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From the Managing Editor

References to the U.S. Constitution can be heard repeatedly in this strange political season. Yet, it is painfully evident that none of the current Presidential candidates, including, above all, the incumbent, has the slightest notion of what those Constitutional principles are that we so urgently need to apply today. In this week's *Feature*, "Constitutional Principles for an Economic Recovery," Lyndon LaRouche and his Six-Candidate Slate discuss, in a webcast Jan. 8, how to deal with this reality. "The first thing we have to do," LaRouche states, "is we're going to *save this nation*," with, first, Glass-Steagall, exactly as FDR intended; second, a Hamiltonian National Banking system.

This is not just an academic discussion: As long as Obama remains in the White House, there is no hope that the measures needed to save the nation will be carried out. In "How Far Has Obama Gone Down Richard Nixon's Road?" (*National*), Nancy and Edward Spannaus review the process leading to the resignation of Richard Nixon in 1974, and document the parallels between Nixon's crimes, which led to his being threatened with impeachment, and those of Obama's. Immediately following is an open letter from Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) to Obama, laying out the case against another long war.

Even more evidence of Obama's criminal insanity is presented in "Obama Announces His 'New' Imperial War Doctrine" (*International*) reporting on the President's Jan. 5 announcement, from the Pentagon, that he is continuing and escalating the Cheney-Rumsfeld permanent-war doctrine, using self-declared dictatorial powers to bring the world to the brink of thermonuclear confrontation. We also cover developments in Russia, Italy, Pakistan, and Korea.

Adding to the bill of indictment against Obama is the threat of food shortages and ultimately, famine: See, "LaRouche: Cancel British Imperial Food Control Laws" in (*Economics*).

Our *Science* section features LaRouche Basement Team researcher Cody Jones' keynote address to an LPAC webcast, "A Policy Initiative for the Survival of the Human Species," in which he poses the question: "Where does the reality of what we call 'lightning,' in fact, lie, if any one set of impressions can be very different from another set of impressions, but yet, both systems, so to speak, exist in the same universe?"



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At the candidates webcast on Jan. 8, left to right: moderator Matt Ogden, Lyndon LaRouche, Diane Sare (N.J.), and Bill Roberts (Mich.). Also online but not in the studio were Rachel Brown (Mass.), Dave Christie (Wash.), Kesha Rogers (Tex.), and Summer Shields (Calif.).



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Constitutional Principles For an Economic Recovery

Lyndon LaRouche and the national slate of six LaRouche Democratic candidates for Congress gave this webcast on Jan. 8. It can be viewed at <http://www.larouchepac.com>. Matthew Ogden was the moderator.

Matthew Ogden: Hello, and welcome to a special broadcast from LaRouchePAC TV. My name is Matthew Ogden and I'm joined today by Lyndon LaRouche and all six members of the Federal Candidates Slate, two here in the studio, Diane Sare [N.J.] and Bill Roberts [Mich.]; and four hooked up over live video feed: Rachel Brown [Mass.], Keshia Rogers [Tex.], Dave Christie [Wash.], and Summer Shields [Calif.].

The discussion that you're about to hear today may be one of the most important of your lifetime, because it just may determine whether you, whether all of us, and whether our nation lives or dies; because we're at the verge of the end of the trans-Atlantic system and we have Hitler in the White House, which is a fact that many people have begun to recognize. There is a growing resistance to him, and this resistance is good, but this resistance is not good enough. *We* do not intend to merely wage a resistance. We intend to take power, and we're going to take power through the assertion and affirmation of the fundamental principles of our Constitution. So, what you're about to hear is a Presidential pronouncement of policy, or, as Lyndon LaRouche called it, a "Constitutional Convention for Our Cause."

So, without further ado, I'd like to introduce to you, Mr. LaRouche.

Lyndon LaRouche: The mistakes that are going to be made in the election campaign this year, are going to be numerous and not very funny, for the greater part. We have no Republican candidate worth voting for, that's clear. We don't have a candidate now running for President on the Democratic ticket, who's fit to vote for, and we have no sign that we're going to get one, as of now. I hope we can change that, and one of the purposes of this discussion today, is to change it. That what looks like the roster of candidates on both the Democratic and Republican sides are not fit to run, and we're going to have to change that, by bringing on different kinds of issues than they want to discuss, and different kinds of questions, we hope, from people who are going to discuss with us, today.

Now, the difference about what I'm going to do, with what these jokers who are running presently are going to do: I'm going to stick to the U.S. Constitution. I shall make some comments on other matters, which are not those of the Constitution as it stands right now, but what I'm presenting is *only* related to the U.S. Constitution.

First of all, the first thing we have to do, is we're going to *save this nation*: Remember, this nation, like Europe, is now going into bankruptcy, total bankruptcy. It may be disintegration. Every nation in the world



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Lyndon LaRouche: “Glass-Steagall, National Banking! Those two issues are the issues which have to define the future of the United States, right now.” LaRouche is shown here with moderator Matt Ogden at the webcast, Jan. 7.

could disintegrate in this period, particularly those in the Western Hemisphere, and that’s where we stand. None of these candidates are fit to become President, on either side, as of now. I would hope, as I said, we will smoke something better out of the collection.

There are two issues which are primary: As of now, the trans-Atlantic economy is disintegrating; it is already hopelessly bankrupt, and it’s currently disintegrating. So the very idea, at this stage, of imagining an election coming in November of this year, is some kind of a very bad joke, unless something fundamental is changed right now. None of these guys are fit to be President! That doesn’t mean they’re not fit to be in your neighborhood or something like that; there may be a few cases that really are not, but most of these people would be fit to be in your neighborhood, except for the President. But they’re not qualified to deal with this problem. They don’t have the temperament, they don’t have the knowledge to deal with the problem we face now.

First of all, the entire trans-Atlantic system of nation-states, is now hopelessly bankrupt—*hopelessly bankrupt*. If you’re counting upon any of these candidates between now and November, you’re not going to have a President: This system is *hopelessly* bankrupt.

FDR’s Glass-Steagall

So, the first thing we’re going to have to do—we’re going to have to get it through, and it doesn’t depend

upon an election process, as such; it depends upon some votes in the Congress, and similar kinds of things. First thing: Glass-Steagall. Now, I mean the original Glass-Steagall law, drafted by President Franklin Roosevelt, in his terms, without a change in a punctuation mark in the whole thing! *His exact proposal. His Glass-Steagall. Without this Glass-Steagall, the United States is going to die!*

But that’s not all that has to be done. It’ll die this year: *Your* United States will die! And the November elections will be a bad, very bad joke—even if they occur, and as it stands now, they won’t occur.

But Glass-Steagall will help. Without Glass-Steagall we can not save this nation. It will be, as I said

before, it’ll be Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall, *without a single change*. Just that: Vote it up! That’s it.

Now, that won’t be enough, because what will happen with the Glass-Steagall is the following: First of all, it will mean that most of the major banks in the United States will go belly up. They’re going to go belly up anyway. They’re worthless: They will never be able to bail out of anything. They’re hopelessly bankrupt. Their debts are far beyond anything, and they’re also in a hyperinflationary mode, which means they’re in a situation like Germany in 1923. A hopelessly bankrupt system.

What we’re going to do with Glass-Steagall, is throw out the speculative part of the banking system, and we’ll just put it off by itself and say, “You guys are no longer part of our system. The Federal government has no responsibility for anything about you, except trying to control your behavior. You’re not going to get a nickel from the United States, under Glass-Steagall.”

All the banks, or the sections of banks which are salvageable, because they are, according to valid banking rules, those banks we will save; even if we have to put them through bankruptcy reorganization and other adjustments, we’re going to save them. And the Federal government will guarantee them. The Federal government, however, will not guarantee any of these other banks, any of these speculative banks: They are *finished* as of now. Nobody *could* save them, because they’re *hopelessly* bankrupt! There’s nothing that could be



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Alexander Hamilton statue in New York City. “If we have a Hamiltonian type of banking system,” said LaRouche, “we can provide sufficient credit to restore the growth of the United States, and immediate relief for most of our citizens. Without that change, it can’t be done.”

done by the U.S. government to save these other banks. They claim that they need help, they’re in danger, that their depositors are in danger. Well, if they don’t qualify as Glass-Steagall banks, they don’t get a bailout. They’ve already lost everything, and they will never have enough to pay anybody. They’re finished! They’re gone. Except what we salvage out of those banks, which conforms to Glass-Steagall standards.

National Banking

Now, that’s not enough. With the Glass-Steagall legislation, we will save all the banks that are viable

banks, that are commercial banks, not these other kinds of banks. But that’s not going to be enough to save the nation. So therefore, we’re going to have to make another step, which goes back to the 1840s, back to reestablish the original banking system of the United States, which was the banking system of Alexander Hamilton: the National Banking system.

Now, how did we lose the National Banking system? Well, it’s kind of a dirty story. It involves various kinds of criminal types as well, but it involves chiefly a President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, who was a bum! He was actually instrumental, with the New York banking system, in shutting down our original banking system, and that is how we got into trouble. In other words, from the point of his election as President, when he put through the cancellation of the National Banking system, we have actually been operating under a *British-style* banking system, of that type.

Now, as long as we’re operating under that rule, now, we don’t have a chance of keeping the United States alive, even with Glass-Steagall. We can not save the United States without Glass-Steagall, but Glass-Steagall is not sufficient to save it. We have to reestablish a National Banking system, a Constitutional system which was associated with Alexander Hamilton, which was shut down by this crowd, at that time. So, we go back to that. Under that condition, the Federal government will then be able to provide sufficient credit to launch a genuine recovery of the U.S. economy. Without that measure, it can not be done.

Now, what’s the difference? What’s called a banking system today, even a commercial banking system, in terms of national rules, is actually a British-style banking system, a European-style banking system. Under a European-style banking system, which is actually a part of the imperial kind of system, we could not bail out the United States; we could not save the United States. We could save part of it, but we couldn’t provide for the needs of our citizens and many other things. If we have a Hamiltonian type of banking system, we can provide sufficient credit to restore the growth of the United States, and immediate relief for most of our citizens. Without that change, it can’t be done.

Now, there are other kinds of reforms which we must make. Those we can discuss here, but it must be understood that the only way we can save the United States is with Glass-Steagall first, which is not adequate; and then, we have to go with a National Banking system, of a type that was cancelled, but which was put

into place as a Constitutional provision, under the influence of Alexander Hamilton. Those two steps will be sufficient, if carried forward, to save the United States, *now*.

Constitutional Issues

Now, what we're going to do, is, during the remainder of this year, we're going to continue to emphasize this, and essentially, when it comes to Constitutional questions, *nothing but this*. Because we're going to hammer it away, again, and again, and again! In the meantime, all these other candidates are going to be saying foolish things that won't do any damned good for the people of the United States, or the United States itself.

So we're going to be hammering away, and we're not going to mix it up with other issues. There are other issues for the campaign, but these other issues have to come *after* the restoration of our Constitution. Because, without this specific definition, without a U.S. Constitutional system, which is a *credit system, not a banking system*—without that, you can not save the United States. With that, we can do it. We can do it right now. And it's the only solution in sight. Because it has to be our Constitution.

For example, most of these guys who are running for office, of this type, like the Republican crowd and so forth—Obama's hopeless; you'll never get anything good out of Obama—but that crowd, they're all hopeless. They have no idea in the world of what to do to actually save this economy, to save this nation under these conditions. And they're not likely to discover that, either. So we're going to have to have different candidates than any of those in sight right now. But that's not really a problem, is it? There are various ways we in the United States can run candidacies for President, and they can be elected.

But what we have to do, is we have to have, constantly, like a hammer—bang, bang, bang, bang—coming down, every week, all the time: National Banking, Glass-Steagall, National Banking! Those two



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Diane Sare (with Ogden and LaRouche): None of the Republican candidates for President are calling for Obama's removal from office, thereby "demonstrating their complete lack of understanding of what's required to save the nation."

issues are the issues which have to define the future of the United States, right now. Under these issues, we can *save* the United States, and help to save much of the rest of the world. Without that, the situation is hopeless.

With a switch to National Banking, after installing Glass-Steagall again, we could save the United States; without those two changes, which are Constitutional changes, the United States *has not got a prayer of surviving!* So, if you're going to vote for some other kind of candidate who doesn't do that, you're committing suicide, essentially. So you might as well forget those candidates! They're worthless.

And we're going to hammer at it this way, again, and again, and again, and again, and again. We'll be relentless! And we have to be relentless, because we're in a war to save the United States, from stupidity and worse. And if we don't do it, and other people don't join us and do it, the United States is not going to live out this year. So, we're not fooling around.

Now, there are many other things we have to do. And I think some of those many other things will come to the fore in the course of the discussion among us here. But that's what I want to emphasize clearly: *You can not keep the United States alive, throughout this year, without candidacies which are based on what I've just indicated here. Absolute demand! Unconditional demand! We must have Glass-Steagall, now! Immediately!* That will stop the blood flow for the moment, but

that will not save the United States, by itself. We must switch from the kind of banking systems we've had since Andrew Jackson, since this little treasonous stunt he pulled in favor of the British interests; with that, we can not save the United States. With these measures, we *can* save the United States.

There are many other things that go with this, but they're not Constitutional issues. And what I've said so far, these two issues, are *Constitutional issues*. They're Constitutional issues, which are proposed to *eliminate what is un-Constitutional* in the practice and belief of practically every candidate I've seen on the roster so far for President, Democratic or Republican. So that's where we stand.

No More Politics as Usual

Diane Sare: One thing I would really like to emphasize is that not one single one of these so-called Republicans, who are nominally running because they're running against Obama, has even said that Obama should be removed from office! So, right away, they're demonstrating their complete lack of understanding of what's required to save the nation.

And then, as part of that, the American people have this silly attitude that somehow—. You have a whole bunch of candidates who all, I guess nominally on one level or another, agree with Obama, since they're not calling for his removal. And then people act as if they would expect that something would change as a result of an election which is between a bunch of people who have, in one degree or another, the same policy.

So I think this whole question of tradition, of "go along to get along," of accepting at face value what's presented to you in the news media—people really have to break out of that thinking. And I'm really glad we have this opportunity, because hopefully, when we're through, people will have an idea of what the United States actually *should* be doing, and *could* be doing, and why it's so insane to go along with this.



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The LaRouche movement organizing in Frankfurt, Germany. Helga Zepp-LaRouche reports a recent shift in the German population, toward greater reality-orientation.

A Campaign for Principle

LaRouche: But the problem is, the American people, generally, have *not* accepted the idea of *principle*. The idea of a principle—people think that almost anything they swear to is a principle. And some things you swear at, should be called principles, better!

But the point is, none of these candidates *has a single idea in his funny head*, of what is required to lead the United States under these circumstances. And anybody who votes for these guys is as big a fool as they are, because nothing they're proposing, nothing they're saying, and nothing they have advocated generally, is not contradictory to the very interests of the survival of the United States. So they're voting against the United States, for their own candidacies.

And we haven't seen any sign of anything better from the Democrats, so far. There's no one to step forward, to say, "I'm a Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket." And no one to step forward to make a statement on policy which is relevant to saving the United States from extinction! So, what kind of candidacies do we have?

We're seeing a change in Germany, which is for the better, among the people there. They've gone through a terrible situation, and we find there is an improvement in the opinion formation of citizens in Germany, in dis-

cussions in the street and so forth, that I don't see inside the United States.

What we're doing, is, we're getting support from people in the United States who do care about these issues, and do think about them. But there's no clarity about what the difference is. And no clarity about what a Democratic or Republican election would mean. There's no conception of a Constitutional nature—they don't know what a Constitution is! They think it's something you just vote for, because you like it. You include your nephews or nieces, brother-in-law, or something in there, and that's called an "issue of the election."

But the idea of what the Constitutional character of the United States is, these candidates, not one of them, *has a single sense* of what the Constitution of the United States is. They may know some words, but they don't know what the words mean: And that's where our problem lies. And that's what we have to answer: Stick to this thing, don't cloud it up with other issues. Sticking to the questions of what are the Constitutional issues, of our Constitutional system, which must be adopted. There are other issues that must be adopted, but they must *depend upon* putting the Constitutional issues foremost, and first. I'm not going to name some of the candidates, the terrible errors they make, those that are running now—but, that's the case! They *don't* know what a Constitutional issue is. They don't know what the United States Constitution is.

Can you imagine, people running for President on the Republican ticket, and none of them knows what a Constitutional issue is? They all have a sense of the Constitution: It's my brother-in-law's favorite dog, or something like that.

Anyway, so that's the issue, only a Constitutional issue; and there are only two leading issues right now, on which the saving of the United States depends: One, without Glass-Steagall, this nation will not survive. Two, without an amplification beyond Glass-Steagall, which means going back to a credit system, going back to before Andrew Jackson, to National Banking, we're sunk.

What Is a Credit System?

I should probably explain this: Under National Banking, the United States government will create credit, for any worthy cause consistent with the national government's intention. For example, under Glass-Steagall alone, you would not be able to generate suf-

ficient income to save most of the people of the United States. You would save the United States in part, but a very impoverished United States, without the resources to meet the needs of most of the people. That's because, under this kind of banking, commercial banking, we are limited in the amount of credit we can utter.

Now, you go back to the case of Franklin Roosevelt in 1933: Roosevelt understood this problem and was able, with the aid of what became Glass-Steagall, then, to actually create sufficient credit for the United States to launch a recovery, so that by the time World War II came around for us, in 1941, we were the most powerful nation on the planet. And we had been a junk heap at the beginning of that period. That's what Glass-Steagall did.

Now, today, we are so bankrupt, we don't have even the production capability we had back in the depths of the Depression. We have students out there, young people, who really can't think! The generation between 14 and 25 years of age is *impoverished*: They don't have the ability to think. They don't know what work means! It's not, they don't have jobs; they don't have the intellectual development to *do* work! They don't even know they should be doing work. And therefore, we have a hopeless situation, and we need a greater impetus from the Federal government, than we could ever get from a commercial banking system, under these conditions.

Therefore, what we need is a National Banking system of our own, a credit system. And under a credit system, we can utter as much credit as is needed to provide jobs, real jobs, and real work. Once we cover those needs, we can also continue to sustain people who don't have an income otherwise.

So therefore, we can have a *full-scale recovery* of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt-style, with large projects, which I'm not mentioning here, but which are there, ready to be used, and under these programs, with these projects, and that financing, the Federal government can build back the United States rapidly. Just the same way Franklin Roosevelt's Administration proceeded under the same principle. And that's where we stand.

So under this kind of reform, just by going back to our banking system, its original intention, under our Constitution, sticking to just that Constitutional issue, we then have a policy-guidance for a reform, which will save the United States totally, and bring it back to a leading position in the world. And we'll find our-



LPAC-TV

Dave Christie in an interview at the Seattle Museum of Flight. The policies being discussed in this webcast, he said, are not part of a smorgasbord of possible choices, but are based on principle, so “there’s a very narrow track that we can be on, to get out of this mess.”

selves with allies in many parts of the world, on this project.

So we can save the United States! But we will *not* save the United States without these two Constitutional measures, which are required: Glass-Steagall must be put through immediately, and we must go back to the kind of banking system we had at the beginning, to National Banking under a credit system. Under those two conditions, and no other conditions, I can guarantee you, we’re capable of saving the United States.

Development Projects

Dave Christie: Lyn, what you’re laying out has a very narrow track of a way to get out of this mess. What comes up often in the population, and in politics in general, is that “these are just one of many things that could work,” and the idea of politics is that you just check a box for the things you want, or put it on the plate from the smorgasbord, as if it were all just a conglomerate of your own interests, or your own desires or something. Whereas, looking at it as a principled issue in this way, there is no other way to do this.

And this comes up around the issue of NAWAPA [the proposed North American Water and Power Alliance]. Sky [Shields] mentioned this in the paper he did on Arctic development, actually going back to your

Sept. 30 broadcast, where you made the point on a credit system, that it’s not simply a process of continuation, but that it’s a process of development. And the unit of development as you laid out, was credit.

So, the difference is, we can’t just continue what we used to do. And Sky made the point in his paper, that the general idea of economics is that you sort of slide up and down a hill. And we happen to have slid back down a hill by the collapse of our manufacturing base, by the destruction of our machine-tool capability, and what you have to do is simply slide it back up the hill.

Well, that’s not the case; in the sense of a process of development, what we are going to need to do is rapidly increase and push the envelope forward, which is what you get with something like NAWAPA.

