

# Growing Resistance To Obama's War Drive

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June 12—Some things happened today that were quite extraordinary. This really is a moment in which the entire Obama Presidency is standing out there, fully exposed. And I'll get to some of Mr. LaRouche's direct comments on the implications of that in just a moment.

What we do know—and this is just by way of late-breaking news and also by way of some things that you should be on the lookout for over the weekend: President Obama did come this morning to Capitol Hill.

Last night, he went to the annual Congressional baseball game—Democrats vs. Republicans—and he showed up basically to harangue Nancy Pelosi to make sure that she was on board for the historic vote today.

The next morning he followed up by going to Capitol Hill to pressure House Democrats. A number of leading Democrats—some of them publicly, and some of them without name attribution—came out of that 40-minute meeting with President Obama, saying they were furious. They said that towards the end of his presentation, he launched into an *ad hominem* diatribe. He basically threatened the Democrats that this was really not any longer about the trade issue, but was about him, and that this was considered in his mind to be a mandate on his Presidency. So, the implications of the overwhelming majority of Democrats voting thumbs-down, of Nancy Pelosi standing up on the floor of the House of Representatives and announcing that she was publicly going to be voting against the President are very profound.



*Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn), a leader of the Congressional opposition to Fast Track, addresses a rally in April 2015.*

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## Movement vs. Thermonuclear War

What Mr. LaRouche had to say about this, and the strategic implications, and what this says for the period that we're entering into over the immediate days and weeks ahead, is extremely important. And I want to be as precise as possible in terms of what Mr. LaRouche had to say. So, I'm going to read from a very good summary of Mr. LaRouche's words in our discussion this afternoon.

He said the outright rebellion by members of the Democratic Party in Congress against Obama's trade bill today, was not something cobbled together at the last minute, as is being claimed, but, in fact, is a crystallization of a much broader movement of resistance within the institutions against the Obama regime, both inside the United States as well as in Europe. What is happening is a series of events which are energizing the opposition to Obama's attempts to pull off a thermonuclear war.

With the oncoming collapse of the entire trans-Atlantic financial system, Obama, together with his British masters, would be inclined to provoke the occur-

rence of a thermonuclear war even within the coming three or four weeks. And the stinging defeat he suffered today will tend to *increase* his inclination in that direction even more.

However, in Germany, and now within the United States, Obama is being resisted, and being resisted with great force. And that resistance is growing.

But what is causing this growing resistance? It's that Wall Street is on the chopping block; this bankrupt system cannot continue. The entire trans-Atlantic system is hopelessly bankrupt, and large parts of the world are ready to go in an entirely different direction. The sheer overwhelming numerical strength of their populations [the BRICS nations] makes them quite strong in their power to oppose the will of this dying system.

However, the danger is that this could lead to chaos. Therefore, we need a program which can handle this collapse of the trans-Atlantic financial system. A showdown in this regard is now underway in the case of Greece; much of Europe is facing imminent crisis, including Spain, Italy, Portugal, and so on. This system cannot be held together for long. Germany is in a relatively stronger position, but what we're seeing right now is a great general breakdown crisis of the entire trans-Atlantic system.

We must take all of these things into consideration simultaneously; and then indicate the nature of what must be done to avoid both of these consequences—the economic breakdown and thermonuclear war. What is needed are policies which will alleviate the factor of panic. We must provide an FDR-style approach, resembling how he defeated the forces of Wall Street in 1932-33. We must have a program which addresses all of the various hardships being experienced by our people: a plan to ameliorate the immediate effects of the crisis, as well as addressing the need for a more general solution to the crisis.

## **Dump Worthless Debt**

What is our problem? The problem is money—worthless money. If we are prepared to cancel these worthless debts, then we can produce a constructive program to allow the people in general to rise in their opportunities of life. To Hell with the filthy rich, the speculators!

We must increase the productivity of the greatest



creative commons

*Wall Street insanity, writ large on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.*

number of people, upgrade their productivity; and we must extend this across the Atlantic as well. Each nation has its own particular problems which need to be solved, but by increasing the general level of productivity overall, we can help each of these countries come together in common interest and for common benefit. The best term to use in this regard is “win-win,” as has been specified by the Chinese.

