

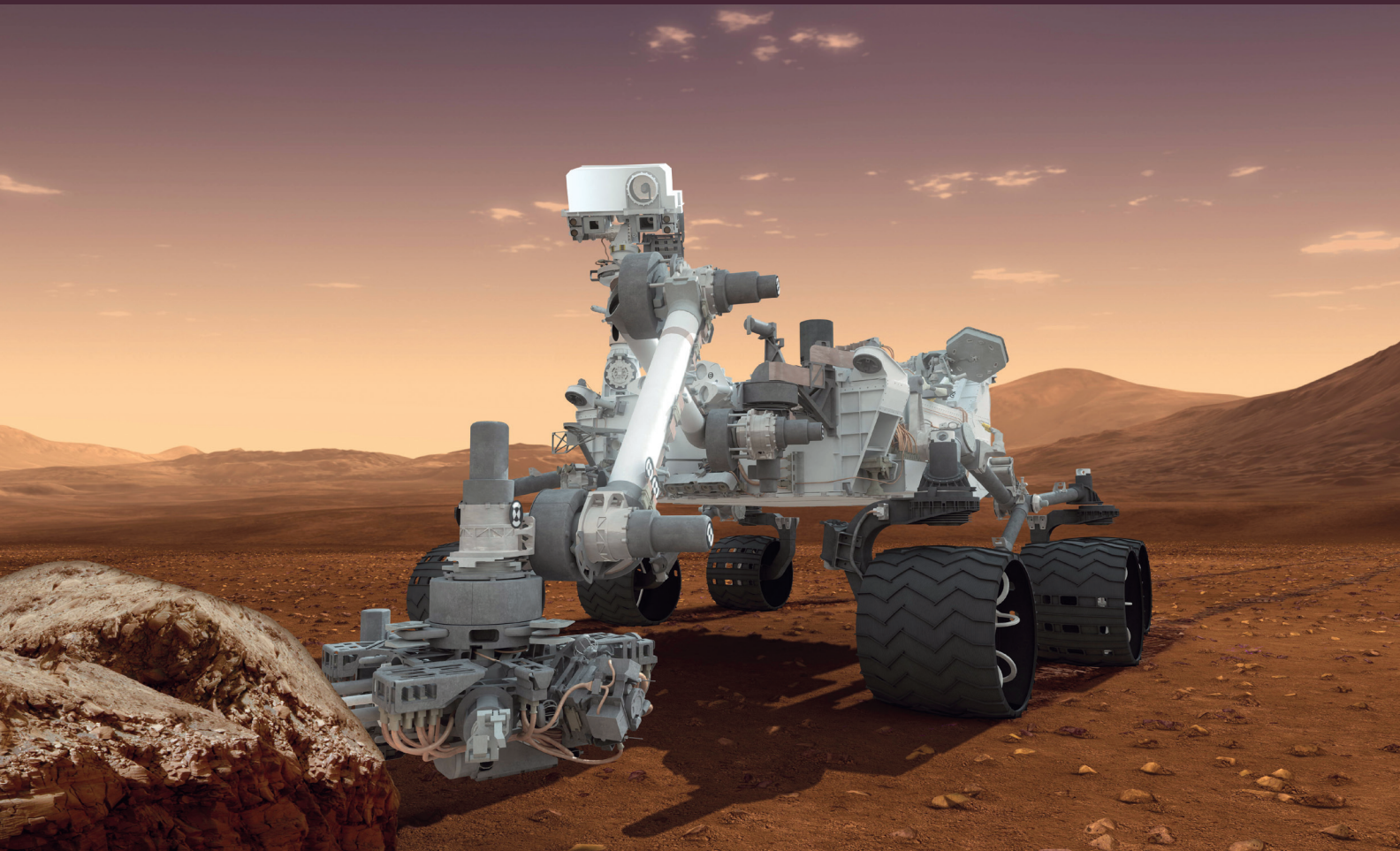
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From the Managing Editor

Once again, Lyndon LaRouche urges us to lift our eyes to the stars, in his “The New Strategy for Space.” A few choice quotes convey the big idea developed here:

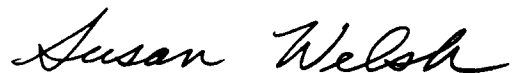
- “Our future principal tasks now will be concentrated on mining and managing the elements of the asteroid ‘fields, and their harvests.’... In short: mankind must learn to manage this, his present Solar homestead, and that productively.”
- “The war against the misguided asteroids which now threaten mankind, will tend to shape mankind’s future, one way or the other, on Earth, as in our adopted part of the Solar System.”
- “All essential human progress depends upon mankind’s willfully wrought, effective discoveries of physical principles which lift the mentally productive powers of human labor to successively higher states of effectively ‘brand new’ physical states of relatively higher existence.”

Ben Deniston supplements LaRouche’s piece with an article on the technologies that are currently being developed to protect the Earth from asteroid and comet impacts.

The *National* section features a blow-by-blow report on a forum of state legislators in Washington, where knuckle-draggers from the top Wall Street banks mobilized to “persuade” participants to reject a resolution in favor of Congressional reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall law. The bankers’ hysteria was palpable; but their victory, we anticipate, will be short-lived.

Economics covers two key battles in the fight to dump the Wall Street/City of London monetarist system. First is Detroit, forced into bankruptcy to pay debts to the banks, including by cutting even further the \$19,000 average pensions of retired city workers. Second is the takedown of health care in the United States and UK, with profiles of some of the scoundrels who are doing it.

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NASA/JPL/Caltech

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TURNABOUT!

The New Strategy for Space

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Friday, November 22, 2013

I had just concluded a most recently presented document with a section of that piece entitled “What should we actually do about Mars?” This new publication, just presented here below, may tell you.¹

Since some time later than the August 8, 2012, successful landing of **Curiosity**, on Mars, I had spent a good part of less than a recent year, nursing a growing conviction, that the idea of actually sending human beings to live, even briefly, on Mars, would have been the result of a mistake in choice of priorities. It was, ironically, the brilliant success of both **Curiosity**’s landing, and of its operating design, which actually supplied me with one of the two factors which have combined to prompt my present conclusions reached on those accounts. The additional, ultimately still far more important consideration, has now been, the apparently increasing accumulation of evidence for the existence of an accumulation of a deadly threat of lurking “killer asteroids” seeming to await their launch of an attack against a mankind now living on Earth.

I speak from experience, as follows:

Since the late 1980s, I had been personally committed, over the course of most of this intervening time, to

a prospect for a future manned landing on Mars. What has convinced me to abandon that Mars-landing perspective recently, was, ironically, a batch of some rather stunning, crucial facts respecting the achievements of the evidence which **Curiosity** had demonstrated itself to have achieved, as having been a relatively far more important achievement than I might have anticipated it to have become, when all were considered in light of the present evidence available to us now.

What had actually convinced me to that effect, had been my own presently accelerating awareness of the urgency of a need for a defense against asteroids and kindred threats to some nearby regions within our Solar system. This now requires, most urgently, a defense against presently deadly threats to Earth represented by those asteroids which are now, apparently, likely to hit Earth with great destructive force. We are, therefore, to be committed to an effective defense, accordingly: “necessity is, again, the mother of invention.”

I mean prospective strikes which, now, already threaten the destruction of human life on either entire regions of Earth, or, even the human species in its entirety. That knowledge of such an increasing danger to Earth’s inhabitants, is an awareness which had been prompted, on our associates’ part, to a presently very large degree, by the work-in-progress which is both, currently the work of a few of my relevant associates, as, otherwise, but also by some other specialists known to us as qualified in the subjects of these matters.

1. **The Secret of Poetry**, November 14, 2013 (unpublished manuscript).

For example, worrying threats of such collisions might be considered as to be *possibly earlier* than we might have previously estimated. A similar concern bearing on such possible facts, had been adopted, in recent times, by some among our own “basement team.” However, up to this time, much of what I may now present in this report, will be limited, for this moment, to the basis of supplementary conclusions such as those my associates and relevant others will have drawn, and will have now soon adopted as a matter which has been, in some part, a judgment based on my own personal responsibility, but, that in the context of the discussions also provided by the setting of discussions among my “basement” associates, and by relevant others.

The facts on which I had based my adoption of *possibly earlier fore-warnings*, had been already presumed for some significantly early, present, or future generation of mankind on Earth. These have been, primarily, more or less than what relevant leading specialists have recently recognized, in their discovery of ever-more-advanced studies of patterns of the scientific evidence for which such evidence has been accumulated for a future span of relatively early decades for Earth’s possible *collisions with what are, in presently suggested effect, “deadly asteroids.”*

As to what has been, or should have been well-known indications bearing on the matter of which I am presently informed, it is as follows: this is what should have already become some relatively long-standing, leading qualifications among the relevant categories of economists of our time, had it not been for the effects of the gross mismanagement under such as both the now failed President George W. Bush, and the worst case, the now disintegrating reign of President Barack Obama. The subject of my report here, is, now: “What can we do; and what we must we do; and, when we must do it.” That is to say, as concerning these cumula-

tive threats to the existence of mankind. We must deal, both immediately and practically, with the deadly threats now represented by relevant types of asteroids and also other relevant types of threats from within, or near our galaxy!

It is never too early to begin to become prepared to meet the kind of indicated threats which I have in mind. What, therefore, must be our current policy for a capable strategy of defense against “attacks” from relevant asteroids?

To begin, consider some very elementary kinds of relevant comparisons, as follows.

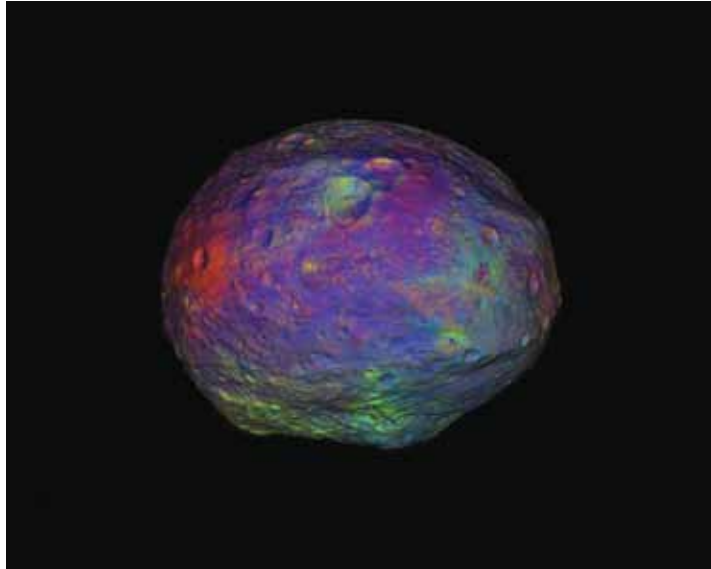
Thence, the question, as I had written it, is: “What should we actually do about Mars?”

I have not overlooked the importance of presenting a reference to the particular importance of the warning of the late Dr. Edward Teller on this specific category of evidence of proposals on asteroids, and closely related matters, on this same account. Unfortunately,

Dr. Teller’s most relevant treatment of the subject of relevant kinds of threats, as had been stated to me, had been “turned down” by some among other relevant professionals. By the way, after all, the threats came not only from asteroids; there are also possible threat-potentials from some types of comets to be considered as related other matters of priority on this account. Now, I focus here, for the moment, on this more limited case.

What Had Gone Wrong?

Opposition to what had been proposed measures of Solar system defense against deadly asteroids, has now been shown, practically, to have been wrong-headed. What had been rejected as Dr. Teller’s warning respecting asteroid threats, has been recently substantiated as now very significant, that in a relatively much larger degree than earlier. The contrary, silly-minded opinions about such matters, have come from such as the ex-



NASA

The asteroid Vesta. “There is no price we should not be willing to meet” to deal with the threat to Earth of asteroid impact, LaRouche writes.

pressed policies presented by the Obama administration, as had been demonstrated forcefully by some more recent evidence, evidence more ominous than any ordinary incompetence in risk-taking. Considering officials of the inclination of the Obama Presidency of our nation-state, Obama's babbling on this matter of the "questions of space," has now far surpassed the category of "utterly fraudulent" on all notable accounts.

That much just spoken: the core of the matter at hand (i.e., defense of Earth from such threats as those of human-killer-scale asteroids, or the comparable types of cases), might be presented, if only for purposes of immediate illustration, as that might be done with no more than my use of a mere touch of therapeutic irony: "Which is faster: the speed of light

(and its equivalent), or fast-moving asteroids moving within relevant regions in nearby space?" Therefore, which of the relevant elements should be the bullet, and which the target? That is an appropriate example of the kind of proposition which confronts mankind now. To illustrate that point, compare "the speed of light" as radiated between the orbits of Earth and Mars (e.g., "the rabbit versus the tortoise"), as an example.² How might we, in such a case, divert a deadly category of asteroid, or asteroids (or comparable case) within the time and space sufficient to prevent a deadly collision with Earth? That presents us with a useful "first approximation" which the layman-citizen might be asked to consider very carefully.

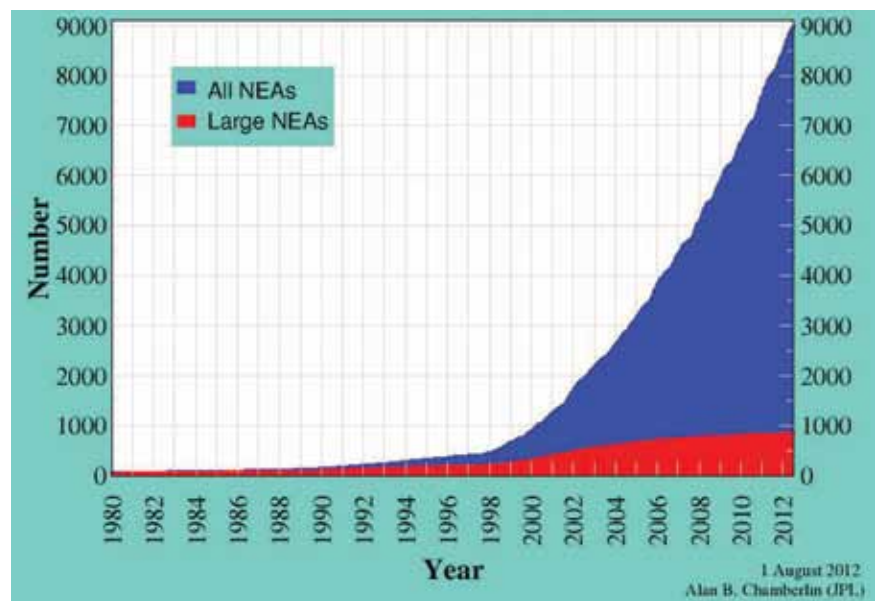
The Shirker Factor

To understand the source of the failure to recognize the threat-potential of relevant streams of asteroids, we must re-examine certain evasions of reality dating from the 1970s, evasions which, in principle, have come to haunt us now. The point is the following.

During the course of the 1970s, there had been both an emphasis on studying applications of thermonuclear

2. Take relevant exemplary cases of method from the discoveries of such as Bernhard Riemann, and also those of Max Planck, and Albert Einstein.

FIGURE 1
Known Near-Earth Asteroids
(January 1980 through June 2012)



fusion principles, but also a still presently stubborn resistance to the promotion of the natural implications of a "full throttle" thermonuclear fusion program. We have had repeatedly persisting, if dubious promises that thermonuclear fusion was to come within a perpetually promised thirty-odd years delay, now, still later, thirty years yet to come.

Therefore, orchestrate a map of simultaneous elements of the trajectories of the known elements engaged in the process of Solar system's objects generally. How must we intervene to regulate those trajectories to be considered simultaneously? From there on, the subject becomes "ever more interesting."

In other words, the ability to develop scheduled "machines" to deal with what might be otherwise considered as vagrant asteroids, were better assigned to the precision required and expressed by the defensive system for dealing with the detecting, and either diversion, or destruction of the targets to be either "shot down," or moved into an adjusted direction. (Diverting or destruction of the relevant targets, are only the most obvious among the alternatives.)

Obviously, we should be making ready for all-out measures for diverting threatened types of such catastrophes. On that account, responsible governments will now prepare themselves for dealing with whatever may be possible; there is no price we should not be willing to

meet in terms of efforts needed on that account; but, we must commit ourselves to develop means which would make what is necessary possible.

Once that much were made clear, there is, then, the matter of more profound facts of the matter to be brought into view, as follows. There is the galaxy's role as a factor to be considered along the Solar course, as well. A Solar system, like the Galaxy which contains it, is not a set of interacting collections of separate objects, but, rather, an array of the unified subjects of complexly interacting, unifying processes, as Nicholas of Cusa and his successor, Johannes Kepler, had come to approach such subject-matters, in their succession then, or, centuries later, as such as Bernhard Riemann, and then Max Planck and Albert Einstein, had understood the more recent of the relevant foundations of modern physics.

The Fag End of the Twentieth-Century Crisis in Science

The assassinations of U.S. President John F. Kennedy, and his brother, Robert Kennedy, must be viewed against the background of the comparable effect of the shift of the identity of the U.S. Presidents from the benefit of the leadership under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in contrast to the ruinous, British-Empire-directed, lackeyship of the disgusting President Harry S Truman.

Thus, before opening the specifics of the subject of statecraft essential to our purpose here, we must expose the most important error which blocks our necessary understanding of the underlying issues of the defense of mankind within a relatively nearby Solar space. As now.

There have been two most crucial moments since the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on this account. The first of those was the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt himself; at that moment, Britain's Winston Churchill, and his virtual flunky, then formerly Vice-President Harry S Truman, had taken over. The change in the content and direction was sweeping in character and scope, and came with sometime hurricane-like qualities of what is expressed as an international force. A related pattern had come into play, later, with the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, and a relatively short interval later, John's brother, the then-probable Democratic Party nominee for President, Robert.

In fact, a careful tracing of the trend of the U.S.

economy has been actually a long wave of persisting economic decline, that from since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, to the present moment.

For those who are both actually competent economists and historians, there should be nothing properly mysterious about that pattern. The recurring agony of European and nearby cultures, since ancient times, has continued to be what is known as the history of "the oligarchical principle," as typified by such an outstanding example of oligarchism as the mass-murder at Troy, the Roman Empire, or the Dutch invasion of the British Isles which became known as our own U.S. republic's intrinsic foe, the so-called "British" empire. The actual assassinations of what had been leading, actually patriotic U.S. Presidents, are typical of the pattern of assassinations and other ousters of Presidents by the British agent Aaron Burr and his like, as to be traced through the assassinations of such extraordinarily important Presidents as Abraham Lincoln, President William McKinley, President John F. Kennedy, and also John's murdered brother Robert.

The relevant pattern of conflict with what we often reference as the mass-murder of the people of Troy, or trace down through such as the murderous Roman Empire, and by the dominant oligarchical systems of the world generally, had been often defeated since the victory of the founding of, first, the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and then the vindication of that Colony's principle, as the continuing struggle for the defense of a stubborn existence of the Constitution of our United States. So, came the great President, Franklin Roosevelt, and, then, his wife's, Eleanor Roosevelt's choice for President, the soon-murdered President John F. Kennedy.

The Test of Truth

Put aside what has been the commonplace gossip which is all too common to not only our misguided citizens generally, but also reject the customary jabber of news media and political leaders generally. What is the usually misrepresented, but remains despite that, as the actually essential interest of the nation and people of our United States, in fact? Most opinion on that matter is, speaking frankly, foolish; and, our citizens, for the most part, are the victims of such commonplace propaganda.

However, there is an elementary, and fully proven class of human knowledge which provides us with a degree of pretty clear certainty: the true principle,

nature and interest of our human species. Any opinion contrary to that, has been shown with scientific certainty, as a hoax against humanity, whether that were intended, or not.

The essential principle which distinguishes the natural qualities of the actual human mind from that of all among the beasts, is the characteristic factor of *an attempted steady and progressive increase of energy-flux density per capita and per unit of territory*, a factor which distinguishes the human species from all known other species (when it is permitted!). This most remarkable potential, is unique to the human species. That function, itself, defines the inherent increase of power wielded by the progressive self-development implicitly available to powers so-far known as unique to the human mind.

Thus, the net decline in the U.S. economy's net output per-capita, represents a degeneration of the actual human population in the affected regions of habitation. The fairly given practical expression of progress of the human species, is that the human species' sustainable existence depends upon a persisting factor of the increase of the effective energy-flux density per capita, as that might be measured in terms of progress to higher intensities of physical chemistry. Any failure to meet the standard of increased energy-flux density, represents an intrinsic degradation of the human species' populations. Such a degradation has been often familiar to the history of European civilizations (among others), as that kind of trend towards recurring, or even permanent decline, as has been specific to the U.S. economy since the assassination of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's choice of President, John F. Kennedy; the facts of performance show the relevant effects.

It follows from a careful study of the history of such factors of development, or decline, of the human species, that we have reached the point of mankind's indispensable entry into management of sets of inter-planetary domains, whether we had understood this, or not, a point reached, from which we could never turn back successfully.

I. The Principle To Be Considered

Therefore, the explanation of my own personal intentions for such a defensive operation within relatively nearby Solar space, has been unavoidably complicated for most of the currently relevant specialists,

not only in design, but for the lack of a set of progressively evolving, hopefully corrected notions of what had once been simply accepted as the ostensibly elementary, (frankly) more simple-minded challenges. Consider the cases of that quality of scientific progress which had been lately permitted to slip into a certain kind of decadence, a decadence reflecting the transition from the leading roles of such, earlier, as the work of Nicholas of Cusa and his follower Johannes Kepler, to such more recent geniuses as Bernhard Riemann, Max Planck, and Albert Einstein, and the subsequent slipping into the virtual sodomizing of science under Britain's Bertrand Russell.³

What had been substantially ruined by the influence of such as Bertrand Russell, was a science thus degenerated into the destructive, new post-World War I generations' access to the destructive effects on the most crucial features of both Classical science and Classical artistic composition. The fault thus incurred, had a strictly specific origin, which had been the source of the loss of regard for the underlying principle which is essential to all understanding of the actual (noëtic) principles of human creativity.

For me, the nature of such forms of systemic error, had been made clear to me by my growing experience and insight into the folly of the prevalent practice of "repeat-after-me" programs of the educational practices of the respective post-World War I and World War II worlds, as I had experienced my recollection of those faults, after my own fashion, and in my own time.

So, even more so today, a "discovery of truth" had been often displaced in favor of a doctrine of a dubiously predetermined collection of "right answers:" today, worse than ever, to my present knowledge.

