

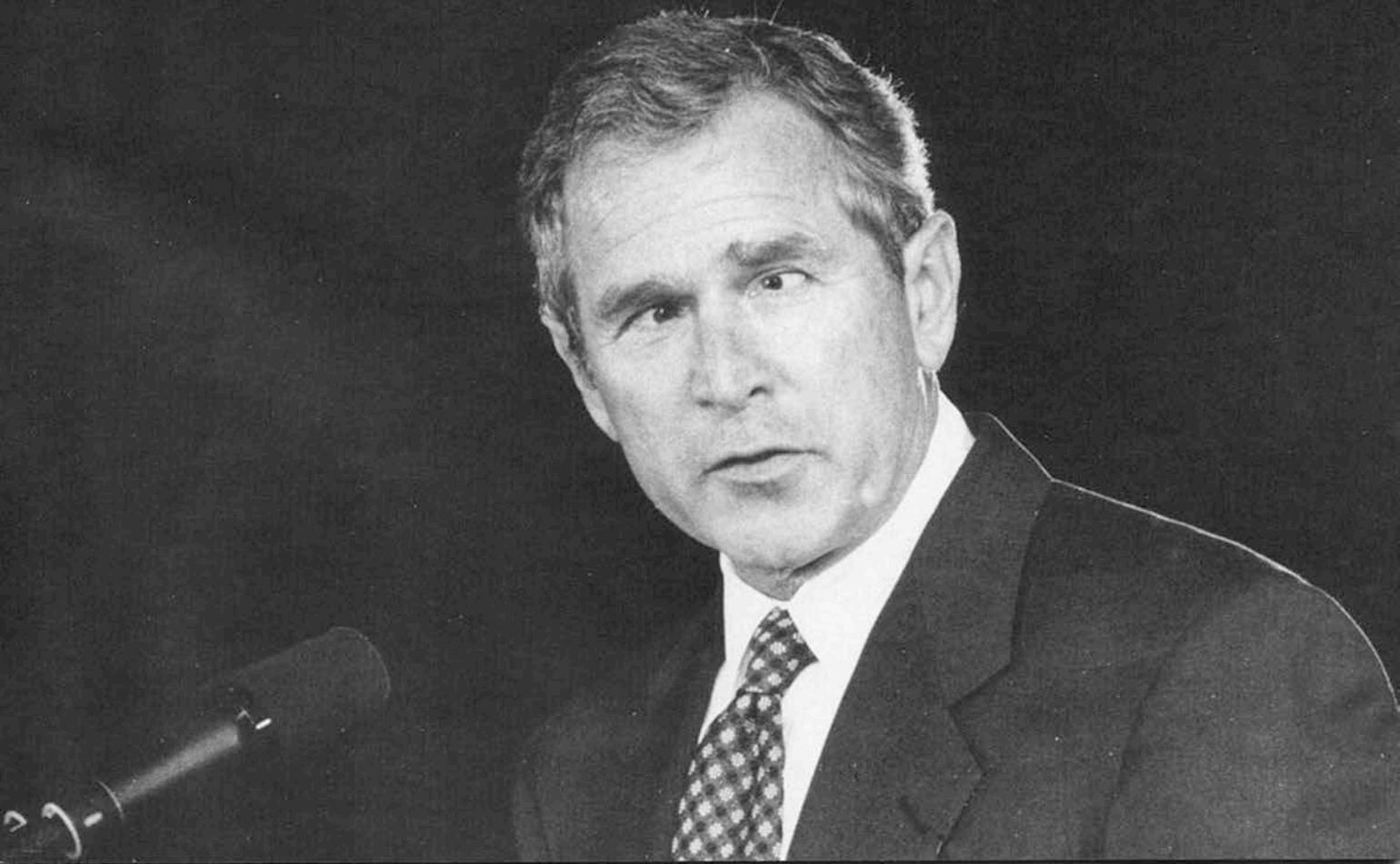
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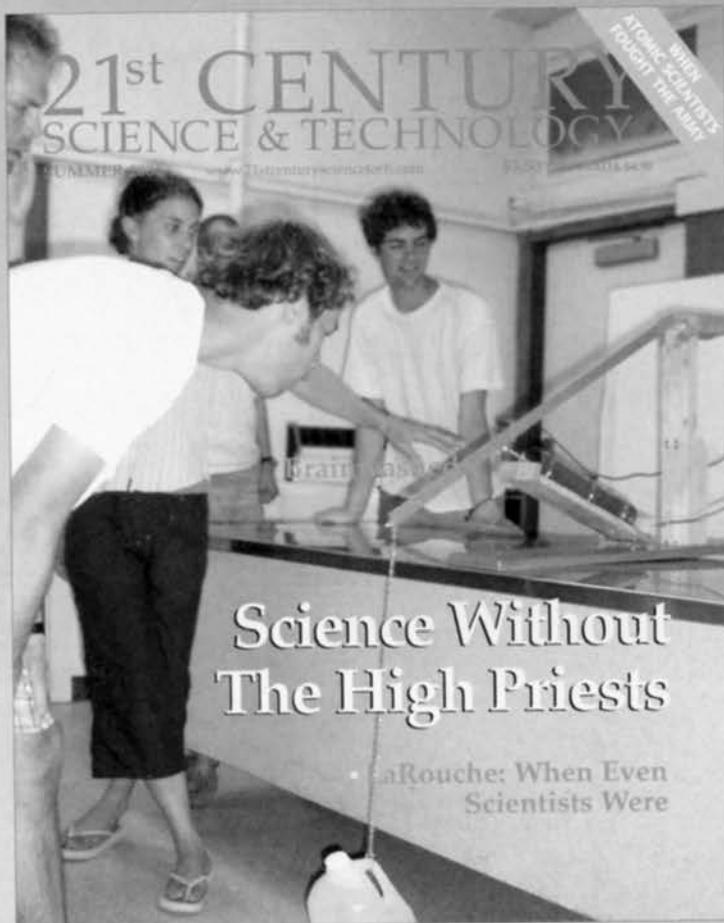
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From the Associate Editor

By the time you receive this magazine, Lyndon LaRouche's Oct. 6 webcast in Washington will have occurred, on "The Issue of President Bush's Mental Health" (www.larouchepac.com). The President's growling and snarling were evident to television audiences during the Sept. 30 debate with Sen. John Kerry, but, as psychiatrist Dr. Justin Frank reports in his book *Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President*, the problem goes a lot deeper. Now, there are widespread media reports that were Bush re-elected, the first urgent matter of business of the Administration would be regime change against Syria and Iran. Only an insane President would do this.

LaRouche's mass leaflet (page 5) makes it clear that everything is riding on this election, in a world at the brink of depression and perpetual war. Our *International* section reports some of the key global crisis points: Korea, where "the danger of war is snowballing," in the words of North Korea's Vice Foreign Minister; Afghanistan, where the much-touted upcoming election is exposed as a farce, and drug-lords rule; Syria, which is in the target sights of Israel's Sharon and the U.S. neo-cons; and Indonesia and Australia, where battles are raging over terrorism and the economy.

In Europe, the Schiller Institute convened on Sept. 24-26, for a conference addressed by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, whose keynote speeches are printed in this issue. Lyndon LaRouche was characteristically blunt, in laying out the nature of the crisis facing the world, and its solution. Warning that "some Europeans will be offended by what I say," he told them the hard truth: that only through U.S. leadership, can we all escape a descent into global depression, war, and fascism, just as it took the leadership of FDR's United States to win the war against fascism in the 1940s. Infected with the virus of Anglo-Dutch Liberalism, Europe has been unable to establish any true republics—although Europeans can be proud of the fact that it was *their* finest sons and daughters who created and fostered the "America Project" of Cotton Mather and Benjamin Franklin. Only by joining with the LaRouche forces in the United States today, guided by the principles of the Treaty of Westphalia, can Europeans effectively intervene against the imperialist beast-men who currently occupy the White House.

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Kerry Wins the Debate, So Far

by Nancy Spannaus

Despite insane restrictions on any real dialogue and confrontation, imposed by the will of President Bush's handlers in pre-debate discussions, the first debate of the 2004 Presidential election series resulted in a clear victory for Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry. What the longer-term impact of this victory will mean for the outcome of the election, remains to be seen.

For the most part, everybody followed the rules in this encounter, which occurred at the University of Miami at Coral Gables. Moderator Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service, declared his intention to enforce them, and he followed through on this declaration, keeping the candidates

within the absurd time limits of two minutes, a minute and a half, and 30 seconds, and limiting extended exploration of any particular topic.

The only significant break from the prescribed protocol for the news media—which said that journalists were not to photograph reactions from the other candidate, or the audience, when either Senator Kerry or President Bush were speaking—occurred with CNN (and perhaps others), who chose to show the candidates side by side on the screen. This visual aid spoke volumes to the viewership, which was able to see President Bush go through facial contortions, scowls, and other signs of obvious distress while Senator Kerry was speaking.

Bush didn't crack up—in part since the rules prevented Senator Kerry from directly confronting him, in part since the Senator “lightened up” at the end, and didn't go in for the kill. But Bush's “body language” will draw increased attention to the question of his mental health, the issue which former Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche has defined as *the* major issue in the countdown to the election on Nov. 2. Over the course of the next three debates, two more between Bush and Kerry, and one between the Vice-Presidential candidates, the prominence of the mental health issue is likely to grow.

Starting two days before the debate, LaRouche movement activists had begun a mass distribution of LaRouche's statement (see below), particularly in the swing state of



At the Presidential debate on Sept. 30, Senator Kerry was confident and hard-hitting, with a Presidential demeanor; while President Bush grimaced and scowled like an enraged adolescent.

Ohio, but also on the University of Miami campus in Florida where the debate was scheduled to be held, in Washington, D.C., and in other population centers around the country. Half a million copies are currently going out, and the impact of LaRouche's charges on Bush's insanity as a strategic issue will become even greater with the former candidate's international webcast, which will be held Oct. 6 in Washington, D.C.

The Issue of Iraq

The agenda of the first debate was military and security policy, and therefore it was lawful that the questioning would focus primarily on the Iraq War. Following up on the pathway he took with his Sept. 20 breakthrough speech at New York University, Senator Kerry took command of the issue right away, and replied to each question by setting forth specific policies, as well as by effectively skewering the Bush Administration for its incompetence, if not outright lies.

President Bush could barely maintain his composure as Senator Kerry quoted to him a section of the book written by his father, in which George H. W. Bush argued that the United States should not march on to Baghdad (in 1991) because we would be perceived as occupiers, and subject our troops to disaster. G.W. was outright testy in responding to Senator Kerry's claim that the President had to be pushed by his father, and former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft, into taking the Iraq issue to the United Nations in 2002.

In addition to attacks, Senator Kerry was able to put forward some of his concrete policy proposals, despite the time constraints. These included his proposal to hold a conference of Iraq's neighbors, as part of the plan to stabilize the area and reach out to the Muslim world, as well as his statement that the United States must declare its intention not to stay in Iraq permanently. Citing stories about Bush Administration plans for 14 permanent bases in the area, and about the priority that the invading army gave to protecting the Oil Ministry and facilities, above other vital concerns, Kerry said the United States must show that it has no long-term designs on Iraq.

There were no surprises in President Bush's responses to questions on the Iraq issue, as he just kept repeating that he had made "the difficult decisions," done "hard work," and had the "will" to win, against some one who had said that the Iraq War was the "wrong war at the wrong place at the wrong time."

While the Sept. 30 debate gave a clear indication of Senator Kerry's Iraq policy, it is the strategic issues posed by the presently accelerating global monetary-financial crisis, which will be decisive in the election, and the next Presidency. His views on these matters have yet to be laid out.

In fact, a lack of full clarity on crucial issues such as these is likely to last through the election itself, while Senator Kerry concentrates on seeking to reach out to the broader layer of eligible voters, in order to try to guarantee his vote. He wants to attract votes first, and define policy later.

Economics itself will not be the subject of debate between

Senator Kerry and the President until Oct. 13, by which time the political environment around the issue of the physical economy will have been heated up more intensively by the LaRouche political movement. In between, the two will meet in St. Louis on Oct. 8 for a "town hall" format debate, which may be slightly harder for the Bush crowd to control. Not that they're not trying. The protocol signed by the two campaigns even calls for the moderator to cut off a questioner from the (pre-screened) "public," if the questioner deviates significantly from the text which he wrote on his card.

One close political observer had told the LaRouche campaign that he was advising the Kerry campaign to call for a suspension of the rules, because of the seriousness of the crisis which the nation faces—a crisis that calls for an attention span of more than two minutes on any particular topic. Such a move would call the President's bluff, and potentially shatter his composure. On the other hand, just a continuous confrontation with the reality of the economy, which he insists on denying, might lead to the visible crackup of our insane President, a crackup of which we only saw the harbingers during the first debate.

Statement From LaRouche

Bush's Mental Illness The Number One Issue

On Sept. 27, with just two days to go before the first of three Presidential debates between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry, Lyndon LaRouche, the former candidate for the 2004 Democratic Party Presidential nomination, issued the following statement—titled "LaRouche: 'The Number One Issue in the Presidential Debates Is George W. Bush's Mental Illness'"—through the LaRouche Political Action Committee:

The as-yet unspoken, but pivotal issue to be taken up in the upcoming Presidential campaign debates between George W. Bush and John Kerry is the mental illnesses from which President Bush suffers. The most concise and frank, yet compassionate account of George W. Bush's multiple mental disorders can be found in the 2004 book-length study by Dr. Justin Frank, *Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President* (New York: HarperCollins, 2004). Dr. Frank is a leading psychoanalyst who teaches at George Washington University Medical Center. His professional credentials are impressive, and his in-depth study of the President, based on massive amounts of public documentation—autobiographical and biographical accounts, countless hours of video footage of

the President, statements by close associates and relatives, spanning nearly the entirety of George W. Bush's lifetime—presents a compelling case that Mr. Bush is in need of medical assistance.

As Dr. Frank summarized the case in his opening chapter, "If one of my patients frequently said one thing and did another, I would want to know why. If I found that he often used words that hid their true meaning and affected a persona that obscured the nature of his actions, I would grow more concerned. If he presented an inflexible worldview characterized by an oversimplified distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, allies and enemies, I would question his ability to grasp reality. And if his actions revealed an unacknowledged—even sadistic—indifference to human suffering, wrapped in pious claims of compassion, I would worry about the safety of the people whose lives he touched. For the past three years, I have observed with increasing alarm the inconsistencies and denials of such an individual. But he is not one of my patients. He is our President."

In his 219-page clinical diagnosis of the President's mental condition, Dr. Frank concluded that Mr. Bush suffers from a range of serious, albeit curable conditions. These include: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); untreated and uncured alcoholism (what is frequently referred to in lay terms as "dry drunk"); an omnipotence complex; paranoia; an Oedipal Complex; sadism; a mild form of Tourette's Syndrome; and a diminished capacity to distin-

guish between reality and fantasy.

These diagnosed mental disorders cannot be swept under the rug. The future of the United States and the world is going to be determined by the outcome of the Nov. 2, 2004 U.S. Presidential elections. I urge all Americans to read Dr. Frank's alarming findings. I also call on those responsible for the upcoming Presidential debates, including the candidates themselves, to accept the fact that no serious policy dialogue can take place, until this issue has been addressed, squarely and publicly. The American people have the right to know that the incumbent President, seeking re-election, is plagued by a number of debilitating mental disorders that have already impacted, gravely, on American national security, and have severely damaged some of our most important international partnerships.

In their wisdom, the Members of the U.S. Congress proposed and ratified the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which established the procedures for the President to be removed from office if it is determined that "he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." In the case of the current President, George W. Bush, we have the advantage of a Presidential election, just weeks away. It would be a grave crime of omission to cover over this admittedly sensitive Constitutional issue, and leave the matter in the hands of a Vice President Dick Cheney, were there to be a Bush-Cheney re-election and a subsequent, inevitable mental breakdown crisis.

King W's Leer

Released by LaRouche PAC on Sept. 30, the day of the first Presidential candidates' debate, under the heading, "More Evidence: 'W' Is Mentally Ill."

The absurd conditions which U.S. President George W. Bush's representatives have imposed upon rival Presidential candidate Senator John Kerry, are typical of new evidence which indicates that the incumbent President's mental health is in even far worse condition today than when psychiatrist Justin A. Frank's HarperCollins book, *Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President*, went to print, earlier this year.

For example, under the Bush team's terms of the agreement for the debate, the two candidates are each forbidden to address questions to one another, or extract pledges from the other. Such terms are not only without precedent in U.S. history of leading political debates since Lincoln-Douglas; they include conditions which imply that, in the opinion of President Bush's handlers, the President is so

near the cracking-point, that any direct exchange between him and the Senator might produce a Bush W. crack-up now, this time before the television screens of the world.

The worst side of this is that Doctor Frank points to an included streak of megalomania among the numerous pathological traits of the President. This suggests an historic parallel to the Göring-Hitler connection, in the puppeteer Cheney's relationship to the infinitely mean-spirited, carpet-chewing puppet, and former Torquemada of Texas, Bush. The difference is, that the evil Adolf Hitler knew what he was doing, whereas there is evidence from his own published patter which prompts one to wonder whether W is now in a mental state like that of a driver drunken with his own delusions, who no longer has a grip on even simple sensual reality.

This is no mere U.S. scandal. With such a President on stage, it is civilization as a whole which is in danger, as long as W's looney finger is in the vicinity of the celebrated "button." If that President could not take the pressure of even a direct statement to him from Senator Kerry, is that Bush a man for which any sane American could actually vote in good conscience, under today's skyrocketing economic and strategic crises?—*Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.*

Ashcroft and GOP Gearing Up Vote-Suppression for November Elections

by Edward Spannaus

New voter registrations are running at record levels in many Democratic areas, and voting-rights experts and Democratic activists expect an intensification of voter-intimidation and vote-suppression operations by Republican-linked groups, with the help of John Ashcroft's Justice Department. At the same time that Ashcroft has almost ceased all enforcement of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the Attorney General has packed the Department's Civil Rights Division with right-wing ideologues who have launched investigations of "voter fraud," in what is widely understood as an effort to intimidate potential minority voters.

The *Washington Post* reported on Sept. 20, that the Justice Department has launched criminal investigations into alleged voter fraud in a number of battleground states, including Ohio and West Virginia. This is no doubt a desperate reaction to the fact that, in Ohio, new voter registrations have increased more than 250% in Democratic areas, a rate ten times higher than registrations in Republican-leaning areas. New registrations are also running at very high rates in other areas, including West Virginia, and Miami/Dade County, Florida.

In New Mexico, another state targetted by the Justice Department, the Secretary of State says: "This is just an attempt to let people know Big Brother is watching. It may well be aimed at trying to keep people away from the polls."

Some right-wing academics are claiming that there are more voter registrations in some urban areas than there are eligible voters—but this is also true for some rural, predominately white states such as Montana and Alaska.

And Republican operatives are putting out the line that these massive voter-registration increases in Democratic areas signify that the Democrats intend to steal the November Presidential election. The right-wing NewsMax.com, for example, quotes an unnamed "top Republican strategist" as saying that the Democrats intend to win in November "by the old-fashioned way: stealing the election." The strategist cites the huge amounts being spent this year on voter-registration and get-out-the-vote efforts; and NewsMax adds: "Republicans believe this will lay the ground work not for a Democratic victory but for election theft on Nov. 2."

It is reported that the Republicans are planning to mobilize

30,000 lawyers looking for "fraud" and "ballot abuses" on Election Day.

The Philadelphia Case

One example of GOP-sponsored voter-suppression operations, is what happened in last year's mayoral election in Philadelphia, where GOP operatives sent teams of men wearing official-looking attire—dark suits and lapel pins—into minority neighborhoods. The men not only drove around in dark, unmarked vans and vehicles with official-looking decals, but they went up to potential black voters, telling them (falsely) that they needed a major credit card, a passport, or a driver's license to vote. They also warned black voters that it was risky to vote if they owed any child-support payments, suggesting they could go to jail. In a post-election survey of black voters, 7% reported being accosted by these voter-intimidation operatives.

Perhaps the best known case of voter suppression is that of Florida in 2000, where the voter rolls were wrongly purged of thousands of suspected "felons," and the organized efforts to keep blacks from voting included roadblocks in black neighborhoods, police forcibly turning voters away from the polls, and unnecessary demands for voter identification. Just recently, another attempt was made to purge more than 22,000 blacks from the voter rolls.

Telling Blacks Not to Vote

Another side of the Republican vote-suppression operation, is the placement of radio advertisements targeting black localities, telling blacks that there is no difference between George Bush and John Kerry, so that there is no reason they should bother going out to vote for Kerry or other Democrats.

The ads—asking if U.S. Sen. John Kerry takes "the black community for granted?"—are being run primarily on urban black radio stations in Pennsylvania (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh), Ohio (Toledo, Columbus, and Cleveland), Missouri (Kansas City and St. Louis), Michigan (Detroit), and Wisconsin (Milwaukee). These are all battleground states. Some highlights (or low-lights) of the ads:

- "John Kerry for President? How is it we don't know

anything about this guy? You'd think someone who has been in office for 22 years, we'd know why he's supposed to be our savior. What's Kerry done for us? . . . Our community doesn't need another wishy-washy, rich, white politician. And boy, does Kerry come across as rich, white, and wishy-washy!"

- Another ad quotes NAACP Chairman Julian Bond from last April, saying: "I don't think you can be a serious contender for the votes of people of color, if you don't have people of color making the decisions in your campaign." (The ad doesn't mention that, last month at the NAACP Convention, Bond praised Kerry.)

- Another nasty ad targets Teresa Heinz Kerry, who was born in Mozambique. The ad states: "His wife says she's an African-American. While technically true, I don't believe a white woman, raised in Africa surrounded by servants, qualifies. . . ."

- A fourth ad targets Kerry for missing a May 11 Senate vote on extending unemployment benefits. The bill needed 60 votes to pass, and failed 59-40. "Maybe Kerry thought the more of us who are unemployed and hurting—the more likely we would vote Democratic!" (Not mentioned is that it was Republican votes that killed the proposal.)

The ads were were paid for by "People of Color United," a group formed in August by D.C. Parents for School Choice, a pro-voucher organization funded by the right-wing Bradley Foundation. Some \$30,000 was given to People of Color United by J. Patrick Rooney, former chairman of the Golden Rule Insurance Company, which was exposed by *EIR* as major bankroller of Newt Gingrich's conservative-revolution take-over of Congress, ten years ago.

Ashcroft Lends a Hand

Although vote-suppression and intimidation have been used by Republicans against minority voters for decades (in fact Chief Justice William Rehnquist, then a private lawyer, was caught engaging in this in Phoenix back in 1964), what has many people more alarmed this year, is the Justice Department's skewing of its voting-right program to emphasize "anti-fraud" efforts, rather than ensuring voter access.

In October 2002, Ashcroft summoned Federal prosecutors from across the country to DOJ headquarters to a "Voter Integrity Symposium," and launched what he called the "Voter Access and Integrity Initiative."

"Voting access," of course, refers to efforts, enshrined in the 1965 Voting Rights Act, to ensure access to the polls for all eligible voters, particularly those who have been disenfranchised in the past.

"Voting Integrity," on the other hand, is the code name for a Republican efforts to intimidate minority voters and to suppress the largely-Democratic minority vote. As Jeffrey Toobin points out in his *New Yorker* magazine article, "Ashcroft's proposal favored the 'integrity' side of the ledger, mainly by assigning a federal prosecutor to watch for elec-

tion crimes in each judicial district."

The idea of having federal prosecutors involved gave rise to a lot of misgivings, Toobin reports. "A lot of Assistant U.S. Attorneys are going to be more interested in voting integrity than voter protection," said a lawyer who recently left the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division. "How many people are scared off from voting because you ask them a question at a polling place? There is no way to know."

Ashcroft has also placed R. Alexander Acosta, a 35-year old conservative Cuban-American lawyer from Miami, who previously worked in Kenneth Starr's law firm, as the head of the Department's Civil Rights Division. In July, Acosta brought in prosecutors from every district in the country for a two-day session, featuring training on how to respond to allegations of fraud.

Acosta's assistant in the Civil Rights Division, who is responsible for the interpretation of the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), is Hans von Spakovsky, a long-time activist in the GOP's "voting-integrity" movement, and also in the Federalist Society. In 1997, three years before the notorious Florida purge of voter rolls, von Spakovsky wrote an article calling for the aggressive purge of "felons" from voter rolls. The "Voting Integrity Project" then mobilized to implement von Spakovsly's proposal, including consulting with the private company that designed the purge of Florida's voter rolls in 2000. Von Spakovsky was also part of the GOP recount team in Florida after the 2000 elections.

Redistricting

In a recent *New Yorker* magazine article, legal commentator Jeffrey Toobin points out that traditional enforcement of the Voting Rights Act has come almost to a complete stop in John Ashcroft's Justice Department, with virtually no lawsuits now being filed alleging discrimination against minority voters. (In fact, the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division is considering filing a suit purportedly to protect white voters in a majority-black Mississippi locality.)

Under Ashcroft, Toobin notes, the Voting Section has consistently favored Republican redistricting schemes, including those that cram black voters into a few Congressional districts. The most outrageous case cited by Toobin is that of Texas, where Tom DeLay rammed a second Congressional redistricting scheme through the state legislature, after a first plan had been adopted following the 2000 census. The DeLay plan (as we have reported), gerrymanded the state so as to create up to seven additional Republican districts.

When the DeLay plan was submitted to the Justice Department for approval, career officials in the Voting Section were appalled, and produced a 73-page legal opinion, with 1,750 pages of supporting documents, urging that it be rejected as a retrogression for minority voting rights. The political appointees in the Voting Section and the DOJ then overrode the career lawyers, and approved the corrupt DeLay scheme, which is now in effect for the November elections.

Book Review

A Cynical Attempt To Destroy the United States

by Nancy Spannaus

Dime's Worth of Difference: Beyond the Lesser of Two Evils

Edited by Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair
Oakland, California: CounterPunch and AK Press, 2004
289 pages, paperbound, \$15.95

This book is a sucker punch. If you fall for it, you are buying into the destruction of the United States, and the world as a whole.

What the authors argue is that the political party system of the United States is so rotten that the Democrats are no better than the Republicans. They glide over the fascist policy of perpetual war and depression of the Cheney-Bush Administration. They inundate you with all the bad things Al Gore and his cohorts got Bill Clinton to do in his capitulation to the Newt Gingrich program—and then tell you to vote for George Bush, because that way, the American republic which they hate will be destroyed all the faster!

You see, the fact is that this book is an operation by a bunch of Euro-Socialists who hate the United States, not because of what the current Administration is doing in Iraq or elsewhere, but because of its very nature as a sovereign republic dedicated to the creation of a Commonwealth of sovereign republics throughout the world. Co-editor Cockburn, trained at Oxford, may be a naturalized American, but his ideology is Euro-Socialist to the core. And the Euro-Socialists want to see a global feudal system, with the United States destroyed.

This is just the opposite outlook to that of Lyndon LaRouche, whom the authors lyingly never mention in their review of the fight within the Democratic Party over the past 30 years. LaRouche argues that the noble mission which the United States adopted at its founding, and has as a living legacy, makes it the unique power able to pull the world out of the war and depression collapse which the last 40 years of

post-industrial insanity has created. Without the assertion of U.S. power *for the good*, the planet is looking at a devolution into a New Dark Age.

So, populists beware! What we are dealing with here is not an honest critique of the state of the two-party system, but an attempt to destroy the United States.

The Punch Line

Undoubtedly, many of you think I'm exaggerating this point, but, in fact, *Dime's Worth of Difference* does not leave it to the reader's imagination, or to innuendo. The final essay in this collection, by historian Gabriel Kolko, entitled "Alliances and the Amerian Election," makes the argument clearly.

Kolko begins by asserting: "Alliances have been a major cause of wars throughout modern history, removing inhibitions that might otherwise have caused Germany, France, and countless nations to reflect much more cautiously before embarking on death and destruction. The dissolution of all alliances is a crucial precondition of a world without wars."

Kolko proceeds to argue that Democrat John Kerry, of course, is in favor of alliance; one of Kerry's major arguments against President Bush is that Bush's unilateralism has destroyed American standing in the world, kicking our allies in the teeth. For this reason, Kolko wants him to be defeated. I quote:

"... the Bush administration's falsehoods, rudeness, and peremptory demands have begun to destroy an alliance system that for the world's peace should have been abolished long ago. In this context, it is far more likely that the nations allied with the U.S. in the past will be compelled to stress their own interests and go their own ways. The Democrats are far less likely to continue that exceedingly desirable process, a process ultimately much more conducive to peace in the world. They will perpetuate the same adventurism and opportunism that began generations ago and that Bush has merely built upon, the same dependence on military means to solve political crises, the same interference with every corner of the globe as if America has a divinely ordained mission to muck around with all the world's problems. The Democrats' greater finesse in justifying these policies is therefore more dangerous

because they will be made to seem more credible and keep alive alliances that only reinforce the U.S. refusal to acknowledge the limits of its power. In the long run, Kerry's pursuit of these aggressive goals will lead eventually to a renewal of the dissolution of alliances, but in the short-run he will attempt to rebuild them—and that is to be deplored.

“Critics of American foreign policy will not rule Washington after this election regardless of who wins. As dangerous as he is, Bush's reelection is much more likely to produce the continued destruction of the alliance system that is so crucial to American power in the long run. Facts in no way imply moral judgments if we merely identify them. One does not have to believe that ‘worse is better’ but we have to consider candidly the foreign policy consequences of a renewal of Bush's mandate, not the least because it is likely. Given the choices, I am not voting.”

Kolko is lying. The determinant of whether there is war or not, is not whether there are alliances between nations. The question is what the content and nature of alliances are: cooperation between sovereign nation-states, or imperial, geopolitical designs. The Cheney-run Bush Administration has shown that it does not need alliances, in order to carry out its imperial agenda. And cooperation among sovereign nation-states is the appropriate pre-condition for peace.

Second, it is a lie to say that critics of current U.S. foreign policy will not rule Washington after the election. The foreign policy of a Kerry Administration is not yet determined—and the nature of the campaign between now and the election, and afterwards, will be decisive; specifically, whether Kerry listens to leading Democrat LaRouche and his Youth Movement.