We’re going into NAWAPA, because the duration of the project, all of the different capabilities of what it does to improve the situation, that’s going to restore value and employment and so on. And you made the point that it’s not simply that there’s a bunch of different options that we could do at this point. It’s principled, and there’s a very narrow track that we can be on, to get out of this mess.

An International Perspective

LaRouche: To make it concrete: We have other nations in the world which are operating on their own conception of a credit system. Two of the most notable are China and Russia.

Now, Russia, under its present leadership, the Prime Minister and the President, does have a policy program which would, in a sense, do a job for Russia. The problem is, that Russia does not have a credit system, in the American sense, the American Constitutional sense, that we have under our Constitution. And I would encourage Russia to make that change of going to a credit system, under which Russia, which is now going through a new election process, and therefore they will be doing a lot of things *after* the election process is over; but what they’re trying to do will not be sufficient for their intentions, and their intentions are excellent in terms of economic measures; under the present system, they will not do it.

That will mean, they will have to go, as the United States *must* go, to a credit system. Under Russia’s adoption of a credit system, it will be able to play the kind of role it’s intended and indicated that it will do in cooperation with the United States. And their role, with the United States, is important.

I'll just mention one issue here, as an example of this: We're now having a fundamental change in the weather of this planet. What's happening is, there was a change, where the melting of the ice area—which is not the result of some catastrophe—the ice accumulation was the result of a mistake that was done by nature, in the Arctic area. And now that mistake is being corrected.

So now, instead of looking at the middle of the Earth and looking at the bottom of the Earth, from the South Pole, we're now looking at the North Pole area, where the ice is melting, and the greatest opportunity for the development of economy of the world is now centered. China is integral to that—China is not up north, but China has built one of these big icebreaker boats, which it's going to use for its participation in the Arctic region. And if you look at the Earth from the standpoint of the north, from the Arctic region, and realize this whole area of the Arctic region is now open for development, it indicates where the great potential for growth on this planet is. And the United States, of course, is part of it: We, with Alaska, with our relationship with our neighbor Canada, with the mainstream of the United States territory, these are areas of great potential development.

And all we need is the credit system to launch some of the projects which are needed, and which will work, which will provide the employment. So, it's not just that our role in the United States, as the one nation which has a legacy, the legacy of our American Revolution—under our legacy, tied to collaboration with other nations, and that includes most of the population of the planet, we can, in our part, participate to our own benefit, in cooperation with these other nations, to solve the problems of this planet. It's there before us.

But we have to get agreement, which means Constitutional agreements; it means, we would like to have Russia adopt a credit system, as opposed to what they're using now. We would like to see China doing the same thing. We would like to see India making the same kind of reform.

Because one of the things we've got to do: Africa, all of Africa, is nothing but a victim of the British system. Every part of Africa is owned, totally, by the British Empire! And the conditions of death, slavery, that exist in Africa, *the whole continent* is suffering from that disease, because of the British Empire and the U.S. complicity with the British in this operation. So we want Africa to come back as a growing area of the world.

But the main drivers right now are the United States, Canada—in fact its northern region, which is an area of *riches*, for potential growth in the future; Russia, tremendous territory with tremendous mineral resources. Good for the world! China is already in the process of joining; Japan is ready to join; Korea is ready to join, now that the North Korea and South Korea situation is becoming better coordinated; India, of course, will be very interested in this.

So, these are the opportunities that exist. And what we do in the United States will affect—if we do what I've indicated on this reform, in terms of going back to a Constitutional reform, we will have created the opportunity in the United States, which brings in a revival of Europe; brings in the role of what Russia's potential is now; the role of China, *1.4 billion people*, the largest population concentration on this planet of any nation. And then you have India, 1.1 to 1.2 billion people. And Africa, which is a starving, poor region, an abused region. We can, together in cooperation, based on our making this Constitutional reform, create the opening for the cooperation which can save the whole planet.

Breaking the Ice on Arctic Development



LPAC's Michelle Fuchs reports on two sides of a potential global perspective for Arctic development: One, Russia's planned Arctic City, dubbed "Umka," which will be modelled on the International Space Station; and two, the planned expansion of the River Shannon Estuary, which will make Ireland a lead player in deep-sea science. (27 minutes).

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The Post-Kennedy Collapse

Bill Roberts: One of the ironies, I think, of this whole period we've been in—because it's been 50 years since we had a President that even had any conception like this: John F. Kennedy, of course. And when he was killed, one of the big lies that was pushed was that, well, we can't have big science-driver programs, or, we shouldn't put—you hear this all the time—we really shouldn't be putting all this money into the space program, because we have all these poor people here. But of course, these people are doomed, right now, unless we actually get the high-tech developments going, and that—in other words, these people are doomed, and a lot of other people are doomed, unless we actually initiate a credit system, and see to it that the margin of output in the long term is going to be much greater than what goes into it; and then also, what's needed to cover and compensate for people in old age, and people that have to be taken care of. Otherwise, for anyone to be talking about trying to do anything for anyone within this present system, is just absolute insanity, and we just don't have time for it.

LaRouche: We have to bring up something—you mentioned the Kennedy Administration—that, actually, since John Kennedy was killed, assassinated, the United States has been going down economically. There were some leftovers, which were largely space program leftovers, into the early 1970s; but already, by the time we made the first Moon landing, the U.S. economy was on the way down.

Now, after Kennedy's assassination, and also his brother's assassination—remember, he [Robert] was about to be dominated for the candidacy for the Presidency, just days after he was assassinated, before some of the radicals at Columbia University and elsewhere, were planning to rejoice over his assassination. And it's that crowd that was prepared to rejoice over Bobby Kennedy's assassination, who did much of the dirty work since that time, in taking over leading positions of influence inside the U.S. political system!

But the case of John Kennedy: Why was Kennedy killed? It's a very simple reason, one primary reason: His economic policy was a growth policy. And with his assassination, the growth policy died; except for the increase in population, the per-capita growth died. Why was he killed? Because he opposed going into a long war in Indo-China, which was ten years of long war, from which the United States has never really returned,



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in terms of its economic policy and many other policies. And therefore, Kennedy was killed, because some people didn't like what he was doing, and what he was doing *was good!*

And this is, again, the Constitutional issue. When people say "poor people," all this stuff, it's all hypocrisy! They created more poor people with their policies. They destroyed people! They destroyed people in Vietnam! That was destruction. People went out there as human beings, and came back as drug addicts and whatnot; and never quite came back altogether again. The United States became worse and worse.

We had decent Presidents; I mean, some things Reagan did were not bad. Of course, we had Clinton, who did what he could. But in general, our political system has degenerated, our economy has degenerated, our morals have degenerated, in terms of economic and other morals. And what we need is to get back to what was taken away from us, by the death of Roosevelt, and the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy, which were the two changes in politics done by forceful means, which sent us on this road down to the Hell we're in today.

And we have to say these things. They're not Constitutional issues as such, but we are reminded of them, when we think about what the Constitutional issues are.

Productive Employment and Science Breakthroughs

Kesha Rogers: It seems, constitutionally, that the principle of a credit system is going to be defined by increasing the living standard of your population. And if you look at this from the standpoint of what we're talking about, the developments where you're discovering new physical principles, universal physical principles, that's what something like what the Arctic development would represent. And that is also what you see from the standpoint of what NAWAPA represents.

And you can look at this along the lines of how the development of the manned space program was exactly that. The manned space program, what we defined as our Mars colonization program, has been exactly along that line: that you're going to improve the living conditions of your population. You're going to actually give your society a mission once again. And that mission is going to be defined by discovery of higher principles of productive employment and productive understanding of science and technologically based development for your society.

And so, like if you look at John F. Kennedy's manned Moon landing, and how the scientific and technological progress that went into this was actually giving—I think it was something like, for every penny put into the space program, we got 14 cents back in economic development. That is how you define a certain direction and mission for your nation around increases in technological and scientific improvements.

LaRouche: One thing to emphasize in this connection, which the space program intersects, as other things intersect also, is what we call energy-flux density: The ability of the human species to sustain its present and growing population, depends upon fundamental scientific progress, which means more capital-intensive forms of production, more capital-intensive forms of employment, capital-intensive improvements in public works which are essential for the nation.

For example, one of the crucial things which is needed, in addition—that we *do* need the space program badly. We need to get rid of Obama, partly because he's an opponent of that. And if you look at some of the weather patterns which we've been getting in the past year, and you realize there's been a galactic shift in the pattern of weather, determined by forces in our galaxy, over which we can have some influence, that we *now need* to have some control over the weather.

Now, there are ways we can proceed to act against



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these weather problems. But look at, for example, food shortages: We're in a situation where, come Spring, as of now, if the Obama Presidency still maintains its policy, we're going to have mass starvation in the United States, by Springtime this year. Because the Obama Administration itself, apart from what it's done to the economy, but its very policies on agriculture, the criminal policy on agriculture, this international swindle done by international agricultural interests, which are creating starvation conditions in various parts of the world, *including the United States*—by the Spring of this year, we're looking for a potential tragedy in the United States, as a result of a food shortage, where the big moneybags, of the type that support Obama, and are behind him, are responsible. The Obama Administration is killing Americans by its policy on agriculture.

So therefore, these issues, while they're Constitutional on the one side, Constitutional issues are not just ideal; they're practical, as well as being ideal: They are *principles* on which progress depends. And when we see the lack of the progress, we go to, where is the problem coming from? It's coming from lack of progress in these dimensions, or the cutbacks. And you find the rich, international agro-interests are literally starving people, to drive up prices, killing food supplies, including in the United States, and we're faced with a very *dangerous condition* come Spring of this year, unless

something is done very soon, which would mean, doing something *to get Obama out of office!*

And I assure you, that once Glass-Steagall were passed, Obama would want to leave office immediately. And I think other people would help him do that.

The Focus Is Mankind

Summer Shields: Lyn, what we're clearly talking about is a fascist policy. We're also clearly talking about a solution, which is a full-employment economic solution. And I think it's hard for many of the American people to fathom a constantly developing economy, into the future, and one where you have candidates that come out and campaign like Franklin Roosevelt did, with his Four Corners project. What he did in fighting for national development; even before the war started, there was a huge amount of development across the nation. And you just see the before and after pictures of what happened to the nation.

And then you see that what we're talking about is something which is on the scale of massive regional development, not just something that's based coast-to-coast, border-to-border, but something that's much more massive, and then this takes us right into space, and the discussion of space.

And I think, one of the more beautiful things to get on the discussion table for the American people, to inspire them and have a cultural shift and as well as the economic shift, is to get the understanding that we have a universe that actually was made for man.

And if you look at the strategic location of the Earth to the Moon, you've got a low-gravity Moon, which makes the Moon great for travel off of the Moon to go to other places in the Solar System. The kind of weather conditions we're going to be facing in the Arctic, are the same kind of temperatures we're going to have to face in these lava tunnels in the Moon. And we're looking at the Van Allen Radiation Belt: We can begin to get into the discussion of matter-antimatter reactions.

But, we know that we have a clearer policy than even Franklin Roosevelt had then, in terms of where mankind has to go. And if you look at a place here, Lawrence Livermore Labs, the other kind of developments that came out of what Franklin Roosevelt did, with the Oak Ridge National Labs and the Tennessee Valley Authority, you have the capability to launch a new wave of prosperity for the human species.

And I think people should get a clear concept of that. Why are we settling for Obama? Why are we set-



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LaRouche: We ought to do something else though. Because when you talk about "practical measures," so-called, you tend to miss something. The issue here, is the issue of *mankind*. It's not the issue of whether mankind is fed or not, or how well it's fed, or who it's fed to, or whatnot. The question of mankind, is the question of mankind *as such*. And you look inside the head of a human being, so to speak, and you say, "What kind of a human being is this?"

And the greatest danger that we face in the United States, is a kind of corruption of the U.S. population, which comes from pessimism. In other words, one says, "Well, what am I living for?"

Take all these poor kids out there, on dope, who don't know what a job is, don't want to know what a job is. They don't want to know what life is. Look at these people in this park around Washington, D.C., and other areas—it's a pitiful sight! The worst thing is not the conditions they suffer, as such, it's what these conditions do to their minds! Do to their outlook and their sense of identity!

And you know, we do good things, not because they produce benefits; yes, we like the benefits, we demand the benefits for people; but what we're looking at, is the *person*. I mean, when you love somebody, do you love

the fact that they've got money? Do you love the fact they've got this benefit, or they produce something? Or, do you love them because you regard them as people? And it's important to you that people be improved, that they rise to higher achievements than generations before have achieved? All these practical measures are *very* important, but they have to be tied, in our approach, to an insight into what they do to the mind of the person.

What kind of persons are we producing? We should know that! Particularly when you get to my age, and you think back, and to think what was done to this population of the United States, from the time that the Kennedys were assassinated. We have a pattern of moral degeneration and *demoralization* of our population, the standard of the meaning of life. The goals of life, in the sense of education; look at what passes for entertainment, look at what passes for amusement! Look at what passes for all kinds of things in life. And you say you want to live and die for that kind of a junk life? A junky life? Most Americans today are condemned to a junky life, of one kind or another. A meaningful purpose in life, one they can be proud of, one which would cause them to be proud of this nation, they don't get.

So, the most important thing about mankind *is* mankind. And mankind's future, as mankind's development. The idea that each generation should be an improvement on the previous one, which is not an insult to the previous generation. It's actually a gratification—you know, grandparents are always glad to have grandchildren who are smarter than they are. That sort of thing. Or they used to be, anyway. I'm not sure, now!

But anyway, the essence we have to get at, in any kind of thing in election work, is we're talking about the *mind of our citizens*; the mind of those who are about to become our citizens. And what are we producing *in* them? What are we doing to call that forth *in* them? Think of all the junky people you see running around the street; they're running around like pieces of junk! Why are they like that? Somebody did it to them. A few Presidents did it to them, among the accomplices.

We have demoralized our own people—from what we used to represent. And all the good things we do, should be seen as integral, the necessary things, as integral to one purpose: to raising the standard of being a human being. That is the fundamental motivation. And you look at the election campaigns and so forth, these clowns out there running for President, and I do say "clowns running for President." Because what they're saying, from my standpoint, they're clowns! I mean, we

should have a clown circus, and we can vote them "President This" and "President That," and they can all become Presidents in this clown circus. "Mr. President! Mr. President!" They all can do it. And they might as well, for these guys.

But the point is, what's lost in the process, is the value of mankind. The value of the person, the development of the value of the person, the achievement of mankind in the future.

For example, we're not going to survive, in this galaxy, unless we get a little bit smarter. There are things we can undertake to do, which will enable mankind to survive under the changing conditions in this galaxy, or even the part of the galaxy we live next to, the Crab Nebula vicinity. We're not going to make it, unless we advance to higher levels of science and technology; we're not going to make it.

But above all, what this means is, we're not making it as human beings, because we're not developing our human beings, from a lower level to a higher level of *being* a human being. That's where the great problem lies. That people have a sense of the value of themselves, and will be ashamed of themselves not to be improved, not to be part of an advancement of the human condition, and human quality of life, and a sense of failure on that account, no matter what they achieve otherwise. It's what we achieve in ourselves, and in our children and grandchildren, in terms of their development, to become a more noble expression of what humanity is: *That's* the great driver that makes people moral, that makes them think in terms of principles, rather than "what I can get."

Labor Power: Developing the Mind

Rogers: I think this question of the development of the minds of the citizens is the key principle to understanding how you defeat the oligarchy. Because it's been that principle of the development of the creative powers of the mind, which goes back to the fight of our American System, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, of Lincoln's development of the Transcontinental Railway system. Any great President has actually, in his fight—whether it's Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy—against this imperial system of monetarism, against this oligarchy, has always understood that the development of the human mind, committed to a ceaseless development of your society, *is* what is crucially important.

And you can look at this from the standpoint of what Lincoln addressed, that you have two forms of labor:

You have labor which is just a workhorse, a blind workhorse, that's working ceaselessly, doesn't know what he's working for, doesn't know what he's doing, just running on the treadmill; or you have development of real labor, productive labor, which is developed by the principles of what the truly creative human mind is. That there's no separation between productive employment and the mind, and what real productivity is. And so, I think any great development of our society is always organized around this standpoint.

America versus the Oligarchical System

LaRouche: The other thing I should bring up: What is the problem here? You're all talking about it, really, in one way or the other. It's a problem we all understand; we all talk about it, to some degree or other among ourselves. Let's look at it: What's the story?

In the history of mankind, as we know mankind as a *cultural* phenomenon, apart from the dead bones and so forth, from far away in the past: The problem is typified by the Trojan War. You had this great war, which went on for a protracted period of time. It's what was reported by Homer, and the accounts do have a basis. But what the war was about, really was what was called the oligarchical system. You had a city which was built up there, on the straits leading into the Black Sea, Troy. And you had the siege of Troy, presumably over some woman, who got herself captured (willingly, I think, in this case).

And so this war went on to a point of extermination of most of the people, and it became known as the Trojan War. And the fact of the Trojan War, the records, the archeological records and so forth, make the thing pretty clear what it was. But from that point on, looking at Mediterranean-centered civilization in particular, the history of Mediterranean civilization, to the present day!—to the present day, *all throughout Europe*—it is dominated by what's called the oligarchical system.

Now, the oligarchical system, of which the British Empire of today is one of the exemplars, this system was based on having a certain population which was the oligarchy—they were called “gods.” That was the Greek in the Trojan War; they were referred to as “the gods.” Right? And this ruling class, that we recognize in European history as the oligarchy, are the “gods”! And the “gods” depend upon keeping the majority of the population limited in numbers, and stupid in mind. To keep them like cattle, raise them like cattle, and keep them from rising to a position of challenging the authority of the so-called, or self-described, “gods.”

Now, the key to the American Revolution is, there's a famous man, Nicholas of Cusa, who, in the 15th Century, was a leader in a cultural revolution, and one of his achievements was to warn people of his time that they must move out of Europe, across the great oceans to take the best culture of Europe, and in another territory, realize what that culture could be, what it could become.

There was an attempt to do so: Christopher Columbus was actually inspired by Cusa. And he followed up on his inspiration, got advice from people who actually were key associates of Cusa, who had then died, and Columbus devoted his life to crossing the oceans as Cusa had prescribed. He first went to what became the Portuguese/Spanish-speaking area, but it was taken over by the Habsburgs, who were one of the worst oligarchical functions that Europe has ever had—they're still a function, today.

So the backwardness of the Habsburgs essentially destroyed the effectiveness of what had been planned by the initial colonization in the Caribbean and South America.

So therefore, what happened was, in 1620, after the failure of the earlier colonizations of North America and South America, that after that, the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, following the Pilgrims' landing, became a form of European culture, at that time, which was free of the oligarchical taint. No gods!

And thus, the United States became a champion—our growth in the 19th Century, our growth during and after the Civil War, for example, was one of the great achievements of humanity.

The British Empire is really, sort of, the fourth Roman Empire. That is, you had the first Roman Empire, that stunk and went down. Then the Roman Empire tradition, or sections from the Roman Empire, became the Byzantine Empire. They clunked, out of a self-inflicted process. Then you had another phase, which is the so-called Crusader system, another bunch of bums who destroyed civilization almost totally, another phase of the Venetian system.

Then we had a period of a Renaissance, but the Renaissance was then attacked by the oligarchy, through a system of a long war, from 1492 up until 1648, whole periods of long wars and the destruction of civilization. Then you got a rebirth of Europe, only again, it's that culture, still with the oligarchical culture inside it. You had success.

Then, you had out of this—the American population from 1620 on, became the driver throughout the planet.



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It was the challenge which the United States came to represent, which *forced Europe* into a recovery of economy and culture.

And it's because when we became degenerated in the United States, as by what happened after the assassination of John and Robert Kennedy, since which time, *we* have been going down, degenerating. There have been exceptions of people who tried to make things better here, but the tendency is, we've gone down again. We're on the verge of losing civilization.

And you realize that by the struggle against the oligarchy, which is what the American achievement *was*, we created a system which we didn't have. That's how we got our Constitution. Europeans don't have a Constitution of the type we have created, because they made a compromise with the oligarchy. And through compromise with the oligarchy, Europe had some reforms which were fairly important to it at that time; but Europe was never the spark of this. You had great geniuses in Europe who came up, but their geniuses were often found landing, on the influence in the schools and universities and other things in the United States.

On the Verge of Thermonuclear War

So, *we*, to the degree we're not corrupted, represent something very special; and our Constitution, therefore, represents a heritage with something special in it. But we see, at the same time, when you look at the past two Presidents, you see *oligarchism at its worst*. There could not be a worse oligarchy than under George W. Bush, Jr. There couldn't be a *worse* oligarchy, than this

British dummy, this British stooge, Obama! We are in danger largely because of that.

