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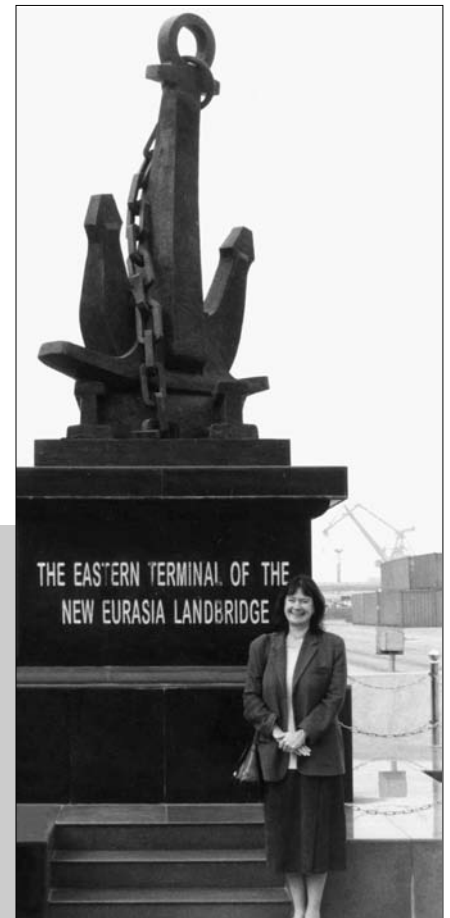
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From the Assistant Managing Editor

If this is the calm before the storm, it is a very unsettled one. With this, our final issue of the year 2008 (the next will be dated Jan. 9, 2009), we look ahead to the Jan. 20 inauguration of President Barack Obama, just weeks away, with great trepidation. As the storm clouds mass over the horizon, we are already being buffeted by the gale-force winds of the economic-financial hurricane, and the upsurge in global terrorism.

As our New Delhi correspondent Ramtanu Maitra reports in our *Feature*, any investigation of the Mumbai massacre must begin with the British role in fostering, protecting, and benefiting from international terrorism. And, the historical role of the British in creating and deploying “Islamic” terrorism is covered by Hussein Askary.

As we report in our *Cover* feature this week, LaRouche has followed up his late-November visit to New Delhi (see *Strategic Studies* for more on this), with a press conference at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, where he blasted the lunacy of the Fed policy of lowering interest rates to near zero, and underscored the urgency of establishing a new Bretton Woods monetary system, indicating the direction that the new U.S. Administration must take. As John Hoefle and Marcia Merry Baker write in *Economics*, what the world’s people need is not hyperinflation, but a productive economy that provides food, shelter, employment, and so forth.

Obama could also take a cue from Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, who has declared the country’s foreign debt to be “illegitimate, corrupt, and illegal.” One need only glance at the latest newspaper headlines, notably, that of the \$50 billion Ponzi scheme of Bernard Madoff, a microcosm of the whole system, to realize that Correa’s words should be applied to the entire global financial edifice.

And, LaRouche notes, there are other signs of optimism: The incoming Obama Administration is peopled with many of LaRouche’s friends, those who have sought his guidance and direction, in how to deal with the unprecedented crisis we face.

As we approach the New Year with all this in mind, we ask that you be sure to note the date of the next LaRouche webcast: Jan. 22 (www.larouchepac.com).



Cover This Week

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. (right) gives a press conference at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France on Dec. 17. With him are Europarliamentarian Mario Borhezio, who hosted the event, and Helga Zepp-LaRouche.



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AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

LaRouche Blasts Fed Folly, Calls for New Credit System

by Nancy Spannaus

Speaking at a press conference at the European Parliament headquarters in Strasbourg, France Dec. 17, U.S. statesman and economist Lyndon LaRouche blasted “the insanity of the present government of the United States, in going to a virtual zero interest rate,” and outlined his proposal for a new international credit system, to be initiated by a Four Power agreement among the U.S., Russia, China, and India. The half-hour event was hosted by Member of European Parliament (MEP) Mario Borghezio, and attended by some 25-30 international journalists and MEPs, notably, anti-globalists from two Italian political parties, Forza Italia and Lega Nord. Also sitting on the podium with LaRouche were MEPs Cristiana Muscardini, Donato Speroni, and Erminio Boso.

After a short introduction by Borghezio, LaRouche—who was accompanied by his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche and *EIR*'s Claudio Celani—took approximately 15 minutes to make the case that the current crisis was essentially one of financial derivatives—which can never be paid—and that the solution requires the application of bankruptcy reorganization, according to the principles of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Bretton Woods system. The alternative, he emphasized, was a collapse only comparable to that of the 14th-Century Black Death. LaRouche stressed that he personally will be using the enhanced authority he has achieved as the only major economist who forecast this current

breakdown crisis, to make sure President-elect Barack Obama goes the FDR way.

Correspondents from Italy's major news daily *Corriere della Sera*, Spain's *El Pais*, and an Italian wire service asked questions. The final question came from a parliamentarian, who asked about the role of financial speculation in creating the crisis. LaRouche took the occasion to blast the role of Nazi collaborator George Soros.

Within the first 24 hours, wire stories went out in Italy, and news stories were published in both *Corriere* and a regional newspaper, *La Padania* (see transcripts below).

Zero Interest Rate Insanity

The fact that the Federal Reserve had lowered U.S. interest rates to a de facto 0% the day before, clearly created increased interest in LaRouche's appearance, his first at the Europarliament. A number of journalists asked him about why he called that action “insane.” LaRouche responded:

“I've been fighting for a 4% rate, a basic banking rate, in the United States for some period of time. Without that kind of protection, you can not maintain a credit system.

“Japan tried this with its overnight rate, before. Japan kept collapsing as a result of this. A zero interest rate is insanity. The only alternative to a zero interest rate, is for



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Lyndon LaRouche (center) gave a press conference at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Dec. 17, on the insanity of the zero interest rate policy in the United States. Helga Zepp-LaRouche is seated to his right.

the government to make an outright grant! If governments vote for an outright grant, as for a humanitarian purpose, or some related purpose, that's fine. But a 0% interest rate corrupts the banking system, and you must have a stable—you *must have security for people putting their savings into banks!* You've got to protect—I think a 4% rate for open market activities, and a 2% rate, or 1.5% to 2% rate for special government credit systems is about the range you want to operate in."

LaRouche also emphasized that the lowering of the interest rates threatens to create a dollar crisis, in the period before Obama takes office. In fact, the immediate impact of the Fed's action was to cause a huge collapse in the value of the dollar on the international currency markets, specifically against the euro and the yen.

The Case of George Soros

LaRouche also took the occasion of a question on the role of speculation, to take on George Soros, who is well known for having carried out his currency swindles against Europe back in 1992. LaRouche said:

"Basically, we're talking about the paradigm for this in the case of George Soros. George Soros is the biggest drug pusher on this planet. He's a drug pusher in Asia, he's a drug pusher in Europe, he's a drug pusher in the Americas. He also was a big power in the election campaigns in the United States, and it looks as though

Mr. Obama is not pleased with the result of this sort of thing.

"So, for example, a farmer on the borders of Afghanistan, will grow a crop of opium, of about \$600 valuation. By the time that product reaches Europe, it has a price of \$6 million. So that, the traffic coming out of Afghanistan, and other locations, through transit in the Carpathian region, into Europe, as in from the Caribbean throughout all South American states, except Colombia, and inside the United States, is one of the *biggest ulcers* on this planet. And if we don't control and stop this kind of speculation, which is associated with Mr. Soros, as probably the most evil single individual on this

planet today, we don't have sovereignty in any part of Europe.

"This corruption by drug trafficking, is one of the greatest evils on this planet today. And George Soros, who, as a teenager, was running errands for the Nazis, who were shipping Jews into concentration camps for execution, has not been killing Jews lately, but he's applied the same lessons and methods he learned, and has talked about, when he was a teenager in Hungary—has been applying those same methods of finance and gangsterism throughout the world today. And governments are treating people like that with *respect!* Which is a mistake. This is a crime! And should be treated by all governments as crimes.

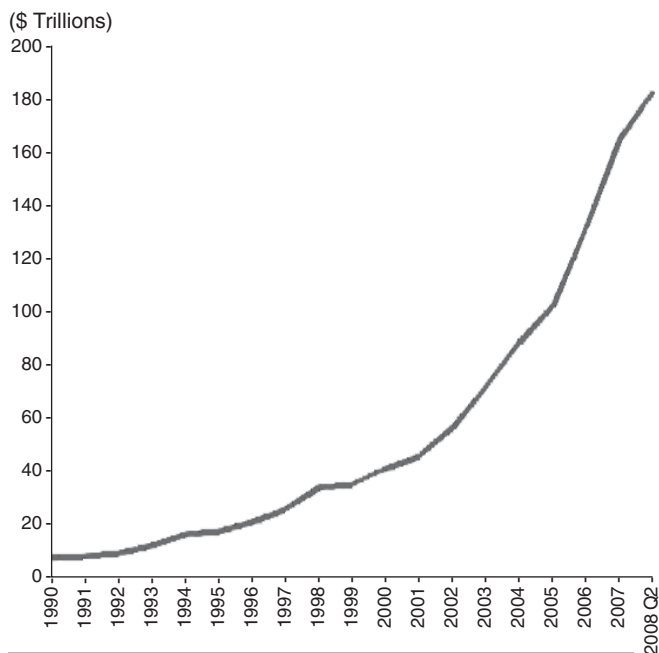
"The failure to treat this as a crime, has opened the door to most of the evils on this planet today. If we protect our children, our citizens, against a drug traffic, then we have a basis for morality. If we do not protect our children, and our markets, our economy, from these drug traffickers, we don't have sovereignty. And that's the problem I think we see in Europe today. It's that the influence of these drug traffickers and their political associates, have undermined the sovereignty of the nations of Europe today. And I think our dealing with that, ruthlessly, in all parts of the world, is the thing that will open the doors for establishment of full sovereignty of nations, again, now."

Press Conference at European Parliament

Lyndon LaRouche made the following opening remarks to a press conference at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France on Dec. 17.

On the 20th of January, presumably the elected President of the United States will be inaugurated. Between now and then, it is extremely difficult to forecast exactly what will happen. The terrorism in India and Mumbai is merely typical of this interim situation and what we must be prepared to deal with. But, in the meantime, the issue which is facing the incoming President of the United States, who has, incidentally, nominated a number of friends and collaborators of mine for his government, starting with, of course, Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State; but the problems that are going to confront all of them, is something I

FIGURE 1
Derivatives at U.S. Commercial Banks



Source: FDIC.

forecast on the 25th of July of 2007, when I forecast that I expected within a few days or so, we must expect the beginning of the biggest economic-financial crisis in all history. Three days later, it broke out.

The crisis is essentially one of a financial derivatives crisis: that the system of speculation which was launched under Alan Greenspan when he became the head of the Federal Reserve System, of financial derivatives, has reached the point of explosion. It's *quadrillions of dollars of debt*. And there's no possibility that this debt could ever be satisfied or liquidated. This presents the world with a danger, the challenge of a reorganization of the world monetary-financial system, and what I am proposing to my friends and sympathizers in the coming administration, is that we put the entire world through a financial reorganization, in the direction of the policies of Franklin Roosevelt in 1944. Not what Truman began to implement in 1945, but what Franklin Roosevelt presented at the Bretton Woods conference in 1944: that is, to create an international credit system based on a fixed exchange rate of credit among nations, and to proceed to start a program of actual recovery, financial-economic recovery.

We know what the situation is in Europe; we know largely what the situation is presently in the United States. The insanity of the present government of the United States, in going to a virtual zero interest rate—much like what the yen did some years ago, in the overnight yen market—is a piece of insanity whose results we have yet to see. I would hope that this would be reversed. If it's not reversed, then we have an incalculable situation.

A Credit System, Not a Monetary System

But in any case, that's the issue. The issue is, we must end the kind of financial system which was cre-

Top U.S. Derivatives Bank Holding Companies, at June 30, 2008

(\$ Billions)

Rank	Bank Holding Company	Equity	Assets	Derivative
1	J.P. Morgan Chase	\$133	\$1,776	\$98,827
2	Bank of America	\$163	\$1,723	\$40,624
3	Citigroup	\$136	\$2,100	\$39,935
4	Wachovia	\$75	\$812	\$4,433
5	HSBC North America	\$27	\$461	\$4,081

Sources: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Reserve.



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LaRouche at the press conference on Dec. 17 at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Cristiana Muscardini, co-chair of the United Europe of the Nations Group in the European Parliament, chaired the day's event. She said that her group is inviting thinkers of diverse views to come to the European Parliament and present their perspectives on the current international crisis.



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Mario Borghezio, the head of Italy's Lega Nord delegation at the European Parliament, hosted the press conference. In his closing remarks, he said, "I heartily thank Prof. LaRouche, whose words have demonstrated to us that a great economist can also be a great philosopher."



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A journalist from APCOM interviews LaRouche. During the press conference, he asked LaRouche whether the Italian banking system is in better shape than some others, because Italian banks have less exposure to the subprime mortgage bubble. LaRouche replied that the crisis is global, but that Italian banking has traditionally, to some extent, oriented more toward its regional interests.



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Journalist Mariolina Sattanino of Raiuno, the EU correspondent for the TGI news program, speaks with LaRouche after the press conference.



Obama-Biden Transition Project

President-elect Barack Obama presents those nominated for his national security team, on Dec. 1. LaRouche said that the new administration will include “a number of friends and collaborators of mine,” and that he is advising them to “put the entire world through a financial reorganization, in the direction of the policies of Franklin Roosevelt in 1944.”

ated since 1971-1972. We must go back to a fixed-exchange-rate system. It must be based on a credit system, not a financial system.

What I mean, is this: The United States is unique among nations, in the fact that we have a credit system, where European nations have financial systems, monetary systems. The difference is this: Under our Constitution, the creation of money, or credit, must be made by the President of the United States, but with the consent of the House of Representatives. This credit can be then used, and monetized, as specified by the legislation and by upholding the President’s power to utter credit.

What I’m proposing, essentially, is that we use the United States’ Constitution, with its provision for a credit system, through treaty agreements with other nations, to create a fixed-exchange-rate credit system. The purpose is largely to generate credit, which can then be used, internationally, for building up long-term investments in the world economy. This means taking much of the financial derivatives, which could never be paid anyway—there’s no possibility of satisfying the demands of this financial system presently; there’s not that amount of money which will ever exist in the world, to pay off *quadrillions of dollars of debt*, which is largely fraudulent debt. And therefore, we have to wipe this aspect of the debt of the world off the books, and go back to a credit system which is based on the idea of the nation-state, as opposed to what we’re getting now, in terms of a new, funny international system, a monetary

system.

Go back to the nation-state, and take long-term commitments, in terms of a quarter-century, half-century, or full century, depending upon the category.

The Case of Eurasia

We have a problem, for example, in this respect, in Asia: What I proposed, of course, is that the initiative on this, for this proposal, be made by an agreement among the United States, Russia, China, and India, because it’s in this area of the world—in Asia, including Russia’s role in Eurasia—where the greatest amount of poverty and the greatest need for development occurs. We have, in India, for example, 63% of the population is extremely poor, and not likely, on their own powers, to increase their productivity immediately. Without large-scale infrastructure, such as nuclear power and things of that sort, to regenerate that, to build up the infrastructure of nations such as India, to the point that they multiply the productive powers of labor in these countries.

We have a problem in China, as we all know now. China is collapsing; as a result of the collapse of the U.S. market, the entire Chinese system is in crisis. This is going to spread throughout the world very rapidly, which is why the situation is unstable.

Russia is essential, because Russia is a Eurasian culture, not a European or an Asian culture. It’s been that since about the time of Genghis Khan.

So, under these conditions, the raw materials which

exist largely in Russia, in northern Russia, are necessary to supply the minerals needed for building up the economies of countries such as China and India. China and India could not do this by themselves, because this involves technologies which are only known in Russia, in institutions such as the Vernadsky Institute, for example, which is a specialist in this kind of area, of going into an area such as the tundra area, the Arctic region, or sub-Arctic region, to draw out the raw materials which are necessary. It's not a matter of digging in the ground; it's a matter of developing a *system* of raw-materials development.

Also, the future of humanity is going to go increasingly in the direction of Asia—the large populations of Asia; 40%, approximately, of the human race lives there, and most of it is very poor.

So, we're going to have to mobilize the Americas, especially the United States, and Europe, to play, again, a leading role in science and technology, as a part of the process of developing the whole of this planet, including Asia and Africa, developing the whole of the planet up to a condition in which humanity can succeed.

Plan A and Plan B

It's my belief, that under the Obama Administration, from all signs so far, something in that direction will occur. There will be complications, as you know what governments are like, and they're always complicated. They don't provide exactly what you want, but if you get 50% or 60% of what you want, that's considered pretty good these days.

So, that's where it stands. The key problem is that, in the area of economy, there are very few people in the economics profession or otherwise, who have any actual comprehension of this problem and its nature. They didn't forecast it, they didn't see it coming, and they relied too much on statistical forecasting, rather than *real* forecasting. Real forecasting is based on physical science; it's based on taking into account the will of people and deciding what they're going to do, and whether these ideas they have are correct or not. Are they able to forecast the results of what they intend or not?

So that's my position here. My qualifications, which have been proven many times in the area of forecasting, are actually based on a branch of science known as Riemannian physics, a physical economy conception of Riemannian physics. And I've been successful: I've been forecasting for a long period of time—obscurely,

back in the 1950s, when I forecast the 1957 Recession, and then forecast what became the collapse of the Bretton Woods system, and a number of other forecasts, and I've succeeded in this one. And as a result of my success in forecasting, people in the incoming government of the new President have acknowledged the fact that I've been right, and decided that I have to play some very significant role in shaping what will be the policy of the new government.

Now, I can't make any guarantees or predictions on that, because it's a long time between now and the 20th of January, and with terrorism breaking out in India and elsewhere, and the likelihood of more terrorism in various parts of the world under these conditions, we can not exactly proceed on the basis of knowing exactly what's going to happen. We have to be prepared, on the one side, with knowing what we *should* do, what the objectives of mankind should be, what the policies should be, what the resources are that we can use to achieve those objectives; and also have a Plan B, as well as a Plan A. Plan A is what could happen and would be good for humanity. Plan B is what if that isn't provided. You always, in policy, have to have two options: One is the best option that you should follow, and the other is what you have to do in case the first one doesn't work out. I think those of you in politics long enough, know and understand that.

But that's the situation we're in. We're in the most dangerous situation: *In all modern history, there has been nothing comparable to this in European experience*, since the 14th-Century New Dark Age, so-called, when the collapse of the House of Bardi occurred. And with the derivatives crisis, quadrillions of dollars of debt which could never be paid, we're in a crisis which is *worse* than that the House of Bardi and other firms faced, in the 14th Century. It merely means, we have to proceed: Cancel what should not be debt, cancel what should not be paid; continue what must happen, must be done, without missing a step, protecting the people, protecting the individuals; protecting the cultures, as if no interruption had occurred. We can, I believe, do that, under reorganization.

But we have to have, as I said, a Plan A and a Plan B. I'm working on Plan A. And I'm warning people about what Plan B looks like: and it's *awful*—awful. But if it happens, we're going to have to face it, as we have faced terrible things before.

Thank you.

Media Coverage of LaRouche in Strasbourg

LaRouche received significant media coverage of his Strasbourg press conference. Here are English translations of some of the reports:

ANSA: Crisis: LaRouche, insane Fed decision to cut rates to zero.

Strasbourg, Dec. 16—An “insane” decision, a “folly” that threatens to definitively collapse the U.S. banking system: thus commented economist Lyndon LaRouche on the Federal Reserve decision to cut interest rates to zero.

Known as being among the few who forecast the international financial crash, LaRouche, who is viewed as a Clintonian, is back in the circle of advisors to the new US administration of Barack Obama and is a strong supporter of the necessity to go back to a system of fixed exchanges.

“It is impossible to think of being able to repay the mass of debt in the system,” [LaRouche] said today during a press conference, organized in Strasbourg by Lega Nord MEP Mario Borghezio.

The only thing to do, in order to get out of the crisis, according to LaRouche, is to re-establish “national sovereignty” on the credit system, above all in the United States, separating again commercial activities from speculative ones. And launching a large program of reforms at the Eurasian level, involving the USA, Russia, China, and India to build infrastructure and boost demand.

Economist [LaRouche], who characterizes George Soros as a “devil” of speculation, who applies “nazi methods” learned in Hungary during his adolescence, is nevertheless “confident and optimistic” on the possibility that Obama is moving along a path that could overcome an unprecedented crisis and that demands, without any doubt, a new Bretton Woods.

Il Sole 24 Ore Radiocor: Crisis: LaRouche, ‘The Fed decision is insane, we risk the Japanese disaster’

Strasbourg, Dec. 17—The Fed decision for a zero interest rate? “It is insane; the zero interest rate policy

turned into a disaster for Japan at the beginning of the nineties and threatens to provoke a collapse of the financial and economic system before Barack Obama is inaugurated on Jan. 20.”

What should be done? “Bring rates back to 4% and force the banks to remain open but under one condition: bankruptcy reorganization.”

What can Obama do to save the situation? “To deliver on his promise to go back to a Rooseveltian policy of state dirigism.”

How to reduce tensions on currency markets? “Re-establish a system of fixed exchange rates, or at least with a limited range of oscillation, to avoid a backlash from one economy to the others.”

These are the answers by economist Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche who, in Strasbourg, gave a press conference upon an invitation by Rep. Mario Borghezio, chief of the Lega Nord delegation at the European Parliament. LaRouche stands out, in his career, for having forecast the financial collapses of 1987 and 1998. Since 1994, he has considered the current financial system to be bankrupt, and therefore sees the current serious crisis as a logical consequence. LaRouche fights for a comeback of Rooseveltian dirigist policies, within the US Democratic Party, as chairman of the LaRouche Political Action Committee.

Corriere della Sera: The Guru who forecast the crash of speculative finance

LaRouche’s prophecy: Go back to fixed exchange rates

From our correspondent

Strasbourg, Dec. 18—“An insane move, which banks cannot withstand.” That is how the spectacular cut of interest rates on the dollar to zero, decided by the Fed, is seen by Lyndon LaRouche, the guru politician who, since the nineties, has forecast the crash of speculative finances and the need for a new Bretton Woods. A perennial outsider candidate in all presidential primaries in the Democratic Party, in Italy LaRouche has had contact with Economics Minister Giulio Tremonti, who has said that he is an attentive reader of [LaRouche’s] anti-free market and anti-Marxist writings.

Yesterday, this 86-year-old man without a university degree in economics, was invited to speak about the financial crisis in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, by the head of the Lega Nord delegation, Mario Borghezio, and the chairman of the European Right, Cristiana Muscardini (AN), supported by the head of the

Forza Italia delegation, Stefano Zappala.

LaRouche stressed that “the current world monetary system is hopelessly bankrupt.” The cause is “an unsustainable debt,” and at this point “only nation-states can guarantee mid-term and long-term credit.” The guru-politician, the leader of a multinational movement of followers, calls for saving only that part of the banking system which deals with credit to companies and to citizens. Speculative activities should be left to fail. LaRouche believes that “a return to a system of fixed exchange rates” is essential, and calls for a plan of mega-public investments in infrastructure in Asia, Russia, Europe, Africa, and the U.S.

