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From the Managing Editor

We begin this issue with Lyndon LaRouche's Nov. 22 webcast, in which he states, more urgently than ever, that Obama must be removed from the Presidency without further delay: "There's no way that Obama can remain in office and be President. . . . He has no capability of actually making a decision which would assist the United States in dealing with its problems; he just can't do it." The danger, LaRouche says, is that the financial crisis will hit before Obama is removed. "My estimate is, that it can not be sustained into January. . . . Therefore, we have to have a reorganization of our government, starting with the process of getting him out of office."

On the world stage, we look at breakthrough developments in Iran, where the UN P5+1 has reached an agreement with Tehran on reduction of killer sanctions, and on Iran's nuclear enrichment program; in Ukraine, which threw the EU back on its heels by suspending a free-trade pact demanded by Brussels in exchange for membership; in the Philippines, where LaRouche responded to media inquiries for his advice to the hard-hit nation in wake of Typhoon Haiyan; in Denmark, where the LaRouche-affiliated party had an impact in municipal elections; and in Syria, where a Carmelite nun is challenging the media's black propaganda on the war.

Returning to the urgency of, and grounds for, the impeachment of Obama, *National* presents the case against him, beginning with his latest grab for dictatorial power: the abolishment of the Senate filibuster, and concludes that the President is going for a coup. A book review of *Impeachable Offenses: The Case for Removing Barack Obama from Office*, bolsters the case. Additional evidence for impeachment is presented in *Economics*, where we highlight the ever-more-visible destruction of the foundations of U.S. living standards by Wall Street, vs. the enactment of Glass-Steagall as the *sine qua non* of economic recovery. And physician Cathy Helgason tells *EIR* that "Evidence-Based Medicine," at the core of Obamacare, is depriving Americans of life-saving medical care, on the basis of "cost-effectiveness."

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LAROUCHE WEBCAST

Why Obama Must Be Removed From Office Immediately

Here is Lyndon LaRouche's Friday Webcast for Nov. 22, 2013, edited for EIR. LaRouche was joined by moderator Matthew Ogden, and LaRouchePAC's Dennis Mason. Ogden opened the program by noting the solemnity of date, which marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and then read a statement that LaRouche had issued Nov. 20, titled, "[An Emergency Statement by Lyndon LaRouche](#)."

"Given the fact that we are on the verge of the complete breakdown of the economy, we cannot tolerate a chaotic situation under this President. Therefore, there must be an impeachment now. There are plenty of grounds to do so—the paramount reason is that the United States must be saved. There must be a moratorium on foreclosures, and there must be a review of the outstanding claims of Wall Street circles, but the key to survival is to get Obama out of office before the collapse occurs.

"There is every ground to do so. His administration has been a systematic failure, so that his competence must be challenged. In fact, he is a completely unstable person that can't continue to function. He has to be kicked out because he is doomed in any case.

"The key thing is that we can't have the collapse occur with such a President in charge."

Matthew Ogden: We have question which has

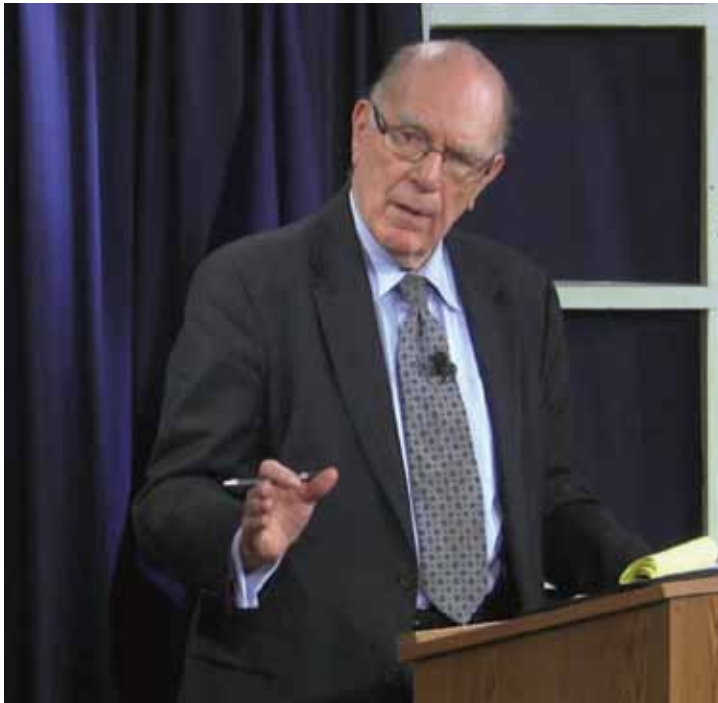
come in from an institutional contact, based out of Washington, D.C. It reads as follows: "Mr. LaRouche, President Obama is now perceived as a weak President, even a lame duck, very early in his second term. This is not only the view of the American people, and of the Republican opposition. Increasingly, this is the view of leaders from around the world, particularly in the Middle East. How do you see your chances of passing Glass-Steagall under these changing circumstances? Clearly, there is a renewed momentum in support of the passage of Glass-Steagall, and there are growing fears of another major financial crisis, perhaps at this year's end. The question is whether the weakening of President Obama reduces his ability to block the passage of Glass-Steagall, and whether in your view, he might ultimately realize that passage of Glass-Steagall with his support, may be the only way to redeem his Presidency and salvage his personal legacy, which means the world to him.

"Your comments?"

Obama Must Go!

Lyndon LaRouche: Well, there's no way that Obama can remain in office and be President, actually. It's not possible. He has no capability of actually making a decision which would assist the United States in dealing with its problems; he just can't do it.

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He must be thrown out of office. There's no way that the nation can survive with him in office, because we're on the verge of a general breakdown. It could happen almost at any time; it's almost an act of will, not a matter of consequences. It's just when somebody is willing to do that, and the time for that is, now.

So the important thing is that he be removed from office *before* this action is taken. And that would give us a means of actually having an orderly proceeding: That's the most crucial thing, that's the fact of the matter, the essential fact. And we're talking about now, completing November and going into early December. My estimate is, that it can not be sustained into January.

There are too many things that come with dates at that time, it just can not be handled under these circumstances. And therefore, we have to have a reorganization of our government, starting with the process of getting him out of office, and take a number of steps toward reorganizing our government.

It's going to have to be a real reorganization. It can be done, however. And we will find ourselves with the possibility of agreement with other nations at this time, to make this thing stick. But we have to have a very cold-blooded, in a sense, and very calm resolution: He must simply be thrown out of office, or leave willingly. In either case, we have to at that point, be prepared, prepare ourselves now, for the initial decisions that have to be made to prevent a breakdown which is now oncoming, to prevent the breakdown from becoming a chaotic process. We can not have a situation in Europe and elsewhere, when the United States might go into a breakdown crisis. We're on the edge of it already.

Therefore, if we do this now, and get this matter cleaned up now, then we will have the options of taking gradual steps, to bring things under control. And this idea of bringing things under control is the crucial issue. He's now an impediment. You can't do it with him in office. And if you wait until he's thrown out, the nation will be in no condition to deal with the situation that's resulting.

So, he has to be *out*, voluntarily. Perhaps the Vice President would help and assist in getting him out. That would be a useful approach. I think I trust the Vice President to be able to handle that situation.

The Filibuster

Ogden: As people probably know, yesterday, in the U.S. Senate, a dramatic event took place, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid accomplished something which even George Bush wasn't capable of accomplishing, which is sacrificing a large part of the filibuster, the historic power of the minority to assert itself in the institution of the U.S. Senate. Harry Reid, first thing in the morning, gathered the entire Senate together, and announced that he was invoking the so-called "nuclear option," and this is over nominations from President Obama, which would otherwise have been blocked. . . .

What the "nuclear option" does, is it changes the



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Senate Leader Harry Reid and President Obama (shown here in the Oval Office, 2009) deployed the “nuclear option” to overturn the filibuster rule, in what LaRouche termed an “illegal coup d’état,” when it was attempted in 2005 by the Republicans.

threshold from 60 votes, which the power of the filibuster would involve, in order to get a nominee through, down to a simple majority of only 51 votes, for Senate approval of executive and judicial nominees. The only exception to this is Supreme Court nominees.

Now, this passed, and 52 Democrats and Independents voted along with Harry Reid. Interestingly, three Democrats voted *against* Reid, one of them being Joe Manchin [W.Va.], in the tradition of Sen. Robert Byrd [W.Va.], who traditionally stood up for the Constitution and the institution of the U.S. Senate; the other was Mark Pryor of Arkansas; and the third was Carl Levin [Mich.].

Now, very interestingly, Carl Levin took to the floor in opposition to Harry Reid, in opposition to the Democratic Majority Leader, and quoted Democrats from 2005, when Bush was trying to do exactly the same thing, trying to destroy the filibuster and ram through the “nuclear option,” and you had Democrats, *including Harry Reid*, coming to the floor of the Senate and saying “We can not let George Bush destroy the United

States Constitution.”

Carl Levin quoted Sen. Ted Kennedy at that time, in 2005, who said, “neither the Constitution, nor Senate rules, nor Senate precedents, nor American history, provide any justification for selectively nullifying the use of the filibuster.”

Levin also quoted Reid in 2005, saying that the nuclear option would have been an “abuse of power.” And then, Levin even quoted Vice President Joe Biden when he was a Senator in 2005. And Biden said, “I said to my friends on the Republican side, you may own the field right now, but you won’t own it forever. And I pray God when the Democrats take back control, we don’t make the kind of naked power grab that you are doing.”

So this was a very clever thing for Senator Levin to do—to take the words of the Democratic Party in opposition to what Bush had tried to do in 2005, and then to turn right back around on Harry Reid and on Obama.

Now, one of the reasons the “nuclear option” was defeated in 2005, was because of an emergency overnight mobilization that you [LaRouche] launched. And you issued a statement that went out in leaflet form, all across the United States, called [“Save Our U.S. Constitution Now.”](#)

What you said then, in 2005, was the following:

“The immediate target of this attempted illegal coup d’état is the institution of the U.S. Senate. The purpose is to overturn the U.S. Constitution, in favor of a White House dictatorship, by breaking the Constitutional powers built into the Senate’s power to impose checks and balances against an out-of-control Presidency or temporary errant majority of the House of Representatives. This provision to defend our Constitution was centered in the powers of advice and consent which the Constitution assigned specifically to the U.S. Senate.” And you said, “Do not allow that original Constitutional intention of advice and consent to be thrown away by the kind of panicked parliamentary majority rule which gave Hitler dictatorial powers on Feb. 28, 1933.”

Now those were the remarks you made during the Bush Administration in 2005. Now, we find ourselves in 2013, and those remarks apply *directly* to what the Obama Administration is doing. So what can you say about the actions of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid?

LaRouche: Well, there's something funny about Harry Reid, and it's always been the case. You know, he's a famous boxer. And he's a queer duck in many respects, so I'm not surprised by the manner in which he acted. That is, his temperament. Sometimes he's cautious, when he thinks that's his only choice; sometimes he's not cautious. Sometimes his fists from the ring come into play, and he strikes with the fist and not with the brain. And this is another case of it.

But obviously, he has some kind of an opportunist scheme in someone's mind, and he was simply acting on it. Because he knew exactly what he was doing, and he knows it *stinks*, and he knows that most of his colleagues in the Senate know that it stinks. And a smell like that, if it radiates too long, will cause public opinion to express its disgust.

U.S. Life Expectancy Plummet

Ogden: What I could like to do next, is to follow up on the broadcast that we presented last Friday. As most of our viewers know, we presented a dramatic series of pictures of the collapse of the U.S. economy, under the past five years of the Obama Administration. We used charts, maps, a series of graphics, to demonstrate this case.

Now, on Wednesday [Nov. 20], a hearing was held in the U.S. Senate [Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging] that served to complement the picture that we presented last Friday. It was a hearing that was sponsored by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. And the hearing was called "Dying Young: Why Your Social and Economic Status May Be a Death Sentence in America." And through a series of graphs, the witnesses demonstrated how the economic policies of the recent administrations, both the Obama *and* the Bush administrations, are causing Americans to live far sicker lives, and to die far earlier deaths, than previously. And for the first time in our country, we can expect to die, on average, at a younger age than our parents did.

Mortality rates have actually increased for many areas of the country, and life expectancy has plummeted. One witness showed that, in just in the span of 14 years, life expectancy for women *fell* in 43% of the counties of the United States! Almost *half* of the counties of the United States show a *declining* life-expectancy for women.

Also, if you look at the discrepancy between the

counties, between even neighboring counties, even counties within one metropolitan area, between the maximum life-expectancy and the minimum life-expectancy, you see that the gap between the average maximum and the average minimum is growing rapidly. For women, the gap in life-expectancy goes from the longest on average, which is 85 years of age in Marin County, Calif., to the shortest at 73 years of age in Perry County, Ky. That gap has grown to a difference of 12 years, depending on which county you live in.

And then for men, it's even more dramatic. The highest life-expectancy for men is 82 years, right here in Fairfax County, in northern Virginia. And the lowest is 64 years in McDowell County, W.Va.: That's a gap of 18 years—almost an entire generation.

In fact, the witnesses presented the case, that if you look at McDowell County, life-expectancy for men is actually *equivalent* to Botswana and Namibia, two of the poorest countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. And then, if you look at the women, in McDowell County, the women die younger, on average, than the women in El Salvador and in Mongolia.

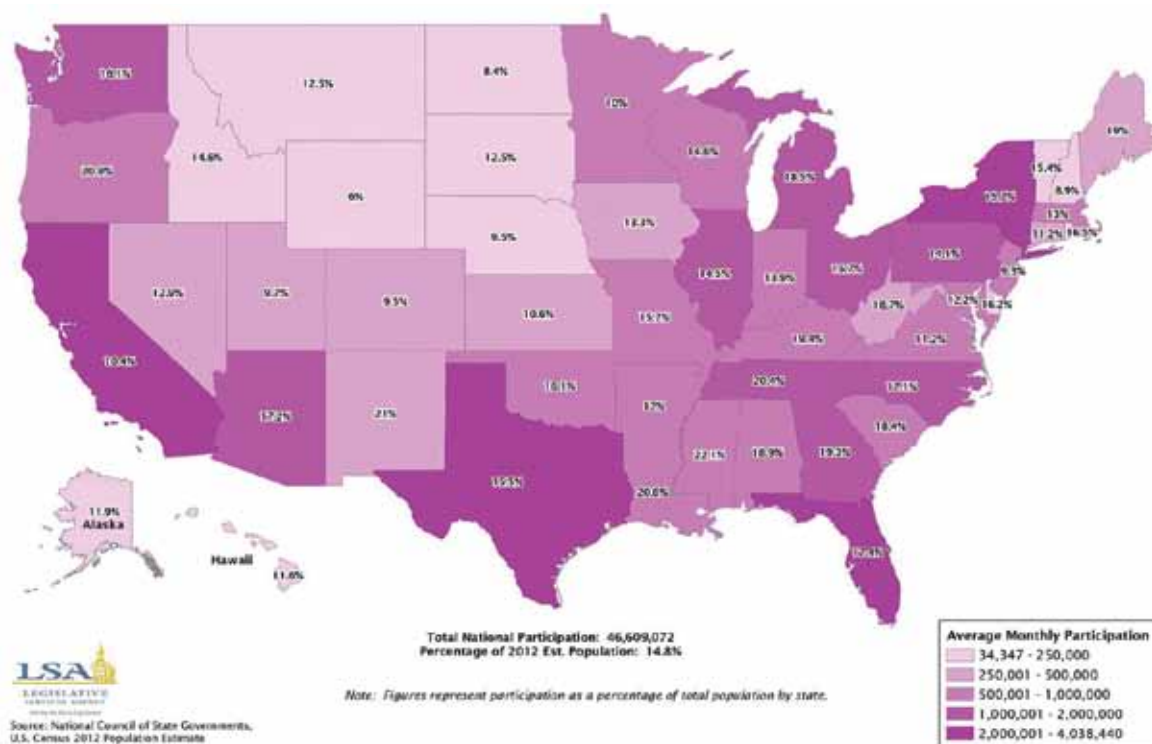
You can also take certain neighborhoods, maybe not necessarily counties per se, but if you take certain neighborhoods in Boston and in Baltimore, you'll find that the people who live there have a lower life-expectancy than many of the nations in the Third World, including Ethiopia and Sudan.

And then, the rate of premature births, premature infants for the United States generally, is equivalent to many of the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and the infant mortality rate in the United States is higher than in many nations in the Third World.

So this is the picture that was presented. One of the witnesses, Prof. Michael Reisch, from the University of Maryland, showed that just in the past two years, between 2010 and 2012—so that's right in the middle of the Obama Administration—the number of people officially living below the poverty line in the United States has increased by 3 million people. That brings the total to 50 million people in the United States, who are *officially* poor. That's the largest number of people in poverty since we started measuring those numbers, and it's the highest *rate* of poverty per total population in over a generation.

And what Reisch said, is that the official poverty rate is 16%: That's 16% of the U.S. population living beneath the *official* poverty line, which is calculated at

FIGURE 1

Average Monthly Participation in the Federal Food Stamps Program (SNAP) 2012

The growing impoverishment of Americans under the Obama Administration—collapsing rate of employment, increased dependency on food stamps, inflation in the price of basic goods, and the systematic elimination of critical medical care—has created conditions in parts of the U.S. that are beginning to resemble the most desperate nations anywhere around the world.

\$23,000 a year for a family of four. But, he stressed that this percentage is probably underestimated by *half*, if not more, because it excludes homeless, it excludes incarcerated, it excludes those who are forced to move back in with their families; it fails to take into consideration the fact that the cost of living in many metropolitan areas is far higher than is estimated.

He said that three-quarters of all Americans, 75% of all Americans, have incomes below \$50,000 a year, which is considerably below what it takes to live even a minimally decent life in a major U.S. city. And this has not been adjusted since they started calculating the poverty-level index. So, if you raised the poverty level index by just 10%, which would be appropriate, he shows that one-third of the entire U.S. population would be officially poor.

So, what was presented in the testimony at this hearing, is that, if you directly correlate poverty with life-expectancy, the increasing poverty over the last three [Presidential] administrations, can be directly correlated with *decreasing* life-expectancy in the United States.

So, to say that the policies of the Obama Administration are murderous, is not an exaggeration at all. And while you have had poverty increasing in the Obama Administration, as we demonstrated last week, with our series of charts, along with a collapsing rate of employment, a rising dependency on food stamps, an increasing inflation in the price of basic necessary goods, and, the systematic elimination of critical medical care, now you have parts of the United States of America, beginning to resemble the most desperate nations in Sub-Saharan Africa. And we know very well that the genocide we've witnessed in Africa, for generations, has been the result of the policies of the British Empire. And now, Obama is bringing those policies right here, to the United States.

So I want to give you a chance to speak on that.

The Queen's 'Green' Policy

LaRouche: Well, there are several things that are of cardinal interest in this process. First of all, in order to understand U.S. policy respecting our own population,

we have to look at the Queen. What's the policy?

We're on the verge of celebrating the [Requiem] mass [of W.A. Mozart] for a former President [John F. Kennedy]. And why was he killed, and why was his brother killed? I think that my view on this matter is by no means extraordinary, but is rather accurate.

The policy of the Queen has been openly, in more recent times, a policy of reducing the human population of the planet, to 1 billion people from 7 billion. That has been her policy, it was the Copenhagen policy she announced then, and it was repeated all over the place. But we know the policy was earlier.

