

LaRouche Says Cancel Food-for-Fuel Now!

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Jan. 3—The “fiscal deal” reached between President Obama and Congress this week includes Federal subsidies for diverting edible crops and farming effort for fuel, not food. In the forefront is the reinstatement of the biodiesel tax credit, under which close to 5 billion pounds of soy oil per year is already being burned as diesel fuel: one-quarter of all the soy oil produced in the United States.

Diesel blenders will be paid a dollar a gallon to include soy-diesel. This measure was already in place, beginning in 2005, but expired in December 2011, so the new law makes the Federal subsidy retroactive to that date! It is to continue to December 2013.

There is an acute and worsening shortage of grains and oilseed crops, internationally, as well as in the United States. Of all the world's soybeans traded in recent years, the U.S. accounts for over 40%. One in four rows of U.S. soybeans goes to China, which, ironically, is very import-dependent for soy.

Lyndon LaRouche denounced the food-for-fuel provision in his Friday Webcast on Dec. 27, 2012, in response to a question on biofuels and worsening food scarcity.

“The first thing we’re going to have to do, right now, as of tomorrow, or any proximate time, we’re going to cancel the use of edible food for synthetic fuels,” he said. “We’ll just cancel the whole program. No more synthetic fuels, using materials which are edibles, essentially, using sources of food. We are not going to do that. We are not going to convert food into gasoline or anything resembling it! You want gasoline, you’re going to have to buy it, on a separate market. You’re not going to take food and transform that into fuel. That’s being fuelish, very fuelish.

“So this must be cancelled immediately!

“Now, this is going to cause a big ruckus. But the problem is, we have not had any options to encourage

the sane citizens of the United States, who are getting hungrier and hungrier, and more in danger of starving, in order to feed the egos of stupid people who think that by lowering the productivity of labor, you’re going to increase the production of food!

“So the whole Green program is going to be scrapped in large degree, all these features of it... Everything that Obama is insisting on, has to be cancelled tomorrow morning, on that issue! We are not going to starve either our people, nor are we going to starve the livestock on which they depend, nor are we going to continue to destroy the sources of foodstuffs, which are grown in our territory and developed in our territory. That’s cancelled!

“Take ’em out! Use the guillotine, whatever else you need to do! Get rid of that stuff, because it has to be done *now*. Too many human lives depend upon doing that.

“And we want the people who want to do it, to tell us how many people they want to kill, and how much they’re going to be convicted of, for doing it.”

Obama’s ‘Bio-Products’ Genocide

Obama has all along pushed what he calls his “Bio-Products” program, for a sweeping diversion of U.S. food crops and farming (of non-food crops) for fuel, and also for any and all kinds of other non-food purposes—paint, glue, ink, plastics, construction materials. In 2012, in the face of terrible crop and livestock losses from bad weather and inflation, he refused to lift the Federal mandate for corn-for-ethanol. The scarcity of key grains is severe; livestock numbers are being cut. Obama’s food scarcity policy is a direct application of the British imperial genocide objective.

Many key farm state lawmakers supported the biodiesel tax credits, because they cannot see what it means, and will not work for reinstatement of stable, parity-based, floor prices for farmers. They insist that Federal subsidies for biofuels are the only way that corn and soy farmers can get a decent price. The new Obama biodiesel tax credit was hailed by agricultural state leaders Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), and many others.

Other immoral, crazy biofuel measures are also in the new law: A \$1.00/gallon tax credit will be paid for diesel made from other biomass. A \$1.01/gallon credit will be given to biofuels made from cellulose. A tax credit will also go to fuel produced from algae.