

have no presence of any kind of state or local public health center.

Right now, the capacities of state labs are not even based on the population density of a region, and have been taxed to the breaking point. The Executive Director of the American Public Health Association, Mohammed N. Akhter, MD, said in October, that “the demands to investigate these latest anthrax cases are rapidly outpacing our ability to act.” At various labs, some 1,200 environmental samples were being tested per day for possible anthrax. Dr. Akhter was blunt: “If they [terrorists] use a contagious agent like smallpox, we will not have isolation facilities to quarantine people. *If there’s a major attack that would require more than 500 beds, no community has that number of extra beds available*” (emphasis added).

Even Federally, the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is sited in 55-year-old facilities meant to be replaced 40 years ago. In October, an electricity outage from old wiring delayed CDC anthrax sample analysis by hours. The CDC was overtaxed even by the small outbreak of West Nile virus cases. It needs to be put on war footing, with expansion of both lab capacity and specialists.

### **Dangerous Concentration Of Food Processing**

A public health threat has been created over the past 30 years, by the increasing “free” (rigged) trade cartelization in the food supply business, bringing both huge volumes of imports through more than 100 ports of entry, and also a pattern of “factory farms,” and concentrations of food processing. The photo (p. 64) shows a giant Iowa corn sweetener plant run by Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), the world’s largest soybean and corn processor, operating mega-factories. Pathogens can easily enter the extended food chain “naturally,” and be dispersed rapidly over wide areas, instead of being confined regionally. There have been recalls, for example, of millions of pounds of meat product contaminated by *E. coli* bacteria; and listeria has been found in dairy foods. The potential impact of bioterrorism is amplified by such a system.

Huge factory-farms of hog, cattle, dairy, and poultry operations make any livestock disease outbreak—or veterinary terrorism, into an automatic catastrophe. The latest estimates of concentration of meat processing are: Five firms account for over 80% of all beef processed in the United States (IBP, ConAgra, Excel/Cargill, Farmland National, and Packerland); six firms account for over 80% of the pork (Smithfield, IBP, ConAgra, Excel/Cargill, Farmland Industries, and Hormel). The same situation prevails in dairy and cereals.

As a national sanitation defense measure, localization of farming and food processing can be restored through the restoration of traditional farm product parity pricing, and related anti-trust executive action.

# To Win War On Terror, Shut Down Dope, Inc.

by Jeffrey Steinberg

In response to the Sept. 11 irregular warfare attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, President George W. Bush declared war against international terrorism—all international terrorism. The overwhelming majority of nations of the world—led, from day one, by Russia—endorsed the President’s declaration of war, and vowed to collaborate in the campaign to rid the planet of the scourge of terrorism.

Some 60 days into the war, and 30 days into American and British military operations inside Afghanistan, the entire venture may be running aground. Within the Muslim world, there is growing fear that a protracted Anglo-American military operation against the Taliban regime and Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaeda organization, will trigger a backlash against moderate Arab governments. The “breakaway ally” regime of Ariel Sharon in Israel is threatening military action against a range of regional targets—from the Palestinian Authority, to the Hezbollah inside Lebanon, to Syria, Iraq, and even Saudi Arabia. Any such action by Israel, particularly in the context of the ongoing U.S. and British military actions in Afghanistan, would detonate the “Clash of Civilizations” demanded by such lunatic geopoliticians as Samuel Huntington, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Bernard Lewis, and Henry Kissinger.

Such events would constitute a decisive defeat of the war against terrorism, and would engulf the entire planet in decades of brutality and chaos—far more lethal than the hideous attacks of Sept. 11 and the ongoing biological warfare attacks against the United States.

To prevent this ruinous turn of events, it is imperative that the Bush Administration abandon its present course of action, and launch a genuine war against terrorism that proceeds from an entirely different set of axioms. These axioms have been stated and restated by Lyndon LaRouche since the moment the Sept. 11 attacks began.

### **An Enemy Within**

In a live radio interview with Salt Lake City talk show host Jack Stockwell, which began just moments after the first hijacked plane crashed into the Trade Center tower, LaRouche predicted that there would be a media-led stampede to blame the irregular warfare assault on Osama bin Laden—even though it was transparently clear that bin Laden could not have carried out such a sophisticated military-precision attack. LaRouche never ruled out that assets from the Afghansi mujahideen apparatus were employed in the Sept. 11 attacks. He insisted that the control over the attacks—and

the anticipated follow-on attacks—came from within rogue elements of the U.S. and Anglo-American military and national security structures; and that no effective counterattack could be mounted without targetting this high-level “enemy within” command component of the terrorist machine. (See *EIR*, Sept. 21, for the text of the interview.)