The effect of the assassination of John F. Kennedy was that the result was a war in Indo-China, which decimated, for a span of at least ten years, the population of the United States, in a cruel way. This was associated with the introduction of a massive drug-addiction policy. So what we had is, with the onset of the assassination of President Kennedy, and then his brother Robert, a trend of decline of the living standard of the U.S. population.

This has been aggravated by things such as the drug problem. Now, the drug program has been the biggest factor in the destruction of the *minds* and health of the people of the United States. This has been a trend ever since.

The Green policy is also a *genocide* policy! If you look at the drug policy, and the reduction of the quality of life in general, during the virtual decade from the advent of the war in Indo-China, you see a pattern of legalized genocide against the U.S. population. And if you look carefully, that has been the trend ever since.

One of the dirty tricks was to reduce the productivity of the population, by what? By promoting the drug policy. Now the drug policy in Indo-China that was spread back into the United States, had been one of the principal reasons for the collapse in the standard of living of the people of the United States.

But look against the background: the Queen of England's policy of genocide—the stated intention of that Queen is the reduction of the human population from 7 billion people *to 1*, at a rapid rate! The drug policies, the similar kinds of policies which we see in the United States, we see in Europe and so forth, these policies lowered the standard of living, the standard of nutrition as well as the standard of living generally: This is *reducing the population of the planet*, especially in the trans-Atlantic region.

Now, the significance of the trans-Atlantic region—



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The assassination of President Kennedy opened the door to the drug counterculture, "the biggest factor in the destruction of the minds and health of the people of the United States," LaRouche stated. Shown: New York City's "Pot Parade," May 1981.

it was generally the highest income-bracket in the world. So what they did, is they went at that first; and now, the attack on India and China—China most conspicuously is now a target. In other words, we're at a point where, under present policies, where China had been increasing its productivity, they're now in the process of having it sunk, because of the cutting off of the market for goods which were produced in China and so forth.

We're Dealing with the Oligarchical System

So we're not dealing with some little problem, some issue of negligence, we're dealing with the oligarchical system. If you look at the history of mankind, the oligarchy has always pulled such tricks. But it never had the kind of technology before, which would enable it to do it on such a broad international scale. So, this is not a problem which has been neglected; this is an *effect* which has been *intended*!

And you look at Wall Street, for example: What is Wall Street? Wall Street is typical of the forces which are actually causing the collapse of employment, causing the collapse of the income standards, of the health-care standards, the nutritional standards. This is systemic *murder*, *mass murder*, intended on a global scale! And this is the crime against which we have to fight. This is the enemy! Wall Street and what it represents typify the enemy of mankind! What you have in Brit-

ain, Europe, so forth—same thing. This policy is a policy of genocide, and it's done through things like Wall Street, with the financial system, the financial gambling system.

And therefore, this is going to be a tough fight. Because we are morally compelled to crush the policies of the Queen of England and her Dutch partners, and other people who pursue the same policies. *We must crush this policy!* It's crushing us.

Look at the situation in Portugal, look at the situation in Spain, look at the situation in Italy, look at the situation in Greece—in Europe! What is this? This is genocide! It's voluntary: The policies that are causing this are intentional. They're led in Europe by the British monarchy, and the Dutch system. They're being led in the United States, where the policy now is actually causing a collapse in income per capita of our people. Look at the expenses, look at the prices, the inflation that's going on under this Wall Street system of speculation! This is what's destroying our people. But this is not this *thing* that's causing the problem, the *thing* has a human motive. And the human motive represents the oligarchical system. Of which the Queen of England is merely a leading example.

But this has always been the case. Mankind has always been in this struggle, as far as we know. Because we are a human species, which has certain qualities, excellent qualities. The human mind is the greatest thing on this planet; there's nothing on this planet living, which can match the potential of the human mind! But that's being destroyed. It's been destroyed before. The Roman Empire did it. What was done in the city of Troy was the same kind of thing: It was genocide. And the genocide is the characteristic of the *oligarchical system*. The Queen and her Dutch partners are representatives of the oligarchical system.

We founded the United States, essentially back in the earlier period, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, under the influence of the great Nicholas of Cusa. Now, Nicholas of Cusa proposed and initiated the program, to move people *out* of Europe, and move them across the ocean waters to areas on the other side, where they might be *freed* to develop their powers *away* from the victimization by the oligarchical system.

Our United States has been destroyed, again and again, by having bad Presidents, or killing good Presidents. And there are a number of good Presidents who were killed, *murdered*, other people were murdered. Why? By the oligarchical system! What has controlled

our banking system in the United States? Well, the banking system in the United States has been largely controlled from London. It's been controlled by British banks which settled around Boston and around New York City. They organized this system to destroy our United States, and they did a fairly systematically good job, shall we say.

So the point is, let's not assume that there are conditions which are being "neglected," which caused these problems, these statistical phenomena. What causes this is the *intention* of the oligarchical system, which is still a dominant feature in civilization from the top down. And the Queen of England and her Dutch partners are the typification of that evil. And once we understand that what the evil is, and who it is, we understand what the Roman Empire was, why it killed people the way it did, why this has been going on around the planet, again and again and again. The oligarchical system! And the struggle of mankind is *against* the oligarchical system! We talk about conditions which we wish to remedy, but what are the conditions that we really have to remedy? They're the conditions which are induced by the oligarchical system and its legacy.

So therefore, don't say somebody's being bad, when they're actually engaged as accomplices in intentional mass murder.

Kennedy vs. Malthus

Ogden: Well, just as a follow-up to that, one thing that people do not know about Kennedy is that he was an anti-Malthusian, explicitly. In a speech that Kennedy delivered to the American Academy of Sciences, he attacked Malthus *by name*, directly contradicting what every British-sponsored, so-called scientific institution was pushing at that time, which was population reduction, population control, carrying-capacity, and all of these Malthusian ideologies. What Kennedy said—this is just an excerpt from this speech:

"Malthus argued a century and a half ago, that man, by using up all of his available resources, would forever press on the limits of subsistence, thus condemning mankind to an indefinite future of misery and poverty. We can now begin to hope, and I believe, know that Malthus was expressing, not a law of nature, but merely the limitation then of scientific and social wisdom. The truth, or falsity, of his prediction will depend now, with the tools we have, on our own actions, now and in the years to come."



JFK Presidential Library and Museum

President Kennedy's hatred of Malthusian ideology was based on his unswerving commitment to economic growth and scientific discovery, as exemplified in his promotion of space exploration and nuclear power development.

And then Kennedy spent the rest of his speech promoting the breakthroughs in high-technology scientific discoveries, that he challenged the scientists of his time to make.

Now, Kennedy's opposition to and hatred of Malthusian ideology is perfectly consistent with his personal family history. Kennedy's great-grandfather had been forced to emigrate to America, to come via ship to Boston, to escape the great Irish Famine of 1848, which had been created, as a genocide policy, by the British. And it was explicitly, at that time, a direct application of the ideology of Malthusianism. There were members of the House of Lords, in the British Parliament at that time, who were arguing: No, we cannot give food to the starving Irish people, because it will break the principle of the great Parson Malthus, that we actually *need* population reduction in order to reduce misery and reduce the poverty of those lower classes.

Genocide occurred as a direct result of the policies of the British Empire, on the island of Ireland, where *half* of the population, if not more, either died of starvation or were forced to leave the country. This is the family history of President Kennedy. His relatives, also, had been leaders in the 1798 uprising against the British rule in Ireland, which was led by many veterans of the American Revolution; County Wexford, which

was his ancestral home, was the epicenter of this insurrection. And then, going all the way into the 20th Century, relatives of Kennedy back in Ireland were fighting in the revolution to kick the British out of Ireland.

So this was something that was in his bones. And I wanted to bring this up at this point, because it's consistent with our theme from last week: Kennedy's role as the representative of the historic mission of the United States, in its role in the struggle against the oligarchical principle which is a policy of intentional depopulation through four tools: famine, war, poverty, and disease. This has been consistently the method by which the oligarchical principle has reduced the human population. And these are four *evils* which Kennedy directly fought against. Peace, the refusal to be sucked into war, the refusal to be sucked into a pointless war in Indo-China, and the refusal to allow the Cuban Missile Crisis to erupt into a thermonuclear war. The evil of poverty, the evil of disease, and the evil of famine, all of which are conquered by the increase in the energy-flux density and the productivity of the human race.

Now, I know Dennis Mason has more to present on this later, but I thought this was an appropriate time to connect the legacy of Kennedy to what you elaborated last week as the identity of the United States, as the leader of the struggle against the oligarchical principle worldwide.

LaRouche: Well, you go back a little bit earlier, and take, on the Irish question, the slaughter of the Irish that was done by the Dutch. And the same Dutch became the British monarchy. Because that war, the first war against Ireland, the invasion of Britain, concentrated on the extermination of the Irish. And of course this had great significance for the American Revolution: We note the number of people from Ireland who had been involved in leading positions within the struggle for our freedom of our nation, the same thing.

It's always the same. And that is what the meaning of this thing is. It's always the same. It is anti-human. What did Rome do? Rome engaged in vast genocide against its own population—the Romans did! Other cultures of that type have done the same thing. What happened in Troy, for example, was genocide! Intentional! And so therefore, you have a class of human beings, who biologically are human, but in behavior, they're not. They consider themselves the overlords of

the mass of people, and the thing that worries them the most, is that there will be an excess of the people whom they kept poor. And that is what's happening today. First, drive them, make them poor, and then, kill them, for being poor.

JFK and Nuclear Power

Dennis Mason: I have a couple of questions, one of which will get into some of President Kennedy's policy. The first one is on nuclear power. Now, in India, the chairman of the prime minister's Scientific Advisory Council has reported to the press that their 500 MW prototype fast breeder reactor is ready for commissioning next year. This is a molten sodium-cooled reactor, which uses depleted uranium oxide-plutonium oxide as fuel. It has blanket assemblies containing depleted uranium, to absorb neutrons generated from the fission reactor, in order to generate more fuel. Two more of these prototype fast breeder reactors are under construction. India intends to have six in total by the year 2020.

While the current prototype harnesses depleted uranium, the plans are to move forward in the next decades to use thorium-232, which is rather abundant, for the blanket assemblies, the breeder part of the reactor, which would then turn into uranium-233, which in turn, could be harvested as fresh fuel.

This is an exciting development for the world as a whole, and for India in particular, as the design of this particular reactor was entirely a product of the Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research, and if successful, will place India at the head of nuclear energy development.

On the one hand, I think it's noteworthy to keep in mind what you had drawn attention to, Lyn, a few weeks ago, when it was announced that Saudi Arabia could procure nuclear weapons from Pakistan, with virtually a phone call, and how that could be used to have a go with the tensions between Pakistan and India as another potential catalyst for a thermonuclear war. And I think another factor to consider, is that we in the United States are quickly being left behind. You'll find on the front page of the website [www.larouchepac.com], there's a report authored by Michael Kirsch, "Fifty Years Behind; the President from the Future," which details several of the policies of President Kennedy. The first chapter actually starts off with the breeder reactor program. He goes through the breeder reactor program, the nuclear desalination, national water projects, farming the ocean both for minerals and

for food, Operation Plowshare, and a nuclear rocket.

Concerning the breeder reactor, Kennedy had received a complete report as early as 1962, on the question of how we, in the United States, then, would be implementing this technology. And it was more than a suggestion of mere projects; it was a program of how to completely leave the fossil-fuel-driven economy and move on to a nuclear economy. The report stated that some of the reactor prototypes at the time would reach full operational scale phase by the early 1970s, and suggested that breeder reactors would be the standard nuclear reactors by the early 1980s.

At the time, they concluded there were three simultaneous phases that could be pursued under the U.S. economy. First, that we have early construction of the most competitive existing types of nuclear reactors; and secondly, development, construction, and demonstration of reactors which produce some fuel but less than used; and then third, intensive development of the breeder, which produces *more* fuel than is used. This is under Kennedy.

And when he opened up the Hanford reactor in Washington, during that speech, Kennedy had the following to say: "I am also glad to come here today, because we begin work on the largest nuclear power reactor for peaceful purposes in the world. And I take the greatest satisfaction at the United States being second to none. I think this is a good area where we should be first, and we are first. We are first."

Now, we are no longer first. Kennedy thought we should be, and I agree with him. If you could address this question.

Beyond Nuclear: Thermonuclear

LaRouche: Well, that priority has been outdated, and that's not unfortunate: When you consider the needs of the world, rather than looking at the thing from objective conditions, and local conditions, we have a different conclusion. The most urgent thing for the world as a whole, is the immediate progress in developing thermonuclear fusion as a driver program.

This is not a question of a competition with different kinds of computers or technologies. This is a *global* responsibility. It involves many things. It includes such things as the fact that the threat of large objects hitting Earth, that some of these large rocks rolling up there in space, all they have to do, at that size, say about one year's distance [to hit the Earth], and you can wipe out the human species.



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Both from the standpoint of economics, and meeting the threat to Earth posed by asteroids, mankind must now make the leap from nuclear fission to thermonuclear fusion power. Shown: Tungsten-clad wall ties being installed in the plasma vessel of the ASDEX Upgrade for the ITER international fusion experiment.

So the ability to treat the [controlled] thermonuclear process, at this level, as thermonuclear fusion—which is a technology we had actually got into in the beginning of the 1970s, which is where I got into this business—with the development of that, we had made a leap beyond the so-called traditional types of nuclear production.

We have not made them obsolete, but they became subsidiary to a policy which had to be a *thermonuclear* policy. And what's been happening, ever since the 1970s, when I got, shall we say, into the business, with the Fusion Energy Foundation; since that time there's been a constant *prevention* of any progress in this direction.

Now, we've reached a point, where the problems we have go to the range of the Pacific Ocean, and the whole Pacific Ocean basin, and other parts of the planet, require a much larger, more unitary thermonuclear program. And this is not just for energy, not just for power: This is for dealing with the challenge, not only on Earth, but the challenge which mankind faces, because of these asteroids. We don't know that the human species is not going to go out of business, some day soon, by being hit by a relevant size of asteroid! So therefore, our concern is, we just take the area from Mars down to where we live, and that whole area is full of this poten-

tial. And we have presently nothing available to do the job, if it were to come upon us now.

So therefore, we have to think in global terms, really global terms, not just Earth global, but at least a whole section of the Solar System, which must be our concern. Because all it takes is one of those things, of a suitable size, hitting the planet Earth, and you're all dead. And the smaller things, that will take out the population of one-quarter, or half or so forth, of the population of Earth.

So the issue is not just economy. The issue is complex; it involves everything. And the driver has to be thermonuclear fusion, because without that perspective available, it will be impossible to really organize the defense that mankind will require.

There are threats to mankind other than those, from nasty people like the Queen, and the Dutch operation. They're evil, and we must defeat them. *But*, the danger is, will the human species continue to exist? And the speculation—which is not just speculation, it's just a fair estimate of what the probabilities are—at an appropriate size and speed of a mere asteroid, hitting Earth head on, you're all dead.

So it's not just the economic issue, the fact of thermonuclear fusion power and so forth, but that thermonuclear fusion represents the kind of technology, and the extent of mobilization which mankind has to begin to develop, in a rush, to show that we can secure mankind from extinction.

So when you raise these issues, that is what comes into play. It's no longer an economic issue.

Human Space Exploration

Mason: The Congressional Budget Office has come up with a list of 103 programs which could be cut to save the Federal government a couple of bucks. Among these is the elimination of human space exploration programs. As it stands now, the U.S. exploration of space is limited to the missions to the International Space Station, and as it stands, we're responsible for operation, maintenance, and supply, for half of that ship.

Now, the CBO report argues that this could save us the whopping sum of \$73 billion between 2015 and 2023, and also states that advances in technology have generally reduced the need for humans to fly into space; that robots can replace absolutely any human presence in space, whatsoever.

You, Lyn, have called for instruments to be sent to Mars in lieu of sending people, but this is very, very different. Here, the only consideration is money—we don't have it. That's the excuse, while the real motive is to completely shut down technological development altogether. But every time we send someone into space, we learn something new. And I think that's what the real target is.

Now, while you've indicated that we have no need to send mankind to Mars in person, for its own sake—you know, to plant a flag and die shortly thereafter. That's not science. As we begin to master the domain of the inner Solar System as a whole, traveling out there will be a natural expression of that dominion; and, if and when the overall mission of the development of the Solar System as a whole, warrants that. Today, it doesn't. But it could have.

I could go back to the report that's on the site [www.larouchepac.com] by Michael Kirsch, the nuclear rocket chapter, which reiterates that man on the Moon, what President Kennedy is often most remembered for, was only one step of a broader space program, which knew no finality, no limits. As early as 1962, the Nuclear Engine for Rocket Vehicle Application, or NERVA, was carrying out tests in Nevada, which indicated operational status by 1967! With every expectation that we would have nuclear propulsion in operation in the '70s.

By 1966, we achieved an operating time of 30 minutes at the full design power, the equivalent of 55,000 pounds of thrust. In 1967, a full-power test reactor had operated for 62 minutes, which is longer than would be required for most operational space missions. The ability to throttle the nuclear engine, changing the power output, while maintaining the operating efficiency, was demonstrated and achieved. The flight test program was cut, to save some money, by 1965, and in 1973, it was cut altogether by Nixon.

If we had, as a nation, continued on the Kennedy trajectory, we would be having a very different discussion. But that didn't happen.

So, as you have said again tonight, man in space has to part of an entire program, not as something in and of

itself. It's clear that Kennedy was of that mind, as well. In fact, in 1962, on May 25, at the White House Conference on Conservation, when he was talking about desalination on a national scale, he said: "I have felt that whichever country can do this,"—the desalination of seawater—"in a competitive way, will get a good deal more lasting benefit than those countries that may be even first in space." And he went on to say how desalination would be a prime accomplishment of science in improving the life of people in the long history of the world.

But at the same time, it seems folly to completely abandon our toddler steps into space, especially under the auspices of budgetary considerations. So, how do we approach this question from where we are right now, of man operating in space, in person?

LaRouche: Well, I've just written something as an appendage to something else, which deals with this other issue. It's a completely different issue. And often in life, you have people inventing things which are all fine at the time, but then, somebody comes along and makes an invention which just cancels all of that, because something far superior has come up.

Now, this is not quite the situation, yet. But the thing which I pose, which we are aware of, in what is going on in our Basement [science research] operation, for example, is a lot of attention to the fact that the asteroids that are out there, represent a problem far beyond anybody's imagination! And it would take something of about a mile or so in diameter to hit the Earth just right, and the whole human population is dead! Now, we take the number of the asteroids which fall into that kind of category, and we haven't yet done anything to *begin* to count the number of these hazards which are running around the tracks of Earth in the Solar System, even that particular part of the Solar System.

The Miracle of Curiosity

Now, I've been fussing on this thing which the question raises, since Curiosity. Now Curiosity, this man-operated landing on Mars, was a great achievement. It demonstrated the ability, above all other things, that man had now reached the point, even though it's a relatively primitive stage, to put things that function, from Earth—no human being touching any of this process, except manufacturing the product; being there, doing it? None! Nothing! It's all done by automation.

Now, we've progressed in that direction, and Curi-

osity demonstrates the level of technology which has been developed by NASA, and related operations, which show what can be done with an apparatus like Curiosity, which is still, I believe, operating on Mars.

What we need now, is a system of defense. Not some economic question, but a system of defense of the existence of the human species, on Earth. And my view is, as I've stated, let's take the area of the Solar System, the smaller part of which includes Mars, and Earth is a part of that whole panoply. Now we know that we have to defend this area of space, of solar space, because we're in it. We're in the area, we're among the targets! I think that that suggests that there's a little priority lurking around these matters, about getting these big rocks under control.

