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How Many Deaths Has Geller's Hitlerian 'Big Lie' Caused?

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April 23—In his April 19 webcast (see *Feature*), Lyndon LaRouche said: "You have this guy Geller, one of the dirtiest liars of any influence around, who, with this crazy President, who's a stupid jerk, at his best. That's the kindest thing you can say about him. These guys lie and say these are not forecastable. They're intrinsically forecastable! The question is, how many factors have you prepared to take on in order to get the combination of cross-factors which will give you a better indication of when the damned thing's going to blow....

"We've been putting into office, in key governmental and related offices, people who are considered experts who are controlling some of these policies of the United States, the United States government, and they are either liars, prostitutes, or worse. The kindest thing you can suspect of them is stupidity. They're evil. *This guy Geller is absolutely evil!* He's a known liar! He's a pervert. He's a British asset. He's the enemy of the United States and he's a key influence on U.S. policy today on this area."

Robert James Geller, an American professor at the University of Tokyo, has been for decades the leading denier of the cognizability and forecastability of earthquakes, as well as the leader of an inquisition which has successfully denied funding and publication, and even sought to deny the right of association, to actual scientists studying earthquakes,—all on behalf of frontmen for British genocide such as Barack Obama today, and other, earlier genocidalists like the greenie pervert Al Gore who removed earthquake forecasting from the ob-

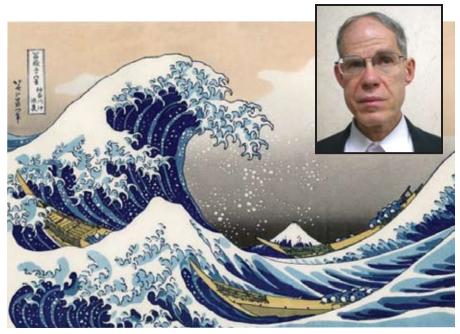
jectives of the U.S. National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program in 1990.

Geller pointed to his role in cutting off funding for qualified earthquake research in a 1997 Science magazine article entitled "Earthquakes Cannot Be Predicted": "Is prediction inherently impossible or just fiendishly difficult? In practice, it doesn't matter. Scientifically, the question can be addressed using a Bayesian approach. Each failed attempt at prediction lowers the apriori probability for the next attempt. The current probability of successful prediction is extremely low, as the obvious ideas have been tried and rejected for over 100 years. Systematically observing subtle phenomena, formulating hypotheses, and testing them thoroughly against future earthquakes would require immense effort over many decades, with no guarantee of success. It thus seems unwise to invest heavily in monitoring possible precursors" (http://scec.ess.ucla.edu/~ykagan/perspective.html).

Geller called for abolition of all programs and organizations for earthquake forecasting in Britain's *Nature* magazine on Feb. 25, 1999, writing:

"In view of the bleak prospects, there is no obvious need for specialized organizations and research programs for prediction. Researchers in this area should seek funding through normal peer-reviewed channels (such as the NSF [National Science Foundation] in the U.S.A.), in competition with all other research in earth-quake science. This would probably lead to an almost complete phasing out of prediction research, not because of censorship but rather owing to the poor quality

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Robert Geller (inset) wants to shut down all research into forecasting earthquakes and tsunamis, such as those which devastted Japan on March 11. The painting by Katsushika Hokusai shows "The Great Wave Off Kanagawa," from the 1830s.

of most present work in this field. Of course meritorious prediction proposals (if any exist) should be funded."

At least in the U.S. and most of western Europe, the "almost complete phasing out" Geller called for was achieved, to the point that most qualified scientists have been forced to pursue research, if at all, only with whatever personal funds they could scrounge together.

In a March 25, 1999 followup, he wrote:

"[T]here is no obvious need for specialized organizations for prediction research. Besides the benefits that always accrue from pruning deadwood, abolition of such organizations would force prediction proponents and critics to confront each other in common forums, thereby speeding the resolution of the controversy....

"I feel that if special organizations for earthquake prediction were abolished, thereby forcing the prediction debate into the open, it would be possible to achieve some resolution relatively soon. However, unless this is done, the earthquake prediction debate appears doomed to linger in its present form almost indefinitely."

The Fraud Exposed

Russian scientist E.N. Khalilov outlined Geller's case as follows in *Science Without Borders, Transactions of the International Academy of Science*, Vol. 3,

2007/2008: "What did Dr. Robert Geller achieve with his critical statements?

"Firstly, he gave a perfect opportunity to the hands of seismologists-pessimists to scientifically avow their failures.

"Secondly, he slowed down the development of science in the sphere of earthquake forecasting more than ten years, as after his speeches the epidemic of mass pessimism and scepticism had come in the sphere of earthquake forecasting.

"Thirdly, he divided seismologists in [to] two enemy camps—the adversaries of earthquake forecasting and the adherents of earthquake forecasting.

"The followers of Robert Geller published and publish now articles which prove the impossi-

bility in principle of earthquake forecasting...."

In an internal communication, Peter Martinson of LaRouche's "Basement Team" wrote, "On Thursday, March 10, 2011, Geller responded to the M7.2 earth-quake the previous day, and the following three >M6 quakes, by saying that 'these foreshocks gave Japan a 99% chance of a M7.5 quake within the next 30 years.' [http://www.newsboxnow.com/historic-8-9-quake-racks-japan-tsunamis-scour-the-pacific/554574/] After the M9.0 struck the next day, Geller said that forecasting earthquakes like this 'is impossible at present, and is probably inherently impossible.' [http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/11/an-unpredictable-test-of-japans-resilience/]

"Is Geller the schmuck in Japan," Martinson continued, "who was instrumental in preventing the Japanese government from responding to the warnings of an impending giant earthquake the week of March 11, 2011?"

If so, he has many more thousands of human lives on his conscience, on top of many thousands during the decades preceding this March 11. What the Germans call a *Schreibtischtäter*, a mass killer from behind a desk, like Adolf Eichmann. But Eichmann was a piker compared with Geller.

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