Now, I should add that last night in the course of the discussion with the LaRouche PAC activists—which you can listen to as Matt indicated [on this website](#)—Mr. LaRouche called for an American win-win strategy.

So, I think that that's the idea that should be in people's minds as we consider the immediate answer to the question that was asked from our institutional friends, [to] which LaRouche said the following.

LaRouche said the answer to the question, “How do I see the United States economy under the Obama administration?” is simple: It's doomed. What has now become clear is that our President has turned out to be a Republican. No wonder his administration has been such a disaster.

But we can solve this crisis; we just need the constructive policy with which to do it. All this so-called “money” which the banks claim to own is all worthless. It's all gambling money; it doesn't do anything, it's not legitimate. And that takes us back to [Glass-Steagall](#).

What is real productivity, and how can we create real productivity? Just look at Franklin Roosevelt. He didn't believe in the money system; in fact, he talked about the moneychangers in the temple. And he was

proud of the fact that they hated him and he hated them right back. He believed in productivity, just as Alexander Hamilton did.

What we have now is negative productivity, quite literally. Wall Street not only has no value, but it has negative value in fact; and Glass-Steagall demonstrates that. Money is only worthwhile if it's used as a weapon to increase productivity—as a means to that end.

### **Hamilton's Solution to Worthless Debt**

How do we replace purely speculative monetary values with real credit which is being put to work for the creation of increases of productivity? Simple. It is all contained within Alexander Hamilton's four Reports to the Congress; and Jason gave us a kind of preliminary map of those four reports during last week's broadcast. And I hope at least some of you out there have taken the time to actually read through them—extraordinarily important—they're founding documents of the American Republic. And when you read them, you will be stunned at how relevant they are today to addressing this question of speculative, worthless money—gambling debt—vs. credit that goes to real productivity.

So, what LaRouche said is, if we look back at what FDR did to overcome the process of accelerating economic depression with the process of increasing economic productivity, we can understand what must be done to reverse the crisis which we face today.

What Roosevelt did to increase the productive powers of the labor force, not only halted the crisis and provided relief to the suffering that was being felt immensely by our people at that time, but succeeded in turning the United States into an economic powerhouse such that the world had never seen before.

This is what came to be the arsenal of democracy. Yes, in the war period, it was turned toward military production, but prior to that, Roosevelt had created such an increase in the productive powers of labor of the overwhelming majority of Americans, that had created the basis for the kind of increase of productivity that is so vitally needed today.

All we need to do is really look at those principles as they've been further advanced and elaborated by Mr. LaRouche; the concept of energy-flux density, for example, is one much more scientifically precise measure of how you define boosts in productivity.

LaRouche concluded that the question which we must address, is how do we do that same thing today? How do we launch a program to restructure our econ-

omy at the same time that Obama is going down in defeat? We must set ourselves the task of creating the future; and the key term is "win-win."

The point is, there is a much more profound principle to be addressed, which is not always easy to get across, but which is crucial; the idea of what is mankind. What is the purpose of mankind? How can we fulfill our mission of achieving increasing rates of progress within this galactic system, which we are now only beginning to get a window into, and are only now beginning to get a glimpse of?

Mankind is absolutely distinct from the animal, something which the great Russian scientist Vladimir Vernadsky understood. Animal species may be able to innovate; but they can't create.

And this is what we must understand as our primary consideration when it comes to the task that we now have before us; to face these two simultaneous threats to mankind's existence—economic breakdown and thermonuclear war. And carry out the type of sweeping changes needed in the face of both of these threats in order to insure the continued existence of mankind.

### **War Danger Is Imminent**

Those were Mr. LaRouche's comments. I just want to add that the situation that we're facing, what he referred to earlier in this discussion as a crisis that could play out as early as the next three to four weeks, is that you've got simultaneously, a showdown deadline of June 30 for the Greek debt crisis; which is really the crisis of the entire trans-Atlantic financial system.