What Curiosity demonstrates is not that Curiosity is the model that's going to solve the problem, but the fact that we, through the space program, have gone as far in success, as Curiosity has gone, *despite Obama!* Therefore, the defense of the existence of the human species has a certain amount of priority, over some other concerns.

And in point of fact, if we realize that we have to do that, and prepare to defend the human species within this area of the Solar System, in particular, by defenses stuck up there, to operate as active defenses, but also directed, from Earth, by a complex of systems which are on top of some of the garbage out there, like the large asteroids, and build up a system, an information system, to be able to put systems out there, that are able to *intervene* in preventing one of these large objects—it doesn't have to be too large; about one mile diameter might do it—so therefore, we have to have a defense of Earth, from within a territory of defense, which includes the orbit of Mars.

And now, therefore, to do that, we have to accelerate our nuclear program, in order to be able to develop and deploy the systems which are necessary for this system of defense, which is required.

And that's what I've been working on, on exactly this question. I have not got a design to solve the problem. What I have, is a certain categorical kind of knowledge of what might be required to solve this problem,



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The Mars rover Curiosity shows what can be done without sending humans to Mars: "What we need now, is a system of defense. Not some economic question, but a system of defense of the existence of the human species, on Earth."

and not to conclude things with my design—that's not my style—but to make sure that I'm stimulating people who are competent, to pay attention to this kind of complex, in order to defend the existence of the human species!

I rather think that, contrary to Obama or other idiots on Earth, that that is an important thing to consider. And therefore, what that means is, we will be using everything we have, in terms of nuclear technologies, thermonuclear technologies, and so forth: We are going to use everything! But this time we've upgraded the war. The war is now against the threat to the sudden extermination of the human species on Earth! That's the war! That's the mission. And if we take that mission as our primary concern, our primary objective, our overriding concern, it probably will happen that all the other, lesser-grade threats and problems, will fall into place, under the leadership of a campaign to defend the very existence of man's life on Earth.

P5+1 Reach Interim Deal with Iran

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Nov. 24—At 3 a.m. in Geneva today, the P5+1 (the UN Security Council Permanent Five—U.S., U.K., Russia, China France—plus Germany) and Iran signed a six-month interim deal that will freeze much of Iran’s nuclear program in return for billions of dollars in temporary sanctions relief. According to a senior U.S. intelligence official involved in the process, the agreement is an important interim step toward avoiding a military conflict in the Persian Gulf that could explode out of control.

The source reported that the essentials of the deal were put on the table Nov. 21, during a meeting among U.S., European Union, and Iranian negotiators, and that it took several days to get approval from Tehran for the final wording. On Nov. 23, Secretary of State John Kerry met with EU negotiator Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif for 90 minutes. Immediately after that meeting, Zarif met with the Russian and Chinese foreign ministers, who gave their strong support to a deal, effectively guaranteeing that Iran would not be double-crossed. “The Chinese did a great deal of hand-holding,” the source emphasized.

Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani had spoken by phone on Nov. 19, with China’s President Xi Jinping. During that conversation, Rouhani asked that the Chinese serve as “honest brokers” and guarantors that any deal would be in Iran’s interest.

The source further emphasized that, while Secretary of State Kerry’s role was spotlighted in the news accounts of the talks, it was the consensus among all six of the P5+1 countries that was vital to overcoming the final hurdles.

The source confirmed that the deal involves a halt of construction at the Arak heavy-water reactor site, a freeze on any new centrifuges or other advanced enrichment equipment, daily inspections of all relevant sites, and a release of approximately \$7 billion in frozen assets and other sanctions relief, including the importation of food and medicine, as well as commercial aviation spare parts.

The White House gave its full support to the talks, in part because President Obama has been desperate to reverse the plunge of his approval ratings, brought on by the Obamacare fiasco and other policy failures.

Backchannel Talks

The core team that handled the negotiations for the United States was noteworthy. According to a report published this morning in *Al Monitor*, Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, who was formerly the chief U.S. arms control negotiator and ambassador to Russia, conducted extensive backchannel talks with the Iranians, which began even prior to the Rouhani election last June. Those talks accelerated in August, and led to the exchange of letters and phone calls between Presidents Obama and Rouhani in September.

In addition to Burns and Wendy Sherman, who led the Geneva talks, two other Administration national security officials were deeply involved in the backchannel efforts. Jake Sullivan is now the chief national security aide to Vice President Joe Biden. Previously, he was a Bill Clinton campaign advisor, and served as head of policy planning at the State Department under



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Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State Kerry confer in Geneva, Nov. 24.

President Clinton. When he moved to Biden's office, the other key backchannel negotiator, Puneet Talwar, moved to the National Security Council. Talwar was a longtime Biden aide on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which Biden chaired before being elected Vice President. Talwar was previously the top national security aide in the VP's office. Contrary to some news accounts, longtime Obama confidante Valerie Jarrett was not an important player in the process.

The source reported that, based on the document signed in Geneva, the deal can be defended against the anticipated attacks from Israel, Saudi Arabia, and hardliners in the Congress.

Earlier in the week, Lyndon LaRouche had noted that the mounting attacks on President Obama, including a flurry of leaks about deep splits in his national security team and overall paralysis at the White House, had weakened the President's ability to start a war. The pummeling that Obama has taken in recent weeks created the possibility for the war-avoidance faction at the Pentagon, in the intelligence community, and at the State Department, to reach the successful interim deal.

Some of the most devastating attacks on the shrinking Obama Presidency have, according to sources, come from within the White House itself. Frustrated senior staffers were among the key sources for exposés of the disintegration of the Obama decision-making apparatus. The most prominent of these was published in the inaugural issue of *Politico* magazine, by George-

town Law Prof. Rosa Brooks, a former Pentagon official. Brooks' article, "Obama versus the Generals," detailed the cutoff of top military brass, including Joint Chiefs Chair Gen. Martin Dempsey, from any decision-making at the White House. Dempsey recently gave an interview in which he highlighted the war-avoidance collaboration among the United States, Russia, and China as a top priority of his JCS team.

White House staffers also reported that members of the Obama Cabinet have been cut out of any deliberations, to the point that they are being sent out to defend policies that they do not even understand. One article provided a psychoanalysis of the President, identifying him as suffering from "compensatory narcissism." The clinical diagnosis matched precisely with the assessment by LaRouche, who delivered a warning about Obama's "Nero complex" on April 11, 2009, in a now famous international [webcast](#).

War Danger Remains High

While President Obama has been increasingly boxed in by the exposés, and by the growing public revolt against his murderous austerity policies, the danger of a provocation for war remains high. The British Crown's two "breakaway allies" in the Middle East—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Saudi Arabia's intelligence chief Prince Bandar bin Sultan—are hysterical over the prospect of an Iran deal and can be expected to do everything in their power to wreck it. On Nov. 17, the *Sunday Times* of London reported that a secret agreement had been struck between Riyadh and Tel Aviv, providing Saudi overflight rights and other support for an Israeli strike on Iran. Top Netanyahu Cabinet officials, including Defense Minister Danny Ya'alon, have made statements in the past week, indicating that Israel has been preparing for several years to carry out unilateral strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities.

Following the announcement of the Geneva deal, Netanyahu immediately denounced the agreement as a "bad deal," and vowed to stop it. However, Netanyahu does not have the unanimous backing of his own top generals and intelligence chiefs, who have publicly stated in recent days that a verifiable deal that prevents Iran from pursuing a nuclear weapon would be good for Israeli security. And within Saudi Arabia, there are growing signs that Bandar's reckless operations in support of al-Qaeda in Iraq and Syria are not supported by all factions of the royal family.

Ukraine Stuns EU by Suspending Free-Trade Pact Preparations

by Rachel Douglas

Nov. 25 (EIRNS)—The Ukrainian cabinet on Nov. 21 delivered a decision with far-reaching implications, abruptly halting preparations for an Agreement on Association with the European Union, which was to have been signed by President Victor Yanukovich at the Nov. 29 EU summit with neighboring East Central Europe countries. Immediately preceding the announcement, Yanukovich's party in the Supreme Rada had engineered the rejection of six different laws that would have cleared the way for jailed opposition figure, 2004 Orange Revolution¹ poster girl Yulia Tymoshenko, to travel abroad for medical treatment. But the reasons for the decision goes far beyond the Tymoshenko case, as was clear in the wording of the government statement.

Prime Minister Mykola Azarov's cabinet invoked "Ukraine's national security interests," announcing that the government was ordering a "more detailed study and development of a set of measures, which Ukraine should implement in order to restore its lost production capacities and areas of trade and economic cooperation with the Russian Federation and other CIS members, and to create a domestic market capable of ensuring relations between Ukraine and EU member countries on an equal footing." Negotiations with the Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan (Eurasian) Customs Union are to be revived. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry, together with the country's Economics and Industry ministries, have been ordered to propose to the EU and Russia the formation of a joint commission to explore the production and trade recovery prospects. Other ministries are instructed to develop relations with the CIS "to preserve

jobs and address other social issues through improved economic stability."

The centerpiece of the now-shelved 1,200-page agreement was the so-called Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA). This would have eliminated protections for what remains of Ukrainian industry, already savaged by the privatization process of the 1990s and the terms of admission to the World Trade Organization in 2008. Russia had warned against the disruption of historically formed trade ties between the two largest ex-Soviet economies, while the EU dangled the promise of helping Ukraine to get money from the IMF in the event Russia applied economic sanctions. Today, Ukrainian Vice Premier Yuri Boyko said, "We are not counting on any IMF money, anyway, since the latest IMF offer calls for raising residential utility rates by 40%."

Boyko said that Ukraine could not afford to lose its current trade with Russia, and that neither the EU nor the IMF were prepared to compensate for that in any way. Azarov said Nov. 20 that over the past year, as preparations were made for the EU Association agreement, trade between Ukraine and CIS markets has shrunk by 25%. "Those economic losses are significant for us. . . . When drafting the budget, the main economic figures for 2014 will depend on whether we are able to create mutual understanding with Russia."

'Eurocolonization' Opposed

Economist Natalia Vitrenko, head of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, has been campaigning against the end of Ukraine's sovereignty through "Eurocolonization" under the prospective EU Association Agreement. In a Nov. 18 EurasiaTV interview, Vitrenko said that the pipe dreams about "foreign investment" about to flood into Ukraine, and "European living standards" for the population were nothing but a propaganda cover for grabbing Ukraine's surviving raw ma-

1. *EIR*'s archive of publications on the Orange Revolution and the economic looting of Ukraine includes these articles: "Flattened by IMF, Ukraine in Geopolitical Crosshairs," Dec. 10, 2004; "Ukraine: a Post-modernist Revolution," Feb. 11, 2005; "Bankrupt British Empire Keeps Pushing To Overthrow Putin," Jan. 20, 2012; "Natalia Vitrenko: Eurasian Integration as a Chance for Survival in the Global Economic Crisis," May 3, 2013.

terials and labor resources. (In particular, European food cartels have evident designs on Ukraine's black-earth farmland.) The EU has no use for 45 million Ukrainians, she said; it only wants to gain economic domination through free trade, and strategic advantage against Russia, by trying to get Ukraine into NATO.

Since Ukraine joined the WTO, Vitrenko reported, almost 60% of the goods on the Ukrainian market are now imports. The DCFTA would be a death warrant for the surviving producers. Sixty percent of Ukraine's exports to Russia and the CIS are finished goods, she pointed out, while only 18% of its exports to EU countries are, the rest being raw materials. She warned that the estimated EU160 billion cost of complying with 20,000 different EU standards, under the Association Agreement, would have dealt another heavy blow to Ukraine's economy, contributing to factory shutdowns, unemployment, and even starvation.

On the heels of Azarov's announcement, European Commissioner for Enlargement Stefan Fuele cancelled his latest planned trip to Kiev and issued a tweet, blaming "the impact of Russia's unjustified economic and trade measures" for the development. Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, a promoter of EU eastward expansion, attacked Russian "politics of brutal pressure." Lady Ashton, the British EU foreign policy chief, said that Ukraine stands to lose "foreign investment" because of the decision.

While European and U.S. media joined these EU officials in maintaining that Ukraine had bowed to Russian pressure in backing off the EU deal, Russian President Vladimir Putin charged at a Nov. 22 press conference (after talks with the prime minister of Turkey) that the EU was the one using threats: "When I found out that Ukraine has suspended—not canceled, but suspended—negotiations with the EU and wants to review everything, we heard a threat from the EU to Ukraine, up to the point of holding mass protests. This is pressure and blackmail."

Azarov has given a series of interviews after the announcement, formulating Kiev's position carefully. Terming the halt in EU negotiations "tactical," he



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Ukraine's tabling of an EU free-trade pact has provoked a storm of protest in the West, while Russian President Putin (shown here with Ukrainian President Yanukovich) has charged the EU with "pressure and blackmail" against Kiev.

said that Ukraine might go ahead and sign the free-trade agreement by the end of this year or in early 2014. At the same time, he welcomed Moscow's overtures to revise economic agreements with Ukraine with better terms for the latter, including, he told Russian state TV Nov. 24, readiness in principle to reconsider the gas-pricing contracts signed in 2009. "Moscow's position has softened," said the premier. Speaking on Channel One Russia's weekly news roundup, Azarov accused the EU of presuming that "it could force Ukraine to agree to its terms by ultimatums and pressure; that's why we decided to call a time-out."

The IMF's demands for the 40% utilities rate hikes and a minimum wage freeze, as well as slashing social services and agricultural subsidies, were "the last straw," Azarov said. He added that Ukraine's powerful industrial groups, centered in the country's east, had demanded that their exports to Russia not be attacked under the prospective agreement with the EU.

Echo of the Orange Revolution

Crowds estimated at 50-100,000 people marched in central Kiev Nov. 24 under flags of the European Union,

denouncing the government's suspension of the EU free-trade negotiations. Tymoshenko, who was jailed in a corruption case dating from her term as prime minister, compared the decision to halt the EU deal with the August 1991 coup attempt in Moscow, immediately preceding the break-up of the Soviet Union. She called for people to take to the streets in support of associating Ukraine with the EU.

There are many reports that the population is being flooded with propaganda along the lines cited by Vitrenko: that signing the agreement would mean an immediate grant of EU20 billion from the EU to Ukraine, and that the living standard would quickly rise to European levels.

Elsewhere in Kiev, 10-20,000 supporters of the halt to the EU negotiations also rallied.

Regarding the demos, Azarov said in his Channel One Russia interview, "We know that these actions are being financed. If it's within the law, then fine. But if the law is being violated, then the government will not behave as in 2004, when an elected government was overthrown" in the Orange Revolution.

Even before the Nov. 22 government decision and today's demos, Member of Parliament from the ruling Party of Regions Oleg Tsarev submitted an official parliamentary question, demanding a response to what he called efforts by the U.S. Embassy to intervene in Ukrainian domestic affairs and "incite civil war in Ukraine." Tsarev charged that U.S. Amb. Geoffrey Pyatt was overseeing an "information war" project on the use of social media to discredit institutions of government in the country, explicitly employing "the lessons of the Arab Spring."

Glazyev: Choosing the EU Would Be 'Anti-Christian'

In recent years Russian Academician Sergei Glazyev, former secretary of the Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan Customs Union and now an adviser to Putin, has worked tirelessly to organize Ukraine's adherence to the Customs Union. Last Summer, he warned that if Kiev chose an Association Agreement with the EU, it would violate the treaty on strategic partnership and friendship between Russia and Ukraine, as well as leading to political and social unrest.

On Nov. 18 the Ukraine-born Glazyev was in Kiev for a conference on Ukraine's potential participation in the Eurasian Union, the next stage of the Customs

Union process initiated by Putin. Since "any serious economic analysis shows that the Ukrainian economy will lose from signing the Association Agreement with the EU," as Glazyev posed the matter, "What is the essence of a 'European choice' for Ukraine? The goal would be to keep Ukraine out of Eurasian integration. This is understood very well in Europe and is the main reason behind the active pressure on Ukraine to sign the agreement on Association with the EU."

Glazyev then took the discussion to a higher level, saying: "It is also strange to hear discussion about some kind of 'civilizational' choice, allegedly facing Ukraine. The country made that choice in the time of Prince Vladimir [of Kiev Rus], who adopted Christianity. [Today] the choice is not between Orthodoxy and Catholicism—between the Byzantine and Roman traditions. The choice is between Christianity and post-Christianity. Europe today is a post-Christian civilization. And the so-called 'European choice' is an anti-Christian one, not Catholic."

Thus Glazyev echoed the remarks with which Putin startled international participants in the Valday Discussion Club meeting two months ago, when the Russian President said, "We can see how many of the Euro-Atlantic countries are actually rejecting their roots, including the Christian values that constitute the basis of Western civilization. They are denying moral principles and all traditional identities: national, cultural, religious, and even sexual. Without the values embedded in Christianity and other world religions, without the standards of morality that have taken shape over millennia, people will inevitably lose their human dignity."²

At the end of November, Putin will travel to Italy, where, in addition to a bilateral Russian-Italian summit, he is slated to meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican. Close watchers of Russian diplomatic efforts throughout the Southwest Asia war theater have also noted a sharp rise in diplomacy there by the Russian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate, including the young head of its foreign affairs directorate, Metropolitan Ilarion, who is reportedly close to Putin's team and has himself visited the Pope previously.

2. See Rachel Douglas, "Putin Poses Russian 'National Idea,'" *EIR*, Sept. 27, 2013.

LaRouche Statement on Philippines Disaster

Nov. 21—*The following statement, dated Nov. 16, by Lyndon LaRouche is in response to a request from two radio show hosts in Manila, who asked that he address the devastating destruction and loss of life to their nation from Typhoon Haiyan (called Yolanda in the Philippines), and to comment on the necessary infrastructure and related policies required to prevent such destruction in the future. These two stations combined are listened to by millions of Filipinos, at home and abroad.*

LaRouche's response goes directly after the destruction of the Philippines as a nation at the hands of leading powers in Washington in 1986 under the Reagan Administration, when then-Secretary of State George Shultz and his Deputy Paul Wolfowitz orchestrated a coup against President Ferdinand Marcos, which led to the (intended) result that the subsequent puppet government proceeded to shut down all the progressive development programs implemented by Marcos: the completed nuclear plant (which would have been the first in Southeast Asia, but never generated a watt of electricity); the rice self-sufficiency program; 11 industrial development programs, and more, leaving the nation defenseless against disasters of this sort.

LaRouche has often noted that the Philippines has never recovered from that evil act from Washington's Anglophile oligarchy, and is today one of the few nations in Asia which is not progressing, but is mired in poverty, hunger, and disease.

The message was recorded on Nov. 16, and played in Manila over the following week.

The Significance of the Philippines

The first thing we have to look at is the question of the significance of the Philippines, as it was developed up to the point that a change occurred, which broke the intention that was associated with the name of Douglas MacArthur and his father, in the Philippines.

And as a result of this kind of influence which the MacArthur family represented, the Philippines was on the route to a great achievement, including a major nuclear plant, which would be a pioneering effort for that region of the world. And what happened was an intervention, from the Anglo-American interests, who came in to crush the Philippines, and it was that crushing of the Philippines, then, by those folks, by that part of the United States, which is regrettable, which destroyed the ability of the Philippines to continue its lawful destiny of progress.

We now see the effects of that. And what happened in this typhoon is a product of that. Just imagine, after all those years, since the crushing of the Philippines, what it came to, in terms of vulnerability which struck a large part of the Philippines in that particular case. We now see what would have been *prevented*, what could have been dealt with; it should never have happened in that way! And that's the point.

We're now in a situation where the trans-Atlantic community is entering a great disaster, more focused in Europe than in the United States, but the trans-Atlantic region is now in a breakdown crisis process.

