
Editorial

Don't Be a Bio-Fool!

While there is no question but that the issue of the impeachment of Vice President Cheney, and the prevention of the war against Iran, are at the cutting edge of what the incoming Congress must do in the weeks ahead, Lyndon LaRouche nonetheless chose to commission a major feature this week on the subject of “bio-fuels.” Why? As LaRouche put it in one memo, “the characteristics of the present intersection of the Congressional agenda with the global strategic, economic, and other realities, require that the biofuels delusion be called into question, popularly, as widely and deeply as possible.”

In other words, if the U.S. Congress—and the population it represents—allows itself to be diverted into the biofuels insanity, it will short-circuit its own ability to deal with the leading political issues, and, equally importantly, with the fundamental cause of the current crisis, the destruction of the world financial system.

The bio-fool question “is the breaking point of the Democrats,” LaRouche commented. It demonstrates the very dangerous lack of clarity on the part of even the most astute Democratic leaders as to how the world economic breakdown is impelling the international financial oligarchy to push toward war and the destruction of the nation-state, and as to what kind of measures need to be taken in order to solve the economic crisis.

In large part, of course, the bio-fool “issue” is a generational one. The susceptibility of lawmakers to the drive for what is clearly an uneconomical form of fuel (it costs much more energy to make than the energy you get out), is a direct spinoff from post-industrial-society psychosis which was foisted on the Baby-Boomer generation. Those who were brought up, and brainwashed into being anti-nuclear energy, are going to fall for any hoax that sells itself as being based on “natural products.” The fact that pursuing such products will almost literally take the food out of people’s mouths, might give some of this generation pause, but they quite honestly don’t understand the alternative.

It cannot be said often enough what that alternative is. What fire was to primitive man, and fossil fuels were to the industrial revolution, nuclear energy is to a mod-

ern society today. Only by utilizing the power of nuclear fission and fusion on a massive scale can our planet hope to provide enough power to feed, and upgrade the living standards of the billions of people who are now with us, and those of future generations. Nuclear power is key to providing clean water, to harnessing hydrogen as a source of power, and to replacing the raw materials which are becoming increasingly scarce in our environment. In sum, nuclear power is the key to our future.

But many of our nation’s leaders have decided that, even if *they* could accept nuclear power, the population couldn’t, and therefore they have jumped onto the bio-fools bandwagon. They have not considered the question seriously. For, as our cover feature this issue, the first in a series, indicates, the adoption of this policy would literally lead the world into disaster.

It is worth noting that in the case of biofuels, as well as in the case of nuclear energy, there has been a major shift on the part of some of the leading environmentalists in the direction of sanity. Take Lester Brown, for example, longtime leader of the WorldWatch Institute which has spent decades campaigning on a Malthusian agenda.

Lester Brown’s Earth Policy Institute held a conference call Jan. 4 to release a paper by Brown saying that the people promoting the ethanol bubble are using facts and figures that are vastly understated respecting corn volume. Brown states that the USDA projects that distilleries will only require 60 million tons of corn from the 2008 harvest. But his Earth Policy Institute says that it will take 139 million tons of corn, which is half of the projected 2008 corn harvest. Brown says that this will drive food prices to record levels and make it difficult for people to buy food. Therefore he is calling for a moratorium on the licensing of new biofuel distilleries.

Brown’s call is important, but nowhere near enough. The entire *idea* of solving the energy crisis with biofuels is insane, the equivalent of sending the human race back to the caves! It’s so primitive, that even George W. Bush and Dick Cheney support it—and that should tell you something. Don’t be a bio-fool! Be a human being instead!