For example, we're now on the verge of a thermonuclear war. That's what's going on. Once they killed this poor slob Qaddafi in Libya—murdered him! He was captured, and they *murdered* him when he was captured, as a captive. They were going immediately into extending the war in Syria and into Iran. That's still going on: Syria is still under attack from oligarchical forces in Europe, with the accomplice being our President Obama.

We are on the verge of thermonuclear war, with Russia and China, and other countries, right now! Now, some people in the United States have helped to block that from happening. The threat still exists. What we're looking at, is again, the oligarchical principle, centered in London and the British Empire. And we have a British clown, who's our President, Obama. He's picked by the British monarchy, paid for by the British monarchy, and run by the British monarchy. And this crowd is running for a war, why? Because Asia is still strong. Europe and Africa are dying. The United States is disintegrating. Most of South America is disintegrating.

But Russia is coming back; China is growing. Korea is improving. Japan is highly resilient, and ready to improve. Do you think that the British, who have organized the United States into this thermonuclear war, intend to conduct a war by themselves with Syria and Iran? While Asia and Russia are surviving, otherwise? Of course, not! Their intention is to launch a thermonuclear attack on Russia, China, and other points.

That attack can not occur with the British alone: Only if the current President of the United States is *still President* and not yet removed, then the British will be able to use the thermonuclear power of the United States, which is the greatest thermonuclear power for warfare on this planet, and if they get control of that thermonuclear capability, which our forces represent—our naval forces in particular—then there will be an obliteration war, taking out a good part of Asia, and also much of the rest of the world.

All because we're damned fools enough, to con-

tinue to allow a President who's clinically insane and immoral, to control, to violate our Constitution, to break our laws, to betray our people, and to commit cruelties of the type we should despise.

What's Important Is the Future

Ogden: The reason why we have a *right* to assert that we *will* take power, and we *must* take power, is because these two principles that you laid out—Glass-Steagall and National Banking—they have the weight of scientific certainty behind them, that this is the *only* thing that could possibly create a recovery for this nation and for this planet. And I think the pathology of people failing to recognize, or refusing to recognize, the definition of real economic value, as opposed to *money*, as opposed to *monetarism*—real economic value, in the terms that we've laid it out here, this is what is the resistance among the members of this so-called opposition. But this is the only thing that allows us to assert that we have the right to take power in the United States, and people who come to think like us.

LaRouche: Well, if you take a look at my age, we're not talking about taking power. Right? We're not taking power; we're trying to create, leave a legacy to the generations that come after us. And it's the best way. It's the older men of the tribe sometimes, who best serve the young for that reason.

What's concerned here is, we are human beings, and if we are truly human, we are concerned about the things that deal with the future of humanity as much as for the past and present. One of the problems of our politicians generally, is they don't have that any more; they claim to be this—they use words. Words are cheap these days, but they don't have any principle! Look at this bunch of clowns that ran on a slate in Iowa. This is a pathetic mess. How could you even consider any of these guys as fit to be President? They haven't got anything in their heads worth voting for.

What's important is the future. And we're all going to die: At my age, you're very aware of that. But the future—your purpose in life *is the future beyond your life!* The idea that you can go to your grave, with a sense that your life means something for the future of humanity. And that's the difference between humanity and other creatures. And that's what we have to keep in our minds.

That's why you fight! Why should you fight for something? You're around, you're going to fight for somebody 20 years from now? Me? Fight for somebody 20 years from now? I'm not going to be around!

No. It's only when you're dedicated to a principle, a commitment to a legacy for humanity, that you really have the morals and the capability of seeing things clearly, which is what we have to do. And we have to act that way. We have to understand, it's not what we are doing in our flesh, it's what we're doing in our flesh *for the future* that counts.

That's what we have to do now. It may seem like an impossible task to save this United States from this bunch of clowns who are running for President, right now! But we do it, why? For the future of mankind.

Choosing To Be Creative

Rachel Brown: It's a willful choice. Like you said, the Republican candidates are all clowns. They either want to blow you up, or they're like Ron Paul and they think there's value in gold or something. But what's not recognized, generally, what's attacked, generally, is this principle of creativity in mankind, and in the universe in general: that as long as you believe that there are fixed resources, then your notion of profit is going to be simply stealing from other people.

But if you're looking at the universe as Vernadsky did, with the fact that what we've seen in the biosphere, for example, is a constant tendency to develop and colonize every single possible space—whether it's a very cold area, like the Arctic, or an acidic area, or we've even found evidence of organic compounds in space; we see a tendency of life to colonize. And we see mankind also has a tendency to do that same thing. But we have to willfully choose to make a creative upshift to support that tendency. Maybe you want to bring something up on that.

LaRouche: Well, I think we're sitting around here, having a grand time! Because we're doing what we're supposed to do, what we intend to do. And the reason for which we're in this fight—. I mean, we're not running to grab the Presidency: We're trying to save it from the clowns that are trying to grab it! And I think it can be done. It *can* be done.

Helga [Zepp-LaRouche] reported a trend in Germany, an improvement in the trends there, because they're dealing with a hopeless political situation—that is, the politicians in Germany generally, are pretty hopeless! Truly, in France. The situation in Continental Europe is hopeless!

Here are these guys sitting down there, they used to have nations; they don't have nations any more! They're living under a "governance," which means they're living



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Rachel Brown: "As long as you believe that there are fixed resources," as the current "clown" candidates do, "then your notion of profit is going to be simply stealing from other people."

as a colony, a collective colony of the British Empire. They don't have sovereignty any more; they're a people without sovereignty. What is it like to be without sovereignty? How can you call yourself *human*, when your nation is not a sovereign nation? When you don't have the *authority* of being a member of a sovereign nation?

And this is the real issue: And we have to do what we have to do, because what's going to be important in this process, is ideas. I know that what we can pull together, not just us assembled here, but what's out there—there are people out there, if we can get the spark going among them a little better, who will realize that they have to be sovereign in respect to themselves.

The typical American is no longer sovereign, and that bunch of clowns called "Republican candidates" I've just seen parading by, is a demonstration of a people who aren't sovereign, because they don't have any purpose in living. They have an assortment of things they would like to eat or not eat; gimmicks. All they have is gimmicks! Not one of them says a damned thing about the great problem, the great crisis, that the people of this nation, and the world as a whole, faces: They haven't said *a thing* about it, and they're running for President of the United States! And you're going to find in the Democratic slot, the same thing.

We have some people in politics who would do better. But as long as they're going along with the crowd, adapting to the crowd, all the good things in

them are not going to be coming forth. There's going to be something they talk about in whispers on the side, not what they talk about publicly.

So we're in a situation where we have the opportunity of speaking truth to places that need truth, badly. We don't have a monopoly on anything, except, it seems, truth.

Rogers: And the beauty is that people can participate in this "grand time" with us, and that's why we're having this discussion. If they actually know their rightful birthright as American patriots, as American citizens, and that this is what our republic was defined on, these very principles that we're discussing at this moment.

And the fact that you have people who are sitting back, saying, "Well, why don't we wait for an election? We only have a few more months, we can just get him out in November." They're not actually realizing what that true birthright is, what makes them American citizens, from the standpoint of what our true republic represents. And people just have to understand: We don't have time to wait! And the people who are listening to this broadcast are going to have to make the decision, and realize that you can't "vote" Hitler out of the White House! And everything that was brought up at the beginning of this discussion, that that's what we're dealing with; we're dealing with Hitler in the White House.

And so, this beautiful recovery plan, which we're discussing here, is what people have the unique ability to participate in, if they just choose to do so, and choose to take the actions that are needed.

LaRouche: Right.

Shields: Yes, Kesha, I'd like to tell people, that they should learn the lesson of Rip van Winkle.

Christie: I'd like to make one quick point on this issue of the credit system/Glass-Steagall: It's necessary for us to survive, in terms of the good. But what this does, is it destroys this British imperial system that's been running mankind for so long. And it's just useful to point out that all the major world religions have policies against usury: You know, Jesus Christ didn't throw over the money-changer tables in the Temple because he didn't feel like shopping that day. It's this principle of usury, and this is what we have to crush with Glass-Steagall and the credit policy.

So, in one sense, yes, we need it for the future development of mankind; but we need it to destroy these guys for good.

How Far Has Obama Gone Down Richard Nixon's Road?

by Nancy Spannaus and Edward Spannaus

Jan. 10—With his signing of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which gives him the authority he demanded to indefinitely detain, if not kill, American citizens, President Barack Obama has become increasingly identified as the Hitlerian tyrant he intends to be. Liberal and conservative spokesmen alike are pointing to the history of his violations of the U.S. Constitution—ranging from the illegal Libyan War, to secret police-state measures, to the bald nullification of Congress's lawful power—as equivalent to that of the very monarchical system which the American Revolution was fought to end, and declaring him impeachable.

Indeed, as the LaRouche movement began pointing out as early as April 2009, Obama's retention of the power of Presidency endangers the very existence of the United States. Not only does he have a Nero complex, but his Constitutional violations are totally blatant.

Yet, up to this point, no Congressman has been willing to directly threaten impeachment, or insist that the President resign. Congress is awash in a sea of cowardice, marking it as one of the most shameful Congresses in our nation's history.

The situation was different almost 40 years ago, when another arguably mentally unstable President threatened both dictatorship and war. At that time, the Congress—eventually members of both parties—responded to the threat to the nation by preparing bills of impeachment, which ultimately “convinced” Nixon to resign from office, rather than face an inevitable im-

peachment and conviction. It is instructive to review that process, step by step, as it highlights both where we stand now, and the immediate options for dealing with the existential crisis we face.

The Start of the Process

The triggering event of what became known as “Watergate” was the burglarizing of Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Hotel in June 1972, during the Presidential election campaign; one of the purposes of the break-in was to plant wiretap devices.

However, Nixon's targetting of his adversaries and the creation of his “enemies list” went back to the very beginning of his Administration, and after his efforts failed to keep secret the illegal bombing of Cambodia, he defied the law by continuing the bombing after Congress had withdrawn its approval. By January 1973, the direct ties of the White House to the Watergate break-in were clear, with the guilty pleas and sentencing of five of the Watergate burglars. By April, two grand juries had been empanelled, and in May, Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox was appointed, and the Senate had created a Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities (known as the “Watergate Committee”).

As the revelations were disclosed of wiretapping, break-ins, and other “dirty tricks” and targetting of enemies, Nixon and his spokesmen defended his actions on the grounds of “the President's inherent power to



Richard Nixon leaves Washington, Aug. 9, 1974, after his resignation the day before. Key Senators convinced him to leave; yet today, none have yet displayed the courage to make a move like that to oust Obama.

protect national security”—the same rationalizations asserted by the Bush-Cheney gang, and now wholeheartedly adopted by Obama.

When Nixon defied a court order to provide the White House tapes to the Special Prosecutor, even after the Federal Court of Appeals upheld the subpoena, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) made a speech on the Senate floor in mid-September 1973, warning that if Nixon continued to defy the courts, “a responsible Congress would be left with no recourse but to exercise its power of impeachment.” (No Senator today has had the nerve to do the equivalent.) And as Vice President Spiro Agnew’s problems also multiplied, journalist Elizabeth Drew reported in her day-by-day account in the *Washington Journal*, that by early October, people were beginning to discuss the possibility that both the offices of President and Vice President could be vacated before their terms expired.

In the House, the first step toward impeachment had been taken in July, by Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.), who had introduced a resolution of impeachment based upon Nixon’s secret bombing of Cambodia and his concealment of it from Congress and the public. The House took no action on Drinan’s resolution at the time. However, over the Summer, House Judiciary Committee chairman Peter Rodino, seeing that impeachment could become a real possibility, directed his staff to begin brushing up on the subject.

In the context of the Watergate revelations, a special Senate committee undertook a probe of Presidential emergency powers, coming up with the alarming finding that there were at least 470 statutes giving the President special powers in cases of national emergency, including declaring martial law, deploying troops anywhere in the world, and seizing property. This also added to the urgency of getting the Presidential administration under control.

So did Nixon’s determination to nullify the actions of the Special Prosecutor. In October 1973, Nixon ordered Special Prosecutor Cox fired—and when both the Attorney General and his deputy refused to do so, he appointed a new acting Attorney General, Robert Bork, who dutifully carried out the order. The dismissal of Cox, and the resignations of

Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William French Smith, all on Oct. 20, came to be known as the “Saturday Night Massacre.”

The Threat of War

There was a lot more going on in October 1973, of course, especially on the strategic front. With the intimate involvement of Nixon’s Secretary of State (and British agent) Henry Kissinger, the Arabs launched, and Israel won, the Yom Kippur war, which was used by London financial interests, working through Saudi Arabia, to perpetrate the Oil Hoax. In the same time frame, on Oct. 10, Vice President Agnew resigned under pressure, and Nixon put forward the nomination of House Republican leader Gerald Ford, to be his replacement.

Nixon was also in the midst of a major conflict with Congress over war powers. At the end of October, he announced his intention to veto the War Powers Resolution, an attempt to codify the Constitution’s requirement that only Congress can authorize and declare war. Congress passed it, overriding Nixon’s veto. Subsequent Presidents have all complied, if reluctantly, with the Resolution’s requirements, up until President Obama, who deployed U.S. military forces against Libya last year without seeking Congressional authorization.

Then, things got even wilder.

On Oct. 25, Nixon declared a worldwide military

alert—after a cease-fire had been reached in the Israeli-Arab War. Questions were immediately raised about Nixon's purposes and (not for the first time) his emotional stability. Elizabeth Drew reported behind-the-scenes discussion of removing Nixon under the Presidential disability provisions of the 25th Amendment, and also fears that a coup was in the offing. One person referred to it as "a Strangelove day." Drew wrote: "There is the inescapable feeling that things have changed. . . . The talk of impeachment has been more serious. More people have seemed to be suggesting plans for replacing the President." This talk was not just among Democrats, but was quietly beginning to take place among Congressional Republicans.

Again, we see precursors for the case of Obama, who is pursuing the British agenda of thermonuclear confrontation against Russia and China.

Into Receivership

By the end of October, impeachment was being discussed more openly in Congress and its environs (21 impeachment resolutions were filed in the House in the wake of the Saturday Night Massacre), and as the confirmation hearings for Gerald Ford began on Nov. 1, a realization was sinking in, that the Congress might not just be confirming a Vice President, but also a President-in-waiting.

On Nov. 3, columnist Joseph Alsop, a supporter of Nixon, regarded as reflecting the hard-line views of the U.S. military establishment, called for Nixon's resignation, warning that the Soviet Union might try to exploit the President's weakness. Other influential journalists and newspapers also began calling for Nixon to go, and concern was rising in the business community and Wall Street. On Nov. 4, Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts became the first GOP Senator to call for Nixon to resign.

One Democrat told Drew that the pressure on Nixon to resign would intensify after Ford was confirmed as Vice President, and that Republicans were talking to each other, and to the business and financial community. "They are very concerned, especially, about the military alert last month," he said. "That alert did it. For us, too."

But, at the same time, Drew reports, there was a deep fear of moving against Nixon too soon, since he still held the levers of power, and there were worries about retaliation if a move to oust him failed.

On Nov. 27, the Senate confirmed Ford by a vote of

92 to 3, and on Dec. 6, the House confirmed him on a 387-35 vote; Ford was sworn in later the same day.

With Ford's entrance into the White House, the Nixon Administration was effectively put into receivership, and it was only a matter of time until Nixon would be replaced. To some degree, Nixon had been put under control, similar to what Lyndon LaRouche says must be done with Obama, by starting the process of applying the 25th Amendment, as a stop-gap measure in lieu of immediate removal from office.

Drew reported that "a wise man" familiar with the ways of Washington told her at the time, that the President's support had been eroded. "He's helpless now," the source said. "He can't push buttons or do something mad. That would be the 'tilt' and the end of him."

The Standard for Impeachment

The threat of impeachment still hung over Nixon, however, and following Ford's accession to the White House, Nixon and his aides, including Ford, demanded that the Democratic-controlled Congress quickly "either impeach him, or get off his back." Many Republicans were worried about having impeachment proceedings drag into the months preceding the 1974 mid-term elections. House Judiciary Committee chairman Peter Rodino said the committee would complete its inquiry by April 1, and on Dec. 20, John Doar, a Republican who had served in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division under President Eisenhower, and who remained in the DOJ under Attorney General Robert Kennedy, was named as counsel for the Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry.

On Feb. 6, 1974, the full House approved a Resolution of Inquiry by a vote of 410-4, instructing the Judiciary Committee to begin an inquiry to determine whether sufficient grounds existed for impeachment of the President by the House. The Committee was given the subpoena power, the right to hold hearings, and funding to carry out its investigation.

Over the Winter, the White House and the Congress sparred over the issue of what constitutes an impeachable offense. The White House argued that impeachment requires a criminal offense, and a serious one at that.

A House Judiciary Committee staff report, issued in late February, rejected that argument, asserting correctly that "Impeachment is a Constitutional remedy addressed to serious offenses against the system of government." In terms that are extremely relevant today in

the case of Obama, the staff report identified three major Presidential duties specified in the Constitution: to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed,” to “faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States,” and to “preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States”—the latter two as stated in the President’s mandated oath of office.

The report also stated that the Framers of the Constitution provided for impeachment as a means of seeking to “build in safeguards against executive abuse and usurpation of power.” Buttressing this Constitutional argument, Committee chairman Rodino declared, following the issuance of the staff report, that “grounds for impeachment need not arise out of criminal conduct.”

During March, as the White House stonewalled the Judiciary Committee’s requests for documents and tapes, Federal judge John Sirica ruled that the Judiciary Committee could have access to the White House materials provided to the Special Prosecutor. Congressional Republicans, fearful of their own re-election chances in November, were beginning to view Nixon’s defense as a lost cause, and it is reported that there was a dramatic shift of sentiment toward impeachment during this time.

In early April, Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) went public with the suggestion that Nixon step aside under the disability provisions of the 25th Amendment, so that the Vice President would serve as President. Javits warned Nixon not to play “impeachment politics” with foreign policy and domestic legislation.

On April 1, the Judiciary Committee issued a formal subpoena to Nixon, and a week later, Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski subpoenaed the White House tapes for almost the full year following the June 1972 Watergate break-in. At the end of April, Nixon released over 1,200 pages of transcripts of selected White House tapes, which only made things worse for him. On May 1, the Judiciary voted 20-18 to find Nixon in non-compliance with its subpoena—but not yet in contempt. Only one Republican voted with the majority of Democrats.

On May 7, the White House, invoking “Executive privilege,” announced that Nixon would not give up the tapes. On May 9, the *Chicago Tribune*, heretofore a strong Nixon backer, called upon the President to resign. The same day, Vice President Ford spoke publicly of “a crisis of confidence” in our government. By the end of the month, Ford was letting it be known that he would no longer defend Nixon’s defiance of the courts and Congress, and he said he had warned Nixon that his “stonewalling” could lead to “an emotional in-

stitutional confrontation.”

On May 29, the Judiciary Committee completed its hearing of evidence presented by committee counsel Doar. Eight Republicans on the Judiciary Committee now voted in favor of sending a letter to Nixon warning that his failure to comply with committee subpoenas could constitute grounds for impeachment. On June 10, the White House announced that it would not comply.

Meanwhile, Nixon tried to shore up his position, with foreign policy trips to the Middle East, Europe, and Russia. Even as of mid-July, it appeared that Republicans on the Judiciary Committee remained opposed to impeachment, and that a vote to impeach would be on party lines—something the Democrats were anxious to avoid. A turning point came in meetings of the “swing group” of three Southern Democrats, including Rep. James Mann (D-S.C.), and four Republicans; the group decided in favor of impeachment.

Formal Proceedings Begin

On July 24, the Supreme Court ruled against Nixon’s assertion of Executive privilege, holding that he must comply with the Special Prosecutor’s subpoena. On the same day, the Judiciary Committee began formal impeachment proceedings, and on May 27, three Articles of Impeachment were approved by the committee:

Article I, pertaining to obstruction of justice in the cover-up of the Watergate break-in, was approved 27 to 11, with 6 of 17 Republicans voting in favor.

Article II, pertaining to abuse of power, including Nixon’s use of warrantless wiretaps and the targeting of those on his “enemies list,” was approved by a vote of 28 to 10.