And now, more than ever, we have to recognize the importance of the Pacific region. It's crucial for the survival of humanity as a whole, under these terrible conditions which exist now.

It Could Have Been Prevented

And only if we can approach this matter by reversing this trend, which was imposed by forces from the United States, to *crush the Philippines from its sovereign rights and role*, and only in that case, can we remedy what has just happened in the Philippines. We must say it will never happen again, as it should never have happened before. It could have been prevented.

Take the interim of the period of the crushing of the Philippines, centrally, by certain oligarchical forces inside the United States, which intervened to crush this island nation, at its real birth, its real point of takeoff. And this shows that what happened in the Philippines, was an augur of what is happening to the people of the United States and elsewhere today.

Therefore, we must mobilize, not just in the Philippines to fix this problem; we must mobilize to make sure that this must *never* happen again, that the conditions under which that could happen, with this effect, will never happen again.

Friends of the Schiller Institute Shift the Agenda in Denmark

by Our Copenhagen Bureau

Nov. 23—The election campaign by the Friends of the Schiller Institute (Schiller Instituttets Venner, SIVE) in Denmark, part of the international LaRouche movement, led by Copenhagen mayoral candidate Tom Gillesberg, succeeded in putting the dangers of the accelerating economic collapse, and the way out of it, squarely on the national agenda, during the three-week campaign leading up to the Nov. 19 municipal election.

The call for Glass-Steagall-style bank separation has been gaining support lately in European countries such as Switzerland, Belgium, and Italy. In Denmark, the biggest Glass-Steagall debate has been sparked by the last two SIVE election campaigns. First was the parliamentary election of 2011, with the slogan “Glass-Steagall—or Chaos”; and then, in the just-concluded campaign, with the slogan “Glass-Steagall, Not EU Fascism: The Banking Union¹ Will Take Your Money and Your Life.”

This was the entry point for a nationwide discussion of the intention of the financial oligarchy to implement fascist austerity cutbacks, including bailout, bail-in, and, on the other hand, the LaRouche-movement’s three-point recovery program: 1) Glass-Steagall bank separation; 2) a credit system to finance the productive economy; and, 3) great infrastructure projects, moving toward a fusion economy.

The party’s election results were small in number, but the impact of the campaign was far greater than the percentage of votes. The approximately 1,000 voters in Copenhagen, Aarhus, and Jutland are now potential activists, plus the many more who considered voting for SIVE, or would have, if the slate had run in their district, in this small country of 5 million people.

Press Coverage

During the campaign, there was a breakthrough in national press coverage on TV, radio, and in newspapers. The party’s posters became famous in the capital of Copenhagen, where SIVE ran five candidates; in Aarhus, Denmark’s second-largest city, with two candidates; as well as the midwestern region of the Jutland mainland. The campaign newspaper was distributed to thousands of households and especially to college dormitories. Many visited the SIVE websites (www.sive.dk; www.schillerinstitut.dk; and www.facebook.com/schillerinstituttetsvenner), literature tables, or met the candidates at election meetings.

As in rest of Europe, the Danish mainstream political parties are quickly losing credibility. Both the Social Democratic-led three-party government coalition, and the two mainstream opposition parties, are in an existential crisis. The far-left and far-right parties received big increases in their votes.

The SIVE’s Gillesberg stood out as the candidate with the most credibility. The starting point for most of the press coverage was that Gillesberg had been “prophetic” in warning about the 2007-08 crash before it happened.

There was a transformation of the character of the press coverage compared to past elections. The first major breakthrough was a full-page article in the Copenhagen tabloid *Ekstra Bladet*. The article, entitled, “Glass Steagall—or Chaos,” though in keeping with the paper’s satirical tone, stated that Gillesberg had been right about his 2005 and 2007 warnings of a coming crash, prominently printing three of his campaign posters.

The character of the previous coverage of the campaign was the subject of one of the three programs Gillesberg was on, on the national “24/seven” station. The host, who had penned a satirical article about Gillesberg in 2005, asked why candidates who bring up non-mainstream ideas are ridiculed by the media.

1. The European Union’s proposed banking union would give the European Central Bank the power to shut down banks in individual EU countries, bypassing elected governments: a major abdication of national sovereignty.



EIRNS

Tom Gillesberg campaigns for mayor of Copenhagen, Oct. 29, as the candidate of the Friends of the Schiller Institute party. The poster reads, "Glass-Steagall, Not EU Fascism. The Banking Union Will Take Your Money and Your Life."

Shouldn't we help them instead? The participants, including the host, and assistant professor at Copenhagen Business School Ole Bjerg, stated that they had, or wanted to vote for Gillesberg.

The character of the coverage was transformed even before this discussion, as seen in a two-page interview in the left-wing intellectual newspaper *Information*. "Tom Gillesberg predicted the financial crisis on his election posters several times," the article reported. Gillesberg's posters are "more prophetic than political," recalling his posters from 2005, 2007 and 2011. "The bubble burst, housing prices fell, we got a financial crash, though a maglev across the Kattgat² hasn't been built, but Glass-Steagall is being discussed in serious economic circles." Gillesberg's posters are "iconic with their complex messages. Also this year: 'Glass-Steagall—not EU-fascism, 'Fusion: Yes, Thanks,' 'The Banking Union Will Take Your Money and Your Life....' He was right about the financial crash coming. So, should we be worried, when he now predicts that the banking union will take our life?"

SIVE scored a victory in getting Gillesberg on DR2 TV's Deadline, the most important news discussion program, on election eve, after another scheduled ap-

pearance before the election had been cancelled. Gillesberg posed the choice between Glass-Steagall and EU fascism and the banking union taking money and lives. He challenged the voters to make history, and elect him.

During his second appearance on DR2 the next morning, he spoke of his vision for the future, based on a fusion economy and maglev high-speed trains to integrate the economy of Denmark and the world. These interviews profoundly moved many voters, as expressed by those who contacted SIVE afterwards.

In a statement after the election, Gillesberg called on his supporters to strike while the iron is hot, and coalesce a national campaign. The Friends of the Schiller Institute will use the next six months, leading up to the European parliamentary elections, he said, to campaign to prevent Denmark from joining the banking union, and to get Glass-Steagall adopted. He appealed to those touched by the campaign to become activists.

Another campaign highlight was SIVE's interview with Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche (in English: <http://schillerinstitut.dk/drupal/node/1127>). After endorsing the candidates, she described the fascist economic policy being implemented by the Troika (IMF, European Commission, European Central Bank), and Obama, with reference to what happened in the 1930s, and how this can lead to war. She also gave a battle report on the international fight for Glass-Steagall. After speaking about Lyndon LaRouche's conception of physical economy, and how Friedrich Schiller (1788-1805), Germany's poet of freedom, can inspire us today, Zepp-LaRouche said that Denmark has a special role to play in Europe, because the population had voted "No" to the euro, in a referendum in 2000 (Denmark uses its own currency, the krone). History has shown that small countries, or, even single individuals, can change history, she said.

Now, after the election, the SIVE is in a better position to do just that.

2. The Kattgat Sea separates Denmark's two largest cities, Copenhagen on an island, and Aarhus on the mainland.

Nun Exposes Media Lies about Foreign Invasion of Syria

Agnès-Mariam, Mother Superior at the Monastery and Convent of St. James the Mutilated in Qara, Syria, gave this interview to LaRouchePAC's Lena Platt on Nov. 12, in Los Angeles. Mother Agnès-Mariam is the founder of the International Support Team Mussalaha (Reconciliation) in Syria, and is currently touring the United States and Great Britain; she is scheduled to visit Cleveland, Ohio; Denver, Colo.; Lincoln, Neb., New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

Lena Platt: Hello, Sister. I wanted you to welcome you, on behalf of our LaRouche Political Action Committee and the Schiller Institute, and to ask you to give your own observations and your own report, since you've been an eyewitness, on what is happening on the ground in Syria. So much of the American population's access to what's going on is from the news media.

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Even though in the beginning, we witnessed such a gap between the mainstream media stories and the reality on the ground, today there is no possibility to hide the terrible reality of the ongoing violence in Syria, where there is a remotivation of

this so-called "revolution." What makes me very much surprised, is that today, you still have people here in the United States, and also in other places in the Western world and in the Arab world, who continue to watch the mainstream media stories, and they still believe that in Syria there is a radical or global movement, an honest global movement, toward freedom and democracy!

I am very much surprised, because you have, today, many articles every day in many big newspapers, or documentaries on TV, where you can see with your own eyes, that Syria is invaded by foreign mercenaries, coming from more than 80 countries, spreading violence under an exclusivist, radical title of the so-called "Islamic Caliphate."

We watch the civilian population in Syria targeted by those death squads, and by those hordes of terrorists, that are spreading chaos, destruction, and defiling human beings everywhere in Syria! This is the fact. There is nothing else.

Platt: And why do you suppose that the institutions in the West are not responding, including the religious



LPAC-TV

Mother Agnès Mariam, interviewed by LaRouchePAC's Lena Platt, provided an eyewitness account of the Syrian conflict, at odds with mass news media coverage.

institutions, the churches, the humanitarian institutions, etc.?

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Because, in the beginning, the Arabic Spring, and the Arabic Spring in Syria, were heavily depicted as an honest and legal striving for freedom, democracy, and human rights, which was opposed and repressed by dictatorship, by a regime of a tyrant. And those people [Western institutions—ed.], believed the story. And they have stuck to this version of the facts. And with the intromission of some big powers, with such great authority in the United Nations and in the international arena, nobody dares to think differently.

The mainstream media are every day orienting minds and hearts toward false goals, and they are hiding, thus, the terrible crimes against humanity, and atrocities perpetrated by those rebels.

It's true that you have, today, an armed conflict. It is true that the Syrian Army is struggling with those so-called rebels, but we have to seek the cause, not in a repression of a democratic and peaceful striving for human dignity, but in a hidden, foreign intervention into Syrian affairs, and in the attempt to dismantle the Syrian state, and to attack all its values, especially pluralism and the unity among its diverse factions, whether they be religious, ethnic, or cultural, diverse factions of the very rich social tissue of Syrian society.

A Breaching of International Law

Platt: You described in the past that this is a proxy war, that it's almost like an invasion. What do you think of the idea that this Syria situation could lead to a global war?

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Well, we just bypassed it, because after the so-called chemical attacks on West Ghouta, we were on the eve of a global war. So we have bypassed it. But, all the parts are so greatly invested and engaged, that we have to always fear in the future, a regional or a global war, of course.

Platt: In view of the fact that the Pope has been speaking out very loudly against the humanitarian disaster, for example, in Lampedusa [Italy, off the Tunisian coast], and other humanitarian disasters, do you



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The cause of the civil war, says Mother Agnès Mariam, is not the striving for human dignity by the so-called “rebels,” but “a hidden, foreign intervention into Syrian affairs, an attempt to dismantle the Syrian state, and to attack all its values, especially pluralism and the unity among its diverse factions. . . .” Here, a rebel sniper in Khan al-Assal, Aleppo province.

think there is some kind of a moral deficiency in our society today, a breakdown of values, a civilizational breakdown, that prevents us from responding to situations like this, the way we might have responded 40 or 50 years ago?

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Yes, I think that there is a total collapse of civilization, and total collapse of the international institutions, beginning with the United Nations. I believe that today, the law is a vector of the most powerful: The most powerful will impose its own reading, and its own application of the laws, following its own interests.

We have a constant breaching of international law, or a constant amendment of the international law—I mean amendment that seek to bypass the international law, for example, the “[Responsibility—ed.] To Protect [R2P],” or other amendments. And what we are experiencing, is the total inversion of the international equilibrium into real oppression and real threat to the sovereignty of states, where there is no more immunity even on an international level.

For example, you look at what is happening with the Palestinians, and all of this story is how a party can *always* infringe on international law and the United Nations decrees, with total impunity. Before the Arab Spring, if you look at the Gulf War, the invasion of Afghanistan, the invasion of Iraq, you will see that it is, at each step, an infringement of international law *and* con-

sequently, an infringement of humanitarian international laws, because you incur atrocities when you go to invade a country, and you launch the “daisy-cutter” bombs [BLU-82, the largest conventional bomb, at 15,000 pounds, with a destruction radius of 600 yards], you will have collateral damage; and we have seen massacres occurring with total impunity! And when [then-Secretary of State] Mrs. Albright was asked, was it worth it, to kill half a million children in Iraq, she said, it is worth it.

So we are heading toward a new barbaric era. And with this collapse, the whole balance, the whole international peace that resulted from an international agreement after the Second World War—all this is collapsing! We are heading toward terrible days for everybody, where the mighty—let it be financial, let it be military—will impose their own law, and this is a threat to *all* the civilized world! We are like in the era of the invasion of the Avars, of the Huns, of the Moghuls—we are coming to this era!

And the most terrible, is that the religious institution, the moral leaders, are bypassed by this disinformation. They think they cannot imagine that those people who were the promoters of international stability and security, and were the founders of the United Nations, and also of the Charters of Human Rights—those same people or their successors are those who are breaching them and putting them into danger!

It is very difficult today, to have a prophetic posture and to address those issues. Those issues mean that you are discovering that the main powers that are leading the world, the civilized world, the democratic world, are becoming a terrible dictatorship—the *most terrible* dictatorship and the most terrible oppressive system in world history! This is the reality.

America’s True Mission

And here in the United States, I am really scandalized, that now I did not find the United States that we see in the movies, that we hear about, and that we consider as the first democracy in the world. I have found people that are oppressed, that are killed. Yesterday, we



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Mother Agnès Mariam’s organization, the International Support Team for Mussalaha (“Reconciliation”) has liberated abducted people, political detainees, and established ceasefires in hot regions. Here, doctors and medical staff treat the injured in Aleppo, October 2012.

heard that last week, in L.A., someone also killed like this...

Platt: Yes.

Mother Agnès-Mariam: That is, if you use violence, and you as a leader, or a moral reference, justify violence for your own interest, and you say that this violence is a “right to protect” or something like this, it means that any other man, any other individual, will do the same! He has the right to protect his own interest. You see, it’s an ethical and philosophical problem. And financial and military might will not resolve anything. That’s why we call on people to come back to a real reflection on what is really happening, and what will be the solution for the future of humankind.

I read in my teenage years, Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World*. I think we are heading toward this, and Syria is just a moment of the achievement of this new world order.

Platt: What would be your message to the American people?

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Well, first of all, I love them. And despite the errors or the choices of the American Administration, the American people are real lovely people, honest and great people. This first: my total solidarity is with the American people.

Second, as the biggest democracy in the world, and as the first financial, or economic power in the world, you have a big mission, and this mission is not concentrated in your administration, because your administra-



The videos of the alleged chemical attack in Ghouta Aug. 21, 2013 (shown here), were a fraud, says Mother Agnès Mariam: “What I am sure about, is that the videos that I have studied are a fake, they were staged, and they were prepared before [Aug.] 21st, even if they were uploaded the 21st.

tion is elected by you. It means it’s the people of America who are responsible for its administration, and that’s why I here would invite you to better consider what is happening with your administration, since 20 years.

Where are we going? Where are you going? What is the real mission and the real values of United States in the world, and why in many places you are considered as an oppressive power, and as an invader? Why? Why not make it better, for example, that America would help, would serve world security, would really be the big friend of everybody?

And I would consider also the propaganda of the mainstream media, that you should ask real accountability of the media, who are fooling you—and they *are* fooling you. You should ask for good information, honest information, about what is happening. Because bad information will let you make a bad choice. It means a choice that is based on erroneous data. What you need is good data, or else you will be believing that this choice, for example, is to support democracy, but in reality, you are supporting terrorists. That’s what is happening in Syria! The opposition gives you big discourses and philosophical treatises on democracy in Syria, and you approve this, and you support this! But the reality on the ground, is that the strife is not for democracy in Syria, it’s to implement a radical kind of Islam that you would not accept for your worst enemies!

We should, all of us, choose the nonviolent way. Of course, you have an arsenal; you spend every year, bil-

lions and trillions of dollars for your armaments and your defense system. I was surprised to see that the level of life here, is much poorer than in Europe, for example, or even in Syria. In Syria, we had free education and a free health system. You did not have to wait, for example, three months to get an X-ray. I have a friend [in the U.S.] who had to wait for three months to have a free X-ray! It means that there is an economic collapse here in the United States. Of course you will have this collapse if you are spending all your money

to have heavy weapons. So maybe the choice of non-violence could be a good choice, and also, on a humanitarian level, the nonviolence will keep you on a high-ranked level of values. While, if you choose violence, as I said, you can be considered as an invader, or as a tyrant. Because your might is to be imposed on others with violence.

Nonviolence is the good way to live together in a peaceful world and build something together, while the violent way is to destroy, on an individual basis, to benefit from the other. So you eliminate a rival, to take his place, and take his commodities or his resources. But the nonviolent way is to consider the other, not as your rival, but as your partner. And like this, we can build a better world, with solidarity, with love, with relations—you know, it’s positive. While violence is very negative.

And the justification of violence is a terrible philosophy. It’s a philosophy that was adopted by Adolf Hitler, by Mussolini. And today, I don’t know why, in the civilized world it is adopted by the great democracies. I think it’s an error: We have to revise it.

The Initiative of Reconciliation

Platt: You mentioned you had presented some evidence to the United Nations, and are you calling for a UN report, or formal commission on the situation Syria, based on your evidence. And in that context, please give our listeners a sense of what you do, your involvement in Syria, your organization, and what the mission of your organization is.

Mother Agnès-Mariam: Yes. I just finished talking about the benefit of nonviolence, and in Syria, in the midst of this terrible chaos, and in the midst of this terrible, violent struggle, the initiative of reconciliation, raised on a grassroots basis, and based on the understanding of Syrian citizens that the biggest threat for the future is a civil war. And so, they [the International Support Team for Mussalaha] made an oath to never adopt an armed conflict, one against the other, but to adopt negotiation, dialogue, openness, forgiveness, to arrive to a peaceful settlement of the crisis.

And I was invited by the Syrian people to collaborate in a think-tank, to implement those ideas into a practical application. And to help them—I am not Syrian—but to help them, I have founded the International Support Team for Mussalaha, which is “reconciliation” in Syrian. So, it’s a broad network, which goes from Australia, to Europe, to the United States, passing through many Arab countries, where people of good will, peace activists, and even a Nobel Peace prize laureate [Mairead Maguire], contribute either by their insight or by their action, or by their articles, for the implementation of this ongoing process of reconciliation in Syria.

And we have been able to achieve many things, like the liberation of abducted people, or the liberation of detainees, political detainees; or proclaiming ceasefires in hot regions. Our method—we follow the Syrian reconciliation teams—is to open a dialogue with all Syrian people, let them be from the armed opposition, from the nonviolent opposition, from the loyalist part, and even from the government and the security/intelligence service. Because if you want to serve the civilian population, and protect it from violence, you have to be in contact with all the parts who contribute to this violence.

The last achievement was the evacuation of 7,000 civilians from a rebel stronghold, Moamadiya, in West Ghouta, that was besieged by the Syrian Army for eight months, without any possibility to supply food and other essentials to this besieged area. This led to a kind of starvation of the civilians. And I was told by those families that they would prefer to be evacuated, because I was negotiating the supply of food and other alimentations to them, but they preferred to be evacuated. So, in four days, we were able to achieve an agreement with all parties, and evacuated 7,000 women and children; and also, some 600 fighters, who decided to surrender, and they chose a nonviolent way.