He used very strong words against superspeculator George Soros, exposing Soros’s influence on many governments. Another enemy is former Fed governor Alan Greenspan, responsible for the loose credit policies behind the subprime mortgage bubble. But [LaRouche] also calls for moving against speculation on drugs in Latin America and Asia. “The opium which is bought at \$600 from the Afghan peasant brings \$6 million to the drug dealers,” LaRouche said.

In the nineties, LaRouche was arrested and sentenced for fraud concerning his movement’s fundraising. Democratic President Bill Clinton intervened to have him released.

Today he is counting on the new President, Obama. “The Bush administration can still cause irreparable damage until Jan. 20,” LaRouche said. “But Obama, who has healthy principles, can relaunch the economy.” He says that he “shares many views” with Tremonti, but he also has differences. The main one concerns the historical source for the common belief in the state role in the economy. Tremonti looks to British economist John Maynard Keynes. LaRouche goes back to the 18th Century and to the [first] U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

La Padania: Borghezio ‘hosts’ LaRouche, the economist who had forecast the crisis

Strasbourg, Dec. 18—Yesterday morning, U.S. economist Lyndon LaRoche [sic] held a conference on the issue “the financial crisis.” “We wanted to hear the voice, in Europe,”—Lega Nord delegation chief at the European Parliament and organizer of the event, Mario Borghezio, explains, “of an ‘heretical’ economist who had forecast the financial crash much in advance, and who has long since developed a lucid and deep analysis on the distortions in the world economic system. Seen

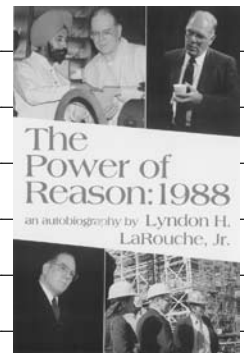
from the view of this expert’s experience, the current crisis has highly complex and dangerous aspects. But he also sees a way out, through choices of economic policy which he calls ‘Rooseveltian’ and which have very little to do with the current U.S. and European policy choices.”

“In particular,” the Lega MEP continues, “LaRouche has criticized the cutting of U.S. rates to zero which, in his view, will kill the activity of what he calls ‘chartered banks,’ which we call commercial banks. This will provoke immense damage to the real economy. To the contrary, public money should completely exclude whoever has carried out, and carries out, speculation, and [instead] start the positive and virtuous cycle of a production-based economy, with particular attention to productive industry and agriculture. Furthermore, he thinks that, in terms of world politics, one should involve the economies of Russia, India and China, in order to allow for a recovery of the economy on a world scale.”

“LaRouche,” Borghezio concludes, “has appreciated the courageous positions taken by [Umberto] Bossi and the Lega Nord on these issues and gave a live greeting to the listeners of Radio Padania.”

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Mumbai Massacre Calls For a Probe of British Role

by Ramtanu Maitra

The Nov 26-29 siege by terrorists of two top Mumbai hotels and the Nariman House, where a Jewish group had its residence and office, not only resulted in the deaths of more than 200 individuals, but made clear that India, like the United States, is one of the prime targets of Dope, Inc. The questions remain: Who exactly were the terrorists? What were their objectives? And, were any of their objectives attained through this dastardly act?

New Delhi must realize that if the Mumbai attack is to be the last big one, it must carry out a thorough investigation. The Mumbai terror had a very strong British link as is detailed below. On Dec. 1, the London *Daily Mail* reported that seven British Muslims were involved. That number dwindled to two within a couple of days. The now-deposed chief minister of the state of Maharashtra (where Mumbai is located), Vilasrao Deshmukh, announced that no British Muslims were involved. In other words, whitewashing is fully in progress.

But, it is likely that the evidence of British involvement in this terrorist act has not yet been wiped out. That is why, in the early morning of Dec. 14, Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown came pell-mell to Delhi to urge the Indian Premier Manmohan Singh to allow British intelligence, MI6, to interrogate the only surviving Mumbai terrorist, Mohammed Ajmal Amir Qasal. It is likely that the purpose of the MI6 interrogation is to

direct Qasal to provide details to confuse the investigators and keep Britain out of it. The speed with which the British Embassy in Delhi set up the Brown-Singh meeting indicates that there is much at stake for Britain.

As far as the attack itself is concerned, in addition to the three structures mentioned above, the terrorists also fired random shots at the main Mumbai railway station, Victoria Terminus, Cama Hospital, and the Metro cinema. They also killed at least two top Mumbai police officers, including the head of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the state of Maharashtra, Hemant Karkare.

The operation surely had a strong input from local allies of the terrorists. From the outset it was evident that the former Mumbai mafioso, Dawood Ibrahim, who now lives under Pakistani ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) protection in Karachi, allowed his network to set up the attack. Ibrahim, a gangster who smuggled gold from Dubai, U.A.E., a British-controlled area, and later drugs, lives under threat of extradition to India. Dawood has no choice but to deliver information, or be sent back to India, where he would be hanged. Ibrahim also runs drugs—opium and heroin—from Afghanistan, through Dubai. This operation helps the City of London, through the offshore banks located in former British colonies, to generate some real money.

The *Times of India* reported on Dec. 18, that Moscow, which has been sharing intelligence with India, "believes that Dawood's drug network, which runs through

Afghanistan, was used to finance the Mumbai attack.”

According to Russia’s federal anti-narcotics service director Viktor Ivanov, in an interview to the government daily *Rossiskaya Gazeta*, the evidence shows that “regional drug baron Ibrahim had provided his logistics network for preparing and carrying out the Mumbai terror attacks.” Ivanov added that the attacks were a vivid example of how the illegal drug trafficking networks are used to carry out terror activities.

The Anomalies

Although many are trying to sidetrack the investigation of this massive terrorist act, by pushing the idea that it is yet “another clear case of Pakistani terrorism against India,” there exist a number of anomalies, which suggest a different direction.

To begin with, the targets that the terrorists picked were highly visible, and the three-day siege that they carried out provided ample opportunity to the scores of TV and other media to broadcast the carnage all over India and the rest of the world.

Mumbai is India’s commercial center, similar to what New York City represents for the United States. The attack on the top-of-the-line hotels, where businessmen and tourists stay, was clearly aimed at jeopardizing Mumbai’s commercial activities.

On the other hand, Mumbai has three major government-owned installations: First, the Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), where fundamental nuclear research and diagnostic work is carried out, is located a few miles outside the city. There is also the Mazagaon Dock where India’s naval ships and submarines are



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Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh demanded of then-Prime Minister Tony Blair, in 2006, that Britain hand over 14 terrorists who had committed atrocities in India. That demand was ignored. The two are shown here at 10 Downing Street, October 2006.

built; and Mumbai is also the headquarters of the Western Command. The terrorists bypassed the government installations, in favor of the highly visible public targets.

The second anomaly is the killing of the ATS chief Karkare and two of his colleagues, encounter specialist Vijay Salaskar and Additional Commissioner of Police Ashok Kamte. For openers, it was noted that prior to his death, Karkare was unearthing a terror network. His investigation began by tracing the motorcycle used to plant bombs in Malegaon, a textile mill town with a heavy Muslim population, located near Mumbai, in September 2008, to a Hindu Sadhu (a female Sadhu, or yogi), Pragyasingh Thakur. In a cellphone conversation between Thakur and Ramji, the man who planted the bombs, Thakur asked why more people had not been killed. This is the first time that the Indian state was conducting a thorough professional probe into a terror network involving Hindu extremist organizations.

In addition, the versions of the deaths of Karkare and his colleagues that have appeared in the news media kept changing. According to one reporter,

as described by police constable Arun Jadhav, Karkare, Salaskar, Kamte, a driver, and four constables, including himself, were driving down the alley from Victoria Terminus to the back entrance of Cama hospital (at most, a ten-minute drive) to check on injured police officer Sadanand Date, when two gunmen emerged from behind trees by the left side of the road and sprayed the vehicle with bullets, killing all its passengers except Jadhav. No one is saying who directed Karkare and his colleagues to the site where they were killed. From the

LaRouche: Ivanov Is Right On Mumbai Terror Attack

Dec. 19—Lyndon LaRouche today praised Russia's Federal anti-narcotics service director Viktor Ivanov, for singling out the Afghan heroin trade as the source of funding and logistics for the Nov. 26 Mumbai attacks. In an interview with the Russian daily *Rossiskaya Gazeta*, Ivanov identified Mumbai organized crime boss Dawood Ibrahim for providing logistical support for the attack. Ivanov described this as "a burning example" of how illegal drug-trafficking networks are used for terrorism. A report on the Ivanov comments, and on a new Russian-Indian initiative against narcoterrorism, published on Dec. 18 in the *Times of India*, noted that Moscow "believes that Dawood's drug network, which runs through Afghanistan, was used to finance the terror attack."

LaRouche commented: "I can fully corroborate the charges by Mr. Ivanov, linking the massive opium and heroin trade out of Afghanistan to the Mumbai attackers. I have additionally received reports from highly placed U.S. intelligence officials, that the Mumbai assault teams were given at least two years of advanced special warfare training, prior to the attack. The caliber of the training, and the asymmetric military character of the attacks represent a threat, greater than the 9/11 attacks on New York City and Washington, despite the much higher casualties in

the 2001 attacks. The fact is, as American specialists emphasized recently to me, the Mumbai attack can be repeated in any major city in the world.

"The nature of the Mumbai attack makes it more important than ever, that there be a total crackdown on the international illegal drug trade. Knock out the global flows of heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and other dangerous illegal drugs, and you dry up the main source of funding for these narcoterrorist capabilities worldwide.

"This means going after George Soros and everything he represents. The onetime self-admitted Hitler collaborator, who is now the most prominent promoter of the illegal drug trade in Asia, in Europe, in Africa, and in the Americas, is a scourge upon all nations. British Foreign and Commonwealth Office asset Soros is the personification of the British control over the multi-trillion-dollar illegal drugs and weapons trade. Wipe out the illegal drug trade, and you not only shut down the major logistical support for global terrorism and asymmetric warfare; you shut off one of the major sources of cash into the Anglo-Dutch offshore money laundering centers, typified by Dubai and the Cayman Islands.

"So, don't talk to me about so-called Islamic terrorism or 'Islamofascism.' Are there Islamist networks, almost exclusively Saudi-funded, that are engaged, as in Mumbai, in these asymmetric warfare actions? Of course. But, if you don't start, from the top down, and tackle the George Soros/British sponsors, then going after Soros-used networks will never get you to the desired results."

statements made by state authorities, it is evident that this second anomaly will not be investigated.

The Objectives

An event as big as this often contains more than one objective, and involves many players, engaged over a long period of time. While there is no question that the terrorists who came from outside India came through Pakistan, and were residents of Pakistan, there is also no doubt that these terrorists were "ably" supported by a network that exists within India.

The objectives of the terrorists, and the timing of the attack, were predicated on the massive upheaval that

has been in progress in Pakistan for years. However, the ultimate objective, because of the international nature of the terrorists, was to use the opportunity, provided by the instability in Pakistan, to undermine India.

To begin with, the Pakistani interest is an important one. This may not be in the interest of Islamabad, but is definitely in the interest of a powerful section that functions underneath Pakistan's broken-down security network. This section consists of a faction of the ISI and some former Army officers. They had long been in league with various jihadi groups, such as Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Muhammad, Sipahi Sahaba, et al. In fact, all these terrorist groups were

armed and trained by this faction as irregular warriors against India. Since 9/11, these jihadis, and newly recruited ones, have included the United States in its pantheon of top enemies.

Over the last period, when President Pervez Musharraf was in power, this faction was gaining ground. Musharraf, balancing on a tightrope, had managed to keep both President Bush and the jihadis happy. This situation lasted much longer than it should have, but eventually Washington realized the problem and tried to bring in someone, such as Benazir Bhutto, who would fight the jihadis with the help of that faction of the Army and the ISI, who are pro-United States, and not anti-India.

Although Dope, Inc. managed to assassinate Bhutto, the power that controls things in Islamabad, at least as of Nov. 26, is such a pro-U.S., not anti-India group, led by President Zardari (the weakest link), Chief of Armed Services Gen. Ashfaq Pervez Kayani, and ISI chief Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha.

This triumvirate, in addition to saying publicly that India is not an “enemy nation,” has provided U.S. and NATO troops with qualitatively improved intelligence in Pakistan’s Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), where thousands of jihadis, with opportunists of all varieties, are waging war, primarily to defeat the U.S. and NATO, but also for the purpose of breaking up Pakistan. Dope, Inc. is providing the necessary help to these militants. The improved intelligence provided by Islamabad in recent weeks has resulted in helping U.S./NATO troops to pinpoint their targets within the FATA. Because of the availability of such improved intelligence, U.S. troops have killed very few innocents (“collateral damage”) within the FATA over the last five to six weeks.

As the jihadis, and their faction within the ISI and the former Army officers, were being weakened by this development, they decided to ease pressure on the western front by creating a war-like situation against India with an extremely visible, and slow-developing attack on India’s commercial center. The criminals had two objectives: They wanted to ease pressure on the western front, in anticipation of an Indian counterattack. In fact, on Dec 2, Pakistan’s mass-circulation Urdu-language newspaper *Roznama Jang* reported that the Indian Air Force might be planning an attack on the town of Muridke, the headquarters of the banned militant organization LeT, believed to have provided the terrorists who attacked Mumbai. On Dec 1, *Roznama*

Jang reported that several key Taliban commanders had offered to assist the Pakistani Army in the event of any likely Indian attack on Pakistan with 15,000 fighters. In return, Pakistani Army officials have called the Taliban commanders “Pakistani patriots.”

The second objective was to rile up India’s “Hindu fanatics” against the Muslims. According to the Islamic jihadists, and the opportunists (such as the Afghan militant Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who works hand-in-glove with the jihadis, and a number of intelligence agencies, including the ISI, MI6, and Saudi intelligence), India must identify itself as a “Hindu” nation. That would then justify the establishment of an Islamic Ummah throughout the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, Central Asia, and the Indian Subcontinent. These jihadists abhor sovereign nation-states. In their book, there exist only Christian nations, a Jewish nation, and a “Hindu” nation.

According to these foot soldiers, and their controllers, a “Hindu” India will be divided invisibly between some 850 million Hindus, who will openly undermine the rights of 160 million Muslims, creating a situation of permanent conflict. This would stymie India’s growth, weaken India’s potential, and deal a serious blow to all hopes of India emerging as a major power.

The Fallout

The fallout from Mumbai has yet to play out fully. On the other hand, New Delhi had been extra careful to avoid mobilizing troops along the Pakistan borders, or in moving inside Pakistan to knock off the terrorist camps. Although New Delhi is exerting pressure on Islamabad to respond positively, so that such a terrorist act is not repeated, it has restrained forces within from heating up the situation through jingoism.

While the jihadis, and their masters, have failed to rile up the “Hindu” faction within India, they have driven the Zardari leadership into a corner. Zardari has shown no inclination to broaden the investigation, and has reiterated, again and again, that the terrorists came from outside. He has made no effort to identify, or bring to justice, that faction that exists on the periphery of Pakistan’s powers-that-be, and continues to call the shots on Pakistan’s relations with India.

The weakening of the Zardari government has begun, and it is a only matter of time before the “advantage” that the U.S./NATO troops now enjoy will be lost. With no political base, Zardari is extremely vulnerable. Moreover, his government can easily be

brought down from London, where the MI6-controlled Mohajir Qaum Movement (MQM) leader, Altaf Husain, resides. MQM, a perennial enemy of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), had thrown his support to Zardari to secure a majority in the National Assembly and form a government. It was London that made this government, and it is London that can undo it. In the interim, the jihadis will continue to gain ground, and Pakistan's western front will become virtually anarchic, before it breaks up.

Meanwhile, the United States has given four names of former ISI officials, including Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Hamid Gul, to the UN Security Council to be added to the list of international terrorists. Gul was director-general of the ISI from 1987 to 1989, at the end of a mujahideen war, covertly funded by the United States and Saudi Arabia, to drive the Soviet Army out of Afghanistan.

Gul has called Washington's bluff, saying he would prove his innocence before the International Court of Justice. Those who are aware of Hamid Gul's activities over the years, know that he controls a section of the faction that ran the Mumbai operation, and they also know that Gul has dossiers on CIA and MI6 illegal drug- and gun-running operations, going back to his association with these agencies in the early 1980s. That would make it difficult for international intelligence agencies to put Gul in the dock.

Why India?

Did India provide soldiers to either Iraq or Afghanistan? No. Then, why has India become the target of the jihadis? India's 160 million Muslims strongly oppose jihad, and have integrated with the rest of the population of various castes and creed. Then, why has India been targeted?

To find the answer to this, and prevent future attacks, New Delhi must accept the fact that there were international forces, which control and nurture the jihadis, and which have used these terrorist elements to attack India. Some of these terrorist elements, such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba, considered widely as the key group which provided the manpower in the Mumbai attack, is also used by the same Dope, Inc. against Russia in Chechnya, against China in Xinjiang, and in Somalia, to name just a few.

Besides the Pakistani jihadis, who are mere foot soldiers ready to lay down their lives for the cause of jihad, it is Britain that had, all along, been trying to break up

India. Beginning in 1948, after breaking up India into two nations, the British moved in at the United Nations to undermine the acceptance letter of Maharaja of Kashmir, Hari Singh, to join the Indian Union. The objective of the British then, joined by the Americans a little later, was to have a three-way plebiscite in order to create an independent Kashmir bordering India, China, and Pakistan.

Much later, a similar attempt, through an extreme level of violence, was launched from London to create an independent Khalistan in India's Punjab, north of Delhi and adjoining the disputed Kashmir. None of these efforts bore fruit, but that does not mean the British colonial establishment (in fact, there does not exist any other establishment within Britain) will allow India to grow, prosper, and become a powerful nation. For the same reason, Britain undermines Chinese sovereignty, but because Britain held India as its colony for almost 200 years, it has enormous built-in capabilities to maintain assets that could weaken India.

Londonistan

In addition, there is no gainsaying that most of the mosques in Britain harbor jihadis who operated in the Balkans in the 1990s, and are now operating in this area. Volumes have been written about the British harboring of Islamic terrorists through its intelligence networks. Britain also harbors other terrorists; for example, it is a safe haven for the LTTE (the separatist Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka), which raises funds and lobbies politicians to promote and propagate LTTE terrorism.

Despite being banned in the U.K., LTTE's former ideologue, the late Anton Balasingham, was living in London, thanks to the generosity and hospitality of successive U.K. governments. His wife, Adele, who was once the head of the Women Suicide Cadre, is still living in London, presumably influencing British politicians. Despite repeated protests from anti-LTTE organizations, among them Sinhalese, moderate Tamils, and Muslims, a newly formed front called the British Tamil Forum recently organized the Mahaveer Day (Heroes Day) with pomp and glory, and the attendance of some Labor, Liberal, and Independent Members of Parliament. The MPs who participated and spoke at the celebration of the LTTE's brutal terrorist leader Prabhakaran's birthday were Edward Davey (Liberal Democrat), Siobhain McDonagh (Labour), John Mc-

Donnell (Labour), Andrew Pelling (Independent), Joan Ryan (Labour), and Vireindra Sharma (Labour).

The British have historically played havoc with Islamic groups. To begin with, the British created Pakistan, re-drew the maps in Arabia, and through the Sykes-Picot Treaty, became the controllers of most Islamic nations.

Additionally, the Britain-headquartered Tablighi Jamaat, perhaps the largest Islamic “teaching organization,” was named for the Bali bombings in 2006. The organization—influenced by a branch of Saudi Arabian Islam known as Wahhabism—has already been linked to two of the July 7 London suicide bombers who attended a Tablighi mosque at the organization’s headquarters in Dewsbury, in northeast England. The jailed shoe-bomber Richard Reid is also known to have attended Tablighi meetings.

Take the case of the Hizbut Tahrir (HT), an extremely active and dangerous Islamic group also headquartered in Britain. HT is funded by various Saudi charities, and is most active in Central Asia. Another preachers’ group, openly promoting a worldwide Islamic Caliphate from the mosques of Britain, HT is ostensibly a non-gun-carrying group. But, at the same time, one of the most violent terrorist groups that function in Central Asia, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), recruits exclusively from the HT. HT is also active in Chechnya, although its headquarters are in Old Brompton Road in London.

On Dec. 1, HT had a day-long event in Lahore, Pakistan. In that seminar, a British Muslim, Naveed Butt, said: “. . . The time has come that the people of power, fulfilling their responsibility, provide Nusrah [material support] to the Hizb so that Islam may be implemented and the Ummah should be unified under a single leadership.” Yes, the event took place in Pakistan, but it was run by the London-headquartered HT, funded by Saudi Arabian charities.

Although Indian authorities demur (ostensibly in order to avoid embarrassing Britain) in accusing Britain in connection with terrorist attacks, Indians in general agree that very little good has come out of Britain of late, and recognize that its “divide-and-rule” policy was the keystone in setting up its Empire.

Take, for instance, Indian Premier Singh’s demand that Britain hand over 14 terrorists, who had committed attacks in India, and were harbored in Britain. Representing a nation of 1 billion people, Singh made that

demand, in person, to then-British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2006. His demand was ignored, and the Indians quietly, without making a fuss, swallowed the insult.

But, the story does not end there. On Nov. 26, the very day the Mumbai attack began, the *Indian Express*, reported that a Briton, Mohammed Raheel Aatur Rehman Sheikh, who was accused of funding the July 11, 2006 serial explosions in a Mumbai train that claimed more than 200 lives, had been detained by the authorities in England. Raheel Sheikh was reportedly picked up by the authorities in Britain on the basis of an Interpol Red Corner Notice (RCN) issued against him. Sheikh is also an operative of the Lashkar-e-Toiba group, considered the foot soldiers in the Mumbai attack.

India News, citing a source report, said Raheel was picked up from Birmingham a few weeks before. On Nov. 10, Interpol contacted the CBI (India’s Central Bureau of Investigation) seeking details behind the Red Corner Notice against Sheikh. However, the latest reports indicate that he has been released, and remains in England.

Obstacles to a Thorough Investigation

A thorough investigation of the Mumbai massacre is the only way to prevent another such attack. But there are obstacles to carrying out such an investigation. To begin with, because of its 190-year old colonial link in India, Britain has succeeded in developing an Anglo-philic Indian upper-income class, which would not hesitate to endanger the nation’s security to protect Britain’s “good name.” The long Cold War years allowed India’s “left-leaning” elites, to use every possible platform to attack “Anglo-American” interests. What they really meant always was *American* interests.

In addition, many in the upper classes were educated in Britain, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh included. Many of these have also served the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financial system through their tenures at the IMF (the Prime Minister included), and have become promoters of free trade (the British East India Company’s trademark lethal weapon to pauperize the colonies), and globalization. These individuals see Britain as a friend, America as a threat, and Pakistan as the real enemy.

This is what threatens the lives of India’s 1 billion people.

Britain's Assault on the Muslim Nation-States and the World

by Hussein Askary

“The horse might have a plan, but the one riding its back has another!”

