestria**

President Eduard Kokoity of South Ossetia, the autonomous district in Georgia, announced Sept. 11 that there will be a national referendum on Nov. 12, coinciding with Presidential elections. Its one question will ask if South Ossetia should "retain its current status as an independent state" (as it claims to be), and seek international recognition.

A similar referendum is taking place much sooner, Sept. 17, in the Transdniestria district of Moldova. There, the referendum asks people to vote on affirming independence and moving towards Russia, or reintegrating with Moldova. Russian TV showed interviews with local commentators, projecting a 95% vote to "go with Russia."

While the South Ossetia vote is farther off, the situation remains tense there after the Georgian Defense Minister's helicopter was hit by gunfire in the region, earlier this month. On Sept. 9, South Ossetian Internal Affairs Minister Mikhail Mindzayev threatened that any military aircraft in South Ossetian airspace would be shot down, and that if Georgia moved militarily against the region, South Ossetia would "destroy Georgia's economic and military facilities," with a campaign of sabotage.

## **Southwest Asia News Digest**

### **Lavrov on Iran: Breakthroughs in Negotiations Still Possible**

Just back from his tour of Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and the Palestinian Authority, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, interviewed in the Sept. 11 issue of *Vremya Novostei*, turned to the latest developments around Iran. "Involving Iran in regional affairs as an equal partner," he said, could be more effective than any other measures. While sanctions against Iran are a possibility, Lavrov said, "so are breakthroughs in negotiations." While still travelling, Lavrov had strongly denounced stories that surfaced Sept. 8, to the effect that UN sanctions on Iran would mean a halt to Russia's construction work on the Busher nuclear plant in Iran. "This is not a report, but a clear provocation," he said.

In continuing Southwest Asian diplomacy by Russia, it has been announced that Israeli Premier Ehud Olmert will visit Moscow on Oct. 15, marking the 15th anniversary of the establishment of Israeli-Russian diplomatic relations.

See InDepth for ["Iran: Turning the Tables on the War Party," by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach.](#)

## India, Inc. Seeks Role in Civilian Nuclear Energy

While the U.S.-India nuclear agreement is still held up in the U.S. Congress, India's top business houses, led by Ratan Tata of the Tata Sons, Anil Ambani of Reliance Industries, and the Larsen & Toubro firm, have written letters to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for a full-fledged participation in India's enhanced nuclear program, *DNA-India* reported Sept. 10.

Despite enthusiasm expressed by the Manmohan Singh government on private participation, industry sources acknowledge the hurdles ahead. Among the decisions that the government will have to take include the parameters of private participation, the rules for foreign investment, and the location of future nuclear power plants,

While the government's projection of fresh nuclear power by 2020 is 20,000 MW, industry sources claim that the government is now talking about twice the amount if private participation works out favorably.

## Expert: Waziristan 'Fully Operational al-Qaeda Base'

Waziristan, the mountainous area in northwest Pakistan, is becoming a new terrorist training zone, Pakistani terrorist expert Ahmed Rashid stated in a *Washington Post* op-ed Sept. 11. Rashid, the author of well-respected books on the Taliban and militant Islam in Central Asia, called the Pakistani deal with the tribal leaders in South Waziristan, agreeing to withdraw army troops, a "significant victory against the army of Pakistan," adding that the region "is now a fully operational al-Qaeda base area offering a wide range of services, facilities and military; and explosives training for extremists around the world planning attacks. Waziristan is now a regional magnet." Rashid notes that the Pakistani Army has lost 800 soldiers fighting Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked forces in the region, and decided to leave. *EIR* recently reported that Pakistan is also hard pressed to beef up troop presence in Baluchistan, on the Iran border, which is exploding after the murder of a tribal chief there.

## Philippines General, 'The Butcher,' To Run Security Council

The Philippine Army general known for running death squads against "leftists," held a Nuremberg-style rally at his resignation ceremony from the military—as he moves on to run the National Security Council "anti-insurgency" operations. The ceremony for Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, Jr. was turned into a high-profile rally for continuing the bloody Operation Condor—Philippine style. Signs at the event praised Palparan as a hero and a "martyr of democracy," while directing hate at members of Congress from the leftist groupings which are considered "front groups" for the Communist Party and its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA).

In his speech, Palparan dismissed claims he was a "butcher." (Human rights groups list some 700 political executions; the *Inquirer* says it can verify 250 under the Arroyo government.)