Third, it is a lie for Kolko to say that he is not promoting the outlook of “worse is better,” the outlook of sections of the Social Democratic and Communist Party leadership of the early 1930s, which led to their refusal to effectively fight Hitler's coming to power. By advising that it's better to have Bush than Kerry, Kolko is precisely following in the footsteps of those idiots, with the threat of precisely the same consequences: the consolidation of a fascist dictatorship for decades to come.

It is an ironic touch that Cockburn et al. chose to name their book after the motto of racist-populist Gov. George Wallace. Wallace used the term “Not a dime's worth of difference” during the 1968 Presidential campaign, when he was stumping against Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, on behalf of a Confederate agenda, one which the Republican Party has since taken over, but which actually cut significantly into Democratic constituencies in that electoral race. Instead of citing Wallace, Cockburn et al. cite country singer Waylon Jennings, perhaps to cover their tracks. The major point of attack in the book's 23 essays is against the Democratic Party. “Issues” are made out of welfare reform, NAFTA, the oil industry, racism, abortion rights, and other traditional left-wing hobby-horses, and the alleged shortcomings of the Dem-

ocratic Party. Only four of the essays attack Republicans, specifically John McCain, Karl Rove, Marc Racicot, and Rick Santorum. Everything else is aimed at the Democratic Leadership Council, Clinton, and other Democrats.

But even when the attacks seem on point, they are wrong. First, the authors never mention the FDR tradition in the Democratic Party, the touchstone for what the modern party represented, and where it must return in order to fulfill its mission for the nation. Second, the authors never cite the actual cause of the degeneration of the party, in the adoption of the post-industrial, countercultural credo of the late 1960s. The fact is, that they are part of that corruption! And the problems they complain about in the economic sphere, including NAFTA, could only be resolved by returning to the economic development perspective of the FDR era.

Thirdly, the authors never mention the fight which has been waged by the LaRouche wing of the party, starting in 1979, to turn it back toward its FDR tradition of fighting for technological progress and the general welfare. This is by no means a matter of ignorance, but rather the desire to suppress the alternative which LaRouche represents within the Democratic Party itself.

LaRouche's all-out fight to transform the Democratic Party, in the course of the campaign to get Kerry elected President of the United States, represents the only hope for preventing a disaster coming out of this election. The key to victory lies not simply in educating and influencing the party leadership, some of which is definitely listening to LaRouche, but in forcing the base of the Democratic Party to recognize its responsibility for the crisis we are now in, and to get off its duff and change. The problem with populists is that they don't take up the responsibilities of a republican citizenry, both for educating themselves on policy, and for acting to ensure that the right policies are enacted. A populist would rather complain, than step into the fight. A populist would rather tear someone down, than build the political force for a positive alternative to the collapse of the nation.

Such an outlook is to be expected from types like Cockburn and Kolko, but their agenda cannot succeed unless they succeed in roping in a lot of other people behind them. They are determined to suppress the Democratic vote, or turn the vote to their cohort Nader, in hopes of ensuring Bush's reelection. There is no question but that there are many ordinary Americans who are so disgusted with current politics, that they are potentially susceptible to the Cockburn-Kolko argument. That is a dangerous situation for us all.

Contrary to Cockburn and Kolko, there are clear stakes in this election. If Bush is re-elected, we have a guaranteed pathway toward fascism, at home and abroad. If Kerry is elected, we have a chance to turn the United States onto the path which FDR represented so well, and which Lyndon LaRouche is putting forward today.

If you want a future for this nation and the world, don't spend a dime on this book.

Former CIA Analyst Hits Back Against Neo-Con Witchhunt

Former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) analyst and dedicated public servant Larry Johnson has written a response to the *Wall Street Journal* editorial of Sept. 29 called “The CIA Insurgency.” His reply, which is expected to be widely published through the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), states:

“The *Wall Street Journal*’s editorial page today basically equates CIA officer Paul Pillar with Iraqi terrorists who are beheading and blowing up American soldiers. Is there a sewer they will not mine in order to smear decent people? This outrageous and insulting attack on Pillar calls into question how anyone with a desire to be a journalist can affiliate themselves with such a shoddy outfit. It is breathtaking that the *Journal* can combine cravenness with stupidity. I suppose those are the prerequisites to work on the editorial page.

“Not since the Iran Contra affair have we seen such an assault on the intelligence community. In fact the offensive by the Bush Administration against the likes of Valerie Plame and Paul Pillar is unprecedented in the history of the CIA. There were times in the past when analysts faced pressures because the President and his loyal partisans did not want to hear bad news. CIA analyst George Allen, for example, received phone calls during the Vietnam War from Lyndon Johnson and McGeorge Bundy, ordering him to be a team player.

“During the Contra War in Nicaragua, I had the experience of being called a communist sympathizer because my analysis did not back up the Reagan Administration’s rosy scenario that the Central American governments would back us unconditionally against the Sandinistas. Politicians unhappy with intel[ligence] analysis is a natural phenomena. There is an inherent conflict between politicians who believe they can manipulate outcomes, and analysts who are reporting facts and likely scenarios. It happens with Republicans and Democrats.

“However, the attacks on Pillar, in particular, and the community in general go beyond the pale. The message the Administration is sending is unambiguous and frightening: Either provide the President with analysis and conclusions that support his political position or you are the same as the terrorist cowards in Baghdad who are beheading unarmed men. Unfortunately, many journalists appear content to sit idly by while this assault is unfurled. Some factual reporting

would be helpful, for starters. For example, Paul Pillar did not decide unilaterally to write a National Intelligence Estimate. Moreover, Paul has not been skulking around the sewers leaking the conclusions.

“If this President succeeds in cowering the intelligence community into parroting the policy line of the White House, it will set the dangerous precedent for future Presidents. If you don’t have an intelligence community willing to tell a President hard truths and uncomfortable facts, you put the country at risk. This is a security threat we can’t afford.”

The Wall Street Journal’s ‘Security Threat’

The *Wall Street Journal*’s editorial launched exactly this security threat by implying that the U.S. enemy is anyone in the CIA who bucked the Iraq war plans! The *Journal* editorial states: “Congratulations to Porter Goss for being confirmed last week as the new Director of Central Intelligence. We hope he appreciates that he now has two insurgencies to defeat: the one that the CIA is struggling to help put down in Iraq, and the other inside Langley [CIA headquarters] against the Bush Administration.”

The Washington neo-cons ecstatically embraced the *Journal* editorial. Laurie Mylorie, for one, a former advisor to Vice President Cheney when he was Secretary of Defense (and now a cheerleader for Ahmed Chalabi), sent the editorial to her entire “Iraq News” mailing list, which comes out of the neo-con American Enterprise Institute. Mylorie wrote: “The *Wall Street Journal* also makes clear an important point regarding what went wrong in Iraq”—that the CIA pushed using Iraqis inside Iraq to stabilize the country after a U.S. invasion. Therefore, she said, the CIA (not the Office of the Secretary of Defense) is responsible for the “consequences we see today.”

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Senator Conrad Hits DeLay in Indian Affairs Hearings on Abramoff Looting

by Anton Chaitkin

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee stunned a public hearing by revealing that recent newspaper coverage had inaccurately *understated* what the committee identified as over \$66 million in payments and millions more in political donations, extracted from six Indian tribes by casino lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his secret junior partner Michael Scanlon. The partners shared millions of this loot with former Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed, Abramoff's protégé and currently Southeast USA director of the Bush-Cheney election campaign, who has used the Christian Coalition to carry out the Abramoff/Scanlon schemes.

Tension in the Sept. 29 hearings was high, as the stakes are high.

The role of Abramoff, Scanlon, and Reed, in creating House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's Congress-dominating machine, overshadowed the hearings. North Dakota Democrat Sen. Kent Conrad repeatedly brought out the fact that the looters had made their access to DeLay their selling point for getting lobbying contracts with the casino-owning tribes.

Arizona Republican John McCain, who himself has been attacked for pushing these hearings, intervened, in an effort to take the spotlight off DeLay and the Republicans. McCain Grover Norquist, whose Americans for Tax Reform got \$25,000 from the Abramoff Indian loot, has accused McCain of pushing the hearings to get back at Bush partisans for opposing McCain for the 2000 Republican Presidential nomination, and McCain may have been covering himself within the Republican Party as the election approaches.

In the Senators' opening remarks, the perpetrators' leaked e-mails were read and displayed for the hearing, as were Abramoff's references to the tribal leaders whom he was ripping off, as "monkeys" and other racist epithets.

Senator Conrad began in the preliminary statements to highlight the schemes in DeLay's Texas, by Abramoff, Scanlon, and Reed. McCain asked Conrad to move along, not to dwell on this side of things.

Committee Chairman Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.)—himself a chief of the Northern Cheyenne tribe—announced that Mike Scanlon is dodging subpoenas and resisting the committee's request to appear before them. Senator Campbell emphasized that either Scanlon would come volun-

tarily or would be escorted in by Federal marshals.

Jack Abramoff appeared and invoked his Constitutional right not to testify.

Senator Campbell, in his unanswered questions to Abramoff, said that Jewish people had long been the victims of such bigotry as Abramoff showed in his contemptuous e-mails about his clients, so Campbell was surprised to hear this coming from Abramoff. Abramoff presents himself as an Orthodox Jew, and is Tom DeLay's intermediary with the Israeli political forces around Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his Likud party.

Senator Conrad hit Abramoff with questions centering on his schemes with Ralph Reed and the Christian Coalition. Senator McCain twice asked Conrad to stop asking these questions, since Abramoff was not answering, suggesting that it was "badgering" the witness.

Testimony on the looting, and the manipulation of tribal elections to install Abramoff-controlled tribal leaders, was heard from Richard Milanovich, chairman, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, from Palm Springs, California, and Bernie Sprague, Sub-Chief of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

The witnesses said the tribes had contributed to political candidates about whom they knew nothing, because Abramoff recommended them. Senator Conrad asked, through several particular questions, to whom did Abramoff say he was going to give you access? And the repeated response was, "Tom DeLay." The Chippewa representative agreed that they had contributed to Abramoff's front, the Capital Athletic Foundation, after Abramoff told them it would "impress Tom DeLay."

McCain responded, during his questioning, by asking, didn't contributions go to both sides of the aisle, Democrats, as well as Republicans? Answer, yes. And this wasn't just about one person, was it? Answer, that's correct. While McCain was making this intervention, a particular communication from Abramoff to one of the tribes was being displayed on a screen for the Senators and hearing's audience, dated Nov. 1, 2002, which stated boldly, "Mr. DeLay assists in raising money for a youth activity organization called Capital Athletic Foundation. . . . They are respectfully requesting a



Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearings into a \$66 million ripoff of Indian tribes by casino lobbyist Jack Abramoff, his secret junior partner Mike Scanlon, and Abramoff protégé Ralph Reed, former head of the Christian Coalition, repeatedly focussed on the fact that the looters had made their access to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay a selling point, in getting lobbying contracts with the casino-owning tribes.

contribution of \$25,000.” No other individual name was displayed on the screen.

A pathetic character who was formerly legislative director for the Saginaw Chippewas, who helped arrange for Abramoff to get in with the tribe, testified that he got his picture taken with President Bush and with Bush adviser Karl Rove, because the tribe had made multiple contributions to the “Republican Eagles” campaign channel.

‘Cesspool of Greed’

CBS News commented on the Sept. 29 hearings, later that day, that “Abramoff and Scanlon were renowned for their ties to DeLay; DeLay is renowned for trying to make paying clients use friendly, Republican lobbyists. Today, Sen. Byron Dorgan [D-N.D.] told the committee Abramoff and Scanlon lurked in a cesspool of greed. A Washington grand jury, the FBI, and a task force of five different Federal agencies are looking into the cesspool.”

EIR asked Senator Conrad after the hearing, if the committee was looking into whether funds Abramoff took from the Indians went into the Tom DeLay campaign fundraising machine, which is under criminal investigation in Texas. Senator Conrad responded, that this should be looked into, and he would look into it, whether or not the (Republican-controlled) committee did so.

In the course of the hearings, a blow-up display was presented of another of Jack Abramoff’s e-mails, dated March 15, 2002, of which the subject was “Personal Financial Statement.” The message asked the recipient to “remove the SunCruz item from it.”

The reference is to the SunCruz casino ship line based in Florida, which was taken over by Abramoff, Scanlon, a mafia-connected man named Adam Kidan, and another partner in

2000-2001. In 2000, Rep. Robert Ney (R-Ohio), is quoted in the *Congressional Record*, speaking against SunCruz’s former owner, Gus Boulis, and endorsing Kidan, Abramoff’s partner in the takeover. After Boulis complained that Abramoff and his partners had not actually paid him for the government-pressured purchase of his casino boats, Boulis was shot to death gangland-style, and the murder has never been solved. Mike Scanlon told reporters at the time, it was ridiculous to accuse Abramoff of the murder, and that Abramoff was cooperating with police.

In the Sept. 29 hearings, Senator Conrad brought up the fact that a tribe had made a contribution to the Abramoff-run Capital Athletic Foundation, and that the foundation had paid for a \$120,000-plus golfing junket to Scotland, which included Representative Ney, Jack Abramoff, and Ralph Reed.

‘Abramoff’s Indian Takings and the Texas TRMPAC Prosecution’

In preparation for the hearing, the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee submitted the following memorandum to the Senators:

Two major scandals have erupted in the past weeks, centered around the Republican Party fundraising apparatus headed by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. There have now been criminal indictments against top DeLay aides in Texas. And there are new revelations about suspected criminal activity—alleged looting of Indian tribes by two of DeLay’s leading associates, longtime lobbying manager Jack Abramoff and former DeLay Chief of Staff Michael Scanlon, for their personal gain and for political contributions. The question that now confronts investigators is to determine how the two prongs of the DeLay scandal may converge on an even larger criminal enterprise.

Questions for Investigators

In light of the following facts:

1) Federal criminal investigators are probing the pattern of transactions in which lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his partner Michael Scanlon took over \$45 million from Indian tribes for lobbying and public relations fees on behalf of casino gambling, with alleged misuse of tribal funds, illegal campaign contributions and tax code violations. The *Washington Post* reported Sept. 28, 2004, that the “tribes also had donated \$2.9 million to Federal candidates since 2001.”

2) Senate investigators are conducting a parallel investigation of these alleged wide-scale abuses by Abramoff and Scanlon.

3) Prosecutor Ronald Earle, District Attorney of Travis County, Texas, has filed numerous indictments in his continu-

ally widening probe of persons associated with the Tom DeLay-affiliated Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee (TRMPAC), a spinoff from the national group, Americans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee (ARMPAC). The charges specify that TRMPAC and related Texas channels used illegal corporate donations to elect candidates to the Texas legislature, in what was reportedly a successful scheme to seize control of the Texas legislature, in order to redistrict the Texas Congressional Districts for U.S. Congress.

These indictments may be accessed electronically at http://alt.coxnewsweb.com/statesman/metro/elxpacs/092104_indictment.pdf

4) The House Ethics Committee is investigating the same matter, with respect to Tom DeLay, alleging the illegal use of corporate funds in a scheme to take control of the Texas legislature in order to redraw U.S. Congressional Districts, to the prejudice of the rights of Rep. Chris Bell.

5) The *Washington Post* reported Sept. 26, 2004, and National Public Radio reported Sept. 27, 2004, that Abramoff and Scanlon worked secretly to obtain from the Texas government the closing down of the Tigua tribe's Speaking Rock casino in El Paso, Texas, having received millions of dollars from Louisiana's Coushatta tribe, 800 miles away, to lobby to block their competition in Texas. Abramoff and Scanlon then shook down the Tigua tribe for several million dollars in lobbying fees and hundreds of thousands in contributions to Republican Party candidate-funding organizations, in return for Abramoff and Scanlon's acting as lobbyists for reopening the casino they had secretly acted to close.

6) Findings by an FBI/IRS/Interior Department task force have induced Ralph Reed, former Christian Coalition executive director, and currently the Southeastern USA chairman for the George W. Bush election campaign, to admit that he got more than \$1 million in payments from lobbyists Abramoff and Scanlon, as Reed's share of their payments from Indian tribes which operate gambling casinos. Reed's assignment, without disclosing that he was paid through Abramoff and Scanlon from the casinos, was to lobby religious activists and others to prevent the opening of certain casinos that would compete with those that were being induced to secretly pay Abramoff to prevent competition. (In the matter of the Tigua tribe, Reed worked in tandem with Abramoff and Scanlon to close the Speaking Rock casino, but no evidence has been presented that he worked with them in the next phase, the extraction of payments to reopen the casino.)

7) Jack Abramoff has served, over many years, as a manager of fundraising and political action committee activities for Rep. Tom DeLay, including the development of the ARMPAC-TRMPAC apparatus. Abramoff (with Scanlon as junior partner and apparent disguiser of payments) has been the main intermediary for Congressman DeLay with the Indian tribes involved in gambling casinos, receiving substantial fees and

securing for DeLay substantial contributions from those tribes, with DeLay acting on behalf of the casinos' interests in legislative initiatives.

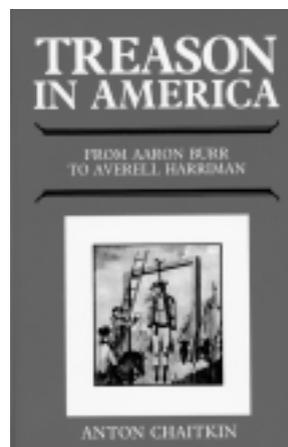
The following questions should now be directed to the Federal criminal investigators and the Senate investigators probing Jack Abramoff and Michael Scanlon, to the House Ethics Committee probing Tom DeLay, and to the Texas prosecutorial team probing the Tom DeLay-related political action committees:

1) Of the \$40-50 millions obtained from Indian tribes by Jack Abramoff and Michael Scanlon, which transactions are the subject of Federal criminal investigation and Senate investigation, did any of these payments go to the political action committees and other channels being investigated for felony prosecution by the Travis County District Attorney and by the House Ethics Committee?

2) Did any of the political contributions, which the Tigua tribe was induced to make through Jack Abramoff and Michael Scanlon's reported double-dealing, go to the political action committees and other channels being investigated by the Travis County prosecutors and by the House Ethics Committee? (It is reported that a substantial portion of those Tigua contributions went to state-level Republican campaigns, in roughly the period under investigation in the TRMPAC matter.)

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GOP To Ram Through Intelligence Reform Bill

On Sept. 24, House Speaker Dennis Hastert announced the introduction of an intelligence reform bill that includes some, but not all, of the 9/11 Commission recommendations—as well as provisions written entirely by the GOP which go way beyond what the Commission recommended. Those additional provisions, some of which are drawn from the Justice Department's infamous "Patriot II" draft legislation which was leaked and then shelved last year, have triggered widespread alarm: 1) the "lone wolf" provision, which would allow Federal authorities to open a foreign counter-intelligence investigation of a terrorist suspect in the United States who is not linked to any foreign organization; 2) the "extraordinary rendition" provision, which would allow a suspect to be deported to another country known to use torture, in violation of U.S. treaty obligations; and 3) establishing a national database for governments to more easily share information on citizens.

The Hastert bill would give the President authority to strip away collective bargaining rights that are still retained by some employees of the Department of Homeland Security, after the 2002 legislation establishing DHS took these rights away from many of its employees. The bill would also allow CIA director Porter Goss to be appointed National Intelligence Director without undergoing a Senate confirmation hearing or vote.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) charged that the GOP has written a partisan bill, behind closed doors, and she called for a full debate. But the GOP plan is to have the bill on the House floor by the week of Oct. 4.

Meanwhile, the Senate began floor debate on its version of intelli-

gence reform on Sept. 27. The bill passed out of the Government Affairs Committee on Sept. 22 substantially follows the 9/11 Commission recommendations.

House Passes Court-Stripping Bill

Democrats charged the GOP with undermining the Constitution and the independence of the Federal judiciary with a bill to prohibit Federal courts from ruling on the Constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance. A Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, that the "under God" phrase in the Pledge is un-Constitutional (which ruling was reversed by the Supreme Court on procedural grounds), gave the Republicans another wedge issue to focus on, rather than the war in Iraq and the collapse of the U.S. physical economy. The bill, passed by the House on a 247 to 173 vote on Sept. 23, would leave it to state courts to decide whether the Pledge is Constitutional, and such decisions would have effect only within the boundaries of the individual states.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) warned, "We are playing with fire, here," not because of the issue of the Pledge, but because of the precedent the bill sets. Nadler called it "part of a more general attack on our system of government."

Lame Duck Session Increasingly Likely

With a raft of unfinished business pending, and time fast running out before the target Oct. 8 adjournment date, a lame duck session scheduled for mid-November looks to be more and more a possibility. The two Houses have not yet reached agree-

ment on a continuing resolution, which must be finished by midnight on Sept. 30.

A \$300 billion six-year highway bill and legislation to bring the United States into compliance with recent World Trade Organization rulings are among the bills still to be resolved, besides the unfinished appropriations process. While the Senate has had to struggle to work its way through some of the remaining spending bills, it has had no trouble taking up an intelligence reform bill and passing another tax cut bill, the fourth since President Bush took office, on Sept. 23. The Senate worked through three more appropriations bills, leaving eight to still be completed.

Another issue complicating the picture is disaster relief following the recent hurricanes in Florida. President Bush has already signed into law \$3.1 billion of relief for the state, but has asked for another \$10 billion, which request is working its way through the legislative process. Farm states, suffering through extended drought, are also seeking assistance, \$2.9 billion of which was attached to the Homeland Security appropriations bill by the Senate on Sept. 14. However, the Bush Administration did not ask for that assistance and so its fate, especially given how it might play into the South Dakota Senate race, is not yet decided.

As for the prospect of a lame duck session, nobody has said, yet, that the Congress will be coming back in November. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) told reporters on Sept. 28 that if a bill increasing the debt limit is not passed before Oct. 8, it will have to be addressed in November. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (S.D.) said, "I think it would be hard to consider circumstances that wouldn't involve at least the prospect of coming back to complete conference reports."

LaRouche Briefs Europe: 'A Turning Point in History'

by Werner Hartmann

Four hundred members and guests, from more than 30 countries and five continents, one-third them under 30 years of age, participated in the international conference of the Schiller Institute, "A Turning Point in History," held on Sept. 24-26 near Wiesbaden, Germany. The youth shaped the conference, with their interventions, with their singing, and their discussions both formal and informal. A future without the insane war policy of the Bush Administration, and without the brutal austerity in the service of bankrupt bankers, emerged on the horizon. Among those present were members of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) from Germany, France, Italy, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Russia, the United States, and Yemen.

The guests from all over the world included parliamentarians, scientists, and artists, small and medium businessmen, farmers, housewives, unemployed—people from all social layers, who reject the helplessness of established policy. And last but not least were numerous veterans of the LaRouche movement, who have been working for 20-30 years, for this historical turning point.

As has become traditional at Schiller Institute events, the guests were tuned musically: Lotta Thronell-Hartmann sang the Lieder *Widmung* by Robert Schumann and *Frühlingsglaube* by Franz Schubert. Muriel Mirak-Weissbach then read a message of greetings from the Iraqi Sunni leader, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed al-Kubaisi, who said that the United States had formerly been the hope of the Arab world—for example, at the time of the Suez Crisis in 1956—and must become that again, under the influence of Lyndon LaRouche. A message of greeting also came from former Justice Minister of Austria Dr. Hans Klecatsky, who wished LaRouche success in his support for the John Kerry candidacy against the Bush Administration.

LaRouche keynoted the three-day conference, in which he detailed the task of returning the United States to its founding role by defeating Bush-Cheney, and steering the program required by a Kerry government to overcome the economic breakdown crisis. The transcript of his speech is below.

During the following two-hour discussion, LaRouche stressed that globaliza-



Lyndon and Helga LaRouche (foreground) join the conference participants in singing. The LaRouches in their remarks to the meeting underlined the need for urgent action to create a new, just world monetary system, to prevent war, depression, and fascism.

tion was the policy of destruction of sovereign nation-states, which would lead to a new fascism, “Anglo-Dutch Liberalism is the name, on Sunday, for fascism, practiced on Monday.” We must prepare mercy killing for the IMF, he said. The Europeans, who are overly pessimistic, are on a suicidal economic policy course, he said, pointing to the irony, that it costs more to build and run an energy windmill, in ecologically conditioned Germany, than the energy it produces! This policy can be changed by the Monday anti-austerity demonstrations, based on the program of the BüSo party, the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity party founded and headed by his wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

One young Frenchman asked for clarification of Leibniz’s concept of the “best of all possible worlds”; LaRouche answered that man—and only man—is capable of grasping the invisible laws of the universe, and applying them, in order to shape and improve the universe. In this way, each person participates in universality and becomes God’s helper. “Can you think of anything more beautiful?” he asked.

The Condition of the Real Economy

The second day began with a panel on the condition of the physical economy. Dennis Small, *EIR* Ibero-American Editor (and former political prisoner), spoke on how to “Make the Reasonable Possible!” This phrase comes from a famous speech delivered by the late Mexican President José López Portillo before the United Nations in 1982—a short film clip was shown—in which he demanded fundamental changes in the world financial system, to the benefit of developing

countries. The basis for his demand was the *Operation Juárez* program elaborated by LaRouche, as valid today as then. In 1998 Helga Zepp-LaRouche visited with López Portillo, who publicly announced, “Now is the time, to listen to the wise proposals of Lyndon LaRouche.”

Today, Small said, the situation is much worse than in 1982, since the indebtedness worldwide is growing ten times faster than the world’s economic product. Using computer animations, he illustrated how the U.S. physical economy had deteriorated in the last decades: loss of industrial jobs, hospital shutdowns, increase in poverty. In Mexico, the situation has become so terrible, that in the last 20 years, 10 million Mexicans have emigrated to the United States.

Just how much excitement a shift in economic policy can generate, was shown in a short film clip from Argentina in 2001, when then-President Adolfo Rodríguez Saá declared in parliament, quite calmly, that he would stop payments on the foreign debt. The politicians and citizens, hearing this, broke out into a storm of enthusiasm. In conclusion, Small cast a glance into the future, with a map of the “world land-bridge,” that is, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, extended across the Bering Straits, through North and South America. When this land-bridge is fully constructed, he said, one will be able to take a magnetic levitation train from Berlin to Buenos Aires, for a weekend visit.

The well-known economic journalist Lothar Komp took up the theme, showing what errors German economic policy had committed, and how they must be corrected. As in the post-war period, when the German economic miracle was

produced through the right credit policy, so today we require a comprehensive investment offensive. Germany has 4 million unemployed, officially. But, taking into account those who have given up seeking jobs, early retirees, and so forth, the figure is actually 8 million. This costs Germany 83 billion euros per year directly, and three times as much in lost economic production. For German municipal infrastructure alone, there is a EU 650 billion backlog in investments, and for every productively employed citizen, there are three non-productive citizens who must be supported.

The logical demand is for a huge investment program. The state must provide EU 100 billion yearly. One-half of this is paid automatically, as the cost for unemployment disappears, and the other half has to be provided as national bank credit. The model is the post-war reconstruction: Although millions of refugees poured into West Germany, where every other house was destroyed, and almost no capital or foreign credit was available. But with the help of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau)—founded in 1948 under the leadership of Hermann Abs on the model of FDR's New Deal Reconstruction Finance Corp.—targetted planning succeeded in overcoming bottlenecks, and the country was rebuilt.

'Not To Live With Lies'

Several shorter speeches dealt with the catastrophic consequences of neo-liberal economic policy. The Christian Democratic Justice politician and former Minister of Justice from Slovakia, Dr. Jan Carnogursky, spoke about his life-long fight against Communism. Unfortunately, the dictatorial "advisors" from the Soviet Union were replaced after 1990 by those from the IMF and the World Bank. The resistance against Communism then, and the new Monday demonstrations now, he said, share a basic principle: "Not to live with lies." Dr. Carnogursky praised the publications founded by LaRouche, as far more advanced than the "opinion-shaping press." He characterized Schiller Institute members as the "dissidents of Western Europe," reminding them that the end of Communism came more rapidly than most had thought.

Dr. Nino Galloni, former high-ranking official in the Italian Ministry of Labor, spoke on the "Pension Reform and the Impoverishment of the Population." He compared the pension reform in Italy, to the Hartz IV liberal austerity in Germany, as devastating their countries' peoples; and identified the LaRouches' New Bretton Woods, as voted up in the Italian parliament, as the way out.

Dr. Stanislaw Fischer, a member of the Czech parliament and retired space physicist, called for representatives of different parties and groups to unite around common solutions. His faction, the Communist Party, had supported LaRouche's proposal for a New Bretton Woods in 2000, the very proposal which mainly conservative forces had voted up in Italy's parliament.

Prof. Silvia Szegoe, an economist from Hungary, who was an advisor to the Urban government, refuted many false

assumptions about the alleged advantages of the transition from planned economy to the free-market economy. She demonstrated how there is less capital domestically now, while the foreign debt soars. In the place of state concerns, now foreign multinationals control the Hungarian economy, and speculation has grown to be four times the size of the actual economic product.

A Real Reunification for Germany

To introduce Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the Schiller Institute, a message of greetings was read by Amelia Boynton Robinson, a veteran leader of the American civil rights movement, who called on all participants to contribute to this decisive moment in world history. Zepp-LaRouche's presentation, "The Real Reunification of Germany Starts Now" described the LaRouche movement's fight against the plans to impose a fascist economic policy, typified by the Hartz IV policy. The transcript of her speech also appears below.

She was followed by Chandrajit Yadav, former minister in the government of Indira Gandhi, who spoke "For a True Dialogue of Cultures." Stating that "today, the entire world is one family," Yadav said the crisis could produce good, or it could lead to the destruction of humanity through nuclear war. Youth, he said, should demand that values and culture be taught in schools. A culture is like a river, which flows not from only one source, but from many rivulets: The influence of other cultures from other countries makes it richer, more beautiful and more lively. Mankind can find itself today in a period of social justice, true democracy and scientific-technical progress. India, he said, is a land throbbing with life, but is still a long way from economic justice. Only 15% of the population is well off, whereas 85% are very poor. In conclusion, Yadav quoted the poet Rabindranath Tagore, who said that true consciousness sees the world as a unity, which internalizes itself in it: "Only he sees, who sees all being in himself."