Article III, pertaining to Nixon’s stonewalling of the Congressional impeachment inquiry and refusal to comply with subpoenas, was approved by a narrower margin, 21 to 17.

Two other Articles failed, one dealing with Nixon’s tax violations and personal enrichment, the other dealing with his concealment of the bombing of Cambodia.

With three Articles having been sent to the full House, and the likelihood that the House would vote to impeach, a delegation of senior Republicans, including Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee, went to the White House and told Nixon in no uncertain terms that, unless he stepped down, the House would vote overwhelmingly to impeach, and the Senate would vote overwhelmingly to convict. This is precisely the type of action that patriotic senior Democrats should take with

respect to Obama today.

On Aug. 8, President Nixon resigned, and on the morning of Aug. 9, he flew back to his home in San Clemente for the last time.

And Obama?

A review of Nixon's offenses against the Constitution should put the current offenses by President Obama in sharp perspective. Many of the offenses are the same—the police-state powers, the disregard of Congress, among them—but one cannot help but be struck by the fact that Obama is a lot more “in your face” about his violations. In fact, in many cases—the NDAA, for example—he has succeeded in bullying the Congress to go along with his unconstitutional powers, in a way Nixon never could get away with.

The difference comes down to two crucial matters. First, that, in the midst of the current terminal breakdown of the global financial system (a process Nixon only began, by taking the dollar off gold in 1971), the consequences of leaving Obama in office are much more threatening to the United States, and the world, than in the case of Nixon. Second, that the character of the cur-

rent members of Congress, and the people who elect them, has undergone a huge degradation, to the point where elected officials today *refuse* to fight on matters of Constitutional principle, or the nation's survival.

So, where do we stand in terms of getting Obama to follow Nixon out of the Oval Office? In terms of formal proceedings, not very far. But in terms of intolerable violations of our Constitution, we have reached the point of decision. A simple action, such as threatening impeachment or removal by the 25th Amendment, can function like a spark in a gas field, bringing about an explosion of popular support to remove this President. That's what the American population has to demand, in an all-out campaign to save this nation.

Memo to the President

Intelligence Veterans: Avoid Another Long War

Jan. 6—*Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), a group of former U.S. intelligence officials, was formed in January 2003 as a “coast-to-coast enterprise” to protest the use of faulty intelligence “upon which the US/UK invasion of Iraq was based.” On Jan. 4, 2012, VIPS issued the following memorandum, addressed to President Obama, under the title “Avoiding Another Long War,” which is now widely posted on the Internet.*

As retired professionals with collectively hundreds of years of experience in intelligence, foreign policy, and counterterrorism, we are concerned about the gross misrepresentation of facts being bruited about to persuade you to start another war.

We have watched the militarists represent one Muslim country after another as major threats to U.S. security. In the past, they supported attacks on Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, Iraq, Pakistan, Libya and Afghanistan, as well as Israel's attacks on Syria and Lebanon—nine Muslim countries—and Gaza.

This time, they are using a new IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] report to assert categorically that Iran is building a nuclear weapon that allegedly poses a major threat to the U.S. Your intelligence and



Sam Vaknin, author of *Malignant Self-Love*, is interviewed in a 46-minute LPAC-TV video, on President Obama's narcissistic personality disorder, a condition which Vaknin says is increasingly controlling the President's mental outlook. Agreeing with Lyndon

LaRouche, Vaknin believes that Obama poses a grave danger to the United States and the world, unless he is immediately removed from office.

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military advisors can certainly clarify what the report really says.

As you know, the IAEA makes regular inspection visits to Iran's nuclear facilities and has TV cameras monitoring those facilities around the clock. While there is reason to question some of Iran's actions, the situation is not as clear-cut as some allege.

Mohamed ElBaradei, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and former IAEA director-general, said recently, "I don't believe Iran is a clear and present danger. All I see is the hype about the threat posed by Iran."

He is not alone: All 16 U.S. intelligence agencies concluded "with high confidence" in a 2007 National Intelligence Estimate that Iran had halted its nuclear-weapons program as of 2003.

We are seeing a replay of the "Iraq WMD threat." As Philip Zelikow, Executive Secretary of the 9/11 Commission, said, "The 'real threat' from Iraq was not a threat to the United States. The unstated threat was the threat against Israel."

Your military and intelligence experts can also provide information on unpublicized efforts to derail Iran's nuclear program and on the futility of attempting to eliminate that program—which is dispersed and mostly underground—through aerial bombing. Defense Secretary Panetta and other experts have stated that an air attack would only delay any weapons program for a year or two at most. Former Mossad head Meir Dagan said that an air force strike against Iran's nuclear installations would be "a stupid thing," a view endorsed in principle by two other past Mossad chiefs, Danny Yatom and Ephraim Halevy. Dagan added that "Any strike against [the civilian program] is an illegal act according to international law."

Dagan pointed out another reality: bombing Iran would lead it to retaliate against Israel through Hezbollah, which has tens of thousands of Grad-type rockets and hundreds of Scuds and other long-range missiles, and through Hamas.

We are already spending as much as the rest of the world combined on National Security and \$100 billion per year on a Long War in Afghanistan. The Israel lobby has been beating the drums for us to attack Iran for years, led by people with confused loyalties like [Sen.] Joe Lieberman, who once made the claim that it is unpatriotic for Americans not to support Israel.

Another Long War is not in America's or Israel's interests, whatever Israel's apologists claim. Those are the same people who claim that [Iranian President Mah-

moud] Ahmadinejad said he would "wipe Israel off the map."

Persian specialists have pointed out that the original statement in Persian actually said that Israel would collapse: "This occupation regime over Jerusalem must vanish from the arena of time."

What we have is a situation where Israel's actions, for example in sending 300,000 settlers into the West Bank and 200,000 settlers into East Jerusalem, are compromising U.S. security by putting us at risk for terrorist retaliation. We have provided Israel with \$100 billion in direct aid since 1975. Since this is fungible, how has funding settlements contributed to our security? You agreed to provide \$3 billion in F-35s to Israel in exchange for a 90-day freeze on settlements. What you got was 90 days of stonewalling on the peace process and then more settlers. What more do we owe Israel?

Certainly not a rush to war. We have time to make diplomacy and sanctions work, to persuade Russia and China to make joint cause with us.

James Madison once wrote that "Of all the enemies of true liberty, war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded. . . . War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes. . . . No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."

We are currently winding down what you labeled a "dumb war"; we should not undertake another dumb war against a country almost three times larger than Iraq, that would set off a major regional war and create generations of jihadis. Such a war, contrary to what some argue, would not make Israel or the U.S. safer.

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Obama Announces His 'New' Imperial War Doctrine

by Carl Osgood

Jan. 9—President Barack Obama's so-called new military strategy is, in fact, a continuation of the Cheney-Rumsfeld imperial war plan that declares the U.S. to be the pre-eminent military power on Earth, one that will tolerate no rivals. By personally delivering it in the Pentagon press room Jan. 5, Obama sent the message that, rather than coming to an end, the perpetual wars of the last ten years are entering a new phase. The manpower-intensive ground wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are giving way to regime-change campaigns, such as that in Libya in 2011, and to confrontations with China and Russia in the not-too-distant future.

"As we look beyond the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the end of long-term nation-building with large military footprints, we'll be able to ensure our security with smaller conventional ground forces," Obama said. "We'll continue to get rid of outdated Cold War-era systems, so that we can invest in the capabilities that we need for the future, including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, counterterrorism, countering weapons of mass destruction, and the ability to operate in environments where adversaries try to deny us access."

Obama was merely following the script provided to him by his British masters, as the danger of thermonuclear war emanates from London. But to accomplish their goal, they need to control the U.S. President, as they currently do.

As Lyndon LaRouche emphasized on Dec. 27, the

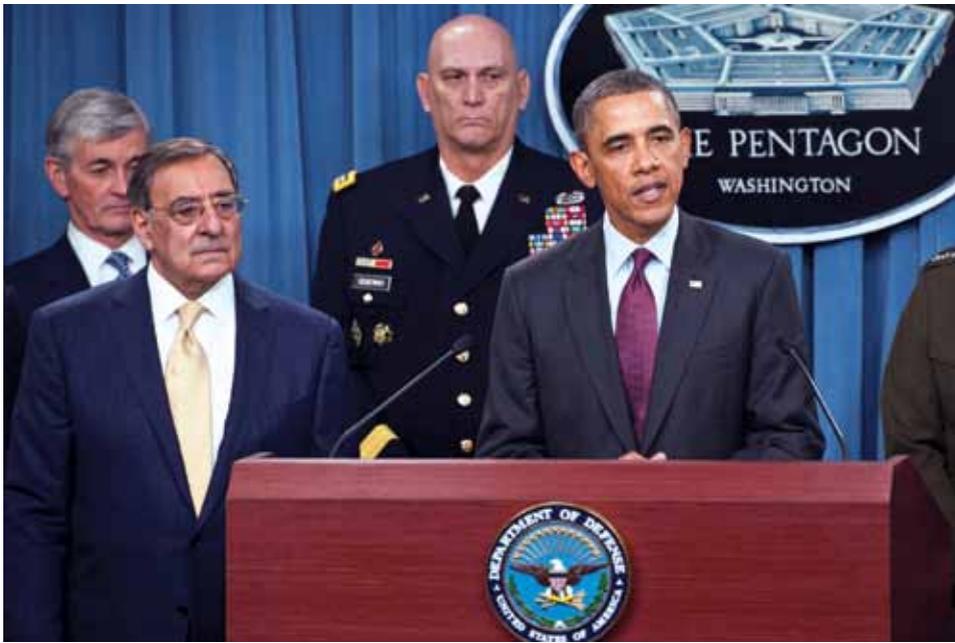
entire global financial system—the British imperial system of private financier oligarchy dictatorship—is coming down now. "The British need a calamity that they, themselves, [will] barely survive, to preserve their Empire. The British Empire has a passion for retaining their power that they can not shake. And so now," LaRouche warned, "the British Royals have to decide whether to surrender their empire or go for global genocide, which means thermonuclear war in the very near term."

LaRouche explained that "this is why we can only avoid war, with any assurance of success, if Obama is thrown out of office now. Nothing else will work, because as long as Obama is in the White House, unfettered, the British have their finger on the U.S. thermonuclear arsenal. And it is aimed at Russia and China."

Hammond Comes to Town

Obama's announcement coincided with the arrival in Washington of British Defence Secretary Philip Hammond. The document that Obama presented named China and Iran, but not explicitly Russia. Hammond, during remarks at the U.S. Atlantic Council, insured that Russia would not be forgotten. "We should not forget that although the threat of Soviet Communism has passed, Russia as a nation still exists," he said. "It is still an important global player, the intentions of which are not entirely clear or predictable at this stage."

Hammond met later in the day with Defense Secre-



Department of Defense

Obama's military doctrine is nothing but a rehash of the Cheney-Rumsfeld permanent war policy. He is shown here at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Panetta and the top military brass, presenting his plan.

tary Leon Panetta at the Pentagon where, according to a statement issued afterwards, they “discussed the new U.S. defense strategic guidance and compared notes on the UK’s recent experience with its Strategic Defense and Security Review,” among other things.

Who is Philip Hammond? According to his official biography, posted on the Ministry of Defence website, Hammond has no background in defense or military affairs. He was appointed to the post last October, after his predecessor Liam Fox was forced to resign because of a scandal surrounding his roommate. Hammond was appointed transportation secretary when David Cameron became prime minister, and then became a member of the Queen’s Privy Council in May 2010. So, apparently, the only qualification that he has for the job he has now is that he shares some face time with Queen Elizabeth.

Hammond shares his lack of qualifications with Obama’s National Security Advisor Tom Donilon, who also has no background in national security, having been a political hack and a lobbyist for most of his career, but is a pal of the President.

Targeting China

The new U.S. military strategy codifies the Asia-Pacific shift that Obama indicated on his most recent

trip to Asia. “As I made clear in Australia,” he said, “we will be strengthening our presence in the Asia-Pacific and budget reductions will not come at the expense of that critical region.” Indeed, the document declares that, because U.S. interests are “inextricably linked” to developments in an arc extending from the western Pacific to the Indian Ocean, “we will of necessity re-balance toward the Asia-Pacific region” (emphasis in original).

The new doctrine says that “China’s emergence as a regional power will have the potential to affect the U.S. economy and our security in a variety of ways.”

While both countries have a stake in peace and stability in East Asia, “the growth of China’s military power must be accompanied by greater clarity of its strategic intentions in order to avoid causing friction in the region. The United States will continue to make the necessary investments to ensure that we maintain regional access and the ability to operate freely in keeping with our treaty obligations and with international law.”

What this means is explained a few pages later. It has to do with “overcoming” the alleged anti-access/area-denial threat—that is, Chinese military measures designed to keep U.S. forces out of the western Pacific, especially the East China Sea. “In order to credibly deter potential adversaries and to prevent them from achieving their objectives, the United States must maintain its ability to project power in areas in which our access and freedom to operate are challenged,” it says.

“States such as China and Iran will continue to pursue asymmetric means to counter our power projection capabilities, while proliferation of sophisticated weapons and technology will extend to non-state actors as well. Accordingly, the U.S. military will invest as required to ensure its ability to operate effectively in anti-access and area denial environ-

ments” (emphasis in original).

On Jan. 9, the Chinese Foreign Ministry, in the first known official Chinese response, slammed as “groundless and untrustworthy” U.S. accusations that its military policy is not transparent. “China’s strategic intent is clear, open, and transparent,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said. “Our national defense modernization serves the objective requirements of national security and development and also plays an active role in maintaining regional peace and stability. It will not pose any threat to any country.” Liu added that maintaining peace, stability, and prosperity in the region serves the common interests of all Asia-Pacific countries, “and we hope the U.S. will play a more constructive role to this end.”

The unofficial response has been milder, but clear. “[T]he United States is welcome to make more contributions to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, but it is possible militarism will cause a lot of ill will and meet with strong opposition in the world’s most dynamic region,” warned Xinhua in a Jan. 6 editorial. An editorial in the *Global Times* advised that China’s only recourse, since it has become the strategic target of the United States, is to “use its strength to gain friendship from the US from now on.” This doesn’t mean that China should surrender to U.S. perceptions, however. “It should strengthen its long-range strike abilities and put more deterrence on the US,” advises the *Times*. “The US must realize that it cannot stop the rise of China and that being friendly to China is in its utmost interests.”

Andrew Marshall and the Neo-Cons

This targeting of China is nothing new. It dates back to at least the late 1990s and the efforts of Andrew Marshall, the director of the Pentagon’s Office of Net Assessment, in the aftermath of the end of the Cold War. In the Summer of 1999, Marshall and his office sponsored a study at the Naval War College, in Newport, R.I., that postulated that China would be the focus of future strategic confrontation with the United States, whether it was strong or weak.

“A stable and powerful China will be constantly challenging the status quo in East Asia,” the report said. “An unstable and relatively weak China could be dangerous because its leaders might try to bolster their power with foreign military adventurism.” The report, entitled *Asia 2025*, puts forward a number of “plausible” scenarios which raise particular strategic and op-

erational issues that ought to be considered by the Defense Department, in large part, because of the geography of the Pacific.

Marshall set out a proposed series of actions, most of which are now part of the Obama policy, in a May 2, 2002 memo to then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Among other things, Marshall proposed expanding the U.S. military presence in Australia; expanding use of port facilities in Singapore; increased port visits and military-to-military cooperation with India; and expanding U.S. basing infrastructure and military cooperation in the Central Asia “-stan” countries. Marshall also proposed expanding basing infrastructure at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Guam, and shifting the basing of nuclear submarines and long-range bombers to Guam, all of which are part of the Obama strategy.

Marshall also proposed directing “the services to plan for the types of military challenges a malevolent China may pose over the long term, and incorporate these into Service and Joint wargames, training and exercise programs, including routine, wide-area USN-USAF-special forces exercises.” (The memo can be found on Rumsfeld’s website, www.rumsfeld.com.)

At least two components of the anti-access/area-denial mission in the Obama strategy are products of Marshall’s “kindergarten,” that is, military officers indoctrinated in Marshall’s office, who are now part of the Washington policy-making establishment. Those components include the Air-Sea Battle doctrine and the proposed development of a new stealth bomber. Both proposals came into the public domain via the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a Washington think-tank founded by Andrew Krepinevich, a retired Army officer who pulled a tour of duty in Marshall’s office in the late 1980s. The CSBA produced a document in 2010 describing the operational concepts of Air-Sea Battle authored by Jan Van Tol, a retired Navy captain who is a veteran of two tours in Marshall’s office.

The similarity between Rumsfeld’s 2002 policies and Obama’s not-so-new military strategy doesn’t end there, however, as was noted in recent press coverage. It is easy to emphasize Asia, technology, and quality over quantity, Pentagon advisor and Center for Strategic and International Studies analyst Anthony Cordesman told *The Hill* on Jan. 5. In fact, this is what Secretary Rumsfeld did.

Winslow Wheeler, an analyst with the Center for Defense Information, added that the Obama plans for shifting the nation's defense strategy toward the Asia-Pacific region re-emphasizes the focus on the Air Force and Navy as the "transformative" military services—Rumsfeld's word, not theirs—but they seem to mean very much the same thing. Marshall was, in fact, the brains behind Rumsfeld's "transformation" policies, and Wheeler retained his position, despite the fact that those concepts were proven incompetent in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The roots of Obama's strategy go back even further, to then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney's 1992 Defense Planning Guidance, leaked portions of which were published in the *New York Times* on March 8 of

that year. Early drafts of the document, developed by officials who would later become infamous as the neocon "Vulcans" of the G.W. Bush Administration, declared that the main objective of U.S. military policy would be to prevent the rise of another global power that could rival the United States.

The Obama document contains no such explicit statement, but that intent is evident after a thorough read-through of it. And, like Obama's strategy, the Cheney guidance anticipated smaller defense budgets and force structure, and therefore placed greater emphasis on nuclear deterrence, missile defense, and lighter, more deployable forces. Such a British-style geopolitical military doctrine can only lead in one direction: further wars.

Russians: Obama Adopted 'Prompt Global Strike'

An article by two Russian military analysts in the military supplement of the Russian daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, *Nezavisimoye Voyennoye Obozreniye* (Independent Military Review), on Dec. 23, provided an insightful analysis of the Obama Administration's continuation of the Cheney-Bush preemptive war policy—even before Obama's release of the new Defense Strategic Review Jan. 5. While not identifying the British authorship, the lengthy article's precise analysis underscores top Russians' understanding of the global confrontation being prepositioned by the British-controlled Obama Administration.

The article chronicles the nuclear strategy of the George W. Bush Administration, and documents that the Obama Administration is not only *not* abandoning it, but building on it. The role of missile defense is identified as follows: "A global layered US missile defense system is an integral part of a new triad: Missile Defense-Precision Weapons-Nuclear Weapons, which integrates within a single system nuclear and conventional offensive assets, active and passive defense, and a flexible infrastructure that supports their rapid buildup." Indeed, the authors argue, in this triad, missile defense is the "de-

termining factor in the game planned by Washington for the geopolitical arena of today's 21st Century world."

Pursuit of this plan means Obama is continuing to develop the Cheney-Bush "Prompt Global Strike" (PGS) concept, they correctly report. This is based on Bush's (read: Cheney's) preemptive-preventive strike concept, and, the authors state, requires a decision by the U.S. President alone to order a strike.

After further specifying how Obama is pursuing this concept, including with European missile defense installations along Russia's perimeter, the authors point to the potential of a U.S. first strike:

"In the conception of America's strategic command, the components of the new strategic triad 'Missile Defense-Precision Weapons-Nuclear Weapons' are to become the forces of 'global strikes.' PGS is providing the tools for the realization of a new counterforce potential that is to ensure for the United States the capability to mount a preventive disarming strike against the Russian Federation's Strategic Nuclear Forces without the onset of irreversible environmental consequences."

The authors basically call for enhanced Russian retaliatory capabilities under the Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) doctrine, to deter such a strike. Other Russian leaders have put SDI-SDE proposals on the table, which the U.S., after Obama is removed, can immediately accept.

EU's Fascist Policy For Italy Hits a Snag

by Claudio Celani

Jan. 7—European Union (EU) official language is Orwellian, in which white means black, peace means war, and growth means decay. EU puppet Mario Monti, the technocrat who leads the “accountants government” in Italy, provides a perfect example.

Monti named his first austerity package the “Salva Italia” (Save Italy) bill, whereby not Italy, but the euro was meant to be saved. He has now announced a second package, called “Crescitalia” (Grow Italy), where again it is not the nation of Italy that is to grow, but rather, the income of the financial markets.