In July, Palparan admitted that he has encouraged people to take up arms for revenge against the NPA, making clear that the legitimate political groupings on the left are open targets as well.

The rally broke several codes of protocol, but the Army leadership both allowed the breaches in protocol, and even put up several "extras" for the occasion such as tight security that surpassed even that for retiring military chiefs of staff.

The *Inquirer* ran an editorial Sept. 12 titled "Perverse," denouncing President Arroyo's appointment of Palparon to the counterinsurgency post, and documenting the civilian murders which took place under every one of his posts as a commander.

## **Indonesian Lawmaker Supports Iran's Nuclear Program**

The Speaker of the Indonesian Parliament told a Washington audience Sept. 14 that that body absolutely supports Iran's right to the full nuclear cycle. Speaking to a U.S./Indonesia Society meeting, Agung Laksono, who is also the Vice President of Golkar, one of the nation's largest political parties, was asked by *EIR* to comment on the Lebanon war and the threat of a war on Iran. He said that the Parliament "unanimously condemned the IDF [Israeli Defense Forces] destruction of Lebanon," and that the peacekeepers being sent to Lebanon (including 1,000 from Indonesia) "must not disarm any party to the conflict."

On Iran, the Speaker defended the right of sovereign nations to a full nuclear cycle. He added that he had met the Iranian President and the Speaker of their legislative body, and that he was certain that they intended to cooperate, but not under coercion, and that they will allow full IAEA oversight over their nuclear programs. He said Ayatollah Khomeini had stated that producing nuclear weapons was "illegal and sinful," and that the Iranians today concur.

## **U.S. State Dept. Intervenes in the Philippines**

The U.S. State Department has intervened in support of the Philippines Senate against the dictatorial policies of the Arroyo Administration, according to Philippines news reports Sept. 12. Former Philippines Agricultural Undersecretary Joc-Joc Bolante was arrested in the U.S. when he fled the Philippines while under investigation for diverting agricultural funds to use on behalf of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's re-election campaign. He had been served with an arrest warrant by the Senate after refusing to appear as called to testify before a Senate Committee. When he fled the country, the U.S. lifted Bolante's visa without his knowledge, and arrested him in Los Angeles on July 7 for travelling without a visa. It was learned on July 8 that the lifting of the visa and the arrest of Bolante came at the behest of the Philippine Senate.

The implications of this move are far-reaching. Arroyo is trying to eliminate the Senate altogether by changing to a parliamentary system, doing away with the "checks and balances" of the constitutional order.

The Philippine Senate is now calling on the U.S. to extradite Bolante back to their custody.

## **Africa News Digest**

### **Russia May Build a Space Control Center in South Africa**

One week after the signing of a space research and technology cooperation agreement by the Presidents of Russia and the Republic of South African, Anatoly Perminov, head of the Russian national space agency, said that his agency may build a space control center in Cape Town, according to RIA Novosti Sept. 11.

Well-positioned for Southern Hemispheric control functions, a control center there would serve the future South African space technology complex as well. With Russian help, including training, South Africa plans to station satellites for meteorology and communications in the coming years. The first such mission will be carried out with a Russian rocket at the end of this year. There is also Russian-South African discussion of sending a South African astronaut to the International Space Station later in this decade.

## Morocco May Be First in Africa To Build High-Speed Rail

Morocco may become the first African nation to build high-speed rail. Moroccan rail operator ONCF's managing director, Mohamed Rabie Khlie, in an interview with Reuters Sept. 15, said: "Marrakesh to Tangier in two and a half hours—it is as if the country is shrinking.... A high-speed rail network will put us in the rail industry's big league." Khlie was referring to the Moroccan plan to link Tangier in the North to Agadir in the South via Marrakesh, and from Casablanca on the Atlantic to Oujda on the Algerian border.

Khlie pointed out that a tunnel from Europe to Africa across the Strait of Gibraltar is still on course, meaning that trains may one day travel from Marrakesh to Madrid. "A Moroccan-Spanish committee is working very hard on this [tunnel] issue, and it is going very well.... We feel quite a clear willingness on the Spanish side to push things forward," Khlie said.

The trains will travel at up to 300 km per hour (186 miles per hour). The engineering work for the network is expected to begin in the second half of 2007, and is estimated to cost around 25 billion dirhams (\$2.87 billion).

While South Africa is now beginning construction of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link that will connect Pretoria, Johannesburg, and the Johannesburg International Airport, its maximum speed will be only 180 km per hour. There is a plan for subsequent upgrading to 200 km per hour. "High-speed rail" is defined as 200 km per hour and up.