Think Better by Singing

That evening, the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) demonstrated how, through music, the spirit is moved and other people are elevated. A small LYM chorus sang Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*, a French freedom song, and the canon *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Then they performed a play, in which today's LYM members have become grandparents, and tell their grandchildren the history of the 2004 Saxony election campaign, illustrated by photos and film clips. The LYM also performed Johann Sebastian Bach's motet *Jesu, meine Freude*, and the fugue "Sicut locutus est," from Bach's *Magnificat*, followed by a solo performance of Beethoven's song *Bitten*.

Those who had not had the privilege of seeing a live demonstration by the LYM in Leipzig, during the Saxony campaign, were treated to a stage performance of 100 youth paraded in with BüSo pickets and banners, while singing a

Classical canon with the campaign motto, “In Sachsen muß die Wirtschaft wachsen” (“In Saxony, the economy must grow”), and *Frère Jacques*, with the words addressing the German Chancellor: “Gerhard Schröder, Gerhard Schröder, schläfst du noch? Hör damit die BüSo, Wir sind das Volk!” (“Gerhard Schröder, are you still sleeping? Hearken to the BüSo: We are the people!”) The last verse was the rallying cry of the 1989 Monday demonstrations that brought down the Berlin Wall.)

The concluding discussion revolved around the dialogue of cultures and the question, what is beauty? LYM members described their recognition that, since the other parties in the Saxony campaign had nothing to offer, theirs was the responsibility to grow and live up to their new tasks.

The Strategy of Tension

The panel on the “Strategy of Tension” was opened by Michael Liebig, who warned that the terror attacks, such as that in Beslan, must be seen as part of irregular warfare of synarchist financial circles.

Dr. Konstantin Cheremnykh, a psychiatrist and political analyst from St. Petersburg, noted that LaRouche’s analyses and proposals have been taken very seriously at the highest levels in Russia over the past years. Russia’s relations with the United States, he said, have deteriorated since the Iraq war very significantly. And he pointed out that President Putin had held foreign interests, who seek the disintegration of the Russian Federation, responsible for the bloodbath in Beslan.

Altai Unaltay, from the Turkish magazine *Yarin*, which has frequently run articles and interviews by LaRouche, cited a letter by Kemal Ataturk to President Franklin Roosevelt from 1937, expressing their commitment to the common good. Unaltay said that there was a patriotic current in all political parties in Turkey today, in the tradition of Ataturk, which he counterposed to the pro-globalization tendency. He characterized the Anglo-American policy of regime change for the region as a new form of colonialism, a “democratic imperialism.”

Parliamentarian Hrant Khatchatrian from the Armenian Union for Constitutional Rights party, presented the history of the fight for Karabakh and called on Western countries not to recognize the results of the fraudulent recent elections in his country.

LaRouche concluded the panel, stressing that one has to look at strategic developments from the standpoint of the long term, rather than extrapolating trends, since the seed of later developments often goes unnoticed. He gave the example of his 1983 forecast that the Soviet Union, if it rejected his policy for cooperation in strategic defense, would collapse within five years.

The terrorism in the Caucasus, he said, was steered by Anglo-American circles, who have very dangerously underestimated the Russian reaction. The intention behind their worldwide irregular warfare is to build a world empire on the

model of the Venetian-Norman power and the British Empire. The financial oligarchy was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, he said, also a development he had forecast: Before the inauguration of the Bush government, he had warned that, as the economic and financial-monetary depression worsened, banking circles would attempt a kind of Reichstag Fire, as Göring had done in 1933. LaRouche said he was supporting John Kerry, in hopes that the United States would bury the IMF system, something that the Europe of independent central banking systems would not do.

Shock Waves in Physics and Politics

The last speaker was Schiller Institute science advisor Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum from Berlin, who addressed “The Coming Triple Shock of the Physical-Economic, Financial, and Cultural Crisis.” Changes were coming, he began, that one could hardly imagine. In order to grasp this kind of change, one has to think in terms of the complex domain, as developed by Gauss, Riemann, Vernadsky and LaRouche. The boundary conditions for possible effects is represented by a geometry, which is an “ordering of intentions,” what Riemann called *Geistesmassen*. In this geometry, multiply-connected effects produce singularities, which can not be grasped in terms of Euclidean geometry. A good example is the sound barrier, which had been considered unbreakable, until Adolf Busemann in 1935 designed a supersonic plane—which the scientific establishment rejected.

Tennenbaum then explained today’s threefold crisis:

1. Real economy: The condition of mankind is always a result of the past, the construction of infrastructure, culture, language, and so forth. Today, infrastructure is rotting, and is not being prepared for the future. Firms like MBB have terminated research projects, in favor of making quick profits; and, a small accident in the electrical grid, last year, was enough to trigger a U.S. blackout of 50 million people, because no investments were made in capital goods, and everything was based on computer simulations.

2. Finance: In the last years, the biggest speculative bubble of all time has come into being, such that today, the U.S. debt is \$130,000 debt per capita.

3. The noëtic crisis, the crisis of the human spirit. This is expressed in the tendency of people to make false decisions and to run like lemmings to their doom. In the end, people have the option either of going insane, or realizing that their entire way of thinking were false. Here they must not only seek practical, economic policy solutions, but also call forth the principle of reason. This is where the youth movement is most capable. (The membership meeting the next day decided, that under the LYM leadership, the BüSo will intervene into the North Rhine-Westphalia elections, slated for May 2005.)

Helga Zepp-LaRouche closed the conference by calling on everyone there to take as their role models, figures like Columbus or Jeanne d’Arc, as immortalized in Schiller’s poems.

The Crucial Role of the United States In Saving Civilization Today

Here is Lyndon LaRouche's keynote to the European Schiller Institute/International Caucus of Labor Committees conference near Wiesbaden, Germany, on Sept. 24.

I shall repeat today, inclusively, a few of the things I said at the seminar yesterday. So, those who heard it yesterday, will mark forbearance. It is important to repeat:

You are now living in a time whose importance exceeds any in the memory of any living person on this planet. What will happen between now and the date of the inauguration of the next President of the United States, will be the greatest turning point in history, for better, or for very much worse, in a very long time.

The situation is not hopeless; *but*, on what I know, as of today from the United States, from the inside of the Kerry campaign, for example, one never says that one has won a war, until the war has actually been won. But I feel like Friedrich der Grosse at Leuthen, facing the Austrians where he thought he was outnumbered. And because he thought quicker and better, the outcome was successful on that day.

We're in such a situation.

The report that Bush is ahead, is utter propaganda and nonsense. No one, at this stage of a campaign, of a hotly contested campaign, *knows who is ahead*. No one knows, in such an election situation.

So anyone who is saying the question of the contest is settled, is a fool; perhaps an idiot. Because in elections, predictions such as that can not be made, particularly under these kinds of circumstances. The decision has not been made. And today, in the course of today's presentation, I'll indicate what some of the factors are, which will decide how this election goes, and what the outcome will be.

Later you will hear from Dennis Small, who is here; in another presentation, he will present some animations and other materials, which are quite relevant to what I will say now on this occasion today. You will also hear—I presume, knowing Jonathan Tennenbaum fairly well, and knowing what he has chosen as his subject—that I have left to him certain things, on Riemannian economics, which, I'm sure, he will do very well. And I understand that is going to be a wrap-up of some of the discussion at this conference.

So, it's all going to be a piece, throughout the conference, which in the end, will all come together, all the parts will

converge, on a single result, a single objective.

All right. Now, what's the situation?

A Collapsing World System

We have been presented in a book, by a certain U.S. psychiatrist, who, based on evidence in the public domain, has indicated the mental problems of President George W. Bush. George W. Bush being an idiot, in a sense, that is, incapable [audio break] . . . he's a puppet primarily of Dick Cheney, but also of others.

Cheney is an evil man. As a matter of fact, Cheney has made an agreement with the *Washington Post*, to have an attack published on me a week from Sunday. I don't know if it'll still be published, but Cheney's behind it. It is the same Cheney, who is the key man behind the deployment of terrorist forces against Russia, through Chechnya.

But Cheney is not merely a puppet-master of the President of the United States. He is also a puppet of the British monarchy: specifically, the Blair government, including Liz Symons. He is also a puppet of his own wife, who is the smarter member of the family, who has the higher-ranking connections to the British monarchy and to the Blair government.

The targetting of Russia—which is a very serious question, because you're talking of the targetting of a thermonuclear power, which is being driven, despite its weakness, to a state of rage. And the Russian government knows, already, that it was these forces from the United States and Britain, who are directing what is called terrorism, against the Caucasian region adjoining Russia.

So, this will not go on too long. And the President of Russia will not too long *pretend* to cooperate with the President of the United States, under these conditions.

We are already in a condition, on two points, which amounts to the threat of a dark age throughout this planet coming on fast, during the interval now and the inauguration of the next President. First of all, we have a general economic breakdown of the world as a whole, concentrated in Europe and the Americas. Other countries have not fallen as badly, such as India or China, in the recent period. But the world as a whole is collapsing. And if Europe and the United States collapse economically, the whole world will collapse, in a chain-reaction fashion; not because of the conditions as such within their countries, but because of the impact of the col-



Lyndon LaRouche told supporters in Europe: "The responsibility of the United States is to . . . get its act together; adopt its mission. The mission for which Europe created it! The mission of bringing to other parts of the world, the rights to have truly sovereign republics, in which all of the people of a nation can participate, consciously and knowledgeably, in the management of their affairs. . . ."

lapse of Europe and the United States.

Europe today is bankrupt. That is, there is no possibility, under current trends in Europe, that European economies could continue to operate, because the cost of maintaining the society throughout Europe today, is greater than the income generated by production and other means in those societies. And the rate at which that discrepancy is going to increase, under present trends.

Now, if Europe and the United States go into chaos, you can be sure the chain-reaction effects will be, the world will go into chaos. Because at the same time, we have an international monetary-financial system, which is in its death-agonies. The IMF, in its present form, the financial systems attached to the International Monetary Fund, are in a process of collapse. Whether the collapse will come tomorrow morning, Monday, or sometime in January, is uncertain: *But every leading banking circle in the world is now preparing for a general collapse of the entire monetary-financial system.* They're simply lying about it, except among themselves, because they don't want it public until they're ready to deal with it.

So we're dealing with a world system, which is about to collapse. And it is precisely for that reason, as in two world wars of the last century—for systemic reasons of that type—that great wars, or similar kinds of conflagrations, coincide with great financial and economic crises, and social crises.

The Problem in Europe

Look at the European situation. What is European civilization? We'll get *hard* into this, and some Europeans will be offended by what I say, but it's true. It has to be said. Europe

went through a long struggle to solve the greatest problem of humanity, up to the present time, of all known humanity. Through all known history, up to the present, the characteristic of government (or what passes for government) has been that a small portion of the total population treats the rest of the population as either *herded or hunted human cattle*. And this section of the population rules, not only by domination, by physical means, and playing one force against another, but by *keeping people stupid*. The way to make people accept the condition of being human cattle, is to stupefy them to the level of being human cattle.

And this is done by education, or *mis-educational* systems, or like the propaganda systems and cultural characteristics, which have taken over Europe and the United States since about 1964, especially under the influence of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, which was a real fascist organization, whose intention was to destroy the cognitive ability of the population to think for itself. And instead gave them sex, and similar kinds of degraded mass entertainment, to occupy themselves and one another's sexual organs with, as a substitute for actual thinking or knowing.

So we have a stupefied population. The level, the quality of education in universities and other schools, in Europe and the United States, is *far worse* than it was 40 years ago. The people of the United States are *stupid*, relative to the population of 40 years ago.

This has been done deliberately. We have been transformed, in the case of Europe, from the part of the world which created the wonders of modern civilization, of modern scientific and technological progress, and the increase of free-



Adolf Hitler with Germany's central bank head Hjalmar Schacht—the financier of the Nazi rise to power, and cohort of the international synarchist bankers. All of continental Europe, outside of the Soviet Union, collapsed into fascism, because they were unprepared to eliminate the parasite of independent central banking systems, under conditions of economic breakdown.

dom in a way which corresponded to an improvement in the general standard of living.

About 40 years ago, in the aftermath of the assassination of Kennedy, the aftermath of the missile crisis, and the launching of the U.S.-Indo-China War, the world underwent what has been called a “cultural paradigm-shift.” The United States, in particular, which had been the most successful in dealing with the Depression—that is, the United States, under Roosevelt, had emerged from a Great Depression, and had become the most powerful economic nation, and in other respects, on the planet. The existence of the United States, under Roosevelt’s influence, saved the world from what took over Europe! Fascism.

It took over Europe, under fascism from 1922-1945, by a group of bankers, who were called Synarchists: a bankers’ syndicate that controlled the so-called independent central banking systems of the European nations. As in the case of Germany: The only chance of saving Germany from Hitler, lay in overturning the power of the Bank of England’s control over German banking institutions. Because, without those measures, the German people could not save themselves from what was coming down from the outside as Hitler.

The same was true of all Europe, all continental Europe, outside of Russia, outside the Soviet Union. They all collapsed into fascism. They collapsed into fascism, because they were *unprepared*, to take the challenge of eliminating the existence of a parasite, which comes in the disguise of so-called independent central banking systems. And which makes man, and nations, the slave of money! Which these banking systems and financial interests control.

The power of the United States, its advantage strategi-

cally, is that under our Constitution, no banking system under our Constitution, can control the people. In a case of a general bankruptcy, the function of the government of the United States, is to *put the bankers into bankruptcy reorganization, by the government*, and to *protect* the people against the rapacity of the greedy bankers. That’s what Roosevelt did: He put the banking system into bankruptcy reorganization. He launched programs of expansion in a nation which had collapsed by *one-half*, in terms of average income, over the four years under Herbert Hoover; and made us the most powerful nation in the world.

It was our role, which, coupled with the resistance of the Soviet Union—which was made possible by the support of the United States; and with the fact that the British joined us, who were also quite fascistic in their inclinations, but they didn’t believe in surrendering their power over a world empire to a continental German tyrant. The only reason that Churchill opposed Hitler, was that Hitler was not British. And therefore, the British reluctantly joined the United States in fighting Hitler. And but for the margin of leadership of Franklin Roosevelt, this world would have gone to Hell.

We’re now facing a repetition of that same kind of fight, in a worse condition now than then.

Because then, at that time, our population *still believed in production*. We still believed in agriculture; we still believed in industry; we still believed in basic economic infrastructure.

Now we don’t. We’ve changed. We now believe in globalization. “Shut up! Don’t work any more. Get the slaves in the Third World to work for you, with cheap labor! They’ll supply your goods. Shut down your stores! Open up Wal-Marts, where you buy the produce of cheap labor! Disemploy your

people! Save money, by cutting your infrastructure. Cut your health care! Cut your social security systems! Cut your education! Accelerate the death rate among the sick. Do all these things *to balance your budget*, for the benefit of the bankers who own you!”

And the connection is simply this: The system we’ve lived under in Europe, as opposed to the United States, which is called “capitalism.” It’s not—you know, Marxism was actually a branch of capitalism. I’ll refer to what that is about—as people in Saxony probably understand that. Hmm?

Origins of Anglo-Dutch Liberalism

We came out of the medieval life, which was the so-called ultramontane system, a system under which Venetian bankers for over 500 years had controlled Europe, through their alliance with Norman chivalry. And they had a system of debts and debt collection, where they parasitized Europe, destroyed all attempts to form sovereign governments of nations, and they globalized Europe. Globalization is nothing different, than what the Venetians did, with a murderous Norman chivalry, who were the predecessors of the Nazi SS, throughout all of Europe.

When the great Venetian system collapsed, in the 14th-Century new dark age, where a third of the population of Europe was wiped out—half the cities, the parishes of Europe, disappeared, as the result of a crisis comparable in some characteristics, to what faces us and threatens us today. In other words, if you continue to support the IMF; if you continue to support austerity measures; if you continue to kill people by depriving them of health care; if you continue to make them ignorant, by depriving them of education; if you destroy their communities: *We are going into a dark age*. Because we are not producing enough, currently. We’re not maintaining the production of infrastructure, production of manufactured goods, of production of foodstuffs, instruments of health care and protection against epidemics—we are not maintaining those systems! If we take those systems away, *we begin to die*. And the death rate accelerates. That’s what happens in dark ages in the past, as in the 14th Century in Europe.

The fortunate part of the 14th Century, was that the legacy of people such as great Classical scholars, Dante Alighieri, Petrarca, and so forth, and the Christian tradition of the Augustinians, for example, intervened into the crisis, to create a Renaissance. This Renaissance replaced Latin as the ruling force in European thought—Latin, which had become the instrument of slavery of the European populations—to return to Classical Greek culture, as a thing to study for creating a society based on a modern nation-state. This unleashed, in Europe, in the 15th Century, a great revolution, out of which the first modern nation-states—that of France, under Louis XI and that of England, later, under Henry VII—emerged.

The Venetians then struck back. They tried to destroy this institution. And between 1511 and 1648, the Venetians launched *religious war*; they organized and conducted reli-



Leipzig, in the state of Saxony, was the city of the revival of German culture after the Thirty Years’ War, where J.S. Bach lived and worked. Here, a statue of Bach in Leipzig.

gious war, and related kinds of warfare, throughout Europe, until 1648, with the Treaty of Westphalia. The intention was then, as typified by the role of Colbert, the heir of Cardinal Mazarin, to develop a modern nation-state, based on the principles of scientific progress and *revitalization* of what had been accomplished by the Renaissance.

But then, you had an idiot, Louis XIV, who was sucked into wars set by Venetians plotters. And these wars destroyed to a great degree, what France had tended to become, as the organizer of a revival of civilization in Europe. That revival was typified by not only Colbert himself, but by his protégés! Which included, in one sense, Gottfried Leibniz, and others. Or the heirs of this movement, which went into Saxony and effected a revival from the Thirty Years’ War, in the work of Bach and others. Look at what happened out of Saxony, out of Leipzig. The city of the revival of German culture! Which Bach merely typifies, and which Leibniz typifies.

But this was frustrated again. It was frustrated because the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system had risen to supersede and



Benjamin Franklin in France, where he organized support for the American Revolution. Franklin's vast network in Europe included the circles of Abraham Kästner in Germany, in the tradition of Leibniz and Bach. European humanists saw in North America the hope of realizing their goal of building a great republic—the goal that had been blocked in Europe itself.

replace, and to continue, the Venetian system: England emerged as the dominant force, in contest of rivalry between the Dutch and the British.

And then there was the so-called Seven Years' War. And through the Seven Years' War, in which the British financed and played one part of continental Europe against the other; and they paid Frederick the Great, Friedrich der Grosse, in order to keep the war going. And then at a certain point, when they had achieved their objective, they stopped financing Friedrich der Grosse.

Out of that mess, in 1763, in the Treaty of Paris of February 1763, came the establishment of the British Empire. It was not an empire of the British monarchy. *It was an empire of the British East India Company.* The other name for the British East India Company, during that period, throughout the 18th Century, was "the Venetian Party." It was a creation of Venice.

Europe's Project in America

So a great crisis existed for Europe, for those who cared: How could Europe, having destroyed the great opportunities it had, the opportunity of the Renaissance, the opportunity of the Treaty of Westphalia, the opportunity nourished by the leadership of Colbert, typified by the work of Leibniz, echoed by the influence of Bach—how could this Europe, again, seek to build what it had intended to build? To build a society which is based on what was the essential Christian principle, that man, all persons, are made in the image of the Creator of

the universe, and have those creative powers which distinguish man from beast. And therefore we can not treat people as human cattle! We must not subject them to the status of human cattle. We must not *hunt them down*, as the Romans hunted down people they didn't like, for sport, as human cattle.

We can not treat them as human cattle, as those who are running the war against Islam, intend to do. To treat Islam as a target of human cattle to be slaughtered! And thus, to generate a religious war, which would destroy civilization around the world.

How could Europe resist, after failing twice to consolidate two great victories? The victory typified by the Council of Florence, the ecumenical Council of Florence, and the victory typified by the miracle of Cardinal Mazarin's leadership in creating the Treaty of Westphalia. The Treaty of Westphalia, on which *all international law* in Europe today depends. There would be no international-law tradition in Europe, except for the Treaty of Westphalia.

How could Europe hope to find freedom for its people, from these oppressions? They turned to North America. They turned to the English-speaking colonies of North America.

The turn began earlier. The roots of it had happened in the Massachusetts Bay Colony earlier. It happened in about 1753, when people from Germany—for example; scientists, like Kästner and others, began to spread their influence, to make connections into North America, to this noted scientist, Benjamin Franklin. And around Benjamin Franklin, the forces of Europe which were dedicated to the Leibniz tradition, to the Bach tradition, reached out to North America, to the circles of Benjamin Franklin, as an outstanding scientist and leader of the American cause. In the hope of building in North America a great republic, a republic which had in its eyes the vision of Solon of Athens, which had in its eyes the vision of the great Renaissance. How to build a republic which would become a model, to strike back into Europe, to bring the existence of such republics into Europe itself.

The 'Pursuit of Happiness'

And we almost succeeded. We did succeed in creating a republic, the *only* republic on this planet which was based on a true principle: the principle expressed, essentially, by Leibniz's phrase in the Declaration of Independence, the right to the pursuit of happiness.

Now let me explain this, because this is pivotal for understanding what the issue is: What did Leibniz mean, by "the pursuit of happiness"? What did he mean, gratification? No. Happiness is a quality which is peculiar not to animals, but to human beings. What makes you happy? Let me tell you the good news: You're all going to die. Right? Now, knowing that you're all going to die, how can you be happy? Unless there's something in your life, which is more important to you than mortal life itself. Something that you *do* with your life, which makes it meaningful. Which allows you to antici-

pate dying with a smile on your face: As a Christian believes, with a “victory over death!” You die with a victory over death, because your life has meant something.

What does it mean? Well, what is man, that man should have this quality of happiness? Man is creative. Every animal species is limited in its potential for existence, by its inherited genetic characteristics, as a mortal living thing. No animal can willfully increase its potential population-density. Now, if man were an ape, which some of our politicians seem to imitate, then man would have never had a potential on this planet, in excess of several million living individuals at one time—most of them pretty miserable. How many people are living on this planet today? The estimates are over 6 billion.

The greatest amount of this increase, and the *highest rate* of this increase, began in Europe, in the aftermath of the new dark age of the 14th Century. It began because of a revolution, which placed the value on that quality of the individual, which makes the human being *in the likeness of the Creator of the universe*: the ability to discover the principles which *run* the universe, and to utilize the employment of those discovered principles, to *change* the universe around us for the benefit of mankind.

That is how we are able to have 6 billion people living on this planet today.

Now, if you are a person who locates your identity, not in your physical self—not to look at yourself in the mirror, as if you were a baboon, and say, “I’m a good-looking baboon!” Or your sexual prowess or something of that sort. But, if you locate your identity, in that which makes you in the likeness of the Creator, the expression of the power of creativity, to discover the lawful principles of the universe, and to employ them to solve and overcome the problems that mankind confronts; to make the planet a better place in which to live, for all living things, as well as merely the people on it: That is happiness.

Since we’re all going to die, the only thing that meets the test of happiness, is what can you do, to die with a smile on your face?

That’s what happiness is! That’s Leibniz’s conception of happiness—which this evil fellow Voltaire could never understand, and despised. So, that’s what the principle of the U.S. Constitution was in the first instance.

And this was against Locke explicitly. Against the British Liberal system. Against the very *foundations* of British Liberalism, and Dutch Liberalism. That was the *foundation* of the United States. But that was not enough. We needed a Constitution, of a Presidential system. And that was a tough fight.

But the principles of the United States Constitution, are embedded in the Preamble of the Constitution. The Preamble of the Constitution is the fundamental law of the United States, to which all other features of the Constitution are accidental, are subordinated. And to which all laws are subordinated. No law has a right to exist, which violates or opposes the principles of the Preamble of the Constitution. No part of



Gottfried Leibniz (1646-1716), whose conception of the pursuit of “happiness” inspired the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The Lockean wanted the document to underline the right to “life, liberty, and property,” but they were defeated by Franklin and his allies.

the Constitution, no interpretation of any part of the Constitution, has any right to exist, if it’s inconsistent with the intent of the Preamble of the Constitution.

What is the Preamble? The right to sovereignty, national sovereignty. To govern our own affairs, which we can not do, unless we are sovereign.

Secondly, we must subordinate all considerations to the general welfare of *all* of the people. You can not have some preferred people, some less preferred people. *All* of the people have a right to live.

We must not merely content ourselves with our living. We the living, do not own this planet: It belongs to those who came before us; it belongs to those who come after us. And therefore, the law must be: We must serve the interests of those who come after us, our posterity.

That is the law! That law was not something invented in the United States. It was *crafted* in the United States, as law. The conception came from Europe. It was what the greatest minds of Europe, the greatest leaders of Europe, such as the 15th-Century Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, had fought for. But people found in the soil, at a distance from Europe, or at a so-called safe distance from Europe, the opportunity to implant there, a republic so conceived, and *with a mission*, not merely to serve itself, but to be, as Lafayette put it, later, “a beacon of hope and a temple of liberty for all mankind.”

The *raison d’être* of the United States is *to be that!* And when it *is not that*, it fails in its own essential self-interest and mission. Our mission is not to rule the world, or to attempt to do so. Our mission is *to be that*, which assists and provides the rest of this planet, the opportunity to realize what Europe sought to realize in the great struggles against the legacy of the Roman Empire. That’s our special capability.

Abraham Lincoln is probably the President of the United States who most clearly typifies, precisely, this principle of law, this notion of law. He saved the world by defeating the



Abraham Lincoln was probably the greatest President the United States ever had, and typifies the principles of law and morality which the President of the United States must adopt today.

Confederacy, the principle of slavery. He was probably the greatest President the United States ever had. The most consistently great President, morally.

And that is the job of the President of the United States today.

Bankers' Fascism

Europe has many things to contribute, which are essential for the saving of humanity as a whole, in the coming period. The problem is, Europe does not have, at present, the kind of political institutions which, of themselves, are capable of meeting that responsibility. There are no true republics in Europe. None. Not by the standard of natural law.

There are Europeans who have a European cultural tradition, which has embedded in it the attributes required to create great republics. But it has come to the time that every time there's a crisis, in Europe, particularly a monetary-financial crisis, the bankers take over. The bankers prevail, as they did in the spread of fascism from 1922 to 1945 on the continent

of Europe.

The governments, the people, were not capable of saying, "The general welfare of the people comes first. The bankers come last." Particularly since they're cover stories. They're not honest creditors. They're people who have created a system to suck the blood, and loot and oppress the people. We tolerate them up to a point, where the system is threatened; where the lives of people are threatened, where cruel deeds are done, in the main. As is being done by the IMF against Argentina. A perfect case of fascism is Annie Krueger, the representative of the IMF in dealing with Argentina. (We refer to her in the United States, as the mother of Freddie Krueger. Some people know what that means.)

This is fascism. This is evil. Just as evil as Hitler. But who's doing it? The IMF, the International Monetary Fund. Who's it doing it for? It's doing it for Venetian-style financial oligarchical interests, which control central banking systems, which control the national banking systems of most countries in Europe, and which turn as predators on man. This is why Hitler was brought to power. And this was a project, planned at the time of the Versailles Treaty. Probably Hitler himself was not planned, but the operation was planned by the Synarchist International at the Versailles Treaty meetings!

And Europe could not save itself. And therefore, the responsibility of the United States, because of its position, is to, as we say, get its act together; adopt its mission. The mission for which Europe created it! The mission of bringing to other parts of the world, the rights to have truly sovereign republics, in which all of the people of a nation can participate, consciously and knowledgeable, in the management of their affairs, can be educated as to what the principles of law and history are, which should guide them in choosing their decisions. In creating institutions which they control, which perform this function for them, called government.

We have to free the world for that.

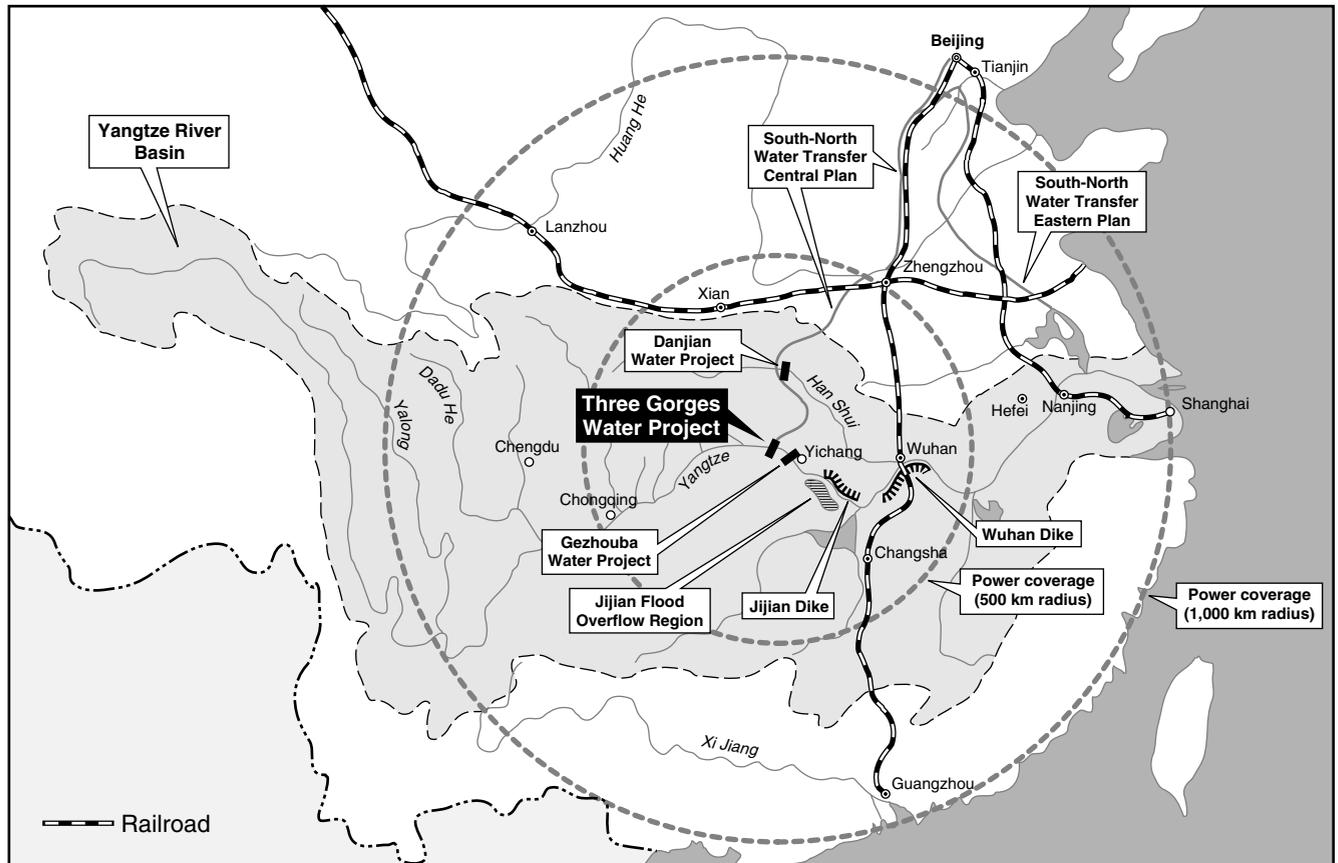
People Come First

Now, at present we are in fairly decent shape, from my standpoint, in the United States. Kerry is not an all-around genius. He's a very . . . [audio break], that when a conflict arises, between the financiers and the welfare of the people, government must act to defend the people, and the financiers will wait.