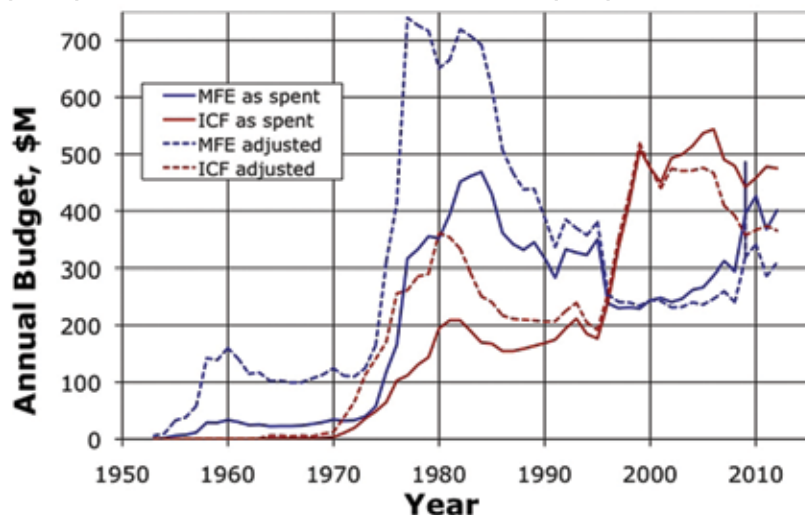
My Personal History, for Example:

Ironically, that referenced doctrine of education which I have condemned, had become almost instantly clear for me, and that with sustained intellectual force, during the particular instance of a certain first session of a reductionist's class in secondary school plane geometry of my time. My brief, volunteered, opening exposition on the subject of the meaning of the principle of geometry as a subject, was the occasion for the contrast of my own "right answer," an "answer" based on my experience during a series of visits to the Boston re-

3. The role of the actual "creativity principle," is a subject which I have reserved to a later part of this report.

FIGURE 2

U.S. Annual Fusion Budgets for Magnetic Fusion Energy (MFE) and Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF)



Source: U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Energy Information Agency

gion's relevant Navy Yard, an experience contrary to the traditional (but "actually wrong") answer of Euclidean geometry. At that time of my encounter with the geometry class, I had simply "not bothered" to submit to what I was properly certain was a mistaken, if prescribed doctrine taught to the class.

There were others from my generation, whose world-outlook showed a kinship to my own outlook on that account; the late President John F. Kennedy has emerged in history on the record as a typical such case.

The relevance of that reflection for our purposes here, is to be located in the mind's successfully actual creations of the heretofore absent discoveries of a true new physical principle. My own, consequent habit respecting matters of science, has lain exactly there, as in this present case now just set before us. *The only expression of actual "truth," is that which has been successfully discovered, as in the case I now set before you here.*

I should insist, however, on attention to what has been "unnecessarily" complicated by society's toleration of the foolishly motivated, broadly downward trends in the economics of science policy which had been underway since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. For example: the recent failure to hasten progress in development of thermonuclear-fusion applications, a goal which had already been an available option since, now, about forty-five years ago.

Such a goal could have been set into motion no later than the mid-1980s, when I had been on the verge of succeeding in my efforts on behalf of crafting the Strategic Defense Initiative ("SDI"), as that could have been done, but for the role of the ruinous intervention by such as a combination of the Prescott Bush dynasty and the gravely misguided Soviet leader Yuri Andropov (and certain of his British and related "Western accomplices") at that time.

The history of that latter development, is to be traced from, earlier, the crushing defeat of the nuclear adventurism of Nikita Krushchov's abortive thermo-nuclear showdown. The defeat of Krushchov's moments of adventurism, then, had been largely the work of the team of U.S. President John F. Kennedy and his

brother Robert. It was the assassination of President Kennedy, which had cleared the pathway for the wholly unnecessary, virtual half-century of military adventurism and drug addiction launched under the Anglo-Dutch accomplices of President Kennedy's assassination, and also by the related would-be assassins like the mortal enemies of France's Charles de Gaulle during that same interval of time culminating in the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, and also his brother, Robert.

The manner in which only certain U.S. Presidents from U.S. actual history, were assassinated, calls for serious attention, still, or still more today. The fact most to be emphasized, is the fact of the role of the accomplices of Anglo-Dutch finance also stationed in New England and in nearby areas around Manhattan, such as the British banking masters operating substantially on top of President Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren, who had continued to do much to wreck the U.S.A.'s patriotic mission, that continued to such a degree that it had prompted what the British sponsored as the launching of the U.S. Civil War. Those are facts which illustrate aspects of this matter which had been a set of either the wittingly treasonous, or simply foolish accomplices of treason-in-fact against the United States, generally.

The subjects which I had just sampled here, a few moments past, are to be recognized as the prolonged conflicts shared, unevenly, among the relatively rarer

true national patriots, and a more prevalent collection of either oligarchical gangsterism or simple-minded foolishness. Such has been the setting of abominations such as that of the Roman Empire, or the Anglo-Dutch imperium today, which underlies the super-abundance of the frauds which had been, for example, perpetrated in the name of doubtful selections of Presidents of the United States, or by the cabals of the likeness of Wall Street, which have made credulous dupes of our own citizens most of the time, despite a startling few Presidents being actually both honest and competent, apart from the pack as a whole.

The cheap presumption, that bad Presidents come in blank innocence of their actually practiced bad intentions, was always pretty much myth; more often, the corruption started much earlier than its visibly manifest incumbence. It need not be so; but the exceptions to opportunism, or worse, among our Presidents, have been relatively rare, if you had actually known your own nation's history.

The Factor of the Future

What, then, of the future?

We have presently entered a time in history, when the means of warfare had long since reached a state of development, at which the thermonuclear means of war now prohibit the continued use of the currently available, effective means of general warfare. (Indeed, General Douglas MacArthur had been among the leaders of foresight on this account, as this was shown in MacArthur's role in the submission by the government of Japan: the nuclear attack on Japan had never been justified!) This fact chooses its own consequences. The consideration of those consequences leads us, in turn, to define the end of general warfare as history has known it heretofore. Unfortunately, the evil is continuing, when thermonuclear-fusion technology has something now much more important to say.

II. War Against the Asteroids?

Speaking generally, "combat" against "errant" asteroids, had not been, heretofore, the customary general policy of mankind's daily awareness, even among most top-ranking circles. Nonetheless, the proper development of the effects of management of our duties in Solar space, is now a properly leading concern for our aroused awareness; the leading question now, is "When?" This

notion of management, so applied, is *to establish a system of general management within an appropriately assigned part, or apartness of the functioning of the Solar System*. The present goal in sight for this part of the history of the Solar System, reaches from the outer range of the inner elements of the region of the Solar system so defined, by Mars, to those inner bounds adjoining a permitted proximity of other elements of the Solar system to the Sun. That range within such a domain, should be considered the "pasture" within whose bounds, mankind should now aim to manage for what might be considered fruitful purposes within a reasonably estimated future prospect.

Besides such "territories" within the Solar System, our future principal tasks now will be concentrated on mining and managing the elements of the asteroid "fields, and their harvests."

"What this intention presumes," is that, whereas, planets such as Mars and Earth, will be the "homesteads" of this interior region of the Solar system set aside for our defenses, the asteroids will serve as the mines and other fields of harvest. The perspective for that system, is already indicated, by the perspective of "harvesting" and related functions, by aid of the means of the methods of thermonuclear fusion, and, subsequently, more potent means. In short: mankind must learn to manage this, his present Solar homestead, and that productively.

We must shape our destiny in a direction of development along such lines. This means, chiefly, that mankind must live in conditions suited specifically to our biology; and, that that, therefore, means, that we shall often create the means for our safe existence, as if by means of "remote control." If we require additional habitats, we must create them by the means suited for the work of science-driver methods and conditions.

Pending the arrival of such preconditions as I have just broadly outlined, conditions as being still yet distant, to come, what confronts us in respect to general outlooks on mankind's future, is a notion of production which reaches successfully, to technologies more or less far beyond anything actually being currently undertaken in the name of present conditions of human living and work. In the past, mankind has produced; in the future, mankind will orchestrate production of the future itself, as within the system as a whole, rather than simply producing specific products: as the very principle of application of thermonuclear fusion prescribes this for our relatively near future.

Edward Teller on Defense From Asteroid Impact

Toward the end of his life, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Dr. Edward Teller was an advocate of experiments and international cooperation to head off the danger from Near-Earth Objects that could pose a threat to Earth. He believed that an international test project would be especially important if the options for defense included nuclear explosives, according to his co-author David Morrison of the NASA Astrobiology Center (“Defending the Earth Against Asteroids: The Case for a Global Response,” *Science and Global Security*, 13:87-103, 2005).

Morrison writes that Teller addressed the topic at a series of forums in the 1990s, but the only one of these talks that led to a published paper was Morrison and Teller’s “The Impact Hazard: Issues for the Future,” in T. Gehrels (ed.), *Hazards Due to Comets*



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Edward Teller (1908-2003)

and *Asteroids* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1994). Here are excerpts from that paper:

“We believe that it is appropriate to advocate the application of technology to eliminate terrestrial im-

pacts [by Near-Earth Objects]. Individuals can formulate their own answers to this question, but we cannot imagine society generally retreating from the opportunity to protect itself from such natural hazards....

“[B]oth the decisions and implementation of any programs to deal with the impact hazard should be shared by the international community. All parts of the world are equally at risk from impacts, and we all share a common interest in our self-protection from such cosmic catastrophes.

One of us (E.T.) urges that experi-

mentation should not be delayed except for strong reasons, since procedures for protection need to be decided on the basis of data on comets and asteroids, part of which can be obtained only through experimentation.”

The Political Objectors

The practiced idiocy among all too many of our recent Presidencies, as since the death of a great President such as President William McKinley, through the subsequent two World Wars, and beyond the choice of the Vietnam War and its sequels, demonstrates my concern beyond any actually reasonable doubt. Witness the miserable failure of the Presidency under President George H. W. Bush, the worse obscenities of, successively, President George W. Bush, Jr., and, worst of all, this far, President Barack Obama.

It has been particularly notable, most recently, that the soaring and sauntering hyperinflation under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, have brought us all to the presently very brink of a simmering threat of a global trans-Atlantic genocide, all according to, presently, the Anglo-Dutch imperium aimed brutally at a reduction of the human population from seven billions, to quickly one billion persons (or less), all that according to

the currently still-stated global policies of Queen Elizabeth II. Those cases exemplify such immediately current, onrushing trends into global genocide, even toward terminal human extinction wrought by thermonuclear warfare on an approximately global scope.

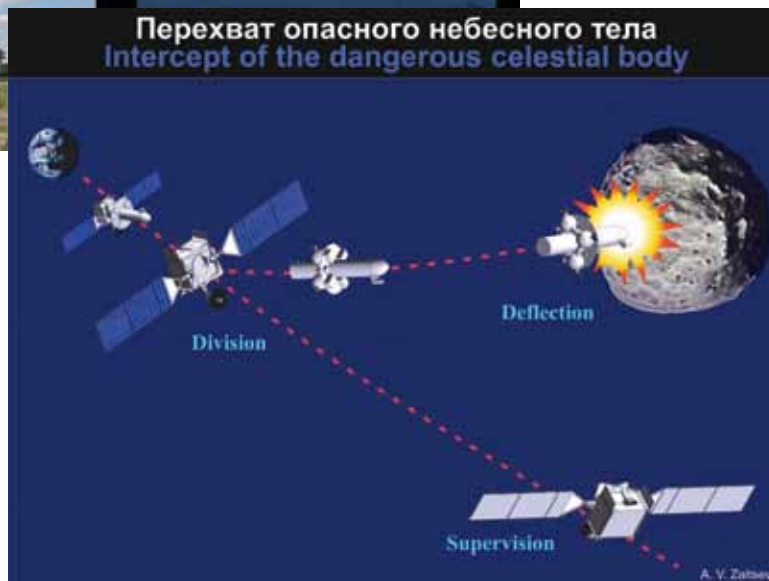
For us, in the United States, we are, apparently (I stress “apparently”) currently experiencing a presently accelerating, plunging decline of the mere means of existence, which has now reached a point of crisis now brought to bear immediately under the disgracefully fading reign of President Barack Obama. Should President Obama be dumped, now soon, that should be—must become—accompanied by an intended rescue of not only our United States, but much of civilization in general.

Such a fortunate occurrence should be a basis for a general recovery of our United States (in particular), and also other nations which participate in such an intention. However, the upward turn will begin as a “very tough



V.V. Adushkin, et al.,
"Conceptual, Technological and
Legal Bases of Creation of the
International Planetary Defense
System," 2005.

*Above: Radio
telescopes in
Evpatory, Ukraine,
and at the East Center
for Deep Space
Communications,
Ussuriysk, Russia.
Right: A Russian
proposal for
interception of a
dangerous Near-Earth
Object.*



be either a continuation of an accelerated rotating decadence of national cultures, or, a rather suddenly rising trend toward recovery. The most important factor in the shaping of history lies in the options of a continued decline of morality, or a rising, upward-leading culture. The difference in the trends, will be ultimately decisive, but an upward trend now, if it will be really upward-directed in cultural characteristics, shall be the decisive characteristic of mankind's available choice of a better future.

"Practical people" and their opinions must often be avoided, if possible. Their habitual inclination to folly would make everything that has been recently bad, worse. That means, for example, that the boosting of thermonuclear fusion must be viewed as the leading edge of the policy-making of nations which are committed now to survival and, therefore, progress. So, the suppression of the needed

recovery." The damage to the mental habits of our own population has acquired since the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, must be regarded as having been catastrophic in the general effect of the resulting, continuing trends in the economies of not only the United States, but the trans-Atlantic regions generally. The damage to the generations born under two terms of President George W. Bush, Jr. and, even worse for those born under the influence of five years of President Obama, has been no less than catastrophic, morally, psychologically, and otherwise.

Looking back to the years since the deaths of John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, the economic and cultural trends have been ones of an accelerating rate of degeneration of both the economy and its culture: an accelerating rate of decline, especially within the trans-Atlantic sector.

The optional difference of what may come now, will

levels of energy-flux density, respecting the attitude of practice of nations, will provide a highly probable present indication of whether we shall make respective nations become fruits of success or disaster.

The war against the misguided asteroids which now threaten mankind, will tend to shape mankind's future, one way or the other, on Earth, as in our adopted part of the Solar System.

III. The 'Greenhorns'

The leading obstacle to an effective insight into what most ordinary folk might wish to claim as a standard of truly objective scientific practice, actually often remains as what has been occurring, still presently, as the witless plunge of a common blind faith into the government of mere "sense perception." That has been the

often chosen standard of evidence which has been employed on behalf of a hoped-for “proper approach” to what is customarily named as what is defended by the name of “sense certainty;” or, in other words, what is frequently misnamed as a “linearized” sort of “physical evidence,” or, if more honestly, also what is to be foolishly misunderstood as to be named as the folly of “common sense.”

Bernhard Riemann’s profoundly ironical conclusion to his own habilitation dissertation,⁴ had been delivered in the presence of Carl Friedrich Gauss and other members of the philosophical faculty in Göttingen. Then, and there, Riemann had concluded that chosen address of his, with a richly ironical single sentence: “This leads us into the domain of a different science, the domain of physical science, into which today’s proceedings, here, do not permit to intrude under the conditions of the present proceedings.” The same spirit of science expressed by Riemann on that occasion, was later to be met with a vigorous resonance radiating from the revolutionary advances by Max Planck and Albert Einstein, as, for example, in their deeply entrenched opposition to that massive corruption of science produced under the essentially fraudulent, but, since the close of “World War I,” nonetheless a virtual dictatorship of Bertrand Russell, a Russell-steeped corruption from which trans-Atlantic academic life, in particular, has still yet to escape.

Certain conclusions must flow from that immediate aspect of what has been my view of the history of that immediately foregoing subject-matter.

The Irony of Human Sense-Perception

The fact of the matter is, that animal sense-perception, which naive persons mistake for the actually dubious role of “sense-certainty,” presents us with habits which create an essentially doubtful relationship between the opinions attributable to human sense-perception, and the systems of relations among the bodies of the galaxies and Solar systems, respectively. This complexity zooms into perspective when we recognize the distinction between the principle of life and what is ostensibly non-life (or, deceased life) within the respectively attributed domains.

The plausible solution for that complexity, was, no-

tably, addressed in a significant degree by both Nicholas of Cusa’s **De Docta Ignorantia**, and certain subsequent, and related considerations of Johannes Kepler, and of those modern scientists who followed the same course of ongoing processes of discovery. The already mentioned special achievements of Max Planck and Albert Einstein, and the relationship of those works to the roots presented by Bernhard Riemann’s **Hypothesen**⁵ are notable.

What we might wish to identify is the needed correction for the paradoxical implications of the popular notion of a meaning of the principle of life, as mistakenly purported to be in conflict with the notion of “non-life.” This apparent conflict need only be approached for the location of a solution to the apparent contradiction; but accepting the notion that the universe itself, must have been an expression of the principle which our familiar conventions must regard as equivalent to a universal principle whose effective source is “creativity *per se*,” as to be absolutely distinguished from the systemic folly of Euclidean geometry. Or, Shakespeare’s use of his notion:

... *With this regard, their currents turn awry
And lose the name of action...*⁶

Defining Human Creativity

The commonplace expressions of popular incompetence in *the notion of human physical science*, have rested on the commonplace, but incompetent presumption, that the human mind itself can not actually forecast the events to occur during the future. Nicholas of Cusa, most notably, and Johannes Kepler brilliantly, have been, therefore, the great pioneers of modern science. It is fairly said, that their mental processes expressed the generation of the foresight into mankind’s access to a comprehension of an actual future, but also the creation of the future progress to a higher quality of our species’ existence. All among those like them, on this account, have expressed that quality of foresight into that which had not yet been experienced, yet each belonging to a relatively tiny minority of those, from history lived this far, who have been enabled to foresee the actual future efficiently before the relevant effect had actually occurred. The greatest among physical scientists have defined themselves by their expression of that power for fore-

4. Bernhard Riemann, **Über die Hypothesen, welche der Geometrie zu Grunde liegen**, Bernhard Riemann’s Gesammelte Mathematische Werke (Heinrich Weber, ed.) 1902.

5. See footnote 4.

6. **Hamlet**, Act III, Scene I.

casting the future which their minds' powers of forecasting will be able to bring into actual effect.

I have chosen to typify the point to be made, by reference to the discoveries of such moderns as Filippo Brunelleschi, Nicholas of Cusa, and Cusa's heir Johannes Kepler. All of that class of persons have succeeded in predefining the relevant universal principle of action in its existing future. That is a matter of fact, meaning a form of event which had been foreseen as a universalizing principle: *foreseen* prior to the occurrence of an experience of the relevant type of event. A significant portion of the human population has shared such experiences with me, for example; my forecasting experiences have become a rather widely notable fact of my contemporary practice, as, for example, publicly notable during, and since the Summertime through December of 1971, and since that time, to the present date.

The systemic conflict in method between the true genius of the followers of Plato and those "others" of the reductionist followers of Aristotle and Euclid, is typical. The reductionist methods of the followers of Aristotle and Euclid, for example, are typical of what is otherwise properly known as *The Oligarchical Principle*, as since such as the approximately more than four recent centuries under the virtually global domination of the planet under the reigns of the imperialist Anglo-Dutch system, as opposed to the systemic intentions of the original American principle of the founders of the United States.

However, those just stated facts, when considered barely in and of themselves, have nothing much to do in an effective way with simple differences on matters of mere dogma as such. The most effective approach to outlining the most essential matters to be considered, in regard to these facts, may be fairly summarized as follows.

Stating the Essentials at Issue

The difference between animals generally, and actual members of the human species, can be traced, in both the simplest and most essential terms of reference, as follows: *civilized mankind cooks its food!* In other terms of reference: the characteristic distinction of the human species, is that it creates systemically new states of matter in the universe. This distinction, when honestly understood, is typified by mankind's creation of new species in states of matter. Any rather ordinary academic handbook of chemistry implies that as such. For our purposes here, that is to be translated as the creation

of higher states of matter than had existed heretofore. It is useful to identify the distinctions as referring to newly created states of matter.

Not only does the human species secure its continued means for existence, through the generation of higher states of chemistries, especially the chemistries essential to the states of living matter, as the great Vernadsky had spoken, but it does so through the humanly voluntary creation of higher states of quality of existence of the human species, generally. Not only is mankind endowed with such qualities of creative ascension to higher states of its abilities and species-qualities of human life, but such evolutionary progress is a precondition for the truly effective perpetuation of the human species.

The particular irony of that inherent characteristic of a healthy state of the human species, is that, without a progressive increase of the energy-flux density of human life, the human species will degenerate, perhaps toward an oligarchically determined pre-extinction, such as by means of unleashing thermonuclear warfare on this planet, or simply by failure to conquer the threat of human-species extinction by malicious comets or asteroids.

The Human Intention

The most significant aspect of the powers of achievement of the human species is as a species with characteristically systemic powers of upward physical progress of our species, (rather than merely an individual discoverer), but the successfully continued existence of that species requires human individuals who create invented, qualitatively higher states of nature which would not have come into existence, without the particular genius of a significant ratio of the human species.

On this account, there has been a long-standing conflict between two categories of human species. The one creates a new, higher state of the nature of the existence of the human species; the other is, in one sense or another, a virtual (or actual) cannibal. The present Anglo-Dutch imperialist system is such a virtual "cannibal." Hence, the Queen of England, proceeding from that tradition, has recently prescribed, for this planet, a reduction of the human species, from its recent level of approximately seven billions human beings, to what has been stated by her as an intended goal of a rapid reduction of the human species to one or less.

Whence then the source of human progress, and even, ultimately, human survival?

Simply stated, the human individual's importance to his, or her continued existence, depends upon the consequence of physical economic progress in a revolutionary mode of the increase of the energy-flux-density of the modes of the growth of the human species. Thus, all essential human progress depends upon mankind's willfully wrought, effective discoveries of physical principles which lift the mentally productive powers of human labor to successively higher states of effectively "brand new" physical states of relatively higher existence.

Thus, the present demands for human progress must now include leading emphasis on the obligation of the human species, to prevent the extinction, or other very great harm to our species. We live in a creating universe, and without devotion to that outcome, we do not continue to deserve to exist, and the outcome would be so.

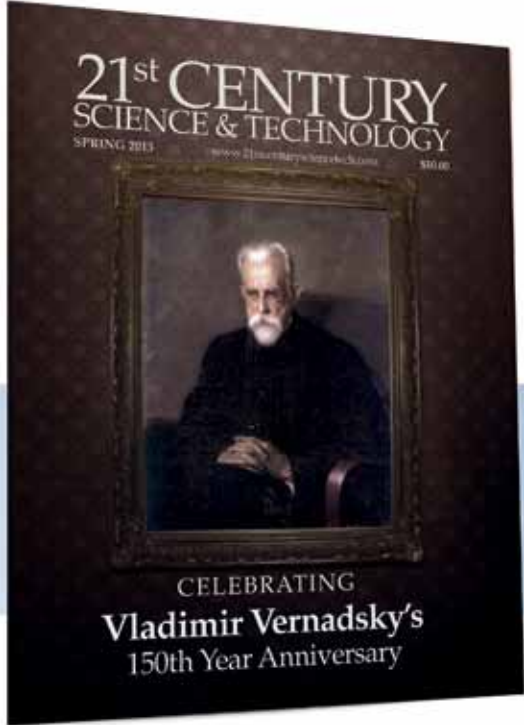
What Is Human Creativity?

All that I have said here, on my stated account in this report, depends upon the fact, that the individual member of the human species has been given the option of actually creating: the making of the discoveries of

newly known mental powers through whose means mankind is enabled to enjoy the fruits of seemingly magical powers of discovery over the universe which he inhabits. The discoveries of universal principles by great scientists, such as the Nicholas of Cusa who pre-founded the existence of our United States, like his follower, Johannes Kepler, and their relevant successors as physicists and poets, are appropriate illustrators of that fact.

Fortunately, a relatively few members within our societies are actually enabled to make such original discoveries of universal physical principles operating within our universe as we have known it. To accomplish that fact, individuals of such specifically, relatively unique capabilities are required. These discoverers are distinguished by the fact of their discoveries of such relevant leaps of insight, the insights of original discovery of new principles, upon which the very survival of the human species depends.