And in that same timeframe, President Obama—on behalf of London—is moving to escalate the confrontation against both Russia and China. Russia is the most immediate and obvious target, but China represents the real anchor and the depth of the new win-win paradigm. So, you can't separate the threat to Russia from the intent of Obama and the British to also carry out a major threat to China at the same time.

Right now, what do we have? We have NATO maneuvers going on in the Baltic Sea right off the Russian coast, which are going to be going on throughout the month of June. You have ground maneuvers in Poland; you have the construction of an Aegis ground-based missile defense system right on the Black Sea in Romania. And you've had incursions into the Black Sea by destroyers equipped with Aegis Combat systems, coming into the very edge of Russian coastal waters.

All of these things are going on at the same time

that, just in these past few days, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Arseniy Yatsenyuk—whom Victoria Nuland fondly refers to as her “Yats”—was in Washington at the same time that Samantha Power was sent to Kiev to really deliver a blood-curdling attack against President Putin of Russia, and to blame the entirety of the Ukraine-Russian crisis on Putin, personally, and on Russia, fully ignoring the fact that Victoria Nuland, Samantha Power—this apparatus—installed a neo-Nazi regime in Kiev, on the basis of an illegal military coup, carried out by these neo-Nazi paramilitaries.

Now, this week, the House of Representatives passed an Amendment [to the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 2015, H.R. 2685], that passed by a unanimous voice-vote, indicating that the U.S. should provide no military assistance to the Azov Brigade, which is explicitly identified in this Congressional resolution as a neo-Nazi organization. The Russian media today took note of this and said, “better late than never. This is exactly what we’ve been saying since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis.”

Now, the Ukrainian government, clearly under instructions from Obama and Newland and now Power, has cut off all military cooperation with Russia, which means that the overflight permission that Russia had had for years, to provide supplies and personnel rotation to Russian peacekeepers in the Transdnistria region—a breakaway region next to Moldova, on the Ukrainian border—has now been cut off.

So, this incident, alone, represents the potential for a new “Sarajevo moment,” except the difference between then and now, is that we’re facing potential thermonuclear war.

The United States, this week, formally accused Russia of violating the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty, which was signed in 1987, and yet the United States refused to provide any details, whatsoever, of what the so-called violations are. But the U.S. administration announced that it is considering withdrawing from the INF Treaty and resuming the deployment of intermediate-range missiles to Europe, carrying nuclear warheads.

The British government, not surprisingly, has welcomed this offer with open arms, and is considering basing these new intermediate-range advanced, much more modern weapons on British soil. There is an increasing deployment of tactical nuclear weapons into parts of Western Europe, stretching into Eastern Europe.

In other words, the idea of a danger of a hair-trigger



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*Samantha Power, Obama’s Representative to the United Nations, furthered his war drive with a speech in Kiev on June 11. She is pictured here at the UN in September 2014.*

for thermonuclear war, is very real. Fortunately, there are people in Europe, in the United States, who see this madness and want nothing of it.

But the question that Mr. LaRouche posed throughout this past week, is: Will these forces have the courage to take the necessary measures?

[Chancellor Angela] Merkel, in Germany, should be removed from office. The issues are there, with the NSA scandal, and other things. The SPD portion of the coalition government broke with her decisively. Former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, former Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, current Foreign Minister [Frank-Walter] Steinmeier—have all come out and said that Merkel made a horrible and dangerous mistake, in not inviting Putin to attend the G7 meeting that she hosted several days ago. So, there are splits there.

The events today demonstrate that the Democratic Party is in a state of revolt against Obama. Given the war danger, given the danger of chaos, the real question is: Will *you* make sure, that those people who understand, at least in a limited way, that Obama is an enemy to the future of this country, take the proper steps?

He’s committed impeachable crimes. The idea of playing around with nuclear war, is a form of insanity. That, alone, could be a trigger for invoking the [25th Amendment](#). But that means that *you*’ve got to be on the case. Members of Congress are moving in a certain direction, but left to their own devices, they won’t go far enough. The burden is on our shoulders.