—Traditional saying

Muslims around the world are disgusted and frustrated by the hijacking of their religion by hordes of fanatic, bloodthirsty terrorists wearing the garb of Islam. Even more frustrating for them are the attacks directed from the Western media against Muslims as a whole and Islam as a whole, due to the perverted acts committed by these so-called Islamic “mujahideen” fighters. Very few comprehend what those are “fighting” against and for whose interest they fight, since most victims of their crimes are Muslims, and those who benefit from the attacks are the imperialists whom they call “infidel”!

We shall try to shed some light on the historical background to this dangerous dilemma.

Since many of the recent terrorist acts have been committed by those who call themselves “Salafi,” the offspring of the Saudi-fostered, British-sponsored Wahhabi religious movement, we shall deal with how this movement emerged and was later used, when the British made the Arabian peninsula a playground for their imperial geopolitics.

The term Wahhabi refers to the founder of this line of Islamic “thought,” Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab, in the middle of the 18th Century, in the central Nejd desert of today’s Saudi Arabia. It was a regressive form of puritanism, and a rejection of reason and any rational interpretation of the meaning of Islam’s holy book, *Al-Quran*, and the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad. The extreme Wahhabis demand a strictly literal interpretation of the words of the *Quran* and the Prophet. They also view a great deal of the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad as unfounded, especially when they concern moral and spiritual education.

The Wahhabis, who spread in settlements scattered through the desert, made their living by raiding surrounding villages, trading caravans, and Muslim pilgrims from Iraq, especially those suspected of being followers of the Shi’a sect, whom the Wahhabi considered heretics. Men’s throats were slit, goods and animals looted, and women and children taken as slaves.

With the alliance forged by ibn Abdul Wahhab with the tribal leader Muhammad ibn Saud in the town of Dar’iya in 1744, Wahhabism or Salafism turned from a religious movement to a political one, which it still is. Ibn Saud pledged to spread the Wahhabi teachings, while expanding his power over neighboring regions in eastern Arabia by raiding other tribes.

Enter, the British Empire

The British Empire, which in the middle of the 19th Century had control over wide swaths of Asia, especially India, needed to secure its trade routes from there to Europe. The British concluded protection agreements with tribal chiefs along the trade routes through the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, and the Persian Gulf, in order to prevent other colonial powers from approaching these local forces. The chiefs of what now are Oman, Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait were granted financial subsidies by the British government, weapons, and a promise to protect them militarily if attacked by other imperial powers, especially the Turks.

The Gulf itself had no significance before the building of the Berlin-Baghdad Railway in 1907 and the discovery of oil in great quantities in Iraq then, and later in Saudi Arabia. The British used the method of “divide and conquer” perfectly, by pitting each chieftain against the others, intervening at the right time to support one against the other, so as to balance power among the different Arab tribes. This also meant that the tribes became totally reliant on the British.



Abdul Aziz ibn Saud in 1916, with Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Cox (second from left), the official British Agent in Iraq and Iran. Cox has just presented ibn Saud with a knighthood; the Saudi leader wears the insignia of the Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

From the late 1880s to the first decade of the 20th Century, the expanding al-Saud-Wahhabi alliance had started trampling on the toes of the Turks, who were in control of Iraq, al-Sham (now Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan), and the western part of Arabia where Mecca and Medina are located. Lacking modern economic capabilities and means of warfare, the al-Saud chief, Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, relied on the British to provide these. The British did not, of course, give them for free, but used them for larger strategic aims, including in the buildup to World War I, in which the British plan was to carve up and take over the spoils of the Ottoman Empire. Looking today, from the vantage point of what we know about the BAE British-Saudi arms affair (see article in *International*), one can definitely state that almost nothing has changed in this respect for more than a century.

Islamist ‘Pragmatism’

Pragmatism and reliance upon “infidels” and imperialists have become common practices of the Salafi-jihadis, justified if they benefit “the cause.” One of the Salafis who refined this pragmatism was the Egyptian religious scholar Muhammad Abduh (1849-1905). Abduh had participated in the 1882 revolt, led by Egyptian officer Ahmed Urabi, against the British occupa-

tion. He was exiled to Lebanon, where he stayed until 1884, when he was invited to France by Jamal el-Din al-Afghani. The French, who were battling the British over control of Middle East, recruited the two to a French freemasonic lodge and paid them to spread anti-British propaganda. Abduh returned to Egypt and was not only pardoned by the British, but appointed as a judge and later Grand Mufti, in 1889, after promising the British proconsul of Egypt, Lord Cromer, not to deal with politics or arouse the public against the British colonialists.

Abduh’s “political ideas” later had a great impact on the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Hasan al-Banna. The Muslim Brotherhood followed the same fanatic religious beliefs, but also the “pragmatic” policies of collaborating with whoever gives them weapons and support. Thus they too turned themselves into tools of the British Empire. The open collaboration of the “Islamic” mujahideen fighters with the British and U.S. intelligence services, which provided them with weapons, financing, and training in the 1980s, in the fight in Afghanistan against the Soviet “God-deniers,” is another example of sticking to the very “tradition” of which the British have become masters. Hence the perversion of these so-called “Islamists,” who preach hatred of the West, but are constantly in bed with the worst elements of Western imperialism.

The Post-Sykes-Picot World

Following World War I, the British, along with the French imperialists who had become stooges of the British after the Fashoda crisis in 1898 and the Anglo-French entente in 1904, were facing revolts all over the Middle East. This became especially intensive after the 1916 Sykes-Picot secret agreement was publicly exposed (**Figure 1**). The British and the French had planned, while the war was still going on, to divide the remains of the Turkish Empire between themselves, never mind that they had promised the Arabs independence after the war, if they helped fight the Turks! These promises were made to the Hashemite leader al-Sharif

FIGURE 1
The Sykes-Picot Treaty of 1916: Dividing Up the Mideast



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FIGURE 2
Saudi Arabia



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The choice was made to limit power to a few tribes, with ever-loyal al-Saud as the main force in the whole of Arabia. Abdul Aziz ibn Saud was armed and encouraged to expand in the desert and crush all rival tribes in the north of Arabia first. With new British arms, vehicles, the telegraph, and other modern communications devices, ibn Saud and his wildly

Hussein of Mecca, the ancestor of the current royal family in Jordan, who was considered a leader by many Arab Muslims in the region. He was also a rival of ibn Saud, when it came to the control of Arabia.

Between 1919 and 1920, the economically exhausted British and French faced armed rebellion in Afghanistan, Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt. Although the two imperialist powers successfully used brutal force to crush the rebellions, this made the continuation of direct colonial military rule almost impossible. The new strategy followed by the British was to allow a quasi-independent status for the various countries, with Arab kings on top, but under British “custody” or mandate. That made the control more economical! Air forces, rather than masses of troops, were used to crush any town or village that showed resistance, and the British-controlled Arab leaders’ own police and armies were assigned the job of keeping “order” for the British.

In the Gulf, the policy of balancing many tribal chieftains was no longer feasible during World War I.

brutal Wahhabi Ikhwan (a religious and military brotherhood) were enabled to put most of the eastern and northeastern part of Arabia at their mercy. British officers, such as Capt. William Shakespear (!), a British agent in Kuwait, helped ibn Saud with surveillance, logistics, and communications. Shakespear, who forged a close friendship with ibn Saud, was killed on Jan. 24, 1915 in the battle of Jarrab between al-Saud and the pro-Turkish al-Rashid tribe, which were the largest rivals of al-Saud in the region.

Major-Gen. Sir Percy Cox, who was the Acting Political Agent of British India, continued the work of Shakespear through 1924, when ibn Saud was finally enabled to defeat the Hashemite al-Sharif Hussein in western Arabia. Cox signed the first Anglo-Saudi friendship treaty, giving ibn Saud limitless access to military, financial, and political support from Britain. In November 1916, Cox had conferred knighthood upon ibn Saud, as Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire!

The fall of al-Sharif Hussein was achieved by the British without much fighting. As al-Saud's Ikhwan advanced westward, massacring the residents of many towns along their way to Mecca, Medina, and Jeddah, al-Sharif Hussein begged for help from his controllers at the British Arab Bureau, but to no avail. The Arab Bureau, which was run directly from the Foreign Office in London, had helped Hussein (through T.E. Lawrence "of Arabia") in the fight against the Turks in World War I. Now it seemed that the expiration date of his usefulness for Britain was past. The only response the British gave him was to provide him with a steamer to flee Jeddah and leave everything to al-Saud.

This was a typical British move: Two parties in the region are fighting for power, and the British have two institutions in this case (the British India Army on one side and the Arab Bureau on the other), arming, financing, and guiding both parties. When the right moment comes, one of the two agents is dropped. Al-Sharif Hussein left Jeddah onboard the British steamer *Two Mercies* on Oct. 16, 1924, for his exile in Cyprus.

Abdul Aziz ibn Saud became the ruler of Nejd and Hijaz in 1925. In 1927, after signing the second Anglo-Saudi treaty, he renamed himself King of Nejd and Hijaz. From 1927 to 1932, he consolidated his control over most of the Arabian peninsula, changing the name of his kingdom to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Throughout this period, another British officer, Sir John Philby, became ibn Saud's closest advisor and controller.

1929-30: Turning Point for the Ikhwan

The Wahhabi Ikhwan hordes were going wild, as their and ibn Saud's conquest was succeeding. However, their brutality and their eagerness to go beyond the areas assigned by the British to ibn Saud, territories in Iraq and Syria controlled by the British themselves, made them into a threat rather than an asset. When ibn Saud tried to put a limit to their frenzy in 1929, they turned against him, and demanded that he give orders to fight the British, to show his loyalty to Islam and his animosity to the infidels.

That was the red line for the British, and ibn Saud had to choose between a rebellious mob or the security of British support. As the Ikhwan were out on their own rampage, raiding the Hail region in Spring 1929, ibn Saud and the British decided to finish them off. A final battle was joined on the Plain of Sabbila, about 270 km north of Riyadh. The modern weapons and mobility of ibn Saud's forces quickly defeated the greater part of

the Ikhwan army. Several hundred Ikhwan prisoners were beheaded. The leaders of the "Ikhwan rebellion," Faisal al-Daweesh and ibn Bijad, were wounded, and later surrendered to the British in Kuwait. Although they were pardoned by ibn Saud, they were sent to prison in Riyadh, where they later died.

That ended one episode in the relationship between the Wahhabis and al-Saud. But the Ikhwan were exonerated in the 1960s by King Saud bin Abdul Aziz, when the British fight against Arab nationalism required the use of religious fanaticism. Although the older ibn Saud demolished the Ikhwan as a military force in 1929, he preserved their religious influence and teachings.

FDR's Attempt

Throughout the 1930s and World War II, the British were working to keep the Americans away from Saudi Arabia, especially when Standard Oil of California (Socal) managed to clinch a major concession in 1932 from ibn Saud, who was interested in the revenues that could make him more independent financially from total British control. He was also frustrated by the British attempts to convince him that there was no oil under the sand of his kingdom. The British already had control over most of the world's oil, produced in Iraq and Iran by the British Anglo-Persian oil company, and there was no need for further production in their view.

For the advisors to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, energy security was a crucial part of the war effort, and also for the post-war period. However, FDR's view of working with Asian and African nations was different from that of the British imperialists. He wanted to give "something back" to those nations in return for raw materials, as he told British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. His meeting with ibn Saud in February 1945 was one in a series of meetings with Third World leaders to discuss the prospects of different international relations in the post-war era. However, with FDR's death, what remained of that U.S. policy was the blind hunt for oil and money in that region. U.S. policy became tainted by the corruption that was engineered by the British. U.S. oil companies became junior partners in the larger British imperial scheme.

Pan-Islamism vs. Nationalism

Although the British had played the Islamic card earlier in the 19th and 20th centuries, it was with the Suez Canal crisis of 1956 that the modern form of British-Saudi pan-Islamism entered the global scene. When

President Dwight Eisenhower forcefully insisted that the Anglo-French-Israeli aggression against Gamal Abdul Nasser's Egypt be ended, the Muslim Brotherhood and other religious movements became key to the destabilization of Egypt and any other Muslim nation that aspired for freedom from colonialism.

Nasser's decision to nationalize the Suez Canal company, wresting it from British control, and the defeat of the trilateral aggression with the help of the United States, made Nasser a hero in the Arab world. When the republican, anti-colonial movements spread from Egypt to Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Tunisia, and Algeria, the British were risking loss of all their control over Southwest Asia, to forces that were actually sympathetic to the United States and its republican traditions. Things became worse for the British when republican officers overthrew the Sultan of Yemen, Imam Ahmed ibn Yahya, in 1962. The republicans were supported by Nasser and actually indirectly by the Kennedy Administration, which recognized the Yemeni "republic" immediately after the coup. The Imam fled to Saudi Arabia and launched a fight across the border with the help of the Saudis and weapons flown in from Britain, through the emerging weapons dealer Adnan Khashoggi, of whom more would be heard in years to come.

The major problem with the U.S. policy towards the anti-British forces was the Cold War ideology which made every anti-imperialist look like a "communist." This was part of the Churchill-instigated Iron Curtain policy, which, with the help of anglophile Presidents like Harry Truman and influential advisors to U.S. Presidents like John Foster Dulles, George Shultz, and Henry Kissinger, the United States moved to the side of the British-backed feudal monarchies in the Third World, and against the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, which was also called Ikhwan, became a thorn in the side of Nasser and every other Arab nationalist government, especially those of Syria and Tunisia. Syria had forged an alliance with Nasser's Egypt, the United Arab Republic. The Saudi Kingdom, the Jordanian Kingdom, and the Iraqi Kingdom forged an alliance, on behalf of the British Baghdad Pact, to confront the Egypt-Syrian front. In 1958, King Saud ibn Abdul Aziz paid £2 million British to agents in Syria to assassinate both Syrian President Shukri al-Quwwatli and Egypt's Abdul Nasser, and run a coup in both countries. The attempt failed, but the Arab world was split for decades to come. The Muslim Brotherhood wrought havoc but was defeated in Egypt,

Syria, and Tunisia. Interestingly, the leaders of these three Brotherhood organizations still live in Britain: Ali al-Bayanouni (Syria), Rashid al-Ghannoushi (Tunisia), and Kamal al-Halabawi (Egypt). They are all still active in subversive activities against their own governments.

In the 1950-60s, the British started mobilizing the Islamist forces all over Southwest Asia, with the pretext that the nationalists were actually God-denying communists. In 1969, the Saudis took up a new role, with their new-found oil wealth. With reportedly Israeli terrorists burning the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem in August 1969, the first pan-Islamic outcry occurred, and Saudi King Faisal called for establishing a pan-Islamic movement which became the Organization of the Islamic Conference, with its headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The hope was that pan-Islamism would replace anti-colonial nationalism.

Saudi Arabia became a major supporter of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood, and many of the Brotherhood's leaders fled to Saudi Arabia in the 1950s-60s, when Nasser was ridding Egypt of its operations. According to defectors among the Brotherhood leaders, the Saudis supported several assassination attempts against Nasser, helping smuggle weapons and gold from Sudan to Egypt.

The British had earlier used Brotherhood assets for dirty operations such as the 1948 assassination of Yemen's Sultan Yahya (father of the above-mentioned Imam), who was in a fight against the British in Aden.

In 1973, with the oil crisis orchestrated by Henry Kissinger and the British, King Faisal became the "hero" of the Islamic world. The United States and Israel became the new "enemy image" instead of the imperial British. The British crept to the background, concentrating on financially benefitting from the crisis-generated petrodollars.

The 'Arc of Crisis'

Towards the end of the 1970s, a series of upheavals, military coups, and assassinations swept throughout what U.S. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski termed "the Arc of Crisis," paving the way for the Afghanistan War and the Iran-Iraq War.

In Pakistan, the strongly anti-imperialist Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was jailed in the 1977 coup against him, and assassinated in 1979 by Gen. Zia ul-Haq, who played a crucial role in turning Pakistan into a logistical center for drugs-for-weapons and Islamic mujahideen transfer to the war against the Soviets in Af-



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Nationalist Egyptian leader Gamal Abdul Nasser was a strategic threat to the British, who hit the ceiling when he nationalized the Suez Canal in 1956; they joined with France and Israel for a military attack. President Dwight Eisenhower demanded that the tripartite assault be called back. After that, the British let loose the Muslim Brotherhood to destabilize Egypt. Left: Nasser with Soviet General Secretary Nikita Khrushchev at the Aswan Dam; above, Eisenhower during the Suez crisis.

In the meantime, the British struck the al-Yamamah deal with Saudi Arabia.

With the outbreak of the Afghan War, the United States, Great Britain, and Saudi Arabia organized support for the proxy war, through the native Afghan warlords, and the non-Afghani mujahideen who became known as the Afghansi. Most of the international focus was later placed on CIA operations in the area, but little is known about the workings of Britain's MI6.

ghanistan, which was provoked the same year. The effects of this, in corrupting large sections of the Pakistani military and military intelligence, remain to this day.

Between 1978 and 1979, in preparation for the Afghan War against the Soviets, many Saudi charities and relief organizations were established. The International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) was established in October 1978, as an arm of the Saudi-based World Muslim League; this was two months after the deployment of the Soviet 40th Army to Afghanistan. The IIRO still focusses most of its activities on Pakistan.

In 1979, the Islamic Revolution of Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, and a religious state was established in Iran. That same year, "socialist" Saddam Hussein made a palace coup in the Ba'ath Party ranks and took over the Presidency in Iraq. As if automatically, the Iran-Iraq War broke out in September 1980, crushing both countries to irrelevance, turning both into a crucial part of the global weapons trade run by British and Israeli interests, in collaboration with the United States.

In October 1981, Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian President who was the first Arab leader to sign a peace treaty with Israel, was assassinated by members of the Islamic Jihad organization, an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Emergence of 'Jihadi' Terrorists

Many bitterly protest, including the Afghansi themselves, that the CIA and the United States "abandoned" the mujahideen as soon as the mission was accomplished and the Soviets were forced to withdraw from Afghanistan in 1988-89. That is correct to a large extent. But, it is here that the British, the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and the Saudis together found a new deployment job for the "soldiers without a cause." While the Afghan warlords waged civil war against each other over power in Kabul, the volunteers from other Arab and Muslim countries regrouped in Peshawar, Afghanistan. Their mission became one of a global Islamic "crusade."

Abdullah Azzam, a Palestinian who was the spiritual leader of the Afghansis, was killed in 1989 when his car was blown up in Peshawar. Azzam was a Muslim Brotherhood member, studied in al-Azhar (Egypt), and taught at King Saud University in Jeddah in 1980, before going to Pakistan to teach at the International Islamic University in Islamabad, and then moving to Peshawar. He was a key recruiter and propagandist for *Jihad* in Afghanistan. He frequently attended conferences and festivals in the United States and Europe to raise support for the mujahideen. Some among the mujahideen suspected that Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri (an Egypt-

tian) were behind the killing of Azzam; it was they who took leadership of the mujahideen camps in Peshawar after Azzam's death. In the early 1990s, many of the Afghans moved back to their home countries, where they were met with skepticism by their secular governments, and some ended up in prison. Many of them fought in the war in Bosnia; others sought asylum in Britain and other European countries.

With the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq, bin Laden became a special case, because he started to agitate against the al-Saud family, who, he protested, had "invited the infidel Americans" to the holy Saudi land to fight Saddam Hussein, after the Iraqi leader invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Bin Laden managed to recruit a large number of Wahhabi scholars to his call for "reform" of the Saudi Kingdom. The al-Saud family ridiculed him and imprisoned many of the scholars who supported his manifesto. Some of them escaped and sought asylum in Britain, such as Saad al-Faghih and Muhammad al-Masa'ari, who ran propaganda operations for bin Laden from an office in London. They were sending communiqués signed by bin Laden from the office of the Committee for the Defense of Legal Rights (CDLR), denouncing the Saudi government and challenging its power. The communiqués issued in 1994 were signed by bin Laden himself.

Later, the Wahhabi scholars struck a deal with the al-Saud family and were released from prison, in return for abandoning Bin Laden's childish demands. Their activities were redirected to supporting *Jihad* in Bosnia, Chechnya, Kashmir, etc. Bin Laden later directed his activities against the United States, including attacks on U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia (such as the Khobar Towers bombing in 1996).

Of course these actions had the implicit sympathy of the Wahhabi clergy, but it should not be ruled out that the bombers got some help from people in the security forces or the military. The supporters of Bin Laden at the CDLR in London were publicly bragging about the support they were receiving from security and military officers. The Saudi government did not do much to shut down the London offices of those who allegedly wanted to overthrow them, and even refused an offer from the Sudanese government to extradite bin Laden to Saudi Arabia in 1995! The Saudis reportedly asked the Sudanese government to send him to Afghanistan, which had come under control of the Taliban.

U.S. intelligence sources have confirmed a report by

author Lawrence Wright, that Jamal Khashoggi, an advisor to Saudi intelligence minister Turki al-Faisal, paid a visit to bin Laden in Afghanistan in the mid-1990s, seeking to strike a deal with him whereby he would abandon his campaigns against the al-Saud dynasty, in return for Saudi support for his activities in other directions. While Wright reports that bin Laden ultimately rejected the offer, U.S. intelligence sources contend that a de facto truce was reached, and the Saudi money spigot did open up shortly afterwards.

Al-Qaeda was "born" in 1997, with the declaration by bin Laden and al-Zawahiri to launch a *Jihad* "against Americans and Zionists." The 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam were the first major operations signed "al-Qaeda." Al-Qaeda joined bin Laden's Wahhabi operations, together with other organizations from Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Sudan, and other countries; all of them are offspring of the Muslim Brotherhood, and the majority of them have recruitment, fundraising, and logistical bases in Britain.

Born in London

Terrorist operations against Egypt, Libya, Jordan, Turkey, Iran, Russia, and other nations were documented, by the governments of these countries, to have their origin in London.

In 1998, the British Parliament made it clear that it was not going to change its policy of harboring Islamic terrorists. Parliament defeated a proposal to change the law that allows terrorist organizations to plan, finance, and recruit for armed acts against other nations, as long as these acts do not harm British interests! Up to this date, Britain has refused to cooperate with other nations to stop well-known terrorists and terrorist organizations operating in Britain. The only exceptions are when pressure is exerted by U.S. authorities, to demand that the British government investigate such activities.

Since 1995, *EIR* has thoroughly documented the operations run out of Britain to destabilize other nations. Most of the victim nations targeted by this British/Saudi-sponsored terrorism are actually Muslim nations. This seemingly paradoxical alliance between the "infidels" and the "mujahideen" becomes comprehensible, when more light is shed on the history of the methods used by the British Empire to manipulate religions in the service of its larger strategic goals. That Empire is still in existence today, and its methods are becoming more and more refined.

How Britain Creates and Controls Jihadi Terrorists

by Edward Spannaus

The fact that Muslims from Britain emerge in every hotbed of terrorism and extremism around the world—Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Chechnya, and Bosnia—is no accident. The creation and recruitment of Islamic terrorists is a deliberate British policy, as *EIR* has documented for well over a decade. The deadly mixture of ingredients critical to the final product, is the combination of British intelligence control, and Saudi financing, carried out through a network of global Islamic “charities.”

The basis for the systematic recruitment of terrorists and extremists in English cities has been documented in two reports published by a conservative British think-tank, the Policy Exchange, and the accuracy of these reports has been independently verified by *EIR*.