The so-called "practical" person who insists: "You can not know the future," is, unfortunately, not only being foolish, but, as recent decades' practice has demonstrated, he is often also a fool dangerous to himself, and to his fellow-man.



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Fusion and Directed-Energy For a Dynamic Approach

by Benjamin Deniston

Nov. 27—There is currently no defense of Earth from future asteroid and comet impacts.

The aim here is to provide an overview of a systemic defense capability, necessitating an increased capability encompassing the entire territory of the inner Solar System. While the basic nature of the challenge has been treated in some depth by our “Basement” Research Team,¹ Lyndon LaRouche has recently placed a new emphasis on the deeper systemic challenges involved, and the need to reexamine the specific role of Mars in mankind’s future in the Solar System, as in his new writing, “Turnabout: The New Strategy for Space” (see article, p. 4).

The methodological approach needed to properly deal with large systems of asteroids is classified as “dynamic,” strictly in the continuity of the scientific tradition of Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464), Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), Gottfried Leibniz (1646-1716), Carl Gauss (1777-1855), and Bernhard Riemann (1826-1866).² This requires that the Solar System be understood from the standpoint of a single governing principle, or an interaction of a limited set of principles, not the additional accumulation of individual objects. While most asteroids reside in relatively stable orbits between Mars and Jupiter, there are millions of asteroids in the inner Solar System, “beneath” Mars’ orbit, and many of these cross the Earth’s orbit on a regular basis. Presently, we have identified and tracked only 10,000 out of the estimated population of millions.

How can this be addressed?

First, compare the difference between treating the system of asteroids as if it were a product of the cumu-

lative addition of the actions and interactions of all the individual parts (the reductionist view), versus understanding the properties of the individual asteroid as derived from the governing nature of the Solar System as a unified process (a dynamic approach). Further insight is provided by examining the integration of the Solar System process within the unified process of our galactic system.

Second, recognize that for billions of years these have been the only governing principles ordering and determining the processes of the inner Solar System. *The subject here is the entry of a new principle of control: mankind.* The defense of advanced life in the Solar System, and, most importantly, human civilization, depends upon mankind exerting control over this entire region. This raises the prospect of not merely deflecting individual dangerous asteroids, but managing them as systems, perhaps even creating new, man-made asteroid belts to reorganize the inner Solar System into safe and productive real estate.

Accomplishing this involves scales of action that are many orders of magnitude beyond what civilization has become accustomed to while operating on the surface of Earth: distances in the tens and hundreds of millions of miles, interplanetary travel times of months and years, typical velocities measured in the tens of thousands of miles per hour, and collision energies covering the entire range from megatons well into the gigatons (and beyond), associated with asteroids ranging from the size of large buildings to huge mountains, traveling many times faster than the fastest speeding bullet.

What will enable mankind to have dominion on these scales?

Biologically, mankind might appear to be similar to other forms of mammalian life found on Earth. However, the prospect of mankind becoming a governing principle of the inner Solar System—entering a domain of action

1. See the Fall/Winter 2012-2013 issue of [21st Century Science & Technology](#) magazine.

2. For pedagogical presentations of a selection of the original works and discoveries of this tradition, see <http://science.larouche.org>.

which has, up to this time, been reserved to the Sun—demonstrates an entirely different capability unique to mankind. As will be seen below, this could be described as an ability for the willful self-evolution of the human species, measured by increases in energy-flux density. The next self-evolutionary stage, the same stage that enables mankind to become a governing principle of the inner Solar System, is the systemic control and utilization of thermonuclear fusion as the primary power source for mankind.

Over the past year, LaRouche has emphasized that such considerations, including the potential demonstrated by NASA's Curiosity mission, force the need for reconsideration of the role of Mars. The important issue is not to send people there per se, but to develop Mars as mankind's critical expandable outpost in the mission to develop our power as a controlling force in the inner Solar System for the defense of Earth and the progress of mankind.³

The Goal

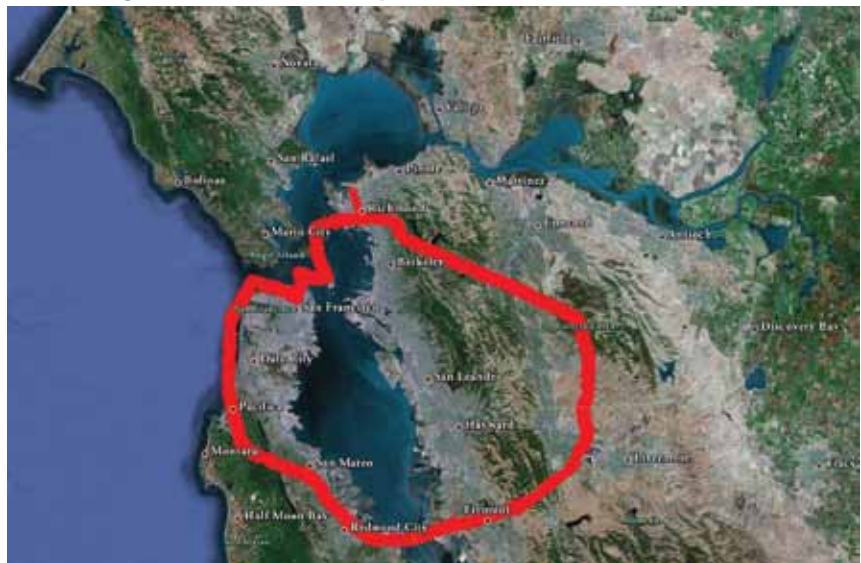
The focus here is a systemic view of the dynamics of action in the inner Solar System: space and time access to all relevant regions, and the ability to influence and control those regions.

This differs from the general framework of discussion dominating planetary defense and space exploration today, where the accepted level of discussion has fallen to a sadly practical level. In this author's experience, the existing boundaries of mankind's access to the Solar System are usually accepted "as is," and efforts are focused on making individual missions work within that far-too-limited framework.

While, to the uninformed, it may appear that mankind can get by with this, it would only take one single comet coming out of the black depths of space to end such delusions. Since no one would live to learn the lesson from such an event, we should take the real-life

FIGURE 1

The Tunguska Event Transposed to California



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A representation of the area of destruction from a small asteroid impact over Siberia in 1908, compared with the size of the Bay Area in California.

possibility of such a scenario as the lesson, and respond accordingly.

Since mankind presently has no defense from asteroids, let alone the larger challenge of long-period comets, what is needed is a systemic approach to mankind's access to and power for action within the Solar System as a whole. What are the critical determining factors therein, and what can be done to act upon, and expand those bounding factors?

Today, high-powered directed-energy systems, thermonuclear fusion, and associated technologies stand out as the critical factors.

It must be emphasized that these capabilities have been long delayed. Since the 1970s, the general path to fusion has been clear, but its development has been suppressed. In the 1980s, LaRouche's program for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), with strategic roles played by Dr. Edward Teller and President Ronald Reagan, could have ended the threat of nuclear weapons through the development of advanced directed-energy technologies, but the directed-energy aspect of the SDI was shut down. As LaRouche presents in his article preceding this one, a full understanding of the present conditions and challenges facing mankind requires an understanding of the effects of the oligarchical system, both historically, and the continuing effects today. This is necessary to understand the source of the zero-growth

3. The creepy activities of some pushing a degenerate and unworkable vision for manned missions to Mars should be investigated with the proper suspicion. See "Operation Buzzkill: The Empire Targets Mars," *EIR*, June 28, 2013.



NASA

Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized that the potential demonstrated by NASA's Curiosity mission, force the need for a reconsideration of the role of Mars: that we develop Mars as an outpost for man's control of the inner Solar System for the defense of Earth and the progress of mankind.

policy of the United States and Europe over the past four decades, which has ensured that there has been no major systemic development in our space capabilities since the efforts of President Kennedy.⁴

Since much of this falls beyond the scope of this writing, and is treated by LaRouche in the cited work, the focus here will be on the critical determining role of energy-flux density in a systemic approach to planetary defense. Here, energy-flux density considerations arise in three domains:

One, in the ability to change the trajectory of a massive object moving at a high relative velocity, such as an incoming asteroid or comet.

Two, in what is generally referred to as orbital dynamics: the considerations involved in being able to deploy a spacecraft to the target at the desired location in space and time.

Three, in the application to interplanetary infrastructure, expanding the capabilities of the first two considerations.

4. This is not a casual choice of words, but, as will be seen below, a precise scientific assessment. While the space program has seen the benefits of technological innovation and development within the existing framework (as the Curiosity mission demonstrates), the actual systemic framework has actually stagnated or declined since the culmination of Kennedy's space program. For an overview of what the United States (and the world) lost with the assassination of JFK, see Michael Kirsch, ["50 Years Behind, the President from the Future."](#) See also, "What His Assassins Killed: John F. Kennedy's Program for a Nuclear America," *EIR*, Oct. 18, 2013.

Higher levels of energy-flux density applied in these domains increase mankind's systemic capabilities in the inner Solar System, including planetary defense. Controlled-fusion systems and advanced directed-energy systems will serve as the critical drivers for advancement in these domains.⁵

Directed-Energy and Speed of Light Action

For example, advanced directed-energy systems would revolutionize the interorbital travel requirements of planetary defense missions. To grasp the gravity of this fact, examine the distinct areas of energy requirements for asteroid deflection missions. This can be divided into three categories:

Deflection: The energy needed to move an asteroid, changing its course to ensure it does not collide with the Earth (or destroy it if there is not enough warning time to deflect it). This can be done by various methods.

Travel: The energy needed to send a spacecraft (the deflection mission) to the target. Because this is in the domain of interorbital travel, it can be defined as the energy needed to place the spacecraft on a "transfer orbit," which will depart from the Earth's orbit at just the right time to intersect the target at an ideal location in its orbit.

Rendezvous: The energy needed to rendezvous with the target. Because the relative speeds in interorbital space travel are so high, a significant amount of energy will be needed to match the speed of the target (i.e., leaving the transfer orbit, and matching the target's orbit) in order to allow a rendezvous at a safe speed.

Certain asteroid-deflection proposals require all three of these categories. For example, the gravity tractor design would depend upon sending a spacecraft

5. Some, perhaps many, experts in the domain of planetary defense might argue that nuclear power, or fusion, is not needed to defend Earth from the threat of an asteroid impact. In certain limited scenarios, that argument can be made. However, here we have departed from limited situations. The issue is fundamentally and systemically expanding the scope of what is possible for all scenarios. This is a dynamic approach, not a mechanistic one. The focus here is expanding the dynamic of mankind, not finding clever ways to try to do things at a lower dynamic imposed by a zero-growth paradigm.

from Earth onto a transfer orbit, then to expend more energy to match the orbital speed of the target to make a safe rendezvous, and then to begin to alter the target's orbit by using the craft's thrusters to maintain a certain distance from the asteroid, allowing the gravity of the spacecraft to very slowly pull on the asteroid and alter its trajectory. Presently this has a very limited potential usefulness. However, the development of nuclear propulsion systems could allow for a more massive spacecraft to be deployed and expand the potential of this option.

Certain other proposed methods for asteroid deflection only require the first two categories of energy requirements, removing the need for a rendezvous. These include "kinetic impact," which basically involves running a spacecraft directly into the asteroid at high speed, to move it off course with a little push; or a nuclear explosive device, which can be detonated just above the surface of the asteroid before impacting it (also providing a push to change the asteroid's trajectory). Neither of these need the extra energy and fuel requirements of a rendezvous maneuver. Again, both would benefit from nuclear propulsion systems, allowing them to carry more mass to the target, to get there sooner, and to have more opportunities for launch windows.

A third class of asteroid-deflection method could discard the second two categories of energy requirements altogether, requiring only the first. These are long-distance directed-energy systems using lasers. As the name implies, these do not require moving the system that generates the energy to the target, but allows the energy source to remain at a fixed base of operations, from which the energy is directed across a vast distance to the target. Because the distances involved are so great, the directed energy must have a very high degree of concentration and coherence, properties associated with high levels of energy-flux density.

An intense laser beam applied to the surface of an asteroid can vaporize any known planetary surface, creating a jet of material which provides a thrust in the opposite direction.⁶ This can be used not only to deflect in-



JPL

The gravity tractor (shown here in an artist's concept) is one possible technology for altering the trajectory of an asteroid headed toward Earth.

coming asteroids, but potentially to precisely manipulate and modulate their orbits, and raises the prospect for creating new, more desired orbits for these rebel bodies.

This not only applies to defense, but also to scientific investigations and mining opportunities. Directed-energy methods for such "orbital management" can make many asteroids easier and cheaper to access, for study, mining, or both. Access will then further improve through the development of high energy-flux density propulsion systems, such as fusion, enabling quick and easy trips to the new orbits of these bodies with the necessary industrial or scientific equipment, as well as returning material as needed.

This returns us to the more interesting question of the systemic dynamic effects. What does this do for mankind's access to and power within the inner Solar System as a whole?

The Dynamic Implications

New estimates of small asteroid impacts over the past century published in *Nature*⁷ indicate that we could be facing many millions of asteroids in the inner region of the Solar System, three to ten times higher than previous estimates.

Some of these will pose threats to the Earth.

Some will provide critical scientific information about the dynamics of gravitation in a multi-million-

6. One such proposal is the DE-STAR system designed by U.C. Santa Barbara physicist Philip M. Lubin and California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo researcher Gary B. Hughes. See the interview with Professor Lubin in the Summer 2013 issue of *21st Century Science & Technology*, or at www.YouTube.com/watch?v=3zAq23BDd3c.

7. P.G. Brown et al., "A 500-kiloton airburst over Chelyabinsk and an enhanced hazard from small impactors," *Nature*, published online, Nov. 6, 2013.

body system, about the formation of our Solar System, and about the historical travels of our Solar System through the galaxy.

Some are rich in industrial and precious metals, providing critical resources for the industrial development of the inner Solar System. Given the immense energy cost to move mass from the Earth's surface into orbit, we will have to look to new ways of developing the resources available in asteroids, including "additive manufacturing" (e.g., 3-D printers) and other forms of production in space.

With everything stated up to this point being the perhaps not so simple facts of the matter, we now turn to this author's own conclusions respecting these facts.

The required goal is not simply stopping one asteroid, but the capability to move and manage tens, even hundreds, and perhaps, eventually, thousands of asteroid orbits.

This can be done with two expandable directed-energy stations, one at Mars, another at Earth with a

range of one astronomical unit, or beyond. These will be expanding multi-function stations, including advanced telescopic observation systems in the optimal infrared wavelengths, precise interaction between the two stations enabling stereoscopic views of the Solar System and beyond, LIDAR-type beaming systems for more precise orbital determination of asteroids, directed-energy surface vaporization for spectral analysis of the material of the targeted asteroid, and high-powered surface vaporization for orbital alterations of a target body.

In addition to Earth orbit (or perhaps the Moon), Mars is the second critical location for the development of a growing and developing complex of systems. Mars provides a stable gravitational anchor for orbital systems; the body of Mars itself can be intensively studied with high-powered scientific equipment installed at the Mars complex, and the resources of the surrounding asteroids, and perhaps Mars itself, can begin to be developed for eventual on-site construction and development of additions and expansions of the Mars system. A high-

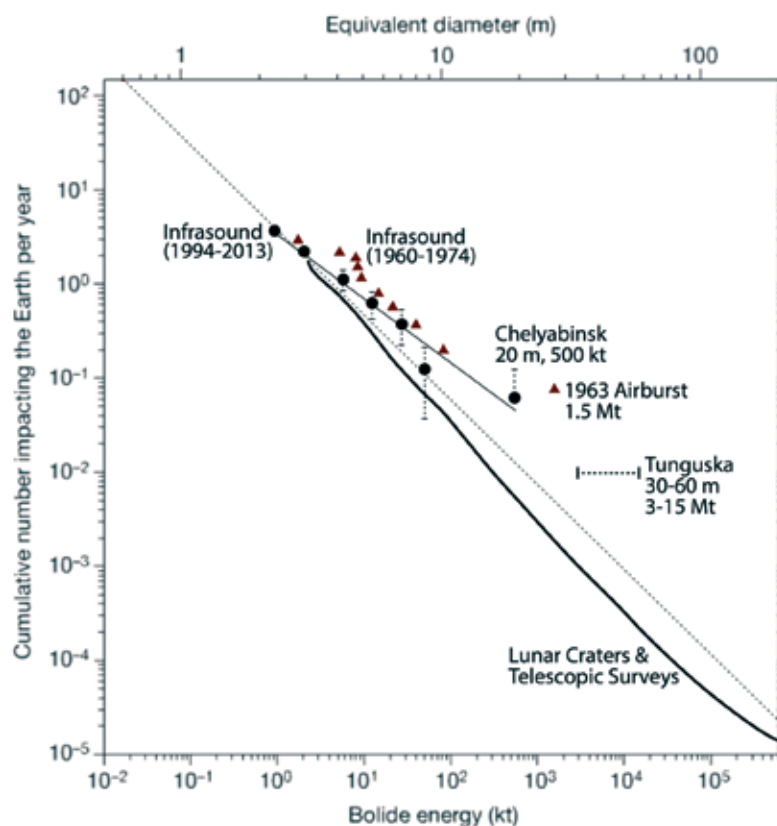
powered communications trunk-line (with the necessary relay stations) will connect the expanding Mars complex with the Earth system, enabling stereoscopic views with significant parallax and interplanetary interferometry for new views of the universe.

The cross-coordination of such a Mars-Earth pair of complexes enables us to transcend a mechanistic view of dealing with a single asteroid here or there, and into serious consideration of the modulation and management of the territory of the inner Solar System through the control over tens, and then hundreds, of asteroid orbits, reaching into the thousands over the course of future generations.

Perhaps such systems can be used to start populating and filling new stable orbital belts that man creates, as well-regulated and controlled orbital freeways of the inner Solar System. These can have two main classifications:

Safety zones can be created, first with respect to the dynamic vicinity of the Earth's orbit, and eventually for Mars. Certain zones will be cleared of asteroids based on chosen criteria for how close certain objects will be allowed to get, based on their size. For example, large asteroids should not be allowed

FIGURE 2
Impact Frequency



A 500-kiloton airburst over Chelyabinsk and an enhanced hazard from small impactors (adapted from P.G. Brown, et al., *Nature online*, Nov. 6, 2013).

to pass between the Earth and our geostationary satellites, as will occur in 2029 with the 325-meter asteroid Apophis (unless we intervene).

Accessible zones will be orbits which are relatively easily accessible from the Earth system (i.e., low delta-V), but not so close as to be dangerous. If needed, we can practice with the Mars system first (so as not to endanger Earth), but once the capability is sufficiently demonstrated, we can bring asteroids into the Earth access zone for two purposes: scientific research and mining. Since there are many types of asteroids, we will want a variety within easy access, both for study and to develop their resource potential. If the scientific and industrial zones need to be separated, then probably the scientific zone will be more distant (but close enough for near-real-time communications and live control over humanoid robotic apparatuses at the asteroid) because the industrial zone will require moving more total mass to and from the asteroids.

Travel to and from these accessible zones, and the transport of scientific or industrial equipment to and from them, will be enabled by advanced fission- and fusion-propulsion systems.

Because directed-energy systems discard the energetically expensive requirements of space travel, they carry the inherent potential to be the most effective and efficient way to do the bulk of the work in mankind's perhaps gradual, but actual reshaping of the inner Solar System.

Today, mankind hopes to be lucky enough to dodge individual asteroids. Tomorrow, we have the prospect of creating our own highways of asteroid belts, designed to service our needs for science, development, and defense.

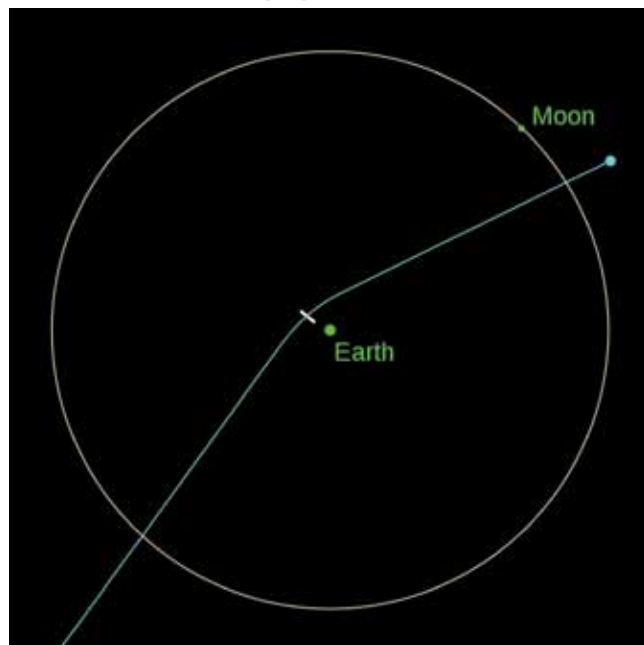
Man as Principle

Lyndon LaRouche writes in his above-cited paper:

"Speaking generally, 'combat' against 'errant' asteroids had not been, heretofore, the customary general policy of mankind's daily awareness. Nonetheless, the proper development of the effects of management of our duties in Solar space, is now a properly leading concern for our awareness; the leading question now, is 'when?'..."

"'What this intention presumes,' is that, whereas, planets such as Mars and Earth, will be the 'homesteads' of this interior region of the Solar System set aside for our defenses, the asteroids will serve as the mines and other fields of harvest. The perspective for that system, is

FIGURE 3
Path of Asteroid Apophis



The path of asteroid Apophis on April 13, 2029. The white bar shows the range of uncertainty in Apophis's position as it passes the Earth.

already indicated by aid of the means of the methods of thermonuclear fusion, and subsequently, more potent means. In short: mankind must learn to manage this, his present Solar homestead, and that productively."

Competent policy is not crafting practical projects which fit within the existing limitations, but pursuing programs which fundamentally change the outer bounding conditions which limit and define mankind's power and potential for effective action. For the advance of mankind, this is what truly matters.

This challenge of mankind's dynamic management of the inner Solar System takes us into a regime where stars and the galaxy have reigned supreme for billions of years, unchallenged in their dominion. The immediate future sees the entry of a new force: mankind. Perhaps still seemingly weak and small by his biological appearance to the sense-perceptual views predominating in society today, this fallacious view is to be forever cast aside, as the true nature of mankind is demonstrated to be found not in his biology, but in the ever-expanding creative powers of mind. With this, mankind enters the realm of the stars, and, eventually, beyond.

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FIGHT OVER GLASS-STEAGALL

State Legislators, Bankers Clash at Legislative Forum

by Stuart Rosenblatt and Tim Rush

Dec. 9—At the Legislative Forum of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), held in Washington, D.C., Dec. 4-6, Wall Street conducted a thug operation to prevent lawmakers' voting up support for a resolution backing reinstitution of the Glass-Steagall law, which was submitted by Maine State Rep. Andrea Boland and co-sponsored by 18 other state legislators from 15 states (see below). Lobbyists for the megabanks were present in force, skulking among the 200+ attendees at the Forum; Wall Street networks activated three letters against the Boland Resolution—one from the American Bankers Association (ABA); one from the ABA's affiliate, the Maine Bankers Association; one from the New Hampshire Bankers Association, and a joint one from Maine's Governor and the state's Commissioner for the Department of Economic and Community Development. For an exposé of the how the ABA runs interference for the Too Big To Fail bank, see "Bankers' Anti-Glass-Steagall Campaign Is a Flim-Flam," [EIR](#), Sept. 6, 2013.