That means, essentially, that—. Take a situation such as now in Germany. You have upwards of 8 million unemployed in Germany, at the last estimate, these last reports. Over 8 million people out of work. When you take the amount of wealth that those 8 million people could produce, if employed properly, then Germany would not be bankrupt. It'd be perfectly fine.

How do you do that? You draw upon existing financial funds? Not really. The money doesn't exist on which you can draw. You have to *create* it. You have to create it so that it's solid. How do you create it? By action of government! You create money. You spend the money. For what? To put people

China's Three Gorges Dam and Associated Infrastructure Projects



What does Europe do, faced with the enormous needs of China, India, and other locations, for modern industry and infrastructure development? "You say, 'Hey, that's our market.'"

to work, of course. But that doesn't work by itself. If we just spend money to employ people, then eventually you're going to have inflation. You have to spend it wisely, for the right type of employment. You must spend it for things that will have physical value, 10, 20, 30, 50 years from now. If something will have physical value, in the sense of being useful to society, 50 years from now, then you can afford to go into debt, at reasonable rates, for 50 years, to have that.

That will immediately give you the ability to employ more people. To bring the government into balance, the nation into balance. This is what Roosevelt did. This is what we did, that's how we won the Civil War against the British agents called the Confederacy. This is the American System. We are sovereign in the creation of money, but we must be prudent and wise in the way we create and use that money.

The Challenge of Eurasian Development

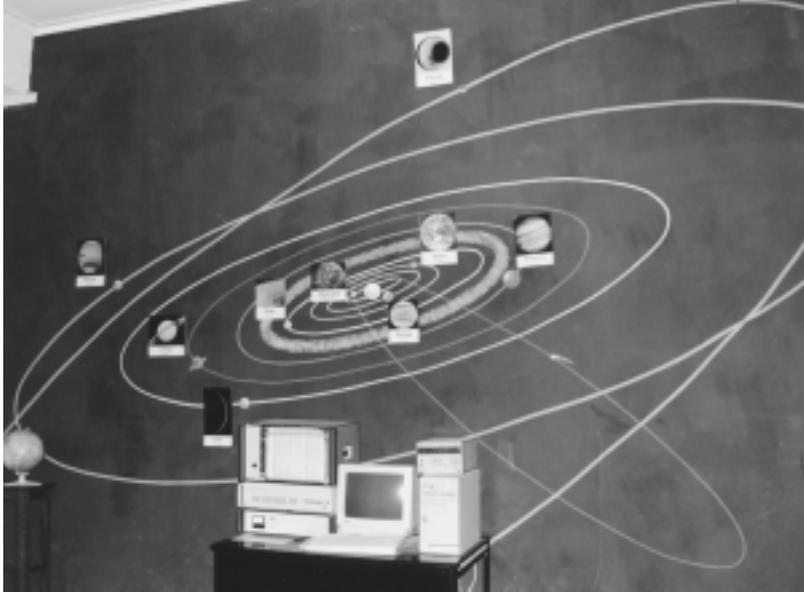
Now, what do we have in the world today? Just to give a picture of the optimistic side.

You have the largest concentrations of population in the world today, are typified by the cases of India and China.

China has over 1.3 billion people, India has over 1 billion people. You have a similar situation along South Asia, Southeast Asia—and North Asia. These are areas of different cultures, differing cultures, which often have cultural disagreements—and cultural disagreements within their own borders.

But these are also areas in which the amount of usable land area is limited, under present technological conditions. China has land area, more than India does, but it's mostly poorly developed, and therefore the advantage of having the greater territory is not there. What these countries lack, also, is not merely land area; what they lack is, for example, minerals. They don't have the mineral resources required to allow them to not only expand their population, but to raise the standard of living, and raise the level of productivity of their people per capita.

Therefore, what do you do in Europe? You say, "Hey, that's our market." Yes, China has some modern industry. India has modern industry, but they don't have enough. They don't have enough to meet the needs of governments which are concerned to bring justice and prosperity to *all* of the people. Therefore, you must have some large-scale develop-



Lyndon and Helga LaRouche toured the Vernadsky State Geological Museum in Moscow in 2001. Here, museum official Dr. G.V. Naumov shows them some of the exhibits on geology, magnetism, and the Solar System.

ment projects, which are beyond the immediate capital resources in the countries of China, India, or elsewhere.

So what can we do with Europe, or the United States? We have—with what we've shut down, but which is culturally embedded in our culture, we have shut down the ability in technological progress, to create these kinds of things, that these countries need from us. So, why don't we make a treaty agreement, long-term treaty agreement, with countries in Asia, the greatest concentration of population, and the greatest concentration of poverty, outside of Africa, on this planet? Why don't we make long-term treaty agreements, two generations ahead? Why don't we create capital funds, by treaty agreement? Why don't we crank up our industries, to prepare

ourselves as nations, as a mission for nations, to meet the needs which these countries have, and express?

Isn't that the way to live? Isn't that what is implicit in the Treaty of Westphalia? To give the advantage to the other? Isn't the road to peace and security on this planet, to give the advantage to the other, for sovereign people to commit themselves to the benefit of their neighbor? And to bind themselves together, in ties of interdependency, by these commitments to give the advantage to the other?

Think first of what you can do for somebody else—and maybe then, your own requirement can be met, if they think the same way toward you.

Now, who can do this stuff in North Asia? Central Asia?

Who can take the vast mineral resources in North and Central Asia? Who knows how to develop these mineral resources, and how to process them, and use them over the future, to maintain them, as a supply? For the benefit of the expanding demands of South, Southeast and East Asia? Who knows that? Russia.

There's a building on the square, Red Square, as it used to be called, the Vernadsky Museum, the geological museum, and the people working in that museum, associated with that, represent the knowledge which is necessary for solving this great problem which affects immediately China.

We can develop this area of North and Central Asia. But to develop it we can't exploit it; we must *develop* it. You can't get the mineral resources you require from this area by exploiting it, looting it. You must develop it. You must populate it. You must build up cities. You must build up industries. You must build up systems of maintaining life, plant life and so forth. You must do all these things.

It means you must take this whole territory, *and develop it, not loot it.*

Well, to develop it and not loot it, you have to have some people sitting on it. Well, we've got Russians. We've got other people. We can create international institutions of education and cooperation, which are capable of this kind of task. And our mineral resources are not limited to this part of Asia. Or to the Great Shield in Africa. Or to the great resources of South America. The oceans! The greatest source of minerals on this planet is in the oceans, and underneath them. That's the greatest part of the surface of the planet. We have to learn to manage the mineral resources of this planet.

Now, go back to Vernadsky and another thing, just to get a picture about how we have to think about economics. Forget money! Money is an idiot. It has no idea of what to do. It will behave badly in any case, given the opportunity to do so. So, talking about free trade, and free circulation of money, and globalization—only an idiot, and particularly a suicidal idiot, would seriously think about such a proposition. Money is something which should be created by government, and since money is an idiot, government has to regulate this disease, called money, which it has unleashed on society. You do that by methods of regulation.

And let me indicate some of the physical characteristics of this.

Vernadsky's Approach

Let's take the case of our friend Vernadsky, a great scientist, a great follower of Mendeleev, who's also a very creative person, who dealt with these kinds of things I referred to about how to develop Eurasia. Now, what did he do?

In his major work, he did many things. He was an all-around genius. But one of his last achievements was to define a concept of the way in which the planet is organized, a concept which very few scientists today have ever seemed to have understood. He went back to ancient Greece, to *pre-*



The late Ukrainian-Russian scientist Vladimir I. Vernadsky, "an all-around genius," defined the way the planet is organized, on the levels of the abiotic, the Biosphere, and the Noösphere.

Aristotelian Greece, to the Greece of the Pythagoreans and Plato and so forth, to a concept of the nature of science, which these Greeks developed, on the basis of understanding Egyptian astronomy, which is the basis of modern European science. It's rooted in Egyptian astronomy. And when we look back to about 4,700, 4,800 years ago, to the building of the Great Pyramids of Giza, and you look at them for the astronomical instruments they were designed to be, you have an insight into what ancient Egyptian astronomy was.

And it was from this, it was from this which the Greeks called the Spherics, from which Greece defined the creation, the inception, of modern European science.

Vernadsky went back to that, and recognized that there are three principles which govern the way the life on Earth is composed, and in the universe. First, from the standpoint of experiment, scientific experiments, there are things we consider inorganic. That is, the principles involved in these particular processes, do not require any consideration of intellect or life to function. In other words, you can define these processes quite effectively, for your purposes, without taking into account the existence of life as a principle, or cognition as a principle.

We have a second area, of those kinds of processes which we know largely as fossils. The history of the Earth. The products of life. Things which could not exist on this planet, except as a result of action of a principle of life, as distinct from inorganic processes.

And this he called the Biosphere. The planet is using, the planet is getting more and more of the fossils of living processes, and proportionately less and less of simply inorganic forms. The planet is being transformed, as it were becoming, itself, a living creature! Through the spread of the increased composition of these fossils. The Biosphere, and the processes of life which regenerate, and expand,

the Biosphere.

Then you have a third one, which no lower form of life has, as a principle. The principle of cognition, or what the Greeks call hypothesis, by which the human mind is capable of discovering the universal principles in the universe, which otherwise are not found in life, or in non-living processes.

(Now you begin to see the pure idiocy of information theory. An information theorist is not a scientist, he's a quack. And don't trust him. He probably steals, too.)

Therefore, now, what are we talking about, on this planet? We are human beings. We're living on this planet, and we hope to be soon living also on some other planets. We're going out there—it's inevitable, unless we destroy ourselves before we get there. We're just going to have to go out there, because it's part of the Solar System. The Solar System is a system. We have to learn how to manage life within the Solar System. We're going to have to go out and explore the Solar System, to learn how to manage life from the standpoint of the processes of the Solar System. And we'll get out there to find out something about things we didn't know about, on Earth, which actually affect life on Earth.

But, what are we doing? Just in the way that living processes have transformed the planet, into one into which human beings could be born, so the development of the planet by man, the fossils of human activity, large water projects, large systems which do not exist in nature, have been created to make life possible, human life possible, where it's otherwise not possible. To enable us to sustain large populations, where only small populations could otherwise exist.

So, we are building up the Noösphere, the accumulation of fossils, which we sometimes call basic economic infrastructure: the water systems, the power systems, all these systems. We're building them. Schools, hospitals—it's all part of this. It's part of the Noösphere. Building up systems which take a bigger and bigger percentile of the total planet's mass. We create that.

We created these conditions, which enable us to increase the potential population-density of the planet, which raise the standard of living of the individual on the planet, by enabling people to be more productive. That's real economy.

Discovery: The Basis for Real Economics

So our function in economy is to think in these terms, today, because the planet is becoming crowded—crowded in the sense that processes have overtaken us, to the point that we have to seriously manage the planet. You can't go running around in some strange area and setting up a kingdom or something, as was tried in earlier times. You have to develop an area, to accommodate a larger population. To develop an area to provide a higher standard of living for that population. You must change the totality of the environment. You must do it in a scientific way.

Now, here's where the rub comes. Here's where the idiots come from, like Marx. Or Engels, in particular. And this was

the problem with Saxony: They had the Engels influence over there.

Engels said that man's progress—man was just an ape, who progressed because of the opposable thumb, which is scientifically nonsense, just at the start. Man is not an ape. Man has a quality which no ape has, which Vernadsky recognized. Man has the power of creativity. Man is a creature in the image of the Creator, and this ability is of an intellectual nature, a human intellectual nature. The ability to make scientific discoveries, hypotheses, and prove them experimentally, and to change the conditions of life and behavior of mankind.

Now, this ability to discover is not a group-think operation, and all of our youth who've gone through this process of dialogue know that. It's an interaction within a group of people, but the impulse of action comes from the sovereign mind of the individual. Therefore, in society we have this apparent paradox. Progress depends upon a collective agreement to development of the world in which we live, in a certain way. That we must agree upon; otherwise it doesn't work. We don't cooperate. It doesn't happen.

But: The incentive, the spark, which enables us to discover the principles which will then serve us, comes only from one source: the creative powers of the individual human mind. No one has ever seen the creative powers of the individual human mind at work, from outside that human mind. No one could. You can't measure it physically. It does not fit the nature of the Biosphere. It's a higher quality which exists in the universe, which is very interesting to theologians, because it says that God exists in the universe. Otherwise it couldn't happen. And God also exists in man, otherwise man couldn't do it.

So, it's not in the plants, it's not in the little bunnies, and so forth. It's in the individual human mind, a sovereign individual mind, which is capable of making a discovery, and achieving a peculiar kind of immortality.

Take the case of Archimedes. Now, Archimedes was not the greatest discoverer in ancient history, but he's a good example. Archimedes made discoveries which are very thoroughly documented, because some French people got to collecting all these things. His writings are well documented. Now today, a student, in fact there's a student in our youth movement, in particular, who will do that, maybe in the university or not, where they're lazier, but in our youth movement they would—take a discovery by Archimedes. Take the problem as he defined it. Recognize the anomaly which he used to make a discovery of principle. Now reenact in your own mind, the mental act of discovery which Archimedes did.

Now, what have you done? You, with your living tissue, have observed something that Archimedes did. You've gone through the same experience, and now the same idea he discovered comes popping out of you, in your living tissue, as if he were alive today. This is what culture is, human culture is—the transmission of ideas of that nature. Scientific ideas, Classical artistic ideas.

These things are then re-enacted, in the minds of the peo-

ple to whom we transmit these discoveries. Often we know these people personally. The greatest discoverers are usually known to us. Great people, who are an influence upon us, they're known to us. When they die, you can relive in yourself what happened in their mind, if you really shared it. That is our relationship to mankind before us. All of humanity lives in us, who are living today. And our pursuit of happiness is to ensure that we live in the society we're creating for tomorrow.

That's the basis for physical economy. Money is just a nothing by itself, a simple piece of paper. It's a fiction. There is no law of money. There is no law of free trade. This is all gibberish. Money is something we have to manage, because it's an idiot, but we have to manage it to a purpose. We have to manage it, not as the communists said, where the proletarians instinctively, through their gut or something, secrete wisdom, collectively. But we have to manage it through the process of the individual, development of the individual mind. Through the intellectual process in that higher sense.

And we have to create a society in which we are causing more and more people to participate in society, not as human cattle, but to participate in the sense of, "We want to have happiness," and happiness as a sense of living, as an efficient part of the future. Not biologically existing, as a part of the future, but existing in the benefit, which we give to future generations.

We think of ourselves as embarked upon a mission in life.

The Courage To Face Immortality

The other aspect of this concept of self, comes up in military science. It's typified by Shakespeare's case of Hamlet. Now, the case of Hamlet is quite relevant to thinking about John Kerry. What was Hamlet in real life?

Hamlet was a brave soldier. Kerry was a brave soldier. Whether you like the war, as he didn't, or not; he fought as a brave soldier. He was capable of giving orders on the level of a captain or a major, perhaps a colonel. He was good at it. But he was not—he lacks one thing: Just as Hamlet, a similar skilled soldier, who could get somebody behind a curtain, with one stab of a blade of his knife, but he could not face immortality. He could not face the issue of command. He could not face, in a sense, what Friedrich der Grosse faced at Leuthen, of putting his whole force in jeopardy, by his decision, as his responsibility. The responsibility of command.

See, the sergeant, the lieutenant, the captain, the major, will get by if he does a good job. He will sacrifice himself, but on the basis that he has confidence in the leadership of his forces, that his effort will not be a waste. That if he is spent, he will be spent to a good purpose.

But then, take that same brave soldier, that brave leader of the unit, put him in the position where his nation's *existence* depends upon his willingness to make the kind of judgment upon which the future *existence* of that nation depends. You get a Hamlet, who would plunge to death in some exercise, rather than face what lies beyond death, the question of im-



John Kerry campaigning in Youngstown, Ohio, May 2004. Kerry can do the job, LaRouche said, if we help him. "Around such a choice of a national leader, we have to build an institution of government, that is, a living institution of people in government, who are capable, collectively, by their interaction, of making the kinds of decisions that a great commander must make."

mortality.

The problem we have today: You have all these nuts running around saying they're religious. But most of them I know, don't have any sense of immortality. They don't have a real sense of immortality. Someone comes along and promises them an elegant suite on the other side of life, beyond death, and tells them that they won't have to pay next month's rent if Armageddon comes today. That is not a sense of immortality. A sense of immortality is more for the Christian, for example, of Christ's expenditure of his mortal life, for the future of all mankind.

That is the quality which, you know, the quality of a great saint, a great apostle, is that quality, of the ability to competently exercise command in leadership, which is the most vital problem we face today. We don't have a single known leader in Europe who is capable of doing that. I don't know of any in the United States except me, who could do that.

So, what we're going to do is this. We're going to take a very good commander, in the lower rank, a Kerry. Very intelligent. Strongly intelligent. A man of good character. Forget all the shortfalls—many people have shortfalls. But when it comes down to a balance, this guy is not bad. He can do the job. I have available to me now, from the institutions of the United States, and from friendly contacts with people of responsibility in other countries, I've available to me now, access to the best possible advice which can be given to a President of the United States, under these conditions. Therefore, we have to build around such a choice of a national leader, we have to build an institution of government, that is, a living institution of people in government, who are capable,

collectively, by their interaction, of making the kinds of decisions that a great commander must make.

We must have no less mission than saving this planet. Don't worry about this country or that country, next week or next year. Get your mind off that. The issue is, to save civilization, which is now in jeopardy.

We're faced with something far worse than Hitler. Even though Cheney is not much—he's just an animal—but the system itself, the system of the planet, the condition of the planet, is far worse than it was back in the 1920s. We need extraordinary leadership. The United States must provide that leadership. I'm confident from what I know of Europe, that if

Greetings From Iraq's Dr. Ahmed al-Kubaisi

Sheikh Dr. Ahmed al-Kubaisi, founder of the Iraqi United Patriotic Front and a leading Islamic scholar in Iraq, sent this message of greeting to the conference. It has been translated from Arabic.

In the name of Allah the Merciful and compassionate, first of all we send our warmest greetings and deepest appreciation to Mr. Lyndon LaRouche, for his efforts to establish peace and justice and equality among all nations. But most of all, we appreciate his efforts to save the United States from the forces threatening it from the inside.

Secondly, we greatly appreciate his stands on the issue of the occupation of Iraq, and his objective and deep insight, and also his caring, for not only the interests of the United States, but also of the people of Iraq.

We as an Iraqi people, will have no problems with America, if it brings the true representatives of the Iraqi people to represent them, in talks with the United States.

We will not accept U.S. attempts to appoint spies and intelligence agents, as partners, presenting the case of the Iraqi people to the U.S. government. We are deeply concerned about the future of Iraq under the current policy. The most important, and sensitive issue now, is that Iraq should remain a unified single country, one Iraq, as it has always been, with no differentiation among its people on the basis of religious, sectarian, or ethnic background.

We were brought up with the idea that the United States was the ideal for establishing a human, humane, prosperous, and just society. This conviction was further strengthened when President Eisenhower made the great American stand in insisting, in an uncompromising, unhesitant, and firm manner, that the British, the French, and the Israeli armies should get out of Port Said, Egypt, in 1956. Eisenhower did this, in spite of the fact that Egypt's President, Gamal Abdul Nasser, had deep disagreements and disputes with the U.S. administration. Eisenhower was acting to defend the honor of America, and its philosophy and mission.

If America had kept to that course, the oppressed nations of the world would have voluntarily asked the U.S.

to come to their aid, without war or occupation.

Here, I would like to recall an anecdote, which was commonly known in the Arab world in the 1950s and '60s. It goes like this: People of a poor and divided Yemen had had enough of the oppression of the tyrants ruling, and of poverty. So they met together to find a solution. They finally came to an agreement, to call on the U.S. to come to their aid, and rule them. But one of them asked: "What if the Americans refuse to come?" They replied: "Well, we would launch a war against them, so we can force them to come here and take care of us."

The same person asked again: "But suppose we won the war? Suppose we defeated them. What would happen then?"

And everyone said, "No, no, no. We have to make sure that we lose. We can't afford to support all those millions of Americans."

America was the ideal for many of us Muslims and Arabs, but it has fallen. It has fallen on the altar of Israeli tyranny and the fabricated lies used to justify the occupation of Iraq. This has forced people to reconsider their previous convictions about the United States. The officials in America should know, that there is not one single nation on the face of the planet today, which trusts and respects the United States today, and what those officials pronounce as their love for freedom and justice.

This collapse of the United States saddens us, as Arabs and Muslims, probably more than it does Americans. But we are hopeful. We are hopeful that change will come soon.

The cry which has been issued by Mr. LaRouche, will resonate and echo everywhere, despite all of the pressures and opposition he has been facing. It will definitely reach everyone, and make them respond.

We, like Mr. LaRouche, believe in the dialogue of cultures and faiths. We believe that monotheistic religions all agree on the same basic principles. To be sure, there are differences, but in Islam, we say, difference is a virtue. We should not compete around faith. We should work together to reach the intended goal set for us, by the Creator of the Universe: Peace, justice, and prosperity will inevitably become the norm in this universe.

We pray for your continued good health, Mr. LaRouche, and may Allah help you, and make your efforts, and those of the people with you, a success.

the United States *would* provide that kind of leadership, that there are forces in Europe who would quickly respond, because they want a way out. As we saw today, with the message from our friend, our Iraqi friend [see box]: There are forces in the Arab world which would respond. They simply want the kind of leadership with which they can work, to get us out of the hell we're in.

There are forces all around the planet who will cooperate. I know many of them, or know of them. They would cooperate. But who's going to step forward first? The nation that must step forward first, is the United States, because of its position of power, among other reasons. And we have, we have a very good chance now, of getting rid of the Bush-Cheney Administration. Those who say otherwise, don't know what they're talking about. We're on the edge.

If the Kerry crowd does not fail—and, as you know, I'm on the inside of this—if the Kerry crowd does not fail, and I think it will not fail, we'll win, and we're through this safely. It can't be guaranteed, because the war has not yet been won. But we have a winning capability, a winning position, a winning potential. And we must think like a commander, as a commander should. I have to think, not of "what if we're defeated, what if we don't succeed." No. A commander does not think like that. A commander is committed to the result—absolutely, unconditionally, committed to the result. As *I am unconditionally committed to defeating what this Bush-Cheney thing represents.*

Now, from this we must learn some lessons, as we come out of this, and I think we will come out of it.

The Principles of Westphalia

We must learn, the time has come, we can no longer play games with humanity, the way games have been played in times past. We now have to go to something like the Treaty of Westphalia, and say, "This planet, yes, we must have sovereign nation-states, because if we don't have sovereign nation-states, you don't have a mechanism by which the individual person can participate culturally in running their own nation." Therefore, we must not have any globalization. People can understand ideas only through the culture which they come out of. They may come out of that to understand on a global level, but they have to work within the cultural antecedents of language, and so forth, they live in. They must have their own nation, as they choose. Otherwise, they are not individually sovereign.

But we must understand, that while we must seek sovereignty, we must also understand sovereignty as the great



Ratification of the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648. The treaty inaugurated the concept of "the advantage of the other" in diplomacy, and established the principle of national sovereignty in international law. This is the standpoint necessary for overcoming conflicts among nations and peoples today.

Cardinal Mazarin understood it. The sovereignty of a system of nation-states, depends upon a deep devotion, of each and all those states, to the advantage of the other state. That every nation must think about what he can do for humanity as a whole, or for particular parts of humanity. It's what you do for others, which is the greatest source of security you have in your own nation. To the degree that you think competition and rivalry are the requirements of patriotism, you're an idiot, and you just end up with another one of these crises.

So, I can dedicate the rest of the subject of economics to these two stalwart characters whose names I have mentioned. Dennis Small, who will present some of the work we're doing in the United States, to make clear the principles of economics, to people who have been unfortunately poisoned, had their minds almost destroyed, by studying economics today. This will free you from that.

Also the question of the environment, where I described the Noösphere and Biosphere, this is something I think Jonathan will deal with from the standpoint of Riemann: It is, that the increase of productivity does not come so much from what you do, on your job; the increase of productivity comes largely from the environment which is created around the job you have. Just as the development of electrical power, even if there were no change in production, is one of the greatest single sources of the increase in productivity. So, therefore, the environment which people ignore—that is, the creative environment—is the most important, and I'm sure Jonathan will take care of that quite adequately. We've discussed it a lot, and I know he's well prepared.

Thank you.

The Real Reunification Of Germany Starts Now

Helga Zepp-LaRouche gave this address to the Schiller Institute conference on Sept. 25. She is the founder of the Schiller Institute, and chairwoman of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo) party in Germany.

Well, dear friends, one of my most favorite Spirituals (and I'm not going to sing it, so don't worry) is "I Sing Because I'm Happy, I Sing Because I'm Free." And that's exactly what we did in Saxony, where we were happy, because we were singing. This happiness is what caught on in the population, in the Monday demonstrations, and when our young people went to the rallies, to the neighborhoods. And the singing, the experience of the young people singing beauty to the people, radiating beauty, *and* that there is a perspective, a way out of this terrible crisis—namely, that we all only need to change the economic policy, and there is a solution. Eight million jobs can be created.

This changed Saxony. Our intervention did bring in, for the first time, I would say, at least since 15 years, the spark of hope. And for us, it resulted in a remarkable vote, given the fact that the media always tried to eliminate us from the public conscience, we made a real breakthrough! We got a remarkable vote—2 to 3% wherever we had direct candidates, and Markus even got almost 6%. So, this was done; we said 50 youth, but in reality it was much less, because most of the youth were doing many things at the same time. So, you can actually say, it was average 30-40 youth, 25,000 euros—what is 25,000 euros? It's almost nothing—in ten weeks.

Now, that makes very clear, if we would just have five times as many people, five times as many euros, and you know, maybe the same amount of weeks, we would be in the next parliament. So, we will do it next time!

We do it by uplifting the population, and we started to do this in Saxony with a very promising beginning.

Europe and the U.S. Election

Now, obviously, for the next future, the really big issue, the big one which will determine the fate of mankind for a long time to come—Lyn talked about this already, yesterday—is the November election in the United States. And the whole world—maybe the world more than even the American citizen—is painfully aware that if Bush is re-elected, if Bush-Cheney would be there for "four more years" (I mean, I still have this horrible sound from the Republican Convention in

my ear), forget about world peace.

But, fortunately, under Lyn's absolutely uncompromising leadership—and I know what went into this in the last weeks—the Kerry campaign is becoming more aggressive. And Lyn has changed the agenda of Kerry, by saying, rather than what Shrum-bag advisor from the Kennedy team was advising, that Kerry should not even make any election campaign, but just react and let Bush defeat himself, this fortunately was changed. And Lyn said, if you have a very, very stupid President and you surround him by new agenda items, so that he gets a tizzy in the mind, that he can only prepare and learn by heart one speech on one subject; but if five subjects are thrown at him, he gets thrown off course. And the good beginning was that Kerry started to attack the absolute failure of the Iraq War.

Now, this is very important, and it has an immediate implication for our ability to intervene, from Europe—and I know this is the question which is in the minds of many people: What can we in Europe do, to decide the outcome of this historical election?

Now, the fact that Lyn got Kerry to change his policy on the Iraq War, gives us already a leverage here: Because, up to now—and we picked this up personally in several very high-level discussions—the point was out, "Bush will be re-elected, you better get adjusted to it." And then, the impotent Europeans, the not-so-courageous politicians said, "Well, if there is a re-election of Bush and Cheney, well, we better play turtle." You know what happens to a turtle, when the danger comes, the turtle pulls the head in, and pulls it under the chin, and that was essentially what these politicians do. "Because, if we stick our head out now, we will get hit over the head in November, so better let's not expose ourselves."

And this, we are going to change. We are saying, "No," to this cowardice. We will mobilize all of Europe. And make everything possible to activate the so-called "hyphenated Americans": the German-Americans, the Italian-Americans, the Scandinavian-Americans—to basically assert all influence they have, and all other channels and diplomatic channels, and so forth. Because it is very clear: We have to impress on the American population, with every means possible, that the issue of Bush or Kerry is the issue of world peace, or World War III—depression and war, or a New Deal.

But, with the Kerry speech on Iraq, we have a new situation in Europe, because Schröder can now say—and Lyn already told you yesterday what he is doing in the background—Schröder can now say, "See the Democratic Presidential candidate is saying the same thing as I said about the Iraq War." So, it's no longer Europe, Old Europe/New Europe against the United States, but the question is, who was right? And Schröder *was* right, and Kerry is now saying the same thing. So, the whole issue of the Transatlantic tension is no longer there.