We are in contact with the United Nations Human Rights Council. I have been invited many times for par-

allel events in Geneva, and we would have direct contact with the Commission of Inquiry on Syria, and with the High Commissioner’s Office for Human Rights. And we have asked, and we are asking, that the inquirers on the human rights violations in Syria would have access to victims from the other side, because normally they cannot enter into Syria, so they hear mainly the stories of the rebel environment. So we ask them to be aware that, on the other side, you had the terrible fate of the population, and it is the majority of the population.

So this is happening on a good scale, at a good rate; and during the chemical attacks on the 21st of August, this year, I was contacted by some survivors of the terrible massacres of 11 villages, of Latakia, Alawite villages, where al-Qaeda fighters had just massacred more than 400 people in a terrible way! Complete families were decimated, slaughtered. And they abducted 115 women and children.

Fake Videos of ‘Chemical Warfare’

The survivors of this massacre told me that the recognized some of those abducted children in the victims of the chemical attacks. And these led me, first of all, to track those children in the videos that were uploaded, where I found that the videos, especially the videos chosen by the U.S. intelligence community to present as authenticated to the Congress, to obtain permission for the strikes on Syria, those videos are fake. This was my study. Especially I made a study on video #1, #6, #11, and #13, among the 13 videos that were chosen as authentic and originals. And you know, it means that there have been manipulations of public opinion, and of the international community.

And I have asked, and I am still asking, the United Nations to promote an unbiased inquiry, to find out where are the victims of those so-called chemical attacks. And if the children are among the victims—because we want to know, who are those children in the videos? Are they alive? Are they dead? And how were they killed? Because in the video, it appears that there are *no* chemical attacks; because those videos were *staged before the 21st of August*. They were prepared.

So the victims: Are they real? Are they fake? And in reality, we want to know where 1,466 civilians, allegedly victims of chemical attacks, where were they buried? Because you know, if they were really dead, we have to find out where they are buried! And to make inquiry with DNA, if these are the children of the survivors of the Latakia massacre.

Doing this, I do not incriminate anybody, and I do not pretend to give an answer to what really happened, in the so-called chemical attacks. I do not have any position, any posturing, you see—I don't know, if there was, or if there wasn't. Was it an attack? Was it a kind of show? I don't know. But what I am sure about, is that the videos that I have studied are a fake, they were staged, and they were prepared *before* the 21st, even if they were uploaded the 21st.

‘Where Are We Heading?’

Platt: Do you have anything else that you would like to say to the American people, to President Obama, to the institutions in the United States?

Mother Agnès-Mariam: I just want everybody to consider what are the achievements of this so-called “right to protect,” since the 9/11 events. Did we gain better peace, more serenity, more security? Where are we heading? I think that the Middle East is turning into real chaos, and a laboratory for all kind of atrocities.

But it's never too late. We can choose the best and stop the support or the recycling of al-Qaeda terrorist groups, stop using them to implement chaos every-

where. And stop lying to the American people, telling them that our support is for democratic or liberal groups. What we see on the ground is the ongoing support, the ongoing empowerment, of the most radical groups ever.

So my message is that the American people are our friends, and should be the biggest supporter of real democracy, of real international law, and of real brotherhood among all nations, and especially in the Middle East.

Platt: I thank you very much. And I want to assure you that we will get as wide publicity for your message as possible, so that the American people can hear a different voice, than they've been hearing in general in the media about what is actually going on on the ground in Syria. Because you're an eyewitness, and you've courageously taken the time to travel around the world, I see, to get the truth out, and to prevent a collapse into total chaos. I thank you very much.

Mother Agnès-Mariam: I thank LaRouche and the Schiller Institute, that you are among those references that can help the American people to open its eyes and make the right choice. God bless you.

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WHAT BUSH-CHENEY COULDN'T DO

Facing Plummeting Support, Obama Goes for Coup d'État

by Nancy Spannaus

Nov. 24—With his poll numbers sinking daily, in the face of the popular and institutional outcry against Obamacare and his other domestic policies, Barack Obama has taken a page from the Bush-Cheney book.

The increasingly desperate President Obama ordered the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Harry Reid, to carry out a flagrant assault on the U.S. Constitution on Nov. 21, ramming through a simple-majority change of the Senate rules to end the procedure for extended debate, known as “filibuster,” for Presidential nominations requiring Senate approval, with the exception of Supreme Court Justices.

On a 52-48 vote, the Senate changed its rules, wiping out decades of Senate tradition and practice, and effectively gave Obama further dictatorial powers under the so-called “nuclear option.” As Lyndon LaRouche said in 2005, when he opposed the Bush-Cheney threat, this is an “illegal coup d'état,” whose purpose is “to overturn the U.S. Constitution, in favor of White House dictatorship, by breaking the Constitutional powers built into the Senate's power to impose checks and balances against an out-of-control Presidency....”

While the rules change—allowing a nomination to be approved by a simple majority—might seem to make the Senate more “democratic,” this is directly contrary to the spirit and intent of the Constitution, which created the Senate as a deliberative body designed to put a brake on the passions of the moment. As opposed to the House of Representatives, in which each

citizen has approximately equal representation, and members are elected every two years, the Senate gives equal representation to both the smallest and largest states, and the six-year terms are staggered. The rule of extended debate allows a determined minority to block a Presidential action or nomination.

In 2005, when then-President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney tried to pull off a similar coup, a bipartisan group of 14 Senators, led by Democrat Robert Byrd (W.Va.) and Republican John Warner (Va.), blocked the effort. Byrd, a Democrat who was regarded as Congress's leading Constitutional scholar, warned against the threat of fascism in America, comparing the attempts to eliminate the filibuster, to the “Enabling Law” that created the Hitler dictatorship (see quotes below).

What Has Changed

At that same time, Senators Joe Biden and Barack Obama assailed the Bush-Cheney move as a drive for a tyranny of the majority in clear violation of the spirit and letter of the Constitution. In his passionate speech before the Senate, Biden warned fellow Democrats that there would come a time when they would be back in the Senate majority, and he “prayed to God” that they would not fall prey to the same partisan power grab being attempted by the Bush-Cheney forces.

Then-Sen. Barack Obama said: “Everyone in this chamber knows that if the majority chooses to end the



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In 2005, when President Bush and Vice President Cheney attempted to deploy the “nuclear option” against the Senate’s filibuster rule, leading Democrats, including Barack Obama and Joe Biden (shown here in the Senate in 2007), assailed it as a drive to establish the “tyranny of the majority.”

filibuster—if they choose to change the rules and put an end to democratic debate, then the fighting and the bitterness and the gridlock will only get worse. . . .

“I urge my Republican colleagues not to go through with changing these rules,” Obama continued. “What [Americans] don’t expect is for one Party, be it Republican or Democrat, to change the rules in the middle of the game, so that they can make all the decisions while the other Party is told to sit down and keep quiet.”

This last week, Obama did precisely that. What had changed?

Surely, the partisan divide within the Congress has deepened since 2005. But was this process of blocking nominations actually an impediment to governing effectively?

Not according to Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), who, in the course of his dissent from the Democratic majority, laid out how the current Senate rules could save the filibuster, by a requirement “to make the filibusterers filibuster”—that is, that Senators must come to the floor and actually carry out extended debate (as, for example, Sen. Rand Paul [R-Ky.] did on the John Brennan nomination as CIA director). Under those conditions, which Majority Leader Reid had declared he would implement earlier in 2013, filibusterers would have to show up, and personally speak on the subject at length, as opposed to the technical procedure now in vogue of simply filing a piece of paper announcing the intent to

filibuster (in confidence that the other side does not have enough votes to cut off debate). Filibusters would undoubtedly be reduced substantially.

Obama’s Threat

But the Obama Administration, which is rapidly losing support among Democrats, is not interested in preserving and encouraging a deliberative process. Armed with an agenda set by Wall Street and British financial interests—to block Glass-Steagall, impose Green de-industrialization, and eliminate all obstacles to that global, genocidal program—Obama needs to suppress the remaining institutional resistance however he can.

This is a President who has always declared his desire to rule by Executive Order, rather than through the Congress. He has bypassed Congress and the Constitution repeatedly—from the illegal war in Libya, to the violation of law on surveillance, to appropriating the right to be judge, jury, and executioner in the case of drone killings, including of American citizens. His intent to continue such unconstitutional Executive power has not diminished in the least.

Thus, as soon as Reid had rammed through the rule change, Obama made a public statement hailing the move, not just because of the fact that some of his judicial nominees had been blocked, but because the Congress had been obstructing his economic agenda! He complained that the filibuster had blocked legislation that would have created jobs, strengthened civil rights, protected Americans from gun violence, etc. “It is a harm to our economy, and it’s been harmful to our democracy, and it’s brought us to the point where a simple majority vote no longer seems to be sufficient for anything. . . even routine business.”

In concurring with Obama, the *New York Times* predicted that “the vote may lead to broader filibuster changes,” meaning that the “majority rules” law could be applied beyond appointments, to legislation as well.

This is precisely what Senators Byrd and Levin have warned against: the potential for the President using the power of his office, especially over his party, to ram through an agenda that will destroy the rights and livelihoods of the American people, by exercising the “tyranny of the majority.”

Edward Spannaus contributed to this article.

Killing Filibuster a Move to Dictatorship

Nov. 23—*Of the many condemnations of the efforts to remove the right of filibuster from the United States Senate, the following three stand out due to their clarity, and the credentials of their authors. The first, excerpted from a speech on the Senate floor by West Virginia Democrat Robert C. Byrd (d. 2010), was from March 1, 2005, when the Cheney-Bush Administration was threatening to ram through the “nuclear option” to eliminate the right of filibuster of Presidential judicial appointments. Senator Byrd was known as the “conscience of the Senate” for his devotion to the U.S. Constitution.*

The second set of excerpts comes from none other than Vice President Joe Biden, himself a 36-year veteran of the Senate, who prepared a written outline of remarks he made to that body on April 27, 2005, also in the context of the drive by the Republican administration to ride roughshod over the Senate filibuster rules.

The third set of excerpts comes from the current chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), who was one of the three Democrats to oppose the elimination of the filibuster this week.

Robert C. Byrd

...The so-called nuclear option purports to be directed solely at the Senate’s advice and consent prerogatives regarding federal judges. But, the claim that no right exists to filibuster judges aims an arrow straight at the heart of the Senate’s long tradition of unlimited debate.

The Framers of the Constitution envisioned the Senate as a kind of executive council; a small body of legislators, featuring longer terms, designed to insulate members from the passions of the day.

The Senate was to serve as a check on the Executive Branch, particularly in the areas of appointments and treaties, where, under the Constitution, the Senate passes judgement absent the House of Representatives. James Madison wanted to grant the Senate the power to select judicial appointees with the Executive relegated

to the sidelines. But a compromise brought the present arrangement; appointees selected by the Executive, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Note that nowhere in the Constitution is a vote on appointments mandated.

When it comes to the Senate, numbers can deceive. The Senate was never intended to be a majoritarian body. That was the role of the House of Representatives, with its membership based on the populations of states. The Great Compromise of July 16, 1787, satisfied the need for smaller states to have equal status in one House of Congress: the Senate.

The Senate, with its two members per state, regardless of population is, then, the forum of the states. Indeed, in the last Congress, 52 members, a majority, representing the 26 smallest states accounted for just 17.06% of the U.S. population. In other words, a majority in the Senate does not necessarily represent a majority of the population. The Senate is intended for deliberation not point scoring. It is a place designed from its inception, as expressive of minority views. Even 60 Senators, the number required for cloture, would represent just 24% of the population, if they happened to all hail from the 30 smallest states. Unfettered debate, the right to be heard at length, is the means by which we perpetuate the equality of the states.

...Free and open debate on the Senate floor ensures citizens a say in their government. The American people are heard, through their Senators, before their money is spent, before their civil liberties are curtailed, or before a judicial nominee is confirmed for a lifetime appointment. We are the guardians, the stewards, the protectors of our people. Our voices are their voices.

If we restrain debate on judges today, what will be next: the rights of the elderly to receive Social Security; the rights of the handicapped to be treated fairly; the



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Sen. Robert Byrd (in 2005): “Hitler never abandoned the cloak of legality... Instead, he turned the law inside out and made illegality legal. And that is what the nuclear option seeks to do to Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.”

rights of the poor to obtain a decent education? Will all debate soon fall before majority rule?

Will the majority someday trample on the rights of lumber companies to harvest timber, or the rights of mining companies to mine silver, coal, or iron ore? What about the rights of energy companies to drill for new sources of oil and gas? How will the insurance, banking, and securities industries fare when a majority can move against their interests and prevail by a simple majority vote? What about farmers who can be forced to lose their subsidies, or Western Senators who will no longer be able to stop a majority determined to wrest control of ranchers precious water or grazing rights? With no right of debate, what will forestall plain muscle and mob rule?

Many times in our history we have taken up arms to protect a minority against the tyrannical majority in other lands. We, unlike Nazi Germany or Mussolini's Italy, have never stopped being a nation of laws, not of men.

But witness how men with motives and a majority can manipulate law to cruel and unjust ends. Historian Alan Bullock writes that Hitler's dictatorship rested on the constitutional foundation of a single law, the Enabling Law. Hitler needed a two-thirds vote to pass that law, and he cajoled his opposition in the Reichstag to support it. Bullock writes that Hitler was prepared to promise anything to get his bill through, with the appearances of legality preserved intact. And he succeeded.

Hitler's originality lay in his realization that effective revolutions, in modern conditions, are carried out with, and not against, the power of the State: the correct order of events was first to secure access to that power and then begin his revolution. Hitler never abandoned the cloak of legality; he recognized the enormous psychological value of having the law on his side. Instead, he turned the law inside out and made illegality legal.

And that is what the nuclear option seeks to do to Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Joseph Biden

In his outline for a floor statement, to be made on April 27, 2005, which he entitled "Jumping Off the Precipice," Sen. Joe Biden provided a cogent summary of the dangers of the "nuclear option."

Part 1: The Founders, History, and Tradition

Checks and Balances: The Senate's Role in the Confirmation Process. Our Founders made a conscious decision to set up a system of government that

was different than the English parliamentary system. They wanted a system of checks and balances in order to protect against the excesses of any temporary majority. With respect to judicial nominations, the Founders set up a system in which both the President and the Senate had significant roles; a system in which the Senate was constitutionally required to exercise independent judgment—not simply to rubberstamp the President's desires.

The Senate's International Functioning: How and Why the Senate is Different. The Senate was designed to play the independent, moderating, and reflective role in our government; to be the "cooling saucer." The Senate would be a different type of legislative body; it would be a consensus body that respected the rights of the minority. The way this played out in practice was through the right of extended debate. Extended debate—the filibuster—was a means to reach a more moderate result, to achieve compromise and common ground, to allow Senators, as Daniel Webster had put it, to be men "of absolute independence..."

Part II: The Current Double-Fisted Assault on the Senate

However serious the immediate consequences of the "nuclear option," the more important consequences is the long-term deterioration of the Senate. Put simply, the "nuclear option" threatens a fundamental bulwark of our constitutional design; it is antithetical to the system of governance our Founders gave us and would cause irreparable harm beyond the immediate political aftermath. No partisan disagreement, however passionate, can possibly justify that harm.

Assault 1—Substance: The End of Minority Right. The "nuclear option" would eviscerate the Senate and turn it into the House of Representatives; no longer would the Senate be that "different kind of legislative body" that the Founders intended. Without the filibuster, more than 40 Senators would lack the means by which to encourage compromise in the process of appointing judges. Without the filibuster, the majority would transform this body into nothing more than a rubberstamp for every judicial nomination. The "nuclear option" is not simply a change in degree but a change in kind. It is a discontinuous action that is a sea-change, fundamentally restructuring what the Senate is all about—a change from a body that protects minority rights to one that is purely majoritarian. Rather than simply being the next logical step in accommodating the Senate Rules to the demands of legislative and

policy modernity, the “nuclear option” is a leap off the institutional precipice.

Assault 2—Procedure: Changing the Senate Rules Outside the Senate Rules. The fight over the “nuclear option” is not just about the procedure for confirming judges. It’s also fundamentally about the integrity of the United States Senate. Put simply, the “nuclear option” changes the rules of the game mid-play. Once the Senate starts changing its rules *outside* out its rules—which is what the “nuclear option” does and something never done before in the history of the Republic—there’s nothing to stop a temporary majority from doing so whenever a particular rule would pose an obstacle to their political agenda. This is a slippery slope toward the undoing of the United States Senate.

Carl Levin

Since its creation, the United States Senate has been uniquely committed to protecting the rights of minorities. It has done so in part through its rules governing debate. Its rules protect the right of members to speak until a super-majority is ready to end debate and to proceed to a vote on the matter before it. Matters are then decided by a majority vote, except for treaties, veto overrides and certain points of order.

Of particular importance in protecting minority rights is Senate Rule 22, which requires a supermajority of two-thirds of Senators to end debate on any proposal to amend the Senate Rules. In the past, a few Senate majorities, frustrated by their inability to get certain bills and nominations to a vote, have threatened to ignore this two-thirds requirement and instead to change one or more debate rules by a simple majority. Because that step would change the Senate into a legislative body where the majority can, whenever it wishes, change the rules, it has been dubbed the “nuclear option.”

Arguments about the nuclear option are not new. This question has been debated for decades. Confronting the same question in 1949, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, a giant of the Senate and one of my predecessors from Michigan, said that if the majority can change the rules at will, “there are no rules except the transient, unregulated wishes of a majority of whatever quorum is temporarily in control of the Senate.” Changing the rules, in violation of the rules, by a simple majority vote is not a one-time action. If a Senate majority demonstrates it can make such a change once, there are no rules that bind a majority, and all future



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Sen. Carl Levin (in 2005): “Pursuing the nuclear option in this manner removes an important check on majority overreach which is central to our system of government.”

majorities will feel free to exercise the same power, not just on judges and executive appointments but on legislation.

We have avoided taking those nuclear steps in the past, sometimes barely. And I am glad that we avoided the possible use of the nuclear option again earlier this year when our leaders agreed on a path allowing the Senate to proceed to a vote on the President’s nominees for several unfilled vacancies in his administration.

Today, we once again are moving down a destructive path. The issue is not whether to change the rules. I support changing the rules to allow a President to get a vote on nominees to executive and most judicial positions. This is not about the ends, but means. Pursuing the nuclear option in this manner removes an important check on majority overreach which is central to our system of government. As Senator Vandenberg warned us, if a Senate majority decides to pursue its aims unrestrained by the rules, we will have sacrificed a professed vital principle for the sake of momentary gain.

...In the short term, judges will be confirmed who should be confirmed. But when the precedent is set that a majority can change the rules at will on judges, that precedent will be used to change the rules on consideration of legislation, and down the road, the hard-won protections and benefits for our people’s health and welfare will be less secure.

Book Review

Case for Impeachment: Does Obama Really Have the Power To Say What the Law Is?

by William F. Wertz, Jr.

Impeachable Offenses: The Case for Removing Barack Obama from Office

by Aaron Klein and Brenda J. Elliott
Washington, D.C.: WND Books, 2013

The strength of this book is that it presents as grounds for the impeachment of Barack Obama, that he has systematically violated the Constitution, which not only he swore an oath to uphold, but which every member of the Congress and Senate has done as well. To put the latter on notice, Rep. Steven Stockman (R-Tex.) purchased and distributed copies of the book to every member of Congress.

The authors thus distinguish themselves from those in the House and the Senate who, faced with this evidence, have thus far refused to take the appropriate action, and either defend Obama or propose legislative fixes to particular abuses of power by Obama, while ignoring the fact that the very survival of the nation requires, not stop-gap measures which leave the criminal in place, but rather his removal from office.