The new package is part of the program set by the European Central Bank (ECB) last August, in the now-famous confidential letter sent by ECB head Mario Draghi and former ECB chief Jean-Claude

Trichet to the Italian government. No money should be spent for investments, and “growth” should be achieved by reducing costs. Thus, the new package is to include a reform of labor laws, and deregulation and liberalization of “closed shop” professions, such as pharmacists, notaries, lawyers, and taxi drivers.

This prescription for Italy—as well as for Greece, which is further down the line toward destruction—will only worsen the economic, financial, and social crisis. It will push Italy, Europe’s third-largest economy, even closer to a financial blowout that could explode the entire euro system any day now—and thereby further crush the population.

Resistance Emerges

But Monti has run into some snags.

Before Christmas, the national taxi drivers’ union, Uritaxi, won a preliminary victory against the deregulation and liberalization plans of the Monti government, after Claudio Giudici, the head of Uritaxi in Tuscany, and an activist in the Italian LaRouche movement, Movisol, immediately started a huge nationwide mobilization. As soon as it became public that Monti was planning the liberalization of the taxi industry, taxis in the



Movisol

Claudio Giudici, right, an activist with Movisol, the Italian LaRouche movement, heads the Tuscany section of Uritaxi, the national taxi-drivers union, which has gone on strike against the austerity demands of the EU. Shown: taxis lined up on a street in Rome.

largest Italian cities went on strike, and the technocratic government had to immediately retract the plan. Because it's expected that the plan will crop up again soon, the taxi drivers are currently mobilizing a national "Operation Truth," to win the support of the entire population.

"Operation Truth" has started with a national leaflet (see box) handed out to taxi customers throughout the country, and with a large ad to appear soon in major national newspapers.

Significantly, the London *Financial Times* published an article Dec. 29 expressing its disgust with the fact that the City of London's champion Monti, who defeated Microsoft, was defeated by, of all things, Italian taxi drivers! Then, on Jan. 1, the Rome correspondent for the *FT*, Guy Dinmore, under the headline "Powerful lobbies put the brakes on Monti's reforms," reported on a letter to the editor by Giudici, which he had drafted as an answer to the Dinmore article. The *FT* didn't publish the letter to the editor, but Dinmore quoted Giudici defending opposition to the liberalization plan as a "passionate struggle by forces of a truly democratic opposition against converting Italy from a republican to an oligarchical state."

On Jan. 4, the Italian financial daily *Il Sole 24 Ore* also printed the *FT* article.

The Letter of Protest

On Jan. 5, Giudici received an e-mail from the editor of the *Financial Times*, who announced that his "powerful and eloquent letter" would be published in full. The next day, the following appeared in the newspaper:

"Monti will be defeated by democracy, truth, and conscience, more than by taxi drivers!

"Sir,

"In reference to Mr. Giugliano's article of Dec. 29 ('Monti needs more than Europe's cheers to hold Rome'), what is being described as 'resistance' by a system of 'closed shop professions'—is more properly viewed as the passionate effort by forces engaged in an actual democratic resistance against the transformation of Italy from a republic into an oligarchical state. Before they are workers—taxi drivers, pharmacists, newsvendors, shopkeepers—before being workers, they are citizens who still enjoy voting rights, and who put pressure on a system which—despite the 'freezing' of the constitutional process of selection of the Prime Minister by a series of national and international forces—is still centered around Parliament and voting rights which these persons still enjoy. This is the primary obstacle to a neoliberal blueprint aiming at putting the country—with its economic, productive and distributive expressions, both state-owned and shared among a multitude of citi-

Taxi Drivers Tell Monti: No Gifts to Financial Sharks!

The time has come to respond to the usual lies spread against us, aiming to present consumers with a completely distorted scenario, in order to make the financial sharks' entry into the sector palatable, something which is currently impossible.

The Italian economy does not need to eliminate regulations through liberalization and gifts to the banks; to the contrary it needs to again implement those rules which are able to tie the hands of finance, which today dominates everything and everyone, and *prevents the real development of the*

physical economy!

Today's paradox is that the "Professor Governments" are the same ones which created the global crisis with their recipes, and created the euro as a "test" currency, a currency doomed to fail because it ignores the real needs of people. Why have Argentina, China, and Russia, economies currently looking confidently toward the future, rediscovered the policies of the great American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt?

Roosevelt rescued us from Nazism, and first subjected financial sharks to strict regulations (the Glass-Steagall Act and the Bretton Woods Agreement). Here, instead, the [euro governments] insist on giving away entire economic sectors to those insatiable predators who orchestrate wars among the poor—and possibly also among peoples!

zens—in the hands of a financial oligarchy which has dominated the nation at least since 1992.

“The second obstacle faced by Mr. Monti is truth. All the above-mentioned citizen-workers groups are mobilizing to make it clear to their fellow-citizens that the current media campaign is not truthful. Since most television and radio talk-shows do not allow, or severely limit a real debate, union organizations and single workers have established a real parallel information system by using the social network, leaflets and word-of-mouth advertising.

“The third and last obstacle faced by Monti is represented by that properly human ontological quality called conscience. This is the sea where the River of Truth finds its mouth: it finds it in a few members of Parliament, in some journalists, in many citizens.

“Therefore, it is not some magical power by taxi-drivers have that is stopping Mr. Monti, but this mix of democracy, truth, and conscience which is keeping the country still safe from ultimately falling in the hands of financial sharks!

“Claudio Giudici

“Chairman

“Uritaxi (national taxi-drivers union),

“Tuscany region”

The *Financial Times* editors, however, had cut seven decisive words, which incriminated their masters, the City of London. Giudici had written that oligarchical forces “have dominated Italy since 1992 (the year of the famous ‘Britannia’ deals).” The crucial words in the parentheses were omitted.

The “Britannia” deals are well known in Rome and London as the deals made on board the British royal yacht *Britannia*, on June 2, 1992, among City of London bankers and pro-British Italian businessmen, financiers, and civil servants. The most famous participant in that meeting was then-Italian Treasury Minister Mario Draghi.

Indeed, the ECB program being implemented in Italy now by Monti has been described as “Britannia II” by many commentators.

Monti Forges Ahead

Phase Two of Monti’s program, which has been cynically sold as a growth program “at no cost,” has already begun: Since Jan. 2, all limitations have been removed on the hours shops can remain open. In the



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Prime Minister Mario Monti, London’s man in Italy, has been set back on his heels by the Italian taxi drivers, who are challenging his “reforms.”

future, any business can stay open ’round the clock.

Regional governments are strongly resisting this. The governments of Tuscany, Piedmont, and Apulia have announced they will bring a constitutional complaint. The Venice region has instructed the state police to levy fines on all the shopkeepers who accept this decree, and the Latium region (where Rome is located) has set a meeting with the shopkeepers and their unions.

Monti and his financial supporters had better get used to such a response. He has been counting on blind support from the national political parties, who heretofore have been cowed by the blackmail of the financial markets and the EU. However, a strong response is emerging from the citizenry, and from local authorities, labor unions, and representatives of the real economy in general. Over the past year, in fact, a significant portion of the Italian population has awoken to the fact that the euro system is being used to bleed the country to death, rather than lead it towards economic growth and cooperation as originally promised.

Is the Obama Administration Backing London's Plan To Dismember Pakistan?

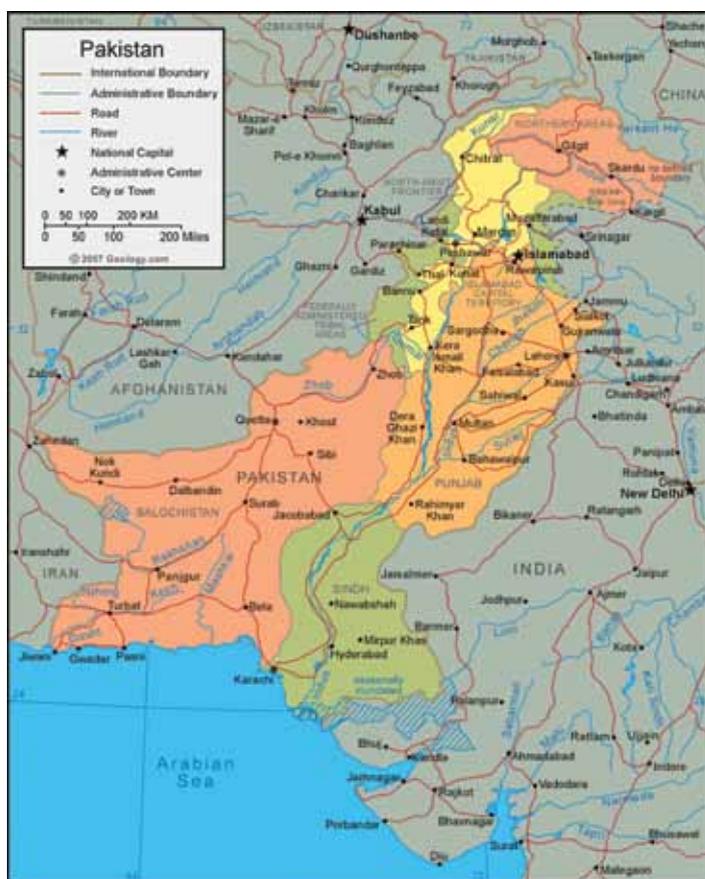
by Ramtanu Maitra

Jan. 8—Those who think Pakistan's only problem is the rising tide of jihadism in that country are grossly mistaken. There are indications that the London-led project to separate Balochistan from Pakistan has now been given an impetus. The objectives are many. To name a few: It would weaken a belligerent Pakistan; create a buffer between Pakistan and Afghanistan; secure a strong foothold along the southeastern borders of Iran; and undo China's long-term plan to link up the Karakoram Highway in the north to the Arabian Sea, by a land-bridge running through Balochistan.

The British plan to separate Balochistan is a longstanding one. Britain's Foreign Policy Centre (FPC) arranged a seminar on the Balochistan province of Pakistan in collaboration with the so-called Balochistan Rights Movement on June 27, 2006 in the House of Commons. The seminar was an one-sided attack on Pakistan for "colonizing" Balochistan and suppressing the Baloch people. Its chairman Stephen Twiggs, is a member of parliament from Enfield Southgate, who chairs Labour Friends of Israel (LFI), a Westminster-based pro-Israel lobby group working within the Labour Party. Twiggs has been involved with the FPC from its inception in 1998, and as a member of the board from 1998 to 2006. FPC wields considerable influence in Westminster, and is also consulted routinely by the Foreign Office and Downing Street on matters relating to the Middle East. Tony Blair is known to consult its members about Middle East policy.

In June 2006, Pakistan's Senate Committee on Defense accused British intelligence of "abetting the insurgency in the province bordering Iran [Balochistan]" (Figure 1), according to the Press Trust of India,

FIGURE 1



Aug. 9, 2006. Ten British MPs were involved in a closed-door session of the Senate Committee on Defense regarding alleged MI6 support to Baloch separatists. Also of relevance are reports of CIA and Mossad support to Baloch rebels in Iran and Southern Afghanistan.

U.S. military analyst Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, writing in the June 2006 issue of *The Armed Forces Journal*,

suggested that Pakistan should be broken up, leading to the formation of a separate country, “Greater Balochistan” or “Free Balochistan.” The latter would incorporate the Pakistani and Iranian Baloch provinces into a single political entity.

Fresh Cry To Break Up Pakistan

Although at the time, for the George W. Bush Administration, and later, the Obama Administration, the dismemberment of Pakistan had taken a back seat—not because Pakistan was an ally, but to ensure help from Islamabad’s security and military apparatus in finding a way out of the Afghan mess—it is likely that the option to create an independent Balochistan was very much on Washington’s agenda for a long while.

Now, as the relations between the United States and Pakistan have soured to a point that many in Washington consider that the differences between the two are irreconcilable, particularly on security matters, the pro-British Obama Administration has seemingly joined hands with the “break up Pakistan” faction in Washington.

U.S. expert on Balochistan, Selig Harrison, writing for *The National Interest* Feb. 1, 2011, urged the Obama Administration to create an independent Balochistan, and laid out the steps that the United States should take to make that happen. He said that Washington should do more to support anti-Islamist forces along the southern Arabian Seacoast. First, it should support anti-Islamist Sindhi leaders of the Sufi variant of Islam, with their network of 124,000 shrines. Most important, it should aid the 6 million Baloch insurgents fighting for independence from Pakistan in the face of growing ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) repression. Pakistan has given China a base at Gwadar in the heart of Baloch territory; an independent Balochistan would serve U.S. strategic interests, in addition to the immediate goal of countering Islamist forces.

Subsequently, M. Chris Mason, a retired diplomat with long service in South Asia, and a senior fellow at the Center for Advanced Defense Studies in Washington, in an article titled, “Solve the Pakistan problem by redrawing the map,” for the *Toronto Globe and Mail* on Dec. 21, 2011, let it all hang out. “The permanent solution to the Pakistan problem,” he wrote, “is not more of this chest-beating appeasement. The answer lies in 20th-century history. In 1947, when India gained independence, a British Empire in full retreat left behind an unworkable mess on both sides of India—called Paki-

stan—whose elements had nothing in common except the religion of Islam. In 1971, this postcolonial Frankenstein came a step closer to rectification when Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, became an independent state.

“The answer to the current Pakistani train wreck is to continue this natural process by recognizing Baluchistan’s legitimate claim to independence. Baluchistan was an independent nation for more than 1,000 years when Great Britain notionally annexed it in the mid-19th century. The Baluchis were never consulted about becoming a part of Pakistan, and since then, they have been the victims of alternating persecution and neglect by the Pakistani state, abuse which escalated to genocide when it was discovered in the 1970s that most of the region’s natural resources lie underneath their soil. Since then, tens of thousands of Baluchis have been slaughtered by the Pakistani army, which has used napalm and tanks indiscriminately against an unarmed population.

“Changing maps is difficult only because it is initially unimaginable to diplomats and politicians. Although redrawing maps is the definition of failure for the United Nations and the U.S. State Department, it has, in fact, been by such a wide margin the most effective solution to regional violence over the past 50 years that there is really nothing in second place. Among the most obvious recent examples (apart from the former Soviet Union) are North and South Sudan, Kosovo, Eritrea, Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, East Timor and Bangladesh.

“An independent Baluchistan would, in fact, solve many of the region’s most intractable problems overnight. It would create a territorial buffer between rogue states Iran and Pakistan. It would provide a transportation and pipeline corridor for Afghanistan and Central Asia to the impressive but underutilized new port at Gwadar. It would solve all of NATO’s logistical problems in Afghanistan, allow us to root the Taliban out of the former province and provide greater access to Waziristan, to subdue our enemies there. And it would contain the rogue nuclear state of Pakistan and its A.Q. Khan network of nuclear proliferation-for-profit on three landward sides.”

Other Players in the Fray

Twiggs’ orchestrations in the FPC are not the only Israeli footprints in the new-fangled Great Game to create a buffer-state between Pakistan and Afghani-

stan, and Pakistan and Iran. The Iranian government accuses Jundullah, a terrorist group that has carried out a myriad of terrorist actions in the area bordering the Sunni-majority Balochistan-Sistan province of predominantly Shi'a Iran over the last decade. Jundullah came into existence in Balochistan in 2003, and Iran has claimed that it was working hand-in-glove with the U.S., Israel, and al-Qaeda, perpetrating acts of terrorism and supporting separatism. Jundullah planned its terrorist acts against Iran from military camps in Pakistan, Tehran claimed.

More evidence of Israeli involvement, however, becomes visible on the Baloch diaspora's website, Government of Balochistan (GOB) in Exile. The website says the Baloch diaspora established the newly formed "democratic, liberal and secular" government in Jerusalem in 2006. Its address is: The World Baloch Jewish Alliance Building: P.O. Box 5631: Jerusalem, Israel.

Another arch-enemy of Pakistan, India, which would like to weaken Islamabad's influence in Afghanistan and promote its own, has long been accused by the Pakistani security agencies of aiding and abetting the Baloch secessionists with a wink and a nod from Washington. New Delhi vehemently refutes those accusations.

Nonetheless, a cable from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, leaked by the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks, disclosed that there was enough evidence of Indian involvement in Waziristan and other tribal areas of Pakistan, as well as Balochistan.

The *Express Tribune*, which is part of the *International Herald Tribune* group, reported on Dec. 3, 2010, that, according to the WikiLeaks cable, a draft of a presentation shared with the U.S. by Pakistan's National Security Advisor Mahmud Ali Durrani, stated that Pakistani parliamentarians were also told that India and Russia were involved in the insurgency in Balochistan. The *Express Tribune* reported that ISI chief Lt. Gen. Ahmad Shuja Pasha said that India has estab-



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The Gwadar Port in Baluchistan, Pakistan: China envisions the port to become a transshipment hub for the landlocked Central Asian States, Afghanistan, and Western China.

lished nine training camps along the Afghan-Balochistan border, where it is training members of the Baloch Liberation Army. He also claimed that "India and the UAE (reportedly due to its opposition to construction of the Gwadar Port) were funding and arming the Baloch. Pasha also claimed that the Russian government was directly involved in funding/training/supporting the insurgency."

The article also said "former Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf had also raised the point with US officials in September 2007." According to a memo, he had asked the U.S. to intervene against "the 'deliberate' attempt of Kabul and New Delhi to destabilize Balochistan."

Why Balochistan?

President Obama has clearly stated that the drive to build up American military presence in the Asia-Pacific region stems from identifying two enemies of the United States—China and Iran. While Iran is the immediate one, China is potentially the greater *bête noire*.

Prior to, or after, issuance of those statements, a number of developments have occurred rapidly in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region. Besides Washington's

distancing itself from Islamabad, the U.S. has begun openly to court the Taliban, an avowed Wahhabite enemy of Shi'a Iran. Vice President Joe Biden has reminded us recently that President Obama had never identified the Taliban as an enemy. The Taliban has also opened an office in Qatar, a vassal-emirate of Britain, and where the U.S. has military installations; they hope to negotiate with the U.S./NATO to resolve the Afghanistan imbroglio, and to stake a claim in Kabul.

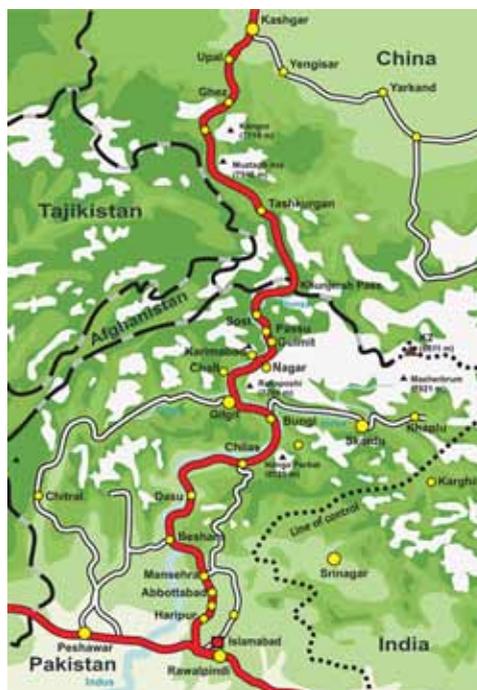
The American plan is seemingly to wean the Taliban away from Pakistan, and bring to power in Kabul a force that is avowedly anti-Iran. Since Iran has been identified by Obama and his Administration as its enemy, the enemy of Iran, the Taliban, may soon become Washington's friend.

In order to bring pressure on Iran, the U.S. has also tripled the size of the Shindand Air Base in western Afghanistan, about 20 miles from the Iranian border. Having been in the works since the Fall of 2010, completion of the "Far East Expansion" makes the base second in size only to Bastion Field in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The project is part of a \$500 million military construction effort to support Regional Command West, and turn Shindand into the premier flight-training base in Afghanistan. The expansion is slated to become the new living and work area for more than 3,000 Coalition forces and government contractors. Their relocation will make possible the construction of a new 1.3-mile NATO training runway, scheduled to begin early 2012.

So, what is now on Washington's mind? To begin with, the Obama Administration may have concluded that in order to "deal" with Iran, the U.S./NATO would like to create a "trouble-free" Afghanistan, which, in Washington's book, means putting Kabul, and, in essence, all of Afghanistan, under the control of the "friendly" Afghan Taliban and separating the group from its loose ties with Pakistan.