The clash came to a head mid-day Dec. 5, when the relevant NCSL Committee officially took up the Glass-Steagall Resolution, and heard a powerful 12-minute presentation from Representative Boland. When the 15 Committee members present then voted almost unanimously against the Resolution—after several of them presented blatant bought-and-paid-for rhetoric right out of the ABA letters—the point was clearly made: Boland

herself, and the principle of Glass-Steagall, were victorious over the corruption of those still grovelling before the banksters.

Wall Street is hysterical. Its huge deployment to the August national conference of the NCSL staved off passage of a similar resolution, which demanded that Congress push through the Glass-Steagall bills in Congress, HR 129 and S 1282 or S 985; but the momentum nationally for cutting off Wall Street and its deadly gambling crimes, has continued to grow. All it had at its disposal were threats and money—but the advocates of Glass-Steagall would not be shut up.

Representative Boland has spoken up repeatedly, including in interviews with LaRouchePAC-TV on [Dec. 5](#) and [Dec. 7](#) about the tactics the bankers used to try to prevent her from going ahead with the resolution. Representatives of several top banks, in addition to organizing letters to her and the other members of the NCSL, took her aside before the Committee meeting to try to get her to withdraw the resolution. When she refused, they brought up how many jobs the state of Maine might lose. When Boland held her ground, saying she understand the big banks might feel some pain with the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, but she had to act to protect the ordinary people, a banker replied: "There could be pain involved for you too. In fact, your career. . . ."

This is nothing but intimidation, Boland told La-



termine whether they were “legitimate media.”

The CFI Committee convened at 1:30 p.m., with the Glass-Steagall Resolution as virtually the only order of business. Its sponsor, Maine Rep. **Andrea Boland**, was called as the first speaker, and gave an eloquent, *ex tempore*, 12-minute presentation, demanding its passage. The text of the resolution was projected on the screen; parts of it were read aloud. The text was also available in the NCSL conference booklet.

But all hearing participants also had printed copies of an attack on the Resolution, issued on Dec. 3 to the lawmakers, on State of Maine letterhead, by

Maine State Rep. Andrea Boland, sponsor of the resolution to restore Glass-Steagall at the NCSL Legislative Forum, braved blatant intimidation by the bankers to press her cause. Here, Boland speaks with LPAC-TV's Matt Ogden. Her interviews with Ogden and, after the meeting, with Diane Sare, can be found at www.larouchepac.com.

LPAC-TV

RouchePAC and *EIR*. But she refused to be intimidated, inspired by the knowledge that her courage in the face of bankers’ threats would help others to expand the fight. In the interest of carrying out that mission, we believe the following report on what happened on Dec. 5 should be spread far and wide.

George Gervais, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, on behalf of himself and Gov. Paul LePage. This letter flew in the face of the Maine state legislature’s resolution calling for a return to Glass-Steagall, which passed both houses of the legislature by acclamation in April 2013.

A Blow-by-Blow Account

The following account was provided by an attendee at the Dec. 5 afternoon business meeting of the NCSL Committee on Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce (CFI). The Committee barely scraped together representatives of the minimum 10 states needed for a quorum, and approximately 15 legislators were present. Of the audience of 25, at least 10 were bank lobbyists—including Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, and the American Bankers Association—out in force on behalf of Wall Street, patrolling the halls and proceedings.

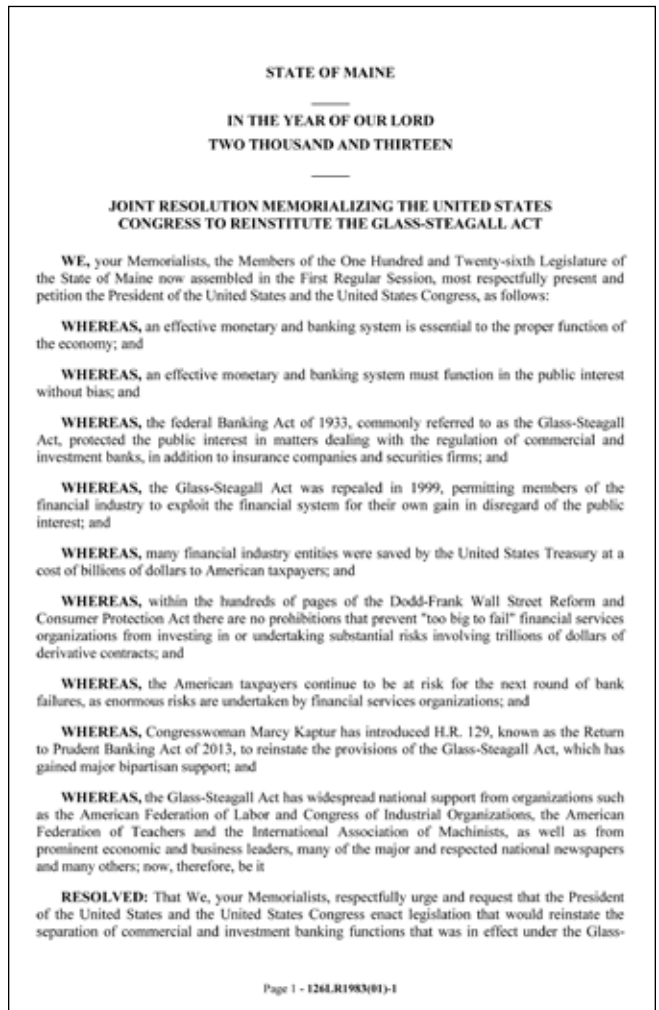
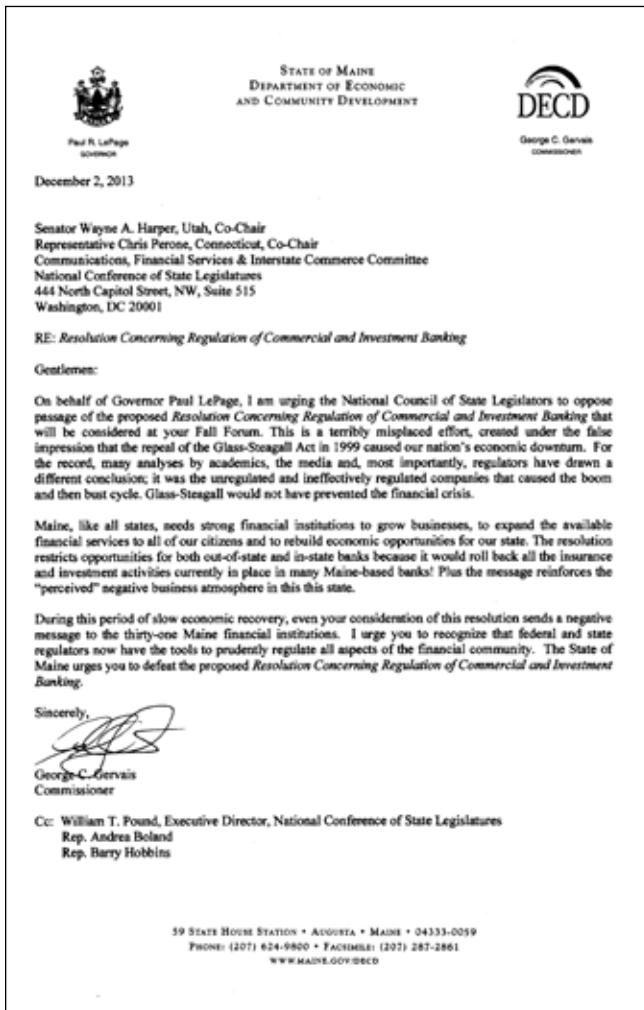
Their panic had already become evident earlier in the day, when a reporter, covering a session on privatizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as a banking “reform,” raised a question on Glass-Steagall. Shortly thereafter, not only was the reporter expelled, but other journalists were summarily subjected to a credentials check, to de-

Boland’s Presentation

Representative Boland began by explaining her Resolution to Reinstate Glass-Steagall. She then continued, speaking very directly to her fellow lawmakers (reported here throughout in paraphrase, since taping was not permitted):

I know that the American Bankers Association and bankers have been lobbying against the Resolution. I know that all of you need to raise money to get re-elected. I know that the bankers are all over the legislatures. I know it will be hard for many of you to vote for this resolution, because the bankers have a powerful lobby.

But look: The crisis is in the headlines. She read a headline, “JPMorgan Chase Makes \$13.8 Billion Settlement”; and another, “Bank of America Makes Large Settlement on Bad Mortgages.” She read, “The tally of U.S. banks is at a record low number. The small banks are run out of business, while the big banks are continu-



Maine Gov. Paul LePage had the nerve to send a letter (left) to Representative Boland, castigating her for her resolution in support of Glass-Steagall, and claiming it was against the interests of the state. But in March and April of this year, both houses of the Maine legislature voted up a pro-Glass-Steagall resolution, by acclamation (right).

ing to grow." There are no loans going out to Main Street, she said. The major banks are speculating to a degree not seen since the 1929 Crash.

Let me give this a personal slant. In my other life, I am a real estate title examiner, and I have seen a dramatic change take place. Previously, the title examiner attorney would sign his name to a certificate of title, and stand behind it. Now, we have title insurance; and the lawyer doesn't have to stand behind his examination.

The same thing is going on with the large banks; they are selling protection with securities, to protect themselves from disaster. This process is leading us to a new crisis.

When I raise Glass-Steagall to ordinary people in Maine, they say: "It makes sense. We should not be

speculating with the money people put in the bank." It should be secure for ordinary people, who just want their money safe in the bank. If people want to speculate, they should go to a brokerage house, or investment firm.

Now, people deposit their money, and it's speculated on. A mortgage might be issued; then the mortgage is sent out of town. It used to be the case that the mortgage stayed in town; you knew your own banker. But we've lost that feeling.

It's just like when I'm a title examiner. I saw the prices started to skyrocket on the same properties. I said to myself, how can that be? And then I saw the urgency to quickly re-sell the mortgage to a secondary market; and then there would be selling, reselling, packaging,

and again, reselling of the same mortgage. The commercial banks have essentially been funded the same way as the investment banks.

And they are getting \$85 billion a month from the Federal Reserve, to keep doing this. If the Federal Reserve even mentions reducing this, the stock markets immediately go down.

It's now like a house of cards. There is \$70 trillion in the global GDP, and \$770 trillion in global derivatives supported by the GDP! This makes no sense.

The banks are being funded, but businesses can't get loans. In many states, re-development authorities, which build infrastructure, can't get money, because the money is going to other places. And now, as we are fighting to get Glass-Steagall, threats are coming down from the bankers, pleading, "why didn't you call us, to let us know your concerns?"

In Maine, Bank of America is threatening to move out over a thousand employees, and there would be eight people losing their jobs in my area. And people think that's what this is all about.

Well, if Glass-Steagall passes, there will be more pain for some of the banks. But I would rather have pain for the banks, than pain for the rest of us for not doing this.

Ask yourself: There's \$770 trillion being traded in derivatives against \$70 trillion in GDP—that's a small pot holding up a gigantic tower. A lot will be lost by some people. But a lot will be gained by my people and any citizens whom you represent.

There will be pain for people at the top, lots of pain. But better that, than pain for people at the bottom, Boland concluded.

Three Piqued Responses

The Committee members, and many in the room were thoroughly provoked by Boland's tough presentation. Immediately, three of the Committee members jumped up to speak.

The first was Indiana State Senator **Travis Holdman**. The former bank chairman, and chairman of the banking committee in the State Senate (where Glass-Steagall was not taken up, though it passed in the Indiana House by acclamation in May 2013), said, "I take offense personally at the implication that I am taking money from the bankers, and the implication that that influences what I do. If I took contributions in Indiana, I would be immediately brought up on ethics charges.

How dare you insinuate this?"

The Indiana lawmaker proceeded: "The lady from Maine, whom I respect, read to you from the *Wall Street Journal*; well, I'm going to read to you from the *Wall Street Journal*." He then read a headline, "Banks Brace for Tighter Regulation," continuing, "Now let me keep reading from the newspapers." But instead, he picked up the ABA letter attacking Glass-Steagall, and read it verbatim, as if it came from the newspapers.

He then said, it is true that the Glass-Steagall Resolution passed the Indiana State House, but not the Senate, and everybody knows that if it just passes one house, it's not worth the paper it's written on.

What I think is, that we don't need Glass-Steagall; we need to repeal Dodd-Frank, and privatize Fannie and Freddie. He sat down.

State Senator **Curtis Bramble** of Utah, in line to become NCSL president in mid-2014, spoke next, listing his own credentials. "I am the chair of the Business and Labor Committee in Utah. For the sake of disclosure. I am a CPA, and I audited banks in the 1980s to make sure they complied with FDIC requirements. I'll be honest. I've been lobbied by LaRouchePAC as much as by the ABA. If people in this room vote for the Resolution, it doesn't mean they support LaRouchePAC. And if they vote against it, it doesn't mean they support the ABA."

Bramble continued, "OK. I just want to read something." He then read the Dec. 3 letter from the Maine governor's office, scripted by the ABA, to attack the Glass-Steagall Resolution. He ended, with, "I think, based on this, we should defeat the Resolution on its merits."

The third speaker was **Rep. Barry Hobbins** of Maine, who praised Representative Boland "as always being passionate for the issue she fights for." We disagree on this, however, he said. Maine has 9,000 people in its financial institutions, who could be affected. I am on the board of Gorham Savings Bank, and the president of our bank is now the state president of the Maine Bankers Association. And not only that, but for the purposes of disclosure, the Maine Bankers Association did contribute to my campaign. He continued coyly, playing to the bank lobbyists, "But frankly, it was a small contribution, and I had expected more."

Then, picking up the Maine ABA letter, he contin-

ued, “So this Resolution assumes that the repeal of Glass-Steagall led to the crash. But I just want to re-quote my friend from Indiana, who said there were other causes. [His friend had *not* given other causes; he, too, had just read the ABA letter.] Frankly, there are changes going on now in banking pursuant to Dodd-Frank, and we now have the tools to regulate the banks”—which was a direct quote from the ABA letter. “Therefore, passing this Resolution would not be good for the citizens of Maine.”

A motion was made to take a vote. But **Rep. Dan Flynn** of Texas suddenly stood up to say: “Before we vote on the motion, I request a point of order, to make one last comment. I am a former banker, and frankly, I oppose the Resolution. The repeal of Glass-Steagall didn’t cause the crash. What we should do, is repeal Dodd-Frank. The repeal of Glass-Steagall has been talked about by people who have been talking to me on the phone and in the halls, but my conclusion is that we should defeat it.” He failed to mention that he has been a consultant to the ABA.

Boland’s Rebuttal

Andrea Boland intervened at this point, asking to make a brief rebuttal. She was given one minute. “I know that the bankers know about how to present their case to you,” she said. “And I know that you have gotten letters from them on this. And I apologize to you for the letter you have received from my governor; and that the letter was signed by the Secretary for Economic Development.

“I have another resolution in an adjacent committee on protecting our electric grid, and our Secretary, Mr. Gervais, who signed the letter, would not even consider measures for protecting our electric grid, even though my resolution passed the Maine legislature. It hurts when you lose your electricity.

“Look, all the arguments today presented against this Resolution have been total misinformation. I urge you to consider the arguments of [U.S. Sen.] Elizabeth Warren, [U.S. Rep.] Marcy Kaptur, and [U.S. Sen.] Tom Harkin, and not the arguments of the banks. Follow what Elizabeth Warren is saying, against the bankers.”

The vote was then taken, which was unanimous against the Resolution, except for Maine, which was termed a split vote, because the two Maine lawmakers voted oppositely. At least three Committee members had previously said that they would vote up the Resolu-

tion, but wilted under the banker pressure.

As people started leaving, the Committee members who *had* led the opposition, gave high-fives, or shook hands heartily, with the bank lobbyists. It was conspicuous.

Donielle DeToy contributed to this article.

Documentation

State Rep. Andrea Boland’s Glass-Steagall Resolution

Resolution Concerning Regulation of Commercial and Investment Banking

Sponsor: Representative Andrea Boland

The National Conference of State Legislators believes that a considerable effort needs to be undertaken by the United States Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation that would separate commercial and investment banking functions.

The NCSL recognizes that from 1933 to 1999 the Federal Banking Act of 1933, known as the Glass-Steagall Act, worked effectively to protect the public interest in matters dealing with the regulation of commercial and investment banking.

The NCSL recognizes that the Glass-Steagall Act was repealed in 1999, which contributed to the greatest speculative bubble and subsequent worldwide economic distress since the Great Depression of 1933;

The NCSL recognizes that the impact on the states of repeal of Glass-Steagall and the subsequent financial crash, has been painful, intense, and growing, and that the states have suffered under the loss of revenue due to unemployment, Federal Government cuts and sequester provisions, and increased demands on state budgets for compensatory payments.

The NCSL understands that there is currently legislation before Congress that would reinstate provisions of the former Glass-Steagall Act. Following passage of Glass-Steagall, the federal government will be able to launch emergency infrastructure and water projects, in concert with a vibrant commercial banking sector. This will increase employment by construction

of state and federal projects that have been put on hold for too long.

The NCSL recognizes that the Federal Reserve has been issuing \$85 billion per month in cash to the too big to fail Wall Street banks, to buy their devalued derivatives securities, a thinly disguised bailout. The banks that have received this money have used it to increase their speculation in similar derivatives and failed to increase lending to Main Street. They have decreased lending to businesses and state and city projects by over \$1 trillion!

The NCSL understands that state legislatures have joined other organizations and prominent economists and bankers across the nation to demand a restoration of the Glass-Steagall Act.

The NCSL recognizes that 25 state legislatures have filed bipartisan resolutions urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to re-enact the Glass-Steagall banking law to return balance to banking activities, and that these resolutions passed in four states thus far.

The NCSL knows that H.R. 129, a bill to restore Glass-Steagall, has been introduced into the U.S. House

of Representatives by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, which currently has 75 bipartisan co-sponsors, and that similar bills have been introduced into the Senate, S. 1282 by Senators Elizabeth Warren and John McCain, currently with 10 bipartisan co-sponsors, and S. 985 introduced by Senator Tom Harkin.

Given the urgency of the economic and banking crisis that has so heavily burdened average United States citizens, their businesses, and their state and local governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact the Glass-Steagall-inspired legislation currently before Congress, which will reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions, and prohibit commercial banks and bank holding companies from investing in stocks, underwriting securities, or investing in or acting as guarantors to derivatives transactions.

Upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, to presiding officers of each house of Congress, and to each member of Congress.

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Kesha Rogers Files For Senate in Texas

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 5— Kesha Rogers filed papers for her U.S. Senate candidacy with the Texas Democratic Party today. She seeks to become the Democratic nominee opposing incumbent Republican Sen. John Cornyn, in the March 4 primary. She has twice won the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives in Texas's 22nd C.D., formerly the home of NASA, campaigning on a policy of impeaching Obama and restoring space exploration as a national priority.

In a statement released after filing her candidacy, Rogers noted: "I am running for the Democratic nomination to fill the void created by bankrupt and corrupt leaders who have long stifled a direction toward true economic and scientific progress for this state and for the nation. As the Democratic nominee for the United States House of Representatives in TX-22 District twice before, I have shown my commitment and qualifications to lead this state. I made national waves with my campaign to 'Save NASA and Impeach Obama,' putting nation above party."

Returning to the principles that animated the Kennedy Administration will be the keystone of her campaign: "We have to make sure," Rogers said, "that, without Obama in the White House, we can actually commit ourselves again to projects such as the North American Water and Power Alliance. We can give our nation a mission," she said, and give optimism to our young people: "We have to have a mission and a future in space."

Rogers called for a "break with the trends of the last several decades of economic disintegration and cultural degeneracy, which date from the unsolved assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and which have plunged our nation into physical-economic ruin, espe-

cially under the incompetent and murderous policies of the Bush, and, most emphatically, the Obama Administration. Obama must be impeached now!"

Throwing down the gauntlet to the Wall Street bankers and their political hatchetmen, Rogers called on the citizens of Texas to join her in ending "the Wall Street

bail-out economy and the looting of our nation's social safety nets.... That means the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall as the banking law of the land now. No more bailouts or bail-ins. I reject the murderous policies targeting the poor and elderly in the name of Obamacare and bonuses to the insurance companies. I reject a policy of record unemployment and mass starvation and homelessness for the people of this nation. We must now finally end the shut down of our space program, our industries, and our farms."

In a videotaped message on LPAC-TV (<http://larouchepac.com/>), Rogers elaborated on the

importance of reviving JFK's unfulfilled intentions: "Kennedy's last days in the State of Texas let us know that we had had a great power and a great job yet unfinished that we must continue: That job is that we need to get our space program back now, a fully funded, manned space program as President Kennedy intended. We have to make sure that the next generations of young people know that they have a future; their future is going to be in a commitment to millions of productive jobs, rebuilding our industry, making sure that our education system is embracing an identity of great creativity and progress."

"We must once again embrace the legacy and spirit of the last real Democratic President in the Roosevelt tradition, John F. Kennedy," she urged. "Kennedy's unfinished plans and vision for this state and for the nation must now be fulfilled. Texas must once again help steer this nation as a leader in space. Texas must again be a leader in progress and growth, leading the way as one of the most highly industrialized states in the union.... We must lead the way in demanding new platforms of higher energy density through establishing a fusion-based economy."



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Kesha Rogers announces her candidacy for the U.S. Senate, in Austin, Dec. 5, 2013.

Congressmen Demand: Declassify 28 Pages

by Edward Spannaus

Dec. 7—Two members of the House of Representatives, Walter B. Jones (R-N.C.) and Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.), on Dec. 2 introduced House Resolution 428, calling upon President Obama to declassify the censored 28-page section of the report of the Joint Congressional Inquiry on the 9/11 attacks. By all accounts, the section in question, originally classified by George W. Bush, and continuing to be suppressed by Obama, deals with the role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in providing financial and logistical support to the 9/11 hijackers.¹

Sources report that there is a heightened interest in Congress in disclosing the suppressed 28 pages. Many Congressmen have gone to read the classified material, and the Jones-Lynch filing has triggered widespread press coverage and editorial calls for releasing the hidden evidence. Indeed, one reporter who has pursued the 9/11 story since 2001, called the Jones-Lynch resolution the most important break in the cover-up so far.

The ‘Right To Know’

Upon filing the House resolution, Representative Jones issued the following statement to the press:

“Twelve years after the United States suffered a horrendous attack on our own soil, the families of the victims deserve to know all the facts concerning that tragic day. Furthermore, the information contained in the redacted pages is critical to our foreign policy moving forward and should thus be available to the American public. If the 9/11 hijackers had outside help—particularly from one or more foreign governments—the press and the public have a right to know what our govern-

ment has or has not done to bring justice to all of the perpetrators.”

Representative Lynch also issued a press release, reporting that he recently reviewed the 28 pages, and stating why he believes they should be made public:

“Twelve years after the horrific September 11 attacks, unanswered questions still remain. These pages contain information that is vital to a full understanding of the events and circumstances surrounding this tragedy. The families of the victims and the American people deserve better; they deserve answers, they deserve a full accounting, and that has not happened yet. I am very pleased to be working with my friend and colleague Congressman Jones to ensure these pages see the light of day. I strongly encourage my colleagues to review this classified section of the Inquiry, and to work with me and Congressman Jones to get it declassified.”