In addition to Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution, which stipulates “high crimes and misdemeanors” as the basis for impeachment, the authors cite Alexander Hamilton’s explanation of impeachable offenses from Federalist No. 65 as “those offences which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or in other words from the abuse or violation of some public trust. They are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated political, as they relate chiefly to inju-

ries done immediately to the society itself.”

The book’s authors then detail the “injuries done immediately to the society itself” by Obama. While the overall case presented is sound, unfortunately, the cataloging of such injuries becomes somewhat of a grab-bag and fails to present the fundamental case argued by

Lyndon LaRouche (see LaRouchePAC webcast on Nov. 15, <http://larouchepac.com/node/28894>), that under Obama the very capacity of the nation to survive and progress has been systematically undermined, on behalf of an imperial Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy which is committed to reducing the U.S. and world population by genocidal means, including hyperinflation, austerity, and war.

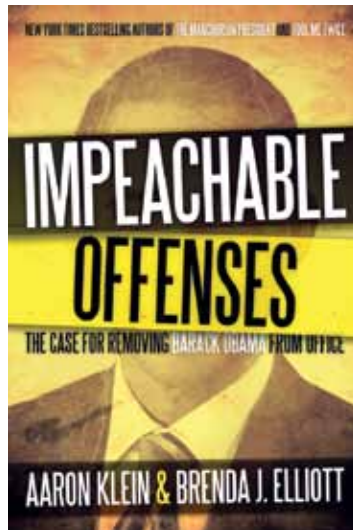
Although the authors present ample grounds for Obama’s impeachment, they fail to communicate the urgency of acting now. On Nov. 20, LaRouche stated: “Given the fact that we are on the verge of the complete breakdown of

the economy, we cannot tolerate a chaotic situation under this President. Therefore, there must be an impeachment now. There are plenty of grounds to do so—the paramount reason is that the United States must be saved.”

The Offenses

The impeachable offenses presented by the authors are as follows:

1. Obamacare;
2. The granting of de facto amnesty for millions of illegal aliens;
3. Aiding an Islamist revolution and arming our most dangerous al-Qaeda enemies in Libya and Syria;



4. Gun-running to Mexican drug cartels under Operation Fast and Furious;

5. Creating a virtual surveillance regime by gathering intelligence on citizens and compiling massive databases of public and private records;

6. Misuse of public funds to fund green enterprises;

7. Conducting an international drone campaign in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and international law;

8. Conducting a U.S.-NATO military campaign against Muammar Qaddafi without Congressional approval;

9. Use of a constitutionally questionable globalist military doctrine known as Responsibility to Protect (R2P) to carry out such war; and

10. Tacitly supporting a Muslim Brotherhood revolution.

The Real Benghazi Scandal

The authors document, in a sub-section entitled “Arming Al-Qaeda,” that Obama provided weapons to the al-Qaeda-affiliated Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, through Qatar, and that the CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya, “served as an intelligence and planning center for US aid to rebels in the Middle East, particularly those fighting the regime of Bashar al-Assad of Syria.” The aid “included weapons shipments coordinated with Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.”

They note the fact that on Sept. 10, 2012, al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri released a video calling for attacks on Americans in Libya to avenge the death of Abu Yahya al-Libi.

However, the authors stick too closely to a Republican electoral story line in arguing that U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens went to Benghazi at the urging of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in order to turn the mission there into a permanent post, and that the talking points given to then-UN Ambassador Susan Rice, which omitted reference to al-Qaeda’s involvement in the attack, and falsely claimed that the attack was a protest over an anti-Muslim video, were designed to “protect the State Department.”



Murdered Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi’s tent in Tripoli burns, Aug. 24, 2011. The U.S. war against Libya was unconstitutional, conducted without approval of Congress.

This conclusion is actually contrary to the main thrust of their argument, which is that Stevens was in Benghazi in connection with the Obama policy of sending weapons and jihadists from Libya to Syria, which he was coordinating with Saudi Arabia. In respect to the talking points, they fail to mention an e-mail from then-CIA Director David Petraeus, in which he stated that the talking points were “the NSS’s [National Security Staff’s] call,” which points the finger at then-White House counterterrorism advisor John Brennan and the White House staff, as opposed to the State Department.

In respect to Syria, the authors reveal that the lawyer for a U.S. charity, the Syrian Support Group, which received a waiver from the U.S. Treasury Department to raise money for the al-Qaeda-linked Free Syrian Army, is the Chicago lawyer Mazen Asbahi, the former director of Muslim outreach for Obama’s 2008 Presidential campaign.

From Fast and Furious to Gun Control

The authors’ treatment of Operation Fast and Furious is disappointing, in that it accepts the story line that the illegal provision of weapons to the Mexican Sinaloa drug cartel was motivated primarily by a desire to impose gun control in the United States, in violation of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. Although the authors accuse the Obama Administration of obstruction of justice, and Attorney General Eric Holder of “possible perjury,” they, like the House Oversight

Committee, let Obama off the hook. There is evidence that the entire policy was run from the White House, but the leads were never pursued. The individual in charge of Operation Fast and Furious in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) in Arizona, special agent in charge William Newell, was in direct contact with White House NSS official Kevin O'Reilly, acting on behalf of John Brennan. The Oversight Committee threatened to subpoena him if he did not voluntarily testify, but never did so.

The Obama Administration's complicity in drug-money laundering by the Sinaloa Cartel under the eyes of the Department of Justice, as exposed by the *New York Times*, was also not pursued by the Oversight Committee.

The arming of the Sinaloa Cartel is an impeachable offense, in that the President made himself an accessory to murder. Moreover, in the case of Operation Fast and Furious, the question must be asked whether Obama had a deal with the Sinaloa Cartel to illegally fund his Presidential campaign. The Sinaloa Cartel is well established in Chicago, Obama's hometown and the North American hub of its operations. In fact, 70-80% of the drugs in Chicago are controlled by the Sinaloa Cartel, and last February, the Chicago Crime Commission named the head of the Cartel public enemy number 1, a distinction last held by Al Capone.

Backdoor Amnesty Already Here

The authors point out that Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power to "establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization." Their argument is that by failing to enforce immigration laws, Obama has bypassed Congress. They also cite Article II, Section 3, which states that the President's role is to "take Care that Laws be faithfully executed."

Questions of immigration should be decided by the Congress as per the Constitution. It should only be added that the problem of illegal immigration from Mexico, in particular, ultimately derives from the free-trade (NAFTA), pro-drug economic policy which has destroyed our neighbor to the South, even as it has destroyed our own economy.

While it is true that Obama acted unilaterally on immigration, as he has on other matters, the authors fail to address the more profound Constitutional issue, which is the doctrine of the Unitary Executive, which derives from the legal theories of the Nazi crown jurist Carl Schmitt.

In the chapter on gun control, they cite statements by former Obama advisor Cass Sunstein opposing the idea that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to have guns. But more to the point, in a later chapter, they quote Sunstein saying that "interpretation of federal law should be made not by judges but by the beliefs and commitments of the U.S. President and those around him"—the Unitary Executive.

This concept is Obama's operative anti-Constitutional principle, which underlies all his violations of the Constitution. It is a legal theory advocated by a small coterie of law professors, all from Harvard and the University of Chicago, like Obama, including Adrian Vermeule, Eric A. Posner, and Sunstein.

Schmitt's doctrine in defense of Hitler was that the Executive is the judge and the legislature, contrary to what has become known in the U.S. as the Madisonian concept of the U.S. Constitution, which entails checks and balances among three branches of government.

On Aug. 1, 1934, Carl Schmitt wrote in an article entitled "The Leader Defends the Law": "The true Leader is always also Judge. In truth the action of the Leader is not subject to the judiciary, but rather was itself the supreme judiciary." Similarly, Sunstein wrote a 2005 paper in the *Yale Law Journal* entitled, "Beyond Marbury: The Executive's Power To Say What the Law Is."

Every unconstitutional action by Obama and every defense of such actions by Eric Holder, Cass Sunstein, et al. is premised on this Nazi doctrine, whether it be the alleged right of the Executive to spy on Americans without a warrant, to kill Americans without due process, to detain Americans indefinitely without trial, to arm enemies of the United States, to ration health care, etc.

Empowering Enemies Domestically and Abroad

The authors point to the fact that the Obama policy in the Middle East and North Africa has been to ally with and foster the Muslim Brotherhood. They note that both John Brennan and Obama's Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough have addressed the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), which was founded in 1981 by the Saudi-funded Muslim Students Association (MSA), which itself was founded by the Muslim Brotherhood. In July 2011, Obama's faith advisor, Eboo Patel, spoke at the main event of a convention held by the MSA, appearing on a panel alongside Tariq Ramadan, grandson of the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood.

As in the case of Benghazi, they level a diversionary electoral attack on Hillary Clinton, raising the question of whether the Department of State has been penetrated by the Muslim Brotherhood, while failing to address as fully as they could Obama's own long-standing connection to Saudi Arabia and his policy during the so-called Arab Spring of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and al-Qaeda.

For example, evidence has emerged that Obama received support from Saudi Arabia to attend Harvard Law School. In 1987, Bill Ayers, the co-founder of the Weathermen terrorist group in 1969, reportedly asked Khalid Abdullah Tariq al-Mansour (a.k.a. Donald Warden) to raise money for Obama's Harvard Law School education. In an appearance on the New York-produced "Inside City Hall" television show, former borough president of Manhattan Percy Sutton said that al-Monsour had asked him to write a letter of recommendation to Harvard Law School for Obama. Sutton said al-Mansour was raising money for Obama and that al-Mansour was the "principal advisor to one of the world's richest men," Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal.

Evidence has also emerged that one of the cutouts used by Obama in support of the Muslim Brotherhood has been his half-brother Malik Obama. Appearing on *Bitna al-Kibir*, a TV show in Egypt, Tahani al-Gebali, Vice President of the Supreme Constitutional Court in Egypt, stated that "Obama's brother is one of the architects of investment for the international organization of the Muslim Brotherhood."

Several prominent Egyptian media sources have reported that Malik Obama is being investigated in Egypt. Complaints have been filed with Egypt's Prosecutor General Hisham Barakat that call for Malik Obama to be put on Egypt's terror watch list and brought in for questioning about his role in financing terrorism.

Malik Obama's activity is coherent with Obama's policy, as elaborated in a Presidential Study Memorandum and a Presidential Policy Directive to support the Muslim Brotherhood revolutions in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Syria among other locations.

The authors are right that Obama has allied with the enemies of the United States in the form of al-Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood, but they fail to address the core issue, which is his alliance with Saudi Arabia, the biggest sponsor of state terrorism in the world. Obama's protection of Saudi Arabia is epitomized by his refusal to declassify the 28-page chapter of the Congressional Joint Inquiry report into 9/11, which deals

with the involvement of Saudi Arabia in the attacks on the U.S. Obama, like G.W. Bush before him, despite having promised the families of the victims of 9/11 during his 2008 Presidential campaign that he would declassify this chapter, has protected the perpetrators of 9/11, while allying with them to overthrow secular governments which had nothing to do with it.

Cronyism, Corruption, and Clean Energy

This chapter is among the weakest. Although there is undoubtedly cronyism and corruption in the Obama green energy policy, as seen in the case of Solyndra, the real issue, not addressed by the authors, is that Obama is destroying the U.S. economy by accelerating the shift from higher energy-flux density, capital-intensive forms of energy production, including nuclear fission and coal-fired plants, to wind and solar power, which are incapable of sustaining the existing population, let alone a growing population, at a decent standard of living. More fundamentally, Obama has sabotaged the development of fusion energy and has undermined NASA, both of which represent the future of humanity.

Obama's Surveillance Regime

The authors maintain that Obama has expanded warrantless surveillance exponentially, and that as a result, we now live under a "virtual surveillance regime," citing revelations of National Security Agency (NSA) surveillance originating with Edward Snowden and publicized by Glenn Greenwald.

The NSA is an agency of the Department of Defense and is headed by a general officer. Its charter specifically disallows surveillance of people within the United States. Moreover, in doing so, it acts in violation of the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which prohibits participation by the U.S. military in "search, seizure, arrest, or other similar activity" on the Federal government's behalf.

Interestingly, it was co-author Aaron Klein who broke the story about how Obama's then-regulatory czar, Cass Sunstein, wrote an academic paper suggesting that the government should "infiltrate" social network websites, chat rooms, and message boards. Such "cognitive infiltration," Sunstein argued, should be used to ban "conspiracy theorizing" (so much for the First Amendment). The authors point out that among the beliefs Sunstein said should be banned as a "conspiracy theory," is advocating that the theory of global warming is a fraud.

The Emerging Police State

The authors quote Mark Levin, former Reagan Justice Department official and author of *Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America*, who said on Feb. 15, 2013 that he thought that law enforcement and national security agencies were planning on the basis of a scenario involving a financial collapse: “I’ll tell you what I think they’re simulating: the collapse of our financial system, the collapse of our society and the potential for widespread violence, looting, killing in the streets, because that’s what happens when an economy collapses. I’m talking about a collapse when people are desperate, when they can’t afford food and clothing, when they have no way of going from place to place, when they can’t protect themselves.”

This is the closest that the authors come to addressing the genocidal consequences of Obama’s policy of doing the bidding of Wall Street at the expense of the population. The point being that the police-state measures being taken by the Department of Homeland Security, detailed by the authors, are not aimed at preventing terrorism, but rather at policing the American population on behalf of our real enemy, the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy, which has wiped out even our ability to feed ourselves in the face of an ongoing financial collapse brought about by its monetarist policies.

The Drone Nation

The authors point out that four Americans have been killed by U.S. drones—three of them, Anwar al-Awlaki, his 17-year-old son, and Samir Khan, by Obama. Ahmed Hijazi was killed in 2002 by the Bush Administration. All four of these murders were carried out in violation of the Fifth Amendment guarantee of due process. The authors cite Obama’s defense, as enunciated by Eric Holder, who claimed that Obama has the right to carry out such extrajudicial murders of American citizens when an “imminent threat” of violent attack against the United States is evident. In the same speech, Holder redefined the word “imminent” to argue that “the Constitution does not require the President to delay action until some theoretical end-stage of planning, when the pre-



White House Photo/Pete Souza

President Obama signs the Affordable Care Act into law, March 23, 2010. The authors cite Obamacare as an unauthorized expansion of Executive power.

cise time, place and manner of an attack become clear.”

They also point out that the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which the U.S. is a party, prohibits “arbitrary” deprivation of life. But then they cave in by giving space to columnist Charles Krauthammer, who argues that the drone war is legal, as was the killing of al-Awlaki.

Obamacare: Expansion of Power

While first citing various objections to Obamacare, including illegally bypassing Congress, taxation without representation, violation of states rights, etc., the authors then address the policy of rationing and death panels, focusing on the establishment of a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute for the purpose of carrying out “comparative clinical effectiveness research.” They also point out that Obamacare allows the Secretary of Health and Human Welfare to limit any “alternative treatments” of the elderly, disabled, or terminally ill, if such treatments are not recommended by the new research institute. Finally, they cite the Independent Payment Advisory Board as the intended mechanism for rationing.

‘Anti-War’ President’s Unconstitutional War?

In the final chapter of the book, the authors cite Obama’s violation of Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which states that “Congress shall have the power . . . to declare war.” In the case of Libya, the authors attack the doctrine of “Responsibility to Protect” or R2P, which

was used to justify the unconstitutional war in Libya.

They trace this doctrine to George Soros and his Open Society Institute, as well as to Samantha Power whom Obama named chief of the White House Atrocities Prevention Board, before making her the U.S. Ambassador to the UN. The doctrine actually traces back to a speech given by Tony Blair in Chicago in 1999, during which he put forward the idea of humanitarian interventionism, in violation of national sovereignty. Blair explicitly attacked the Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years War in 1648, based on the principle of national sovereignty.

The authors then undercut their own argument by writing: “We are not here necessarily arguing that Obama’s use of R2P is itself an impeachable offense.” The fact is that the doctrine of limited sovereignty and R2P does violate the principles of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the UN Charter.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the authors argue: “Our work clearly shows that President Obama is deeply and fundamentally subverting the United States Constitution and the power of his office.”

While the book presents valid arguments for Obama’s impeachment, it fails to present an absolutely compelling case for action now.

The fundamental issue is that Obama is systematically subverting the U.S. Constitution in behalf of a foreign power, the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy, which is committed to destroying the United States and killing the American population, just as it is killing the populations of Europe through genocidal hyperinflation and austerity, green energy policies, and perpetual warfare which could reach the point of thermonuclear war. The legal doctrine Obama uses to defend his criminal actions is itself an impeachable offense, the same doctrine that Carl Schmitt espoused to defend Adolf Hitler as judge, jury, prosecutor, and executioner.

These, as Alexander Hamilton specified, are indeed “injuries done immediately to the society itself.”

As stated at the outset, complaining about particular abuses and introducing legislative measures designed to impede particular offenses, while avoiding the systemic nature of the problem, is a losing strategy. It would be comparable to introducing legislation to prohibit burglaries at the Watergate Hotel, or perhaps to limit the hours during which Nero can play his fiddle. The present authors have not taken that cop-out.

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Don't Wait for Statistics: It's Glass-Steagall or Die

Special to EIR

Nov. 26—The evidence is pouring in, throughout the trans-Atlantic region, that the economic policies of the past 50 years are increasing the death rate in multiple ways. Poverty, depression-induced suicide, declines in public health, declines in birth rates, and an increased incidence of new and old infectious diseases are killing the people of the United States and Western Europe. A Senate hearing Nov. 20, devoted to explicating the way poverty acts as a “death sentence” in sections of America, and the graphic presentation by LaRouchePAC on the takedown of the physical economy in its Nov. 15 webcast, explored only the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

Horrible images and stories of people needlessly dying may arouse compassion—but they will not stop the killing. What must be addressed is the *cause* of the crisis, which lies in the policies of a financial system which has become a raging predator, consuming and destroying the living standards, industries, and incomes of populations, in the name of “making money.” To stop the killing, the power of that financial system, centered in Wall Street and the City of London, must be destroyed through very specific government policies, starting with reimposing Glass-Steagall.

What Glass-Steagall Will Do

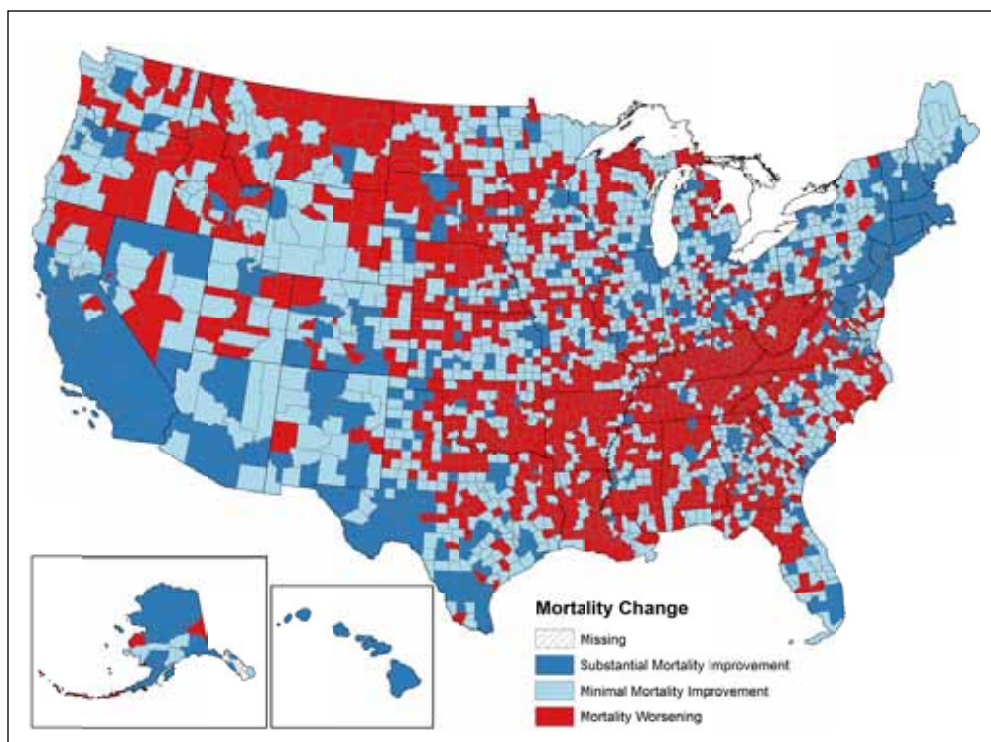
Even among those many Congressmen and bankers who support Glass-Steagall, there is little understanding of the crucial role which it did, and must again, play in righting the actual economy. This is doubly evident

when Congressmen tell LaRouchePAC organizers that they cannot afford to push more aggressively for Glass-Steagall, because they have to address immediate crises such as food stamp cuts, or other devastating austerity measures.