It also means that if and when Balochistan becomes

FIGURE 2
The Karakoram Highway (KHH)



an independent country, London and Washington will secure a direct access to Central Asia using the Arabian Sea. Such an arrangement would smooth U.S./NATO logistical requirements and pose a permanent threat to the security of Iran's Strait of Hormuz, a stone's throw from the western tip of Balochistan. In the interim, a vigorous secessionist movement unleashed within Balochistan will enable the anti-Iran crusaders to weaken Iran's northeastern region through irregular warfare.

In the long term, perhaps, the London-Washington objective is to prevent China from coming into the Arabian Sea in the south from the Karakoram Highway (Figure 2) in the North, thus establishing a supply line which would enable a faster development of its western part bordering

Central Asia. London and Washington believe that by preventing the economic development and security of western China, they would be in a position to set up sa- trapies on the southern flank of Russia, another potential major enemy.

The China Angle

One of the first indications of China's long-term interest in Pakistan was construction of the Karakoram Highway (KHH), or "Friendship Highway," jointly, by the governments of Pakistan and China, completed in 1986. It connects the northern areas of Pakistan to the ancient Silk Road. It runs approximately 1,300 km from Kashgar in the Xinjiang region of China, to Havelian in the Abbottabad District of Pakistan. An extension of the highway meets the Grand Trunk Road at Hasan Abdal, west of Islamabad. The highway cuts through the collision zone between the Asian and Indian continents, where China, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India come within 250 kilometers of each other.

On June 30, 2006, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Pakistani Highway Administration and China's state-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) to rebuild and

upgrade the KKH. According to S. Fredrick Starr, a professor at Johns Hopkins University, and chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, a new North-South phase of the corridor is underway. Examples of this thrust are: the rebuilding of the KKH; the new route running from southwest Xinjiang across Tajik Badakhshan; the planned U.S. highway bridge over Pansh, linking Tajikistan with Afghanistan's main north-south routes; the improvement of existing highways from the Urals and western Siberia to Central Asia, and their extension to Afghanistan; and developing road and rail routes from Iran's port of Bandar-Abbas, north across Turkmenistan and Tajikistan to Russia.

China, meanwhile, has integrated its western and central regions, and is now in a position to use the KKH and other links for expanding trade with West and South Asia. To further strengthen the KKH, a railway line alongside it, connecting Pakistan and western China, is now under consideration as an integral part of the TEC (Trade and Energy Corridor) project. The railroad is intended not only for trade but also to transport oil and gas by tankers, in case a pipeline is not a viable option. This rail track will be linked to Gwadar, where oil-refining and storage facilities are now under construction. (Source: "Prospects of Pakistan becoming a trade and energy corridor for China": Fazal-ur-Rahman.) In other words, China envisions the Gwadar Port to become a transshipment hub for the landlocked Central Asian states, Afghanistan, and Western China.

The second leg of China's Pakistan policy is the development of Gwadar Port on Pakistan's Makran coast in Balochistan, not far from the Strait of Hormuz. The Gwadar Port project got underway soon after 9/11. On March 22, 2002, China flew in Vice Premier Wu Bangguo to lay the foundation stone, and the first phase of the project was completed in 2005. The overall cost is estimated at \$1.16 billion; the Chinese contribution to finance the first phase was \$198 million, while Pakistan invested \$50 million.

Since the completion of Phase I, Pakistan has taken some interesting decisions. On Feb 1, 2007, Islamabad allowed the Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) to sign a 40-year agreement with the Port of Singapore Authority (PSA), one of the biggest port operators in the world, and its subsidiary Concessional Holding Company, for development and operation of the tax-free port and duty-free trade zone. The concessions given to the operators had already been approved by Shaukat Aziz,

former prime minister of Pakistan, on Jan. 23, 2007.

However, a decade-long war in Afghanistan, and rapid deterioration of security conditions within Balochistan have stymied progress in the development of the Gwadar Port. According to Pakistani Sen. Ismail Buledi, the Port of Singapore Authority is relying only on government cargo, thus grossly deviating from the master plan of the government. He added that the port should be given to China, so it can be operated according to the master plan. "If the Gwadar Port is marketed well, the regional ports will lose considerable business," he said. "It is time we took right decisions. Otherwise Gwadar Port may lose this opportunity to the fast developing Iranian port of Chabahar."

It is evident that in the Chinese scheme of things, the key to the success of its Pakistan policy lies with the Gwadar Port. In choosing a port site to link up with the KKH, Gwadar's location is ideal. It is on the Arabian Seacoast in the southwestern tip of Pakistan's strife-torn province of Balochistan, and faces the Gulf of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz. However, it seems that both London and Washington are ready to use their muscles to prevent China from achieving that goal.

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War or Development in Korea? Sanity Takes the Lead

by Mike Billington

Jan. 7—Korea is once again a target for regional warfare—not because of instability in North Korea, due to the death of its supreme leader Kim Jong-il, but because the financial oligarchy in the West, suffering from a terminal financial breakdown crisis, is attempting once again to use Korea as a possible trigger for global conflict.

As the trans-Atlantic financial empire collapses into chaos, the chosen strategy for the British Empire is to provoke global warfare, targeting Asia, both because the Empire cannot tolerate continued economic development in East, as the West disintegrates, but also because Asia is where a majority of the world's population lives, and a nuclear war in Asia would satisfy Prince Philip's maniacal dream of reducing the world's population to about 1 billion people.

War against Syria and Iran is the Empire's current first choice for provoking such a war with Russia and China, but the North-South Korea divide—the last remnant of the Cold War in Asia—has long served the Empire as a point of divisiveness and contention, especially by keeping the United States in a state of conflict with Russia and China.

Much to the dismay of these British warmongers and their puppets in the United States (both President Obama and his neo-con cohorts left over from the Bush-Cheney regime), a combination of Russian, Chinese, South Korean, and U.S. State Department officials has joined forces against the warhawks, posing joint economic development in North Korea as a basis for “peace through development.”

The death of Kim Jong-il on Dec. 17 intersected a period of dramatic transformation in the troubled relations between the two Koreas. Russia, which had played only a minor role in the Six-Party Talks launched in 2003 (with Russia, China, Japan, the U.S., and North and South Korea), largely because of the internal crisis in Russia, shifted gears in 2011, under the leadership of both President Dmitri Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Moscow re-engaged in the region by



U.S. State Department/Michael Gross

The Clinton State Department, unlike the White House, has consistently posed the urgency of cooperation among Russia, China, and South Korea in solving the long-festering problem on the Korean Peninsula. Shown: Hillary Clinton and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, in Washington Oct. 13, 2011.

renewing its earlier proposals for gas and oil pipelines to connect Russia with South Korea through North Korea, and integrating the Korean Peninsula into plans for development of the vast Russian Far East—a classic example of the “peace through development” concept, which is in fact the only means to successfully counter London's imperial “divide-and-conquer” techniques.

But crucial to this effort was support not only from China, but also from South Korea itself, and from the United States. Support was not to be expected from President Obama, whose tour of Asia in November was recognized across the region as an attempt to force a confrontation with China, both militarily and economically.¹ But other factions within the U.S. government,

1. See Mike Billington, “Obama's Asia Trip Had Only One Purpose: War on China,” *EIR*, Nov. 25, 2011.

centered on Hillary Clinton’s State Department, and among senior military and intelligence circles, recognize the insanity of provoking a confrontation with China, and have attempted to give backing to the “peace through development” approach promoted by Russia and China.

Hopeful Transition

With Kim’s death, and the rapid transition to the leadership of his 28-year-old third son Kim Jong-un, the warmongers were quick to pronounce that now was the time to push for regime change. Michael Green, who served on George W. Bush’s National Security Council, claimed, in a *Japan Times* op-ed on Dec.

26, that the new North Korean leader was responsible for the sinking of a South Korean naval ship, and the shelling of a South Korean island in 2010.

That line was echoed by the Heritage Foundation’s Balbina Hwang on a PBS News Hour interview. Green ranted that the danger of not preparing for Libya-style “regime change” in North Korea at this moment of transition would “outweigh any risk that intensified preparations might pose to our diplomatic outreach to the North.” Hwang described the incoming North Korean leader as a “great danger to the world.”

On the same News Hour interview, Donald Gregg, a former career CIA official and Ambassador to South Korea, who now directs the Korea Society in New York, called Hwang’s claims “absolute nonsense,” and expressed optimism that the recent appointment as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs of Wendy Sherman, who was President Bill Clinton’s North Korea Policy Coordinator, working together with her Chinese counterpart Fu Ying, also a Korea expert, would facilitate using the transition as a moment of opportunity for dramatic progress on the Korean Peninsula.

‘Big Change Is Expected’

South Korean President Lee Myung-bac, who had carefully collaborated with the Russian government



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Optimism in the Koreas today is, in part, based on a commitment to building the Pyongyang-Seoul rail connection (shown on the map), as part of the “New Silk Road” Eurasian Land-Bridge. The photo shows a June 2003 ceremony for linking the North-South rail line.

and the Russian energy firm Gazprom to bring North Korea into cooperation on the pipeline project before Kim Jong-il’s death, has looked at the transition of North Korean leadership to Kim Jong-un as an opportunity to move the project forward even more rapidly. The South Korean President visited Russia in November to discuss the broader implications of the pipeline deal (just three months after Kim Jong-il met with Russian President Medvedev in Siberia on the same subject). Lee will visit Beijing on Jan. 9.

A source in the Korean government told *EIR* that it is their government’s view that the shift toward cooperation and development with Moscow and Seoul under Kim Jong-il over the past year is “institutional”—that there is no significant faction in North Korea which does not wish to continue the

process—including a willingness to give up nuclear weapons, over time, in exchange for aid and development.

President Lee, in a New Year's statement, went so far as to say, "I have expectations that this year will set a milestone for resolving the North Korean nuclear issue. We are ready to provide the necessary support to ease North Korea's security concerns and resuscitate its economy based on what will be agreed upon at the Six-Party Talks." He said the situation on the Korean Peninsula "is now entering a new turning point . . . a new opportunity amid changes and uncertainty."

Kurt Campbell, U.S. Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, has visited China, Japan, and South Korea over the past week, focused largely on the North Korean situation. The Clinton State Department, unlike the White House, has consistently posed the urgency of cooperation among Russia, China, and South Korea in solving the long-festering problem on the Korean Peninsula. President Lee's cooperation with Russia has been coordinated at every step with his American ally, working through the State Department rather than the White House.

Russia and China

Alexander Vorontsov, head of the Institute of Oriental Studies and of the Department for Korean and Mongolian Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia's foremost expert on Korea, published an article in *38 North*, the publication of the U.S.-Korea Institute in Washington's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), warning against careless warmongering by U.S. politicians.

"US conservatives," wrote Vorontsov, "such as Mitt Romney, are urging greater pressure on North Korea in connection with the inexperienced Kim Jong-un's taking charge, with regime change as the end goal." He counters that the reality is that "now is an opportune time to turn the page on past conflicts and to start cultivating contacts with the young North Korean leader." He argues that while Kim is young, he has learned quickly, and that, in any case, "combining the leader's singular status with collectivism in top-level decision-making is a long-standing tradition in North Korea, though the balance between the two elements fluctuates." The hysterical warnings of chaos and infighting (coming from the neo-con crowd advising Obama on foreign policy) is "completely groundless,"

says Vorontsov—similar to the view of the South Korean government.

Importantly, Vorontsov notes that Hillary Clinton "has engaged in intense consultations with representatives of the countries neighboring North Korea. In particular, she had several phone conversations with the foreign ministers of Russia and China." He suggests that there may be a "bold initiative" in the works, like that of Clinton's recent visit to the once-demonized Myanmar, adding that "an analogous breakthrough in dealing with North Korea may yet be brewing."

Creating a Pretext

Just as President Obama's secret advisory team on Syria has proposed finding a "pretext" for an invasion of that country (as explicitly stated by the London-sponsored "opposition" in their recent document "Safe Area for Syria"), so the imperial forces are working to create a pretext for a war on North Korea. The Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* recently quoted "diplomatic observers" claiming that the UN is about to launch an investigation into supposed North Korean exports of chemical weapon inputs to Syria, calling it a case of a "close relationship between North Korea and Syria in the development and production of weapons of mass destruction." The suspect shipment goes back to November 2009!

Another "informed Western diplomatic source" told Kyodo News that an Iranian defense delegation that visited North Korea was pursuing "advanced centrifuge technologies related to uranium enrichment"—not that such arrangements would be illegal under any sane international regulations, but the intention of such undocumented leaks is abundantly clear.

The real target of this disinformation from British sources is their hatred of the growing cooperation between the East Asian nations, and especially the "danger" that the U.S., with Obama removed from office, would join ranks in great development projects across Asia, as Franklin Roosevelt would have done. Lyndon LaRouche noted in this regard that the optimism in the Koreas today stems from the fact that all the regional parties are involved in the process of connecting the two Koreas with China and Russia, completing the historic "New Silk Road" rail connection from Pusan to Amsterdam, and cooperating on the development of the Eurasian Far East.

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Turkey, Iran Ministers Meet in Tehran for Talks

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu was in Tehran on Jan. 4-5, where discussions with his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Salehi focused on reopening nuclear talks, as well as the situation in Iraq and Syria. It appears from the talks that Turkey is extremely concerned that Iraq may be descending into sectarian civil war.

Davutoglu was said to be carrying a message from the European Union's foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, on a proposal to restart the talks with the P5+1 (the UN Security Council Permanent Five plus Germany). At their joint press conference, Salehi said that Iran wants the nuclear talks to resume, and proposed that they take place in Turkey. Davutoglu told the press he hoped that the negotiations would resume and "gain good results." In Ankara the next day, Davutoglu held a press conference with visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gamba, where he reconfirmed that Iran was ready to resume these talks.

While the Turkish and Iranian Foreign Ministers' talks were taking place, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad initiated a telephone discussion with Russian President Dmitri Medvedev; a statement on Medvedev's website says that he expressed satisfaction with Ahmadinejad's "positive evaluation" of Russia's "step-by-step" proposal to dispel concerns about Iran's nuclear program.

EU Backs Crippling Sanctions Against Iran

European Union governments have agreed "in principle" to join the Obama Administration-imposed tough sanctions against Iran, according to European sources. The legislation, which calls for sanctions against financial institutions that deal with Iran's central bank, its main clearinghouse for oil exports, is meant to

force Iran to abandon its nuclear program, which Iran says is strictly non-military.

Western countries have imposed various sanctions on Iran for years, with little impact. But the latest measures are qualitatively different, directly targeting Iran's oil industry, which accounts for 60% of its economy. It is evident that the EU leaders twisted arms in financially desperate Greece, which gets a third of its oil from Iran and is a beneficiary of Tehran's lenient financing, and Spain and Italy, which are also big buyers, to agree to the sanctions.

Meanwhile, China, Iran's biggest trading partner, has cut its orders of Iranian oil by more than half this month due to differences over pricing, while, at the same time, voicing strong opposition to U.S. sanctions. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei repeated China's position that it prefers dialogue with Iran to sanctions.

A Turkish energy official said that Ankara, which buys about 30% of its oil from Iran, was seeking a waiver from Washington for its biggest refiner, Tupras.

Obama's Genocide in Haiti: Cholera Claims More Lives

An alarming cholera outbreak in the municipality of Pestel, on Haiti's southern peninsula, once again demonstrates the criminal negligence displayed by the President Obama, who was explicitly offered the opportunity to prevent genocide after the 2010 earthquake, and instead imposed it as policy.

The mayor of Pestel reported 200 people ill with cholera, 17 of whom died Jan. 6, in an area bereft of medical supplies, medical personnel, or a cholera treatment center. Although an American doctor working for a medical NGO connected to the Haiti Advisory Epidemic System (HEAS) responded immediately to rush in the necessary supplies and personnel, there is now an 8.5% fatality rate, far exceeding any statistics provided by the Pan American Health Organization.

This occurs amidst official talk of declining infection rates, and the with-

drawal of many medical NGOs due to lack of funding.

Anger and frustration are reflected in the comment by a Florida-based medical professional who characterized the number of Pestel's fatalities as "an unacceptable CFR [Cholera Fatality Rate] after more than one year of the beginning of this epidemic.... We cannot continue being witnesses to negligent interventions carried out by the UN and its health branch."

The source said that Haiti will be hit by a "fourth, fifth, and sixth" wave of cholera in the coming months, for which it is woefully unprepared.

Dump the Queen! Jamaica Opts To Become a Republic

In a move that is likely to provoke the fury of the British monarchy, Jamaica's new Prime Minister, Portia Simpson-Miller of the People's National Party, announced during her Jan. 5 swearing-in that her government intends to do away with the monarchy, dump the Queen of England as head of state, and become a republic, *Caribbean360* daily reported Jan. 6.

Simpson-Miller also underscored that Jamaica needs to complete the circle of independence by having its own indigenous President. Under the current Constitution, the Queen is represented by a governor-general who appoints the prime minister.

In August 2011, Jamaica will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its independence from Britain. Like so many other Caribbean nations, which the Empire still treats as its colonial possessions, Jamaica is reeling from the global financial breakdown and decades of imperial economic policy. The bulk of its revenue comes from a rapidly shrinking tourist industry.

A further reflection of a rebellious attitude is seen in the fact that several Caribbean states, acting through the Rio Group, voted in a meeting last year to back Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands *against Britain*, a fact that Argentine President Cristina Fernández happily pointed out in a recent speech.

LaRouche: Cancel British Imperial Food Control Laws

by Marcia Merry Baker

Jan. 9—At the start of the New Year, the daily reports of breakdown in the world's food chain—adding to already short supplies—pose the urgency of forcing a fundamental policy shift, or else continuing down the short road to famine. “What you have to do to solve the food problem is very simple: You have to eliminate the British-centered control, over food production and distribution,” Lyndon LaRouche said, on his year-end LPAC-TV Weekly Report (www.larouchepac.com). “If you just take those laws that are on the books now, cancel them! And you automatically will have a surge in food production.”

The set of U.S. laws suppressing food production, ruining family farming, and creating shortages and conditions for famine, include a set of acts centered on the World Trade Organization (WTO), and pushed through by networks associated with City of London/Wall Street political and financial interests, best called the British Empire. In the United States, three principal acts to be nullified are:

- treaty-membership in the World Trade Organization (began in January 1995);
- the 1970 Plant Variety Protection Act—allowing private patenting of plant improvements—and successor amendments and acts to the same purpose; and
- the 2005 Federal mandate for bio-fuels.

The impact of these three is augmented by the non-enforcement of anti-trust laws; and the sweeping funding cuts underway against NASA, the Army Corps of

Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and Agriculture Department activities—all of which are responsible for programs and infrastructure to promote discoveries and enhance Earth resources for agriculture.

Anchoring these nullifications, is the requirement to cancel the 1999 Gramm-Leach-Bliley act, which itself overthrew President Franklin Roosevelt's 1933 Glass-Steagall Act. Glass-Steagall must be reinstated as quickly as possible. It is the basis for ending the deadly debt/speculation bubble, now killing off what's left of the real economy. Once Glass-Steagall is in motion, under which useful banking is entirely segregated from gambling/banking, credit-issuance for national-interest projects, especially building up agro-industrial activity, can be launched.

Under these conditions, the principle of *parity* pricing for agriculture—the basis of national food security—can be fully restored. The principle was introduced during the FDR Administration, and functioned to aid the dramatic increase in food output during World War II, despite the huge contingent of young men in military service. Under the principle, farmers are guaranteed a price for their output (hogs, tomatoes, grains, cattle, milk, and dozens of others), to cover their expenses of production, to provide a decent profit, and to thus give farmers an income on a par with decent incomes other workers are receiving throughout the economy. This, in turn, provides all citizens with food security.

Agriculture parity pricing was phased out during the 1960s in the U.S., but the mechanism remains in the background as standing law for the Agriculture Department, and can be re-activated, at the same time that the destructive WTO-associated laws are cancelled.

Look at a few snapshots of today's worsening farm chaos and food shortages, in terms of the impact of allowing these unlawful acts to remain in effect. The urgency and immediate positive impact of overturning them becomes clear.

Repudiate the WTO

The WTO anti-nation-state intent is conveyed in the 1988 slogan: "One World, One Market," from the Montreal summit of its predecessor, the UN General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Uruguay Round of Agriculture "Reform" (1986-94), out of which process the WTO was formed. The defining principle of the WTO is that member-nations must agree to renounce sovereign responsibility over their food production and supplies, and grant borderless mega-agro cartels the right to operate freely, under the sucker-propaganda that the world "market" and so-called "free" (rigged) trade will somehow provide sufficient food to meet human needs.