The first, published in 2006, was written by Martin Bright, who formerly wrote for the London *Observer*, and now for the *New Statesman*. Entitled, “When Progressives Treat with Reactionaries: The British State’s Flirtation with Radical Islam,” the report documents how the Labour Party-controlled British government, and especially the Foreign Office, have embraced and promoted the most reactionary and radical forms of Islam at the expense of the majority of moderate Muslims living in the U.K.

As one example, Bright cites a previously secret 2005 Foreign Office document, which “is deeply sympathetic to the Muslim Brotherhood, and critical of [Egyptian] President Hosni Mubarak’s attempts to demonize the organization as ‘terrorist.’” Bright charges that the British government, through its actions, has “significantly strengthened the international credibility of the Muslim Brotherhood.”

The Foreign Office deals most closely with the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), and gives cover to the MCB’s claims to speak for the entire British Muslim community, when in fact, the MCB represents

only a small minority of Muslims in the U.K., and is linked most closely to the Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaat-e-Islami, the South Asian radical Islamist group.

Made in Saudi Arabia

The second report, “The Hijacking of British Islam; How Extremist Literature Is Subverting Mosques in the UK,” was produced by the Policy Exchange in 2007. As part of the study, teams of Muslim researchers visited almost 100 representative British mosques, to see whether “extremist” literature, preaching hate or violent jihad, were available there. It was available in about one-fourth of the mosques. But a large part of this hate literature had actually been printed in Saudi Arabia and shipped to the U.K. When one includes pamphlets produced with Saudi subsidies, the clear majority of this jihadist hate literature was Saudi-sponsored.

This Saudi dominance occurs despite the fact that the great majority of British Muslims are of South Asian origin, mostly Pakistani, Bangladeshi, or Indian. But the outside financing and control of the mosques, is much more Saudi than it is South Asian—including of the most prominent mosques.

Under this regime of Saudi financing and control, the complexion of religious belief of Pakistani-Britons has been shifting rapidly since 1970, with the rapid growth of the Saudi-allied Deobandi movement, which was previously a minority of perhaps 20%. By September 2007, the London *Times* determined, “almost half of Britain’s mosques” were under Deobandi control. And indeed, most of the South Asian Islamic terrorist movements are Deobandi-linked; the others are linked to various other Saudi-financed sects. These are the recruiting grounds for hundreds of British jihadis who are to be found on every terrorist battlefield in the Islamic world.

Another element in this pattern, is the recent incorporation of Islamic “Sharia” law into the British court system. Besides its use in family courts, it is a means by which marriage—arranged or otherwise—confers British citizenship on the spouse, even if he or she has never been in Britain. The introduction of Sharia had been a longtime project of the radical cleric Abu Hamza (see below) and others, although it got a big boost in February of this year when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Roland Williams, declared it “inevitable”

that Sharia would be brought into British Common Law. This has taken place over the opposition of many moderate Muslims, including Sadiq Khan, the Minister for Communities and Local Government.

Protecting Terror's Bankrollers

Additionally, the British legal system serves to prevent any exposure of the Anglo-Saudi financing and promotion of terror, as was just highlighted during a Dec. 18 Parliamentary debate over British libel laws.

Labour MP Denis McShane charged that the operation of British libel laws "is a major assault on freedom of information, which in today's complex world is more necessary than ever if evil, such as the jihad ideology that led to the Mumbai massacres, is not to flourish, and if those who traffic arms, blood diamonds, drugs and money to support Islamist extremist organizations that hide behind charitable status are not to be exposed."

McShane cited the libel suit brought by Saudi financier Klalid bin Mahfouz against the book *Funding Evil*, by American author Rachel Ehrenfeld, which resulted in an order by a British court to *destroy* the U.S.-published book! Ehrenfeld's book, McShane said, "examined the flow of money towards extremist organizations that preach the ideology of hate associated with Wahhabism," and he added: "It is not exactly a secret that a great deal of the money that has financed fundamentalist extremist organizations that support jihad has come from Saudi Arabia."

Mahfouz, accused by Ehrenfeld of funding al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden through various Saudi charities, was also a director of BCCI (the now-defunct Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which then-CIA director Robert Gates once called the "Bank of Crooks and Criminals International"), and he had to pay a fine of \$225 million in the BCCI case in 1992. Mahfouz has filed 36 lawsuits in U.K. courts against those investigating his activities. In one case, the book *Alms for Jihad*, written by two Americans, and published by Cambridge University Press, was pulped by the publishers in the face of a threatened lawsuit. In this and other cases, McShane charged, the British courts appear "to side with those who finance extremism rather than those who seek to curb it."

MI5's and MI6's Own Terrorists

Some of the most notorious terrorists and terror recruiters have also been identified as direct collabora-

tors with the British intelligence services. For example:

- Abu Hamza al-Masri, who for years controlled the leading terrorist-recruiting mosque in London, the Finsbury Park mosque, where, among others, Zacarias Moussaoui and shoe-bomber Richard Reid were members.

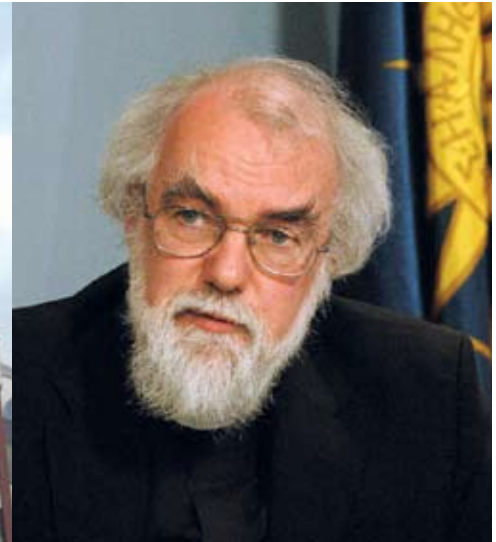
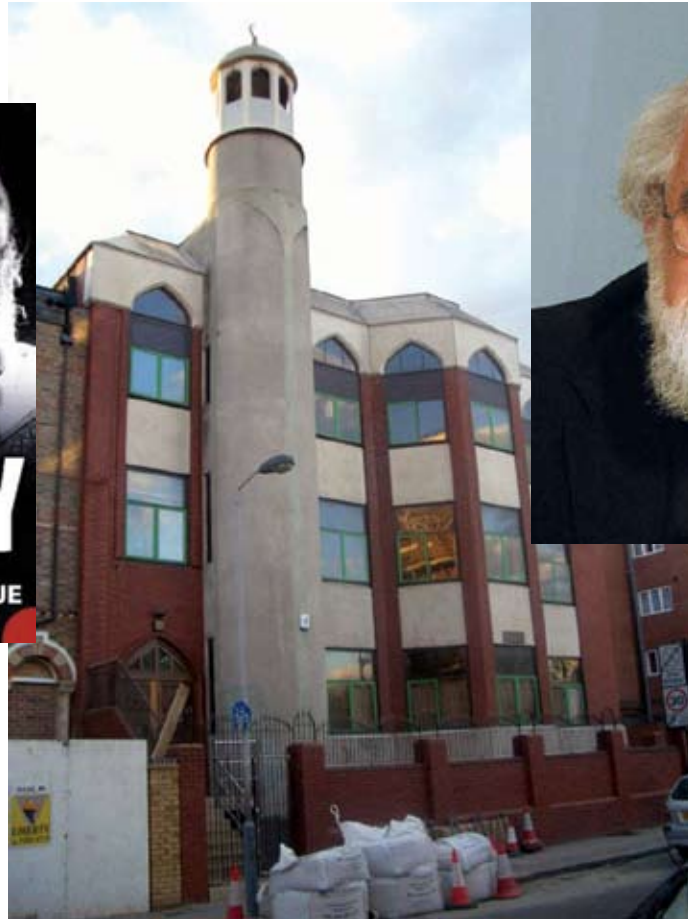
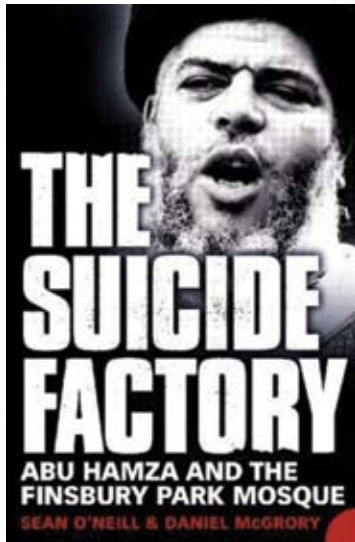
On Oct. 1, 1997, in one of seven known meetings with Britain's security services, Abu Hamza met with an officer of the British domestic counterintelligence service MI5. He told MI5 that Britain is seen as a place to fundraise and to propagate Islam. Authors Daniel O'Neill and Sean McGrory (*The Suicide Factory*) wrote later: "The admission that Abu Hamza and his followers were using [Britain] to raise funds to finance terrorism overseas did not seem to cause a blip on the MI-5 agent's radar."

During the time that Abu Hamza was meeting with MI5, the intelligence services knew exactly what was going on there. Another informer for British Intelligence at the same time called the Finsbury Park mosque "an Al-Qaeda guest house in London," where potential recruits and experienced jihadi fighters could meet and mix.

- Abu Qatada, one of the most notorious al-Qaeda operatives in London, was a Jordanian national who was granted asylum in the U.K. in 1994. The *Times* of London, among others, exposed Abu Qatada as "an MI5 double agent" in 2004. As with the usual arrangement, while he was recruiting for al-Qaeda abroad, Abu Qatada assured MI5 that he would do nothing to damage British interests, and that he "would not bite the hand that fed him." Another MI5 informant, Bisher al-Rawi, had served as an interpreter in meetings between MI5 and Abu Qatada. After the 9/11 attacks in 2001, Abu Qatada was supposedly in hiding, yet al-Rawi visited Abu Qatada numerous times at the request of MI5, according to a 2007 account in the London *Observer*. During the time Abu Qatada was in hiding, French officials charged that he was able to escape detention because he was an "MI5 agent."

- Another dramatic case involves Omar Saeed Sheikh, the British-Pakistani terrorist who was tried and convicted for the 2002 kidnapping and murder of U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl. (See "Shut Down Anglo-Saudi Global Terror Apparatus Behind Mumbai Attack," *EIR*, Dec. 19, 2008.)

In his 2006 memoir *In the Line of Fire*, then-



Archbishop of Canterbury

President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan identified Sheikh as a likely MI6 agent. Sheikh, in Musharraf's account, is a British national, born to Pakistani parents in London in December 1973. His early education was in Britain, after which, he spent four years at Lahore's Aitchison College, and finally he returned to the U.K. to attend the London School of Economics.

"It is believed in some quarters that while Omar Sheikh was at the LSE he was recruited by the British intelligence agency MI-6," Musharraf wrote. "It is said that MI-6 persuaded him to take an active part in demonstrations against Serbian aggression in Bosnia and even sent him to Kosovo to join the jihad. At some point he probably became a rogue or double agent."

Sheikh then went to India in the mid-1990s, and was involved in the kidnapping of three Britons and an American in 1994, in an effort to obtain the release of Maulana Masood Azhar, who was serving a seven-year prison sentence in India for instigating conflict in Kash-

The radical Islamic cleric Abu Hamza al-Mazri, pictured on the left, for years controlled the leading terrorist-recruiting mosque in London, Finsbury Park (center). Abu Hamza's drive to introduce Sharia law in Britain was endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Roland Williams (right), who declared it "inevitable" that Sharia would be brought into British Common Law, despite the opposition of moderate Muslims.

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mir. As a result, Sheikh was arrested and imprisoned.

While in jail in India, Sheikh had numerous visits from a "British diplomat," according to the *Los Angeles Times*, which wrote: "The large ledger where the names of Tihar jail visitors are registered lists nine meetings between Sheikh, his lawyer and a British diplomat identified as 'Mr. Greenhall.'"

The *London Times* reported that, while Sheikh was in jail, British intelligence secretly offered him amnesty and permission to live in London as a free man, if he would reveal his links to al-Qaeda—an offer Sheikh supposedly refused.

Nonetheless, after Sheikh was released in December 1999, along with Azhar, in exchange for the release of the hijacked Indian airplane—which was engineered by Mumbai organized-crime kingpin Dawood Ibrahim (see article, p. 12)—Sheikh was allowed to travel freely to Britain, according to accounts in both the Indian and British press. It was during this same period, that Sheikh is believed to have wired money to the 9/11 hijackers.

LAROUCHE IN NEW DELHI

As \$1.4 Quadrillion Crashes, There Is Reason for Optimism

Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche addressed the United Services of India, a private, membership organization of more than 12,000 active and retired officers, and the Forum for Strategic and Security Studies (FSSS), a leading military think tank, on Dec. 5, in New Delhi, India. The LaRouches were in India Dec. 1-11, where they held a number of seminars and private discussions, to promote LaRouche's concept of a Four-Power alliance against Britain's imperial drive for a New Dark Age. Here is an edited transcript of LaRouche's Dec. 5 address. See last week's EIR for speeches on Dec. 3 at the FSSS.

Good to be with you again, for those who were here yesterday. I saw some of you, when we spoke yesterday, and I presented an estimate on what I called "Plan A" and "Plan B" (see box) for the world today.

On the one hand, with the Clinton crowd taking over much of the future government of the United States, under prospectively, President-elect Obama, there are reasons for optimism. In a sense, I'm sort of a part of that crowd, by ties to it, and particularly, with the credibility which I have come to enjoy as a result of my successful forecasting of the greatest financial crash in modern history, which is now in process, and my proposals for measures to be taken, on that account, are rather influential in these circles. So there's going to be, not a clear shot at having my policies adopted, but certainly, there's an increasing propensity in these circles, to resort to my proposals for reforms, both on the U.S. domestic side, and also, internationally.

Now, the principal international reform, which I discussed somewhat yesterday, is to establish as a pivot: cooperation among the United States, India, Russia, and China, to launch a general reform of the international monetary-financial system. Because without that kind of reform, there's no possibility of avoiding what would become a New Dark Age.

As to the New Dark Age itself, the problem is this: Since 1987, the process of degeneration of the United States, and of economies of other parts of the world in general, especially Europe and the Americas: This degeneration has been associated with the use of what are called financial derivatives, which are actually a form of gambling. This mass of financial derivatives now totals about \$1.4 quadrillion in nominal value. This is now crashing. This bubble of derivatives has been crashing since, in fact, the end of July 2007. The rate of that collapse is accelerating. We're at a point of unpredictability, in which the inevitability of a crash is almost certain; the exact timing is not certain, as it can not be in these matters.

So therefore, what is required, is a way of getting the world economy out from under this financial derivatives bubble. Because there's not enough money and wealth in existence to pay off this bubble, or to come to a resolution of sentiment on this bubble. And therefore, we simply are going to have to put the world system through financial bankruptcy reorganization, in the same way you would with a firm that you wish to save because it was valuable for society, but it was hopelessly bankrupt. And therefore, you put that firm into



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LaRouche outlined his proposal for an international reform, pivoted around cooperation among the U.S.A., Russia, China, and India, without which, he said, “there’s no possibility of avoiding what would become a New Dark Age.” He is shown here speaking to a conference in Kiedrich, Germany, 2007.

financial reorganization, in order to ensure the continuity of its functions on behalf of society, while getting some of the creditors to eat a lot of the losses. And we’re going to have to do that.

The Anti-Monetarist U.S. Constitution

Therefore, to put that across, against the very powerful international financial interests which are defending that bubble, we need a powerful coalition of nations, *to break the back of the opposition to reform.*

Now, what I have proposed is that there are four nations which are crucial. The United States is crucial, not only because of its dollar, and because of its historic situation in the process, but because of the nature of its Constitution. We’re the only nation on this planet, the United States, which by its Constitution, is anti-monetarist. Our system is not based on an international monetary system, as most other nations are subject, to an international monetary system. The U.S. system is a

constitutional system based on credit.

Let me explain that, because it’s not well understood: Under the U.S. Constitution, no money can be uttered, except by the approval of the U.S. Congress. It is uttered, as a sovereign utterance by the U.S. government, *not* any banking institution. Banks are not allowed to utter currency, under U.S. Constitutional law. The issue of currency occurs through the authorization of the Congress, the House of Representatives, specifically, which authorizes the Presidency to proceed with a proposed schedule—flexible or otherwise—of uttering credit. This credit is then uttered, usually, through the banking system. And the credit is designated to be used for certain kinds of purposes, certain kinds of investments. These investments then go through the banking system, and normally, we should have a National Bank which would take care of that; we have a reform to that effect. This credit, going through the system, is then monetized: That is, the U.S. dollar is uttered on the basis of this credit.

Now, every other system, every other state, in general, has an agreement with the international monetary systems, in which the state may or may not have such an agreement, or it may be imposed, by certain international institutions. But therefore, the world as a whole is actually under the influence of an empire of monetary power, which no nation actually controls. Traditionally, the Bank of England used to be the keystone of control of the world empire, the world empire of *money*.

So, we’re now at a point, where the world empire of money, the international monetary system in its larger sense—not just the name of the system, but in the larger sense—is hopelessly bankrupt: with over \$1.4 quadrillion debt, which is open debt, which is crashing now, far beyond anything that could ever be paid. The question is, who is going to cancel most of that debt?

Now, there are powerful interests which do not want that debt cancelled. And if each country tried to deal with that problem by itself, it would tend to be crushed. Most nations trying to fight the IMF, for example, would be crushed, or fight these institutions. Therefore, you need a powerful political combination of states, each of which would be incapable of carrying out the reform by itself, but together represent a bloc which is too powerful for any force on this planet to resist. The importance of Asia, of course, includes the fact that Asia is particularly important for the future of mankind: because of its population, and because of the urgent need for development in Asia, and the very large masses of people who



Russia sits on top of one of the greatest concentrations of raw materials on this planet, especially in Siberia. Its scientific community has the capability to develop this potential. Pictured here, an oil-drilling site in Siberia.

are unskilled, essentially, or marginally skilled; who have no capability of survival, unless there are improvements in the conditions of life, through investment and development in times to come.

The U.S.-Eurasia Combination

The future of the world will depend upon how the world looks at two parts of itself: Looks first, at Asia, where the greatest issue, the greatest crisis is located. In the masses you have in India, 63% of the population, perhaps, is in extreme poverty. In China and throughout Asia, you have comparable situations. We have a potential explosion on our hands, a social crisis explosion, on our hands. Therefore, unless we have a perspective of development of Asia, which relieves this source of threat and crisis, by effective development, effective measures of development, we don't have much of a chance for the world at large. And therefore, it's very important, that the United States, which is key to the solution, because of our Constitution, and the major nations of Eurasia, be united; and the key nations of Eurasia, are Russia, India, and China.

Now, Russia has a very specific role in this: Russia is not what it once was in terms of power. But Russia has invisible power. Not political power, but invisible power, economic power: Russia is sitting on top of, in its total territory, especially in Siberia, one of the greatest concentrations of raw materials on this planet. You can not go in there, and carve Siberia up, for example.

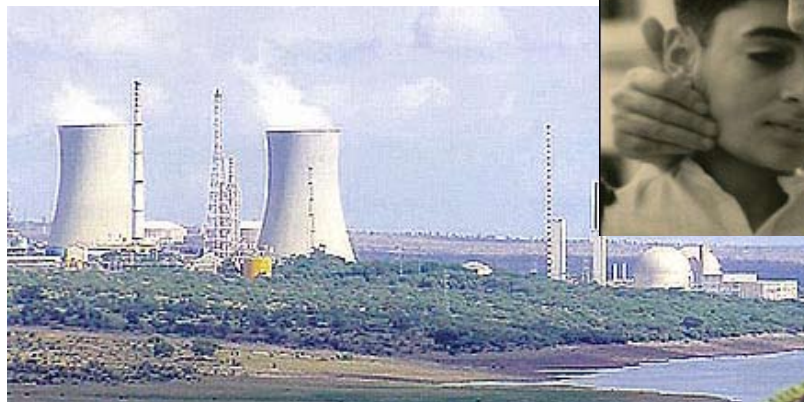
You actually have to develop those raw materials: Which means you need large-scale railway systems and similar systems, power systems, the whole bit. Russia's scientific community has that capability.

For example, take very specifically, the Vernadsky Institute, which is centered in Moscow, is a center of this very specific capability. So, Russia is key, because Asia's development requires a very large increase in raw-materials supplies, especially mineral supplies. And without this cooperation, it would be impossible to develop these resources sufficiently to deal with the problems of the mass of poor—shall we say, across the board, 60% or more, of the Asian population is in terrible condition. And therefore, this is necessary.

The United States is crucial, because it's an English-speaking power, and the world has been divided, since 1763, since specifically, the February 1763 Peace of Paris, between two English-speaking powers on this planet: one, the United Kingdom so-called, the British Empire; on the other side, we in the United States, who were opposed to the British Empire. We are two cultures, or a single culture in part, divided by a common language. And we are divided. There are people in New York who will deny that, in the New York banking community. But the typical American does not like the British, and for good reason, especially the patriots. And we don't like the British, not because of the people, with whom we often have affectionate relationships. But we do not like their empire. And the biggest fight is that, and therefore, the issue is the British Empire, which is the only empire of any significance on this planet today, contrary to many rumors, and stories, and fairytales.

The United States has not been functioning much lately, as you may have noticed. We've had three bushes, and we need trees! We've had 12 years of apostasy, and some other periods are not too good from 1968 on; since the assassination of Kennedy, in point of fact. This sort of thing. Reagan had some useful points, and Clinton was a good person as a President, but he never cracked the problem. And probably could not have cracked the problem at that time; it was too powerful for him to control.

Because of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's forward-thinking decision, India is now a nuclear power, and well situated to rapidly develop its economy. Nehru is pictured here with his daughter Indira Gandhi, and grandson Rajiv Gandhi, both of whom became prime ministers of India; also shown, Units 1-4 of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.'s Rajasthan nuclear plant in Rajasthan state.



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not have the skills to progress much by itself. But if you provide the appropriate selection of infrastructural development, you can magnify the productive powers of a population, and nuclear power in India is a typification of the many kinds of infra-

structural projects, on a large scale, which will do that.

A Development Perspective for Asia

So therefore, we need that kind of unity, with a perspective on the future. One of the things, which, India is very crucial in, is, because of Nehru's decision, nuclear power: India is a very important nuclear power. Not for nuclear weapons, but for the use of nuclear power, particularly because of the problems of poverty and similar kinds of things, especially toward the south side of India. Only with nuclear power, which India is particularly well situated to develop—it already has a foot in the door on the thing—can we deal with the problem of the poor of India, particularly along the coasts. For example, the plutonium charging of the thorium cycle, of the small reactors along the coasts of India, is the solution, in a sense, for providing the power needed for purifying water, and for providing the infrastructure, which can transform an unskilled population—agricultural, and other population, unskilled; we're not going to increase their skills very much in less than a generation or two; but you can, in the meantime, increase their net productivity, through the proper form of infrastructure, such as water resources, power resources, and so forth. Just by walking in with this kind of infrastructure, you can create an environment in which the population can increase its productivity.

You have a similar situation, but a different one, in the case of China. And, all through Asia, the problem is essentially the same. You have a population which does

Four Cultures To Unify the Planet

Now, the point, of course, of the four nations, is not to exclude any nation. What you need is a combination of nations, which is sufficiently representative, and powerful—and different! The very important thing about these four nations, is *four different cultures*: Therefore, the dissimilarities among the cultures are extremely important, because you're trying to unify the planet. And if you can not show that you can unify the planet around sovereign cultures, of different cultural characteristics, you can not unify the planet. You've not created the image that we want, the image that Franklin Roosevelt desired, to eliminate all semblances of imperialism, of colonialism, from this planet: to create a planet based on an association of *sovereign nation-states*.