As long as the U.S. banking system, with government support and protection, is allowed to continue its current speculative practices, these horrors will only increase. Bank lending into the productive economy, as documented even by such institutions as the San Francisco Federal Reserve, is rapidly dropping, while hundreds of billions of dollars are being poured *from the government* into the coffers of the Wall Street banks. Such a process *guarantees*, the further shutdown of productive activity in the economy, lower government revenues for supporting the remaining safety net, and, ultimately, another debt blowout that will bring the entire financial and economic system to a halt.

Glass-Steagall will immediately halt this process, as it did, in combination with President Franklin Roosevelt's bank holiday, in 1933. It will result in an immediate “margin call” against those banking institutions which have been looting the system, as outlined in LaRouchePAC's groundbreaking July 31 [video](#). It will clean up the banking system, creating the need for immediate emergency credit for basic essentials of life for many—but, with that credit being directed to *productive* activity, not gambling, it will put the country on the actual road to recovery.

FIGURE 1

Changes in U.S. Mortality Rates for Women, 1992-2006

Source: Kindig, D. and Cheng, E.

If you imagine 90% loans and 2% investment in securities, that gives you what was actually being enforced for more than 60 years as the practice across the country, why this worked, and why there were not bank panics. We must do it again.

Thirdly, the law, through a series of regulations, prevented commercial banks and bank holding companies from making loans of their depositors' assets or their own liabilities, their depositors' money, into such vehicles as would support the creation and circulation of securities. You might think in terms of a bank creating a hedge fund, which is nearly a

universal practice in the last 20 years. That kind of use of bank loans to support securities was forbidden.

Lastly, and very importantly, no securities of low, or potentially low value, could be placed by a bank in its insured commercial bank units. This is the anti-bail-out core of the Glass-Steagall provisions that would have prevented the movement of huge derivatives portfolios of the major banks now, and will do so again.

The current Glass-Steagall legislation in the House (HR 129) and the Senate (S 985 and S 1282) would essentially reinstate these rules. They would *stop* the \$85 billion a month in QE and other bailouts, and cut Wall Street adrift to fend for itself. Cities like Detroit, now being bankrupted to pay derivatives debts, will be freed of that obligation. Our priorities will change—from “saving the banks,” to saving the people.

The crisis won't be over. As FDR did through various means, the Federal government will have to issue credit to maintain and expand productive activity in the economy. But we will be on our way—and the killing being carried out by the Queen's men on Wall Street and in London will stop.

Back to Basics

In early 2013, *EIR* economics editor Paul Gallagher provided a step-by-step primer on how Glass-Steagall would function to save the economy, by enforcing the return to a banking system based on credit, not money per se. With the crisis now dramatically worse, and new ratchets of austerity and blowout staring us in the face, it is time to master the principle that underlies these measures.

First of all, Glass-Steagall mandates that bank holding corporations, bank conglomerates, and those other financial firms which have been calling themselves banks, divest themselves of all non-commercial banking units. And no cross-management can remain between the commercial banking unit and those other units, and no cross-ownership can remain.

Secondly, the original Glass-Steagall, having created, so to speak, “clean” commercial banks again, set a limit through each of the regional Federal Reserve banks, which were charged to enforce this in their districts. Each commercial bank, so separated, could not use more than 2% of its capital and surplus at any time for the creation or sale or distribution of securities.

‘Get Money and Genocide Out Of the Health-Care System’



Cathy Helgason, MD

One of the hallmarks of the Affordable Care Act—Obamacare—is its emphasis on “evidence-based medicine.” At first glance this might appear to be a good idea. After all, who would want to receive medical care that is not based on evidence? But these weasel-words conceal the real intent of those who promote medical care on the basis of statistical probability. This concept has been insidiously creeping into the U.S. health-care system since the HMO act of 1973, and what it means is that math and money trump the Hippocratic Oath.

Cathy Helgason, MD, a stroke neurologist based in Chicago, is an expert on the takeover of American medical care by the “evidence-based” ideology.¹ She was interviewed by Marcia Merry Baker on Nov. 16 for The LaRouche Show, a weekly Internet radio program (<http://larouchepub.com/radio/index.html>).

She described the start of her medical career in Iceland, where she “had the benefit of seeing a system where money was not an issue at all. Anyone who was a resident, or a citizen of the country, if you got sick, you went into the hospital; there was no paperwork, there was nothing, and that was the end of the story.”

But then, when she did a residency in the United States, and came to realize that “the two big evils in this situation are money, and mathematics.” “This was the first time,” she said, “that I really had it hit me in the face that, my God, there were people who are not getting equal care here!” She even had a medical ethicist walk up to her and say, “You order too many tests. Do you know that that’s unethical? Because if you order a test, and the patient can’t pay for it, that’s unethical.”

A few years later she became an academic neurolo-

gist. “And as an academic neurologist, you’re expected to publish, and do research, and be productive in how you take care of your patients, and how you gain a reputation for being a good doctor. And then suddenly, out of the blue, comes this measure of *productivity*. What is the measure of productivity expected of you? Guess what? How much money you bring in.”

This was around the time that the HMOs were starting up, and “the case managers came up to the floor, telling us to get our patients out of the hospital, because the hospital wasn’t going to get paid. And it all goes on and on up until this ‘two-midnight rule’ that we now have, for patient admissions to the hospital.” The level of care that patients receive depends on whether they’re going to spend two midnights in the hospital: If less than two midnights, then they are given outpatient care, which is less thorough and intensive than inpatient care, and for which the hospital receives a lower reimbursement.

“So, that’s one aspect of the money issue,” Helgason said. “The other one is the math, how this evidence-based medicine intruded itself into the situation.”

Suddenly, “we were told as physicians, and especially as specialists, that not only did we order too many tests, but our decision-making process was not scrutable, and the only way to make it scrutable, or transparent, was to intrude mathematics into it. The math that was chosen was probability-based statistics. Well, of course, the focus of that is chance, and physicians were told that whatever they did, whatever happened to their patient, it was just by chance—they really had no control over it.”

The medical societies started to judge whether a physician would be relicensed on the basis of whether he or she practiced medicine according to the results of large statistical studies.

1. See her articles in *EIR*, Aug. 21, 2009, and *21st Century Science & Technology*, Spring-Summer 2006 and Winter 2011-12.

Destroying the Thought Process

“And finally, it’s gotten to the point, where at the bedside, when you’re making rounds with medical students, the question now has become, not what’s wrong with the patient, what’s the process that’s going on here, and what is the process we have to go through to change the future of this patient for the better—the question is, what are the *chances* that the patient has this or that? What are the *chances* that this or that will work?”

“These are two completely different questions. When a physician asks what are the *chances*, he’s gambling with the future of the patient! And that is how I think math has really destroyed the thought process. It’s removed the physician from the actual individual pathophysiology of the disease process, and the physiology of the cure. You no longer are one to one with the patient; you’re dealing with statistical results, which are far removed from this individual problem at hand.”

This eliminates the concept of *causation*, she said, brainwashing physicians to believe that we live in a world of chance, that there is no connection between what they do and the future of the patient.

Helgason went on, “Don’t underestimate how this evidence-based medicine has undermined this whole situation here. The whole scientific community in medicine has been taken over by probability-based statistics. You have physicians now being told that they have to practice according to the statistical results....”

“Let’s say you have a miracle drug for cancer, but it only works in 20% of cases. Because it doesn’t work in 80%, you’re being told you can’t use that drug, or you’re being given a hell of a lot of grief if you try to use it. Instead, you have to leave it to chance, what’s going to happen to your patient. That’s a real undermining, a dumbing-down, of the whole process. As a physician, you want to do absolutely everything you can to help the patient, to interrupt the disease process, to create a good future for that patient. And you can’t do it, when you’re told you have to make the choice based on statistics.”

Helgason decided to make this the focus of her research. “And we proved over and over again, there is no way that statistics can be extrapolated to the individual case. *No way* do statistics address the issue of causation, which is a process that occurs *between* things. It’s hidden. It’s not a dot to be counted. We proved it over and over again. And I would go to my colleagues and say, ‘Look at what we’ve shown.’ They’d say, ‘We

don’t care! Who cares?’ They don’t want to hear it.

“Somebody must have wanted to hear it because, we had papers published, but nonetheless, it’s like, ‘Shut up, go away—keep your nose clean.’”

Host Marcia Baker asked Helgason for an example of how this works in a hospital today.

Let’s say a patient presents with dizziness and staggering and has neck pain, Helgason said. As a stroke neurologist, she knows that can mean that he’s having vertebral artery dissection. That means, a tear in the artery leading to the back part of the brain, called the brain stem, and that this could cause a major stroke. It could cause him to be paralyzed in all four limbs, and locked in for the rest of his life.

“But, he hasn’t shown any definitive signs on his exam. What this person needs is 24-hour, very close monitoring, an extensive workup. But because the physicians who see the patient in the ER don’t understand necessarily what the implications of this particular set of symptoms are, and are forced to say, ‘We can’t guarantee this guy’s going to spend two midnights in the hospital,’ the patient, instead of admission as an inpatient, which is the highest level of intensity of monitoring, gets put in kind of a ratcheted-down, almost swing-bed type of situation, which is totally inadequate for monitoring a patient like this....”

“That could kill this guy. He could develop symptoms and signs that would be totally unnoticed for eight hours, or six hours, or whatever the monitoring is, on the ratcheted-down floor, as opposed to every-two-hours monitoring.”

There Is a Solution

“It’s not as if there’s not a solution here,” Helgason concluded. “Number one, Glass-Steagall, and number two, the Conyers bill,² which throws [the] money [issue] out the window. If we were to get Glass-Steagall and change the system from the top down, this is a nice little thing that fits in.”

“You could call it Medicare for All,” said Baker. “It’s like the Veterans Affairs system: You come, you get treated, and cut out everything in between that is there now so that you don’t get treated.

“It’s—you can excuse my language—‘cut out the crap,’” Helgason replied. “It actually creates a beautiful future for medicine, were it to be adopted....”

“Get money and genocide out of the system.”

2. HR 676.

A New Paradigm: The Thernonuclear Future

Benjamin Deniston gave this [speech](#)¹ to the Schiller Institute's conference, "A New Paradigm To Save Mankind," on Nov. 2 in Los Angeles, Calif., on the panel, "The Legacy and Future of JFK."

I think the challenge for us, here today, and the challenge that mankind is culturally facing more generally—but what I would say is a personal challenge for us—is to not situate ourselves in the here and now, not to think about our existence, our identity from the standpoint of our mere, day-to-day interactions with people around us. I would propose that at the minimum, we have two 50-year processes that we should be thinking about, and we should identify ourselves from the standpoint of our relationship to and our contribution to two juxtaposed 50-year processes. And that these are actually more real and more determining than anything you experience on a day-to-day basis.

Now, first, as we've discussed, we're approaching the 50-year anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, marking the beginning of a major decline in the United States, a political coup against the United States, the beginning of a political shift towards a zero-growth paradigm, the abandonment



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Benjamin Deniston (shown here at an earlier conference): If the United States is going to commit to the future, we must ally with nations that want to move forward, first and foremost with fusion power, the development of a fusion economy.

of the idea of progress, the control of the United States by this Anglo-Dutch imperial system. And under this paradigm, over the past 40-plus years, there has been no per-capita growth, no per-capita improvement in the conditions of life in the United States. And now, we're at the point where that entire framework is collapsing under its own failure.

Secondly, in opposition to that, we have an opposing conception of a 50-year process looking two generations into the future, and thinking that if the United States is going to commit to the future, and if mankind as a whole is going to progress to the needed levels, we must begin looking to regions of the planet, and nations of the planet, and peo-

ples of the planet that want to progress, that want to develop, that want to move forward. And we must understand the tools that will enable the type of progress needed.

So that means, first and foremost, thernonuclear fusion power, the development of a true fusion economy for mankind. And secondly, as has been discussed, this means an alliance across the Pacific stretching deep into

1. All conference presentations are available at <http://newparadigm.schillerinstitute.com/>.

FIGURE 1

The World Land-Bridge



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Asia, where we have nations that want to grow, nations that want to progress, and nations that would be happy to ally with a United States committed to this mission.

What will this look like? We have this detailed in our *21st Century Science & Technology Special Report, Nuclear NAWAPA XXI: Gateway to the Fusion Economy*; this is, as Lyndon LaRouche has described, the concept of development stretching from the Mississippi River in the United States, west and north with the entire NAWAPA [North American Water and Power Alliance] program; and as Hal Cooper discussed, through the Bering Strait connection, with tunnels connecting North America and Asia; the prospect for the development of the entire Arctic territory, rich in a whole array of resources; and stretching down into Russia, China, South Korea, Japan, places where we have potential allies in this future orientation; and as the new President of China has discussed, with the New Silk Road stretching west and southwest into Asia.

This program, this Pacific orientation, this Pacific development prospective, can create the political, strategic dynamic in the world as well as the physical economic growth, the rate of growth needed to actually extend this development further throughout the world (**Figure 1**), throughout Europe, throughout Africa and South America, completing what has been discussed here, as envisioned and promoted by Lyndon LaRouche and

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the World Land-Bridge concept, providing mankind with the basic conditions of life globally, that the dignity of mankind deserves as a creative species.

So this is what we have as two juxtaposed 50-year processes.

What Does It Mean To Be Human?

I want to step back and situate this from the standpoint of a more fundamental question, something that Mr. LaRouche spends a lot of his time addressing, investigating, discussing from a scientific

standpoint, which is the fundamental question of what is the human species? What is the nature of mankind, and what is the mission of mankind on this planet, in this Solar System, in this universe? Or, to investigate it in a more pedagogical manner, to illustrate the point: What is the difference between mankind and the species of higher apes, of animals, of monkeys?

So this is a way to get at the point (**Figure 2**): Any animal species, say, one of the higher apes, has a biologically and ecologically imposed upper limit on its population levels. For higher apes, maybe in the range of a few hundred thousand to a few million people, globally, depending on the conditions available to them. But no animal species itself can act to change this. Spe-

FIGURE 2

Population Potential of Higher Apes

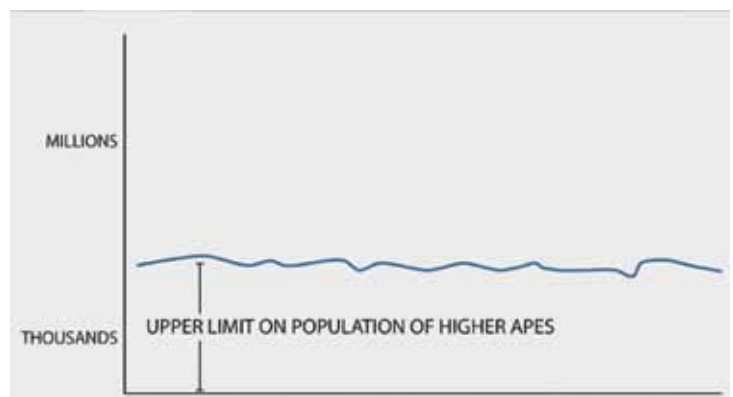
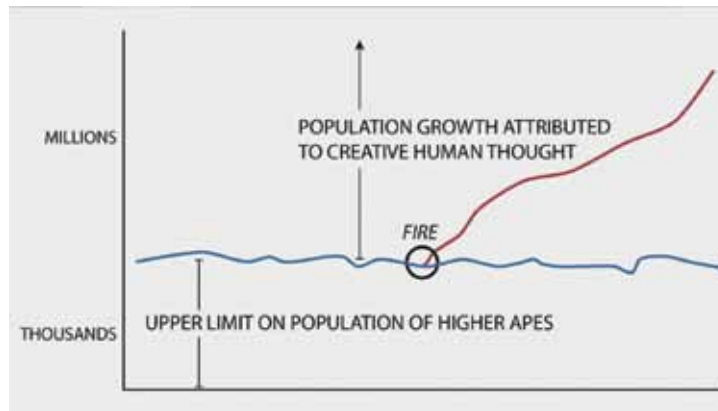


FIGURE 3



cies evolve over time, but they create new species. Species will change their relationship to the biosphere, through biological evolution, but no species other than mankind has the ability to willfully act on its relationship to the environment. They have an imposed, fixed condition, which you can measure clearly in the maximum population levels.

But as Mr. LaRouche discussed earlier this morning, at some point in the past history of the Earth, we see evidence of something fundamentally different. We see evidence of the conscious use of fire. This was not just making a fire, but wielding the power of fire for the betterment of the conditions of mankind, for cooking food, using the power of fire for making tools, using the power of fire for work. As a consequence of this, of this new ability to consciously wield this power, mankind forever effectively changed what we would otherwise call its ecological conditions, the relationship of mankind to the environment around him.

And so what we have is really, the introduction of thought of ideas, of creative thought as a force on the planet (**Figure 3**). And you can measure that in its physical effects with the increased population growth of what became the human species. As you can see here, it's a scientific fact that everything above this maximum biological potential is purely attributed to the power of scientific thought. Everything above the maximum population level of a higher ape is attributable to the effect of man's use of "fire," which is a consequence of man's ability to wield ideas, concepts, scientific discoveries, which then have a demonstrable physical effect in the universe, on the Earth in this case, on the population levels.

Another way to put it, to be a little more polemical with the concept we're contemplating here, is that the mental actions, the actions of the minds of individuals,

become actually the fundamental source for the existence and the conditions of life of future generations. That for the first time, it's the power of thought, of mind, that actually has these physical effects.

This unique power of mankind, as Mr. LaRouche as discussed and developed in his science of physical economics, can be measured by transitions to higher forms of fire, higher qualities of fire. What can be measured is the energy per individual of society, the power expressed per capita, per individual in society. I think it's useful to compare it to the biology, to really solidify this distinction in your mind between the biological existence of an animal species and what makes mankind unique.

The human body requires a diet of something on the order of 2,000 calories a day; that's how much energy on average is required to sustain the human body, the human biology. Now, if you want to translate this into what gets discussed in energy terms, this is about 100 watts of power, the amount of electricity required to power a 100-watt light bulb, for example. It obviously doesn't reduce down to that, but for comparison's sake, that's the idea of just the biological energy required to support the human body.

But with the development of mankind's ability to wield and control fire, to change its fundamental relationship to the environment around us, we see that the average power controlled and utilized per individual increases, and this defines the successive transformations of the human species.