## This Week in American History

### September 19 — 25, 1776

#### Nathan Hale and John Andre: Two Cases of Military Justice

After Gen. George Washington evacuated his Continental Army troops from their hopeless position on Brooklyn Heights during the wee hours of Aug. 29, 1776, the Americans still faced an overwhelmingly superior British and Hessian land and sea force, determined to possess New York City and its ample harbor. During the early weeks of September, as the British maneuvered to capture Manhattan Island, Washington moved his forces northward on the island and encamped on the Harlem Plains, just north of, what is today, 125th Street.

On Sept. 15, the British Army, with naval support on both the Hudson and East Rivers, occupied southern Manhattan and halted at what is now 42nd Street. Generals Howe and Clinton ensconced themselves in the Beekman mansion on Murray Hill, and sent an expedition northward the next day to probe for the American positions. This expedition suffered a shocking defeat at American hands in what was called the "Hollow Way," a dip between two northern Manhattan hills.

A few days before Sept. 15, General Washington had asked Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton to recruit a few men to go behind the enemy lines to scout out British positions and troop movements. Capt. Nathan Hale commanded a company of Knowlton's men, and when he heard of the mission, some tried to dissuade him from volunteering. He replied: "I am fully sensible of the consequences of discovery and capture in such a situation. But for a year, I have been attached to the army, and have not rendered any material service." According to Hale's sergeant, Hale twice visited George Washington to discuss the route he would follow, the precautions he must take, and what his cover story would be.

Despite the American victory at the "Hollow Way," the Continental Army was still in a very dangerous position, for the British Navy was free to enter Long Island Sound and land troops on its northern shore. From there, the British could swing northwestward to the Hudson, trapping the Americans between them and the British forces on Manhattan. Washington was

keenly aware of this possibility, which General William Howe would indeed try to implement in October, and ordered the Continental Army to march northward into the more defensible hills of Westchester County. But the inadequate number of wagons to carry armaments and supplies, and the starving condition of the horses, made progress very slow, and the retreating army was stretched out in a long, thin, and very vulnerable line.

As this retreat was beginning, Nathan Hale was travelling to Connecticut in order to cross Long Island Sound. Captain Hale had graduated from Yale in 1773, where his good friend and fellow classmate was Benjamin Tallmadge, who also joined the Continental Army and became one of George Washington's most trusted intelligence officers. Nathan Hale had taught school after his graduation until July of 1775, when he joined the Connecticut Militia and, shortly later, became an officer in the Continental Army. Because of his former occupation, Hale was to go to Long Island in the guise of a schoolmaster looking for work, carrying his college diploma with him.

Caleb Brewster's whaleboaters ferried Hale successfully across Long Island Sound, but unfortunately a British patrol ship caught a glimpse of the whaleboat returning, and surmised that it had dropped off a spy. One of the passengers on the British ship was Robert Rogers, the leader of the near-savage Rogers' Rangers during the French and Indian War. Rogers had been going back and forth between the Americans and British trying to sell his services to the highest bidder, and the British won him after George Washington had serious doubts about Rogers' motives. Rogers set himself the task of discovering the spy who had landed by boat, and he ranged Long Island in pursuit, alerting the Tories to be on the lookout for strangers.

Nathan Hale, meanwhile, headed along the coast road toward Manhattan, taking note of troop deployments. He had finished his work, and was returning to the American base on upper Manhattan, when a group of Tories, one of them a distant relative, recognized him and reported him to the British Army.

Hale's captors, among whom was the triumphant Robert Rogers, brought him to Howe's headquarters on Sept. 21, a day when the British were in a particularly vengeful mood. Near midnight on Sept. 20, a fire had broken out in New York and the flames were fanned by a brisk wind. It is still unclear how the fire started—some trace it to British soldiers' wives who started a cooking fire with long pieces of wood and then left the aftermath unattended; the British claimed it was set by American partisans.

Whatever the cause, Howe did not allow the bulk of his troops to fight the fire, because he feared a night attack by the Americans. British patrols, however, were in the streets and when they suspected Americans were setting other fires, they summarily threw the suspects—several men and one woman—into the flames. By the end of the night, 500 houses had been destroyed, and the British never attempted to rebuild the devastated area during their long years of occupation of the city.