It also means that this strange CDU Chairwoman Merkel, who has been so disgustingly crawling in front of the neo-



Helga Zepp-LaRouche with members of the youth movement. The real reunification of Germany, she stressed, will only occur on the basis of the highest level of Classical culture, the culture of Bach, Beethoven, and Schiller.

cons in respect to the Iraq War, she is proven completely wrong! She is basically, totally, untrustworthy, and has very poor judgment. Nobody should trust Merkel. If she's wrong on the Iraq War, she's also wrong on all other issues. And she was politically extremely stupid on the Hartz IV, in the Saxony and Brandenburg elections. She could have just kept her mouth shut, and let the SPD [Social Democratic Party] take the brunt for the policy. But, she had to outdo Schröder, and, you know, the result was very clear: The CDU lost 7% in Brandenburg and they lost 15% in Saxony.

Now, Merkel—and I don't want to say the rhyme which you all know, because of the libel laws, I'm not going to do it—so Merkel can thank Milton Friedman, because [Saxony state President (CDU) Georg] Milbradt went, in the middle of the election campaign, to California, to sneakingly, secretly meet Milton Friedman (of all people!) to consult with him in the hotel. And she also can thank Meinhard Miegel, and since, I think it was Lucien asking yesterday, what are the enemies we have to fight in Europe, I'm going to give you a couple of such names. But, I think the results in Saxony, in particular, and Brandenburg, shows what happens in times like this, to the *Betonköpfe*, to the “concrete-heads.”

But, then you see, how ridiculous it is, from the SPD now. And it shows you how completely the Baby-Boomer generation misses the boat! How they don't understand reality any more! How ridiculous it was, when the SPD, after this election election result of 9.6% in Saxony, said they had a good result, because the CDU lost more! The question is, will

the SPD exist? And we just recently met a very high-ranking SPD person, who, when I pointed out this fact, that if the SPD continues like that, they *will* not exist, *he* said, “As an SPD man, *if* they continue like that, they do not *deserve* to exist.” And that is the reality of the thing.

But, this is not some academic analysis. If Kerry wins, and Lyn can introduce an FDR New Deal policy, everything will change in Europe—I mean, everything will change, dramatically! So, we are in an absolutely, breathtakingly *spannende Moment* [cliffhanger moment]. But since they're still waiting, we already started the change ourselves, with the process we put into motion in the Saxony campaign.

Hartz IV: Our Battle Against Schachtian Austerity

Schiller, in his famous forward in the historical writings about the separation of the Netherlands from Spain, said that if good people come together with a good plan, they can always defeat the power of the tyrant. Now, it is very clear that we have challenged the international, synarchist fascist oligarchy in a very significant way: Because, as we retrospectively found out, they had decided to do everything possible to have Bush re-elected, and to postpone the financial collapse of the system, until after November, to not have anything upset the Bush re-election. In the meantime, it was their absolute determination, to impose Schachtian austerity in the G-8 countries, and in the Third World countries. And to basically threaten all countries with economic warfare, financial war-

fare: You had the famous move by the private firm, Standard & Poor's, threatening to downgrade the German debt to junk status, like that of other so-called "failed states" like Argentina, or other countries of the Third World who can't pay their debt; by forcing Schröder to capitulate by making economic warfare operations in the beginning of August, by showing the big fist, "Look, we can bring your economies down in no time, if we desire to do so."

Now Hartz IV, the famous labor market reform, was the Schachtian policy in disguise, which was supposed to be swallowed by the population, similar to policies in Italy, France, Holland, Switzerland. Well, but Hartz IV is only the first wave: Because after Hartz IV, which hits the long-term unemployed, the pensions are supposed to be cut, and the living standard of the Baby-Boomer generation, the so-called middle-level income, is supposed to be smashed. That's what [Federal Reserve Chairman Alan] Greenspan openly said. He said, "We did not tell the people the truth. We promised too much. We cannot pay these pensions. We cannot pay these wages. The living standard has to be cut, in general." And Anne Krueger, the vice president of the IMF, even said, "Well, the aging problem, that the population has become older and less children are coming along, is not only a problem which affects the so-called industrialized countries, but also the so-called Third World. Brazil and India"—and she singled out these two countries—"have to cut the living standard, because of the aging of the population."

Now, for those of you who do not know what Hartz IV is, Hartz IV was the trigger point of this whole process: Hartz IV is a so-called labor market reform, which says that after one year of unemployment, the long-term unemployed only get the same amount of money as the people on social welfare, EU 345 in the West, EU 331 in the East. And you can think what a living standard you can afford with that kind of money. But not only that. Before you get a single penny, or single cent, the unemployment authorities come to your home, and check if you have any hidden properties: if you have a *Sparschwein* [piggy bank], a little piglet of your children, with money they save; if you have life insurance, a pension plan, other valuables. And you have to first spend all of this, before you get one cent of this money.

So, it's not only an expropriation, but it is degradation, because you are being treated like a criminal, the moment you have the misfortune to become unemployed. And is it your fault if you become unemployed? You can become unemployed if you are a teacher, a professor, a baker, whatever—it's not your fault! But it means that, automatically, with this law, more than 4 million people will be thrown on the level of absolute poverty.

Now, it is not only socially totally unjust, because those poor people who are hit will be affected, but it is economically completely incompetent, because not one productive job is being created by it.

So the plan was, "Let's sneak Hartz IV in Germany, pension reform in Italy, similar cuts in France, make Holland and

Denmark the model of austerity policy, and let's sneak it through; let's blackmail the governments, let's get the populations to adopt it, and everything will be fine," so thought Alan Greenspan. But, fortunately Alan Greenspan lives in the not-so-complex domain universe, and therefore he was mistaken: Because the universe is not composed out of linear statistics, as Alan Greenspan said. And what Greenspan did not calculate, was the power of *bel canto* singing. This was not in his equation.

So at the end of June, beginning of July, Maestro Briano¹ came first to the little forest village in nearby Coblenz, and there for one week, about 100 young people were singing every day for eight hours, ten hours, as long as Maestro Briano had the energy to do it. And then they got so excited, they went on to Paris to have another week of "*bel cano*"—*bel canto* singing (I'm talking about [my dog] Maibow, obviously, the "*bel cano*")—and people were learning very, very seriously the beauty of *Jesu meine Freude*, the beautiful Bach motet; then, *Freude schöne Götterfunken*, and such beautiful songs from the German resistance, like *Die Gedanken sind frei*.

The Saxony Campaign

So, with this ammunition, we decided to move into the Saxony campaign and to make it a European campaign. So, on the July 7, we distributed the first leaflet with the title, "*In Sachsen muß die Wirtschaft wachsen*" ("The economy must grow in Saxony"). And this leaflet was really cutting like a hot knife through butter, because it touched the nerve: It was against Hartz IV, it mentioned the fact that the economic system of the globalized free market economy is as bankrupt as the D.D.R. [communist East German] economy was in October '89. And it mentioned the fact, that in Saxony, we have to create 700,000 new jobs, with a EU 20 billion investment per year, as part of the larger package for all of Germany for 8 million jobs with EU 200 billion investment. And we said that it can be done, because the Saxon people have a very proud tradition of Bach, Lessing, List, and that the real Saxony will assert itself. We also called, in this leaflet, for the Monday demonstration.

So an electric response was the result. Every day, we had a beautiful, busy office. Some of the people who visited were in total shock about the chaos—everything seemed to be totally going in all directions, but it was alive! We had a full life—*Leben in der Bude*. We had dozens of people, coming in, calling, demanding hundreds of leaflets to distribute, and e-mails.

So it was really a very, very fascinating process, that, in Leipzig, where we had the first demonstration. At the first demonstration, there were three people outside our own members; then the next time, 60; the third week, 200. In the meantime, Rainer had called all the different organizations in Leipzig and asked them if they would join. And they said,

1. José Briano is a renowned singing teacher from Mexico.



The LaRouche Youth Movement's singing gladdened hearts during the Saxony campaign, as it is doing worldwide. Here, the LYM's banner reads, "The economy must grow in Saxony"—the slogan which caught the imagination of the increasingly impoverished citizens of that eastern state, where the drive to topple communism began in 1989.

"No, no. We are all on holiday. We only come back in September. We will not do anything until September." But then came the beginning of August, and these people said, "Hey, wait a second. If the BüSo are the only ones who are doing this, they will absorb all the ferment, and we better do our own Monday demonstrations, or they will be the only ones capitalizing on this."

Well, why did we get such a response? It was not just Hartz IV. There were vicious austerity policies at other times. But, what came to the forefront—and I had a very strong feeling, already some years ago, when we started to do the so-called "*Ostprojekt*" [Eastern Project] that there was something fundamentally different in East Germany, than in West Germany. And that exploded. What exploded in the Monday demonstrations, was the feeling that the people of the East had gotten 14 years of second-class-citizen treatment, and that is why this explosion occurred.

The Peaceful Revolution of 1989

Now, '89 was a peaceful revolution. It was, maybe, not as successful as the American Revolution, but it *was* a peaceful revolution, and you should not be fooled by the fact that people afterwards have renamed it "*Wende*," "change." That was one of these cases of Orwellian double-talk, taking away the benefit of the people who did this peaceful revolution.

Remember this period, I just want to very shortly get you the association of this period. Remember, in July in '89, the fact that the D.D.R. was bankrupt became visible. There was a supply crisis, things were not to be had any more. Then,

came the change in the travel arrangements in Poland, which sparked, all of a sudden, the desire of the people from the D.D.R. to go into the West. They did not want to go only to the Crimea to the Black Sea, to Hungary, to the Plattensee—they all of a sudden said, "We want to go to the West."

So in a very short period of time, people fled to the embassies, to Prague, people were crowding by the hundreds in Warsaw, Budapest, and Monday demonstrations grew from, in the beginning, only a couple of people with candlelights, to quickly becoming tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands. Then, on Oct. 7, in '89, you had the 40-year anniversary of the D.D.R. And [East German party chief Erich] Honecker said, "*In Sozialismus in seinem lauf, hat weder Ochs noch Esel auf*"—"Socialism in its course, is not blocked by ox or horse" (and that's free rhyming). And, basically, in exactly three weeks, or two weeks, before Honecker was then out.

But, remember, there was a very large military parade for the 40-year anniversary of the D.D.R., with tanks, all modern weaponry. And the big question was—and it was very tense—will there be a reaction from the Soviets like there was in 1953, on the famous June 17, when people also stood up; but then, tanks flattened everything? Or, would it be like 1956 in Hungary, where we have Tibor and Judith [Kovats],² who were *Zeitzeugen* [eyewitnesses] of this, representing the Association of Political Prisoners? When I went to Hungary for the first time, on Oct. 23 in 1990, I got a vivid, very vivid

2. The Kovatses were in attendance at the conference, where Tibor Kovats was honored by the audience in celebration of his 82nd birthday.

description of how this was! The West cheated the Hungarian people who did the upheaval, but so did the East! They were left completely in the corner. Or, in '68 in Prague, where also the tanks intervened.

But, if you remember, at that point, it was the very courageous and clever intervention of such people as Pfarrer Führer from the peace prayer; Kurt Masur, the conductor of the Gewandhaus Orchestra, who intervened and maintained a peaceful character of these demonstrations. Twelve days later, Honecker was out. On Nov. 9, the Wall came down. And you all remember these pictures, how people were climbing the Wall, embracing each other, kissing each other with tears of joy.

But, some remained, even then, *Betonköpfe*, concrete-heads, and others became *Wendehälse*, turncoats.

Then, in the month of November, a total undefined situation, we again intervened with this leaflet, "Beloved Germany, Continue." We produced very quickly the Productive Triangle proposal, to have the area from Paris-Berlin-Vienna as one economic region, which, after the fall of the Wall, could be integrated through high-speed transport corridors, and then bring the development of the West through these development corridors to Poland, to Warsaw, to Kiev, to the Balkans.

The Potential Was Sabotaged

Then on Nov. 30, [Deutsche Bank official Alfred] Herrhausen was killed—a big, dramatic intervention, which was meant to be a signal to the German establishment: Don't dare to deviate from the IMF geopolitical designs at that time. Because, as we later found out, Herrhausen was the only banker who echoed what we were saying at that time. Namely, he wanted to go to New York, a week later, to give a speech where he said the same thing that Lyn had said in '88 already: Let's develop Poland *outside* of the framework of the IMF, with the means of the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau [Reconstruction Finance Agency] as a model, as it was used in the immediate post-war period.

So then came the first visit of [Chancellor Helmut] Kohl to Dresden. And, this, according to his own interviews, was the first time that Kohl realized that reunification was on the agenda: Because when he saw tens of thousands of people in Dresden, yelling "Helmut! Helmut!" he was moved! This Kohl was moved—can you imagine this? So, this was an absolutely unbelievable moment: It was a *Sternstunde der Menschheit* [star-struck moment of mankind] and everything would have been possible.

Now, the East-West relationship could have been put on a new basis, and we all know what happened. Instead of using this moment, this rare moment, when statesmen can intervene and shape history, this did not happen. Why? Because in America, the neo-cons had already gathered, after the collapse of the Soviet Union became apparent, to go for a "New American Century" doctrine; and you had the sabotage of Margaret Thatcher, Mitterrand, and Bush, Sr. So, these beautiful Ger-

man unification forces became the victim of the geopolitical machinations of these Anglo-Americans and French forces.

So, Germany was forced to give up the D-mark; the Maas-tricht Treaty was imposed; the unbeloved euro was accepted. And then, in the Spring of '91, the second big shock happened, with the assassination of [Detlev] Rohwedder, who had just come to the conclusion that the privatization policy in the D.D.R. would have unacceptable social consequences. So, anyway, he was replaced by Birgitt Breuel, and what was the result, was the complete destruction of the industrial capacities of the new state.

And then, the 14 years of economic devastation occurred. As a result, you have 1.5 million people less. The young people went to the West. And you have, in the so-called new states, many smaller cities and villages, where the average age of the people is 60 years old. Now, you can imagine, what future does a place have, where the average age of the population is 60 years?

The System Is Coming Down, Again

And this is why the people responded to the Monday demonstrations. It was not only Hartz IV, but it was because of the fundamental sense of injustice of what had happened. Bundestag President [Wolfgang] Tierse noted that justice was, and is, a much more important value in the East than in the West. And that is true, and that is a big obstacle for those people who are trying to eliminate the social welfare state.

So, 14 years of feeling of being a second-class citizen, and the vague sense, which we made more conscious, that the second system is coming down. Now, shortly before the election, our not-so-smart President Horst Köhler gave an interview to *Focus* magazine. And *Focus* asked him, is it true that, in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, there will be never again industrialization? And he says, "Well, you know, one has to get used to the fact that there are big differences, and whoever wants to equalize them, and put the state based on subsidies into concrete stone, will just worsen the problem. People have to choose from now on, between professional goals and life in your home region. If you want to live in your *Heimat*, you have to be poor. If you want to have a professional career, you have to be flexible."

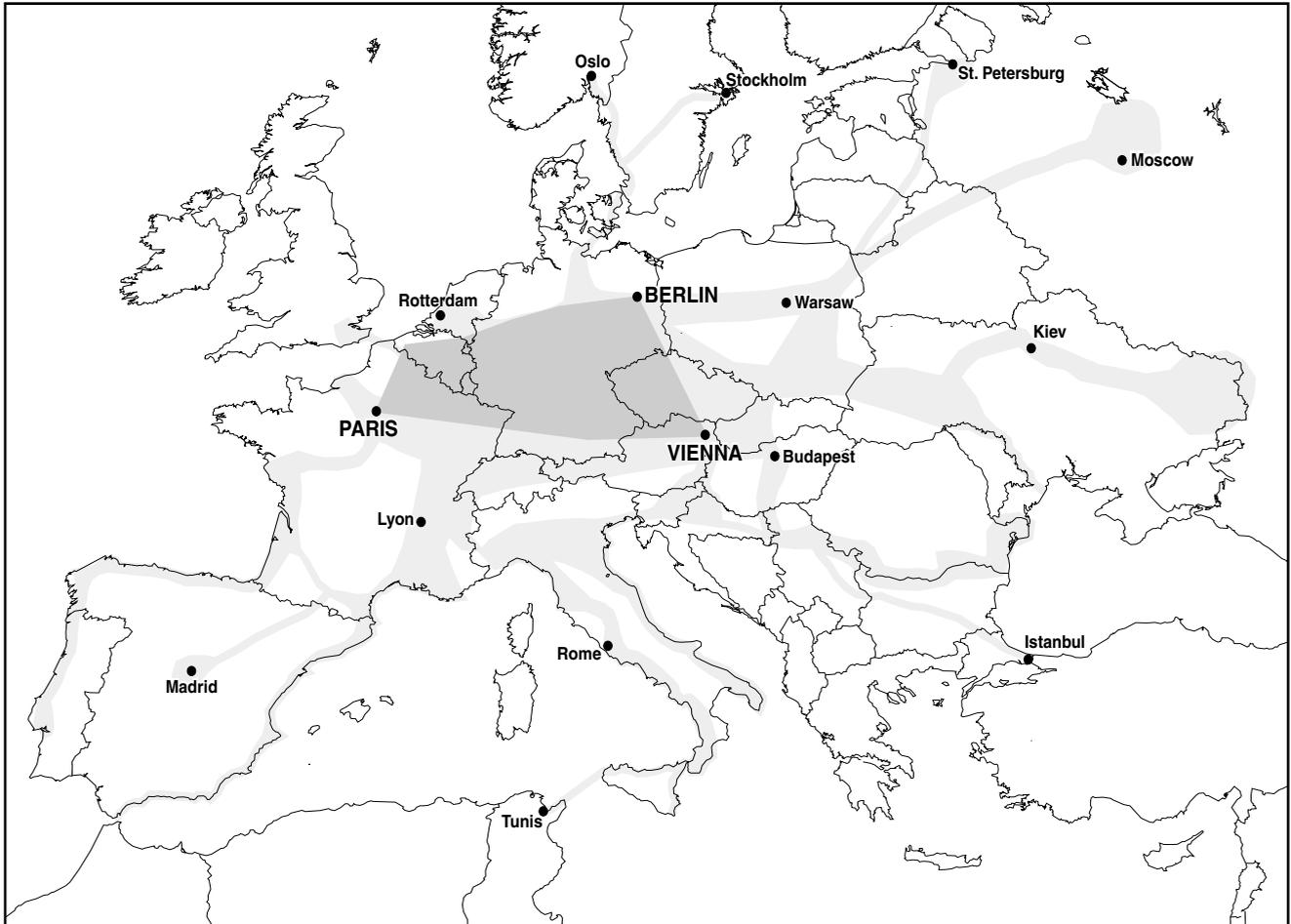
So, de facto, no hope for the East, because if you have all villages of average population of 60 year olds, and that is supposed to remain like that, soon the population will be 70 average, 80 average, and then the last 102-year-old person will die and then that's the end of the village. So, that's essentially the message of Köhler.

A wave of complete outrage was the result.

Well, I will tell Mr. Köhler, at this moment, that he is totally wrong. He's not only politically stupid, because to say such a thing, even for a normal politician, is pretty stupid, but he's wrong! We will change it. He will go down in history as wrong, as Honecker, with his famous "*Ochs und Esel*" story.

So, the result of it was, that in Saxony, the BüSo made a

The Paris-Berlin-Vienna Productive Triangle



The LaRouche movement issued its plan for a Paris-Berlin-Vienna Productive Triangle soon after the Berlin Wall came down, in order to create a core of high-technology development which could revive the tattered economy of all Europe. “Spiral arms” would then radiate into Asia, Africa, and the Mideast. The plan later developed into LaRouche’s conception of the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

breakthrough, which is good. Not so good, is the fact that the SPD went to a one-digit result, and that the NPD [National Democratic Party] almost got the same thing. And there is a real danger from the NPD, don’t kid yourself. This is a very evil synarchist, fascist-leaning operation.

The Danger of Fascism Today

But the real danger of fascism, does not come only from the NPD. The real danger of a new fascism comes from the Synarchist International forces, and they operate right now on two levels, implementing, or trying to implement radical, neo-con, neo-liberal economic schemes: The first level, and this is very important—also answering our young French friend from yesterday, coming through the European Union Commission structure; and coming secondly, through the pri-

vate think-tanks and consulting agencies. Various European Union-imposed policies, they are proposing right now with these policies, they de facto admit that the member-states of the European Union *cannot* fulfill the Stability Pact criteria of the Maastricht Treaty.

But, if you look at the new Commissioners which have just been appointed to the European Commission, they are all radical neo-con neo-liberals. And I can assure you, that Lyn is absolutely right with his attack on the European Union structure, because, as long as these people have a say over the economy of Germany, of France, of Italy, and all these other European countries, there will be no recovery.

For example, the Dutch Neelie Kroes, who is the Commissioner in charge of competition; the Irish Charlie McGreevy, who is responsible for the European interior markets; and



A European Council meeting in Brussels. The new Commissioners of the European Commission are all radical neo-cons or neo-liberals! “As long as these people have a say over the economy of Germany, of France, of Italy, and all these other European countries, there will be no recovery.”

above all, the European Commission chief José Manuel Barroso, they are all for absolutely radical free-market policies.

Now, all of these policies which are now hitting the different European countries, are the result of a policy decision made in the European Union already in 1990, with the so-called European employment strategy, which demanded changes in the labor market, to be defined at a European Union level. This was followed then, in 2000, by a coordination of the social security and health plans, and Holland and Denmark, which were the first countries to impose these policies, were praised and trotted around all over Europe, as “models.” For example: The Dutch Prime Minister went to a big conference of the Social Democrats portraying the Dutch model as an example.

So, the Agenda 2010, that which is the official Schröder Red-Green coalition policy, is only the German contribution to this European employment strategy. So, at the Treaty of Nice, the European Union added the modernization of social security, as a separate goal for the European Union.

Now, all of this means stealing the welfare out of the pockets of the people. Because, what happened? The Riester plan, the idea that state pensions are no longer safe, and therefore people have to get a private pension plan, the so-called *Riester rente*—well, which now they’re losing, because if you have a *Riester rente*, Hartz IV will eat that away before you get any money; so it’s a complete swindle on top of everything else—all of this is nothing but the fulfillment of the German obligation in the process of changes in the social laws in the European Union, the “harmonization of European laws.”

Well, there is also a private aspect to it, because the European Union Commission works extremely closely, hand in hand, with the Bilderbergers and, for example, such institu-

tions as RAND Europe. The RAND Corp. in Europe wrote, that they have a close cooperation with the European Union, especially in those areas where they have the greatest leverage: infrastructure, transport, environment, health, peace, security, defense, information, telecommunications—well, almost nothing left out. And, if you then look at the board of RAND Europe, who is sitting in the corporation? It’s the ex-board members and ex-chief executive officers of such firms as Unilever, Royal Dutch Shell; and they are working with such consulting firms as Abels and Grey.

If you want to have a real target, who are the evil ones, here you have one: Abels and Grey, because they are financing and sponsoring the neo-con movement in Germany. And I can only advise you, look for similar things in the other countries, because I only focus now on Germany.

RAND Europe’s stated goal, is to help “the European governments and other clients to manage the sweeping changes they face” and to use the international experiences, especially those of the United States. Now, what that means, you can see in the United States HMOs, means that the poor have no health insurance whatsoever—and there are many poor in the United States, I think more than 40 million. They [RAND Europe] want to help to redefine what should be the role of the state, what should be left to the markets and to private entities. They want to define what are the basic health-care benefits, and how to deal with the consequences of the aging of the European populations. Now that notion, “the aging of the European populations,” is the two-by-four which will be used to smash any resistance, with the so-called argument that the changing demographic picture means that we cannot afford any more social welfare, and that, basically, every social security cut will be legitimized by this

“aging” question.

Now RAND also wants to decide what changes should occur in the provision of health care, housing, pensions, social environment, and what other changes the shifting demographic picture will require, and how to pay for these changes. They want to promote flexibility of the labor markets within the European Union, which means if you want to work in the job you want to work in, well, then you may have to move to Sweden or to Portugal, and if you want to stay home, then you have to accept to be poor.

Now, this is overlapping then, with another outfit, called “Citizens Convention.” And this is really something we have to make people aware of, because the new fascism does not come from already visible new Hitler figures. It comes from these kinds of private firms, who, de facto, mean a return to feudalism. Because, if you eliminate the role of the state, as the only force which can guarantee the living standard of the population in a crisis, and everything is privatized, you are going back to feudalism! And it doesn’t make a difference if it’s George Soros, or Baron Something-or-Other, the mechanism of privatization is the same.

Now, this Bürger Konvent, Citizens Convention, is sponsored very much, very massively with money. They get in one year about EU 6 million, and they mobilize against the social welfare state, against the trade unions—less state. Their top manager is this already mentioned Meinhard Miegel. But other people who are sitting in there, are Ralf Dahrendorf, ex-BDI chief Hans-Olaf Henkel, Roland Berger, Otto Graf Lambsdorff, Peter Glotz, Rupert Scholz, ex-BMW head Eberhard von Kuenheim, and their main PR firm is Abels and Grey, which again is linked closely to RAND Corp. and the neo-cons in the United States.

Then, another such outfit is Initiative New Social Market Economy (INSM), who are de facto, a platform for all who want to smash the social welfare state. They’re financed by the European employers association, the metal and electro-industries, and other large industrial associations. On their *Kuratorium* is sitting at the head [Hans] Tietmeyer, the ex-head of the Bundesbank, and I’ll give you one quote from Tietmeyer about the “social market economy.” He says, “The bureaucratic state suffocates the economy and society like a gigantic Leviathan.” And then, in a very glossy brochure, he writes, “The state is a greedy grasshopper, a locust eating everything up.”

Now, this guy Tietmeyer is—and it is unbelievable—he is on the Papal Academy of Sciences, advising the Pope and the Curia on social questions. And I know from the direct history, when this Papal Academy of Sciences was founded, there were several Cardinals who wanted that Lyn should be on that Academy, and it was through the influence of such people [as Tietmeyer] that this did not happen. And if you look at the problems of the Church today, why they are in such a tragic situation, here you have one of the reasons.

Now Clement, our Economic Minister, was an ambassador of this INSM. Cardinal Lehmann, our great head of the Catholic Church in Germany, is giving lectures on the subject. And in the Kuratorium there are other people: Prof. Michael Hüther, from the Institute of German Economy in Cologne; Martin Kannegiesser, president of the Metal Employers Association; Oswald Metzger from the Greenies. And, among the “ambassadors” so-called, are, among others, Dr. Hans Barbier, the worst economic journalist you have ever seen. He writes occasionally in the *FAZ* [*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*], and every time he does it, I have real problems with my stomach. He is the chairman of the Ludwig Erhard Foundation. And, Prof. Arnulf Baring, about whom I’m going to say a couple of more words later. Prof. Roland Berger, he’s everywhere, he’s one of these wheelers and dealers. Peter Glotz; Dr. Silvana Koch, from the FDP [Free Democratic Party]; Christina Scheel, who has a strange private life; Lothar Späth. Supporters are: Florian Gerster from the ex-Bundesanstalt für Arbeit.

Then, you have another convention, and they’re all overlapping: the Konvent für Deutschland, the Convention for Germany, headed by Roman Herzog. Then, in it are: Klaus von Dohnanyi; Roland Berger, again; Hans-Olaf Henkel; Peter Glotz, again; Otto Graf Lambsdorff, again; Oswald Metzger; Prof. Manfred Pohl; Prof. Rupert Scholz; Dr. Henning Voscherau; Dr. Monika Wulf-Mathies.

Now, if you want to know why Germany is in trouble, it is the ideology of these kinds of people who have contributed in a major way, to cause the paradigm shift, from a society of producers to a society of consumers; from a social market economy to a neo-liberal economy; to a philosophy of the survival of the fittest. And one characteristic of these people, is they employ the tactic of the Big Lie, exactly like the father of the neo-cons in the United States, Leo Strauss. Their specialty is renaming the values: Just turn things into their opposite.

They are the masters of Orwellian double-speak. For example, they say: The welfare state is in reality asocial and against solidarity. Instead of beneficial behavior for society, organized redistribution has been elevated to be the principle of the social idea. I mean, if you want to hear real double-speak, here you have it. Or: social is what creates jobs—hmm? This is what Schröder is now repeating. It’s an endless stream of sophist lines, which are all a cover story for the elimination of the *social* in the social market economy.

These people appear in different clothing, different shades, but all are really guided by the synarchist principle: whenever there is a financial collapse, make sure, no government, no politician is on the side of the common good, but on the side of the banks.

Now, let’s look at one specimen of this group, one of the so-called “ambassadors” of the INSM, Arnulf Baring. In the ZDF “Nachtstudio,” last November, without a big scandal,

this man could praise the enthusiasm of Hitler, who could mobilize the population for his regime. And Baring said, if he could only mobilize a percentage of this enthusiasm in Germany today, all our problems would be solved.

There was no outcry!

In *Stern* magazine, he could say, Hitler would have given the people such an *élan* and energy, and that the big problem was that that energy was totally lacking today.

Then, on Nov. 19, 2002, he wrote in *FAZ*, the famous article, “Citizens to the Barricades,” where he called for an upheaval against the established party system, because of the social welfare component, and then regretted that the German Constitution of 1949 does not have an Article 48, giving the possibility for a *Präsidentiale Notverordnung* [decree by the President], emergency laws, and saying that our *Bundesverfassung* [Federal Constitution] is preventing an energetic consolidation of Germany. So, openly *verfassungfeindlich*, trying to change the Constitution, he is basically proposing a democratic dictatorship, the elimination of the federal structure of Germany.

Now, on the one side, this has to be taken very seriously. Because Arnulf Baring is just the loud mouthpiece for this whole current. But it also has a funny side, which we should not miss. Because, when he says the citizens should go on the barricades, he is appealing to the neo-liberal “schicki-mickis,” the BMW Cabriolet drivers, the three-piece-suit-wearing investment bankers, and the lifestyle set . . . to go on the barricades?! Now, they’d rather eat caviar and eat oysters, than go on the barricades, and then they proclaim the tradition of Monday demonstrations from ’89. So, he’s a little bit off.

And the developments of the last two and a half months, have shown that it is not schicki-mickis who go on the barricades, but it is the have-nots, who go on the streets.