This formulation serves to directly undercut the purpose of government to promote the general welfare. It furthers the intent of the British imperial system, to drastically reduce world agro-industrial potential, and create conditions for de-population. Under the "markets" principle, the "global sourcing" of food by privateer companies, works to the detriment of the populations in both the exporting and importing nations.

A glaring example is the "free"-trade situation between Mexico and the United States. In the 1960s, Mexico was a grain surplus-producing and -exporting nation, home to the great Green Revolution; and the United States was fully food self-sufficient. Now, after WTO and NAFTA (1992)—which also should be nullified—Mexico has been forced into severe food import-dependency for corn, rice, beans, and other staples, with millions suffering from hunger. Meantime, the United States is ever-more import-dependent for many

foods, and hunger is worsening. Mexico has been forced into warping its agricultural potential into neo-plantations run by the cartels, to produce huge flows of fruits and vegetables for export to "the markets" in the United States—tomatoes, avocados, melons, frozen vegetables, etc.

The entire continent of Africa has undergone a dramatic decline in per-capita food production over the past 40 years. At the same time, flows of for-export cash crops from Africa to Europe have risen—cut flowers, fruits, vegetables, juice, and bio-diesel feedstock. Millions in Africa are starving; in 2011, famine was declared in the Horn of Africa. But this is a "market" success story for the British Empire.

The idea that nations should ever give up their sovereign rights over domestic food production and trade of any kind was a non-starter at the 1944 Bretton Woods conference. The 1940s proposal for an International Trade Organization (ITO), which came from the British Commonwealth, was roundly defeated as ludicrous. But four decades later, the same networks succeeded in foisting the proposal on target governments.

The United States caved in explicitly in 1988, with its semi-secret position paper at the Montreal 1988 GATT Uruguay Round, saying that henceforth, the U.S. backed "access to world markets" as the grounds for its food security. The U.S. would give up attempting to commit to food self-sufficiency, and stop trying "to produce some portion of one's own food supply from domestic resources..."

The WTO rules assert that nations must eliminate food reserves, eliminate tariffs on food imports and exports, cease intervening to support their domestic farm sector—all under the imperial rationalization that such nation-serving measures would be "trade-distorting" practices, which would impede the free-market "rights" of the globalist corporations.

In the United States, for example, there are no longer any food stocks, which once were kept in reserve; these included cheese stores, milk powder, butter, grains, peanuts, and so on. The administrative system for food reserves is still on the books, under the



The World Trade Organization (WTO) laws, pushed through by networks associated with City of London/Wall Street political and financial interests, are ruining family farming, and creating shortages and conditions for famine

Commodity Credit Corporation, run by the Agriculture Department, but the CCC bins are empty. A dramatic manifestation of the harm from this, is the 40% drop in recent years of donations-in-kind from the Agriculture Department to supply food relief charities across the nation, at a time when unemployment and desperation for food is soaring.

Internationally, the result of the imposition of

WTO rules over the past 15 years, is that food processing, trade, and availability have come to be monopolized to an extreme degree by a tight set of cartel companies, dominating international commodity flows, and even domestic food supplies and distribution in most nations.

For example, a handful of companies dominates over 80% of grains traded worldwide: Cargill, Bunge,

Seed Shortages in U.S. Threaten Spring Planting

Jan. 9—Shortages of seed for U.S. Spring planting of corn and sorghum (milo) are a big concern now among farmers and state agriculture extension services in the Grain Belt. There are supplies of corn seeds in general, but there are only limited quantities of certain varieties-of-choice, instead of ample quantities of the full range of seeds, which should be available for the farmer to maximize output in his specific conditions. Farmers who can afford it, have rushed to line up orders in advance, hoping they will be fulfilled.

The majority of seed is supplied by a tight cartel of Monsanto, DuPont (Pioneer Hi-Bred brand), BayerCropScience, BASF, Syngenta, and very few others, whose monopolistic policies act in opposition to a policy of reserves and redundancy of supplies.

Lyndon LaRouche's PAC demands cancelling the laws allowing these practices, such as the WTO treaty; and getting Obama out of the Presidency, for presiding over this violation of national interest and other glaring unconstitutional acts.

The Jan. 5 *Wall Street Journal* coverage gloated, "Corn Seed Shortage Sows Farm Belt Woes," playing up the opportunity ahead for speculation on corn futures, with a graph of rising prices on the Chicago Board of Trade: "Kernels of a Rally." It put out the estimate that 2011 U.S. seed corn production was down 25-50% from 2010.

By day's end on Jan. 5, the Obama Administration and seed cartel supplier spokesmen had rushed

to deny any problems:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Economist Joseph Glauber told Reuters, "While some varieties may not be available, we have no evidence to suggest that planted acres will be constrained by a shortage of seed."

- Hugh Grant, CEO of Monsanto, the world's largest seed company, said on a conference call Jan. 5, in effect: Trust us, we will supply enough seed.

As for the big increase in farmers placing advance orders for seed, Grant put down any implication of worries over supply problems: "We don't see this as panic buying as much as a recognition of the yield increment that we are delivering and farmers rewarding us for that with early commitments." He slyly noted that some small, local U.S. seed companies will not be able to fulfill their customers' seed corn orders this year, and may go under, because they can't bring in seed from South America (as Monsanto can).

In fact, in Argentina, drought is threatening to lower the corn crop, including production of seed corn for U.S. use. Worldwide, corn supplies are jeopardized by crop problems in the United States and Argentina—the first and second biggest national sources for corn exports.

Any diminution of the corn crop has an intensified effect on the food supply, because close to 40% of the U.S. crop is now going for biofuel. In 2011, for the first time ever, the amount of U.S. corn harvest going to ethanol exceeded that going for livestock feed.

U.S. sorghum seeds are also short. For example, "For Milo Growers, New Year Brings Seed Shortage," was the headline on Jan. 1 in the news service www.agjournalonline.com.

—Marcia Merry Baker

Louis Dreyfus, ADM, and a few others. The same degree of cartelization exists in meats, dairy, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seafood, and even seeds, as well as general groceries.

The last vestiges of national-interest institutions, serving farmers and/or consumers, are being taken down. In Australia, in the last two years, Cargill took over the wheat-marketing system of the Australian Wheat Board, the once nation-serving facility, set up to provide logistics to gather in and sell farmers' grain, at a price beneficial to them for ongoing reliable production. Now, Cargill can decide price levels, storage, and other logistics to suit its worldwide market monopoly. In Canada, as of Aug. 1, 2012, the Canadian Wheat Board is to be shut down on orders of the Federal government, in deference to the WTO rule that such an institution is "trade-distorting." In Canada, only four companies control 72% of all the grain elevators.

Cancel Patenting of Food Seeds

A series of new U.S. acts and court decisions over the last 40 years has imposed the unlawful practice of granting patent rights for food seeds, for the methods of genetic engineering involved in creating them, and also for patenting other life forms. The 1970 Plant Variety Protection Act started the process, by granting private "certificate"-rights over food seeds, for the first time ever. Then, in 1985, the U.S. Patent Office ruled that plants could qualify for patent-protection under the powerful concept of the industrial patent, with no exceptions for farmers or researchers. Ten years ago, the Supreme Court upheld plant and animal patenting under the Utility Patent law, no holds barred (December 2001, *JEM Ag Supply, Inc. v. Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l Corp.*)

A handful of agro-chemical mega-corporations—part of the commodity wing of the British Empire financial web—now holds sweeping powers over crop research and seed supply. The current shortage of corn and sorghum (milo) seeds for U.S. Spring planting (see box) is no accident, but exemplary of what is considered success of the system of privateer seed monopolies.

The agriculture capacity of the United States itself is thus being controlled outside of government and public interest. Farmers must buy what is offered, at whatever price, and what is offered is determined by the cartels. Monsanto's seed police operations—called "Field Check"—are infamous, for seeking situations to file suit, and ruin farmers, on charges of violations of Monsanto's seed and trait-license privileges.

The allowance of food seed patenting goes against all U.S. tradition and law explicitly, but nevertheless, was bulled through, beginning in 1970, with the enactment of the Plant Variety Protection Act. It was then re-

inforced internationally under the GATT/WTO enforcement of "intellectual property rights" of megacartels, over national governments.

Monsanto/Cargill, BASF, Syngenta, DuPont/Pioneer, Dow, BayerCrop-Science now exert monopoly control over supplies of high-yielding,

genetically modified corn, soy, and other seed supplies. They account for over 80% of corn and soy seeds in the United States. Monsanto alone claims to supply 40% of corn and soy seeds in Brazil, and 50% in Argentina.

The cartel controls and degrades plant-life research. For example, thanks to these cartel companies—interlocked with British Empire financial and political power—decades went by without the development of reserve strains of wheat, resistant to stem rust and other blights. Now, for example, the UG99 wheat rust, which first appeared in Uganda in 1999 and now has spread eastward as far as Iran, has no effective counter-strain to put in use. This dangerous occurrence is no "accident" or unexpected mistake; it is the very intent of the monopolistic seed system.

Nullify the Biofuels Mandate

In the mid-2000s, the United States, Europe, and other nations began passing insane laws to mandate the annual volume of fuel which must come from foodstocks diverted to fuel—corn-ethanol, soy-diesel, canola-diesel, wheat-ethanol, palm-diesel, etc. (**Figure 1**). For example, in the United States, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (PL 109-58) set compulsory levels for



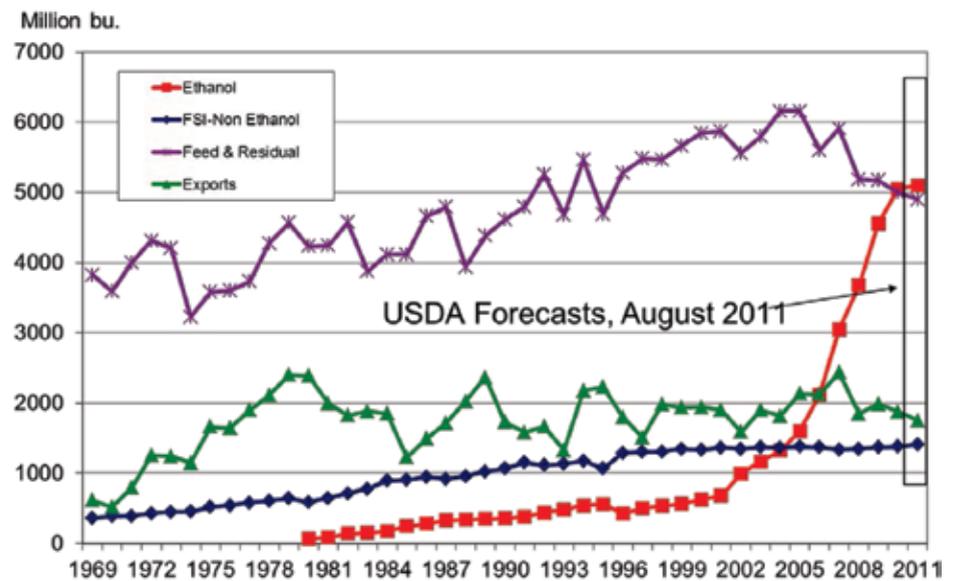
Monsanto's seed police operations—called "Field Checks"—seek out situations to file suit, and ruin farmers, on charges of violating its seed and trait-license privileges.

annual biofuels. This policy has been augmented since. The major players come from the imperial commodity cartel corporations; in the United States, Cargill and ADM were among the first, and biggest, corn-ethanol producers.

The result is that for millions of people, food is literally being taken away, all in the name of producing “alternative” fuels, as the “markets” are allowed to prevail. Cargill, ADM, and others of the London crowd are determining who eats and who doesn’t.

How was this biofuels insanity “sold” in Washington, D.C.? The propaganda was fabricated and promoted through the networks of the British Imperial financial and cultural operations, from Prince Philip’s Worldwide Fund for Nature on the “left,” to the free-enterprise/cartels on the “right.” The lines went

FIGURE 1
U.S. Corn Usage by Category



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out that nuclear power is unsafe and/or too costly, fossil fuels are natural resources that are unsafe and/or too costly and running out, and as for farmers: You go for biofuels or be ruined.

Now we are at the point of rapid breakdown. In the U.S. at present, nearly 40% of the entire corn harvest is going into ethanol. For the week ending Dec. 2, 2011, an all-time record volume of corn ethanol was produced in the U.S.—40.068 million gallons a day (954,000 barrels a day). Corn ethanol now accounts for about 11.5% of U.S. gasoline usage. The largest distillers include Cargill and ADM.

For the first time ever, the volume of corn going for biofuels in 2011 in the U.S. exceeded the volume going into the livestock feed chain. This is creating havoc for meat-animal producers, both in terms of short supplies of corn for rations, and of soaring prices. Add to the situation, the bouts of extreme weather in recent months, contributing to the fall in output of corn and all major grains in the U.S. in 2011, and causing hardship for livestock producers, whose pastures and water supplies were hit by drought in the Southern High Plains, and flooding in the North. The stage is set for catastrophe. Cancel the evil laws, produce food, and enjoy eating again.



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Extreme weather in 2011 has contributed to falling output of corn and other grains in the U.S. Livestock producers were hit by drought in the Southern High Plains, and flooding in the North. Shown: drought in Texas last Spring.

AN LPAC BASEMENT WEBCAST

A Policy Initiative for the Survival of the Human Species

Creighton Cody Jones gave this keynote address to a LaRouchePAC Basement Science Team [webcast](#) Dec. 17, with the above title. Jones was joined by Sky Shields from the Basement Team, and LPAC editor Matthew Odgen, for a three-hour program, which included a dialogue with audiences from cities throughout the Americas.

Today, I'd like to present an idea with the personality of a fugue, with many different lines of thought acting against each other, but in harmony. The theme is one which has served the poets as an image for the imagination, and has been provocative to many a scientist, from Shakespeare to Shelley, from Benjamin Franklin to Albert Einstein—that theme is *lightning*.

Most people they have a very definite, probably a universal conception or an idea, impression, of what lightning is. Usually we think of some streak, glowing streak, that reaches from a cloud, down to the ground, maybe associated with a large thunderclap; and for some, even the smell that tends to accompany a



The human mind, said Jones, is able to generate an idea of the long-arc evolution of life, and to extend its sensorium to go beyond simple sense-impressions, to discover what is the One.

thunderstorm. But this is an image which is very much, wholly associated with the very specific, so-called, inborn senses that we come out of the womb with.

But what if we, for example, *saw* in the range of x-ray, or if we *heard*, as with an antenna in the domain of radio? Or we *felt*, as if, not with heat from infrared, but we felt frequencies in the very low or extremely low frequency range? What then might be our impression, our image, of this thing we call “lighting”?

Now, I'd like to bring up an image here, which is the first image ever taken, X-ray image ever taken, of a lightning strike (**Figure 1**). Now, you'll see, there are many different frequencies of the electromagnetic spectrum

represented in this picture, but I want to draw your attention to just the front portion of that strike, that very white-hot, right at the front end of that strike: That is the x-ray portion of that lightning strike.

So, if, for example, all you saw was in the domain of x-ray, to you, lightning would not be a streak from the cloud to the ground, but in fact, would be more like a very hot, glowing ball, that would shoot down at roughly a sixth of the speed of light, from a cloud to the ground. So, already, you'd have a different visual idea of what lightning is.

Now, if for example, we had a capability of hearing, so to speak, which was of the quality of an antenna, of a radio-tuned antenna, well, lightning would also have a very different sound to us [electronic whistling noise]. So what you're hearing here is an antenna tuned to pick up the frequency that is emitted by lightning.

Now, it travels through a number of octaves of sound in the radio range, and it's largely due to the fact that lightning is sending a pulse all the way from Earth up to the magnetosphere, and back down; the magnetosphere being that region where the magnetic field of the Earth interacts with the field from the Sun. So you have a different quality of sound image of lightning.

Now, as I said, what if you then *felt*—not as we feel on our skin—infrared radiation that produces a certain heat sensation, but what if we were tuned sensually, to feel extremely low-frequency radiation emanating from the effects of lightning. Well, then we would find ourselves awash in a constant pulsing domain which was fueled by lightning. And we'll see an image of that, what's known as the Schumann resonances,¹ which are created by lightning strikes.

So here you're seeing a video which depicts a representation of lightning striking, and then the production of extremely low frequency electromagnetic radiation which then pulsates between the surface of the Earth and the ionosphere, and creates a constant kind of background pulsation in the Earth (**Figure 2**).

1. Named for Winfried Otto Schumann (1888-1974), a German physicist who predicted the low-frequency resonances caused by lightning discharges in the atmosphere.

FIGURE 1
The First-Ever X-Ray Image of a Lightning Strike



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So we have a very different *feeling* of what lightning, in fact, is.

An Extended Sensorium

So now, we have—given a different set of senses, which, fortunately, science has provided us with—an extended sensorium; we have a very different impression of what lightning would be. We have a different visual impression of what we would call lightning; we have a different auditory impression of what we would call lightning; we have a very different sense, feeling impression of what we would call lightning. But yet, of course, those impressions still exist in the same universe which has produced the sensations that we're more familiar with: the visual, auditory, smell sensations

FIGURE 2
A Lightning Strike Producing Low-Frequency Electromagnetic Radiation Pulsating between the Earth and Its Ionosphere (Animation)



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that we currently associate with lightning.

So, it begs the question: Where does the reality of what we call “lightning,” in fact, lie, if any one set of impressions can be very different from another set of impressions, but yet, both systems, so to speak, exist in the same universe? Well then, maybe the reality is not in any one, or even a number of these impressions, but the reality must be located elsewhere.

This raises another very interesting question, which is, why, then, given just that very simple demonstration, do we continue to operate with a mathematics, with a geometry, and most commonly, with a physics, which is still wholly based on the kinds of derivatives you get from the simple, immediate, “out of the womb” so to speak, set of senses?

For example, the whole idea of “space” that most people are familiar with comes from an idea that is derived, effectively, from a very visual-based notion of what the world is, of what the environment that we exist in, is. That we have different objects that present themselves discretely, say, to our visual apparatus. Like this microphone and this desk, for example. And visually, I see that, well, seemingly, there’s nothing between these two objects. And I could then go further, and say, well, if I removed all the objects from this room, I would still be left with this extension that I call “space.” And I could go further, and say: Well, I could remove all objects from the universe, so to speak, but yet, I would still be left with this quality, this threefold extension that we call “space.”

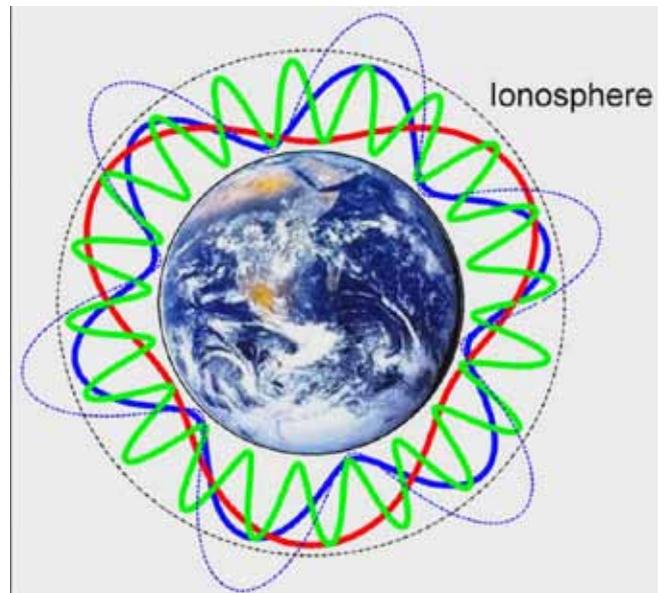
And it’s really from that kind of false, sense-based notion, that much of current mathematics, physics, geometry, has been derived. Things have been filled in, in the course of that, but always filled in against that kind of backdrop, even to the extent that we do recognize that, yes, well, there are electrical fields, there are gravitational fields, there are all kinds of other fields present, that we may not be able to immediately access through our God-given senses. Nonetheless, I still have to fill in everything relative to that initial impression of an empty space, or a linear extension of time.

The Schumann Resonances

So, let’s get back to this theme of lightning, and let’s go to this next image here of another image of the Schumann resonances (**Figure 3**). What you’re seeing here is a simple depiction of the harmonics that are created, as this extremely low frequency, which is emitted by a lightning strike, starts to resonate and

FIGURE 3

Harmonics Created by the Schumann Resonances (Animation)



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bounce between the surface of the Earth and the ionosphere, where the wave gets trapped in a kind of a wave-guide.