The anthrax attacks, which all qualified military and scientific specialists have said could not have originated with al-Qaeda or Iraq, confirmed the accuracy of LaRouche’s assessment. The actions of Sharon and command circles in the Israeli Defense Forces, further corroborated LaRouche’s evaluation. And the behavior of British Prime Minister Tony Blair—whose Great Britain has been the world’s number-one safe-haven for international terrorists (including “Osama bin London”), but who now professes to co-lead the coalition against terror under the banner of a new imperialism—further proves the case.

With as little fanfare as possible, President Bush should extricate the U.S. military from the Afghanistan quagmire and U.S. policymaking from the even more dangerous embrace of Tony Blair. Instead: Hit the global terrorist apparatus on its most vulnerable and exposed flank. Launch an all-out war on drugs. Take out the global underground economy of drugs, illegal weapons, and other criminal commodities. At long last, take down the global money-laundering infrastructure—with no exceptions.

By taking such action now, President Bush would restore the moral high ground that was established after the murderous sneak attacks of Sept. 11. The escalating danger of the United States being drawn into the “Clash of Civilizations” trap, would be instantly averted. The U.S.–Russian cooperation—the cornerstone of any successful war on terrorism—would be greatly advanced. As *EIR* reported in its Oct. 12 issue, in a speech delivered before his National Security Council, Russian President Vladimir Putin called for an assault against the international narco-terrorist apparatus. Both President Putin and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chief Asa Hutchinson publicly reported that 80% of the heroin trafficked in Eurasia comes from the opium poppy fields of Afghanistan. In the Western Hemisphere, the largest source of heroin and cocaine is Colombia, and the largest drug cartel in Colombia is the narco-terrorist FARC.

### **How Big Is Dope, Inc.?**

The most accurate and comprehensive recent study of the global illegal drug trade appeared in the pages of *EIR* on July 26, 1996 (“Britain’s Dope, Inc. Grows To A \$521 Billion Business”). Taken in conjunction with *EIR*’s three-part dossier on the new international terrorism, which was first published in Oct.–Nov. 1995, and was recently reprinted as part of a LaRouche in 2004 Presidential Campaign White Paper on “How to Defeat Global Irregular Warfare,” the Dope, Inc. survey provides all of the information and method required to mount and win a war against the narco-terrorist international.

In 1995, *EIR* analysts documented that the international drug trade generated \$521 billion in annual revenue. A recent review of the National Drug Threat Assessment 2001 report of the Justice Department’s National Drug Intelligence Center, confirms that Dope, Inc. continues to grow at rates well above the most successful legal corporations of national economies. Combined with illegal weapons trafficking, the black market in guns and drugs—the financial base of the new international terrorism—converges on \$1 trillion annually.

### **Can Dope, Inc. Be Busted?**

The answer is “yes.” In March 1985, in a speech delivered to an anti-drug conference in Mexico City, Lyndon LaRouche outlined a 15-point Western Hemispheric War on Drugs plan (see *EIR*, Oct. 5, 2001 for re-publication), to be carried out by precisely the kind of coalition of sovereign nation-states now committed to the war against terrorism. As the LaRouche 15-point plan and the updated July 1996 *EIR* drug survey reported, NASA and other agencies possess the satellite technology to identify every opium, coca, and marijuana field on the surface of the Earth. Precision-targetted herbicides have been developed and field-tested that can eradicate the illicit crops, with no environmental damage. Military field operations can supplement the herbicides.

Drugs en route to principal markets in North America, Europe, the states of the former Soviet Union, and Asia, can be interdicted through precisely the kinds of strict border security and related measures that have already been in force as the result of Sept. 11 and the anthrax attacks. Effective intelligence and counterintelligence measures can give governments committed to such a strike against the heart of the narco-terrorist logistics and infrastructure, a decisive advantage over the drug and gun cartels, but only if the citizens-above-suspicion, formerly exempt from law enforcement and intelligence scrutiny, are sighted on the same radar screen.

The most important element of a serious war on the narco-terror infrastructure is the takedown of the money-laundering apparatus—which begins at the top of the globalized, deregulated commercial banking system, including the commercial banks’ derivatives-trading private banking units and correspondent banking arrangements.

Such a three-front assault against Dope, Inc. is not only a winner. The truth is, no strategy against terrorism that evades such action can possibly succeed.

Richard Grasso, president of the New York Stock Exchange, who made his peace with the Colombian FARC, must be told, in no uncertain terms, that his dream of bailing out Wall Street through ever larger infusions of narco-dollars, is over. George Soros, the godfather of Dope, Inc.’s offshore money havens, should find himself facing prosecutors.

In short, hit the terrorists on the flank that they least expect. To defeat a coup, like the coup now being staged against the U.S. government, creative, flanking warfare is the key to success.