Now, to bring sovereign nation-states together, you're bringing together different cultures; you're giving expression, through national sovereignty of the cultural inclinations of each people—you have to be able to bring those cultures together. You have to signal to all parties, that their cultural distinctions are going to be appreciated, in the form of common cooperation. That's the purpose. So the idea of four powers, joining together to force through a reform, is not to create an



Zimbabwe is being starved to death by the British, LaRouche charged. We have to break that up, and, at the same time, develop the sense of national culture; we have to come in with some very large-scale, multinational, infrastructural projects. Shown here: A marketplace and bus terminus in Masvingo, Zimbabwe.

empire, or to create a power, but is to break one up in order to make room—.

For example, let's take Zimbabwe, the former Northern Rhodesia: It deserves freedom. It's being starved to death by the British, today. All of Africa, between Anglo-American interests, is looted, committing genocide in Africa, especially Southern Africa. And therefore, we have to break that up. That means, however, at the same time, we have to develop the sense of national culture in these areas, and we have to come in with some very large-scale, multinational, infrastructural projects, in which these various nations, as sovereigns, participate to a common interest.

Therefore, our purpose is not to establish a four-power dictatorship of the world. Our purpose is to *break* the opposition, to break the imperial tradition, as Roosevelt had intended to do, had he lived; and to create a situation, in which the objective of the United Nations as prescribed by Roosevelt—not some of his successors—is realized: A community of sovereign nation-states, united around cultural differences, for the sovereignty of people. And that's the objective which we should be committed to.

A New Bretton Woods System

As to the feasibility: This is going to be a fight, but I've found in recent times—I first uttered the warning on July 25 of 2007. I said, in a matter of days, we're going to be in the beginning of a breakdown crisis of the U.S. and international financial system. And three days later, that began. This was never a so-called "mortgage crisis," this was a crisis of financial derivatives. And the reason that I was uniquely able to forecast this, as I had done, was because I was looking at the right problem. Other people were looking at the bottom end of the problem, some of the mortgage problems. I was looking at the top end of the problem, of which the mortgage problems were merely a reflection: *that the financial derivatives system, which is dominating the world today, was about to crack, because it could no*

longer be sustained. And since that period, the 28th of July of 2007, the international financial system has been careening toward a *general breakdown crisis of the entire world system.*

If we do *not* make a reform, in some short time ahead, there won't be much civilization on this planet. So this is not a question of a small reform, this is a strategic issue in the highest sense, the most extreme sense. And we have to bring together nations on this.

Now, what's happened in the United States, in particular? In general, you will find, in the United States, as in Europe, especially in Europe, much chatter about the idea of a "New Bretton Woods" system. The reference is to Franklin Roosevelt's 1944 proposal, for a Bretton Woods system. Unfortunately, many of the people, such as the Russians and Italians, and some of the French, and so forth, who are talking in favor of a new Bretton Woods system, don't know what they're talking about! Because they're talking about a reform of an international *monetary* system, when a new Bretton Woods means *eliminating* the international monetary system, and replacing it, under a new credit system.

I'll give an example of what that means: The United

States' importance is, as I said, our Constitution specifies, that no credit can be uttered, or currency, in the name of the U.S. government or the U.S. people, except by a vote of the House of Representatives in support of this action by the Executive branch. This is unique. What we need is a world system, based on that: Because we're going to have to write down 50%, 90%, 80%, of the nominal assets, financial assets of the world. *They can not be sustained.* The wealth does not exist to sustain them. Therefore, we have to write them off the books.

Now, we won't do that suddenly, but we'll do that through an organized process, by government. We'll set up laws and rules to do that. But we're going to have a new system, which will be based essentially on a new conception of currency: The new conception of currency will go back to the model of the United States, that no currency can be uttered, except by the sovereign nation-state.

Now, what we need, of course, is a fixed exchange rate among nations. Because otherwise, that doesn't work, and because we have to create large masses of new credit, to finance the large infrastructure and other projects which will be the drivers for a general economic recovery of the planet. We're going to have to finance long-term development projects in Asia. We're going to have to finance long-term development projects in Africa. We're going to have to do similar kinds of improvements in all nations. We're going to go into debt, but this time, we're going to do it the right way. Every debt that's created will be solidly rooted in some useful contribution to infrastruc-

ture, or actual productive capacity, or production. Water problems, power problems, all these things will be primary. And that's where we're headed.

The Opportunity: To Create a Credit System

The function of the United States, under our treaty agreements—under treaty agreement of the United States Constitution—the same procedure applies for foreign credit, as it applies to domestic credit. Any nation, which enters into a treaty agreement with the United States, in terms of monetary affairs—debt, etc.—that nation has access to the same kind of protection and rights, as a citizen in the United States. And therefore, on that basis, if we organize the more powerful nations of the world, to come together to create such a *credit system* among sovereign states, we can generate the credit to do the kinds of things which have to be done.

And that's the opportunity. And we have more and more people, particularly with the present, new incoming administration; we can't—as I say, I can't guarantee anything, because there are many unpredictables. But I can tell you, that my friends, or people who are allied with me and my friends in the United States, *will be* staffing most of the leading positions in the incoming, new U.S. government. And they are more and more inclined to agree with my proposals. And therefore, I can suggest these proposals to you, now, as I do, not in the sense that I can guarantee anything; but I can indicate to you, that's the way the wind is going. And let's hope it keeps blowing in that direction.

LaRouche's 'Plan A,' or The Empire's 'Plan B'

In discussions with leading military and security forces, and others, in India in early December, Lyndon LaRouche made reference to two possible outcomes of the current global crisis, which he termed, "Plan A" and "Plan B."

Plan A, he said, assumes that the incoming U.S. Obama Administration "actually adopts the kinds of policies which I foresee as required." This would mean, especially, the United States forming an alliance with Russia, China, and India, in what La-

Rouche has termed a "Four Powers" combination, with which other sovereign nation-states would ally, to create a New Bretton Woods international credit system. Should this happen, LaRouche indicated, there are reasons for optimism.

On the other hand, if things go the other way, we have Plan B, which can be summed up as "Hell on Earth." The vulnerability is a failure on the part of national leaders to understand that the Anglo-Dutch Liberal imperial system would rather trigger a period of global chaos that lasts for several generations, than lose their grip on financial and political power.

Everything now depends on whether we're in Plan A, or Plan B, in Washington, as of Jan. 20, 2009.

Future U.S.-EU-NATO Relations: Implications for India, Central Asia

Helga Zepp-LaRouche gave this address to the United Services of India and the Forum for Strategic and Security Studies, in New Delhi, on Dec. 5, 2008. Here is an edited transcript.

I'm speaking on the subject of "The Future U.S.-EU-NATO Relations in Light of the Projection of NATO Spheres of Influence in the Central Asian Region, and the Implications for India's Strategic Interest." Now, obviously, this subject can not be discussed without consideration of whether this strategic future is taking place under the reign of Plan A or Plan B: Either the world will be, in a very short period, one of economic recovery and reconstruction—in this case, the strategic situation will look in one way. Or, the world will plunge into political, economic, and military chaos. The fact that we are on the brink of a potential World War III is clearly on the minds of a lot of thinking people.

And I think that possibility was a contributing factor to, why, at the NATO foreign ministers meeting at the beginning of this week, there were two outcomes: one, that the Russian-NATO relationship has been put back on track, as it was before the Georgia attack on South Ossetia, an attack which now is clearly recognized by everybody in Europe and elsewhere, as having been a Georgian aggression by the Saakashvili government—a government which is on the payroll of George Soros, including the cabinet, and the police force. The second outcome of the NATO meeting was that the NATO membership of Georgia and Ukraine has been put on hold for the indefinite future. Also, the NATO-Russia Council is resuming sessions again.

This was commented on by the Russian Ambassador to NATO, Dmitri Rogozin, as a defeat of the Orange Ukraine, and the Saakashvili government, which I think is clear. And it is a recognition by NATO members, that this Georgian aggression brought us to the brink of a potentially larger war.

Now, let's look at the origin of the NATO expansion policy, which clearly has been understood as an encirclement strategy of Russia. You have to take this back to 1991, when the Soviet Union collapsed. At that point, the neocons around Dick Cheney, George Shultz, and Donald Rumsfeld, reacted to the breakup of the Soviet Union by discussing the so-called "American Century" doctrine, which was essentially the effort to transform the United States, which was created as a republic, into an empire, based on the Anglo-American "special relationship."

This policy received a temporary setback during the eight years of the Clinton Administration, but it remained a live policy among the neocons, and found one expression, for example, in statements by Richard Perle, who uttered the policy of a "Clean Break" for the Middle East, as a counter to the Oslo peace process, which, then, two days later, was pronounced by Benjamin Netanyahu, who was prime minister of Israel at the time, as being official Israeli doctrine. And the Clean Break policy already was this idea of empire, of regime change in the entire Middle East and other areas of the world.

This policy of empire was clearly put back on the table with the Sept. 11, 2001 event, an event which had been predicted by Mr. LaRouche on the 3rd of January in 2001, in a webcast three weeks before Bush came into office; in which Mr. LaRouche had basically predicted that the U.S. administration would go for a terrorist incident, a "Reichstag Fire," as a pretext to implement certain policies. Now, that is exactly what happened, nine months later. And one day after Sept. 11, Cheney came out, and without any further investigation, declared it was clear that Saddam Hussein was to be charged, and weapons of mass destruction, and all of this.

Remember, that it was October 2001, when, based on that assessment of al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and all of these backgrounds, Article 5 of NATO was



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We are at a crossroads, Helga Zepp-LaRouche declared, the end of the neoliberal, free-market system. Now, it is time for LaRouche's "Plan A." Zepp-LaRouche is shown here addressing a party congress of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo), in Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 18, 2008.

invoked, as the reason for war in Afghanistan. Now, I think this is still a big question mark, because if you look at what came to light in the meantime, about what really happened on Sept. 11, maybe the entire Afghanistan War was as wrong as the Iraq War, which has been now proven to have been based on lies, completely.

This entire setting was the context for the NATO expansion eastward, into Eastern Europe; a lot of new U.S. bases have been set up, and simultaneously, you had the EU enlargement. And I know from personal discussions, that, at the latest, in 2003, Russia was convinced that there was absolutely *no* difference between NATO enlargement and EU enlargement. And when Saakashvili used the day of the opening of the Olympic Games for the attack on South Ossetia, the Russian government reacted decisively, because Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and President Dmitri Medvedev knew very clearly that, if they would not put their foot down, then this strategic escalation towards Russia would continue; and it was effectively stopped, as you can see by the recent developments.

The Bush Administration used the Saakashvili

attack on South Ossetia, to then rush to get agreements with Poland and Czechia, to set up radar and ABM systems in these countries, supposedly because of threats from missiles from Iran. Now, this is the most absurd explanation ever, because everybody knows that these so-called defensive systems can be retooled in a very short period of time, to become offensive systems, and then, the warning time for these missiles to reach Moscow is about three minutes. So that is why the Russian position has been very clearly that this is an unacceptable thing.

President Medvedev immediately answered, by saying that if these systems are installed, Russia will put short-range missile systems along the Polish border and in Kaliningrad. This will be, very clearly, one of the big tests for Obama. Because, if Obama goes ahead with the Bush policy on these systems, then you will have, in a very short period of time, a reverse Cuba Missile Crisis on your hands. And then we are in Plan B. So therefore, the big question is: Will Obama pick up the proposals by both former President Putin and present President Medvedev on a new security architecture instead?

The Abominable Lisbon Treaty

Now, what does Europe look like in this context? What kind of a Europe are we talking about? Now, thanks to the Irish "no" concerning the so-called Lisbon Treaty, this treaty temporarily has been stalled, which is very good, because this treaty is an abomination. It's just a renamed version of the European Constitution, which was defeated by referenda in France and The Netherlands in 2005. And in a very sneaky way, they just changed a couple of wordings and made it completely unreadable. And then, not publishing it, so that no parliamentarian could read it—there was not one major newspaper article about it—they decided last December to sneak it through without referendum or public debate. And it would have been, if it would have succeeded, a coup d'état from above.

Because what this Lisbon Treaty, essentially, would do, if it would have been implemented, is to turn the European Union, which already went through the very terrible process of the Maastricht Treaty, the Amsterdam Treaty, the Stability Pact, the Nice Treaty, which

essentially put the European Union into a neoliberal corset, totally disarming the member-states, against their own interests. It would turn the European Union into an oligarchical dictatorship, and a federal state, with the elimination of any sovereignty of its member states.

In this case, all legislation would come from Brussels: Already now, 85% of all laws are being made in Brussels (I'm always saying we can save the costs for the national parliaments, because they have become pretty superfluous, as it goes right now); and it would install a supranational bureaucracy. Now, this bureaucracy has zero accountability with the

voters of Europe. *And*—that is one of the main criticisms I have against it—it would transform the European Union into a military alliance, integral either with the United States or NATO, depending on whether NATO is buried or not. And it would make the European Union part of a global intervention force.

There has been obviously a change in the status of NATO, establishing majority rule, eliminating the veto right of members, based on the solidarity clause; so no member can abstain if a decision for a deployment is made by the leadership, and this would then apply also to the European Union, if the Lisbon Treaty would be implemented, namely, deciding on interventions by majority rule.

This has already created a major crisis in countries like Austria, which are, according to their constitutions, neutral. Because, in the case of a decision to go into any military activity, such a country could not oppose it, which has caused a constitutional crisis, not only in Austria, but also in Ireland, and so forth.

The rationale for those people who are arguing this, is that with such a structure this would be the only way Europe could assert itself against the United States, the growing power of Asia, and so forth. But I have looked at this very closely and it's not true: It's an imperial, oligarchical design and has nothing to do with the true culture of Europe, which would actually vanish to a very great extent.



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NATO

Georgia's assault on South Ossetia in August, is now clearly recognized in Europe and elsewhere as having been an aggression by the Saakashvili government, which is heavily financed by Nazi collaborator George Soros, Zepp-LaRouche stated. Shown, left: Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili; right: George Soros.

Now, a certain spokesman of the City of London, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, recently wrote, why Great Britain should oppose this Lisbon Treaty, even if the Brussels policy is 100% the British policy: Namely, that it's good for Europe to have that, but the British should not be underneath such a supranational structure.

Asymmetric Global Warfare

The worst insanity in this whole debate has been temporarily off the table: This was a new strategic proposal by five generals, five former Chiefs of Staff, including retired German Gen. Klaus Naumann, retired Gen. John Shalikashvili, and the respective generals from Britain, France, and The Netherlands. They issued a paper, "Towards a Grand Strategy for an Uncertain World," which was really an incredible paper. It's a strategy for asymmetric global warfare, under the pretext of humanitarian causes, human rights, democracy. It would include first use of nuclear weapons in surgical strikes, in an arsenal of escalation.

This paper could have been on the table at the Bucharest NATO summit last Spring, and the only reason why it was not discussed, is because Bush went to Kiev and promised, very quickly, NATO membership to Georgia, and that caused such disarray at the NATO summit that there was no time to take up this Naumann proposal.

But the present EU policy is bad enough: Because, shortly thereafter, the so-called “Solana paper” was presented, discussing the implication of “climate change” for the security policy of the European Union. And they treated climate change as a threat multiplier in the fight over strategic raw materials in the Arctic, with the rationale that, because the polar ice is melting, therefore, you will have access to these raw materials more easily, and this would then lead, in Spitsbergen, to a fight between Russia and Norway.

This idea of a global intervention force is the face of the empire. There was, just a couple of days ago, an agreement between the United Nations and NATO, to work together for humanitarian interventions without consulting either Russia or China, which, after all, are among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council; and this made the Russians, in particular, very, very upset.

‘The Death of NATO’

I want to point your attention to another very problematic thing, which is called the European Council on Foreign Relations: This was created one year ago, modeled on the New York Council on Foreign Relations, and it was created by two individuals in particular: the former German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who had an amazing career, starting off as a street fighter and squatter with clear links to the terrorist milieu in Germany in the ’70s; and now, he’s quite established. And, George Soros.

On the 20th of November, there was an article published for the European Council on Foreign Relations, by a certain Nick Witney, who is from the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and had been assigned in the last years to the Al-Yamamah program of defense sales to Saudi Arabia, namely the famous, or infamous, BAE project. He wrote an article with the headline, “The Death of NATO,” where he said: “NATO is dying.” It should have disappeared already when the Soviet Union collapsed, but, because of the situation in the Balkans in the ’90s, and then Sept. 11, and the Afghanistan War, it’s being kept in business. But the idea of NATO with a U.S. leadership and a European followership is no longer accepted; and the whole idea of having a partnership between NATO and the European Union is a waste of breath. Also, the idea of a tripartite directorate between the U.S., NATO, and the European Union, as proposed by these five generals, found no traction. Therefore, what should be beefed up, is the



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Thanks to the Irish “No” vote on the abominable Lisbon Treaty, the process of imposing a supranational dictatorship in Europe has been stalled. Here, a campaign sign says it all.

relationship between the United States and the European Union, with the European Union as an equal partner; now, meaning with the European Union as an military-oligarchical imperial force.

General Naumann at a meeting of the CSIS [Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University in Washington], spoke extremely sarcastically about the idea of a strategic partnership among Russia, China, and India, by saying that “nations have only interests, not friendships, and what common values do these three have, anyway, compared to us in the West? Good luck to the Russians, and the Chinese and the Indians. If they have problems, who is supposed to help them? It can be only us.”

Russia, India, China in the Crosshairs

I think in light of what Mr. LaRouche was saying, it is very clear that in the present world strategic situation, the aim of the British Empire is to destroy the possibility of collaboration between Russia, China, and India. Cheney has said repeatedly, that the United States would not allow one country, or a combination of countries to ever reach the power of the United States—this was obviously years ago now—but that has been the thinking. And if you look at the operations run against each of these three countries, you have an ongoing cam-

paign against Russia, against Putin, and now against Medvedev. The destabilization against India, you have just seen with the developments in Mumbai.

And there are massive operations against China. I know people here may have other feelings about the Tibet question, but we are looking at it from a strategic point of view, and there was a year-long hype-up of the Tibet campaign, aimed at the Olympic Games in China, run through NGOs in the West, and basically, organizations we all could trace down to what we generally call the British Empire apparatus.

Now, on the 30th of March of this year, there was a very revealing article in the London *Sunday Times*—this was at the height of the Tibet campaign—with the headline, “Tibet, One Thing; But Tensions Between India and China Promise an Even Bigger Disaster.” And then the article goes on to praise the genius of George Bush for having pulled India onto the side of the United States, away from Russia and China. And it describes the tensions between India and China over Arunachal Pradesh, south of Tibet, and around Aksai Chin, in the northeast of Kashmir, in the Himalayas, where the highest highway in the world is connecting Tibet and Xinjiang, which would allow a much faster connection than the previous existing route.

There have been negotiations between India and China to put this conflict *ad acta*, but this they don't mention.

They continue with the scenario, saying that, given the fact that the Dalai Lama is already 73 years old, when he dies, there will be a fight between China and the exiled Tibetans, over who is the real incarnation of the new Dalai Lama, and then China will move very hard against the rioters in Tibet. And then there will come the problems of China facing an economic collapse, which will make it much harder for them to go against the rioters in Tibet, because there will be riots



ISAF/Specialist 1st Class John Collins, U.S. Navy

NATO's Afghan policy has failed completely. And it now looks as if the entire Afghanistan War was as wrong as was the Iraq War. Shown: The Royal Australian Regiment on foot patrol in the town of Tarin Kowt, August 2008.

all over China. And, in this case, India could become part of an international intervention force against such a thing, or do a direct troop deployment itself.

Now, China will go deeper into the crisis as a result of the U.S. crisis; then it will move harder against the rioters. This will cause tensions with Japan, and then, eventually, it will have a military strike even against Taiwan. Now, that option fortunately has been nixed, because of the recent election in Taiwan.

But obviously, this is not a scenario for the far distant future; China is experiencing this kind of an economic crisis right now. And I'm just mentioning it, because you should always be aware of the kind of manipulation of these legitimate, or historically existing conflicts.

The Afghan Strategy Has Failed

Now, very briefly, a look at the situation in Afghanistan: Leaving aside the circumstances under which Article 5 got invoked, which I really think should be opened at a certain point, the Afghan strategy has failed completely. And that should not be a surprise, because the Soviet Union did not manage in ten years of fighting in Afghanistan to win, having 100,000 troops on the ground; and that was one factor in the collapse of the Soviet Union, because it contributed to the demoraliza-

tion of the Soviet army.

NATO has now beefed up the troops to 60,000, which is 40,000 short of the earlier Soviet deployment, and there has been now, in negotiation, a trans-Atlantic agreement to send more troops, but with more civil-military accompanying programs. Germany just has increased its number of troops by 1,000, to 4,500, but the compromise is to have more development aid funds. Now, “development aid” has to be taken with a grain of salt, because it’s not really development aid; it’s supposed to be used for other purposes. For example, there is a conflict between the ISAF [NATO-led International Security Assistance Force], which wants to move to eliminate drug production, but that obviously upsets the warlords, and the farmers, because it is a threat to their existence. So the German proposal now, gloriously, is to buy the opium from the peasants and the warlords, and then destroy it. Now, that fits very well with the new report by George Soros, for drug legalization in the United States.

We Are at a Crossroads

Now, if you look at Plan A (see box, previous article), then the only way to solve the Afghanistan problem is through real economic development. Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries in the world, probably with a handful of African countries, really the poorest. And what they need most is infrastructure, agriculture, and industry, which is the only weapon against the Taliban, and that obviously only functions, if regional development involves all the neighbors of Afghanistan, as well.

Mr. LaRouche has already, in the context of the Iraq problem, said that the only way you can have peace in the region, is to take the entire region, from Central Asia, Iran, Iraq, the Gulf States, Egypt, Israel, Palestine, and have a regional development plan, because that’s the only way you can bring stability into this region.

Is this feasible? Well, we are at an end of an epoch. The neoliberal paradigm has failed. The system of globalization, the neoliberal free-market system, today, is more bankrupt than the Communist system was between ’89 and ’91. And the only way the world will get



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Russian President Dmitri Medvedev, who was in India at the same time as the LaRouches, has proposed a new security architecture; he is shown here with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Dec. 5.

out of this mess, is with a new financial architecture, as Mr. LaRouche has just mentioned.

I would like to add to that, we also need a new security architecture. Because if you leave the present events on their course, a disaster is sort of pre-programmed. And I would like to point your attention to a proposal made by President Medvedev, who is presently here in New Delhi, who basically proposed a new security architecture, and I think it should be taken up, internationally, as quickly as possible.

I personally think that war is not an option any longer for the solution of any conflict in the 21st Century, because if you start a war, it would necessarily end up being a global asymmetric war, including the use of nuclear weapons, and that soon would go out of anybody’s possibility of control. If such a war would occur, in the context of a financial meltdown, we would clearly have a Dark Age. And I personally also think that the problem of terrorism can only be contained, if the four powers work together: If the United States, Russia, China, and India would work together and make a determination that, as part of the new financial architecture, and part of the new security architecture, terrorism would be rooted out. Then I think the Pakistan problem could be clearly contained.