The Economic Emergency Laws

But then, there is a reality to this whole question. There is the decree about the guarantee of services in the area of commercial economy by the government, the so-called *Verordnung über die Sicherstellung von Leistungen auf dem Gebiet der gewerblichen Wirtschaftssicherstellungsverordnung*, which is an addition to the emergency laws from Oct. 10, 1968, which has been changed through a decree from Nov. 25, 2003; and this has now been updated by the German government on Aug. 12, 2004. And it has been signed by Schröder and by Clement, and it has been agreed to by the Bundesrat, so this is now completely there.

When we tried to investigate this, because this was done in great secrecy, it was played down, that it was only the leveling of existing law, routine, and so forth.

Now, this *Wirtschaftssicherstellungsverordnung* can be used for the good of the people in case of emergency, because the government can oblige firms to keep the economy going.

So it could be good, if the philosophy behind it is what Lyn has called “the people first” policy. But I think we would be very foolish, if we would sleep and be dormant that this is all going to be for the good: Because, remember that Hartz IV has been implemented by a Red-Green Social Democratic-Green coalition! Which is not for the people, it’s for the banks! And the Herzog Commission which Merkel is using, is much worse.

The Fascist Tradition of Carl Schmitt

In addition, we must be extremely alert, that in Germany, as well as in Europe, and in the United States, the tradition of Carl Schmitt is very alive. Carl Schmitt today is not regarded as a Nazi legal person, but he’s *salonfähig*, he’s rehabilitated. In all the universities, he’s being taught. And Carl Schmitt, like Leo Strauss, has the philosophy, “might makes right.” Might is not legitimized through higher values and norms, according to him—like natural law, or the common good—but power is legitimized because *it is*. That’s the argument of Thrasymachus in the dialogue with Socrates, who says the power of the government is only legitimate when it is devoted to the common good. And Thrasymachus says: No, to have the power is what counts.

Now, Carl Schmitt became a complete open admirer of the Nazi system and an integral part of it, after ’33. And he then pronounced the infamous sentence, “‘Sovereign’ is he who determines the state of emergency. Only in a serious emergency, would the problem of sovereignty even emerge.”

Now, Schmitt also developed such notions—and here, if you want to know what fascism is, you have to look at these ideas, because they are the underlying axioms of the danger of fascism: Such notions as the notion of equality, which includes 1) homogeneity, and 2) the elimination of heterogeneity; and that then concretely means the control of immigration. Now, if you want to look at what the arguments of the NPD, well, here you have it. Schmitt argues, that it is reconcilable with democracy to exclude strangers [foreigners] from access to power and wealth; and then, Schmitt also praises Italian Fascism, and Bolshevism, as far superior systems to the liberal parliamentarianism.

Now comes a very important point: Schmitt refuses to find a common basis of discussion with the enemy. This is a hard-core essence of fascism, because it is the idea that the world is forever divided into friends and enemies, exactly what later, Leo Strauss was arguing, in the tradition of Carl Schmitt. Schmitt is completely against any non-violent solutions to existential conflict. The notion of homogeneity allows for the destruction of groups that have been declared to be the enemy, like Jews, Gypsies, Communists, Social Democrats.

So, the basic problem is, that for Schmitt, all the other political theories are based on the idea of . . . the original sin,

you know, man is now evil. . . . The good would eliminate specific political consequences, and since he wants to stick to these consequences, he declares man to be evil. Naturally, one result of this thinking is that war is a legitimate means to settle conflict.

Now, in the middle of the '80s, a big scandal erupted in the German universities about a thesis by a certain Ellen Kennedy who made the explicit challenge that the Frankfurt School took some of their essential argumentation from Carl Schmitt. Namely, Horkheimer, Walter Benjamin, Jürgen Habermas, they all would have taken the arguments of Schmitt. This caused a gigantic freakout. Habermas said that he completely refuses to be a “left Schmittian,” and so forth.

However, if one then looks more closely, what does Habermas say about the future development of social welfare, the social welfare state? Well, he says, this has very narrow limits. The ability for intervention by the state is limited, constrained by the rules of the free-market economy, and of the free-market economic system. The market economic system must not be touched. Therefore, the right to work is not possible, because of the private ownership of the means of production. Therefore, social policy by the state is increasingly counterproductive, and the effort to maintain the status quo is very problematic, because previous political and social bases are no longer there.

Therefore, if you look at the quintessence of what the Frankfurt School is actually saying—abandon the social state—and *they are* the left version of the neo-cons. You can actually prove it, by looking at their works very closely.

Now, where does Habermas see the potential to overcome the crisis of the social state? Well, since he's left, supposedly, it's not the power, like Schmitt says, nor the money, but, in a so-called third group of dissidents who are critical of the idea of growth. Now, these are the left-Greenies, all people who are against growth.

The Congress for Cultural Freedom

In the *Children of Satan III* pamphlet, we published the story, which I only want to reference here, of how the Congress for Cultural Freedom and the Frankfurt School were tools by the neo-con predecessors in the United States, in their role of the re-education in Germany after 1945, and the general cultural warfare project, to make sure that never again, an FDR, being for the social welfare state, would emerge in a depression, and act in the interest of the people, and for common good, against the interests of Wall Street and the financial institutions.

Now remember, this is a very important thing, because people—with the Big Lie—they get confused about all of these things. The real purpose, and the real dividing line, is, are people for the common good, are they for the people, or are they for the banks? And that is what this whole project was all about: That all of these operations were designed to

uproot the traditions in the people, which enabled them to give themselves a government in the tradition of the common good.

Now, in 1967, a scandal erupted pretty widely in the academic world, which exposed the CIA sponsorship of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, as one of the most daring and effective covert operations of cultural warfare. And it is amazing how little consequences have been drawn out of this: that all of these projects were actually cultural covert warfare operations.

We are going to change this. Because if you don't understand this history of subversion, we will never be able to give Europe its soul back. Much has been reported in the *Children of Satan III* pamphlet, but let me tell you one aspect, to shed a little bit more light about this right-left nature of the enemies of the social welfare state: In March '48, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, there was a conference of 800 prominent artists and literary figures, demanding peace with the Soviet Union. And obviously, they were pro-Communist, but they were also in the milieu which Lyn described, which he met when he came back from the Second World War, from Burma and India, how the environment had capitulated to the Truman regime. It was a reaction against the Truman military-utopian faction that had unfortunately replaced Franklin D. Roosevelt. Among the participants of this conference, were such people as Arthur Miller, Norman Mailer, and they all made a protest against the U.S. war-mongering. David Shostakovich said, a small clique of hate-mongers are preparing for global conflagration, and urged the artists to fight against the new fascists who were seeking world domination. Remember, this had just happened after Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The now-famous playwright Clifford Odets denounced at this conference, the enemies of man, and claimed that the United States had been agitated into a state of holy terror by fraudulent reports of Soviet aggression. This was referring to the tactic of the Inquisition, described by de Maistre and others, using terror as the aim of political politics. Others warned that the policies of the American government at that time, would inevitably lead to World War III.

Ten years earlier, the philosophy professor Sidney Hook, an ex-Communist, and his mentor John Dewey, of fame for pragmatic education reforms—also in Germany, after the Second World War—had founded the Committee for Cultural Freedom. Now, Hook organized a similar committee to arrest this peace conference in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and he called this Americans for Intellectual Freedom. Now, in Washington, Frank Wisner, from the Office of Policy Coordination, which was the covert CIA operation for cultural warfare, decided to incorporate this group into their covert operations to counter the Soviet peace offensive, and to eliminate the moral basis for any FDR recurrence.

So, what became part of the Congress for Cultural Free-



The children of the Frankfurt School and the Congress for Cultural Freedom: The radical-ecologist and terrorist movement in Germany is dedicated to destruction of the social state and the industrial potential of the nation. Their Green ideology is the left-wing version of Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt's fascism.

dom, together with the Frankfurt School project, was the idea to cut the populations of Europe and the United States off from its tradition in Classical culture.

How LaRouche Intervened

Twenty-one years later, Lyn had already developed the first Labor Committee organization on U.S. campuses, against the rock-drug-sex counterculture, which was one of the projects of this CCF. There was the famous debate between Lyn and Abba Lerner, where Lyn got Lerner to admit: If the policies of [Nazi Economics Minister] Hjalmar Schacht had been adopted in the 1930s, Adolf Hitler “would not have been necessary.” Now, that is an unbelievable admission! The idea is basically, if you accept Hjalmar Schacht, if you accept to die without resistance, then we don’t need new Hitlers. Let the Social Democracy implement Schacht, and you will have an easier time to die.

And there was a big freakout, because after the debate between Lyn and Lerner, it was the same Sidney Hook who told some of the Labor Committee members: “Your man is obviously a potentially very capable adversary. But we won’t let him become this. We will never again debate him on the issues. We will just slander him.”

And that has been the line since more than 30 years.

In 1976, Kathy Wolfe had a meeting with Canon West in New York, who was then the head of the Episcopal Church in New York. And he said: We will not discuss content with you; we will deploy the ADL against you and label you anti-Semitic. Then Kathy Wolfe said, “Hey, but I’m Jewish!” And Canon West said, “What does this matter?”

So, but as Lincoln said, you can lie to some people all the

time; all the people some of the time; but you can not lie to all of the people all of the time.

The Lies of Globalization

And I am telling you, that the time of the Big Lie is over. And those lies which are outdated are:

- There is no alternative to globalization—Big Lie #1.
- The state cannot create jobs—Big Lie #2.
- The social state is unjust—Big Lie #3.

This is all complete garbage, because, as I said, globalization is as bankrupt as the D.D.R. was in October ’89. And the reason why the political ferment in the East is bigger than in the West of Germany, is because people had these experiences, what it means when the system collapses. And I already said in 1990: If the mistake would be made to superimpose on the bankrupt Communist system, the equally bankrupt free-market system, then in a few years, it will come to an even greater collapse.

Now, what is the consequences of this? Well, it means that since the bankrupt system of the planned economy had to go, now, the new dogmas of the Venetian oligarchy—free trade, free market, globalization—*have to go!* There will be no recovery unless that happens. And that means that the so-called Stability Pact of the Maastricht Treaty has to be frozen, *or there is no way out of this crisis.*

Now, if you ask today one of the few, still-thinking Social Democrats, why is the SPD destroying itself? Why is the SPD leadership imposing policies which they cannot survive? Why don’t they go with the Lautenbach Plan, the Woytinsky-Tarnow-Baade Plan, which in the ’30s was advocated by the Allgemeine Deutsche Gewerkschaftsbund, then this leading

Social Democrat says: “Well, they could have done it then. But, today, we cannot do it. We have the European Commission; we have the European Central Bank. . . .”

Well, therefore, I’m telling you: If we want to get out of this crisis, the sacred cow of the European Union Commission has to go, and we have to return, in Europe, to a de Gaulle conception of a Europe of the Fatherlands. If you want to have 8 million jobs, EU 200 billion investment per year, well then, these structures have to be changed, and they have to be replaced.

A Real Unification

And in that sense, I’m telling you, the real unification of Germany begins now. In this crisis, exactly the opposite of what Horst Köhler is saying has to occur. The West will not remain different forever, but we have to go for a real re-industrialization of the East. This could be started on a national sovereign basis, already, with such projects as we have used in the Saxon campaign, with the Sachsen-Magistrale [Saxony Railway] and other infrastructure development projects. We have to get new, vanguard industries in the East German states, not just auto and information technologies, but we need new technologies, new industries in the East.

The real solution, obviously, will only occur in a European context, with the Productive Triangle as a part of the Eurasian Land-Bridge. And we will build, on the success in Saxony, to basically propose for the next upcoming elections, similar reconstruction programs, like for the upcoming state parliament election in North Rhine-Westphalia, where we will have a program for reconstruction, proposing very early in the campaign a roundtable, above the parties, to get people into a fighting mood of resistance.

But the real unification of Germany is not only an economic question. What is needed is the cultural unification of Germany. And why did it not function so far? We have to take into account that the D.D.R. was part of the Comecon, under the control of the Soviet Union, and the B.R.D., West Germany, was an occupied country under the rule of NATO, and the Anglo-Americans. And these two blocs had tremendous differences.

Let’s look at some of these differences: In the East, there was the role of the individual in society, much, much downplayed. You had collectivism. You had the “objective process of development of history”; “histomat,” historical materialism; “diamat,” dialectical materialism; objective processes determine history—no role of the world-historical individual, not even Lenin’s voluntarism, but “objective processes.” Atheism: In atheism, the image of man, obviously, cannot be in the image of God, and that is a big problem, because if you don’t have that as the basis for the dignity of man, then everything is really in trouble.

Now, if Karl Marx would have stayed in Trier, everything would have been fine. Because, when he was in Trier, he actually was influenced by the ideas of the American Revolu-

tion, of the humanism of his father, and the problem only started when he went away to Bonn, and other places; became a Young Hegelian, met Engels; and later, in London, got from David Urquhart, who was the librarian at the British Museum, the wrong economic data about the state of capitalism, and that led him to agreement with Adam Smith and rejection of Friedrich List.

Now, in the D.D.R., on the positive side, you had a very big emphasis on science, on Classical culture, the tradition of Bach was very strong. Even if, in certain areas, you had a “spin,” where the interpretation of these Classical works would be Jacobin, and you had a very strong influence of Bertolt Brecht. But, for example, if you went to Weimar, end of 1989/beginning of ’90, it was much better, and in much better shape than today! In the beautiful Schillerhaus, there was, on the side, the museum, where there was a fantastic pedagogical representation of the work and life of Schiller—which they immediately threw out, then when the unification had occurred.

Then, in the West of Germany, totally different social process: You had the occupying powers, which unfortunately were not influenced by Franklin D. Roosevelt, but by Truman and [John J.] McCloy. The re-education of West Germany took place with the influence of the neo-cons. In the ’50s, the West German development was still relatively OK. You had the remnants of Humboldt in the education system. You had the reconstruction, after the Second World War, which led to the fantastic “German economic miracle.” But then, a much worse destruction came, with the second wave of the Frankfurt School, and the takeover of the ’68ers, the counterculture, the Brandt reforms, which eliminated Humboldt, the implementation of the ecology movement.

Now, in the East, you also had certain ecological influences, in the form of the Club of Rome, IIASA [International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis], but it was much less than in the West, where a real mass movement, namely the Greenies, were developed out of this.

Now the irony which I found during the Saxony campaign, that, in Saxony, you find a lot of very good people—lovable people, who are mentally much more healthy than the average person in the West. And I thought: Why is this? What is so special about the Saxon people. And I realized, maybe one of the reasons was that they were in the “*Tal der Ahnungslösen*” and they didn’t listen to so much Western radio all the time, and therefore their minds were less polluted. They were living the Valley of the Clueless!

So, the problem with the unification, is, therefore—and one cannot ignore these different social processes if we want to remedy the problem: It was not only the economic devastation, the economic *Kahlschlag* [social demolition], but also the cultural rot, which was introduced in the East after the unification. In Weimar, the Schiller museum was dismantled, and instead of praising the Classical tradition, they celebrated Nietzsche! And what did Nietzsche do for Weimar, other than

to die there of syphilis! That's not a very great contribution.

So, what they did otherwise, was to reduce the number of orchestras, to reduce the number of theaters. And what was the first big cultural contribution from the West to the East? Video shops! The first buildings which got restored, were the ones in which the banks and insurance companies moved.

So they imposed Western systems of bureaucracy, and then, the Western bureaucrats then on top, were given the so-called *Buschzulage*, the "jungle bonus." You know, the idea that if you go to the jungle, you get more money, because it's such a terrible imposition. So, they added insult to injury.

Look what they let happen with the beautiful Anna Amalia Library in Weimar: This is a cultural good which is unique! Books from the Classical period! The thinking of the people from the Classic—and they let it burn down! Why? Because they were too chintzy to pay for better electrical wiring, so a *Schwelbrand*, a slow fire, because the wiring was too old could happen—and, but for the courageous action of some people who stormed into the building in flames, these books would have all been lost, and many have been lost.

So, a lot of injustice and a lot of things have happened. But now, something else is in motion. It is true: There was no American Revolution in Europe, ever, and that is a thing we have to remedy. But, as I said, in '89 it *was* a peaceful revolution, and the people in the East did it. Maybe it was only tens of thousands of people, which eventually led to a demonstration of 1 million—but they did it.

And something even more promising started with the Saxony campaign now, and with the Monday demonstrations: Because within the '89 process, the big problem was that the civil rights movement, at that point, did not have any concept of physical economy. And all the groups, as a result, were dismantled or taken over. Since we were in the middle of this process, we saw what happened: Graf Lambsdorff, from Mont Pelerin, and other neo-con/neo-liberal fame, just went to the *Blockpartei* [in the former D.D.R., the Blockparteien were not part of the ruling Socialist Unity Party, but built an electoral pact with it], the FDP, and pulled out his check, and said, "You will be the chairman, and not you. And since I have the money, I will determine it." So, it was a complete, brutal takeover. And this led to the frustration of the people, which then erupted.

Today, we have the opposite in the Monday demonstration: We have a total vacuum and all the groups who try to take over, have actually no idea what to make out of these demonstrations. We are the only ones who have these ideas, both in respect to the economy, as well as in respect to the culture.

Revive Classical Culture

Therefore, how do we unify Germany, really? How do we overcome the differences, which are the result of the two Germanys having belonged for half a century to two different blocs? Well, the *only* way, it can be done, is through the



Statue of Goethe and Schiller in front of the theater in Weimar, in eastern Germany. "The only way we can give Germany back its soul, is through Classical culture."

tradition of the real German culture: the Classical culture. The *only* way we can give Germany back its soul, is through Classical culture. You saw the power of singing: What *Jesu meine Freude, Freude schöne Götterfunken, Die Gedanken sind frei*—which was *the* resistance song, not only in the D.D.R., but in Germany for a long time—why it worked: The reason why it worked, is that this music goes to the soul. And as Lyn said yesterday, it all of a sudden hits the unsuspecting audience: People who come from the shopping mall, who are in the *Ausverkauf* mania, who are in a totally unsuspecting mind-set—they are suddenly hit with the genius of Classical art. The music that is beautiful, that is not entertaining but that goes to the heart, which is uplifting. Why is it uplifting? Because Classical music, the work of a Classical composer, touches those faculties of the mind, which are the creative ones. And therefore it transforms people on the spot, into people who are better people. And therefore, it is a very difficult weapon for the enemy to deal with.

Well, the establishment in Germany has started right now a big campaign of soul-searching, and they all of a sudden

discovered . . . Alexander von Humboldt, the last universal thinker! The writer of *Cosmos*. There's a huge propaganda campaign—OK, fine. It's a good thing.

But we add Wilhelm von Humboldt, because Wilhelm von Humboldt was the one who proposed universal education, with the specific aim for the beautiful character. The aim of education is not facts and knowledge, and just numbers, and things, but to become a beautiful soul, in the tradition of Schiller. And that is exactly what the LaRouche Youth Movement is all about: to add universal education for every child, and every young person, in Germany, in Europe, and in the world in general.

We have to rediscover the great original discoveries in science and art. We will revive Nicolaus of Cusa, Kepler, Leibniz, Kästner, Gauss, Riemann, Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Lessing, Mendelssohn, Schiller, just to name a few. Well, the German Classical tradition is so rich, and all we have to do is to revive it. If we make these great minds alive in ourselves, that we are them, that they have living spirit in our minds—well, then we have a live concept of immortality. We make them immortal in our activity. And if the young people discover the power of Classical art, and build a movement on the ideas of Bach, Schiller, and Beethoven, that is unbeatable. If each youth is educated in universal education, that is the end of oligarchy.

Now, that is not a thing in itself: Because Germany, like the other European countries, has a mission. Portia, who is from Zimbabwe, in the campaign, pointed out again and again, what Germany could mean for her country and for Africa as a whole. And it's true! Germany has no right to self-destruct, because if Germany is destroyed, Africa has no chance. If Germany finds its true roots in science and art, and acts according to the principle of Westphalia, in the interest of the other, then the idea of Nicolaus of Cusa, that *concordantia* can only exist in the macrocosm if the maximum development of all microcosms occurred; which means peace on this planet can only occur, if each nation can develop: Well, that is Germany's true mission. This requires a passionate love for mankind, a love for the idea of the community of peoples. Should Germany be a permanent member of the UN Security Council? Maybe, maybe not.

More important is that the German people develop *love* for mankind, *love* for the other nations, *love* for the community of people. Love for Germany has to *be*, because we have to love ourselves. We have to re-learn to love ourselves. We have to solve this problem of being proud of Germany, but not at the expense of others. Love for Germany as a source of compassion for the other.

And this universal aspect of Classical culture, which is expressed so beautifully in *Freude schöne Götterfunken*, what a *beautiful* poetical idea! The spark of creativity is common to all human beings. This must be the basis for the dialogue of cultures.

“Diesen Kuss der ganzen Welt!” “This kiss for the

whole world.”

“All men become brethren.” *“Alle Menschen werden Brüder.”*

Has this ever been said more beautifully, than by Schiller and Beethoven?

The real unification of Germany, will occur only on this highest level. One beautiful thing which happened in the Saxony campaign is this: Some of the French LYM members discovered the beauty of the German national anthem, which the German LYM members would never have dared to do. But then, the international LaRouche Youth Movement just said, this is a beautiful anthem, so we sing it! And they started to sing it, and it is beautiful, because it is composed by Haydn, and the text is from Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, and it's a beautiful song. So the people in the Monday demonstration, at the beginning, they were very nervous. “Shall we sing the Deutschland Lied? This is daring. Can we do this? Is this not somehow right-wing extremism?”

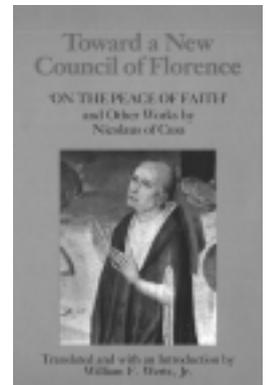
Well, so how do we solve this problem? How can the real unification of Germany happen? Well, by making it the Germany of Leibniz, Haydn, Schiller, and Beethoven. By making clear to the world, that we are there for others. And by asking the other nations to be there for us. That is why, I ask now Portia to do what she has to do. [Applause, as she sings the first line of the national anthem, after which all unite in song.]

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In Ohio, It Is ‘The Physical Economy, Stupid!’

by Paul Gallagher

Ohio, the “swing state” of swing states, is swinging at the end of its economic rope, and needs a nation-building President to rebuild the wrecked national economy, with Ohio at the center as before.

Even during the late-September “national Presidential debate over Iraq,” John Kerry, John Edwards, or George Bush, when in Ohio, had to address the economic collapse, and when Dick Cheney refused to talk about anything but “ter-rism” there, he paid for it in disgruntled Republicans, as the *New York Times* reported on Sept. 27.

Lyndon LaRouche has placed great importance on a Kerry landslide victory in Ohio, and 100 organizers of the LaRouche Youth Movement have been inspiring Democratic activists and campuses across the state’s northern tier, saturating the cities with LaRouche’s *Real Democratic Platform* and his new pamphlet, *It’s the Physical Economy, Stupid!* In the state legislature’s Democratic caucus, some representatives have been “demanding that the party go back to Franklin D. Roosevelt,” the essential public-infrastructure push to recovery in a state which has lost jobs for 101 straight months.

At the same time, Ohio newspaper headlines are reporting, “Election Officials Drowning in New Registrations” (the *Canton Repository*); “Election Boards Overwhelmed” (the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*); and “New Voters Coming Out in Droves” (*New York Times* report from Ohio). “This is an election unlike anything 30-year pros have seen,” said one western Ohio county elections director. “The bulk of new registrations in Ohio have been in heavily Democratic areas,” reported the *Plain Dealer*; and they are, particularly, large numbers of young people in the 18-29 age bracket. Though intensely concerned about the war in Iraq, these new young voters—seldom reached by the media’s polls—are being driven to vote and organize by the fact that they have no future

without a dramatic change and recovery from the economic depression.

From Prosperity to Poverty

Thirty years ago, Ohio had the highest average standard of living of any state in America, and the greatest density of industrial development led by steel, chemicals, plastics, rubber, glass, auto, and machine industries. Under Bush-Cheney in 2001-04, it has lost the largest number of industrial jobs—more than 250,000—of any state; crushed by collapsing steel and other industries, Ohio has sunk into poverty. The state’s official poverty rate jumped from 9.8% in 2000 to 12.2% in 2003. That’s 275,000 Ohioans newly thrown into poverty (with less than an \$18,800 annual income for a family of four)—part of the leap in national poverty under Bush-Cheney from 31 million in 2000 to 36 million in 2003. But look at the poverty in Ohio’s cities—**Table 1**; and **Figures 1-6**, which make clear that the impoverishment flowed from *the disappearance of manufacturing and other skilled pro-*

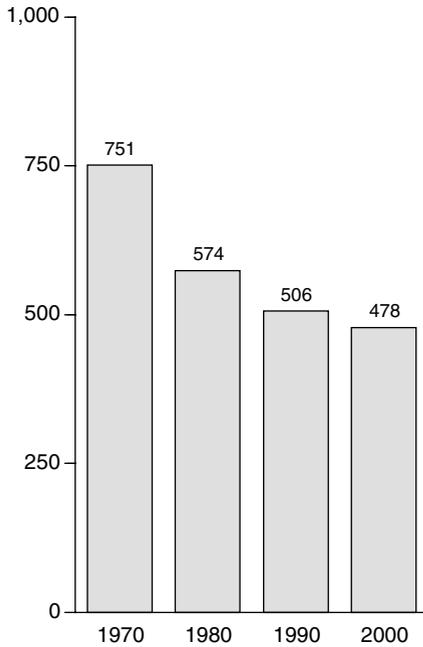
TABLE 1
Enormous Official Poverty

City	2003 Poverty Rate*
Cleveland	31.2%
Cincinnati	21.1%
Toledo	20.3%
Columbus	16.4%
Akron	18.1%

*Less than \$18,800 annual income for family of four.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

FIGURE 1
Cleveland: Population Falls
by 36%

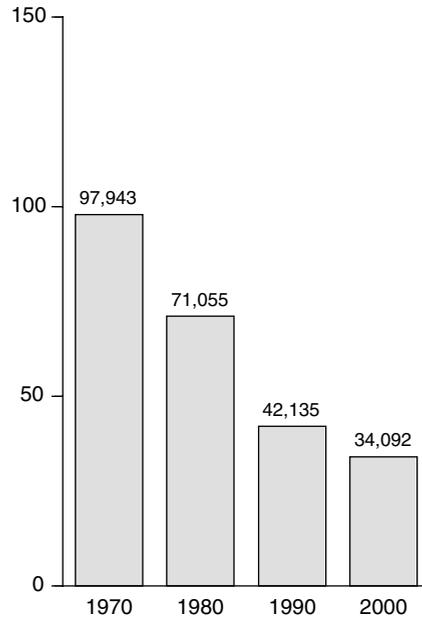
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Source: Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, *EIR*.

FIGURE 2
Cleveland: Manufacturing
Workforce Falls by 65%

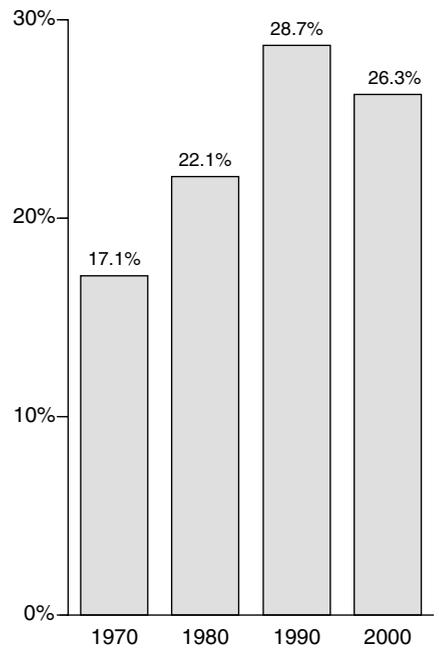
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FIGURE 3
Cleveland: Poverty Rate

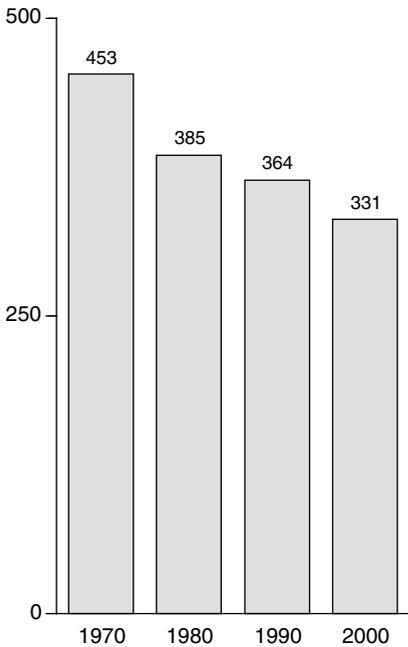
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FIGURE 4
Cincinnati: Population Falls
by 27%

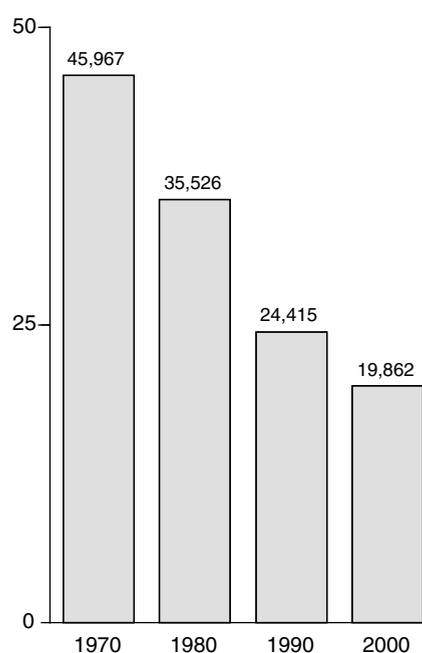
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FIGURE 5
Cincinnati: Manufacturing
Workforce Falls by 57%

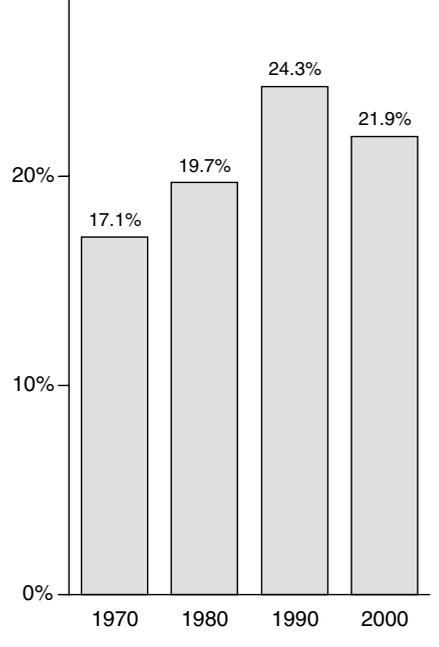
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Source: Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, *EIR*.