Evidence Is ‘Alarming’

Notable coverage of the Jones-Lynch filing included:

- A Dec. 3 *Boston Globe* story cited Eleanor Hill, formerly the staff director of the Congressional Joint Inquiry, calling the investigation’s findings “alarming,” and quoting her: “It was disturbing. . . . Even back then I personally felt they could have released more of it. Somebody needs to look at it again.”

- *The Hill*’s “Floor Action” blog reported on Dec. 3 that the Jones-Lynch filing is “the latest in a long series of attempts to declassify those pages,” including an effort by dozens of Senators in 2003. The blog notes that press reports have said that the 28 pages include information indicating that Saudi entities helped to fund the 9/11 attacks, and says that “Senators argued in 2003 that keeping these pages classified sends the signal that foreign entities who supported al Qaeda will go unpunished.” The blog also reported on the 9/11 families asking Obama to declassify the 28 pages last June, during which the families cited Obama’s own promise in 2009 to do so—which he still hasn’t fulfilled.

- The Ron Paul Institute on its website printed the text of H.Res. 428, and also the 2003 “Sense of the Senate Resolution” filed by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), seeking declassification of the 28 pages, and the floor debate on it. (This resolution had been preceded by a letter sent to President Bush from 46 Senators, which mentioned the Saudis and asked for the 28 pages to be made public.)

1. For the whole sordid story of how the evidence of Saudi sponsorship of the 9/11 attacks was suppressed, in the Congressional Joint Inquiry and the subsequent 9/11 Commission, and up to the present time, see “Bush and Obama Joined at the Hip in Shameless Coverup of Anglo-Saudi 9/11,” [EIR](#), Aug. 16, 2013.



The resolution filed by Reps. Stephen Lynch (left) and Walter Jones (right) increases the pressure on the White House to release the evidence of Saudi complicity in 9/11.

Editorials in major newspapers in Lynch's district backed his initiative, in an indication of how this movement can catch on.

The *Boston Herald* published an editorial on Dec. 7 entitled "Open the 9/11 Books," which began: "Most of the public has likely forgotten that the Congressional report on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington contained a secret section. It's still secret. But kudos to U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.) and a colleague for their bipartisan effort to uncover these surely unnecessary secrets." The editorial quotes both the Lynch and Jones statements, and asks: "If some government—or part of a government—helped the attackers, did it know what they were up to? What was the help? Money? Advice? Instruction? Did the administration of then-President George W. Bush extract some favor in return for keeping quiet? Did the administration fear that open punishment would alienate an ally?"

The *Quincy Patriot-Ledger* ran an editorial on Dec. 7, "Leadership in Both Word and Deed," praising Lynch for showing "great leadership" on this question and contrasting him with a local Selectman (town councilman) who ducked out on an important issue. Regarding the 9/11 resolution, the editorial says: "Lynch didn't

come to this opinion lightly. He first read the 28 pages—with a State Department escort present, as is customary with such protected material—and then reflected on what's in the best interest of the country."

Graham Speaks Out Again

In our last issue (*EIR*, Dec. 6, 2013), we reported on an interview with former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), who headed the Senate Intelligence Committee during the 9/11 investigations, conducted by The Real News Network. Were the role of Saudi Arabia in supporting the 9/11 terrorists to be fully aired, Graham declared, this would have enormous consequences for U.S. policy today in the Middle East, where the Saudis have been pressing for the United States to intervene militarily in Syria, and for a U.S. attack on Iran's nuclear program.

The final section of the Graham interview has since been posted, the theme of which is the culture of "not wanting to know" about the Saudi/al-Qaeda role, during the Bush-Cheney Administration. When the interviewer asked Graham what should be taken up in a reopened investigation, which Graham has called for, Graham said that a new probe should ask whether there was someone assisting the hijackers, and what was "the

extent of Saudi involvement.”

Asked whether there is any evidence linking the former Saudi Ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar, to the attacks, Graham responded by stating that there is some evidence that he can’t talk about, but he then added: “But the fact that he [Bandar] had, and exercised as aggressively as he did, his special entrée at the White House, raises questions about why was he using that special entrée, for instance, to get people who were persons of interest to U.S. intelligence and law enforcement, out of the country before they could be interviewed.” The interviewer pressed Graham on the question of Bush’s close relationship to Bandar, and whether there was a deliberate attempt “not to know.” Graham answered:

“[I]t was so pervasive that virtually all of the agencies of the federal government were moving in the same direction, from a Customs agent at an airport in Orlando who was chastised when he denied entry into the United States to a Saudi, to the President of the United States authorizing large numbers of Saudis to leave the country, possibly denying us forever important insights and information on what happened. You don’t have everybody moving in the same direction, without there being

a head coach somewhere who was giving them instructions as to where he wants them to move.”

Which, of course, raises the question: Who was the “head coach”? *EIR* has come as close to answering that question as anybody, with our consistent exposure of the British-Saudi terror axis, which operated in part through funding provided by the proceeds of the 1985 British BAE oil-for-arms barter deal known as al-Yamamah (see, for example, “9/11 Secrets Partially Revealed,” *EIR*, Sept. 16, 2011).

The combination of the recent Graham interview, the Jones-Lynch resolution, and other major developments still to come, will dramatically increase the pressure on the Obama White House to finally release the explosive evidence on the Saudis and the 9/11 attacks.

In a March 2012 MSNBC interview, when Graham was discussing the lid that the Bush Administration had put on any information that could embarrass the Saudis, he added: “It is more inexplicable why the Obama Administration has been reticent to pursue the question of Saudi involvement. For both administrations, there was and continues to be an obligation to inform the American people through truthful information.”

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WALL STREET GENOCIDE

Judge Rules To ‘Bail-In’ Detroit Workers’ Pensions

by Nancy Spannaus

Dec. 9—The Dec. 3 ruling by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes, which gave Detroit’s dictatorial Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr the “right” to put the city through Chapter 9 bankruptcy, and to eviscerate public sector retirees’ pensions, demonstrates the imminent threat of the Wall Street/City of London “bail-in” policy against the U.S. population. Under that policy, anybody and everybody holding legal liabilities of a bankrupt bank (or, as in this case, the City of Detroit) can be illegally wiped out, *but* the process produces chaotic liquidation anyway because the protected payments to the *exceptions*—the financial institutions that hold “qualified financial contracts” (financial derivatives, repo agreements, etc.)—take top priority.

Only the day before the ruling, Lyndon LaRouche had warned of the “bail-in” threat, and said precisely what had to be done:

“First of all there is a general breakdown crisis, reaching a point of what’s called ‘bail-in,’ and we’re about to reach the bail-in level, around the world essentially, but especially in certain troubled areas, such as Europe and the United States. The United States is going to have to deal with a bail-in threat. That means that *we’re going to have to cancel Wall Street*, essentially, and what Wall Street represents in most parts of the world.... We’re headed for a fundamental change *which is already under way*....”

Wall Street speculators have already destroyed the once-advanced industrial base of Detroit, and turned

the city of nearly 2 million, with the highest average household income in the country, into a depopulated hulk of a ghetto, burdened with some \$18 billion in debt and long-term liabilities. Michigan’s right-wing Gov. Rick Snyder (R) imposed technocratic Emergency Manager Orr on the city, taking all real power out of the hands of elected officials. Orr led the effort to put the city through Chapter 9 bankruptcy, to which, after much to-ing and fro-ing, Judge Rhodes gave his oral blessing, and later, a 140-page ruling.

Orr’s intent to cast out the city’s commitment to its retired workers, who include police and firemen *not* eligible for Social Security, has been clear all along. As former Congressional pre-candidate and LaRouchePAC Policy Committee member Bill Roberts said in a video statement Dec. 4, Orr, in the name of the City of Detroit, is planning to grab pension fund assets in order to pay the banks for fraudulent interest rate swap agreements, putting Detroit’s citizens at increased risk of death. This is “Wall Street genocide,” he charged, and if Americans don’t stop it, it will soon engulf the nation.

Indeed, on the same day that Judge Rhodes ruled, the Illinois state legislature passed a bill cutting state workers’ pensions—and spokesmen for the financiers, such as the London *Economist*, are already hailing the Detroit and Illinois decisions, both of which override state constitutional guarantees that pension obligations can’t be abrogated, as the wave of the future.



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The court ruling upholding Detroit's bankruptcy is nothing other than a blatant theft of city workers' pensions (average, \$19,000/year), as a "bail-in" for the very banks which had looted the city with their fraudulent "interest-rate swaps." Here, homeless people line up for food in downtown Detroit.

good faith. He puts together a composite narrative, the beginning of which reads:

"According to this composite narrative of the lead-up to the City of Detroit's bankruptcy filing on July 18, 2013, the bankruptcy was the intended consequence of a years-long, strategic plan. The goal of this plan was the impairment of pension rights through a bankruptcy filing by the City.

"Its genesis was hatched in a law review article that two Jones Day attorneys wrote. This is significant because Jones Day later became not only the City's attorneys in the case, but is also the law firm from which the City's emergency manager was hired." That article was titled: "Can Municipalities Use Bankruptcy to Solve Their Pen-

sion Woes?" and "It laid out in detail the legal roadmap for using bankruptcy to impair municipal pensions."

While carefully noting that the above argument is not the Court's opinion, he then writes:

"The Court finds, however, that in some particulars, the record does support the objectors' view of the reality that led to this bankruptcy filing. It is, however, not nearly supported in enough particulars for the Court to find that the filing was in bad faith."

The lawyers representing the unions and retirees are already appealing the judge's decision that has made Detroit now the largest municipal Chapter 9 bankrupt in the nation's history.

License To Speculate and Loot

As cited above, one of the major contributing factors to Detroit's bankruptcy, in addition to the shutdown of industry, was the opening of the city to looting by the major international banks through city borrowing, which included buying derivatives on those loans, so-called "interest-rate swaps." These swap products have cost Detroit \$107 million a year, since 2006—plus loan fees and loan refinancing fees—in all, an estimated full year of revenue in the eight years through 2012. (See "End Wall Street's Theft of Pensions: Re-Enact Glass-

The Judge's Decision

In ruling in favor of the State's decision to declare bankruptcy for Detroit, Judge Stevens dismissed the argument by the lawyers for the unions and retirees, that Manager Orr's operatives hadn't negotiated in good faith. Good faith negotiation is one of the primary requirements for a valid bankruptcy.

He also decided, de facto, to ignore the Michigan State Constitution, declaring that Orr could use Chapter 9 bankruptcy to dump the pension obligations, saying that "Pension benefits are a contractual right and are not entitled to any heightened protection in a municipal bankruptcy." This is despite the explicit statement of Section 24 of the State Constitution: "The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby."

On the issue of "good faith," the judge conceded that the plaintiffs had a point, but said that it was impractical for Orr to negotiate in good faith because the financial crisis in Detroit was growing worse (!).

In the written ruling, Judge Rhodes actually summarizes the "support in the record" for the unions' arguments that the City of Detroit did *not* file this case in

Steagall,” [EIR](#), Aug. 2, 2013.)

In paying out on these swaps, Detroit is *not* paying down the actual loans, but only the gambling losses that the bankers’ contracts led to. Had Glass-Steagall remained in force, the big banks that buy and/or syndicate the municipalities’ bond offerings, would not have been able to trap cities and states into such “financial weapons of mass destruction.”

Now that the judge has ruled the bankruptcy can go ahead, however, Emergency Manager Orr wants to expand the very same looting process! He plans to enter into more derivatives swap agreements, in order to pay off previous swaps to Wall Street.

In March, two days before moving to enter bankruptcy, Orr had made a separate deal with the holders of interest rate swaps which Detroit had been induced to enter into—UBS and Bank of America’s Merrill Lynch investment bank—to pay them 75% of their claims on these swaps by the end of this year (about \$225 million) or 82% by next March (about \$245 million).

Meanwhile, Orr immediately stopped the city’s payments on bonds held by its municipal pension funds, and has already “bailed in” those funds to the tune of about \$120 million in defaulted payments. He proposed

to replace Detroit’s retirement health benefits with \$120/month/retiree to buy health insurance “bronze” or “silver” plans on the Obamacare exchanges, or Medicare supplements if the retiree is Medicare-eligible. Rhodes rejected public-sector unions’ objections to the pension cuts: The pension fund is now only 80% funded and falling. The average \$19,000/year pensions are likely to be cut by more than 20%, and the unions fear, by half, impoverishing the retirees, many of whom do not get Social Security.

But Judge Rhodes did not menace the payments to UBS and BoA. City creditors may yet sue in objection to their payoff. But now Orr has filed to borrow \$350 million in “debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing” from the Libor-rigging specialists at Barclays bank, in order to pay UBS and BoA their \$225 million on their swaps fast, and apply the rest to “city operations.” And part of the Barclays DIP loan package consists of new interest-rate swaps; Orr will not reveal either the terms of the new swaps, or Barclays’ fees. The Detroit City Council has voted unanimously against taking this DIP loan from Barclays; but Orr thinks the Federal court will approve it on Dec. 17.

The next steps of liquidation apparently will also in-

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Genocide

As *EIR* and LaRouchePAC have documented, the City of Detroit has already been turned into a depopulated hell-hole, as a result of the deindustrialization, looting policy of Wall Street. (See “Interview: LaMar Lemmons: Detroit Does Not Need a Financial Dictatorship; It Needs Glass-Steagall,” *EIR*, July 26, 2013.) The bankruptcy decision, which some compare to the Big MAC takeover of New York City in the mid-1970s, is being presented as a way to start a “turnaround.” To the contrary. As in the case of New York, the result will be the even more rapid destruction of the city’s population and productive potential, at a rate that could only be characterized as genocide.

Detroit city pensioners do *not* receive Social Security, and so, for many, their pension is their only source of income, unless they are able to find another job.

“Retirees are going to be put out of house and home. They’re not going to be able to afford a car, food, or medicine,” said a retired Detroit firefighter, quoted by the *New York Times*, Dec. 4, in reaction to the ruling.

“We’ll be thrown out of our homes and starving if they seriously slash our pensions. Then they’ll tell us to go to the soup lines,” the AP quoted David Sole, 65, who retired from the Detroit Public Works Department in January after 22 years, and whose wife is also a city retiree.

“Pension is all we got, and now they want to cut that,” Catholic Online quotes a former city worker, who pointed out that neither police officers nor firefighters are eligible for Social Security.

“They’re going to lose their homes,” Sharon L. Levine, a lawyer for AFSCME Council 25, told the *Times*. “They’re going to lose medical benefits. They’re not going to be able to feed their families. These are very scary issues.”

“Pensions in Detroit average \$19,000 a year, and there is a good possibility that they will be reduced. That is dead-ass wrong and morally corrupt,” declared Lee Saunders, president of the AFSCME trade union.

The alternative, of course, is to foreclose on those predators who created this crisis: Wall Street.

Franklin Bell, Paul Gallagher, Dennis Mason, and Ed Spannaus contributed to this article.

LaRouche on the Detroit Bankruptcy, Pensions

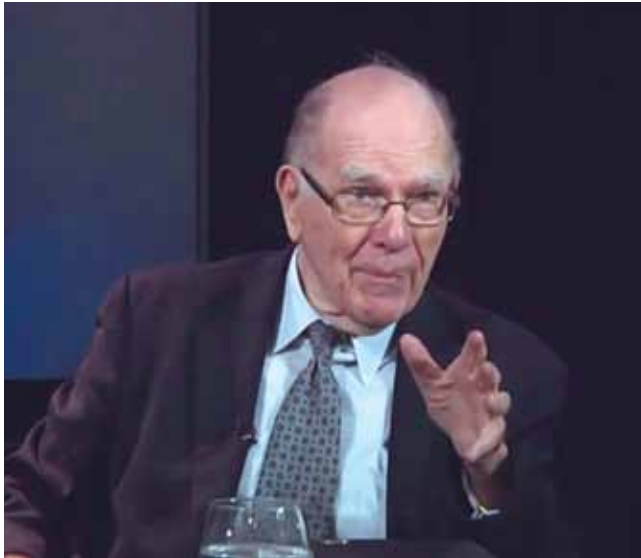
In his discussion with the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee Dec. 2, Lyndon LaRouche was asked by Bill Roberts for his views about the Detroit bankruptcy. Roberts is a former Congressional candidate from the Michigan district that includes Detroit. You can watch the video at <http://larouchepac.com/node/29071>. Here is the exchange.

Bill Roberts: Tomorrow in Detroit, the Federal bankruptcy judge is going to be making a ruling on whether Detroit is eligible for bankruptcy, whether they’re going to uphold that, and whether or not, as a related question, the pensions [of city workers] are going to be included as one of the things that are going to be put on the chopping block in the process of this bankruptcy process.¹

What the Detroit situation raises at this point, is the issue of a credit system, because the one thing that’s not being discussed in this whole process is, are we going to have a credit system or are we going to have a Wall Street system? . . . For example, the pension situation, I think, is going to have to be taken up as a question of: There’s going to have to be some sort of guarantees, or some sort of protections put in place for something like a retiree pension program, but it’s going to be considered from the standpoint that Hamilton and Franklin and Roosevelt considered credit, and credit institutions, as a matter of protecting an aspect of the economy because of its significance for the economy in the future, overall. For example, the way that Franklin Roosevelt did this with the farmers, to protect their ability to sell their crops, because he didn’t want the farmer to go bankrupt, because then people would starve.

And I think that’s the only way this question can be forced, but it’s got to be on the level of the discussion about what the American economic system actually is.

1. On Dec. 3, the Federal Bankruptcy Court upheld the City of Detroit’s bankruptcy petition.



LPAC-TV

Lyndon LaRouche posed, and then answered the question, "What is the moral economy of retirement?" in his discussion with the LPAC Policy Committee.

And so, I think this needs to be brought out into the open, particularly in this Detroit case.

How Does Society Progress?

Lyndon LaRouche: This is a crucial matter, but we have to define it properly. The danger is, if we talk about people who are out of work and retired, and we say, "Oh, we can't afford them," now, that poses a moral question, but it's not simply a moral question. It's a moral question in more manifold ways than just that kind of assumption. The issue is, how does society progress? You have people who are living on, in their senior years, and they have pensions coming up; sometimes it's health-care issues, or pension issues, calamities and things of that sort. But how do you justify paying for something the British would oppose, of course, how do you justify paying pensions to people who are just going to be ending out their lives on pensions?

Well, obviously, you don't operate on the basis of people living out pensions. You assume that a population is going to continue to grow, births will take place, young people will emerge from this process of birth and so forth; they will presumably have productive employment, which means they will be creating wealth. And the usual way that this whole pension system worked was based on, if you have contributed to the possibility of these children coming into adult-

hood, you owe something to that [older] population for its retirement. And your very existence in retirement has a moral and also practical effect and benefit for society.

So when you try to simplify it and say, "We can't afford to pay off people who are no longer working," then you've got into the mass-murder trap. And that is mass murder! Because the system was always organized on the basis of the assumption that you educate children to become productive people in society, or most of them. And you take the risks involved, the hazards and so forth, as a part of the frictional cost of maintaining a system of decent life. And generally, the thing is, technological progress.

The problem is, you have to eliminate *Green policy*. It's the Green policy which is murdering Americans! And if somebody says that the Green voice has a remark to make, well, that's because they're stupid, because they don't represent anything useful to society in the way they think.

Society is composed of the human species, a human population. It is never always the same people: People are born new, and people die old, or whatever. That's the way it is: People get killed in war, and so forth. You don't say, "We can't afford dead people."

The Economy of Retirement

So therefore, we have to put the question on the right basis: What is the economy of retirement? What is the moral economy of retirement? What did the retired people do, before they became retired, or their families became retired? What did they do? They created wealth, if they were given the opportunity to do so! And that's the point we have to make.

If you have an area like Michigan, and you think you've got whole pockets of Michigan which cannot afford themselves because they're living on pensions, then you've to put some more people into Michigan who are not required to live as pensioners, but who are actually productive people. In other words, you want to recruit productive people into your society. You want to hire people and train people into higher degrees of skills in society! You want to bring in new technologies which will help society. And then, we treat the cost of maintaining retired people, as a *frictional cost* of a process. And if you do that, if we do that, and if we insist on that definition, rather than just retirement per se, then the argument is very difficult for the enemy to oppose.

‘Single-Payer’ Wall Street Bailout: More Fed Aid to Private Insurers

by Marcia Merry Baker

Dec. 9—While two Obamacare dates dominated the headlines this Fall—the Oct. 1 HealthCare.gov flop, and the Nov. 30 Obama decree that “problems are solved”—the Obama Administration meanwhile is proceeding with new plans to channel yet more funds to the private health insurance wing of Wall Street. A 30-day public-comment period began Dec. 2, when the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) posted in the Federal Register, its proposals for how to give private insurers more Federal funds to guarantee their profits, under current chaotic conditions—euphemistically termed, the 2014 “transition.”

“Obamacare Offers More Goodies for Insurers,” is the headline Dec. 3 on an article by Bloomberg’s insurance specialist, Megan McArdle. She has cranked through relevant statistics, to try to calculate how much new Fed monies might go to the insurance carriers. It ranges from a “mere” \$1 billion, on up.

The Obama HHS move is simply the latest manifestation of the fact that the intent of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), right from the start, is corporatist, that is to say, fascist: The government and the insurance wing of Wall Street are acting as one and the same.

As need-to-know documentation, we provide in this issue, a profile of the leading U.S. private insurance conglomerate, UnitedHealth Group, and also, the political-economic history of the predecessor and model for Obamacare, the health-care “reforms” of former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair (1997-2007), which have taken down the British National Health System to the point of increased rates of death and sickness.

This documentation, plus the blatancy of the current maneuvers by Obama and the Wall Street insurance wing, make clear the insanity of anyone—especially lawmakers—persisting in bleating for-or-against

Obamacare according to the contrived Dem or GOP talking points. The Democrat-brand stupidity is that Obamacare gives “insurance to all”; all the while the ACA, of course, cuts both care and the system to deliver it.

The Republican brand of stupidity, is the charge that Obamacare is “single payer” or socialist; in fact, it is corporatist, meaning “single-payer to Wall Street!”

Whatever the partisan-brand of stupidity, what both the health-care crisis and general economic breakdown process demand, is the re-institution of *sovereign government*, on behalf of the general welfare. The immediate emergency measure required is to restore the Glass-Steagall banking system, issue credits, and launch big infrastructure and nation-building projects.

This was the context in the post-World War II years, in which the U.S. health-care delivery system itself was built up to high standards, from the time of the 1946 passage of the Hill-Burton Act (“Hospital Survey and Construction Act”), to the late 1970s, when counter-policies were deployed against it, beginning with the 1973 HMO Act. The build-up was characterized by the provision of hospitals with modern ratios of logistics (licensed hospital beds per 1,000, doctors, nurses, and diagnostic facilities per 100,000, etc.). During these decades (1940s-1970s), when the underlying economy still had agro-industrial capacity, the power-system was going nuclear and other advancements were underway, the U.S. private health insurance (both non-profit and for-profit) and medical care system “worked.”

Now, the Wall Street/Big Insurance nexus is the Big Government which is presiding over the destruction of the U.S. economy in general, and in health care, destroying the physical means to provide care, and case-by-case, denying even the right to seek it.

The tasks of lawmakers and leaders now, is to think

ahead to restoring nation-serving medicine and public health, after Obamacare and Obama himself are set aside, Glass-Steagall banking is restored, and the way is open.