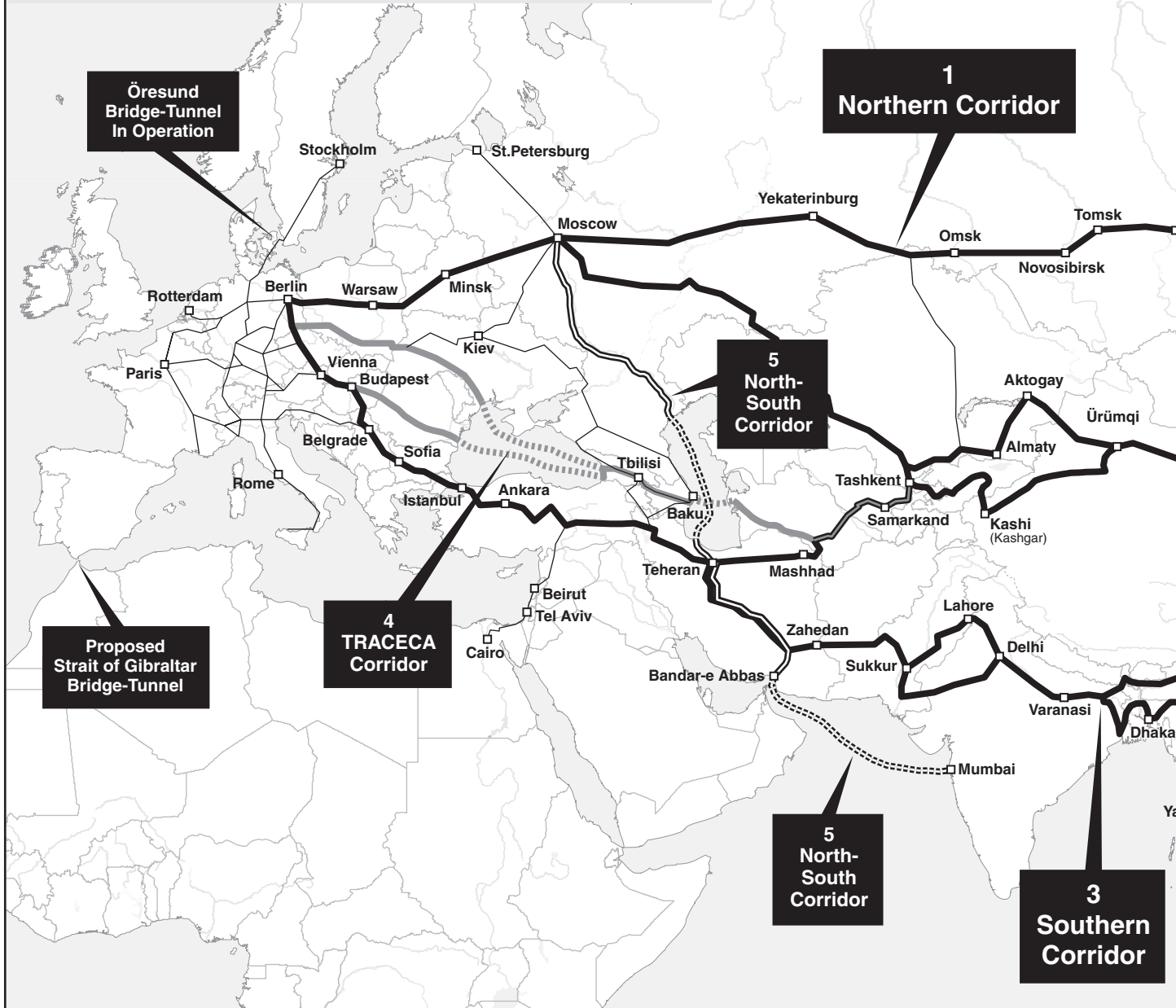
So, I think we are at a crossroads of mankind in many ways, and I think it depends on the ingenuity of leading people to make sure that this period of history has a positive outcome.

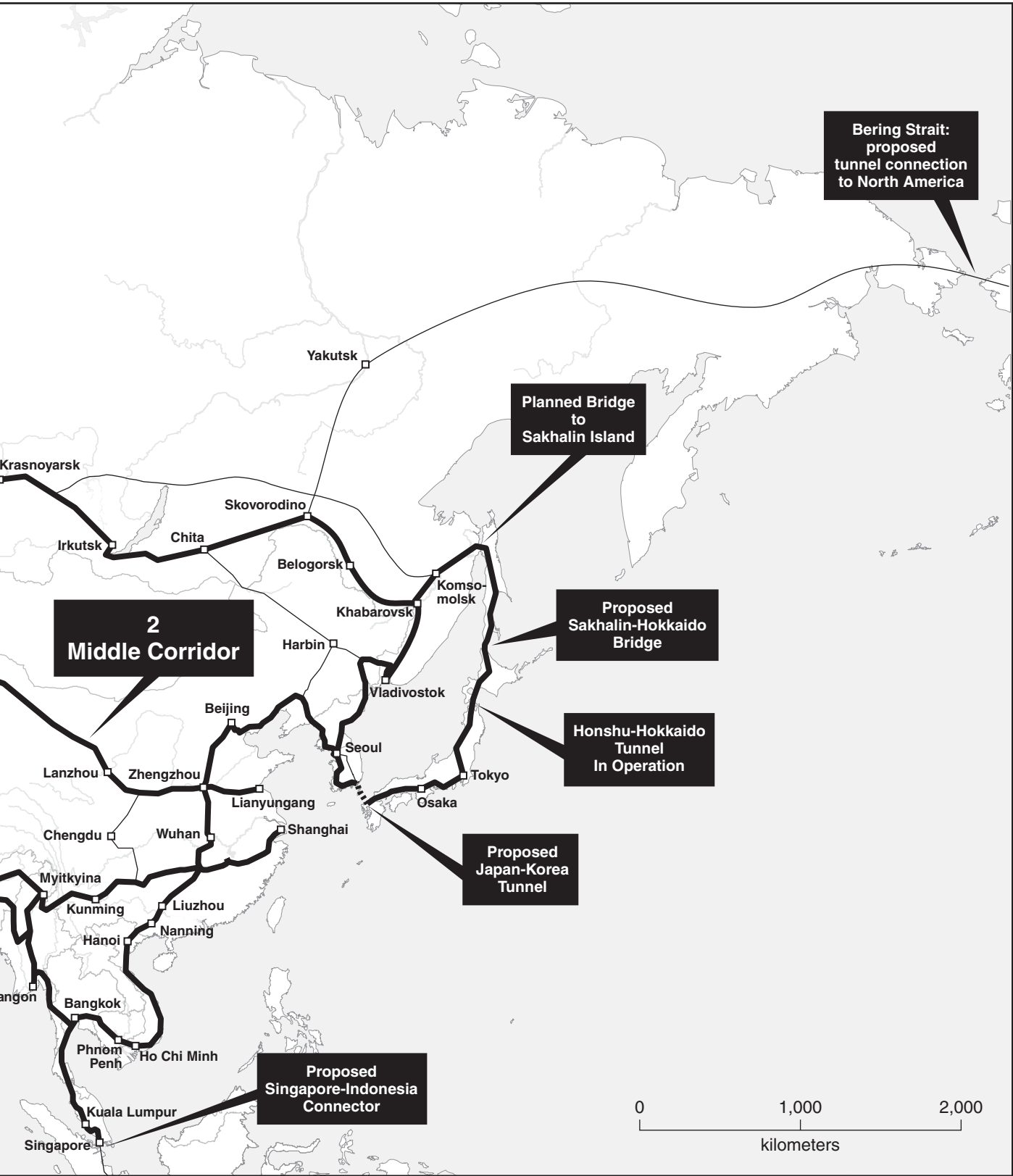
FIGURE 1

The Five Main Corridors of the Eurasian Land-Bridge

Since 1997, Lyndon and Helga LaRouche have been organizing for the construction of a Eurasian Land-Bridge, with connections to Africa, and across the Bering Strait to the Americas. This would involve high-technology “development corridors” along the rail lines, to raise the productivity and living standards of people all along the way.

In their speeches in New Delhi in early December, the LaRouches re-emphasized this approach, in the context of the catastrophic breakdown of the world financial system. Mr. LaRouche cited the extreme poverty in Asia, and the danger of a social explosion. “Unless we have a perspective of development of Asia which relieves this source of threat and crisis, by effective measures of development,” he said, “we don’t have much of a chance for the world at large.” Hence the need for an alliance of the United States with Russia, India, and China.





**Bering Strait:
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tunnel connection
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**Planned Bridge
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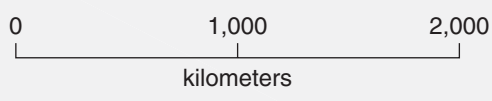
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**Proposed
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**Honshu-Hokkaido
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A Real Stimulus Requires Physical Economy, Not Money

by Marcia Merry Baker and John Hoefle

Dec. 18—The lives of the world’s people depend upon a global system of production, distribution, and consumption, a chain which connects those who grow food with those who eat it, and those who mine the ores and fuels with those who turn them into the products upon which we all depend. This supply chain is a physical, logistical wonder, an essential component of civilization, and it is breaking down.

To understand what this means for our future, and to comprehend what must be done to stop this disaster in the making, put aside thoughts of money, and turn to the study of physical economy. Most people have some instinctive sense of this, but have been brainwashed by the bleating of the herd of economists, analysts, and usurers deployed by the financier oligarchy to make us believe that finance and economy are synonymous.

There is a role for finance in modern life, but finance is properly viewed as a handmaiden to the productive sector. It is the productive sector which generates the wealth, and the productive sector to which we must direct our attention if we are to survive.

We begin with infrastructure, the power, transportation, water, public health, education, and related systems which create the conditions under which populations can grow and thrive. The more developed the infrastructure of a nation, the more efficiently its economy can operate; and the more developed the infrastructure of the world, the more efficient, global commerce. On top of this infrastructure, we layer the

improvements in agriculture, manufacturing processes, science, and technology which drive civilization forward.

This is real economics, to be ignored at our peril—and ignore it we have, as we have bought into the fallacy of monetarism. The result is decaying infrastructure, declining productivity, falling standards of living, and an accelerating decline in relative potential population density, which is a measure of the economy’s capacity to support people. When that potential rises, population can expand, but when that potential falls below existing population levels, as we are seeing now, the population falls, often in quite unpleasant ways.

The ‘Auto’ Crisis

In 2005, as the U.S. domestic auto industry was sliding deep into crisis, Lyndon LaRouche proposed to convert the major part of that industry away from the manufacture of personal vehicles, into the production of basic infrastructure, as a way of arresting the decline of the U.S. economy. That policy was blocked by fascist financiers Felix Rohatyn, George Soros, and others, who, instead, launched a drive to protect the *debt issued by the auto sector*, saving the paper while allowing the industry to continue its decline.

LaRouche outlined the consequences of that decision, in a recent briefing to his staff. We have passed the point where the Big Three auto companies can be saved through financial bailouts, he said. “First of all, you see there’s a collapse of the world market. Exist-

ing automobiles produced are not being sold, not being even delivered! And these involve industries which are much more productive, and can produce automobiles much more cheaply, in a sense, than we can in the United States. But all over the world, the industry is collapsing, *as it should collapse*, in point of fact.

“Now, what I had proposed in 2005, was that we take the major part of the automobile industry, and we convert that back into the production of basic economic infrastructure, which meant rebuilding the railway system, or magnetic levitation, which we had destroyed since the immediate aftermath of World War II; to fix our water system, especially the water system between the Alleghenies and the Rocky Mountains, which includes, of course, the main arc of the Mississippi River, but also the Missouri, the Ohio, and so forth, which desperately need the repairs to prevent this whole area from going to Hell; that we would also develop power stations, such as nuclear power stations; and as I said, mass transportation systems to replace congested highways, which are congested because they depend upon automobiles. The United States has been using *too many automobiles*. And this has become a negative factor in our economy. . . .

“What is desired, is to *decentralize* a lot of production, so we bring production back into areas which formerly *were* productive, such as the Midwest area, instead of over-concentrating production in a few hyper-concentrated areas, which are also otherwise known as ‘traffic jams.’

“So, the general principle is this: The productivity of any economy, such as a U.S. industrial economy, depends largely upon the degree to which power is concentrated, not only in infrastructure, but in infrastructure of increasing energy-flux density. That is, that human progress is largely measured, first of all, in the number of trees and similar green things that we grow, which is essential for the environment and to provide clean air and other useful things; but also to develop industries, and the infrastructure of industry and some habitation, which is necessary to provide for production.”

Without this kind of policy focus, and enactment of emergency measures for a national bankruptcy-type reorganization, we will continue to see a dramatic collapse of the means of physical existence day by day, to the point of a return to a Dark Age, and conditions for

mass death. Right now, there is a self-feeding downward spiral of worldwide reductions in industrial output, mining, farming, and even oil pumping; there are job losses and impoverishment. The world food supply is plunging further below need.

Stealing Steel

One metric of this decline in productivity is falling steel production. World steel production fell 12% in October over the year before. World steel production had been rising in recent years in total tonnage, but shrinking on a per-capita basis, a more accurate measure of productivity. In line with steel output cuts, mining has been cut back sharply for iron ore, and the speciality alloy metals—chromium, nickel and molybdenum. Iron ore shipments through the ports in China were down almost 21% in October 2008, from same time a year earlier, to a level of 30 million tons. On Dec. 8, the world’s biggest iron ore producer, the Companhia Vale do Rio Doce in Brazil, halted output at two ore-pelletizing plants at the Atlantic port of Tubarao, plants which represent half of all of Brazil’s capacity for pellets, the most efficient form of iron input into steel-making.

The lack of steel production is a serious impediment to global redevelopment. In the United States, for example, some 200,000 bridges are structurally unsound and must be rebuilt or replaced. While many of these bridges are made of concrete reinforced with iron and steel, they require steel for couplers, beams, and other parts. Production of stainless steel, which is the material of choice for food-handling and -processing equipment, medical equipment, and other precision equipment, has also been declining.

Reverse It Now!

We are staring into the maw of a new Dark Age, as the relative potential population density plunges, unleashing the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. This process is already well underway in the so-called less developed sector, as the world follows the bleak process already manifest in sub-Saharan Africa. Standards of living are plunging there, in parts of Ibero-America and Asia, and even in parts of Europe and the United States. The way the bailout is going, pretty soon people will be burning money for heat, just as they did in Weimar Germany. We can turn this around, if we set aside our fantasies about money and return to physical economy.

Ecuador Declares Partial Debt Moratorium

by Dennis Small

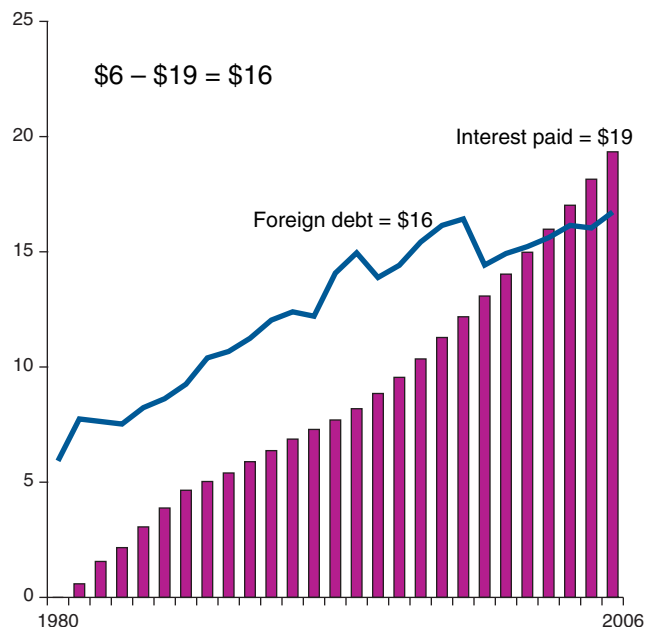
Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa announced on Dec. 12 that his government would intentionally default on \$3.8 billion in government bonds held by foreign financial institutions—i.e., the country’s sovereign debt. This is 39% of the government’s total foreign debt, which also includes \$4.3 billion owed to multilateral agencies such as the Inter-American Development Bank, and \$1.5 billion in bilateral debts to countries that are not affected by the announcement.

“I have issued orders that interest payments not be made, so the country is in ‘default’ on its foreign debt,” Correa announced. “We accept full responsibility for this fact.”

On Nov. 20, Correa had warned that he did not intend to pay the foreign debt, because it was “illegitimate, corrupt, and illegal,” according to findings issued that day by the Commission for the Full Audit of Public Credit (CAIC), which the government had convened in July 2007 to conduct the audit. The CAIC, composed of respected international economists and legal experts, found that the foreign commercial debt had functioned as an illegitimate and illegal looting mechanism between 1976 and 2006, rising from \$16 million in 1976, to \$4.2 billion in 2006, despite the fact that there was a net transfer to the creditors of \$7.1 billion in interest and principal payments over that 30-year period.

EIR has frequently referred to such looting schemes as “bankers’ arithmetic:” in this case, $0 - 7.1 = 4.1$. For example, *EIR* presented **Figure 1** a few years back, employing somewhat different categories (Ecuador’s total foreign debt, public and private), to demonstrate such “bankers’ arithmetic.” More broadly, for decades *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche has denounced the illegitimacy of most developing-sector foreign debt as exemplary of the global speculative bubble of financial assets which can never be paid. The total official foreign debt of developing nations today comes to about \$2.5 trillion—which is a mere 0.1% of the total financial bubble of some \$2 or \$3 quadrillion. But it is a characteristic microcosm of that mega-bubble, and it

FIGURE 1
Ecuador: Bankers’ Arithmetic
(Billions \$)



Source: EIRNS.

directly affects the very existence of sovereign nation-states.

The Correa government seems generally aware that the global crisis must be resolved, if there is to be any hope for a small country like Ecuador—although his government has also been susceptible to the British-sponsored trap of promoting regional currency blocs as a viable alternative, which it is not. But on Nov. 20, Correa stated that “there will be no unified solution to the problem of foreign debt, if the international financial architecture is not reformed. . . . The contribution of the government of Ecuador to achieve this objective begins by determining that the foreign debt is illegitimate and promoting the creation of an International Arbitration Tribunal for the Foreign Debt.”

Similarly, in a discussion with *EIR* on Nov. 22, Ecuador’s Minister for Economic Policy Coordination, Pedro Páez explained:

“It is necessary that the multilateral financial institutions of the United Nations system, the Paris Club, and the governments themselves of the countries of the North, demand audits of the foreign debts of all the countries. . . . If they didn’t do anything wrong, what are



Presidencia del Republica del Ecuador

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa (right) announced that the nation will not pay the portion of its country's foreign debt which is "illegitimate, corrupt, and illegal," according to the findings of a government-commissioned audit.

they afraid of? Everyone should do the same thing [that we did]. It is possible that the same thing will be discovered in other cases, because it's the same kind of actors, in the same circumstances, with the same financial instruments."

Correa has also argued, and rightly so, that the "servicing of the debt must take into consideration the consequences of that servicing on the general welfare of the Ecuadorian people."

A number of representatives of the Ecuadorian government, including Páez, have deployed across South America and abroad to argue their case, and urge other nations to conduct similar audits.

Usury Unmasked

The exhaustive CAIC study is useful in that it documents one concrete prototypical case of the illegitimacy of debt instruments in today's bankrupt system. For example, U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's 1981 raising of interest rates up to 21%, drove Ecuador to default on debt it had contracted at 6%, and the ensuing refinancing operations capitalized the unpaid interest into an unpayable mountain of new debt. The CAIC did a projection which shows that, had interest rates remained at 6%, Ecuador would have entirely paid off its public commercial debt by 1995, and that it has paid an additional \$5.4 billion since then. Instead, Ecuador today stands saddled with

\$4.2 billion that it supposedly still owes.

That Volcker-induced bankruptcy also led to an International Monetary Fund and creditor bank plan, under which the government of Ecuador was forced to assume responsibility for about \$1.5 billion in private sector debt to those banks, in an arrangement known as *sucretización*. Under the plan, the private sector was allowed to issue payments on its foreign debts in sucres (the local currency) at a fixed, low exchange rate, which the government then had to convert into dollars with which to pay the foreign banks, as the value of the sucre plummeted. In other words, the government simply took over the private sector's foreign obligations, at the creditors' insistence.

Numerous other irregularities and illegalities are documented by the CAIC, such as the 1992 Tolling Agreement, under

which Ecuadorian negotiators signed a document renouncing the country's right to the prescription (termination) of existing debt after six years of non-payment, which the CAIC explains is *non-prescribable* according to the Ecuadorian Constitution and other laws. Likewise, the 1995 Brady Plan reorganization of the foreign debt took \$2.5 billion in overdue interest payments, and capitalized it into new debt on which interest was then charged—anatocism, which is expressly illegal under Ecuadorian law.

Ecuador's debt moratorium is the first such move since Argentina's December 2001 sovereign default, in which President Néstor Kirchner steadfastly refused to knuckle under to the vulture funds. In the Ecuador case, the international financial predators have already begun to issue threats, as reflected in a Reuters wire which discussed "possible scenarios that Ecuador could face," including seizure of Ecuadorian assets or freezing of bank accounts abroad; oil companies and other foreign investors cutting back on investments; and all of this could "trigger political instability in a country where the last three presidents were toppled by street and Congressional turmoil."

The predators' concern is not about Ecuador's debt as such, but about the precedent being set for the rejection of the entire international financial bubble, both because of its violation of the natural law principle of the general welfare, as well as of specific national laws.

Crisis Escalates: Deflation Today, Hyperinflation Tomorrow

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

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“Helicopter” Ben Bernanke’s ludicrous decision to lower the U.S. Federal Reserve’s interest rates to practically zero percent, thereby, in effect, setting no limits on cranking up the money pumps, supposedly in order to counteract spreading worldwide *deflation*, has struck terror even in dyed-in-the-wool free traders and neoliberal commentators. Suddenly, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Die Welt*, the *London Daily Telegraph*, and others are warning of the peril of exploding *inflation*. How can it be that on the one hand, we have the collapse of prices of raw materials, energy, and consumer goods, shrinking corporate profits, and growing unemployment; and on the other, we have the threat of inflation?

This apparent paradox is what happens when you intermingle real economic processes with virtual monetary ones. The current collapse in prices is the result of the dramatic slump in the real economy, which is collapsing at unheard-of rates, in no small part, because of the 16-month-long bank credit crunch. The worldwide crisis in the auto sector, which, at least in the United States, comes on top of

serious structural problems, is symptomatic of the population’s purchasing behavior during a depression: People are simply afraid—not of the future, but of the present.

Bernanke, as a good student of Milton Friedman, now claims that he doesn’t want to repeat the same errors which the Fed made during the 1930s Depression, and that he therefore wants to use a wide-open money spigot to provide the necessary liquidity so that companies can invest and buyers can consume more. But this is simply a fairy-tale invented for credulous grown-ups.

In fact, the enormous amount of liquidity, to the tune of billions, which the Fed and other central banks have been pumping into the markets since the mortgage crisis erupted in the United States in July 2007, has gone primarily into acquiring “toxic” securities.