Now, it’s going to set up certain harmonics, which are themselves equal divisions of the Earth, based on the size of the Earth—and then its relationship to the ionosphere—determines what are the harmonics of the Schumann resonances. And so here you see depicted a division into three, six, and then greater, with the green one.

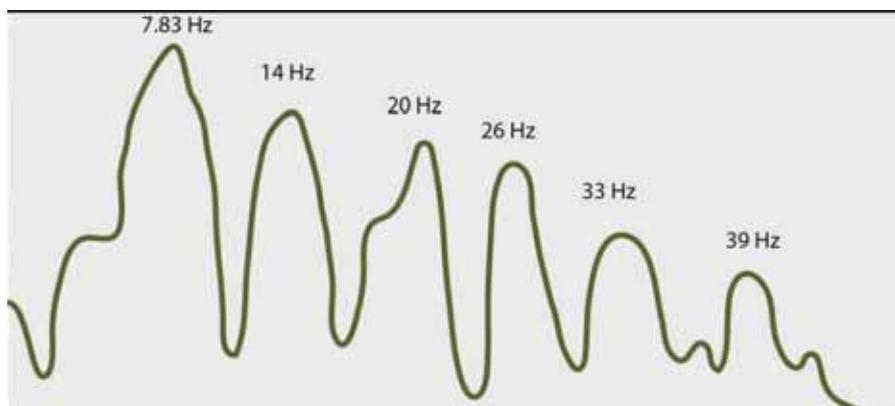
And if we can go to the next image, too (**Figure 4**) you’ll see these are the peak frequencies which correspond to that division of the Earth, which generate, then, your harmonics of the Schumann resonances. And the peak one there, I think is at 7.83.

Now, there’s something very interesting to this: that, one, this is constantly there, as a pulsating kind of action in our environment, something which we’re not readily aware of, but which we can be made aware of through an extension of our senses, through the creation of the kind of apparatus that science has developed over the last couple of generations.

Now, an aspect of this, is that these various frequencies, these peak frequencies that we just saw on the Schumann resonance, correspond also to the background frequency of the mammalian brain itself. For example, the human brain—and people are, I think fa-

FIGURE 4

Peak Frequencies that Generate the Harmonics of the Schumann Resonances



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miliar with some of this (**Figure 5**)—what you’re seeing is a simple depiction of EEG [electroencephalograph] readings, which are effectively the brain-wave readings the emitted standing wave frequencies of the brain, when it’s at different activity levels—sleeping versus awake, versus excited, etc.

Now, you’ll notice that the frequencies that are depicted there, are in the same general range, as those frequencies that we have with the Schumann resonances; that in fact, the brain itself, you could say, has been “tuned,” or is “in tune,” in a harmonic relationship, with this background radiation, with this standing wave, background electromagnetic pulse.

Interestingly, and there’s a lot of sort of wild hypotheses that we could start to posit at this point, the peak frequency of the Schumann resonance, the 7.83 Hz, does in fact correspond with what’s known as, what’s readily acknowledged as more of the deeper, mentative state of the human brain. Whenever we’re in a more relaxed, contemplative, thinking state, the EEG frequency, which tends to correspond with that, is in harmony with the peak frequency of the Schumann resonance.

And I won’t say too much more about that, but maybe in the Q&A we can get into some of the

wilder implications of this.

One thing that does come up, which is very interesting, is that they’ve done these deprivation studies, where people were maintained deep under the Earth, in completely dark caves, for days, weeks, months at a time. And so they had no access to clocks, no contact with the outside world through phone calls or anything, no access to sunlight, so they were deprived of any kind of external sensory input that would tell them, what time of the day it is, whether it’s night, etc.

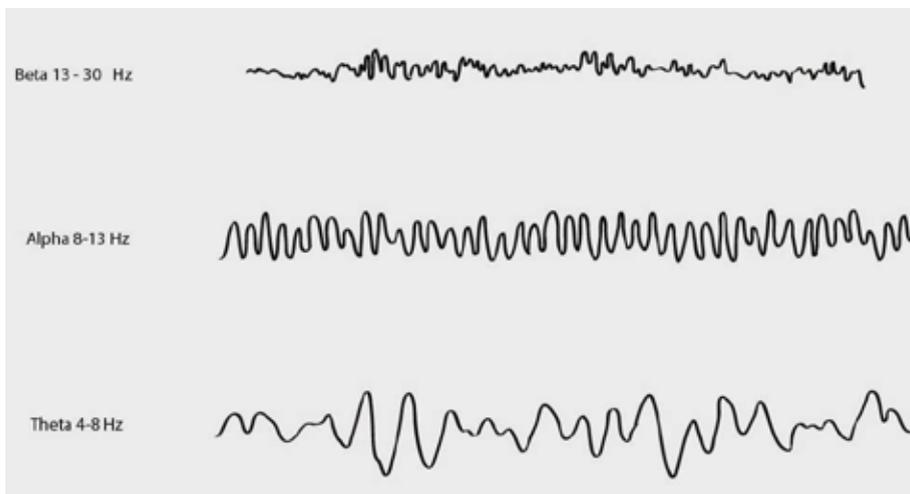
Now, despite that, people still maintained a sort of internal bio-

logical clock. They still maintained somewhat of a regular sleep cycle, a regular eating cycle. It was slightly shifted from what we typically think of as a 24-hour cycle, but nonetheless, it was a regular cycle. *But!*, whenever those same people were shielded from the Schumann resonances, where they set up a kind of shielding, all of the cycles were completely thrown out of whack. Now, the eat cycle, the sense of time, the sleep cycle, all of these things were completely thrown out of whack, once they were deprived from the ability to tune in, so to speak, to the Schumann resonances.

Which raises some very interesting questions about what kind of a role, perhaps, do the Schumann reso-

FIGURE 5

EEG Readings of the Brain, at Different Activity Levels



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nances play in biological functioning? Could not these resonant frequencies act as a way to maintain long-distance coherence? Where a number of creatures of the same species, so to speak, are, in a sense, kept in a harmonic relationship with each other? Kept in a kind of coherent relationship with each other, through a tuning into the Schumann resonances?

What other kind of information, so to speak, is transmitted along these frequencies? Right now, our reading of the resonance frequencies and what's contained there is still very limited. It would be almost as limited as if you had a simple radio receiver that could pick up, say, 88 Hz frequency on an antenna, and would just vibrate at that frequency—that wouldn't tell you, then, what's all the so-called encoded information that's in that frequency.

Now, if you have the right kind of radio tuner, you can translate what seems like a simple 88 Hz, into everything we get through the radio, the news, whatever.

So, the question is what else might there be embedded, as communicated information, for lack of a better term, in these Schumann resonances? How does that coordinate certain kinds of activity among living creatures? How does that allow for certain long-range communication? How does that allow for the biological apparatus, that's in one location, to perhaps sense something that's happening in a very distant location?

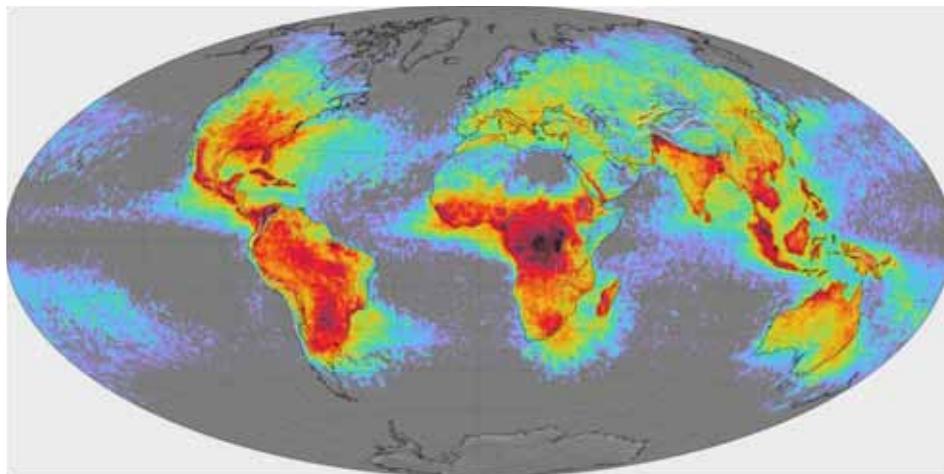
And already, just based on that technique, we use the Schumann resonance to pinpoint where, for example, thunderstorms are on the globe; that if we had the right apparatus, here in the studio, for example, we'd be able to determine, based on a reading of the Schumann resonance, where a thunderstorm was occurring somewhere else in the globe.

Tuning In

So, what other kinds of knowledge could we gain, if we were effectively tuned in, and extended our understanding of that? And what role do these Schumann resonances play, in maintaining a certain coherence among

FIGURE 6

Densities of Thunderstorms and Lightning Strikes



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living species, particularly mammals. Because, as it is, they've done EEG readings of lizards and other lower types of life-forms, and haven't found the kind of coherent brain waves that you find in mammals, such as was represented by these EEG readings.

But this goes even further, and you'll see this, because as I said, it is lightning strikes which produce this extremely low-frequency Schumann resonance.

Now, let's go to the map, and you'll see the point I make here (**Figure 6**). What you're seeing is a global map that indicates density of thunderstorms, density of lightning strikes. And the darker colors are the more dense areas, the black is the densest, and it trails off down to the green and the blue. So you'll notice that the highest density of lightning strikes is occurring, 1) over landmasses; and 2) over areas of landmass which are very densely forested, which have a lot of life.

This brings up a very interesting idea: Life, some 300-plus million years ago, solely existed in the oceans. Prior to that, the land areas were pretty desolate, not a lot of water on the land areas, not a lot of—they weren't green, there wasn't a whole lot going on there. But some 300-plus million years ago, life started to move out of the oceans, and onto land. And in doing so, life brought the water cycle with them onto land. So that now you had, as life started to colonize and started to take over the landmasses more and more, the potential was created for the trapping of water, the active movement of water up into the atmosphere, which would then fuel the creation of cloud systems, and hence, the creation of these lightning strikes.

Now, if you step back, and think about that process, here again, you have an example of life, which as we just discussed, is *tuned* to the Schumann resonant effect, prior to, 300-some million years ago, moving onto land, and through the act of movement onto land, the act of movement of transporting the water cycle onto land, then fueling the formation of these cloud systems, in a sense, created the conditions then, through the lightning strikes, and the consequent Schumann resonances created the conditions then for future life to tap into, and be tuned to, this kind of global, electromagnetic environment.

So, again, you have an example of life creating future conditions for an even more evolved existence of later life. And the Schumann resonances are something which are key to this, as we said, in perhaps providing for this kind of long-range communication, etc.

So, we see in lightning, something very intimate to the living process, to the evolutionary process. But that's only, again, part of the story, because, as came up earlier, this is not simply an Earth-bound phenomenon. That, in fact, what you have with lightning, is that new studies are coming out that are trying to answer what has been an ongoing question, which is, exactly: How does lightning form?

We know, we can see, lightning seems to come from clouds, but what actually generates the voltage which then results in a lightning strike? And this is a complete mystery up to this point. What they've been able to measure, is that the voltage in a cloud is about ten times lower than what would be required to ionize the air to create the kind of lightning strike that happens all the time.

So they're trying to say, what could actually catalyze this process? What might be driving the actual creation, the formation, of the voltage for a lightning strike? What's becoming more and more evident, is that, in fact, this is something which is connected to galactic, and greater cosmic phenomena. That some new studies are coming out, and we're getting more and more evidence to the fact that what is driving, what is triggering these lightning strikes, is cosmic radiation, both your standard idea of what cosmic radiation is, as sort of light nuclei; as well as gamma-ray radiation. That through cosmic radiation and the kind of cascading effect that's produced, you're getting, as the mechanism that they think is involved, then, the creation of free electrons, that are moving at near-light speed, which are moving through the clouds, and are what are

providing the catalyst, the spark, so to speak, to generate lightning.

So we're seeing that this lightning, connected to life, to the evolutionary process of life, is then also intimately connected to cosmic processes: that it's a galactic phenomenon that we're experiencing when we experience a lightning strike.

As a side note, too, many of the clouds involved, perhaps, are themselves, the result of cosmic radiation, as the work of Henrik Svensmark and the recent confirmed experiments at the CERN/CLOUD facility have shown, that cosmic radiation, in fact, could be one of the key factors in producing clouds themselves, for seeding and creating the ability for the condensing of water into clouds.

So, again, we see, it's a *cosmic* process which is driving the formation of a system, which itself, is very intimately connected to the evolutionary process of life.

The Crab Nebula

Now, to take it a step further, and to just see how this becomes more and more interesting: As far as we can tell, now, the main driver, creator, of cosmic radiation, as well as gamma radiation, are these nebulae, these super-novae. One, in particular, that has really captured the imagination of science and of our own movement, is what's known as the Crab Nebula; we'll see an image of it here (**Figure 7**).

The Crab Nebula was discovered in 1054, when it was first observed. You could see that its coming into this current state was observed in China with the naked eye, even during daylight hours. And it's thought that these nebulae are the real source of cosmic radiation, that which is then feeding and seeding the clouds that produce electricity strikes, lightning strikes.

Here's a time-lapse video put together by NASA, showing the Crab Nebula in radio frequency; and what you're seeing is the pulsing character of the Crab Nebula (**Figure 8**). So this is the Crab Nebula: It's pulsing, and as it pulses, it's sending shock-waves of various ranges of cosmic radiation, from gamma radiation to radio frequency, pretty much the whole spectrum. And here's the kicker: that the frequency at which the Crab Nebula is pulsing is at about 60 Hz. That becomes even more interesting and relevant when you consider the fact that 60 Hz is exactly eight octaves of the range of the Schumann resonance! That, in fact, the Crab Nebula, and its pulse rate, is very much in tune with the harmonics of the Schumann resonances.

FIGURE 7

The Crab Nebula



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What exactly does that mean? That's up for further investigation. But what we can see, is that you've got this definite kind of harmonic relationship between the Crab Nebula, for example, and the standing background radiation which is there, sort of hugging life here on the Earth.

It takes us to, then, really: What's the essence of all of this? What's the invariant behind this whole process? Is it the lightning? No, the lightning is just a singular expression of a very large and complex dynamic. But what's the One, which is behind all of that which we've been discussing and investigating here? It's the human mind. That the human mind is that which is able to, in a sense, generate an idea of this long-arc evolution of life; is able to extend its sensorium to investigate things like the Crab Nebula; is able to go beyond its simple, immediate sense impressions, to generate new sense-capabilities; to look deeper into the causes and nature of lightning; to bring this all together, not as a simple discovery of the truth through a new sense-capability, but the discovery of what is the One, which projects

itself in all these many different ways?

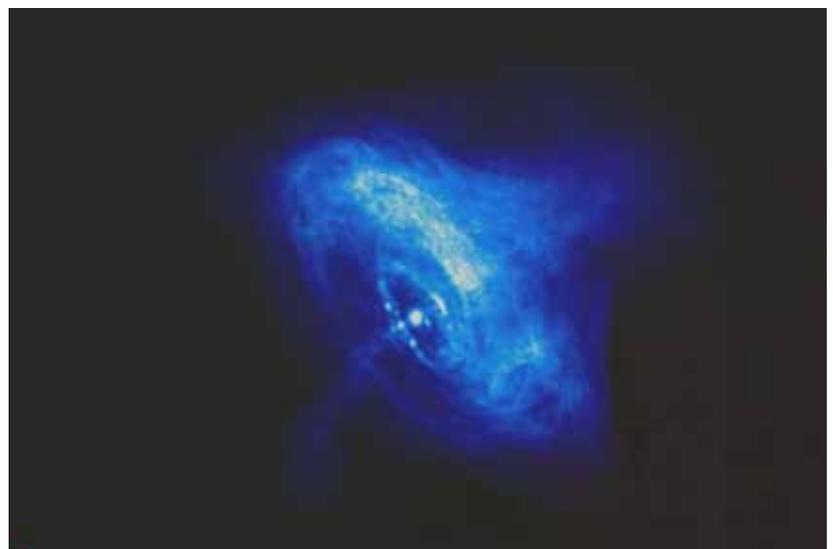
What is this One, which projects itself as this evolutionary development of life; what is the One that projects itself as these various expressions of lightning? What is this One, which bounds life to the cosmos? That's really the question that we have to take up, and that becomes the fundamental issue and investigation, that we must take up, if we're going to, in fact, master the science of physical economy.

As Mr. LaRouche has said: If mankind as a species, is going to move out

of, and survive this potential threatened extinction, it's going to be because a number of people, and more and more, move out of a trapped domain of the senses, and into the domain of mind. To take up, what is the unseen, what is the universal, which is behind all of that which we experience sensually.

FIGURE 8

The Pulsing of the Crab Nebula



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A Republic, Not a Democracy

The collapse of our American Republic, whose creation was a political pinnacle of human history, into the chaotic, money-grubbing democratic mess which now characterizes the United States, is no laughing matter. Here we are, as a nation and a human race, facing the worst physical-economic crisis in recorded history, and there is *not a single qualified Presidential candidate* visible for the upcoming elections in the world's most powerful nation.

Is there any citizen who actually believes there is a principle being expressed by any of the candidates in this Presidential election, either Republican or Democratic? What can you say about a so-called Republican who wants to eliminate the Constitutional role of the Federal government to provide for the general welfare of the population? Or a so-called Democrat such as Barack Obama, who is violating the Constitution, left and right, in the interests of ramming through the fascist policies of the British Empire by dictatorial means?

Most U.S. citizens, of course, agree that the leading candidates are inadequate, if not disgusting. If they get involved in the election process at all, they do it from the lowest possible standpoint, gambling on who is most likely to be the "winner," and what can be done for their own short-term particular interests. It's each against all, in direct contravention of the very concept of republican government.

Let's be clear about what that concept is, as our Founding Fathers George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, among others, definitely were. *Res publica* is literally the "public business," but stands for concept of the public good. Contrary to the oligarchical principle, adherents of the republic believe, and some know, that there are princi-

pled policies which can and must be applied to achieve the welfare of the population. In the United States, contrary to almost every other form of government on the planet, these are presented in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

So where does this democracy idea come from?

It has two aspects. On the positive side, democracy calls for the involvement of the people (demos) in determining their government, an idea best expressed in the concept of the "consent of the governed" which is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. The American Founding Fathers recognized the validity of that concept, and the need for a process of education to make that an *informed* consent. That process probably reached its height under President Franklin Roosevelt's administration, with his Fireside Chats.

But when democracy is defined as simply a government based on the "will of the people," it represents the very antithesis of a republic. Popular will is a matter of public opinion, which can be manipulated and changed like the wind, based on the momentary, often base emotions of the population. From Plato onward, republicans understood democracy of this sort as a pathway to tyranny, because the cacophony of "my opinion" will lead to chaos, and the demand for imposed order.

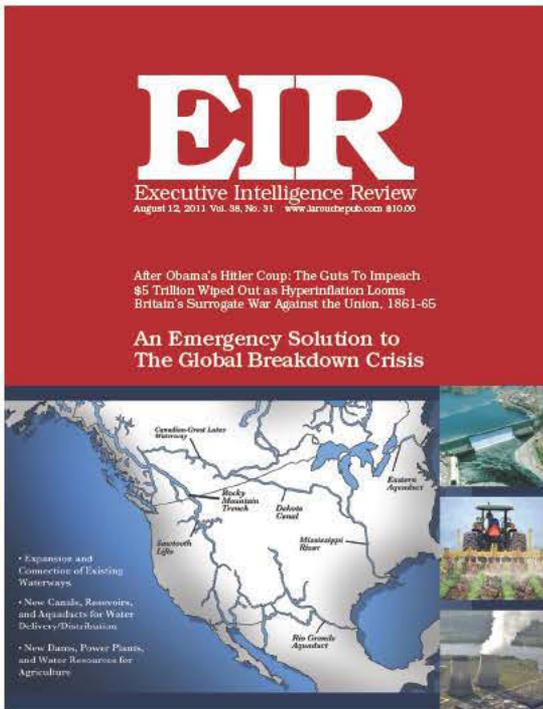
The imminent danger of such a process should certainly be obvious to most thinking citizens today.

The solution lies, of course, with the American citizens themselves. Will they respond to the presentation of principle, as Lyndon LaRouche and the LaRouche candidate slate are laying it out today, and act accordingly? Or will they take the "democratic" road to dictatorship, as the British Empire so fervently hopes?

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