Wall Street Formula: Insurance = Health Care

To begin with, Obamacare, by design, equates insurance with health care, and health care with money. This means guaranteed big bucks for the carriers, undergirded by the fact that Obamacare, just like the Blair “reforms” in Britain, is imposing drastic cutbacks in medical care. Obamacare is implementing some \$700 billion in health-care cuts over 10 years, saying this will end “overtreatment,” and “excessive” medical services.

At the same time, Obamacare provisions call for more loot to the private insurers. The volume of some \$650 billion a year in premiums currently going to the private insurance companies, is supposed to—by government policy—rise another \$200 billion or so because of Obamacare, as—according to design—millions more policy contracts are to be sold in the four main categories of health insurance (individual, large employer, small employer, and other groups).

In return, the private insurers are supposed to—Scout’s honor—restrict their profits and overhead to 20% of their revenue, and pledge to spend 80% of their revenue on health-care services; plus add more coverage to policies.

The wrench in the works for the Obamacare scheme came in October/November, in the stall-out in online policy availability, at the same time that over 5 million individuals received policy cancellation notices from their private insurers.

The Obama “fix” to this, was to decree on Nov. 14, that insurers (and state insurance regulators) should continue individual policies, even if they are not “compliant” with the ACA, that is, do not contain the expanded features. The insurers then claimed they can’t know who will be in their pools of premium holders. They project that few young, healthy cohorts of the population are joining the ranks of insurance pools, so the actuarial “math” shows that the insurers won’t make their expected profits. Therefore, Obamacare must compensate them for the risk and uncertainty involved. This is what is now happening.

HHS ‘Aid the Insurers’ Report

The 254-page report (“Proposed HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2015”) is a docu-

ment mandated by the 2010 Obamacare Act, to be issued annually, as of the new fiscal year (Oct. 1), which was done in 2011 and 2012, but under the latest chaos, was not completed until the end of November. It covers all manner of areas. But the case for Federal aid to Wall Street/insurers stands out.

A fact sheet, summary statement explains this succinctly, posted in November, on CMS.gov, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website. It states:

“Adjusting for the Transitional Plan Policy: On November 14, 2013, the Federal government announced a policy under which it will not consider certain individual and small group health insurance coverage renewed between January 1, 2014, and October 1, 2014, under certain conditions, to be out of compliance with certain 2014 market rules, and requested that States adopt a similar Policy. Because issuers’ premium estimates assumed that individuals currently enrolled in the transitional plans described above would participate in the single risk pools applicable to all non-grandfathered individual and small group plans, respectively (or a merged risk pool, if required by the State), pursuant to the single risk pool requirement at 45 CFR 156.80, *the transitional policy may lead to unanticipated changes in premium revenue for issuers of plans that comply with the 2014 market rules. We announced that we are considering a number of approaches to potentially mitigate these effects, including a proposal for a state-by-state adjustment* to how administrative costs and profits are calculated under the risk corridors program. The adjustment would be larger in States in which enrollment in transitional plans is greater. *We seek comments* on whether this, or alternative ideas, are warranted...” (emphasis added).

What are the proposals for Fed aid to the insurers? The HHS has various proposals, including that of releasing insurers from the 80:20 rule in which they are to spend 80% of their premium revenue on medical costs, and hold their overhead and profits to 20%. (This rule is called the “medical loss ratio.”)

Other proposals tweak the side payments already in place for Fed aid to insurers. For example, the government already is committed to pay for 80% of any expense the insurance company pays for an individual claim greater than \$60,000; the HHS proposes to lower this threshold to \$45,000.

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NICE: The British National Health Service Is Broken

by Mike Robinson

Nov. 25—*The term “Cameroncare” doesn’t have quite the same ring as “Obamacare.” Nonetheless, the systematic destruction of health care is a policy which applies equally on both sides of the Atlantic.*

A Brief History of Britain’s National Health Service

In 1946, an Act of Parliament established the National Health Service, with the intention that all health care should be free at the point of use for every man, woman, and child in the country. The NHS came online two years later, funded through a “National Insurance,” in turn funded by contributions by workers and employers, and collected through the tax system. For several decades, health care in Britain was of a high standard.

Then came the downward shift. This occurred in the context of the overall subversion of national economies in the trans-Atlantic region, and internationally, when the post-war Bretton Woods system of fixed currencies and national interests, became increasingly replaced by floating currencies, and globalist, deregulated casino “economics.” Unsurprisingly perhaps, the decline in health care provided by the NHS began under the premiership of Margaret Thatcher (1979-90), with the introduction of “modern management processes.”

There Is No Profit in Care: Thatcher commissioned two white papers: “Working for Patients,” and “Caring for People.” These white papers outlined the establishment of an “internal market.” This internal market came into being in 1990 with the National Health Service and Community Care Act. Health Authorities ceased to run hospitals, but instead “purchased” care from hospitals in their own areas, or from hospitals in other parts of the country. In order to qualify to receive such contracts from Health Authorities, hospitals and health-care providers had to establish themselves as so-called independent “trusts.” Thus began the policy of the free market in health care.

Next: Assisted Suicide: In 1993, assisted suicide

through the removal of life-saving care ceased to be illegal in the UK. This followed a decision of the courts that Tony Bland, injured and left in a permanent vegetative state as a result of the Hillsborough Disaster—in which 96 people were crushed to death and 766 injured as a result of overcrowding at a football stadium—should have his life ended. The hospital treating Bland, with the support of his family, had brought a case to the courts asking for permission to end his life through the withdrawal of food and fluids. Bland became the first patient in English legal history to be allowed by the courts to die in this manner.

Following the Bland case, the guidelines for similar situations were changed. They no longer referred only to those who are in the process of dying, but also to those in a long-term chronic state. The removal of food and fluids was redefined: It became a “treatment.”

Now Comes the Rationing: In 1997, Tony Blair became Prime Minister, and the destruction of the National Health Service began in earnest. Blair’s government, while notionally maintaining the “free at the point of use” principle, began the process of outsourcing of medical services to private companies, taking Thatcher’s for-profit, free-market competition model to never-before-seen levels. That, plus the systematic meddling in management structures and the imposition of staff “reforms” under the “Agenda for Change” label, brought standards of care to new lows.

In parallel, Blair established a new agency for rationing medical treatment. Set up in 1999, NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) was designed from the beginning as a mechanism for rationing health care. NICE devised the “QALY” (quality-adjusted life years) as a measure of the “effectiveness and cost effectiveness of any medication or treatment strategy to decide whether or not it is suitable for any given situation.”

NICE asserted that, “With the rapid advances in modern medicine ... most people accept that no publicly funded healthcare system, including the NHS, can possibly pay for every new medical treatment which



Britain's National Health Service, established in 1946 (the same year as the U.S. Hill-Burton Act), to provide universal health care, has, since advent of "Thatcherism," become an Orwellian, free-market, for-profit system, known as NICE. Shown: a "medical consultation" at NICE.

becomes available. The enormous costs involved mean that choices have to be made." The rationing argument states, "It makes sense to focus on treatments that improve the quality and/or length of someone's life and, at the same time, are an effective use of NHS resources." NICE uses the utilitarian argument, "To ensure our judgements are fair, we use a standard and internationally recognised method to compare different drugs and measure their clinical effectiveness: the quality-adjusted life years measurement (the 'QALY')." Cost effectiveness is expressed as "£ per QALY." How NICE.

Paid for Killing: Another of Tony Blair's improvements came along at this time—the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP) for the Dying Patient, overseen by NICE, along with many other so-called "care pathways." Devised in the late 1990s by the Royal Liverpool University Hospital and the Marie Curie Hospice to provide end-of-life care for cancer patients, the response to a 2012 freedom of information request by the *Daily Telegraph* showed that 85% of NHS trusts (hospital systems) have since adopted LCP. But the more significant statistic revealed by the *Telegraph* was that over 50% of hospital trusts had already received financial rewards for killing people through the Liverpool Care Pathway—£12.4 million in the two years to 2012 for hospitals that were "hitting targets."

Promoted for Killing: In 2007, Tony Blair stepped aside in favor of Gordon Brown and the pace of change slowed somewhat. Nonetheless, the effects of Blair's reforms became rapidly apparent, in rising death rates

and illness. Instead of remediation, the agents involved were rewarded.

The Healthcare Commission was alerted in 2008 to "apparently high mortality rates in patients admitted as emergencies" at Stafford Hospital in northwest England. The Healthcare Commission reported in August 2009 that the high death rates were a result of hospital managers being too focussed on meeting targets and finances. The report did not state the numbers of excess deaths.

Three months prior to the report's publication, it was revealed that several of the executives responsible for Stafford Hospital had been promoted to national positions, notably Cynthia Bower and Sir David Nicholson. Bower had been the chief executive of NHS West Midlands at the time of the unnecessary deaths. Her promotion took her to the national Care Quality Commission, which she now runs. The Care Quality Commission is the regulator for the NHS. Nicholson was in charge of the regional health authority responsible for Stafford Hospital at the height of the "failings." He was promoted to become Chief Executive of the NHS as a whole, and continued to the present (retiring in 2014).

The Cameron Years

The policy trend of the "free market" begun by Thatcher, which Blair continued without blinking, has been taken up with even greater gusto by Thatcher protégé David Cameron since he became prime minister in 2010. Cameron legislated for the "most extensive reorganisation of the structure of the National Health Service in England to date" in 2012. The Health and Social Care Act opens up the free market in health care even further by abolishing the NHS "Primary Care Trusts" and "Strategic Health Authorities" (the two parts of the market thus far), and replacing them with hundreds of "clinical commissioning groups" which place NHS hospitals in direct competition with private for-profit companies for provision of health care.

One such private company—Richard Branson's Virgin Healthcare—already runs 100 services across the NHS, including hospitals, accident and emergency services, and childcare services.

Not coincidentally, a number of donors to Cameron's Conservative Party have close ties to the health-care industry. John Nash, former chairman of Care UK, which provides general practitioner surgeries, walk-in centers, and other specialist services, along with his wife, donated £203,500 to the Tories over the last five years. Nash is also the founder of Sovereign Capital,

which runs a number of private health-care firms. The co-founder, Ryan Robson, another major Conservative Party donor, has given £252,429. £50,000 of this got Robson, a managing partner of Sovereign Capital, into the Conservatives Leaders' Group which quietly provides "cash for access."

Another Conservative Party donor with a financial interest in health care is Dolar Popat, who gave £209,000. He became "Lord Popat" shortly after Cameron took office. Popat founded and runs TLC Group which provides nursing and care homes for the elderly. And Philip Scott, of the Priory Group, which has most of its income from NHS and local council referrals, donated a mere £20,000. The Priory Group runs hospitals, clinics, and special schools.

The Whistleblowers: Over the course of the last two years, a number of senior NHS whistleblowers have spoken out about the reality of life, and death, in Britain's National Health Service. Initially kept silent, having been removed from their jobs through the mechanism of "compromise agreements"—a large payoff in return for signing a gagging clause—some are now breaking the terms of their severance deals to report everything from extra-marital affairs among top brass, to the total disarray at the Care Quality Commission.

The Future

In 2012, a senior doctor admitted that 130,000 elderly patients a year are dying as a result of being placed on the Liverpool Care Pathway. To put that in perspective, there are a total of 450,000 deaths of patients of all ages in UK hospitals each year. In many cases, people are having food and fluids withdrawn without consultation with, or the consent of, their families, and yet these same people could, with a little support, have enjoyed more time with those families.

Media coverage has made the Liverpool Care Pathway a tainted brand—so it is highly likely that it will be re-branded at some point next year. Unsurprisingly, there is no plan to change the policy itself. The remit is that NICE has been given the extended responsibility to include social care; this means everything from autism in children and adults, to the mental well-being of the elderly in care homes, to child abuse and "managing medicines in care homes." From April 2013 onward, NICE is "to develop guidance and quality standards for social care in England . . . an opportunity to apply an evidence-based system to decision-making in the social care sector, simi-

lar to that provided for the NHS." (nice.org.uk/socialcare/)

As with every other national asset, Britain's National Health Service is in the process of being sold off to the lowest bidder. Unlike other national infrastructure privatizations, the most recent of which was the Royal Mail, NHS privatization is such a contentious issue, that it has to be done by stealth. There will be no massive IPO in this case.

To push through the latest stage of the free market in death, David Cameron has hired Simon Stevens (see accompanying article) to replace Sir David Nicholson when Nicholson leaves office this April. That's the same Simon Stevens who was Tony Blair's health-care advisor and architect of Blair's NHS reforms. The same Simon Stevens who was the architect of the 1999 National Institute of Clinical Excellence and its health-care rationing policy. The same Simon Stevens who, for the last decade has lived and worked in the USA as a senior executive at UnitedHealthcare, most recently as chief executive, and consulted on how the Obama 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act can "save" hundreds of billions of dollars, by reducing care.

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UnitedHealth Group, Obamacare, Corporatism

by John Hoefle

Dec. 6—Obamacare has three major features we will discuss here. First, it is designed to systematically *decrease* the health care available to Americans, a part of the ongoing liquidation of the U.S. economy, our standard of living, and our people themselves. Second, it serves as an aspect of the ongoing *bailout* of the global financial system, pumping increased revenue into that system via the health-insurance sector. Third, it advances the *corporate takeover* and destruction of medicine, which is replacing the doctor-patient model with a corporate-consumer model. On all three fronts, it is an abomination.

We shall explore how this process works in the course of discussing UnitedHealth Group, the parent company of the giant HMO, United Healthcare. UnitedHealth is the "leader" in the managed-care field, which

also includes competitors WellPoint, Humana, Aetna, and Cigna, among others. By annual revenue, UnitedHealth Group (\$110.6 billion in 2012) far exceeds the next in line (WellPoint, with \$65.028 billion in 2010). By insurance policies and products, UnitedHealth provides services to 70 million Americans. Those of us who are old enough to receive AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) mailings should recognize the UnitedHealth name, as we have been inundated by ads pushing its insurance policies, which carry the AARP logo, under a fee-deal with UnitedHealth, to cadge the over-65 Medicare insurance-supplement market.

UnitedHealth Group operates in all 50 states, and in 20 countries, notably, in Britain. It is 17th on the Fortune 500 list (2012). It is one of the 30 companies in the mis-named Dow Jones Industrial Average, along with companies like ExxonMobil, Chevron, and General Electric (and such decidedly non-industrial outfits as JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, VISA, Walmart, McDonald's, Disney, and Microsoft). Also in the Dow 30 are pharmaceutical giants Pfizer and Merck, and health-care products company Johnson & Johnson, which we will see later in this report. Health care is a big business, one whose profits are threatened by the relentless, deliberate decline of the U.S. economy—profits which Obamacare is designed to protect.

To understand how this corporate health-care system came about, we cite Dr. Paul Ellwood, the “Father of the HMO,” who helped develop the HMO system in Minnesota in the early 1970s, and became the sector's leading spokesman. Ellwood lobbied hard for changes in Federal law to support the shift to HMOs, and his efforts helped to create the Health Maintenance Organization Act of 1973, which provided Federal funds to build up the HMO sector and forced companies to offer their employees HMOs as an option. In preparation for this change, in 1971, Ellwood hired Richard Burke to help implement his HMO model, and three years later—after the HMO Act passed—Burke founded what we know today as UnitedHealth Group, where Burke remains chairman. (UnitedHealth is based in Minnetonka, Minn., the Minneapolis suburb which is also home to Cargill, the mega-food cartel.) Ellwood also founded the policy group Interstudy, and formed the Jackson Hole Group, where he and economist Alain Enthoven developed and pushed the HMO model.

This corporate/HMO model was a conscious effort to head off growth of the Medicare program, which had been created in 1965, and had begun slowly expanding its coverage. Ellwood viewed the government's move

into health insurance as socialized medicine, and was determined to outflank it with what he called the corporate model, which, coming in the midst of the gathering decline in the economy, was a model for corporatism—dictatorship by private corporations.

This HMO/corporate move did not occur in a vacuum, and was, in fact, part of a larger assault on sovereign government. At the 1968 Bilderberg Group meeting in Mont Tremblant, Canada, Bilderberg steering committee member and Lehman banker George W. Ball had launched an attack on what he maliciously called “the archaic political structure of the nation-state,” and proposed instead that the world be ruled as if it were a corporation, which he called “the world company.” Ball, along with Lazard banker Felix Rohatyn, played a key role in the rise of Blackstone Group billionaire Peter Peterson, who today is a leading proponent and funder of the drive to downsize the social safety net in the name of “fiscal responsibility.” It is all part of the continuing assault on government by the Anglo-Dutch Empire.

Alain Enthoven, Ellwood's partner in promoting corporate medicine, holds degrees from Stanford, Oxford, and MIT. He joined the RAND Corporation in 1956. RAND is where the doctrines of systems analysis and “mutually assured destruction” (MAD) were developed, and Enthoven's work there earned him a spot in 1960 as one of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's “whiz kids.” By 1965, Enthoven had risen to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Analysis. He joined Litton Industries as a vice president in 1969, and from 1971 to 1973 was president of Litton Medical Products. In 1973, he became a professor at Stanford. Meanwhile, his former boss McNamara became head of the World Bank.

To find such a prominent member of the military-industrial complex deeply involved in health care planning is both interesting, and telling. Systems analysis is one of the underpinnings of the “cost-benefit analysis” which lies at the dark heart of managed health-care and Obamacare, where statistics and algorithms replace the judgments of doctors about who gets treated and who doesn't, in a way that almost always seems to favor the insurers, not the patients.

Enthoven has strong British connections. In addition to being a Rhodes Scholar and receiving a Master of Philosophy at Oxford, Enthoven served as a visiting professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine during 1998-99, and was simultaneously a Rock Carling Fellow at the health-care think-tank Nuffield Trust, where he wrote a paper on “improving” the UK's National Health Service.

Simon Stevens

The British connections into the HMO sector, UnitedHealth Group, and Obamacare are exemplified in the person of British national Simon Stevens, an executive vice president of UnitedHealth Group and the president of its Global Health division. In April 2014, Stevens will leave UnitedHealth Group as such, where he has been since January 2007, and return to Britain to head the National Health Service. He will preside over what's left of the NHS, since Stevens, serving as the top health advisor to Tony Blair (prime minister from 1997 to 2007), personally helped design and implement the very policies which undercut the NHS, such that today, there is a dramatic increase in death rates for whole categories of patients and diseases (see accompanying article).

Britain's NICE—the death panel—is the exact model for the IPAB (Independent Patient Advisory Board) in the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA/Obamacare). Stevens was prominent in the stream of HMO officials at the White House over 2009-10, in formulating the law. In May 2009, Stevens personally supplied the Obama Administration with his report on how to cut \$540 billion from Medicare and other Federal spending over 10 years. His report set out 15 steps to do this, with the largest grouping titled, “Reducing Avoidable and Inappropriate Care.” That policy is now in progress under Obamacare and at large.

The model of Stevens and his echelon of corporate cost-cutters, is that of Hitler's infamous “cost-cutting” in his 1939 T-4 euthanasia policy. In October that year, Hitler promulgated the decree that categories of “non-functionals”—the very old, chronically ill, impaired, and others considered a burden on state resources—were to be identified by medics, and systematically eliminated. (The agency in charge was located at No. 4 Tiergarten Strasse—T-4—in Berlin.)

When UnitedHealth, as it has in the recent period, begins terminating contracts with doctors in its Medicare Advantage program, and other kinds of cuts and restrictions, it should be understood as part of the systematic cutback of the health-care system in the United States. Health-care insurance is not about care, it is about money. Patients become “health-care consumers,” and find themselves paying more while getting less. This is painfully apparent in the “less expensive” policies available under Obamacare, which are expensive and the deductibles outrageous. High deductibles, as any competent systems analyst can tell you, are a way of rationing care. When they can't afford to pay out of their own pockets, many people will not go to the doctor



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Simon Stevens, president of Global Health at UnitedHealth Group, is the ghoulish health-care slasher who applied his peculiar talents, first to the UK's National Health Service, and more recently, advised Obama on how to cut \$540 billion from Medicare and other Federal spending.

unless absolutely necessary. But they will still have to pay those hefty insurance premiums. It may be called self-rationing, but it is actually a systematic denial of care, under the fraudulent guise of “universal care.”

The illusion has been created that the health-insurers are upset with Obamacare, but like many—if not most—of the things we are told by the media, this is not true. There is, in fact, a significant lobbying effort behind Obamacare. One of the outfits funding this campaign is the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which gave \$1.1 million to Families USA, which itself is interlocked with Enroll America and the Herndon Alliance—all of which organize support for the program. The Robert Wood Foundation was created by Robert Wood Johnson, who turned his family firm Johnson & Johnson into a giant medical corporation. The foundation's board is loaded with finance-types and greenies, and people with direct ties to Britain. Robert Daretta, a former vice-chairman of Johnson & Johnson, sits on the UnitedHealth Group board, as does Progressive Corp. CEO Glenn Renwick.

It is fair to say that the U.S. health-care system is being remade in the image of the killer health-care “reforms” in Britain, taken from the Hitler health-care model. Despite the Pied Piperish claims made by Obama and his coterie of behaviorists, Obamacare is a policy of restricting health care, while containing the costs, and bolstering the revenues of the health-insurance sector, and the financial markets in general. Patients become consumers, and are then consumed by this evil, corporatist system.

China's Lunar Exploration Program Moves to the Next Level

by Marsha Freeman

Dec. 6—China began Phase 2 of its lunar exploration program, with the successful launch on Dec. 2 EST of the Chang'e-3 spacecraft. The first two Chinese lunar missions, comprising Phase 1, sent orbiters to do detailed mappings of the Moon. Chang'e-3 will deploy a lander, which will release the 300-pound Yutu rover, designed to explore the Moon in new dimensions, for three months. Although critics complain that China is merely repeating what the space superpowers did in the 1970s, it has not been done *since* the 1970s, and *neither* of the space superpowers can do it now.

China is not “racing” anyone to the Moon. Scientists and engineers have been working on the development of the lunar rover for ten years. China is methodically building a capability to reach its goal: to explore the Moon, map its resources, and exploit this near-by cache of riches, such as helium-3, which can power the fusion energy power plants of the future.

The development of the Moon has been a goal of not only China, but in the past, of every space-faring nation. This nearest neighbor to Earth is an efficient platform, with its reduced gravity, for travel to anywhere else in the Solar System. Astronomy from the Moon is a window to the universe without the interference from Earth's atmosphere, or mankind's activities.

The Moon itself contains a full range of metals and minerals, and even water ice, which can be the building blocks for the apparatuses and industrial processing to be placed there. And it is the nearest source in the Solar System for helium-3.

The question that is constantly asked of Chinese lunar scientists is whether, in the early 2020s, China plans to send astro-

nauts to the Moon. Space planners in China are waiting for a go-ahead from the government to answer that question. But whenever that decision is made, and whatever the timeline turns out to be, all of the pieces are being put into place. This includes not only what will be tested and demonstrated on this mission, but those that follow.

The investigations by the Yutu (Jade Rabbit) rover on the Chang'e-3 mission will include the location of prospective sites for the collection of samples of lunar rock that are promising for closer examination on Earth. Due to China's conservative approach to space exploration, there will most likely be another lander/rover mission during Phase 2, as a backup. But Phase 3 will include the launch of a small craft from the surface of the Moon, which will carry lunar samples back to Earth.

After these missions are completed, along with a new heavy-lift rocket and the manned spacecraft systems that are being developed and tested on the Shen-



The Chang'e-3 lunar rover

zhou Earth-orbital manned missions, China will be in a position to send people to the Moon.