The Fed’s current zero-interest-rate policy, which is also being pursued by the Bank of Japan, primarily signals the following: The huge mountain of bad debt, which amounts to a couple quadrillion dollars (!), must be honored “with all means at our disposal,” as the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* put it on Dec. 18. And that, according to the *FAZ*, can quickly lead to “galloping inflation.” *Die Welt*, meanwhile, worries that “the bubble which could form, will be bigger than

the entire U.S. subprime market. And anyone can see what the terrible consequences of that would be.”

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These quotes have been highlighted here, not because of any originality on the part of their authors, all of whom are foot-soldiers in the army of free-market advocates, and all of whom, until recently, had “completely underestimated the extent of the problem.” Rather, it’s because they demonstrate how the analysis which Lyndon LaRouche and the BüSo have been setting forth ever since the early 1990s, since their 1997 call for a New Bretton Woods, and emphatically since LaRouche’s July 25, 2007 webcast, has now been adopted even by the totally controlled media, namely: Continued attempts to honor the trillions of dollars of financial toxic waste, threaten to ignite a hyperinflationary explosion similar to what occurred in Germany in 1923, only this time it will be worldwide.

Keynesian economic stimulus programs will not change anything. According to reports, as soon as he takes office, President Barack Obama will implement an \$850 billion investment program—though it remains to be seen whether most of this will be put into productive investment, or into “green” projects. The key question in this regard, will be whether his Administration will be inclined to get rid of the financial toxic waste, i.e., to put the system through a regular bankruptcy procedure. Once that were done, such an investment program, in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal, could in fact set the U.S. economy back into motion, by creating new productive capacities.

Despite these imponderables, it is a small, but good sign of the times, that Chancellor Angela Merkel—more or less in tandem with the new U.S. Administration—intends to launch a new Eur40 billion economic stimulus program. Even though current investment needs for infrastructure in Germany run into the trillions, and therefore any investment is useful, her planned program appears to be a real patchwork. A sweeping initiative, on the other hand, would be to relieve the highway system by investing into a Transrapid maglev rail, not only for passengers but also for freight, along with modern switching systems such as CargoCap, in the context of a New Bretton Woods system, and the extension of the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

Because even though any investment is welcome

in Germany’s domestic market—a sector which has been woefully neglected ever since the introduction of the euro—the economic stimulus plan as currently envisioned does absolutely nothing to prevent German export markets from breaking away from China and other countries. And considering that Germany’s annual production of goods and services totals Eur2.6 trillion, an initial Eur12 billion, and a subsequent Eur40 billion of investment into stimulus programs, is quite a small sum. So, even though the very idea of a national-level, state-sponsored investment program does represent a small step toward a better paradigm, it still falls far short of what is required.

A Worldwide Crisis of Confidence

Up to now, no government statement, and nothing in the public debate in the media, has indicated any serious intention to delve further into the true causes of the current crisis of our financial system and of our entire civilization, or to analyze precisely why all the so-called experts were caught so completely “by surprise.” And the immense crisis of confidence will only grow worse until this occurs, and until the population can see those responsible grappling honestly with their own axiomatic thinking which led them into being so far off the mark.

What is the average citizen to think, then, when it’s not only clear that the banks have gambled all their money away, as the regulatory authorities and ministries have looked on helplessly while the top bank managers have stuffed their pockets full of cash—but also when the list of cunning scoundrels who have used ever more deceptive methods, grows longer by the day—Enron, Worldcom, Parmalat; the former chairman of the NASDAQ, Bernie Madoff, who is accused of embezzling \$50 billion (!); crackdowns against the directors of Hypo Real Estate for covering up losses, just as that institution has skimmed off Eur30 billion of taxpayers’ money? And, on top of this, more news that stock traders and others have been involved in insider trading deals amounting to millions? The entire casino economy is evidently based on nothing but corruption, lies, and deception.

The propagandists of this game have apparently become insensible to the effect of their actions. What else can we think, when *FAZ* reports on one page how prosecutors in Germany, Switzerland, and the United States, in concerted action, have launched proceed-

ings against a gang of con-men who tricked investors out of several million euros with the help of market newsletters, press releases, “inside tips,” faked deals, etc. And then, on the very same page, the paper cites one Miguel Corte-Real, director of stock market products at Fidelity, saying that “the fear of a collapse of the financial system has subsided considerably.” And Gary Clarke, director of European stocks for Schroder, declares: “But we’ve arrived at the point where it appears reasonable to slowly go bargain-basement hunting, since so many companies are being traded at low values.” Are these already the “insider tips” for the next round?

‘The Brink of the Abyss’

In fact, nothing has subsided *less*, than fear of a total collapse of the financial system. Economic prospects are growing increasingly dim: The so-called IFO Economic Index, a business climate index, fell for the seventh time running, this time more sharply than expected. In this connection, the notorious Germanophobe Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, writing in the *Daily Telegraph*, cites the Düsseldorf IMK Institute saying that Germany’s economy is on “the brink of the abyss,” and for the coming year forecasts negative growth of 3.5% (!). And Carsten Brzeski, ING’s Europe economist, is quoted saying, “One thing is evident: The current downturn could behave like a boulder that is rolling down a hill. Once it gains momentum, it will simply mow down everything in its path. It has to be stopped in time.” Meanwhile, the collapse of the dollar and the British pound, and the renewed upward climb of the euro, portend additional problems for Germany’s already beleaguered export sector.

Governments must finally wake up. Unless something is seriously done to reverse the growing crisis in public confidence, especially among the youth, the kind of social unrest we recently saw in Greece is a mere foretaste of what will erupt in other countries. French President Nicolas Sarkozy appears to have understood as much, when he recently cancelled the hated school reform, in order to cool down the climate among the students and in the poor suburban districts. But there have already been similar disturbances in Spain and Sweden.

The crisis is bound to grow worse, until the program which LaRouche and the BüSo have long proposed, is implemented.

BAE Money Trail Leads to Thatcher

by Dean Andromidas

The South African Directorate of Special Operations (known as the Scorpions) carried out synchronized raids on the offices of the British arms company BAE Systems, and other locations Nov. 26; officials were armed with search warrants bearing charges of racketeering, corruption, money laundering, and fraud. Although these actions are reportedly aimed at uncovering bribe-taking by high-level South African government officials, their trail begins and ends at the doorstep of British elites, including that of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Those so far identified as being under investigation stand at the center of British moves to destabilize South Africa: BAE Systems is not only the keystone of the British Empire’s military industrial complex, it is central to British intelligence operations worldwide. *EIR* has exposed that BAE gave hundreds of millions of dollars in “bribes” to Saudi Prince Bandar for billions of dollars in British arms sales to Saudi Arabia (see “Scandal of the Century Rocks British Crown and the City,” *EIR*, June 22, 2007, *inter alia*). These dollars have constituted a slush fund used by British intelligence in dirty operations the world over, including in the United States. BAE currently is the target of official investigations by the British, Swedish, and South African governments, as well as by the U.S. Department of Justice. The DoJ is investigating the role of the BAE slush fund in financing so-called “Islamic” terrorism in the Southwest Asia, North Africa, and South Asia. The Nov. 26-29 terror attacks in Mumbai, India are believed to have been funded by this same war chest.

The British-controlled South African media have seized on the latest raids to escalate the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy’s campaign against members of the ruling African National Congress (ANC), alleging massive corruption and bribe-taking. The bribes were allegedly paid in return for contracts to buy jet fighters and Hawk training jets from the Swedish firm Saab-Gripen,



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Recent raids by the South African Directorate of Special Operations, against the offices of BAE Systems in South Africa, were conducted in part to investigate corruption by individuals closely linked to Lady Margaret Thatcher and her son Mark. Shown here, Maggie in 2004.

as well naval patrol boats from five European groups, including BAE systems and the French arms firm Thales. Nonetheless, the evidence that has been released so far, points in a very different direction. As this report reveals, the payments of over £100 million (\$150 million) ended up in the hands of Her Majesty's top agents in Africa and Britain.

All the Queen's Men

The fact that South African authorities are investigating the illegal transfer of over £100 million rules out the possibility that this is a simple bribery/corruption case. The trail uncovered points to the same model as the BAE/Bandar slush fund. It is likely that the alleged bribes never went to ANC politicians at all, but instead, constituted a fund, paid out of the South Africa deal, to run dirty operations in the country, including the recent ouster of President Thabo Mbeki.

The recent raids hit the local offices of BAE Systems, as well as their official agents, including South

African businessman Fana Hlongwane, and international arms dealer John Bredenkamp. Among the evidence sought by the Scorpions was information about individuals who had close ties to Margaret Thatcher and members of her family.

John Bredenkamp is a top British intelligence operative and arms dealer from the 1970s, when he smuggled weapons for the Rhodesian government (see "John Bredenkamp Puts His Foot in It," *EIR*, June 6, 2007). In the 1980s, Bredenkamp enjoyed high-level connections, including into the Cabinet of Prime Minister Thatcher; at the time, he was active in the multi-billion-dollar illegal arms trade to both Iraq and Iran, during the eight years of war between those two countries.

Bredenkamp is believed to have received as much as £37 million from BAE. According to the South African *Mail & Guardian* (Dec. 5, 2008), Bredenkamp claimed he could get to the right South African officials and use "Third World methods," i.e., bribes, to secure the deal. Yet the authors of the article quote from the British Serious Fraud office report of its interview with BAE official Allan McDonald, who said, "Mr Bredenkamp and his team contributed nothing towards the selection of BAE as preferred bidder." Also, reportedly, within BAE, there was considerable outrage over the fact that Bredenkamp failed to deliver, despite being paid enormous sums. If, as BAE itself claims, Bredenkamp did nothing to help close the deal, it suggests the bribes were never paid. Then, what did he receive the £37 million pounds for?

The second BAE agent was Hlongwane, who is suspected of being BAE's bag man in the alleged bribery of former Defense Minister Joe Modise, now deceased, for whom he had been an advisor in the 1990s. *EIR* investigations have shown that Hlongwane was not only an agent for BAE, but is a business partner with Lord Charles Powell, who, as cabinet secretary to

Thatcher, had played a critical role in negotiating the Al-Yamamah/BAE arms deal. He has subsequently been on and off the official payroll of BAE. Powell is also a business partner of Wafik Said, a Saudi businessman, also involved in setting up the Al-Yamamah arms deal.

Powell was one of the key architects of the British-orchestrated Iran and Iraq War (1980-88). His brother, Jonathan, was cabinet secretary to former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and played a key role in orchestrating the current Iraq War, while making billions for BAE Systems, which is now the largest foreign military contractor to the U.S.

Lord Powell is also the chairman of the advisory board of Wingate Capital in Geneva, whose South African office Hlongwane manages. Another director at the time that Hlongwane joined Wingate, was the above-mentioned Allan MacDonald, former director of BAE for Africa and Asia.

Yet another Wingate board member is the South African ANC politician Tokyo Sexwale, a top British agent, who played a crucial role in bringing down former President Mbeki. Sexwale, after the end of Apartheid, became a millionaire, with direct aid from the giant British mining company, Anglo American. In 2001, Sexwale was under investigation for conspiring to overthrow the Mbeki government.

According to the Dec. 5 *Mail & Guardian*, Hlongwane received nearly £17 million from BAE, through several intermediary companies, including Arstow Commercial Corporation (ACC) and Commercial International Corporation (CIC), which share directors who have had close ties to Margaret Thatcher. These companies also received payments from BAE.

Paying Thatcher's Rent?

In addition to allegedly transferring payment to Hlongwane, Arstow Commercial Corporation, according to the Dec. 5 *Mail & Guardian*, received £15 million from BAE. Arstow, which is registered in the British Virgin Islands, has among its directors Swiss resident Alexander Roberts, Bailiwick of Jersey (in the Channel Islands) resident Dr. Hugh Thurston, and the Liechtenstein-based Johannes Matt. Thurston and Roberts, according to the *Mail & Guardian*, are "connected to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher."

Another £290,000 went to Commercial International Corporation, incorporated in Jersey, where again

Thurston is a director, along with one Robert Chapman and Leonard Day.

Yet another £8.5 million went to Brookland Management Ltd., of the British Virgin Islands. The company also operates out of Neuchatel, Switzerland under the directorship of David Clark, according to the London *Guardian* (May 14, 2007). The Dec. 5 *Mail & Guardian* reports that Brookland is linked to Sir Alan Curtis, "another close associate of Denis Thatcher," the late husband of Margaret.

According to an article published in the *Guardian*, May 25, 2002, Thurston and Day are directors of Bakedland Property Ltd., based in Jersey, which owns the \$3 million home in which Thatcher now lives. The fact that Thurston is a longtime associate of Thatcher is evidenced by the warm correspondence between the two, on file in the archive of the Thatcher papers.

Sir Alan Curtis told the *Guardian* that he has nothing to do with Brookland Management. Nonetheless, his relationship with the Thatchers is well-documented: The former arms manufacturer Gerald James wrote in his book, *In the Public Interest*, that Curtis was a member of the so-called Savoy Mafia, a group well-connected with the Thatcher government, which, in the 1980s, coordinated massive arms sales to Iran and Iraq, in violation of the UN weapons embargo. As one-time chairman of the British Lotus racecar manufacturer, Curtis employed Thatcher's son Mark as a salesman.

So, the question is: How much of this money went to pay Thatcher's rent?

All the connections of Father and Mother Thatcher were bestowed on their son, Mark. A failed bookkeeper, he reportedly served as a bag man for his mother, receiving commissions on major projects in the Middle East. After a run-in with legal authorities over a business venture in Texas, which compelled him to get out of town, he set himself up in South Africa. In 2004, Thatcher *files* plotted an abortive coup in Equatorial Guinea. He was found guilty in a South African court of crimes related to the coup attempt, and was given a suspended sentence. He left South Africa before he could be extradited to Equatorial Guinea, and is now resident in his mother's house in England. His partner in the attempted coup was Simon Mann, one of the founders of the British mercenary company Executive Outcomes. Mann was apparently not as well-connected as Mark Thatcher, and is now serving a very long prison term in Equatorial Guinea.

Argentina Must Reject Soros's Dope, Genocide

by Cynthia R. Rush

A proposal to decriminalize drug possession for “personal consumption,” inspired by dope pusher and unrepentant servant of the Nazis George Soros, is tearing apart the Cabinet of Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, and alienating many of her supporters among provincial governors. At the urging of some of her close advisors, the President backs the proposal; but she is sitting on a powder keg which could blow up at any moment, destroying everything she claims to defend, should she insist on moving forward with Soros's nation-wrecking agenda.

The tension that has been simmering inside the Cabinet for some time, came to the surface publicly and in a very ugly way on Dec. 16, putting a spotlight on the brawl between Justice and Human Rights Minister Aníbal Fernández, the Cabinet's most vocal supporter of the decriminalization proposal, and José Ramón Granero, director of the government's own anti-drug agency Sedronar, and an outspoken opponent of any form of drug legalization.

News media reported that a vehicle belonging to Sedronar had been found with eight kilos of cocaine in it, and implied that the agency and Granero were implicated in drug-related corruption. In response, Granero charged that the Justice Minister and his top aide had probably set him up, and added that “Aníbal wants to hand my head on a platter to the President” so he can then take over and emasculate Sedronar.

While the back-and-forth between the two men provided plenty of grist for the media mill, this fight isn't about Granero or Fernández. It's about Soros, who spent his adolescence in World War II Budapest working for the Nazis against his fellow Jews. Today, the billionaire speculator takes his orders from Argentina's historic enemy, the City of London.

Does Cristina Fernández have the guts to repudiate this gangster Soros, whose financial as well as drug policies are directed against sovereign nation-states? Or

will she, like former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo did recently, say that Soros's pro-Nazi mentality is “irrelevant” to the issue of drug policy?

This is *the* crucial issue, not just for the Argentine President, but for every other Ibero-American leader who has swallowed the Soros “harm reduction” fraud, premised on the lie that drug consumption is really an issue of public health, and must be decriminalized in order to “help” the addict.

In reality, this argument is a foot in the door for the full-scale drug legalization which the British Empire seeks to impose as part of its new Opium War against the Americas.

The Soros ‘Elephant’

Soros is the elephant in the room that no Argentine government official dares even mention. But there is no escaping his presence.

Every utterance from Justice Minister Fernández's mouth promoting drug decriminalization comes directly from Soros's “harm reduction” script. But Fernández is a loose cannon of sorts, running off at the mouth whenever the opportunity arises to push Soros's pro-drug propaganda.

More insidious is unofficial Presidential advisor Horacio Verbitsky, editor of the daily *Página 12*, whose chief benefactor is Soros himself.

Verbitsky's public face is as a human rights advocate and director of the CELS NGO. In 1998, Human Rights Watch/Americas, which Soros has generously financed for years, picked up Verbitsky as one of its assets, awarding him one of its “prestigious” Hellman/Hammett grants. A year later, Verbitsky was named to HRW's International Advisory Board, where he still sits today, alongside Soros and a number of other luminaries from the U.S. political and financial establishment, many of them with close ties to Wall Street.

This is an odd place for Verbitsky, who served as intelligence chief for the terrorist Montoneros in the 1970s, and still claims to be an “enemy of capitalism.” What is this self-proclaimed revolutionary doing in bed with Soros, who fondly recalls his time working for the Nazis, and proudly states that he feels “no remorse” about that period of his life?

Perhaps it's because Verbitsky takes his orders from the same British masters that pull Soros's strings. That would also explain his repeated slanders of Lyndon LaRouche, a well-known figure in Argentina. Ver-

bitsky lifts his lies about LaRouche from scribbler Dennis King, the professional “Get LaRouche” operative on the payroll of that most right-wing of U.S. intelligence-connected outfits, the Smith Richardson Foundation.

Verbitsky writes extensively in support of drug legalization through *Página 12*. In June 2003, he was one of two speakers at the official presentation of the book published by the Soros-financed Argentine Harm Reduction Association, entitled *Drugs: Between the Failure and Harm of Prohibition. New Perspectives in the Debate on Decriminalization-Legalization*. The other speaker was then-judge and now Supreme Court magistrate Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni, a drug-legalization advocate who was one of the first judges to declare unconstitutional the article in the national drug law that criminalizes drug possession.

Shortly, the Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of that article. If declared unconstitutional, as expected, this will be the green light for the government to formally introduce its own decriminalization bill into Congress.

Whose ‘Human Right’?

Like Verbitsky, Zaffaroni argues that prohibiting drug consumption is “inquisitorial” and “authoritarian,” bordering on fascism. Verbitsky equates prohibition of drug consumption with the human rights violations committed by the 1976-83 military dictatorship.

Justice Minister Fernández also focusses on human rights. In his March 2008 speech before the UN Drug Commission meeting in Vienna, he ranted against “repressive” anti-drug policies, such as those applied in Colombia, which he called “a total failure.” Argentina, he said, would be advocating policies which included “decriminalization of the consumer, in the framework of what we call the second generation of human rights.”

Fernández repeated the same argument in his keynote speech before this year’s National Conference on Drug Policy, sponsored by several international NGOs which Soros finances—the Open Society Institute, the Tides Foundation, and the Transnational Institute, to name a few. Held on Aug. 25-26 in the National Congress, and declared to be a “matter of interest” by that body, these annual conferences meet for no other purpose than to promote the Soros

agenda of drug legalization and “harm reduction.”

But, despite the effort and money the Soros crowd is putting into Argentina, they still have a problem. The majority of the population doesn’t support drug legalization or think it is a fundamental human right.

And why should they?

Look at the meteoric rise in the consumption of *paco*, a highly addictive crack cocaine-like drug that is sweeping through Argentina’s urban slums, taking a particularly huge toll on youth. Young addicts will sell or barter their clothes, shoes, or anything they can steal, to obtain the drug.

You want “harm reduction”? Then “eliminate poverty,” says Isabel Vásquez, who founded Mothers Against Paco in the late 1990s to protest the government’s inaction against the spread of this lethal drug. Paco is a “drug of the poor,” she told the publication *Brindarse* in late November. If youth are to resist this scourge, then government must act to provide “health care, education, economic development, and social justice.” Anything else is worthless.

Those directly involved in treating addicts speak bluntly. José Marí Rshaid, director of the Casa del Sur treatment center, warns that the proposed decriminalization law is a “dangerous trap, which means letting [youth] commit suicide. The State cannot allow these kids to choose freely” about consuming drugs. Claudio Izaguirre, president of the Argentine Anti-Drug Association, calls it “genocide,” warning that drugs like *paco* turn human beings “into animals.”

Speaking to the daily *Ciudadano* of Mendoza in late November, Izaguirre cautions that he uses the term *genocide* very precisely. Combine the Justice Minister’s campaign, with the fact that Sedronar’s budget has been halved, the availability of drugs is at an all-time high, and prevention and free treatment programs are practically non-existent: “The result of that equation is genocide. There is no prevention; there is no help; they just put the joint in your mouth.

“Always understanding genocide to mean the extermination of the human species,” Izaguirre explained, look at the fact that seven out of ten adolescent suicides are the result of drug consumption. In the absence of prevention programs, “we consider that the government is allowing the marketing of drugs to promote consumption.” In the capital of Buenos Aires, he said, “there are more sites that sell drugs than there are taxi stands.”

Lebanon's Aoun, Syria's Assad Meet In Spirit of Westphalia Treaty

by Christine Bierre

PARIS, Dec. 7—The visit to Syria Dec. 3-7 by Gen. Michel Aoun (ret.), the former Lebanese military commander, prime minister, and acting President, was an important step toward reconciliation with the country that forced him into exile in 1990, after 30 years of civil war and Syrian and Israeli occupation.

Aoun lived in France under home surveillance for 15 years, returning to Lebanon only after the Syrian withdrawal in April 2005. In spite of a tumultuous existence at home and abroad, including courtship by Dick Cheney's neoconservatives in their campaign for "regime change" in Syria, Aoun has emerged as a leading force in Lebanon, the Christian head of the Free Patriotic Current (CPL), which has allied itself with the mass-based Shi'ite Hezbollah, which turned back Israel's invasion.

After the UN demanded, and secured, Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon in 2005, the General returned home, and to the surprise of many, promptly called for the normalization of relations between the two countries, as perfectly sovereign states. This embodies the spirit of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years War in Europe, with agreement by all parties to respect one another's sovereignty, not to seek revenge for the atrocities perpetrated by all sides, and to proceed in the spirit of "the benefit of the other."

A major election victory in 2005, primarily in the Christian areas, allowed Aoun to constitute a 22-Deputy bloc in the National Assembly, which consists of 128 Deputies. In early 2006, Aoun's CPL broke with the pro-Cheney, pro-British forces determined to smash Syria, and signed an entente memorandum with Hezbollah, an ally of Syria and Iran. While Hezbollah's militia has generally been at the center of all accusations of terrorism from the British and the neocons in the Bush Administration, nothing is ever said about the fact that in this memorandum, Hezbollah agreed not to use armed force except as a defense against Israel, and

pledged to dismantle its militia whenever the Lebanese Army became strong enough to defend the country. Both parties endeavored to re-establish neighborly relations with Syria, and to fight for the return from Israel of the captured Shebaa Farms.