While the remains of the gutted buildings were still smouldering, Nathan Hale was brought to British Army headquarters on Manhattan. General Howe signed Hale's death warrant, without benefit of a trial, and Hale was put under the guard of the provost marshal, William Cunningham. Cunningham, who kept Hale's diploma as a souvenir, would be hanged in London in 1791 for forgery. On the scaffold, he confessed that he had caused the deaths of 2,000 prisoners by starvation and cruelty. He sold the prisoners' rations for profit, and sometimes, when the mood struck him, he hurried them to their graves by poisoning them.

The execution was scheduled for 11:00 the next morning at the artillery park. Hale was denied his request to see a clergyman, but he was able to write a letter to his mother and to a fellow American officer. On the scaffold, Hale was very composed, and made a short address to the crowd, talking of the righteousness of the American cause, the duty of every good soldier to obey the orders of his commander-in-chief, and urging the British soldiers to be ready to meet death in whatever shape it might appear.



After the execution, the British found a cutout of an American soldier and hung it up beside Hale, labeling it "General Washington." The phrase attributed to Hale on the scaffold—"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"—came from the play "Cato" by Joseph Addison, which was a favorite of Hale's. He had cited it to his fellow officers, and perhaps included it in the final letter to his friend, and so, in later years, his friends concluded that he would have used it in his last minutes on Earth.

Almost exactly four years later, on Sept. 25, 1780, Gen. Benedict Arnold fled down the Hudson River in a British ship, his treason against West Point having been discovered. But his fellow plotter, British Maj. John Andre, had been captured while in civilian dress by American militia. Andre was the Adjutant-General of British Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, and was also one of the general's spymasters. It was he who had cultivated Peggy Shippen, Arnold's Tory wife-to-be, during the British occupation of Philadelphia, and it was he who had run Arnold as he prepared to betray the American cause.

In the months before he hoped to deliver West Point to the British, Arnold had pressured many of his officers to give him the names and locations of American undercover spies, with the excuse that he must know who they were in order to protect West Point. Those names were scheduled to be transferred to Major Andre.

One officer who refused to turn over any information was Maj. Benjamin Tallmadge, Nathan Hale's classmate at Yale. Tallmadge ran the Culper spy network on Long Island, which was invaluable to the American cause and was never cracked by the British, although they tried mightily to discover its operatives. When Andre was captured and taken to Tappan, New York to await a military trial, he was accompanied by Benjamin Tallmadge.

In the course of the trip, wrote Tallmadge, Andre "became very inquisitive to know my opinion as to the result of his capture. When I could no longer evade his importunity, I remarked to him as follows: 'I had a much-loved classmate in Yale College by the name of Hale, who entered the army in 1775. Immediately after the Battle of Long Island, Washington wanted information respecting the strength of the enemy. Hale tendered his services, went over to Brooklyn, and was taken just as he was passing the outposts of the enemy on his return.' Said I with emphasis, 'Do you remember the sequel of the story?'"

""Yes,' said Andre, 'He was hanged as a spy. But you surely do not consider his case and mine alike!'"

"I replied, 'Yes, precisely similar; and similar will be your fate.'"

"He endeavoured to answer my remarks, but it was manifest he was more troubled in spirit than I had ever seen him before."

General Clinton tried to save Andre and offered to exchange any American prisoner for him, but when Washington wanted to exchange him for Benedict Arnold, Clinton refused. An American military tribunal found Andre guilty of spying, and he was condemned to death. Andre sent a piteous letter to Washington, begging to die in front of a firing squad, and Washington submitted the letter to a council of general officers, but they decided that since Major Andre had been convicted of spying, they could not grant the request.

The morning of the execution, Andre's breakfast was sent to him from the table of General Washington, as it had been every day. When Andre, who had been hoping that his request for a firing squad would be granted, saw the gallows, he started backward and paused. But, he said, "It will be but a momentary pang." The crowd was not hostile, but lamented the young man's fate.

George Washington wrote a summation of the events triggered by the traitor and the British spy: "In no instance since the

commencement of the war has the interposition of Providence appeared more remarkably conspicuous than in the rescue of the post and garrison at West Point. A combination of extraordinary circumstances threw the adjutant-general of the British forces, with full proof of Arnold's intention, into our hands. Andre has met his fate with that fortitude which was to be expected from an accomplished man and a gallant officer. But I [doubt] if Arnold is suffering the torments of a mental hell. He [lacks] feeling. From some traits of his character which have lately come to my knowledge, he seems to have been so hacknied in crime, so lost to all sense of honor and shame, that while his faculties still enable him to continue his sordid pursuits, there will be no time for remorse."

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