Breaking New Ground

Chinese space officials have stressed that they had no interest in simply repeating the missions of the 1970s. So while a very important purpose of this current mission is to test new engineering capabilities, such as intricate navigation maneuvers, precision landing, robotics, and improved Earth communications, China's approach was to equip the lander and rover with advanced scientific instrumentation, to increase our knowledge of the Moon.

Both the lander and rover are powered by solar panels, and to survive the two-week lunar nights, they house a small sample of radioactive plutonium, the decay of which provides heat to protect the scientific instruments. This is the first time that China has used a radioisotope in a spacecraft.

For the first time, ground-penetrating radar will provide an in-depth image of the structure of the lunar crust. The underbelly of the Yutu rover has a radar system which will "see" detailed structure 90 feet underground, and less detail down to several hundred feet. The rover's cameras will help it with autonomous maneuvering, and instruments mounted on a movable arm will carry out experiments to determine rock characteristics.

The lander has an ultraviolet telescope, a Moon-based cosmic observatory. Lunar scientist and the "father" of the Chang'e program, Oyang Ziyuan, explained in a CCTV interview after launch, that astronomy from the Moon "is the dream of many astronomers," because there is nothing to obstruct their view. "One day of observation on the Moon is equivalent to 14 days on Earth," he said. The lander has a second ultraviolet camera for studying the Earth's ionosphere.

Alone? Together?

Chang'e-3 entered lunar orbit on Dec. 6. In mid-December, when the lander has been maneuvered to an orbit just tens of feet above the lunar surface, it will hover above the target Sinus Iridum region. Cameras on the bottom of the lander will photograph the terrain and relay the images to scientists on Earth. The lander will scout the area until it finds a suitable spot, and then, avoiding obstacles, will shut its engines and descend to the surface. It will be the first controlled soft landing on

the Moon in nearly 40 years, and the first unmanned lunar craft able to do active hazard avoidance on its own.

The mission has generated great excitement in China, where scale models of the Jade Rabbit have been offered for sale, similar to the toy "hot wheels" models of the Mars rovers, developed by the Mattel toy company along with NASA. The excitement about the mission has been worldwide, with lunar scientists in the U.S. sending congratulations to the Chang'e-3 team.

Scientists in Turkey interviewed by Xinhua expressed great interest in a wide range of cooperative efforts with China. "Turkey closely watches China's lunar exploration programs," said Onur Haliloglu of the Space Technologies Research Institute of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. "Turkey and China should cooperate," he said, on satellite projects and lunar missions. Another suggestion was that Turkey could develop a partnership with China in manned flight. "Turkey needs an astronaut program," said Prof. Celal Sami Tufeci, who mentioned that China will have a space station early in the next decade, which would provide research opportunities for Turkish scientists.

From the launch until the lunar landing on Dec. 14, the European Space Agency (ESA) is providing tracking support to Chinese mission controllers, and providing telemetry for communications, so commands can be sent from Earth to the spacecraft. "Space exploration and space science research are great vehicles for international cooperation," said Karl Berquist from ESA. "By pooling the best researchers in Europe and China, we can achieve fabulous scientific results for the benefit of all."

When Chang'e-3 lands, NASA's LADEE orbital spacecraft, launched in September, will have carried out a detailed study of the very tenuous lunar atmosphere. The exhaust from Chang'e-3's landing engines and the disturbance of the surface dust when it lands, will give LADEE an opportunity to analyze the Moon's environment under those active conditions.

Although there is no cooperative agreement between the Chinese and American space agencies, NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) will be flying above the region where Chang'e-3 will land, once every month or so. LRO should be able to send back images of China's two craft sitting on the surface of the Moon.

Biden Trip, Dempsey Speech Push Against Asia War Danger

by Jeffrey Steinberg and Carl Osgood

Dec. 8—Vice President Joe Biden has just completed a week-long, three-nation visit to Asia. Although the trip to Japan, China, and South Korea had been planned well in advance, the mission took on a higher priority following China's recent announcement of an Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) covering much of the East China Sea, including islands claimed by both China and Japan. The United States has a direct interest in the situation on the basis of a binding defense treaty with Japan, added to the fact that frequent U.S. Air Force flights between Guam and Okinawa pass over the ADIZ.

While many of the details of Biden's high-level discussions with leaders of all three pivotal Asian countries have not been made public yet, sources in Washington confirm that the Vice President pressed Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to walk back from the harsh rhetoric against the Chinese actions that had characterized the Tokyo response. Japan has maintained its own ADIZ over much of the East China Sea since the 1960s, and Washington frequently took advantage of that during the height of the Cold War to pressure the Soviet Union against incursions into Asian airspace.

During his visit to Beijing, Biden spent more than five hours in discussions with Chinese President Xi Jinping. During their public appearances, neither Biden nor Xi even mentioned the ADIZ issue. In private, according to Washington sources, Biden did raise the issue, and made clear that the United States, while

bound to defense of Japan under longstanding treaty agreements, has no interest in an escalation of crisis in the region. He did *not* demand that China's ADIZ be rescinded.

In fact, Biden delivered a strong message of gratitude for China's role in securing the interim agreement between the P5+1 and Iran. He also conveyed Washington's recognition that China is playing a constructive role in preventing North Korea from staging any provocations. After the North's sinking of a South Korean Naval vessel and artillery attacks on South Korean security positions several years ago, Washington is concerned that the South Korean Armed Forces will respond immediately to any new provocations from the DPRK. Thus, the peninsula remains on a hair-trigger.

Dempsey Speaks Up

The same national security circles in Washington that have been working overtime to prevent an eruption of war in the Persian Gulf and the regional explosion of the war in Syria have thus weighed in to cool out the situation in the Asia-Pacific.

As Biden was completing his two days of dialogue with Xi and other top Chinese leaders, both Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey were working to resolve the ADIZ dispute. During a joint Pentagon press conference last week, both Hagel and Dempsey expressed confidence that the Chinese were not seeking

to provoke a confrontation with the ADIZ announcement. Hagel recommended that China limit the demand for flight data to only those aircraft traveling through the ADIZ or over sovereign Chinese airspace.

On Dec. 5, speaking at a town hall meeting hosted by Facebook, General Dempsey noted that while he doesn't agree with it, he understands why China established the ADIZ. (The United States has had an ADIZ on both the East and West Coasts and around Alaska since at least 1950, and it stems from similar security concerns, in fact.)

"From a realist perspective, nations will act in their interests all the time," Dempsey said. "China is no different. So as the dynamics in the region continue to change (and they are always changing), we must build stronger military-to-military relationships with the PLA. We must seek avenues and mechanisms to avoid miscalculation." Dempsey added that the United States must continue to maintain its strength in the Pacific and to support its allies there. "We've been clear with the Chinese that territorial disputes should not be resolved unilaterally and through coercion," he said. "We all benefit from stability in the Pacific, and I assess that the Chinese are clever enough to realize that."

Dempsey also made the point, as did a Pentagon spokesman separately, that U.S. military operations in the region, generally meaning flights between Okinawa, Japan and Guam, are proceeding as they did before the zone was announced. So far, there have been no further incidents.

In fact, there is a Pentagon handbook on naval law that goes through rules of engagement for Air Defense Identification Zones. Both Hagel and Dempsey noted that even when two U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers flew unarmed through the Chinese ADIZ, there was no interference from the PLA Air Force.

During a press briefing at the Pentagon on Dec. 4, Dempsey also indicated that he will be pursuing further discussions on the matter with his Chinese counterpart.

Japanese Escalate War of Words

The Japanese, in contrast to Biden, Hagel, and Dempsey, continue to hyperventilate about the situation. The lower house of Japan's parliament passed a resolution Dec. 6, demanding that China "immediately remove all measures that limit the freedom of flight over international waters," according to the *Wall Street Journal*. The resolution said the creation of the zone "raised tensions in the East China Sea more than ever

and by extension is a dangerous action that risks threatening the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region."

A day earlier, a diplomatic source told Japan's Kyodo news agency that Tokyo is trying to push through a joint statement for a Japan-ASEAN summit in Tokyo, next week, about their "concern" about any "threat" posed to international civil aviation. The draft of the statement reportedly doesn't name China, but is clearly aimed at the East China Sea ADIZ, and the possibility that China may establish another zone in the South China Sea. It is by no means clear that the ASEAN countries, most of which have close economic ties to China, will actually go along.

Major Powers Cooperation

It is noteworthy that, while Hagel and Dempsey were all over the ADIZ issue, and Secretary of State John Kerry has been managing the Middle East negotiations, President Obama's National Security Advisor Dr. Susan Rice, an acolyte of Tony Blair's anti-nation-state "humanitarian-interventionist" hoax, has been silent and all-but invisible. Her only high-visibility foreign involvement was her recent trip to Kabul to pressure Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign the Bilateral Security Agreement with the United States. That effort failed miserably.

Sources close to the State Department have further confirmed that, during the recent P5+1 negotiations, one of the biggest obstacles that Kerry had to overcome was President Obama's own hesitation to sign off on the deal. As the result of that and other recent experiences, Kerry has been forced to take a more proactive and independent stand, working closely with Dempsey, Hagel, and other Administration officials with a depth of experience and knowledge, and then to reassure the White House to sign off on the efforts. Kerry has forged a strong working relationship with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, and this has served both the United States and Russia well.

Vice President Biden is also an integral part of this Administration bloc, as the role of his staff in the back-channel discussions which led to the interim agreement on the nuclear "issue" with Iran suggests. During Biden's lengthy engagements with President Xi, the two men discussed the evolving "major powers" cooperation. Such an alliance has been long promoted by Lyndon LaRouche, who has argued that only collaboration among the United States, Russia, China, and India can defeat the power of the Anglo-Dutch Empire system.

British, EU, Obama Gun For Showdown with Russia

by Rachel Douglas

Dec. 10—The dangerous lunacy of British strategists and their henchmen among European Union and U.S. officials is on full display in the events in and around Ukraine. Evidently some who were disappointed in the failure to launch a big war by bombing Syria three months ago, are now gunning for a direct showdown with Russia, using Ukraine as a touchstone.¹

After Ukraine's Nov. 21 decision not to capitulate to the EU's brutal conditions for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), attacks on President Victor Yanukovich and the government of Prime Minister Mykola Azarov sharply escalated both inside and outside the country. Dr. Andreas Umland, a foreign agitator on the Ukrainian political scene, wrote in *Le Monde Diplomatique* Dec. 5 that the specter of civil war is looming in Ukraine, and that Russia will be to blame for it. He demanded that the EU threaten Moscow: "The West should quickly make clear to Russia's leadership the array of economic, financial, political, and diplomatic repercussions against Moscow, of a Russian strangulation of the Ukrainian economy" (that is, of Russia's adopting protective barriers for its own economy, in the event that Ukraine accept the DCFTA).

The Economist of London headlined Dec. 7, "The situation in Ukraine is volatile and dangerous: the West must act." It warned that the stand-off in Kiev is not "destined to end peacefully." The British outlet advised Yanukovich that "his country is becoming un-

governable," and that he should sack Prime Minister Azarov and form a coalition government with the opposition, while "the West should ensure that any further violence has a high price. The EU's envoys should be at the barricades, facing down the skull-crackers not in support of any politician but in the cause of peaceful protest. And the Europeans should make clear to Mr Yanukovich and his henchmen that, in the event of an escalation, they will be punished where it hurts through travel bans, and asset and bank-account freezes."

Germany's President Joachim Gauck jumped out front in confronting Russia for shortcomings in "democracy," announcing on the weekend of Dec. 7-8 that he will not attend the Sochi Winter Olympics in February. In Kiev, pro-EU opposition parties took to the streets to demand the ouster of the government and of Yanukovich. An opposition no-confidence motion against the government fell 40 votes short of passage in the Ukrainian Supreme Rada (Parliament) Dec. 3, but opposition leaders escalated. Arseni Yatsenyuk, head of jailed ex-Premier Yulia Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna (Fatherland) Party, declared the goal of forcing Yanukovich to fire the government anyway and call early Parliamentary and Presidential elections.

EU's Blatant Meddling

The most glaring element during tense demonstrations in central Kiev on Dec. 8, was the blatant meddling in Ukrainian affairs by EU officials and other British operatives. On the official level, the would-be dictators from the EU staked a claim to mediate the internal political situation in Ukraine. The European Commission announced that EC president José Manuel Barroso had spoken to Yanukovich and would send British Lady Ashton, the EU's "foreign minister," to Kiev on Dec. 10.

1. Such a scenario has been circulated for several years, as in a notorious London *Economist* futurology article in March 2007, which "looked back" from 2057 as follows: "In the dangerous second decade of the century, when Vladimir Putin returned for a third term as Russian president and stood poised to invade Ukraine, it was the EU that pushed the Obama administration to threaten massive nuclear retaliation." Quoted in "British Imperial Strategists Push EU to Confront Russia," *EIR*, March 7, 2008.

Several Western officials went beyond mere calls for a “coalition government,” acting in line with what some Ukrainians call “the Libya scenario”: simply start treating the opposition parties as if they were in power. This approach was stepped up even as Yanukovich completed successful trade talks in China Dec. 3-6; met with Russian President Vladimir Putin Dec. 6 to prepare for the important Russian-Ukrainian Inter-governmental Commission meeting of Dec. 17; and announced that he would join in round-table discussions with Ukraine’s previous three post-independence Presidents and with government and opposition representatives, to seek a way out of the political crisis.

Arriving in Kiev Dec. 10 for a second visit within a week, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland met first with opposition party leaders, ahead of a possible meeting with President Yanukovich. The French Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, announcing Dec. 8 that Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius had invited opposition figure Vitali Klitschko to visit, quoted Fabius as insisting on acceptance of the already rejected DCFTA. According to German press reports, European conservative parties are trying to boost Klitschko’s public profile as a future President of Ukraine, by inviting him to address their conference in Brussels the week of Dec. 9.

Poland’s *Rzeczpospolita* newspaper reported that Foreign Ministers Carl Bildt of Sweden and Radek Sikorski of Poland, co-initiators of the EU Eastern Partnership for Ukraine and others, are pushing Kiev to set up a Council for Eurointegration and Reform, jointly with opposition parties.

Racist Thugs for Free Trade and Democracy

A preliminary review of the activity of U.S. and EU-backed NGOs vis-à-vis Ukraine, during the years since the George Soros-sponsored Orange Revolution of December 2004, reveals ominous new elements. In this same period, the EU launched the Eastern Partnership project to try and lure Ukraine and five other former Soviet republics into the full-scale free-trade regime of the “Troika” (EC/European Central Bank/IMF), the looting scheme now rejected by Kiev.

The Eastern Partnership initiative came in December 2008, hard on the heels of Russia’s repulsing the attack by Georgia (under Michael Saakashvili, who has now popped up in Kiev to support the opposition rallies) in South Ossetia. From the outset, the Eastern Part-

nership, run directly by the EC, included enhancement of NGO activities in the target countries, with an Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum as a coordinating body.

Among the 2,200 foreign-funded NGOs operating in Ukraine, Soros’s International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) has been hyperactive in cultivating a new generation of deployable political forces. The IRF has built support in Germany through its Kiev Dialogue project. IRF project manager Myhaylo Banakh is one of the promoters of Klitschko, the former WBC Super-Heavyweight Boxing Champion who resided in Germany for many years, but is now in Kiev as a high-profile leader of the street demonstrations and head of the Udar (“Punch”) Party in the Supreme Rada. Klitschko, known as the only heavyweight champ with a PhD, has set his sights on the Ukrainian Presidency.

Banakh also works closely with Umland, the German academic who explicitly calls for turning the Ukraine crisis into a showdown with Russia.

Human rights supporters who are cheering the Kiev demonstrators as “pro-Europe forces” should realize that this year’s crowds also include an increasingly vocal and active neo-Nazi component. Oleh Tyahnybok, head of the Svoboda Party (formerly called the “Socialist-Nationalist” movement), is another of the main street-demo leaders, appearing side-by-side with Klitschko and Yatsenyuk, and meeting with the State Department’s Nuland. Tyahnybok rails against the government as a “Jewish-Russian” dictatorship over Ukraine, using vile ethnic slurs. On Dec. 4, the left-wing German website Telepolis drew attention to the growing visibility of extreme nationalists and fascists on the Kiev streets, and their involvement in provoking a Nov. 30-Dec. 1 violent episode with Ukrainian riot police, through which the political crisis was fanned. Telepolis reported that the rioters attacked police with heavy chains and that many of them wore not only face masks, but bullet-proof vests and gas masks.

The Ukrainian Interior Ministry has accused both Tyahnybok’s Svoboda and a formation called Bratstvo (the Brotherhood), formed in 1999 by Dmytro Korchynsky, of complicity in touching off the melee, in which many students were then beaten. Korchynsky’s group, emerging from paramilitary wings of the Ukrainian National Self-Defense (UNSO) and Ukrainian National Assembly (UNA) groups, have combat experience from three wars: Transdnistria in 1992-94,

Chechnya in the mid-1990s (on the insurgents' side), and on the side of Georgia against Russia in Abkhazia in 2008.

Svoboda members appear to be driving violent confrontations during the demonstrations. On Dec. 8, Svoboda claimed responsibility for toppling a statue of Lenin in Kiev, left over from the Soviet period. They replaced it with the EU flag and the red/black banner of the brutal 20th-Century radical nationalist Stepan Bandera. That day, Svoboda cadre also oversaw the erection of barricades on streets leading to government headquarters, Kiev's *Zerkalo Nedeli* (ZN) reported; police actions to remove them, the next night, led to violent clashes in which young demonstrators were injured, and rumors spread online that people had been killed. Communist Party sources in the city, in communications to friends abroad, expressed concern for their physical safety. Pavlo Viknyansky, leader of the independent Student Republic movement, said in a statement that students were being used as cannon fodder.

Criminal Charges, Dire Warnings

Also on Dec. 8, ZN reported a Ukraine Security Service (SBU) announcement that a criminal investigation has been launched into attempts by unnamed "individual politicians" to make a coup d'état. Separately, the ruling Party of Regions Deputy Chairman Alexander Yefremov, according to Interfax-Ukraine, accused Batkivshchina MP Alexander Turchinov of "inciting people to armed actions." Yefremov said that Turchinov is well aware of such possible consequences, thus any further such actions "will be criminal in nature."

The Dec. 8 edition of *Vremya Nedeli*, the weekly news recap on Russia's largest national TV channel, included a segment on the danger of civil war in Ukraine. The Channel One Russia (1TV) program led with a statement by Ihor Smeshko, former head of the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU), that in the absence of a "unifying national idea," Ukraine "cannot resolve the disputes" between the two halves of the country, West and East. 1TV then aired interviews with Serbian professors and politicians who compared the Ukraine situation to the EU- and NATO-backed regime-change in Serbia in 2000. One of them argued that for the West, having Ukraine "in Europe" is above all a military-strategic proposition. The story included the role of Oxford-groomed, Boston-based irregular warfare special-

ist Gene Sharp's colleagues in the early training of the Serbian Otpor group, which, in turn, helped to foment the Orange Revolution.² The message was that the West is intervening to play on existing frictions within Ukrainian society.

Vremya Nedeli also highlighted a video clip of the Nov. 21 speech in the Supreme Rada by MP Oleh Tsar'yov of the ruling Party of Regions, when he accused the U.S. Embassy of sponsoring and assisting forces to foment "civil war" in Ukraine. The reporter cited the figure just announced by the State Department, that the USA spent \$100 million over the past year to "help Ukraine" prepare for Eurointegration.

The Russian TV segment concluded with footage of Victoria Nuland at an OSCE meeting in Kiev the previous week, overtly supporting the demonstrators and the EU against the decision by Ukraine's elected government to put the DCFTA on hold. Nuland said, "There should be no doubt where the United States stands on all of this. We stand with the people of Ukraine, who see their future in Europe and want to bring their country back out of economic chaos." The narrator commented that Nuland's intervention eclipsed even the appearance of German Foreign Minister Westerwelle and Polish MPs marching with the opposition parties in Kiev.

Rainer Apel and Roger Moore in Germany contributed reporting for this article.

Ukrainians Being Used As 'Cannon Fodder'

The international press is blacking out the statements of leading political forces in Ukraine who do not parrot the line that Ukraine must associate with the EU. We excerpt two of them here.

On Dec. 9 Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine leader and former MP Dr. Natalia Vitrenko and the leaders of four other organizations announced forma-

2. "Destabilizing Russia: The 'Democracy' Agenda of McFaul and His Oxford masters," [EIR](#), Feb. 3, 2012.

tion of a National Resistance Front against the Euro-colonization of Ukraine. They stated:

Stop Interference in the Internal Affairs of Ukraine!

“We, leaders of Ukrainian political parties and public organizations which have joined together in the National Resistance Front against the Eurocolonization of Ukraine, demand that the leaders of the EU and NATO, as well as officials from Poland, Germany, Lithuania, and others, stop their interference in the internal affairs of Ukraine and not incite civil war in Ukraine alongside Ukrainian neo-Nazis.

“We remind these foreign instigators of the Euromaidan protests that, under the UN Charter [and other international agreements] ... the right of the people of Ukraine to choose Eurointegration or Eurasian integration is an internal right of Ukraine, defined by the Constitution of Ukraine, by Ukraine’s Declaration of National Sovereignty, and by the referenda of March 17 and December 1, 1991....

“Officials from Washington and Brussels, however, implementing their policy of a new colonization of Ukraine, have agreed with traitors to the people of Ukraine on a plan of colonization and enslavement of the country through a so-called Association Agreement with the EU. In order to force the immediate signing of this hideous agreement, so-called democracy fighters from the EU and NATO, as well as individual representatives thereof, have allied with Ukrainian Nazis and, deceiving the population regarding the content of the agreement, are organizing a coup d’état. The core of the agreement is the total destruction of industrial and agricultural production and, as a result of implementing ‘a joint security and defense policy,’ the de facto entry of Ukraine into the NATO military-political bloc and the deployment of American BMD systems in Ukraine.

“We understand that the alliance of the EU, NATO, and the Ukrainian neo-Nazis is aimed both against our national sovereignty and against the fraternal peoples of Belarus and Russia. The Washington and Brussels hawks, in alliance with Ukrainian brownshirts, are dragging Ukraine toward a war against Russia.

“We remember how the alliance of Washington and Brussels with al-Qaeda, as they forcibly exported their ‘democracy,’ drowned Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria in blood. What responsibility did the EU and U.S.

‘Goebbelses’ accept before the population of those countries, for having lied about the future benefits to the people after such interference? None at all. Today they have selected Ukraine as their victim. They have taken aim against the Customs Union.

“Kaczynski, Saakashvili, Kwasniewski, Westerwelle, Grauziniene, et al. shamelessly address people at the Ukrainian Euromaidan and tell lies. EU and NATO officials are also joining ‘the people.’ We declare to all these brazen politicians: the Ukrainian Nazis you are supporting are not the people of Ukraine. The students from Galicia [western Ukraine], who have been deceived by you and the Nazis, are but a small segment of the people. The people of Ukraine support neither neo-Nazis nor Eurocolonization.

“Therefore we demand of EU, U.S., and NATO officials: Do not interfere in Ukrainian internal affairs. We demand of the President, Government, and Foreign Ministry to ban the neo-Nazi Svoboda group and other fascist organizations and to expel from Ukraine and declare persona non grata all foreign Eurocommissars who have appeared at the Euromaidan and are pushing the will of the West upon our people.”