In July 2006, during the Israeli invasion and its carpet-bombing of Hezbollah and civilians in southern Lebanon and the Shi'ite suburbs of Beirut, Aoun maintained his alliance with the Shi'ite movement. The Doha Declaration, concluded among Lebanese factions in May 2008, with mediation of the Arab League, paved the way for the country to finally elect a President, Gen. Michel Sleiman; it also reinforced the role of the opposition (Hezbollah, Aoun's forces, and others), thereby creating the conditions for normalization with Syria, and for Aoun's recent visit to Damascus.

A Red Carpet Treatment

According to Lebanese sources, the reception given by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to General Aoun was warmer and more impressive than that given to any head of state or of government, replete with symbolic gestures. Aoun was brought to Damascus on Assad's private plane, and, in a breach of protocol, during the first *tête-à-tête*, Assad invited his Lebanese guest to sit on his Presidential chair, while he sat on that traditionally accorded to the guest. The Syrian President allowed Aoun to report alone on their talks, at a joint press conference, while Assad sat among the guests. Aoun was enthusiastically welcomed by the Syrian population; thousands were unable to squeeze into the hall at Damascus University where he gave a public presentation, and had to follow it on large outdoor screens.

The tone of discussions between the two leaders was, according to some journalists, on a high political, as well as philosophical and even spiritual level. Clearly, there is mutual respect between the two former adversaries. "Your national positions have acquired for you



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Gen. Michel Aoun (right), who battled the Syrians and was exiled by them for 15 years, traveled to Damascus recently to restore relations. Here, Aoun is shown with his political ally, Hezbollah head Hassan Nasrallah.

the sympathy not only of the Lebanese, but also of all the Arabs,” said Assad during the first meeting. “Even when you were our enemy, you were noble and dignified. Our problem is rather with those enemies who are undignified.” Unlike many others, he said, you don’t use a “double language.”

From Aoun’s side, the time has clearly come for pardoning past grievances. Said a source close to the general’s political movement, “What has happened is only comparable to the visit by General de Gaulle to German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in 1962.” That meeting symbolized the healing of the wartime animosity between France and Germany, under two great leaders acting in a Westphalian spirit. “The past—we will not forget it,” declared Aoun, “but we don’t want to be its prisoners. We must do everything so that it doesn’t repeat itself. It’s the most beautiful gift that we can give to our martyrs, whom we will never forget, and with whose memory we must live permanently. We want to reassure them that their grandchildren will not live through what we did.”

Answering the question of whether the Syrians had asked to be forgiven for their occupation of Lebanon, Aoun responded generously: “They honored me. But before asking them to excuse themselves, it would be necessary for Lebanese leaders to present their own excuses to their people.”

During his public statements, the General did not avoid delicate issues. On the question of Lebanese mil-

itary prisoners held by Syria, for example, he noted that a Syrian commission of investigation has been constituted and is going through the names presented by the Lebanese. Aoun said he hoped that its work “will not take too long.”

Speaking at Damascus University, Aoun pressured Israel, noting the difference of approach between those in power in Israel, and his own approach and that of his allies. “They believe in techniques and in material superiority, which they use to violate rights. We believe in man and in his will to defend those rights. We have the force of law; they have the law of force.”

It should be noted that President Assad has been pursuing peace discussions with Israel, at some internal political risk to himself.

Defense of Christian Communities

The trip to Syria will give Aoun the opportunity to pursue his defense of Christian communities in South-west Asia, more broadly. Numbered at about 20 million at the beginning of the 20th Century, many Christians have left their homelands or changed their identities. The situation facing Christians can be very diverse, as can their political roles. In Lebanon, where Christians traditionally held greater political and economic power than did the Muslims, some Christian currents became agents of influence of the most extremist currents in Israel. This occurred in the Civil War (1975-90), including the Israeli green light to, and protection for the 1982 slaughter of Palestinian civilians at the refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila, by right-wing Christian Phalangist forces.

It is in this context that Aoun is attempting to defend, develop, and unify the Christian Arab communities of the region, to live in peace with their Muslim neighbors.

In Syria, he visited the magnificent Umayyad mosque, which also houses the tomb of St. John the Baptist; and in Aleppo, he went to the tomb of Saint Maron, patron of the Maronite Church of Lebanon (to which Aoun belongs), where an open-air mass was celebrated.

His trips to Syria, and to Iran in October, where he was also warmly received by the authorities, have helped make Aoun a central figure for the May 2009 parliamentary elections in Lebanon.

Malloch-Brown, Soros Worsen Crises

These British imperial agents are urging military intervention in Congo and chaotic regime change in Zimbabwe.

Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the British government with responsibility for Africa, Asia, and the United Nations, has made his second trip to Africa in less than a month. He arrived there on Dec. 11, and exploited the health emergency in Zimbabwe, generated by nine years of financial warfare against that country, to advocate junking the effort by the nations in the region to work out a political settlement, which had been put together by former South African President Thabo Mbeki.

Australia became the third Commonwealth country, following Canada and the U.K., to call for Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe to step down, citing the stalled power-sharing talks (opposition leader and London financial cartel favorite, Morgan Tsvangirai, is now refusing to proceed with a deal he had previously agreed to), and the cholera crisis as pretexts. Malloch-Brown made his one-day “emergency” trip to build up support in the leading political factions in South Africa, in his bid to pressure South Africa, the key country in the region, to dump the political approach to the London-created Zimbabwe problem, and instead join the anti-Zimbabwe campaign, which will make the situation more chaotic, and pose more of a threat to the region.

After his return from South Africa, Malloch-Brown said at a Dec. 12 press conference that he detected movement there away from the belief that the power-sharing settlement could be implemented, and towards a harder line against Mugabe, according to the Lon-

don *Times* Dec. 15. “There is increasingly a view that you are not going to get a deal while Robert Mugabe is President,” he said.

South African President Kgalema Motlanthe, however, in a statement Dec. 17, refused to join the clamor for Mugabe to step down. He stated that such a campaign “is not for us.” Speaking at the announcement of a regional campaign to raise funds for Zimbabwe’s humanitarian crisis, Motlanthe said: “I don’t know if the British feel qualified to impose that on the people of Zimbabwe, but we feel that we should really support and take our cue from what they [Zimbabweans] want.”

Motlanthe (who met Malloch-Brown in South Africa) said that South Africa stood by the agreement worked out three months ago by former President Thabo Mbeki, which was authorized by the Southern African Development Community. SADC has maintained its faith in Mbeki to mediate a settlement.

Motlanthe added, “We are hopeful that such an inclusive government will be put in place this week.” A draft amendment to the Zimbabwe Constitution was put forward Dec. 13, which will allow Mugabe to name Tsvangirai prime minister immediately. (Tsvangirai failed to win enough votes to become President in the March elections, and did not participate in the runoff.) At that point, if Tsvangirai turns down the position created for him, he will clearly be the one to blame for scuppering the negotiated deal.

At the same time, Motlanthe announced that the SADC was launch-

ing an “urgent international campaign” to assist Zimbabwe to deal with the cholera outbreak. He said all 15 SADC members were expected to contribute.

Before Malloch-Brown’s trip, South African Foreign Affairs Director-General Ayanda Ntsaluba said Dec. 9 that South Africa was not considering sending troops to Zimbabwe, as Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga had advocated. African National Congress (ANC) President Jacob Zuma has also opposed sending troops. Malloch-Brown is trying to engineer a shift in this official position in South Africa.

The London cartel is determined to block a political settlement in Zimbabwe. The International Crisis Group (ICG) is now claiming that the power-sharing talks are “hopelessly deadlocked,” and is calling for “a transitional administration run by non-partisan experts, in which neither Mugabe nor Tsvangirai would have any position.” Drug-promoter and dirty-moneybags George Soros, who takes orders from Malloch-Brown, was a funder of the founding of the ICG.

The London cartel has Malloch-Brown working overtime. On his return from South Africa, he stated that there were three other countries in Africa which were candidates for military intervention: Somalia, Sudan, and Congo. Before his November trips to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, Malloch-Brown had called for a British military intervention in Congo, but the British government response was not enthusiastic. However, the Dec. 16 London *Financial Times* editorialized that “There is a strong case for Europe to intervene in the crisis in eastern Congo,” and added that “robust action” is now needed. On Nov. 27, Soros had issued an open letter calling for an EU intervention into Congo.

Countdown to January 20

From all indications, the outgoing Bush Administration is determined to do its damndest to accelerate the current catastrophic financial and economic crisis during its last month in office—leaving incoming President Barack Obama with a new series of disasters, including a potential dollar crisis. Both leading economist Lyndon LaRouche, in a statement issued Dec. 19, and House Appropriations Committee chairman David Obey, denounced the latest Bush Administration measures as willful sabotage.

The sabotage includes the insane hyperinflationary reduction of interest rates to near zero; the so-called auto bailout, which will do nothing to save the industry, but will destroy the living standards of the most skilled American workers; and the drive by Treasury Secretary Paulson to seize the second \$350 billion tranche of the banking bailout.

In this transition period up to the Jan. 20 inauguration, President-elect Obama cannot jump into the fray on current economic policy. In fact, while he has given indications of wanting to move in a Franklin Roosevelt direction, he has apparently not determined on his course of action. *Therefore, the only rational course of American patriots who wish to save this nation, is not to “wait for Obama,” but to fight with a total commitment to implement the recovery programs which have been laid out by Lyndon LaRouche.*

While he forecast the current bankruptcy breakdown decades ago, LaRouche has been specific about what has to be done since the end of the July 2007, when the current phase of the blow-out began. He outlined the three points of the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act—which remain valid today. He put forward the Economic Recovery Act of 2006—which called for protecting the machine-tool capacity of the dying auto

industry by putting it under a Federal corporation, which would begin to utilize it in building up the nation’s vital infrastructure.

Contrary to the current Democratic Party leadership, LaRouche has insisted that nothing will be accomplished by simply throwing money—even the \$1 trillion now being considered—at the problem of joblessness and economic breakdown. The first step has to be declaring the bankruptcy of the system, and setting aside the unpayable mass of derivatives and other dubious debts. Unless we face the fact that these gambling debts will never be paid, we will get nowhere.

Simultaneously, we have to mobilize Federal credit for retooling the machine-tool capacity now being idled, and put it to work building vital infrastructure. “Don’t talk about money,” LaRouche said in a Dec. 18 statement. “Say, ‘We need a rail system, so that people don’t have to commute three hours a day. We need power systems, emphatically nuclear power. We need water systems, and upgraded river transport.’”

As LaRouche has emphasized, if this programmatic approach is *not* adopted by the Obama Administration, we are looking at Hell on Earth. If it is, there is a chance that LaRouche, through the power of his credibility in places like Moscow, Beijing, and New Delhi, can organize the Four-Power combination needed to defeat the British Empire’s all-out assault on the very survival of the United States, which is the crucial obstacle to the descent of the entire world into a New Dark Age.

It’s worth repeating: Don’t wait for Obama to come up with the plan to save us. LaRouche has already done that. What is needed now is an all-out mobilization to ensure LaRouche’s plan goes into effect—and that those who seek to block it are removed from power.

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ALASKA

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CALIFORNIA

- BEVERLY HILLS TW Ch.43: Wed 4 pm
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- CONTRA COSTA CC Ch.26: 2nd Tue 7 pm
- COSTA MESA TW Ch.35: Thu 5:30 pm
- HOLLYWOOD TW Ch.24: Tue 4:30-5 pm
- LANCASTER/PALMDALE TW Ch.36: Sun 1 pm
- LONG BEACH CH Analog Ch.65/69 & Digital Ch.95: 4th Tue 1-1:30 pm
- LOS ANGELES TW Ch.98: Wed 3-3:30 pm
- LOS ANGELES (East) TW Ch.98: Mon 7 pm; Wed 6 pm
- MARINA DEL REY TW Ch.98: Wed 3 pm; Thu/Fri 4 pm
- MIDWILSHIRE TW Ch.24: Tue 4:30-5 pm
- ORANGE COUNTY (N) TW Ch.95/97/98: Fri 4 pm
- SAN FDO. VALLEY (East) TW Ch.25: Sun 5:30 pm
- SAN FDO. VALLEY (NE) CC Ch.20: Wed 4 pm
- SAN FDO. VALLEY (West) TW Ch.34: Wed 5:30 pm
- SANTA MONICA TW Ch.77: Wed 3-3:30 pm
- WALNUT CREEK CO Ch.6: 2nd Tue 7 pm; AS Ch.31: Tue 7:30 pm
- VAN NUYS TW Ch.25: Sun 5:30 pm

COLORADO

- DENVER CC Ch.56 Sun 10 am

CONNECTICUT

- GROTON CC Ch.12: Mon 5 pm
- NEW HAVEN CC Ch.23: Sat 6 pm
- NEWTOWN CH Ch.21: Mon 12:30 pm; Fri 7 pm
- NORWICH CC Ch.14: Thu 8 pm
- SEYMOUR CC Ch.10: Tue 10 pm

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- WASHINGTON CC Ch.95 & RCN Ch.10: Irregular

FLORIDA

- ESCAMBIA COUNTY CX Ch.4: Last Sat 4:30 pm

ILLINOIS

- CHICAGO CC./RCN/WOW Ch.21: Irregular
- PEORIA COUNTY IN Ch.22: Sun 7:30 pm
- QUAD CITIES MC Ch.19: Thu 11 pm
- ROCKFORD CC Ch.17 Wed 9 pm

IOWA

- QUAD CITIES MC Ch.19: Thu 11 pm

KENTUCKY

- BOONE/KENTON COUNTIES IN Ch.21: Sun 1 am; Fri Midnight
- JEFFERSON COUNTY IN Ch.98: Fri 2-2:30 pm

LOUISIANA

- ORLEANS PARISH CX Ch.78: Tue 4 am & 4 pm

MAINE

- PORTLAND TW Ch.2: Mon 1 & 11 am; 5 pm

MARYLAND

- ANN ARUNDEL Annapolis Ch.76 & Milleneum Ch.99: Sat/Sun 12:30 am; Tue 6:30 pm
- P.G. COUNTY CC Ch.76 & FIOS Ch.38: Tue/Thu 11:30 am
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY CC Ch.21: Tue 2 pm

MASSACHUSETTS

- BRAINTREE CC Ch.31 & BD Ch.16: Tue 8 pm
- BROOKLINE CV & RCN Ch.3: Mon 3:30 pm; Tue 3:30 am; Wed 9 am & 9 pm;
- CAMBRIDGE CC Ch.10: Tue 2:30 pm; Fri 10:30 am
- FRANKLIN COUNTY (NE) CC Ch.17: Sun 8 pm; Wed 9 pm; Sat 4 pm
- QUINCY CC Ch.8: Pop-ins.
- WALPOLE CC Ch.8: Tue 1 pm

MICHIGAN

- BYRON CENTER CC Ch.25: Mon 2 & 7 pm
- DETROIT CC Ch.68: Irregular
- GRAND RAPIDS CC Ch.25: Irreg.
- KALAMAZOO CH Ch.20: Tue 11 pm; Sat 10 am
- KENT COUNTY (North) CH Ch.22: Wed 3:30 & 11 pm
- KENT COUNTY (South) CC Ch.25: Wed 9:30 am
- LAKE ORION CC Ch.10: Mon/Tue 2 & 9 pm
- LANSING CC Ch.16: Fri Noon
- LIVONIA BH Ch.12: Thu 3 pm
- MT. PLEASANT CH Ch.3: Tue 5:30 pm; Wed 7 am
- PORTAGE CH Ch.20 Tue/Wed 8:30 am; Thu 1:30 pm
- SHELBY TOWNSHIP CC Ch.20 & WOW Ch.18: Mon/Wed 6:30 pm
- WAYNE COUNTY CC Ch.16/18: Mon 6-8 pm

MINNESOTA

- ALBANY AMTC Ch.13: Tue & Thu: 7:30 pm
- CAMBRIDGE US Ch.10: Wed 6 pm
- COLD SPRING US Ch. 10: Wed 6 pm
- COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CC Ch.15: Tue 9 pm
- DULUTH CH Ch.20: Mon 9 pm; Wed 12 pm, Fri 1 pm

- MARSHALL Prairie Wave & CH Ch.35/8: Sat. 9 am
- MINNEAPOLIS TW Ch.16: Tue 11 pm
- MINNEAPOLIS (N. Burbs) CC Ch.15: Thu 3 & 9 pm
- NEW ULM TW Ch. 14: Fri 5 pm
- PROCTOR MC Ch. 12: Tue 5 pm to 1 am
- ST. CLOUD CH Ch.12: Mon 5 pm
- ST. CROIX VALLEY CC Ch.14: Thu 1 & 7 pm; Fri 9 am
- ST. LOUIS PARK CC Ch.15: Sat/Sun Midnite, 8 am, 4 pm
- ST. PAUL CC Ch.15: Wed 9:30 pm
- ST. PAUL (S&W Burbs) CC Ch.15: Wed 10:30 am; Fri 7:30 pm
- SAULK CENTRE SCTV Ch.19: Sat 5 pm
- WASHINGTON COUNTY (South) CC Ch.14: Thu 8 pm

NEVADA

- BOULDER CITY CH Ch.2: 2x/day: am & pm
- WASHOE COUNTY CH Ch.16: Thu 9 pm

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- MANCHESTER CC Ch.23: Thu 4:30 pm

NEW JERSEY

- BERGEN CTY TW Ch.572: Mon & Thu 11 am; Wed & Fri 10:30 pm
- MERCER COUNTY CC Trenton Ch.26: 3rd & 4th Fri 6 pm
- WINDSOR CH.27: Mon 5:30 pm
- MONTVALE/MAHWAH CV Ch.76: Mon 5 pm
- PISCATAWAY CV Ch.15: Thu 11:30 pm
- UNION CC Ch.26: Irregular

NEW MEXICO

- ALBUQUERQUE CC Ch.27: Tue 2 pm
- LOS ALAMOS CC Ch.8: Wed 10 pm
- SANTA FE CC Ch.16: Thu 9 pm; Sat 6:30 pm
- SILVER CITY CC Ch.17: Daily 8-10 pm

NEW YORK

- ALBANY TW Ch.18: Wed 5 pm.
- BETHLEHEM TW Ch.18: Thu 9:30 pm
- BRONX CV Ch.70: Wed 7:30 am
- BROOKLYN CV Ch.68: Mon 10 am
- BUFFALO TW Ch.35: Mon 10 am
- BUFFALO TW Ch.20: Wed & Fri 10:30-11 pm
- CHEMUNG TW Ch.1/99: Tue 7:30 pm
- ERIE COUNTY TW Ch.20: Thu 10:35 pm
- IRONDEQUOIT TW Ch.15: Mon/Thu 7 pm
- JEFFERSON/LEWIS COUNTIES TW Ch.99: Irregular
- MANHATTAN TW & RCN Ch.57/85 Fri 2:30 am
- ONEIDA COUNTY TW Ch.99: Thu 8 or 9 pm
- PENFIELD TW Ch.15: Irregular
- QUEENS TW Ch.34 & 35: Mon 10 pm
- QUEENSBURY TW Ch.71: Mon 7 pm
- ROCHESTER TW Ch.15: Sun 9 pm; Thu 8 pm
- ROCKLAND CV Ch.76: Tue 5 pm

- SCHENECTADY TW Ch.16: Fri 1 pm; Sat 1:30 am
- STATEN ISLAND TW Ch.35: Thu Midnite. Ch.34: Sat 8 am
- TOMPKINS COUNTY TW Ch.13: Sun 12:30 pm; Sat 6 pm
- TRI-LAKES TW Ch.2: Sun 7 am, 1 pm, 8 pm
- WEBSTER TW Ch.12: Wed 9 pm

NORTH CAROLINA

- HICKORY CH Ch.6: Tue 10 pm
- MECKLENBURG COUNTY TW Ch.22: Sat/Sun 11 pm

OHIO

- AMHERST TW Ch.95: 3X Daily
- CUYAHOGA COUNTY TW Ch.21: Wed 3:30 pm
- OBERLIN Cable Co-Op Ch.9: Thu 8 pm

OKLAHOMA

- NORMAN CX Ch.20: Wed 9 pm

OREGON

- LINN/BENTON COUNTIES CC Ch.29: Tue 1 pm; Thu 9 pm
- PORTLAND CC Ch.22: Tue 6 pm. Ch.23: Thu 3 pm

PENNSYLVANIA

- PITTSBURGH CC Ch.21: Thu 6 am

RHODE ISLAND

- E. PROVIDENCE CX Ch.18: Tue 6:30 pm
- STATEWIDE RI I CX Ch.13 Tue 10 pm

TEXAS

- HOUSTON CC Ch.17 & TV Max Ch.95: Wed 5:30 pm; Sat 9 am
- KINGWOOD CB Ch.98: Wed 5:30 pm; Sat 9 am

VERMONT

- BRATTLEBORO CC Ch.8: Mon 6 pm, Tue 4:30 pm, Wed 8 pm
- GREATER FALLS CC Ch.10: Mon/Wed/Fri 1 pm
- MONTPELIER CC Ch.15: Tue 10 pm; Wed 3 am & 4 pm

VIRGINIA

- ALBEMARLE COUNTY CC Ch.13: Sun 4 am; Fri 3 pm
- ARLINGTON CC Ch.33 & FIOS Ch.38: Mon 1 pm; Tue 9 am
- CHESTERFIELD COUNTY CC Ch.6: Tue 5 pm
- FAIRFAX CX Ch.10 & FIOS Ch.10: 1st & 2nd Wed 1 pm; Sun 4 am. FIOS Ch.41: Wed 6 pm
- LOUDOUN COUNTY CC Ch.98 & FIOS Ch.41: Wed 6 pm
- ROANOKE COUNTY CX Ch.78: Tue 7 pm; Thu 2 pm

WASHINGTON

- KING COUNTY CC Ch.29/77: Mon 11 am
- TRI CITIES CH Ch. 13/99: Mon 7 pm; Thu 9 pm

WISCONSIN

- MARATHON CH Ch.10: Thu 9:30 pm; Fri 12 Noon
- MUSKEGO TW Ch.14: Sat 4 pm; Sun 7 am

WYOMING

- GILLETTE BR Ch.31: Tue 7

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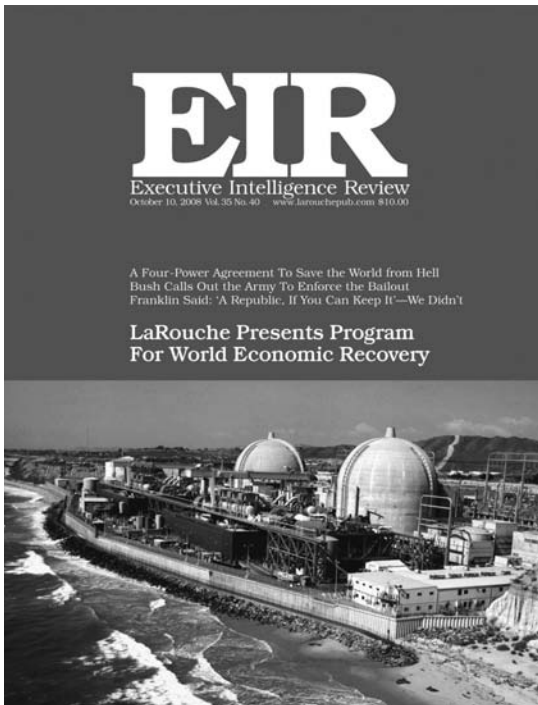
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