FIGURE 6
Cincinnati: Poverty Rate

(Percent)



Source: Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, *EIR*.

FIGURE 7

Ohio's Community Hospitals: Built, Then Lost, 1958-2001

(Number of Hospitals)



Source: U.S. Statistical Abstracts; *EIR*.

ductive employment in Ohio's urban areas, even before the jobs collapse of 2001-04. The state's population, at 11.4 million, has stopped growing.

Cleveland is now the nation's most impoverished city, and has laid off hundreds of police officers and firefighters, more hundreds of teachers and school workers, and cut trash pick-ups and other city services. Cincinnati has also laid off "first responders" who are so glorified—but not supported—by White House homeland-security *aficionados*, and has dangerously cut some city districts to a single fire company on duty at a time. Dozens of Ohio municipalities are in "Distressed City" status (i.e., bankrupt and run by unelected financial control boards) because of the collapse of corporate and wage tax revenue from vanished industry.

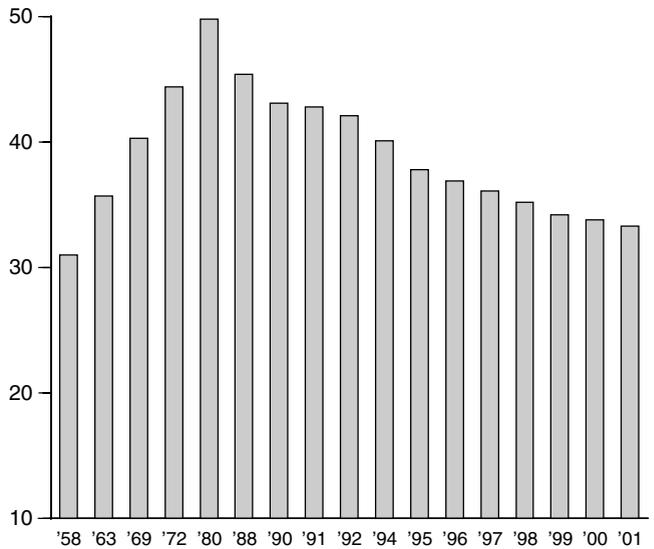
And in the cities, the latest Bush-Cheney cuts against the "lower 80%"—the elimination of Federal rent subsidies which help lower-income families pay for escalating housing costs—will threaten nearly 3,000 Ohio families with homelessness in 2005, and 6,500 families by 2009.

A look at the declining availability of hospital care in Ohio shows another side of the collapse to poverty—healthcare. Although leading the nation in several specialties including cardiac care, particularly through private medical institutions in Cleveland, the state's coverage of hospital beds per population has been falling dramatically since 1990. It's lost nearly 20% of the community hospitals and one-third of the hospital beds it had in 1980—twice the rate of losses of the country as a

FIGURE 8

Ohio Community Hospital Beds, 1958-2001

(Number of Beds)



Source: U.S. Statistical Abstracts; *EIR*.

TABLE 2

Ohio Community Hospital Beds Per 1,000 Population, 1958-2001*

Year	Ratio
1958	3.4
1980	4.6
1990	4.0
1995	3.4
2000	3.0
2001	2.9

*Federal Hill-Burton minimum standard is 4.5-5.0.

Source: U.S. Statistical Abstracts; *EIR*.

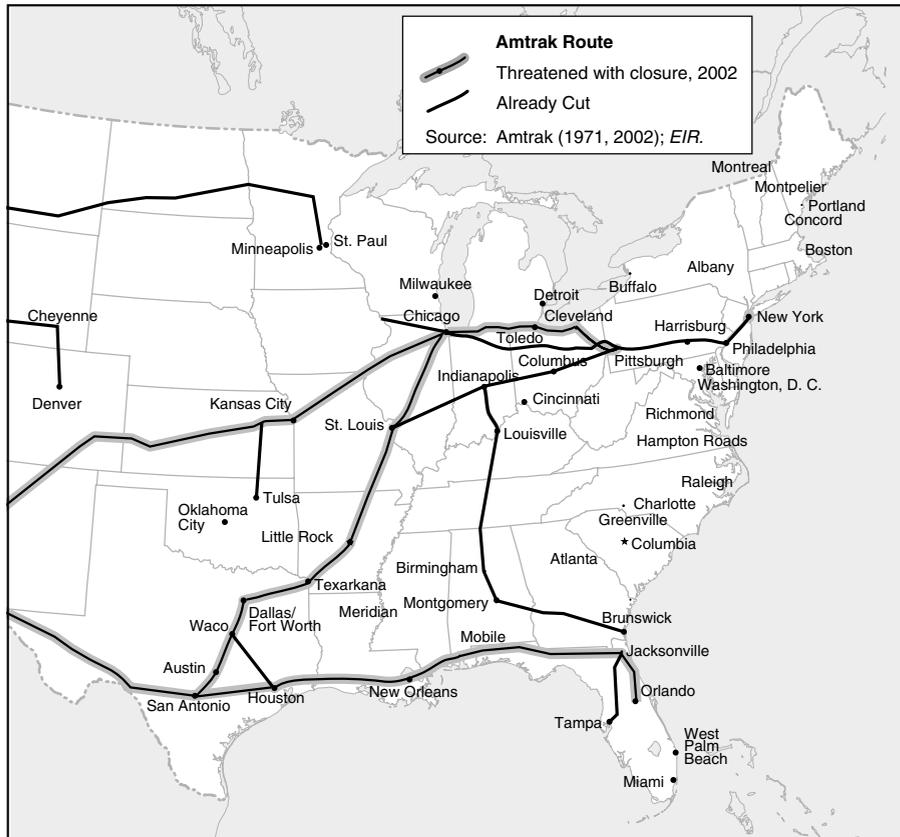
whole (Figures 7-8—this, while Ohio's population increased by more than 2 million. One of 21 states that met Federal Hill-Burton standards of 4.5 or more beds per 1,000 people in 1980, today it has not much over half that (Table 2). And health insurance plans now cost so much that even faster than Ohio jobs are being lost or outsourced, employer health insurance plans are being cancelled or scaled down.

Turning It Around: A National Maglev Transport Hub

Ohio and Indiana form a "natural" national and continental hub along the southern Great Lakes shores for transport of people and industrial, mineral, and agricultural goods

FIGURE 9

Amtrak 1971-2004: Lines Eliminated, and Threatened by Bush Cuts

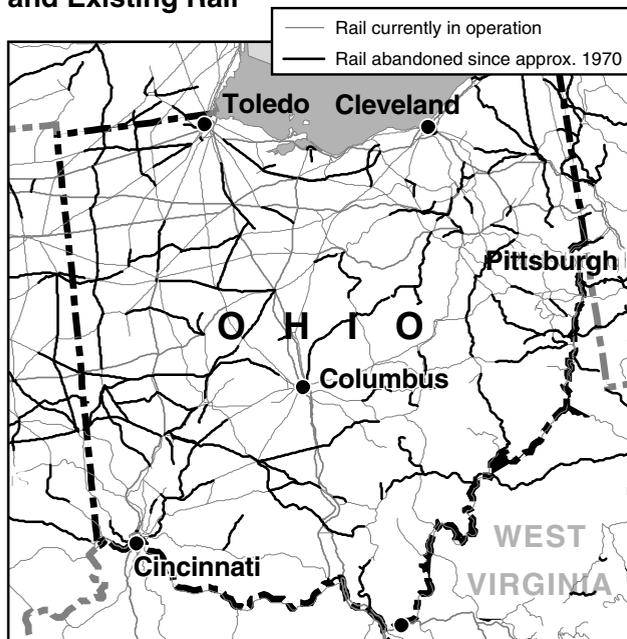


between the mid-Atlantic states and the western United States through St. Louis and Chicago—and in fact, western Canada, Alaska, and Eurasia over a near-future Bering Straits bridge-tunnel project.

It's depression insanity, then, of Bush-Cheney policymakers and their Congressional allies, that of Amtrak's three passenger rail lines through Ohio, two have been lost and the third—from Pittsburgh west through Cleveland and Toledo—has been threatened by cuts in Amtrak budgets since Fiscal Year 2002 (see **Figure 9**). Insane, that over 30 years, much of the entire rail grid—freight and passenger—of western and eastern Ohio has been abandoned (see **Figure 10**). For this Fiscal Year, 2005, no Transportation bill at all, and no Amtrak bill, have been marked up in Congress because of big and absurd cuts demanded by Reps. Tom DeLay (R-Tex.), Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.), and company in the House. After the mayor of Akron was part of a National Conference of Mayors appeal this year for saving Am-

FIGURE 10

East North Central Region: Abandoned and Existing Rail



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trak and building new infrastructure, Amtrak service to Akron was cut off!

Insane, that the ongoing collapse of the big airlines under deregulation, has seen U.S. Airways abandon its Pittsburgh hub, American West abandon its hub in Columbus, Ohio, and United Airways abandon its hub in St. Louis over the past two years; and all six major Ohio airports lose 6-15% of their flights since 2000. On the vital Ohio River, one-quarter of all the lock-and-dams have exceeded their 50-year design life—the Ohio was closed to navigation for ten days in August when one lock failed. Yet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has lost a good part of its budget and laid off engineering staff during the Bush-Cheney collapse, in its districts which control the Ohio and other mid-Atlantic rivers.

Meeting the physical economic collapse with an “FDR-style” recovery policy—what LaRouche has called a modern “Super-TVA”—is the way to turn Ohio's job losses and impoverishment around by reversing its economic infrastructure losses, but with 21st-Century technologies.

The “natural” continental hub of Ohio can be made a hub of national *high-speed rail transportation corridors for passengers and freight*—something completely lacking in the United States up to now. **Figure 11**, showing plans that have been made but not implemented for high-speed rail, shows

that the three crucial “Empire,” “Keystone,” and “Chicago Hub” corridors all overlap through Ohio and Indiana. Ohio,

after all, has led in national chemical and plastics production, along with its many other industries, and is one of the most

FIGURE 11
United States: High-Speed Rail Corridor Designations

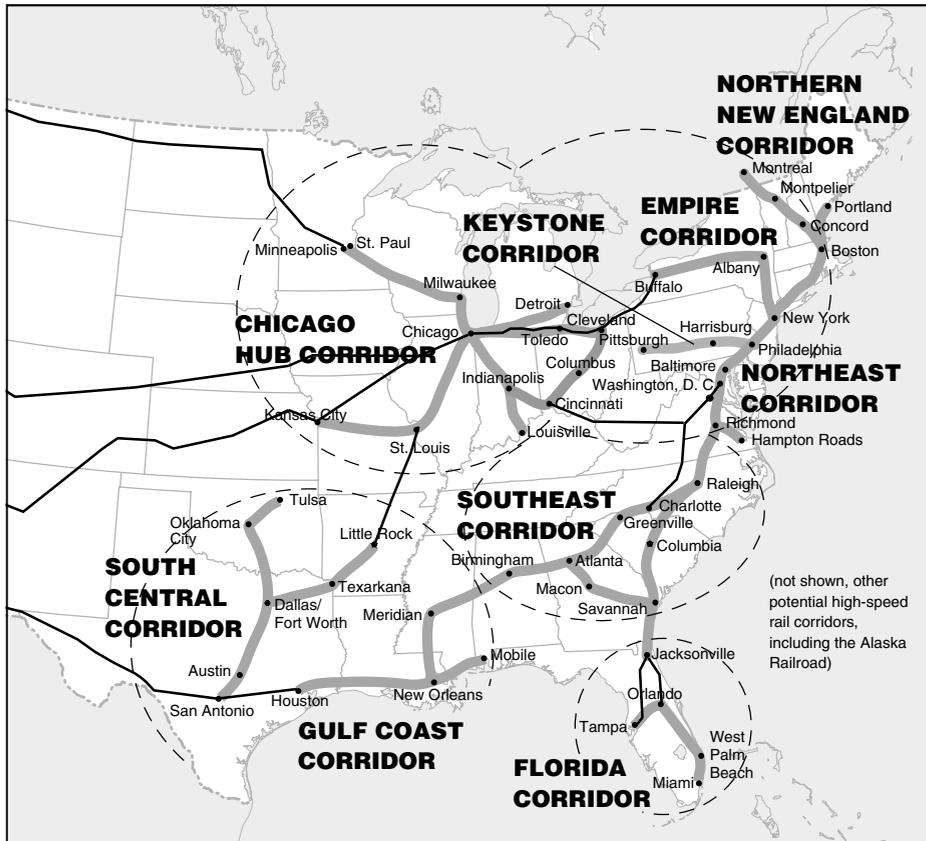
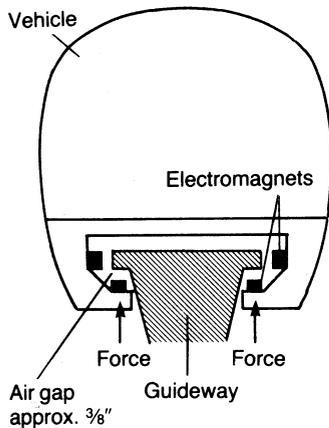


FIGURE 12
The Next Generation of Rail



Several of the major corridors for high-speed rail in the United States—the broad grey lines shown on the map—overlap in and through Ohio. Building a regional network of very high-speed magnetic-levitation rail—the new, revolutionary technology now being introduced—would not only mean skilled employment and tremendous efficiencies in transport, but would demand expansion from the steel industry for the guideways and components, and new electric power capacity as well.

densely populated states. Nearly half of its highways are officially, conservatively, designated “congested.”

Three major high-speed rail corridors can be built through northern, eastern, and southern Ohio; with modern technologies, the corridors usually include power-transmission and communications lines as well.

And under a sane national economic recovery policy, these can and should be magnetic-levitation (“maglev”) railroad corridors, the most modern, 2-300 mile-an-hour rail technology, so far built and in operation only on China’s southeastern coast (see Figure 12). The photo is from Maglev, Inc. of Pittsburgh, which gives the following description and factors of steel input: “The guideway is an elevated structure with prefabricated, T-shaped, steel beams set on concrete pillars of various heights. This elevated double guideway requires approximately 5,000 tons of steel per mile, primarily rolled plate steel. Attached to these beams are several functional components, including a linear motor, guidance rails, and low-friction skids. The linear motor, which is part of the guideway and provides the propulsion for the vehicles, requires approximately 275 tons of magnetic steel per mile of guideway.”

Rail, Steel, and Power

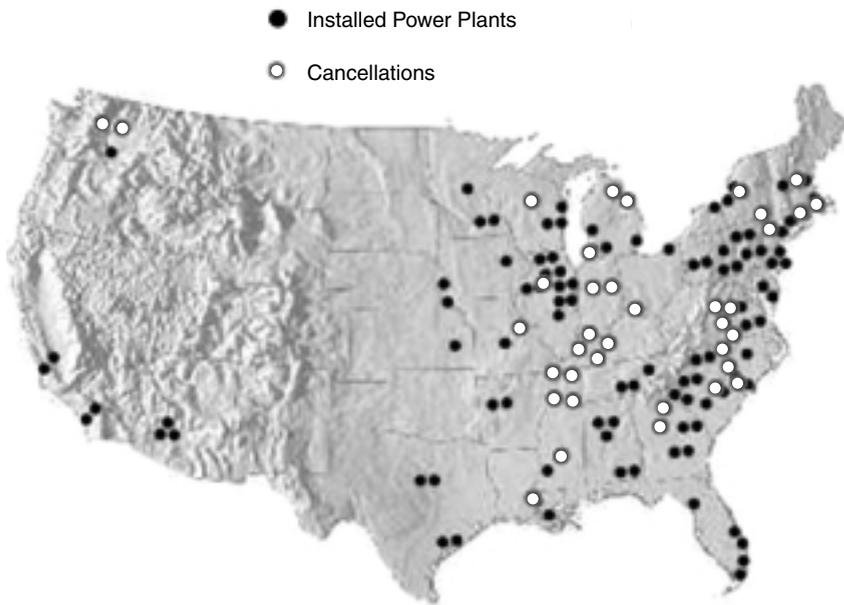
Just three groups of maglev lines connecting, through Pittsburgh, with Cleveland and Columbus in the west; Huntington, West Virginia in the southwest; Washington, D.C. in the south; Philadelphia in the east; and Erie in the north, would require 1,300 miles of line. This Mid-Atlantic Regional System would require

6.9 million tons of high-quality steel; and of course, new and reliable electric power capacity in Ohio and the region. The

steel industry would have to expand and modernize, as this represents 10% of total national production, much of which now is not high-quality steel but electric-arc production from scrap.

FIGURE 13

Where's Nuclear Power in Ohio?



The Ohio River Valley states have virtually no nuclear power plants; Ohio needs nuclear to expand its stagnant power capacity, stop using highly inflated natural gas to produce power, and stop leading the nation in pollution emissions per capita.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has dozens of aged locks and dams to replace and renovate on the Ohio River—if it weren't seeing its budgets cut, in absolute terms, under Bush-Cheney, and laying off instead of hiring engineers. Here's one stalled project in which the Corps is trying to replace the old and failing McAlpine Lock at the right, near Louisville, with a modern 1,200-foot lock, at left.

That kind of “Super-TVA” approach to 21st-Century transportation will also mean re-regulating the airlines, to save air traffic from shrinking back to the 1950s level of service it is now heading for.

Ohio's electric power production and capacity per capita have virtually stopped growing over the past decade, meaning there's plenty of new power construction to be done in a “Super-TVA” approach to an economic recovery. The August 2003 blackout of the northeastern United States started in Ohio's power grid, which faltered handling power being “wheeled in” from Canada through western New York transmission lines. If electric power and transmission are *re-regulated*, this constant wheeling of power across the continent for “marketing” purposes will end—it's a product of deregulation and the transmission grid was not built to handle it—and new power capacity will be added where it's needed.

Ohio needs not only more electric power construction, but new *nuclear* power construction: 90% of its basically stagnant power capacity is based on coal and natural gas; it is number-one among states in sulfur dioxide pollution per capita, and number-five in both carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide emissions per capita; with petrochemical prices high and rising, the state's people, cities, and firms are paying a high average of nearly 7¢ per kilowatt-hour of electricity. New nuclear plants will add skilled jobs, and leave increases in petrochemical use to the state's crucial plastics and chemical industries.

And a national expansion of the funding and mandate of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—both of which have been cut back—would be vital to all the Ohio Valley states, including Ohio. Major renovation and replacement of the Ohio system's aging locks and dams has to be done, as well as reconstruction of flood-control infrastructure and bridges: Some 25% of the bridges in the state are now structurally deficient or obsolete. For the nation, the Army Corps of Engineers is potentially a critical source of new skilled employment and training for young people.

For Ohio—the state which can't avoid the ongoing economic depression collapse most Americans have been letting Cheney and Bush deny—“it's the physical economy, stupid!”

Ky. Governor's Healthcare Extortion Is 'A Sneak Preview' of Bush's Medicare

by Marcia Merry Baker

Thousands of Kentucky state workers staged a Sept. 27 "Day of Protest" at towns across the state, against huge health insurance hikes imposed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher (R) after Fletcher's office negotiated with insurance companies to pass extreme cost increases on to the public employees. The Kentucky Education Association called for the actions, and 23 school districts cancelled classes so employees could take part. The biggest rally brought out 4,000 in Louisville, the location of the state protest coordinator, Jefferson County Teachers Association President Brent McKim.

The same day, new national statistics were released by Families USA, showing that workers' costs for health insurance have risen nationally by 36% since 2000.

McKim described the outrageous Kentucky specifics to *EIR* on Sept. 29, noting that he himself would pay 46% more in monthly health insurance premiums, overnight, under Fletcher's already-negotiated contracts with private insurers. McKim said that Fletcher imposed the cost increases on state workers as one of a number of executive actions after the Kentucky legislature, deadlocked on austerity measures, was unable to pass a FY 2005 budget. Fletcher claimed he would save the state \$177 million by having state employees pay 15-46% more (depending on the region of the state) in premiums immediately, plus unprecedented deductibles and co-pays as they used the services of doctors, hospitals, or pharmacies.

Asked about State Rep. Perry Clark's (D) branding Fletcher's new health plan "a death care plan" (in the interview below) McKim said, "That's true. He's right." McKim described a typical case where a teacher with a salary in the range of \$40-44,000, would, under Fletcher's order, pay \$7,400 a year in premiums; an annual deductible of \$500 applying even to routine doctor visits; and co-pays which are a fixed percentage of cost—i.e., effectively unlimited.

The public opposition across Kentucky is so great, McKim reported, that even before the Day of Protest, the Governor, whose public approval ratings plunged, had to "suspend enrollment" in his plan, and call for a special legislative session. McKim said that the teachers and other public unions are planning more protest activities through October, demanding that the Governor abandon or the legislature stop the health cost increases; otherwise, it will affect all their elections, he said.

Interview: Rep. Perry B. Clark

Kentucky Workers Facing A 'Death Care Plan'

Perry Clark, a Democrat, represents the 37th District of the Kentucky House of Representatives in Louisville. He was interviewed on Sept. 29 by Marcia Merry Baker.



EIR: Your home district staged the largest rally in Kentucky. What's happening?

Clark: Here's where we are. The Governor and his Administration negotiated a new healthcare plan for the state, that is not healthcare at all. It's death care. That's basically what you have. *These costs are absolutely astronomical.* A lot of our public employees, especially our school bus drivers, our cafeteria workers, our janitors—they might as well have no insurance at all.

EIR: Something like 171,000 workers affected?

Clark: That's what most people are saying, and most speak of teachers; but what you are forgetting, is that it's all state employees. All your people. Including the retirees, you're probably talking about upwards of 200,000.

EIR: Under Fletcher's proposal, a household already paying, say, \$450 a month for a family plan for medical coverage, is now told they must pay \$600 a month or more?

Clark: Absolutely. And beyond that, the co-pays aren't set at, for example, something like \$20 or \$35, or figures that most of us are used to; they're set at percentages. So you've got—especially on the low-income people—you've got illness, you're sick, and you won't go get taken care of, because instead of the \$25 or \$35 you pay out of your pocket, you're paying a 20% co-pay, you have no idea what that is. And of course, when you go and get medical treatment, you sign and

say, “I will cover all this cost”—you have no idea what that’s going to be.

If they find out that you’re sick—you have leukemia, you have cancer, and you have \$2,000 worth of drugs a month—all of a sudden you are going to be into a \$400 or \$500 co-pay. This is a death plan. People will not do this. People will die on this healthcare plan.

EIR: Governor Fletcher, who is in Europe, has responded by calling the legislature back into session?

Clark: Yes, he called us into a special session. It was supposed to start next week. Of course, that is not official yet.

It’s our understanding that the contracts have already been negotiated, that they’ve been signed, sealed, and delivered. So it gives us very little leeway. About the only thing we have in our arsenal at this time, to deal with the insurance debacle here in the state, is actually, a small increase in pay to help offset the increased medical rates people will be reimbursing.

I’m on the State Government Committee, and I was in Frankfort. And the special session had already been called for, but I was there when we were told, because the contracts were signed, there was very little that we could do to alter this tragedy that’s going on in the state.

The Administration—they’ve been asked to produce the details: How was your plan negotiated? They stonewalled the General Assembly. They are not coming forward and telling us: What were the bases for their assumptions? What were the details of the negotiations with the insurance companies? What was the bottom line for the costs to the state? All this relevant information—they are stonewalling, not coming forward with any of it.

So it’s difficult, if not impossible, for legislators to formulate any kind of plan of recovery without these—and they are simple—details. . . .

With that said, we don’t have much that we can do. We have really got to look at overhauling this whole system.

I think what you have—let me try to formulate, the best way to put it: So many people want to think and believe that government is the problem. But this thing cannot be resolved without [Federal] government intervention, and government taking the lead, to take care of these problems right here. . . .

EIR: Governor Fletcher’s decreeing that state employees must pay up to 46% more for their monthly share of their healthcare premiums, sounds like Dick Cheney-talk. He’s been touring the Ohio Valley swing states, where everything is shutting down, and he just says the economy is great.

Clark: The economy is a disaster. And I don’t know when we’re going to finally face up to that. Unless you already have money—then you are doing OK. But if you just calculate the people who don’t have money—which is most of the people I know—it’s not. It’s dismal.

I don’t know who calculates the inflation rate. It is incorrect. I know that food costs have escalated in the state of Kentucky in the last 18 months in a row. The last three months

was the largest quarterly increase ever!

EIR: Kentucky has been outstanding right along with Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and the rest, for loss of manufacturing jobs. From 1999-2003, you lost close to 40,000 manufacturing workers all over the state. A lot of textile jobs were lost.

Clark: That would be a close number, 34,000 over a three-year period, manufacturing mainly.

EIR: You had a lot of brand names based in Kentucky—Fruit of the Loom, OshKoshB’Gosh, and others, but the jobs went overseas, and only the corporate offices stayed behind. As in Bowling Green.

Clark: I’m told that in Louisville itself, we lost 14,000 jobs, for a three-year period.

EIR: And even though you still have auto plants in the greater Louisville region, you had huge losses?

Clark: Yes. And that’s part of the deception too. People around Louisville will tell you, “Oh, Ford’s doing good. UPS is doing good.”

Yes, Ford and UPS are doing pretty good. But a lot of the Ford work is from closing down Ford plants, and bringing that Ford work here! That’s why our Ford plant’s doing good. UPS was a hub that was located elsewhere, that was brought in here with great tax incentives. So someone else lost those jobs. We did pick those jobs up.

See, that’s why you have to look at the big picture, the national picture, a lot of times. . . .

EIR: I know you’ve been looking at the big picture. You’ve been conferring with Lyndon LaRouche and others about development plans for the Midwest, and for the country. That’s the back-drop for really getting out of the prospect of just “death care”—as you called it, not healthcare. So look at where we are. Oct. 1 was the date the Army Corps of Engineers asked for, to get funding for carrying out the Ohio River locks and dams improvements, and for the go-ahead on renovating the old Upper Mississippi locks projects.

Clark: I have not heard that it moved forward at all in Congress. You know, all that is to our great detriment, and to our increased cost futuristically. If we’re not going to go to the Dark Ages. We are going to really make repairs that are necessary to carry that infrastructure in the future, really.

EIR: The Kentucky Education Association is said to have 29,000 members, and it was teachers in your Louisville District who initiative the statewide Day of Protest. How many were there? Will there be a strike?

Clark: I’d say, a minimum of 3,000. I think there’s a strike date set up, that the teachers are saying they’re going to hold to: Oct. 27. I guess they are waiting to see what we can get accomplished in Frankfort.

I think that people need to understand, that what you see going on in the state of Kentucky, is basically a sneak preview



Outrage at Kentucky Governor Fletcher's and private insurers' deal for huge hikes in state workers' healthcare costs, led to Sept. 27 protests across the state—these teachers were among 4,000 who rallied in Louisville. Fletcher's move points to Bush Administration plans to let private insurers and brokers into Medicare and Social Security, if the President is re-elected.

of what's in store for us, if President Bush prevails. I think that's what we're going to have. We're going to entrust our healthcare decisions to insurance companies, and pharmaceuticals—that's where we are in this state. That's what is going on here. That's bad.

There's a lot to fear, if those kind of current trends continue. You know, I guess in the early Clinton years, healthcare costs kind of went down, and the number of people without health insurance also declined by the end of his term. And I guess it's been going up since Bush took office. But costs have absolutely soared here recently. . . .

In the last three years, healthcare costs have absolutely devoured any wage increase. Now they may be calculating wage increases, but they are not counting healthcare costs in inflation. Something's not right with their math! I tell you that.

EIR: Elsewhere in the Ohio Valley, there are protests. In Pittsburgh, the police and firemen have had street demonstrations against staff and pay cuts, and healthcare cost hikes from the municipal government under state-ordered bankruptcy austerity. Will there be more protests in Kentucky?

Clark: I hope they do. I like citizen involvement. And when you get teachers there, and not just teachers, when you get the whole staff personnel—and they were all there. Janitors, firefighters were there. Obviously, other unions were there. The AFL-CIO was there. Carpenters. Mainly teachers, but you had a lot of support also.

But all of a sudden, you get talking about how, it's *everybody's health insurance*. It's not just the state employees. You get talking about the fact that *there are no jobs for the*

children. Out utility rates are going out the roof. Our food costs are going out the roof. These are the conversations that go on. That it's not just—this is just the symptom of a much larger problem that we're in. Just symptoms.

EIR: From that point of view, you have a terrific group of LaRouche Youth Movement activists, based out of Louisville, and they were at the rally on Monday, with the LaRouche PAC pamphlet, *It's The Physical Economy, Stupid!*

How did Governor Fletcher even defend his price hikes to begin with? Did he do a Dick Cheney? Did he just say, "We order you to pay more; and we say, it's good for you."

Clark: He did a George Bush. He did a major flip-flop. Fletcher told the teachers, as one of his campaign promises, just a few months ago—he came in in January—he was going to *reduce* healthcare costs 30%, and give you more choices. He's increased costs 50-70%, especially on the lower end workers. He's increased it that high, and given them *one option*, only his option, only that of Birdwhistle—the guy that's with the insurance department, who happens to have been an insurance company executive before. That's the only thing they gave us. Said one thing, did another. Par for the course.

EIR: Are people putting two and two together, to understand that this is the kind of thing we are fighting against, with the Bush/Cheney ticket nationally?

Clark: No. I don't think people are putting that all together yet. That's me. I think, this is what's coming, folks. If you're wealthy and have yours, you'll get protected. If you don't, you're a "useless eater."

Business Briefs

Russia

'Liberal' Reforms To Decimate Science

Russian scientists and scholars were informed at the first autumn meeting of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, that without consulting any of them, the Ministry of Education and Science had prepared a "business plan for the denationalization and privatization of fundamental science," reported the Russian *Kommersant Daily*, Sept. 15.

