Editorial

Our Disaster, Our Opportunity

It will not take long for the implications of the pro-treasonous votes in the U.S. Congress on Obama's budget deal to sink in to the population. Not only is it obvious that the majority of the Congress has violated their oath to the U.S. Constitution by passing a fascist bill which copies Hitler's Enabling Act for dictatorship, but the agreement will only accelerate the unravelling of the bankrupt financial system under which we live.

The prize for despicable honesty goes to Illinois Democratic Senator Dick Durbin, who, during the debate leading up to the Senate's ratification of this atrocity, evoked the image of the late Senator Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.). Byrd would label this bill an "outrageous" violation of the Constitution, Durbin said, given that the Congress will not be permitted to change even a single word which comes from the Super-Congress Committee of 12. Without even attempting to refute that correct assessment, Durbin then declared that he would vote for the bill, but "with a heavy heart."

Durbin's explicit violation of conscience was repeated many times over by other Senators and Congressmen who knew they were ripping up the Constitution. They acted under enormous pressure from the White House and Wall Street, many in the vain hope that they would be protecting their own portfolios from disaster. They sold their birthright for a mess of pottage—for that's just about all the casino money floating around Wall Street represents.

The good news is that a substantial quotient of the Congress did stand up against Obama's Hitler coup. One hundred sixty-one Congressmen, including 95 Democrats, refused to turn over their Constitutional responsibilities for the welfare of the nation to a special Super-Congress, and voted against the bill. They may not have understood what *should* be done, but they stood against the coup.

The bad news is that the blowout of the world financial and economic system is upon us—as the exploding crisis of the European banking system only underscores. The cuts to be rammed through in Obama's extra-Constitutional measure, on top of those already in effect, will result in a rapidly accelerating death rate, here and abroad. At the same time, the fascist government will continue its virtually intravenous bailouts of Wall Street and the London-centered banks. As the GAO report recently documented, the trillions of dollars poured from the Fed to Wall Street and the European banks dwarf the size of the so-called deficit, and the wildly inflated GDP. Cut off and reverse that bailout with Glass-Steagall, and the pathway is clear to restoring our economy and our people to health.

In a declaration available on the website of the LaRouche Political Action Committee, Lyndon LaRouche outlines the policy around which Americans must rally, in order to reverse this atrocity. We have reached a strategic turning point, LaRouche stresses, in which a mass movement of the American people must be roused to take the necessary action to destroy the British imperial enemy, in order to protect the very existence of this nation.

In a preview of that statement, which every patriot must take to heart, LaRouche summarized the situation thus: "We must, in reaction to that protreasonous action, neither whimper nor curse our fate. We must be stalwart to our own oath of allegiance to our Constitutional republic, even as most of us have tended to react as cowards, or outright traitors."

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