Power per Capita

A good illustration of this is from the history of the United States. If we examine the changing power per capita (**Figure 4**), from the founding of our country up until 1970, we get a clear sequence of transitions to higher forms of fire, higher-power sources. This energy use per capita, this power per capita, is not just how much energy you use in your home! We are discussing this in a post-industrial society, so if we talk about increasing the energy per capita, people think, "Will I need four TVs instead of two? Will I need six microwaves instead of one?" This is the average power that goes to support all activities of society, then broken down into per-individual terms: all the power, all the energy applied for all agriculture, all industrial activity, all mining activity, all the power used to transport all the goods.

So, the history of the United States, just pulling up the data, shows us very clearly: You have a sequence of tran-

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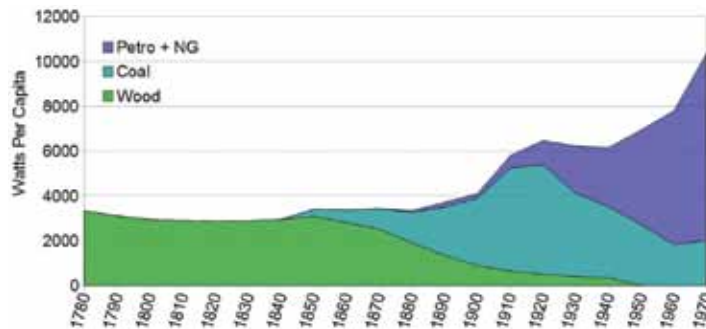
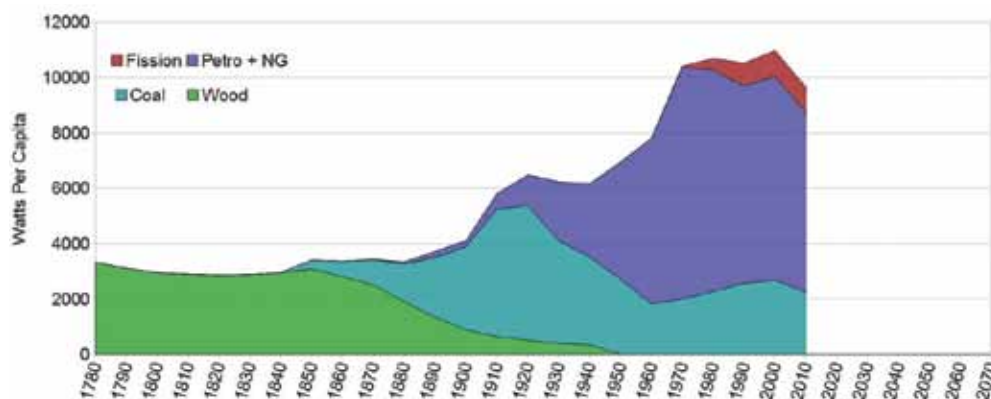
U.S. Power Per Capita

FIGURE 5

U.S. Power Per Capita

sitions from the founding of the United States until some time around the Civil War, when you had a predominantly wood-fuel-based society. The vast majority of the power used for all aspects of the economic process was supplied by burning wood; and this peaked at an average of somewhere around 3,500 watts per capita. Now, these terms might not mean much; the point is the relative values. The point is, this is 35 times the power supply just to support a purely biological existence. The human body itself requires maybe around 100 watts to sustain it. Here we have, as a wood-fuel-based society, an economic process where you're at about 35 times that energy consumption per capita, to sustain this level of society.

Now, with the development of a coal-based economy, with the higher energy-densities available in coal and coke, you had an economic shift, which enabled entirely new technologies: You had the development of steel production on a large scale; you had the development of railroads enabled by this higher-energy-density power source. You had the beginnings of the second industrial revolution. You had, really, a new economy, fundamentally different from the one that preceded,

based upon wood, a qualitative shift. And to enable this shift required an energy-density per capita approaching around 6,000 watts per capita. So again, the point is just to compare the relative increases, the relative values.

And this then enabled the transition to a fundamentally new level, with the higher energy-density petroleum and natural gas, enabling an entirely new set of technologies, a new economy, things like the internal combustion engine, and this brought us up to about a level of 10-11,000 watts per capita. So by 1970, the U.S. economy was supported by about

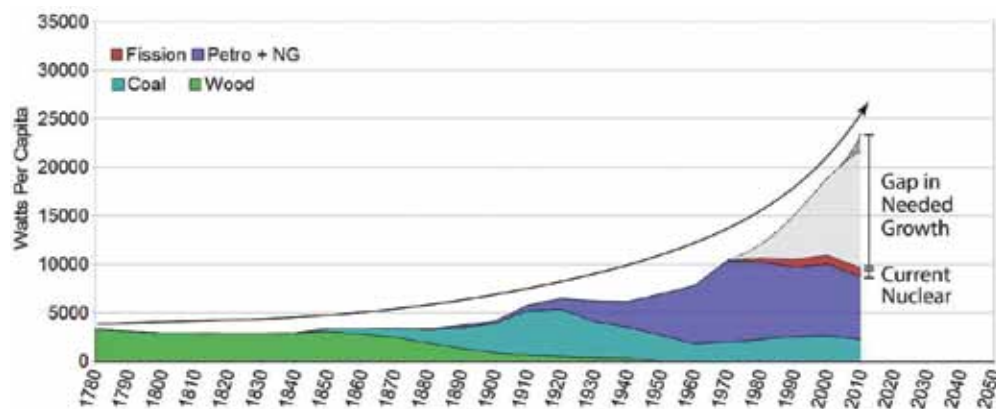
100 times the energy use per capita, if you compared it to a purely biological existence.

The point is, this is a healthy economic process, a series of transitions to qualitatively higher states, powered by scientific discoveries as expressed in the increase in power per individual in society. This expresses what is natural to the human species.

This then brings us back to the first of our opposing 50-year processes (**Figure 5**). At this point, around 1970, you had the beginning the zero-growth ideology. And what should have come in as the new major power source supporting mankind, nuclear fission power, the power of the atom itself, something thousands of times more powerful, more energy-dense than any form of chemical combustion, was never allowed to fully develop. It was never allowed to actually come into the economy as a major transition. And as you see here, the energy per capita, the power of the economy per individual, flat-lines—levels off—and begins to collapse for the past 40 years.

If we had continued a healthy, natural economic process, it should have looked something like this (**Figure 6**). Nuclear power should have brought us something in the range of 20-30,000 watts per capita, somewhere two to three times what we had 40 years ago. But what you see in this gap between the two curves, the gap between where we should have been and where we currently are today, is a very clear expression of our current economic crisis: The collapse in

FIGURE 6

U.S. Power Per Capita

living standards, the challenge to entitlement programs, the fact that younger generations are facing the prospect of being worse off than their parents' generation; the failure to grow, the failure to make this leap, is really the root cause of the current economic breakdown.

Sabotage of Fusion Research

Now, just as nuclear fission was never allowed to develop, the next transition, thermonuclear fusion, which I'm going to get into in more detail, was suppressed. It was never allowed to develop.

Mr. LaRouche talked about this this morning; there's a lot that can be said about this, but I think one way to illustrate the point, is to look at the funding (Figure 7). Because the line is, "Fusion is, today, 50 years away; and in 50 years it'll be 50 years away." That's the kind of joke going around—it's always 50 years away, it's never going to happen.

But if you get into the reality of the simple funding of it, in the 1970s—this comes from an official study commissioned by the equivalent of the Department of Energy, at the time in the mid-'70s, and this was the first comprehensive, detailed analysis of what it would take to get fusion power on-line, commercialized, active in the economy. And they came to the conclusion, that given the recent breakthroughs that had occurred at Princeton and other places, that it's really just a question of supporting a certain sequence of steps that are clear. They knew which reactors to build next, they knew what experimental systems were needed, and it became a pretty clear question of: How much funding are you going to provide to take these steps to get us there?

And so they gave a range of investment options. You

can see, here, if we took what they described as a "moderate path" of funding—this is billions of dollars per year in 2012 dollars, ranging between \$1 and \$3 billion a year for various years—we would have had fusion on-line by 2005, they estimated. If we took a more ambitious program—still not something compared to, say, the Manhattan Project, or other crash programs—we could have had fusion on-

line by 1990. This was the conclusion of this official government study.

They also said, if we just maintain a certain low level of funding, we might never make the breakthrough and we might never get fusion. Say we just maintain the funding level from 1978, this might be "fusion never": We might not be able to make the breakthrough to get fusion power.

Figure 8 shows the actual funding.

This was a conscious policy, and this was known in the 1970s. It was known what level of investments were needed; they were simply not provided.

So to say that fusion power is 50 years away, is foolish or, for the most part, just ignorance of what the issue is.

And there are other details of the process: There are scientists who are losing their funding for being successful in fusion; there are technologies being classi-

FIGURE 7

U.S. Annual Fusion Budget Scenarios

(\$2012 Billions)

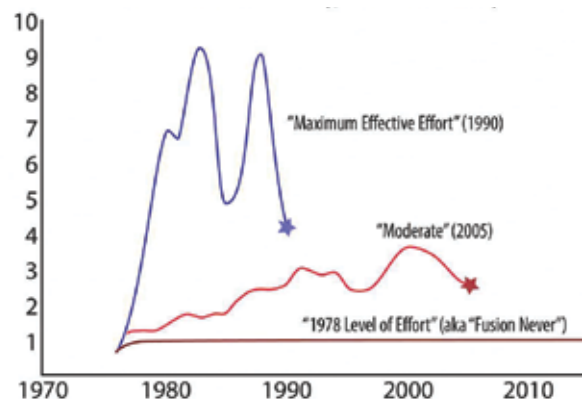
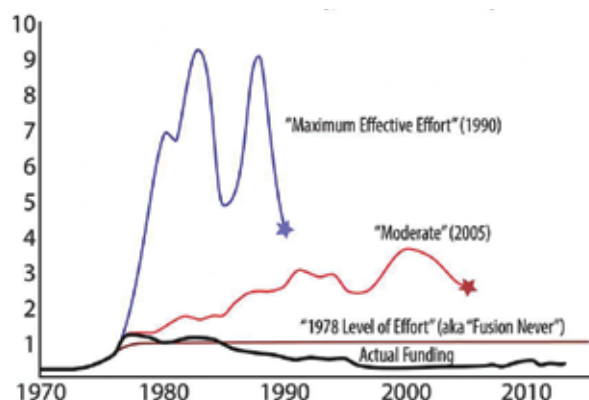


FIGURE 8

Actual U.S. Annual Fusion Budget

(\$2012 Billions)



fied. So there's a lot more to the picture. But I think if you just look at the funding, it's pretty clear, given the fact that it was known what was needed, that this is a political intention, not a scientific challenge.

No Limits to Growth

The fact of the matter is, fusion is right around the corner, if it's not suppressed. Various estimates have been made—10 years, 15 years—that's a good range in which we could bring fusion power on-line.

The point is, that there's been no reason why we should have had this zero-growth policy. There's no reason why we should have accepted the last 40 years of economic insanity. And for mankind, there really are no limits to growth.

And just to illustrate this, I want to give a sense of what's available to mankind with nuclear processes. Just start with fission: Say we want to look at uranium as a fission fuel in the oceans. That would allow us to increase, according to one study that was done, our current global electricity usage eightfold. So, nearly an order of magnitude increase, eight times the current total global electricity usage. And if you powered this only with fission fuel, uranium, solely found in the oceans, they concluded that you could sustain that level for *5 billion years*. I don't think the Earth's even been around for 5 billion years! And obviously, we would increase our usage, we wouldn't maintain one level; but just get the concept that there's an absurd amount of energy available out there.

Now, if we tried to maintain that same level of activity with coal, petroleum, natural gas, you're talking in the range of 20-100 years. We can certainly use that as

a stepping stone, but the future of mankind is nuclear—but really, it's fusion.

To give another estimate of the absurdity of the limits to growth ideology: If we're serious about providing the world's growing population with the quality of life that human dignity requires, it means we have to go with fusion power. And we were playing around with some different ways to illustrate this, and one way that we thought would be fun, would be to take where the United States should be today, if we had continued President Kennedy's rate of growth. If we had continued this physical growth, we would be at something in the range of two to three times our current power usage per capita in the United States.

Now, say we applied that to the whole world population: two to three times the living standards that we have in the United States, applied to the entire population. Say you account for population growth, in a 50-year program, and you're talking about 12 billion people. So 12 billion people at three times the living standard that we presently have in the United States; if we were to try to support that level of per-capita energy, this measure of the power of the individual in society, if we were to support that with fusion fuel from the oceans, the heavy isotope of hydrogen in the oceans, deuterium, we could support that level, which is something on the order of 20 times our current global usage. There's enough fuel in the ocean for fusion to support this for 25 billion years!

And combining this with the fact that this has been suppressed, that this was *not* a scientific challenge we haven't yet overcome, that this was a political decision not to develop fusion, shows the whole zero-growth ideology to be a real genocidal fraud. And as I mentioned earlier, this would not be just more power for the same activities we do today. This is not just more energy for the existing economic systems.

This would be the power required to support the entire Pacific development perspective (**Figure 9**). Fusion power will enable entirely new methods of production. We can actually increase the productivity of each worker, so you can have less labor required to produce more goods for a growing population, with increasing living standards. The fusion economy will completely transform the very idea of "natural resources." Things that are currently useless to mankind—raw dirt, soils, ocean water, even potentially, literally, landfills and trash—with the energy densities of fusion processes, these can actually become economi-

cal sources of resources. We could utilize these things for the goods and resources needed to support society.

So, to put it simply, a fusion economy eliminates the concept of limited power supplies, limited resources, and it illustrates what is the fundamental point that mankind does not inherently have any shortages of resources, we have a shortage of technologies, and really, we have a shortage of political leadership, to create the kind of growth needed to enable these technologies.

So the point is, all of this is physically, economically, technically possible, over the next two generations. And with the current collapse, the utter breakdown of the entire zero-growth framework, the framework of the past 50 years, we have the opportunity to seize the next 50 years as a long-delayed era of global development, and a real maturation of the human species.

And so this is what we have on the table, right now, with the Pacific orientation. You have nations in Asia that have a serious commitment to the future. You have nations with a serious commitment to fission power, a serious commitment to developing fusion power; you have a desire for major water projects; a desire for the development of entirely new territories. You have a desire for general, physical economic growth, which we haven't seen in the United States in 40 years. And so, if the United States allies with these nations, we have a strategic alliance which can truly reshape the face of this entire planet and beyond, over the coming generations.

To conclude, I'll bring it back to the interesting point that I think we should all contemplate, with this perspective in mind: These two 50-year processes juxtaposed, where we have to locate our identity in this process, where you locate yourself as an individual in this process, and really think through the fact, that the source of all this, for the human species, the source of progress, the actual cause, is the creative action of the human mind. That the power of ideas, wielded uniquely by the human species, by mankind, is the fundamental source of human progress, and the future of future generations.

So, the contributions we make to that process, or

FIGURE 9

A Proposed Main Trunk Line for Pacific Development



that we don't make to that process, is specifically what defines us and the reason for our having lived. So I think, given the state of political affairs, with the crises and challenges facing our nation and the world today, I think it's very important to keep ourselves also rooted in this future perspective, where we can find a real source of strength and passion to win these political fights, to face the seemingly insurmountable challenges we face right now, and to succeed in securing the next 50 years and beyond, with this idea.

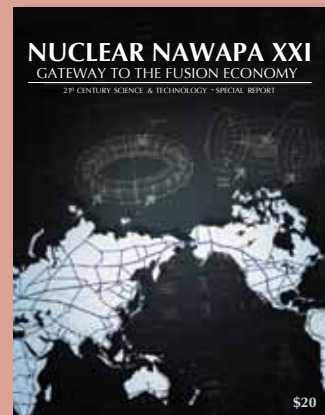
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Reviving the Spirit of JFK

The scientific and moral optimism of President John F. Kennedy was brought to life once more, in a concert program presented by the Schiller Institute in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Nov. 22, the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death. The 700 people attending this event, which featured the voice of JFK, along with a stunning performance of Mozart's *Requiem* by the Schiller Institute Chorus, came away with a profound realization not only of what the nation and world had lost with Kennedy's assassination 50 years ago, but of what the American people could achieve again.

This is an historical turning point, noted Lyndon LaRouche, who was in the audience that evening—especially as the concert, with its broad attendance, took place in the environs of the nation's capital, which is otherwise the scene of “inside-the-Beltway” madness.

In his Nov. 25 discussion with the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee, LaRouche drew out the implications of this event:

“We've had a rebirth, in effect, a rebirth of what Kennedy had represented. It's like the spirit had come alive again and was dictating the policy, whispering from some distant place, ‘Oh, do it now, do it now, do it now!’ And we have a President to throw out of office, and we have a Vice President who will probably be amanuensis, or something, in this process, in getting us free of this incumbent President. Just throw him out of office: He's incompetent, he's despised, he's a liar, he's a cheat. Get rid of him!

“...There was a change, not just what people call a popular opinion change: Yes, it could be called popular opinion, but what happened is, you have had a *suppression*. We had lost Franklin Roosevelt; we suffered horribly, under Truman. Truman demoralized the nation!

“And so therefore, once Kennedy was killed, the effect of what we had lost after Roosevelt went down; and actually Kennedy was a representative of Franklin Roosevelt. Eleanor Roosevelt was his political manager! No, it was Roosevelt's policies and inspiration—and suddenly, that's all taken away; now, you've got drugs and war and junk. And with the process of the drug problem, which came in with Indo-China, we just lost it: The morale was not there. People actually morally degenerated at a rapid rate, willfully! It's all like they're ‘children of Satan’....

“Now, suddenly, the gates are opened, and now his voice, though he's been dead for these years, his voice will be heard again, stronger than ever before, because *he came back*.”

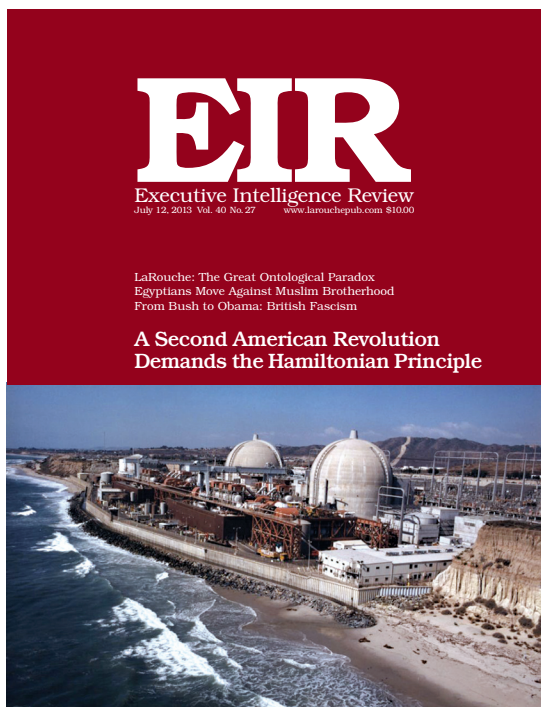
Now, the task is to build upon this shift, using the inspiration which the beauty of Kennedy's ideas, and of the Classical music commemoration of his life, to get inside the souls of the American people. Concrete programs, of course, have to be realized: the removal of Obama, the re-instatement of Glass-Steagall, the launching of NAWAPA, and a serious pursuit of international collaboration around economic development projects such as the World Land-Bridge. But the key will be the degree to which the American people can access the sense of historical mission which the United States last had under Kennedy.

Just as the assassination of Kennedy precipitated a sudden downturn in the morale and morality of U.S. political life, so the truthful revival of what his Presidency, incomplete as it was, actually represented, can create a sudden upshift. Watch www.schillerinstitute.org for the video, coming soon.

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