Student Republic Calls for Strategic Thinking

Pavlo Viknyansky, head of the Ukrainian Student Republic movement, which involves tens of thousands of young activists from throughout the country each year, on Dec. 4 issued an appeal “For a Way out of the Current Political Crisis,” addressed to the citizens, the President, the Parliamentary opposition, regional authorities, and national law enforcement agencies.

He noted that the Student Republic has been working on a project called “Strategy Ukraine-2050, a New Start” because of “the severity of the current situation in domestic and foreign policy.” Citing “the need to establish a strong national project” to give Ukrainian citizens a future, deploring the lack of “responsible and strategic thinking” within Ukraine, and “deeply angered” by the fact that all sides, including the Parliamentary and extra-Parliamentary opposition, have “cynically left very young people ‘on the front lines’ without taking adequate measures for their safety,” Viknyansky called for sincerely patriotic activists to “end the mere imitation of a political process ... [and rather] to prepare a realistic project for the forced modernization of the country (a strong national project) and present it to the people.”

BüSo Convention in Germany: There Is Life After the Euro!

by Rainer Apel and Elke Fimmen

Dec. 6—Attended by close to 150 party members and guests from Germany and numerous other countries of Europe, as well as from the United States, the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) held its convention in Mainz-Kastel, Germany, on Dec. 1, to prepare for the European Parliament elections in May 2014. The convention opened with a musical performance of two pieces from Verdi's opera *Nabucco* ("Va Pensiero," "Profezia-Finale Terzo") by the Schiller Institute's chorus.

BüSo national chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche gave the keynote address [to be published in a forthcoming issue of *EIR*—ed.]. She said that between now and the elections for European Parliament, the international financial system faces a highly turbulent period, during which the system may come crashing down. The question is, what will come after that? There is a groundswell underway, as seen in the decision of Ukraine not to accept the European Union's dictation of conditions, but instead to look toward cooperation with Eurasia. That is where the future lies for Germany and the rest of Europe, whereas the euro system offers no future.

The other big threat is that of war and even world war, in spite of the present de-escalation of tensions over Syria and Iran. There are new tensions in the Pacific, she said, caused by the U.S. strategy of the "Asia Pivot," which China rightly views as an existential threat.

While these crises are developing, the political elites in Germany are not paying attention to them. But there are three tendencies that offer an alternative—each of the three featuring the LaRouche movement in a significant role: the thrust for Glass-Steagall and a new credit policy; Pope Francis's new Apostolic Exhortation; the New Silk Road policy proclaimed by China.

BüSo vice chairwoman Elke Fimmen reported on the party's activities in the past two years, notably the mayoral election campaign in Stuttgart by Stephan Ossenkopp in Spring 2012, the publication of the Southern

Europe reconstruction [program](#) in Summer 2012, the national election campaign in Summer 2013, and the crucial intervention in the ongoing debate on bank reform, into which the party inserted its widely known trademark, the call for a Glass-Steagall system instead of the corrupt bailout and bail-in approaches.

Germany's elites wanted to suppress any such debate, but the BüSo nevertheless exposed the Cyprus model of bail-in in many public forums. Before the Bundestag voted to support the government's law that opposed Glass-Steagall-style separation of commercial from investment banking, every Bundestag member received the BüSo dossier on it, so none who voted for this scandalous law can claim not to have known its content. Zepp-LaRouche also addressed the matter in her election campaign TV spot, which was watched by millions of voters.

Europarliament Campaign Launched

Delegates voted on a slate of 35 candidates from Germany for the May 2014 European Parliament elections. The top five candidates are: Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Elke Fimmen, Stephan Ossenkopp, Kasia Kruczkowski, and Dr. Wolfgang Lillge. The slate includes long-time BüSo members and also new activists from various regions of Germany and different professions.

As became clear throughout the convention, the BüSo is participating in these otherwise meaningless elections (the European Parliament has essentially no power), in order to join with its friends elsewhere in Europe to throw off the yoke of the EU empire, to restore the sovereignty of nations, and to rebuild the world by creating a fusion-power-driven platform for civilization. In this fight, the precious cultural heritage of Germany and the other European nations is the key weapon to defeat the "Babylonian" oligarchy.

From **France**, the speakers were Jacques Cheminade, chairman of the Solidarity and Progress party; and Eugene Perez, mayor of Chamouilly, a key orga-



EIRNS/Christopher Lewis

Gabriele Chiurli, Italy



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Spyros Marinis, Greece



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman of the BüSo, gave the keynote to the party conference.



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Eugene Perez, France



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José Carlos Soto, Spain

nizer for the European mayors' initiative for Glass-Steagall.

From **Spain**, José Carlos Soto, a young member of the LaRouche movement, described the shocking situation in his country as a result of the austerity demands of the IMF, European Central Bank, and European Commission (the Troika), and called for an all-European effort to abolish the Troika and build the future.

From **Italy**, Gabriele Chiurli, regional councilman of Tuscany, and his advisor Alessandra Panduri, reported on their fight for Glass-Steagall in Italy.

From **Greece** came Spiro Marinis of the Drachma5 party, who described the economic disaster in his country, and the need to impose Glass-Steagall, and to leave the euro as quickly as possible.

Dr. Katherine Alexander-Theodotu of **Cyprus** sent her greetings along with a report on the situation in her country. She described the coming harsh cuts in living standards and the Troika-imposed privatization of industry and the social protection system, and ended by calling for a redoubled international effort for Glass-Steagall.

Tom Gillesberg from **Denmark** reported on the recent local election campaigns there by the Friends of the Schiller Institute, noting the breakthroughs in press coverage, which indicate that "things really can change."

Ulf Sandmark from **Sweden** spoke about the European Labor Party's (EAP, a Swedish party) program for the European Parliament campaign; the program focusses on Arctic development as an integral part of the Eurasian Land-Bridge and the Asia-Pacific orientation. The BüSo and EAP are the only national party organizations of the LaRouche movement in Europe able to run in this campaign, due to impossible demands for qualification in the other countries.

Harley Schlanger of the **United States**, the Western States spokesman for the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee, spoke on the drive to oust President Obama from office soon, freeing the way for Glass-Steagall, and introducing the Asia-Pacific orientation. This is the legacy of President John F. Kennedy, which now can be revived.

Toni Kästner of the BüSo delivered the concluding speech on the challenge of the fusion economy and the huge potential of **Germany** to become part of this exciting future for mankind.

The conference ended with a performance by the Schiller Institute chorus of an arrangement of the "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and finally, a four-voice setting of the German national anthem by Benjamin Lylloff, a fitting conclusion of this truly energizing event.

Bolivia Goes Nuclear— Toward the Future

by Cynthia R. Rush

Dec. 6—In his Oct. 29 keynote speech at the opening session of the Hydrocarbon Sovereignty Conference Toward 2025, held in the city of Tarija, and then in a speech the following day inaugurating a scholarship program for study in France, Bolivian President Evo Morales boldly announced that he intends to develop a nuclear energy program for peaceful purposes, as a crucial component of his plan to industrialize his very poor, landlocked nation.

“We possess all the conditions” to move forward in this area, he told his audience. “Studies have been done, and I want you to know that, together with our brother Vice President [Alvaro García Linera], we have dreamed of having nuclear energy, and it isn’t far off.” Bolivia’s “great desire is to have many men and women with great scientific knowledge,” Morales told students gathered on Oct. 30 at the French scholarship ceremony.

Last March, Vice President García Linera announced plans to train a “scientific elite” dedicated to research in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, especially for medical purposes. To this end, Morales is already ramping up plans to educate the scientific and engineering personnel, including in the Armed Forces, who will be needed to work in these programs. Some Bolivians are already studying at Argentina’s Balseiro Institute, the premier educational facility in Ibero-America for training nuclear engineers and physicists.

On Nov. 14, Morales held a first meeting with the nation’s scientists and nuclear experts to discuss setting up an atomic energy commission, acquiring a research reactor, and specifying other steps to be taken immediately. A second meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15. Meetings with experts from Argentina and France have already taken place, and more are scheduled. Russia has indicated its readiness to assist Bolivia in launching its nuclear program.

The issue is purely a political one, Morales said.

Some countries have developed nuclear energy, “but they don’t let others do this. Why shouldn’t we develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes?” As an optimistic editorial in the semiofficial *Hidrocarburos Bolivia.com* put it on Nov. 17, “with its potential, Bolivia can easily become one of the major generators of nuclear energy on the continent.” The development of this capability “will benefit the country and humanity.”

This strongly pro-nuclear stance of the Morales government is all the more striking, because it stands in such stark contrast to his own government’s heavy promotion over recent years of indigenist, environmentalist, and pro-drug legalization causes so dear to the British monarchy’s heart. But Morales is now not only firmly pro-nuclear; he has also launched a devastating broadside against the British-run environmentalist movement—he calls them “fundamentalist ecologists”—for trying to destroy his country’s prospects of actual development.

A New Paradigm

Creating a Bolivian nuclear energy industry isn’t a new idea. In the mid-1960s, under the presidency of Victor Paz Estenssoro, the government founded the Bolivian Nuclear Energy Commission (Coboen), and made significant advances in the fields of nuclear medicine, as well as in exploring and evaluating the country’s uranium and thorium reserves, among other things. The program was shelved, however, when subsequent governments made development of the country’s oil and mineral wealth a greater priority.

But Morales’s current pro-nuclear thrust, combined with an ambitious program to develop the nation’s petrochemical industry as the cornerstone of national industrialization, is entirely new, reflecting the global paradigm shift which is now accelerating in dramatic fashion with the last two weeks’ events in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Turning their backs on the Anglo-Dutch oligarchy’s murderous austerity and anti-nation-state policies that have already crushed Europe and are on their way to obliterating the United States, nations are embracing an alternative, *optimistic conception of the future* based on the use of the most advanced technologies and scientific principles.

In line with the Asia-Pacific development perspective elaborated by statesman Lyndon LaRouche, pre-



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Bolivian President Evo Morales Ayma, shown here at the United Nations in September, has renounced the Empire's Green policies, and is leading his country's efforts to industrialize and develop nuclear power.

State for the good of the country, he said, warning "We should not be instruments of the empire, let alone the oligarchies.... If the State doesn't make use of its natural resources, where would we be?"

Correa added, "Now everyone is an environmentalist to try to harm progressive governments: I'm also an environmentalist, but I understand perfectly that human beings are the most important part of nature, and the moral imperative of our nations is to overcome poverty."

Following through on that moral imperative, the Morales government is now going after the very top echelon of the British monarchy's environmental apparatus, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which today sits atop an empire of green Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) which operate worldwide, with plentiful financial resources, on behalf of the Queen's genocidal depopulation policy.

'Protection' Is Murder

In its 1994 special report, "The Coming Fall of the House of Windsor," *Executive Intelligence Review* documented the IUCN's genocidal pedigree, and the role that it and affiliated organizations played in setting up "protected areas" around the globe, particularly in developing nations, to prevent economic and infrastructural development. *EIR*'s report also detailed the role of the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy, and the banking institutions it controls, in financing these green operations.

Over the years, environmentalists have succeeded in establishing multiple protected areas in Bolivia which have locked up significant mineral and other natural resources. The Morales government is now reevaluating all these areas, with an eye toward opening them up as part of a national industrial and petrochemical development plan.

This has enraged the green imperialists—the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Greenpeace, and the Nature Conservancy, among others—which, under the IUCN's leadership are targetting the Bolivian government's plan to build a 300-km highway between Villa Tunari in Cochabamba, in central Bolivia,

mised on adoption of a global Glass-Steagall standard and creation of a new credit system, these governments are looking to Russia, China, India, South Korea, and others not wedded to London and Wall Street-dictated genocide policies, for cooperative ventures and development programs to uplift, *not kill* their populations. Hence Bolivia's expanding cooperation with China to develop its satellite technology, among other things.

Greens Are 'Instruments of Empire'

President Morales is coupling his drive for nuclear energy with an equally bold attack on the fascist environmentalist movement run directly by the Queen of England and her consort Prince Philip, who for decades have brainwashed developing-sector leaders into believing that backwardness was their nations' "natural" state, and that they should aspire to nothing more.

In an Oct. 3 press conference in Cochabamba with Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa, Morales slammed "fundamentalist environmentalists" as "instruments of the empire." Natural resources must be exploited by the

and San Ignacio de Moxos in the northern province of Beni. They argue that because the highway would run through the Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park (TIPNIS), a 2.9 million-acre region created in 1965 and “protected under the IUCN,” it shouldn’t be built. The region’s ecosystems and indigenous communities will be destroyed, and “international environmental law” violated, the Green shock troops howl.

For the IUCN, defending “international environmental law” means killing Bolivians. The highway would bring much-needed economic and social benefits to the region, allowing the State to increase its presence in an area that has historically been very isolated and impoverished. By connecting the Amazonian region of Beni to western Bolivia, through Cochabamba, the highway will provide more efficient and cheaper transportation of food and other goods into and out of the region, in addition to creating jobs and increasing the local population’s access to health and educational services. A majority of Indian communities living in the region support the project.

With good reason, in his Oct. 29 speech Morales attacked the foreign NGOs “who say we shouldn’t build roads or hydroelectric plants ... they *oppose everything*; they don’t let us work or exploit [oil]; they don’t let us industrialize.” He angrily attacked the fat-cat, generously financed NGO leaders who live comfortably in the cities, but “don’t know what it’s like for the peasants to live without electricity.”

A Regionwide Shift

The technological optimism that Bolivia is expressing is also evident elsewhere in the Andean region. On Nov. 29, the Peruvian Congress joined with the Energy and Development Research Institute (IEDES) to sponsor a seminar on “The Advance of Nuclear Energy Projects in South America.” Scientists and nuclear experts from Peru, Argentina, and Brazil addressed a wide variety of topics in which nuclear technology is currently being applied, but on a limited basis. Panelists discussed the potential for greatly expanded use of nuclear technology applied to regional defense and economic integration, food and energy security, and medicine and health, among others.

The same day, Peru’s official government daily, *El Peruano* published an article by IEDES president, nuclear physicist Roland Paucar Jáuregui, who argued

that Peru must move aggressively to expand its nuclear industry, and then pointed to the yet more audacious goal of developing fusion power.

Fusion’s “great objective,” Paucar explained, “is to release usable energy, and although scientists believe the possibility of building a commercial reactor which fulfills this function is not viable at this time, the focus of the project is a promising step in the keen desire to put scientific progress at the service of humanity.”

In this new global geometry, questions are also being raised within the region about Barack Obama’s Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the insane free-trade scheme.

Chilean trade and economics experts advising presidential candidate Michelle Bachelet, who is likely to win the Dec. 15 runoff election against right-wing opponent Evelyn Matthei, have warned that Chile should be very wary of the TPP because of its “hostility toward China,” one of Chile’s most important trading partners, with whom it already has a long-standing free-trade agreement.

The foreign policy section of Bachelet’s 2014-18 government program revealingly states, “The axis of international policy in the 21st Century is in the Pacific.” However, it adds, “We are concerned about the urgency of negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). To protect Chile’s interests, [it is necessary] to exhaustively review its scope and implications. For our country, the priority is to *avoid questionable aspects* that might arise from this agreement....”

Bachelet’s program also takes aim at the Pacific Alliance, the Wall Street and London-backed free-trade grouping of Chile, Colombia, Peru, and Mexico, created explicitly as a counter to the Common Market of the South (Mercosur) customs union, in which Argentina—a major target of the City of London—has been a key opponent of schemes to reorient Mercosur toward free trade. “While we value the Pacific Alliance’s efforts,” Bachelet’s program states, “we will orient our participation in this initiative within a perspective which *does not exclude, and is not antagonistic toward* other integration projects in the region....”

A top priority for the new Chilean government, Bachelet’s program states, will be regional integration, particularly emphasizing Chile’s role as a “bridge country” between the Ibero-American nations of the South Atlantic and the Asia-Pacific.

The Unfinished Mission Of Nelson Mandela

This leaflet, addressed “To the People of the Republic of South Africa,” was written and is being circulated by LaRouche SA, the LaRouche movement in South Africa.

Dec. 6—When a great man passes—and Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a great man—there is a natural tendency to assess his accomplishments and to wonder what might have been. This often produces a romanticised version of history, where the real person becomes something he or she was not. And then, of course, there are the efforts of those with evil intent, who attempt an edit of history for their own ends, seeking to tarnish the legacy of he who has passed.

We would rather tell the truth, because if nothing else, Mandela dedicated his life to that end, to the truth. And his greatness can be found in how he sought to serve that vision of a future, lived not for himself, but for generations of South Africans and others yet unborn, but whose lives were yet quite real and palpable to this leader of the present and future South Africa.

To set the record straight, and to say it loud and clear, Nelson Mandela defeated the clear intent of the evil British Empire to drown our nation in the blood of race war. He accomplished this by recognising that he was the leader of all South Africans, not just of black South Africans, in their shared desire to preserve our nation, not merely for themselves, but for the role that this nation might play in constructing a new Africa, free from slavery and racism and colonialism, and also free from the economic slavery of a neo-colonialism that enforced a permanent underdevelopment of South

Africa and all of Africa. It is the power of the globalised financial empire that enforces this underdevelopment, and no matter what niceties might come from the mouths of its servants in London, Wall Street, and elsewhere, the truth of its intent is demonstrated in deprivation and death.



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Nelson Mandela at his 90th birthday celebration, June 20, 2008. The number 46664 on the podium was his prisoner number at Robben Island (he was the 466th prisoner in 1964). He was released from prison in 1990.

Make no mistake, the City of London financiers and the global Empire they run hate South Africa. They hate us, because we, like our brothers in the United States, actually defeated them. They hate us, because we are the only nation on the African continent capable of producing the machines that make possible economic development and implementing and discovering new technologies, and, with proper leadership, could lead all of Africa to a new age of freedom and real prosperity.

That Mandela understood this potential is clear from his public record. It was his intent to make this the mission of a South Africa finally freed of the evil of apartheid. Inside the country, he had many potential allies among the Afrikaner elite, people who realised that they had to change, not merely to prevent unnecessary bloodshed, but to allow the

nation to realise its full future economic potential. These were South African patriots, not “race patriots” encouraged and manipulated by imperial masters in London.

Mandela needed such partners, like F.W. de Klerk—patriots who placed country above race, to make his envisioned peaceful transition work. And it did work.

Where Was the International Support?

But as great as Mandela was, there was no possibility that he could free South Africa from continued slavery to the global financial empire with domestic partners alone. For this great task, and for the future development of Africa, he needed a sovereign national partner, and that partner had to be the USA. And to this day, the USA, under its mis-leadership and with its ass-



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Mandela with South African President Frederik de Klerk in January 1992. The two of them received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for their work in ending apartheid; in 1994, Mandela succeeded de Klerk as President of South Africa.

kissing support for the global financial Empire, has failed South Africa and all of Africa.

There are those who will say that Mandela and later leaders of the ANC and the government have failed to make the kind of improvements that give hope in the townships, where unemployment, especially among young people, is so high. They will blame Mandela for turning a blind eye to corruption within the ANC and the government, which today threatens to create bloodshed between the “haves” and the “have-nots.”

But such assessments and assignments of blame ignore reality. Who gave South Africa the billions in credit it would need to develop its domestic economy? No one—on order of the City of London and its Wall Street satrap. Who sponsored regional and Africa-wide development projects to bring water where it is needed and to create rail-based development and transportation projects? No one—on orders from Her Majesty, the shriveled British Queen. Where were the partners-in-development outside of South Africa, who could have realised Mandela’s dream and vision? Nowhere to be found.

Blame them for our current problems, not a great man who sought that possibility, which we, as a people, would not otherwise by ourselves have known to battle

for. What of those citizens of South Africa who now raise orations in praise of Mandela’s memory, but who refuse to fight for their own economic freedom, who care more about picking out just the right pair of Nikes in the mall, than whether their nation will survive a coming global financial holocaust that they would prefer to believe might never reach the “Island of South Africa,” who prefer to ignore a terrible reality, than to fight to change it?

Mandela labored mightily to change that reality. But he lacked the sovereign partner that an enlightened USA could have been. And he lacked the support of our own people for his vision of a future South Africa. Speaking of the French people in the failure of the French Revolution, the great German poet Friedrich Schiller once said, “A great moment has found a little people.”

Bring Africa Out of Darkness

Rather than debate Mandela’s legacy, let us give him his true immortality, by taking up that fight for the future that he was not able to realise in his lifetime. We shall do this by bringing down the global power of the City of London and Wall Street, or face not only the death of Africa, but the likely extinction of the human race in a general thermonuclear war. We shall do this by rejecting monetarism for the higher principle of the dignity of human life, which measures our real wealth, not in monetary terms, but in what we do to improve the productive potential of mankind. We shall do this by supporting development projects for Africa which will bring the continent out of the darkness and into the light of economic development and prosperity.

Despite what the Empire tells us, our only source of wealth is not to be found in the ground, but in our people. Mandela once said he knew that all of his sufferings and tribulations had been worth it when he could look into the eyes of children and see their hope for the future. Let us remove the blinders from our eyes, and move forward with a renewed confidence in the future. This is how we must honour Nelson Mandela.

Editorial

Waiting for the Real United States

The real power of the United States has never lain in its military might, but in its dedication to the republican principles on which it was founded: the commitment to ensuring the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, through raising man up to his highest potential. That dedication, especially as expressed in the policies and actions of the Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt, was able to inspire nations around the world to join with the United States for a world order devoted to economic progress, national sovereignty, and peace.

Over recent decades, especially since the killing of President Kennedy, we have seen this power wane. Hatred and distrust of the United States are growing internationally, as a direct result of our abandonment of our essential principles. People today are hard-pressed to see the difference between the oligarchical evil of the British monarchy, and the associated international financial system, and that monarchy's historically greatest enemy, the American Republic. Even *within* our own nation.

Yet *there is no substitute* for reviving the republican American System, if we are to escape the oligarchy's plans for global fascism—which lead inexorably toward World War III with Russia and China. The United States can't reverse the world's downward trajectory alone—but our nation's leadership is absolutely essential to success.

A reflection of this reality is seen in the way the movement for Glass-Steagall is spreading throughout Western Europe. The ferment for this essential move against monetarist insanity is appearing in widely variegated locations, from the British House of Lords, to regional councils of Italy, to small towns in France, and the Greek parliament.

Once again, as after World War II, the input of an American idea, FDR's Glass-Steagall, is seen as essential to survival.

On a smaller scale, but still palpable, we can even find a similar sentiment in Russia and China, where there is broad circulation and discussion of the economic policy proposals of Lyndon LaRouche.

But, where is the real United States, which can join with Europe and Eurasia to put mankind again on the pathway to progress? When will the United States of Franklin Roosevelt reappear, to answer the call of the rest of the world, and its own citizens, to act in the interest of a truly human future?

We, of course, don't know when, or even if this will occur. What we do know, is that the *sine qua non* of restoring the real United States, with its sovereign commitment to the principles of its Constitution and the well-being of mankind everywhere, is to throw off the power of Wall Street over the government, finances, and *minds* of the American people. And the essential means for throwing off that financier power, is the enactment of FDR's Glass-Steagall.

Thanks to the efforts of the LaRouche movement, and other allies, millions of Americans now realize the necessity of Glass-Steagall. Hundreds are actively involved in fighting for it, including extraordinary leaders willing to take on Wall Street, such as Maine's Andrea Boland. We can see by the very hysteria animating Wall Street against us, that we are close indeed.

We are fighting a new war for independence from the Empire, a war on whose outcome civilization depends.

Glass-Steagall Now!

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