

A Framework for Peace For the 21st Century

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the BüSo (Civil Rights Solidarity Movement) in Germany, greeted the New Year, with this message on Dec. 31.

Dear Fellow Citizen,

I direct this message to you for the New Year, because in the usual messages that you are hearing from our government, there is nothing about matters which are actually essential.

We face two fundamental problems for the coming year 2012 which we must solve. The first: The euro has collapsed and the trans-Atlantic financial system is at the edge of immediate disintegration. The second: We have an acute war danger, in which military operations against Syria and Iran may lead to a global thermonuclear war. There are solutions for both problems, but they require a dramatic change of course.

Most of you know or suspect that the euro has failed. Even the chief economist of Deutsche Bank, Thomas Mayer, gives the euro not much longer than until May; but even this is probably too long a time, because Italy absolutely cannot fulfill the demands which have been imposed upon it under the austerity dictate of the European Union. The collapse can come even much sooner, however, in January for example. The greatest danger is a chaotic breakdown that can unleash political and social chaos that nobody could bring under control.

The problem is that the EU is playing itself up as a Super State, but has not assumed the function of a state, namely to protect the general welfare of the citizens. But in a crisis like this, the state

must give people the confidence that there is a solution. Repeated reports like those coming from the British government, that it will evacuate British citizens from the continent in case of a euro collapse, are absurd and cynical.

We need an orderly exit from the euro. The covenant with the people must come first: the promise that the general welfare will take the highest priority; that incomes, pensions, life savings—and *not* banks and speculators—will be prioritized.

Therefore, the transition from the euro to the new deutschemark must be linked with the introduction of a two-tier banking system in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Glass-Steagall Act, with which, in the 1930s, he led America out of the Great Depression.

What we need, therefore, is the strict separation of commercial banks, savings banks, and credit unions on the one hand, whose deposits and titles will be placed under state protection, and which must be saved from the banking sectors connected to casino finance, on the other hand, such as investment banks, hedge funds, private equity firms, special purpose vehicles, and the entire shadow banking sector. And naturally, the creative financial instruments they have created will *not* be honored. The principle must be: Speculators are bankrupted, people and useful institutions must be saved.

Some people who have become very rich through speculation will suddenly be very poor, but is that really so bad? Either this reorganization is carried out, or there will be hyperinflation or a chaotic collapse. And in that



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In her New Year's video-message Dec. 31, Zepp-LaRouche put forward a "way out" of the two major crises facing mankind, on the threshold of 2012. She is shown here in the video, with an image of the Brandenburg Gate behind her.



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"We have only to do again what we did in the reconstruction after 1945, with which we so rapidly created the German economic miracle," said Zepp-LaRouche. Shown: a Volkswagen plant in Germany, ca. 1950s.

case, no one will possess anything any more.

The government must, through the exit from the euro and EU treaties, immediately regain sovereignty over its own currency and economic policy, and then make sufficient credit available in D-marks through the Bundesbank acting as a national bank, or through the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Credit Bank for Reconstruction), to industry, agriculture, and trade, as well as government obligations such as pensions, health care, etc. Productive companies, agricultural enterprises, investments in the increased productivity of the real economy—these areas must all be supplied with adequate D-mark credits; all those areas in which one would also invest simply because they are good for the economy. This is the only way we can restore productive employment.

Thus, we have only to do again what we did in the reconstruction after 1945, with which we so rapidly created the German economic miracle. And we can do that again today, with exactly the same policies.

The Danger of War

The second existential danger, is the danger of war which can lead rapidly to thermonuclear war. This war, on the surface against Syria and Iran, but in reality directed against Russia, China, and other nations in Asia, must be stopped. Its basic dynamic is the same as the dynamic prior to World War I: At that time, the Brit-

ish Empire felt its control of the sea lanes for its own interests threatened by economic development on the Continent, as the land corridors suddenly became of greater interest through the construction at that time of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and the planned railroad from Berlin to Baghdad.

At that time, the doctrine of geopolitics arose, from such insane politicians as Mackinder, Milner, etc. This doctrine held that whoever controls the Eurasian heartland controls the planet, and then the Trans-Atlantic Rim countries will fall behind. This doctrine then led to the geopolitical manipulations on the chessboard, for which the shots fired at Sarajevo were only the trigger for the war.

The situation today is comparable. China and India are developing into economic superpowers; Russia will likewise do this under the future Presidency of Vladimir Putin; while the trans-Atlantic region, the Eurozone, and the United States face collapse.

This war drive, ultimately directed against Russia and China, began with the aggressive war against Libya and the bestial murder of Qaddafi, who was already a prisoner of war at the time. And both of these things—aggressive war and murder—represent war crimes under the Geneva Convention. This war campaign is now supposed to be continued with wars against Syria and Iran. The threat of these wars clearly comes from the British government and the Obama Administration. The Obama Administration has formed a special working group which is supporting the Syrian opposition, and is using a war scenario worked up by the British Henry Jackson Society.

The Henry Jackson Society includes such infamous neo-cons as James Woolsey, and, from the Bush era, Richard Perle and William Kristol; but also, the Obama designee as ambassador to Moscow, Michael McFaul. On its British side, we find, among others, Sir David Dearlove, head of the British secret service SIS, from 1999 to 2004—the period in which the frauds were fabricated which then led to the Iraq War.

Currently, in the Indian Ocean and the eastern Mediterranean Sea is the greatest concentration of thermo-

nuclear weapons in the world, on the U.S. fleet and the British warships which have gathered there. The Iranian Navy is engaged in maneuvers exactly in this region, in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean; Russia has also sent warships toward Syria.

The Russian publication *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* reported on Dec. 15 that the Kremlin had been informed of an imminent Israeli military strike against Iran, in which the United States will intervene in support of Israel. Since that time, *Russia Today* has been warning almost daily that this attack will occur suddenly, and that a total war with unforeseen consequences is possible.

The Mobilization Against the War

This war must not happen, because it could lead to the destruction of the entire human race. The international LaRouche movement has been mobilized against this war danger since the end of October. Important military forces in the United States and Israel are trying to stop the war. The world is gradually recognizing that Obama is continuing the policies of George W. Bush, only more efficiently and more terrifyingly: aggressive

Wars, targeted assassinations, imprisonment of U.S. citizens without trial, drone warfare. But if Obama is removed from office through an impeachment proceeding, this war can be stopped.

There is a way out. Instead of throwing mankind into a Third World War out of which, perhaps, no human life will remain on this planet, we need a framework of peace for the 21st Century. Russia and China are determined to advance their economic development through long-term investments in the areas of high technology: manned space travel; fourth-generation, inherently safe nuclear power; development of strategic materials in the Arctic; and above all, raising the living standard of their populations.

Germany must regain its sovereignty with the D-mark and a two-tiered banking system; and instead of being a hostage and a target of aggression in the context of the Anglo-American policy of war, it is in our own most basic interests to pull the world out of this depression together with Russia, China, and the other Asian nations.

The fate of mankind is at stake. Do not be a spectator in this great drama, but help to bring about peace!

Lyndon LaRouche on Glass-Steagall and NAWAPA:

"The greatest project that mankind has ever undertaken on this planet, as an economic project, now stands before us, as the opportunity which can be set into motion by the United States now launching the NAWAPA* project, with the preliminary step of reorganizing the banking system through Glass-Steagall, and then moving on from there."

"Put Glass-Steagall through now, and I know how to deliver a victory to you."

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