Under the scheme, the number of state-run scientific organizations will be reduced from 2,338 to 100 or 200 by the year 2008. The other organizations are supposed to struggle to exist in the jungle of the free market. Russian science in general has been severely underfunded since the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Academician Yuri Osipov, Academy President, emphasized that because the document had not been presented to the Academy "officially," it should not be regarded as serious. Some of his colleagues, however, felt compelled to speak out against this new assault on the flagship Russian scientific institution, which was founded by Tsar Peter the Great, according to a plan drawn up by Gottfried Leibniz.

- Gennadi Mesyats, first vice president of the Academy, termed the ministry's initiative "a frontal offensive against fundamental science."

- Nikolai Dobretsov, head of the Academy's Siberian Department, informed the audience that a paragraph in the same ministry's new "Strategy for Innovative Development of the Russian Federation," exactly repeats the so-called "business plan."

- Academician Vitali Ginsburg, a Nobel laureate in physics (2003), exclaimed, "Does that mean that Yury Sergeyevich (Osipov) will now be not elected by us, but appointed by the President, like a governor? That is poor stuff and nonsense!"

Academician Nikolai Plate, another deputy head of the Academy, urged his colleagues not to kid themselves about the seriousness of the measures: "This is a

conscious, cold cynical line pursued by a group of persons," he said, "Their purpose is to take over the Academy and use it for their own property needs."

Energy Policy

Germany Headed for 'Era of Black-Outs'

Germany is heading into an "era of black-outs," unless there are massive investments in power production and power grids, as well as a return to nuclear technologies, according to the federal association of the German electrical engineering sector, ZVEI. This was the main message put out at the association's press conference Sept. 27 in Mannheim.

ZVEI board member Joachim Schneider noted that since the "liberalization" of the German energy sector in 1998, investments into power plants have decreased by 45%, and investments into power grids have decreased by 30%. The mounting investment backlog is all the more dangerous, he said, because rising numbers of intrinsically unreliable windmills require ever more traditional power capacities to be held in reserve (for when the wind isn't blowing). Furthermore, the liberalization has led to a sharp rise in the power trade, which adds an additional burden to power grids.

Much of the grid infrastructure is now more than 50 years old, he said, and has to be replaced soon. Should the "assault on investments" continue, Schneider warned, it will not only mean more job losses in the electrical engineering sector, but it will threaten the overall German power security.

According to the ZVEI, 40 gigawatts in installed power production—that is, 40% of total capacities—will reach the end of its lifespan by the year 2020. An additional 22 gigawatts in nuclear power will be shut down by the year 2025, because of Germany's political decision to "exit from nuclear power." All of this means investments in the range of 40 billion euros just to maintain power production at its current level.

Prof. Harald Weber of the Rostock-based Institute for Electrical Engineering emphasized at the press conference that the long-term energy supply can only be guaranteed by nuclear technologies, including fission and fusion. It may take more time, he said, until these issues can be publicly discussed in Europe. But because of rising power, gas, and oil prices, as well as last year's series of "black-outs," people are beginning to realize that they have been blinded by the promises of the "internet age" and its disparagement of "dirty" technologies, like power production.

The Bush Record

Unemployment at Peak Since the 1940s

Under the Bush-Cheney Administration, 41.7% of jobless Americans have exhausted their unemployment benefits without finding a new job—the highest rate since the 1940s, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sept. 27.

Last year, 43.5% of unemployed people were still jobless by the time their 26 weeks of state unemployment benefits had run out. When combined with an unemployment insurance "exhaustion rate" of 42.5% in 2002, this represents the highest two-year peak in long-term unemployment since 1940 and 1941, when it was about 51% and 46%, and when the nation had started on the path of rebuilding its physical economy.

Since Bush took office, the unemployment insurance exhaustion rate has worsened dramatically. For the 12 months ending Aug. 31, 2004, about 41% of jobless workers used up their unemployment benefits without finding work, a marked increase from an exhaustion rate of 31.9% in 2000.

The number of people exhausting unemployment benefits has nearly doubled, to over 4.1 million nationwide from 2.1 million in 2000. At the same time, the average length of time that jobless workers depend on state jobless benefits has increased by about 3 weeks, to 16.7 weeks.

North Korea Halts Peace Talks On Cheney Wild Provocations

by Kathy Wolfe

North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon told the UN General Assembly Sept. 27, that the D.P.R.K. is “unable to participate” further in the Six Party Talks on nuclear weapons, because the Cheney-Bush Administration is not negotiating in good faith, but instead acting to overthrow his government. “The danger of war is snowballing, due to the U.S. extreme moves to isolate the D.P.R.K. and threats of preemptive strikes against it,” Choe said.

Choe’s announcement came as the *New York Times* claimed Sept. 26 that “the CIA is circulating warnings that North Korea may conduct its first nuclear test, before the U.S. Presidential election.” The Pentagon and Japan Defense Agency also mobilized a fleet off North Korea Sept. 21, to watch for what they claim is an imminent test of a long-range ballistic missile.

Although such reports may be overblown, there is no doubt: Dick Cheney’s wild-eyed “regime change” doctrine has in fact made the world a far more dangerous place. It will grow more dangerous if Cheney and Bush are re-elected on Nov. 2. Yet, while some Democrats try to make hay with this as a failure of Bush’s diplomacy, the collapse of the Korea talks in fact looks more likely to help Cheney and Bush in the election, by painting North Korea as part of the growing threat of “terr’ism,” designed to panic Americans into voting for Bush. This is why Cheney has been kicking Pyongyang in the shins over and over, to deliberately provoke this crisis.

Democratic Party leader Lyndon LaRouche, who is strongly supporting John Kerry, had last year offered to travel to Pyongyang to resolve what was then a building crisis, and under appropriate circumstances, could renew that offer. LaRouche proposes the only plan which can work: a higher-level “New Deal” for the economic development of all Korea, China, Russia, and Eurasia—the New Silk Road/Eurasian

Land-Bridge infrastructure project.

South and North Korea need to step back from Cheney’s trap. A missile or nuclear test now by the North, after the South’s recent announcement of nuclear experiments, is just what Cheney needs to elect Bush. In a June 5 statement, the two Koreas announced a wiser plan to run the first train since 1945 across the DMZ from south to north, to open the Iron Silk Road. But lately they have lapsed into complaining like onlookers, as South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun has done, and as Choe said on Sept. 27, that “the U.S. is dead set against it,” so the rails can’t be rebuilt. This victim mentality only gives the neo-cons room to provoke a crisis. Better to “run the trains now.”

As evidence that Washington’s only policy is regime change, D.P.R.K. Vice Minister Choe cited the recent “North Korea Human Rights Act” passed in Congress, which “fixed it as a law to provide financial and material support for overthrowing our regime, and to force third countries [i.e., Japan—ed.] to do so.” He protested George Bush’s recent brickbats about Kim Jong-il, which “slander and debase the dialogue partner,” and other efforts to “overthrow our system.” Taken with the recent public boast by the South Korean military that they produced small amounts of nuclear bomb fuel in 1982 and 2000, Choe said, “the basis of negotiations . . . has been completely destroyed.”

Choe’s remarks were consistent with a December 2003 policy paper by D.P.R.K. Ambassador Li Gun, who made clear that North Korea will never unilaterally disarm. Li noted that Washington, simply by repeating the demand that Pyongyang do so, was at the talks with “an ulterior motive”—to deliberately blow up the negotiations, and overthrow the D.P.R.K. by slapping on sanctions.

After strong pressure from South Korea, China, Russia,

and Japan, the U.S. team was forced to introduce a new written proposal for a settlement, by this June's talks in Beijing. Cheney's assets, such as Undersecretary of State John Bolton, however, were quick to announce in public speeches, that the "Libya Model" of unilateral disarmament was still Washington's real demand. This led Pyongyang to reject the June draft as a sham.

In an unprecedented UN press conference after his Sept. 27 speech, D.P.R.K. Vice Minister Choe announced that Pyongyang has already weaponized the plutonium from the 8,000 fuel rods which the UN had frozen under President Bill Clinton's 1994 U.S.-D.P.R.K. Framework Accord. After Cheney broke the 1994 Accord in November 2002, by cutting off oil shipments to North Korea in the face of Winter, the D.P.R.K. ejected UN inspectors and unfroze the fuel.

Pentagon and Japan Defense Agency sources in Tokyo meanwhile announced on Sept. 21 that they have satellite evidence that North Korea is preparing to launch a Rodong missile, with a range covering most of Japan; they said D.P.R.K. military vehicles, soldiers, and engineers were converging on missile bases. Japan dispatched an Aegis-equipped Navy destroyer and other vessels to the Sea of Japan for early warning. The Rodong bases are surrounded by silos holding Taepodong-II missiles with a longer range of 3,500 to 6,000 km, which the Pentagon claims can threaten U.S. bases in Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. West Coast.

Rumor versus Negotiation

On Sept. 23, Japanese Premier Junichiro Koizumi, however, said that the D.P.R.K. will probably only conduct engine tests on the ground, without launch. A missile launch would violate the 2002 Pyongyang Declaration between North Korea and Japan, causing a breakdown crisis in their bilateral relation, which has been a major pillar in preventing Cheney from bombing North Korea. It would also weaken Russia and China in supporting the North.

Vice Minister Choe at the UN dismissed such reports as "only guessing and rumor," said Choe. "The nuclear issue is the product of the deep-rooted hostile policy toward the D.P.R.K. pursued by the U.S. The D.P.R.K. is left with no other option but to possess a nuclear deterrent in the face of the situation in which the U.S. . . . has been attempting to eliminate the D.P.R.K. by force while designating it as part of an 'axis of evil' and a target of pre-emptive nuclear strikes."

Choe told the UN that the Six-Power talks could only restart, if two new conditions were met: "If the six-party talks are to be resumed, the basis for the talks demolished by the United States should be properly set up, and the truth of the secret nuclear experiments in South Korea clarified completely." That is, first Washington should drop its "ulterior motive" and give up "regime change," which all five other powers in the talks reject as dangerous and chaotic. Washington should return to the original premise for the Six-Power

talks, a proposal by Russia and South Korea that North Korea turn over its nuclear weapons, if the other five powers, including the United States would grant it a security guarantee—a bargain broken before the fact by Cheney's regime change doctrine.

The D.P.R.K. is also now refusing to attend talks until South Korea gives the UN a complete report on what Choe called its "clandestine nuclear project," which Choe said could not have occurred without U.S. sponsorship. While, in fact, South Korea is perfectly capable of having an independent program, it is likely that someone from Cheney's or Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld's neck of the woods had a hand in the untimely announcement about Seoul's ostensibly defunct nuclear weapons experiments.

Ultimate Target: China

In late October, the U.S. Navy, Japanese Coast Guard, and others conducted naval exercises off North Korea, under Cheney's "Proliferation Security Initiative," to practice seizing illicit cargoes at sea. Last year they seized a North Korean ship in the Indian Ocean; this is closer to home. "Pyongyang's military will say, 'I told you so, they plan to attack us,'" predicted former Clinton aide Kenneth Quinones on Sept. 18.

China, and Russia, are however the ultimate target, as LaRouche and *EIR* have reported for ten years, to which strategic aim, North Korea is attacked as a surrogate. The plan

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was laid out in the Japan's *Asahi News* on Sept. 28, headlined "U.S. Force Transformation: Frustration with Japan Mounts." The Bush Administration is pushing Japan to become a base for U.S. deployments into the entire "arc of instability" from Africa and the Balkans, to Southwest Asia, Southeast Asia, and China, reported *Asahi's* Yoichi Funabashi, after a recent Washington trip. Cheney and Rumsfeld's new program of "Force Transformation" sees Japan as host for U.S. Armed Forces bases controlled entirely by the U.S. command on Guam, violating Japan's no-war constitution, and exceeding the bounds of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. "As Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith told Congress, 'combat commanders no longer own forces in their theaters,' " writes Funabashi.

"In the long view, the transformation targets Asia, expected to be directly affected by the rise of China as a central player. All [the Pentagon] needs in Japan, is an advance base that the Air Force in Guam can use in emergencies. The thinking strongly reflects the awareness that China is a potential military threat. . . .

"In 2001, the RAND Corp. published a report titled 'The United States and Asia: Toward a New U.S. Strategy and Force Posture.' The report, commissioned by the U.S. Air Force, stressed the need for the military to establish a 'Southwest shift' to deal with possible Chinese military action against Taiwan in the short term, and China's regional dominance in the long term—and recommended that Guam 'should be built up as a major hub for power projection throughout Asia.' The Air Force has begun preparations to meet this. The integration of Air Force command in Guam is also to place it outside the range of North Korea's and China's tactical missiles."

So far, however, the Japanese have refused to discuss it, Funabashi says, but the pressure is enormous. Funabashi detailed the situation: "Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage is unhappy. He expressed to the Japanese his concern that Japan-U.S. relations are going in the direction of a 'train wreck.' . . .

"In late August, Shin Ebihara, head of the Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, and Kazuki Iihara, director general of the Defense Agency's Defense Policy Bureau, visited Washington to discuss the transformation. During their meeting with U.S. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Asia Richard Lawless, [Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul] Wolfowitz made an appearance. He repeatedly spoke about the security challenges posed by China in relation to the transformation, and asked how Japan viewed it. But the Japanese refused to give a direct answer, and said only that their government planned to send an official letter of protest . . . over the recent [U.S.] helicopter accident in Okinawa. Wolfowitz slowly got up and left."

In short: Diplomacy in East Asia is ready to blow sky high, if foolish Americans re-elect Cheney and Bush.

Afghan Election: Opium And Warlords Abound

By Ramtanu Maitra

On Sept. 29, at the U.S. House International Relations Committee hearing on the upcoming Oct. 9 presidential election in Afghanistan, Democrats and Republicans broke out into bitter partisan bickering. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage's assuring voice saying "the election is going pretty damn good" did not soothe the raw nerves of the lawmakers.

Election: A Farce?

Thousands of miles away in Afghanistan, the situation is much tenser. The personal bickering between the major Presidential candidates, threats from the warlords that are strengthening day-by-day because of the input of narcotics trafficking money, and violence assured by the anti-Kabul and anti-U.S. Taliban militia, have created a surreal situation. It is evident that the "pretty damn good" election will be held, but what good it will do to establish the rule of law in Afghanistan is anyone's guess.

Security concerns have prompted most of the 18 candidates to urge that the election be postponed. U.S. forces in Afghanistan vowed on Sept. 29 to bolster security before the landmark election, as Taliban guerrillas bent on disrupting the vote launched a new wave of attacks. How this effort to improve the dangerous security situation can provide, in just ten days, what 17,000 U.S. troops and some 8,000 International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) under the NATO leadership, could not assure in almost three years is, again, anyone's guess. What is real is that the Afghan Interim President Hamid Karzai, a Pushtun and a handmaiden of Washington, has not dared to go outside of Kabul to campaign. The risks are too great. His one foray to campaign outside of Kabul was met with rocket attacks.

What is worrying all of them is the threat of violence issued by the Taliban-types. These militants have made sure that those were not empty promises. Since the end of summer, violence in Afghanistan has grown multifold, as it has increased in Iraq as well. But the Bush Administration, with the American Presidential election around the corner, would not like to admit the existence of the Taliban muscle. Admitting the fact that Taliban, or other anti-Kabul, anti-U.S. forces are alive and well, may sound like an admission of failure, the Bush Administration worries. That is why when

New Jersey Democratic Rep. Robert Menendez, pointing out the fear of Taliban guerrillas that has kept candidates from campaigning, and has kept President Hamid Karzai, the election front-runner, largely confined to the capital, Kabul, said, "I think we have to stop sugarcoating the realities of what is happening in Afghanistan and in our other conflicts and be honest with the American people," Armitage countered by saying the Taliban was "very much running from hidey hole to hidey hole, that they're very much on their back foot."

But, the realities on the ground do not support the deputy secretary's assertions. His view is contested right and left by all those who were, and are presently, in Afghanistan. Even the head of the U.S.-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, the U.S. Army Lieutenant General David Barno, told the media on Sept. 27: "We see some indications that al-Qaeda is apparently encouraging attempts to disrupt the election process . . . clearly for all terrorist organizations in the region, disrupting this free election which is impending here in Afghanistan, of which they are not a part, is—it appears to be—a shared objective."

Threats Are Real

Barno said al-Qaeda members and other non-Afghan fighters are operating in the rugged mountain area that borders Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal regions.

"We see some indications that Al-Qaeda is apparently encouraging attempts to disrupt the election process," Barno said. "We also see al-Qaeda and foreign-fighter involvement. Particularly in the southeast—in the Paktia, Paktika, Khost area, in that border region opposite North and South Waziristan, which is where the Pakistanis have been conducting a number of their operations."

The U.S. military has told the media that the Taliban elements remain active in southern provinces like Uruzgan, Zabul, Helmand, and Kandahar. Most of the residents of these provinces are Pushtuns, the very ethnic base of President Karzai, and opium is grown in hundreds of thousands acres in these provinces. But Afghan officials say they scored an important victory recently when a senior Taliban commander, Mawlawi Ghafar, was killed in an ambush in Uruzgan Province. Ghafar became a top Taliban commander after he was released from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In a 52-page report, "The Rule of the Gun," issued on Sept. 29 from Kabul, the New York-based Human Rights Watch group has pointed out that major security and human rights problems persist, and seriously endanger the country's future.

Warlords to the Fore

Political repression by local strongmen is the principal problem. Throughout the country, militarized political fac-

tions—militias and remnants of past Afghan military forces who came into power in the wake of the Taliban's defeat, to cement their hold on political power at the local level, using force, threats, and corruption to stifle more legitimate political activity—dominate the election process. Independent political organizers unaffiliated with factions or their militia forces are facing death threats and harassment, and are struggling just to organize. Some politically active Afghan men and women, potential leaders who would otherwise be eager to take part in the political life of their country, have instead already opted out of the process, or are very cautious in their activities, literally afraid for their lives.

Voters in many rural areas have already been told how to vote by warlords and regional commanders, and given the general political repression and unfamiliarity with democratic processes, they are likely to obey. While there exists a genuine shortfall of international forces to secure the voting places, what amazes the Afghans to no end is the readiness with which the current security plans for the Presidential election include the use of deputized warlord or factional forces to guard polling stations—the very people the Afghans say they're most afraid of.

The report went on to point out that there is a sense of disappointment running through Afghanistan today. People are tired of government positions being held by abusive warlords, and they are insulted that the international community appears to think that these military commanders are innocuous, that they have "reformed," or that they are otherwise acceptable. Most Afghans want the warlords out of power, and are angry that Afghanistan's political processes so far—including two Loya Jirgas (grand councils) in 2002 and 2003—have simply been legitimizing their influence.

"Credible elections are seen by many Afghans as the way to transform the country from a loose set of warlord-led fiefdoms into a functioning nation with a legitimate civilian government that protects citizens' human rights. In this sense, elections are seen not only as a goal in Afghanistan—a good in and of itself—but also a means of addressing human rights issues and warlordism," the report adds.

One of the major problems with the Afghan political process, touted by Washington as a success story, is that it has remained a farce. Much of Afghanistan's political activity is dominated by the warlord factions. There are numerous parties which are merely proxies for the various military factions, or sub-factions within them. Afghanistan's registration law prohibits parties from maintaining their own private militias, but since most militia forces have an official status as divisions or battalions under the control of the Ministry of Defense, faction "parties" can disingenuously claim that they have no private forces. The 10th Army Division, for instance—official units under the control of the Kabul government—are actually factional forces

controlled by the Ittihad-e Islami faction (“Ittihad”), which in turn is controlled by the powerful faction leader Abdul Rabb al-Rasul Sayyaf.

Moreover, some factions changed their party names for registration purposes, possibly to avoid running afoul of the law. Most members of Jamiat-e Islami (Jamiat), for instance, a mujahidin military force which fought against the Soviet occupation, are now organized as the political party Nehzate Melli. Ittihad, a Pashtun armed faction, is now known as Daw’at-e Islami. Parties which change their name can then disingenuously claim that they have no official link with any military faction, and claim to be independent.

It is also evident that despite the U.S. Deputy Secretary’s promises made to the lawmakers on Capitol Hill, relief is not on the way. Afghanistan is still without an adequately staffed professional and independent police force, and the justice system barely functions. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and various Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)—international joint military-civilian teams operated by various nations in Afghanistan—have assisted in some protection efforts, but have been unable to bring an overall sense of improved security across the country. The main and continuing reason for their weakness has been the inadequate number of troops made available to their operations by NATO member nations, analysts claim.

Blooming Poppies

Another major constraint to any meaningful election in Afghanistan is the drug scene. When he appeared at the House International Relations hearing, Deputy Secretary Armitage was asked about the drug scene. He cleverly answered that “More work was needed and that there was a strategy that was ‘still secret and still classified’ to confront Afghanistan’s poppy production.” But the facts are not difficult to discern, although the “still secret and still classified” methods to change the drug scene remain to be found out.

The specter of nearly 300,000 acres of poppy cultivation this year would empower both traffickers and the terrorists they feed, experts claim. One of the groups that benefits heavily from poppy production is the Hezb-i-Islami, of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, once the blue-eyed boy of the Americans. Hezb-i-Islami uses poppy proceeds to oppose the pro-U.S. Afghan government. The group also is believed to ship funds to fundamentalist groups in Uzbekistan, scene of a serious rise in terrorism.

Al-Qaeda “possibly” is a beneficiary, analysts say. Al-Qaeda and the Taliban operate along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, generally evading efforts by U.S. and Pakistani forces to hunt them down. While 90% of the poppy ends up in European streets to satisfy heroin habits, U.S. interests are negatively affected as well. A newly declassified U.S. analysis shows that the Taliban militia, although weakened since being driven from power in Afghanistan in 2001, “almost definitely” reaps profits from the poppy trade.

Mere Talk

“Dismantling the opium economy will be a long and complex process,” Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the UN’s Office on Drugs and Crime, said in the organization’s latest report on narcotic production in Afghanistan.

“It simply cannot be done by military and authoritarian means. That has been tried in the past and was unsustainable. It must be done with the instruments of democracy, the rule of law and development.”

But, that is all talk as of now. According to available reports, for instance, in Imam Saheb, a small town in the northern province of Kunduz, 190 heroin processing labs operate. The reason: the enormous profit a farmer can make through poppy cultivation in a plot of land where he cannot grow anything else. The *Christian Science Monitor* reported on July 24, 2003: “Afghan anti-narcotics officials estimate that a kilo of heroin in Afghanistan is worth from \$5,000 to \$20,000, but in the international black market the price soars, from \$70,000 to \$300,000. The value varies according to quality.”

The market price may vary from U.S. \$70,000 to \$300,000, but the important factor is that the value, as well as volume, of heroin keeps increasing as it travels from the manufacturer to the user on its tortuous route. Each intermediary handler adds substances according to his fancy, from milk powder to quinine, to increase the bulk and multiply profits. By the time it reaches the users in their dark alleys, the 450 tons that started from Afghanistan would be no less than 1,800 tons. It would fetch a mind-boggling sum of \$540 billion to the retailers.

The power of poppy is so strong that it can destroy all classified and secret operations to eradicate it. Arnaud de Borchgrave, writing for the *Washington Times* on July 8, 2003, stated, “A ranking Afghan official, speaking privately, said: ‘The drug trafficking has corrupted everything in today’s Afghanistan, from the central Transitional Authority in Kabul to the warlords who really run the country.’” James Astill, writing for *The Scotsman* on Nov. 24, 2003, said that “British and Afghan officials in Kabul privately complain that their efforts have been badly compromised by the U.S.’s ongoing military campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaeda.” The U.S. employs local warlords to prosecute its war, including many allegedly involved in opium production. U.S. special forces in southern Helmand province last week told *The Scotsman* that they routinely patrol through opium fields, but had no orders to interfere,” he says.

The situation is grave. Lieutenant General Aleksandr Markin, the top Russian officer responsible for supervision of the Tajik-Afghan border, wrote in an article in *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, Nov. 10, 2003, “In the first 10 months of this year, the haul is already 4,888.095 kilograms, of which 2,575.659 kilograms has been heroin (63% of this “hard” drug was seized on the sector of the Moscow Border Detachment).

Sharon's Hit-Men Kill in Damascus, In Countdown to Neo-Cons' New War

by Dean Andromidas

In the early morning of Sept. 26, a bomb exploded in the car of Din al-Sheikh Khalil, in Damascus, killing the Palestinian Hamas operative. Khalil was the latest victim of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "terror against terror." But make no mistake: The Khalil assassination was not in "revenge," after Palestinian militants killed five Israeli military officers and border policemen a few days just prior to the murder of Khalil. That hit took many weeks to plan and prepare, and has to be seen as part of the pre-war operations to set the stage for an attack on Syria and Iran, either by Israel alone or in tandem with the United States. The only question is, will it be a pre-election "October surprise," or will it take place afterward?

U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche warned that if President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are re-elected, a new war will immediately follow. Fully agreeing with LaRouche's assessment, a senior Israeli intelligence source said: "If Bush wins the election, he will immediately launch a war against Syria and Iran. He will do it, because of the economic crisis which is already here. As you know, this is the way they respond when hit with an economic crisis."

There is nothing Syria and Iran can do to placate Sharon and the neo-cons' determination to go to war; only a United States purged of the Bush-Cheney regime, will stop it. Khalil's assassination occurred despite the fact that Syria made several major concessions after the UN Security Council passed a U.S.-sponsored resolution on Sept. 2, demanding that Syria withdraw its troops from Lebanon. In the week prior to the assassination, Syria agreed to tighten the security at its border with Iraq, after meeting with a U.S. delegation that included Assistant Secretary of State William Burns and Assistant Secretary of Defense Peter Rodman. Syria also agreed to collaborate with Washington in investigating money flows to terrorist organizations, and announced that it would begin the rotation of Syrian troops out of Lebanon. Just prior to the assassination, even Secretary of State Colin Powell called Syria's recent dismantling of military camps in the hills above Beirut, a "positive step."

American intelligence sources report that Washington

issued no criticism of Israel following the hit, because the neo-cons in the administration were opposed to the State Department's diplomatic efforts to resolve differences.

Speaking at the UN General Assembly, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara made a not so oblique attack on the neo-cons, charging that Israel, through the "Israel Lobby," the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and the neo-cons were responsible for "inciting Americans, first, and then the West to wage endless wars in the Middle East to underscore [its claim] that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the core of the problems in the region." He went on to say, that certain think-tanks are "diverting the attention of the world, and camouflage the settlement activities in the occupied Arab territories that have continued unabated, while continuing to build the racist segregation wall, and diminishing the importance of state terror perpetrated by Israel on a daily basis."

He also said that "Israel bears an important share of responsibility for intensifying and worsening the American predicament in Iraq by avoiding the resumption of the peace process, despite the hand extended in peace by the Palestinians, Syria, and Lebanon." This is a "major cause of the rejection of American policies in the broader Middle East," he concluded.

Sharon and his generals are systematically preparing for an attack on Syria and Iran. First they are fanning the flames of Palestinian resistance and terror attacks, only to make groundless accusations that Syria and Iran are behind "Palestinian terror," thus creating a pretext for retaliation against both countries. On Aug. 31, after a brutal Palestinian suicide bus bombing, Israeli Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon threatened Syria and Iran, declaring: "Anyone who is responsible for terrorism against us should not sleep quietly. We will deal with all those that support terror, at every level—people in the Palestinian Authority, people in Hezbollah in Lebanon, people in the terrorist headquarters in Damascus, which operate with Syria's permission; and also the financial support and weaponry that is transferred to the organizations under Iran's auspices."

This statement, according to Jonathan Ariel, senior editor

for the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*, was coordinated with the Bush Administration's, prior to the suicide bombing! It was meant to coincide with the U.S. anti-Syrian UN resolution.

The assassination of Khalil came amidst efforts by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's security chief, Omar Sulliman, to negotiate a cease-fire from all the Palestinian factions, including Hamas. A source told *EIR*: "It is clear that [Mossad chief Meir] Dagan is the author of this assassination, but the Mossad does not have the capability to carry out such a hit by itself. It would need the aid of an Arab intelligence service. . . . It could have been done by Lebanese Maronite networks, which Israel has used in its assassinations in Lebanon. But, my educated guess would be that the hit was designed to sabotage the efforts of Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Sulliman. The Palestinian factions within the occupied territories are against such a cease-fire while the leadership outside is for it, including the one who was assassinated in Damascus." The source said this is typical for Sharon, who always kills the moderates. Furthermore the Israeli military and Mossad are against Egypt having any role in Palestinian-Israeli relations. In fact, Israel has dusted off its contingency war plans against Egypt, in case an attack on Syria would provoke a Egyptian military response.

In an interview with the Sept. 29 Israeli mass circulation daily *Yediot Ahronot*, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, a leading hawk, declared that Israel will use all means necessary to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, saying: "All options for preventing this will be considered. The important thing is to stop the current Iranian regime reaching the nuclear option." He then added, "The question is what comes first, nuclear ability or regime change?"

Also on Sept. 29, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* published a commentary with the headline, "Waiting to Bomb Iran," in which senior diplomatic correspondent Aluf Benn wrote, that unlike the 1981 Israeli bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor, which was kept secret until the attack was under way, an Israeli attack on Iran is being openly discussed in all the international media. Benn acknowledged that Israel has been leaking the information as part of its psychological warfare campaign. The result is that the international community has put greater pressure on Iran to end its nuclear program, but it also has produced the effect that the "West, doubtful about the success of the diplomatic effort, prefers to have Israel act in their place," said Benn.

Benn warned: "Sharon is disturbed by the growing acceptance, particularly by Europe, of Iran's impending membership in the nuclear club. Meanwhile he is carefully walking on the edge, and is exploiting his tough guy image to arouse international attention. But neither should we forget that the present political-military leadership—Sharon, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, [Chief of Staff Moshe] Ya'alon, [Deputy Chief of Staff Dan] Halutz—has few inhibitions about exercising military might. Operations that were once

considered taboo, such as attacks on Damascus, now seem self evident.

"A possible attack on Iran will be much more complex and risky, and therefore we would do well not to ignore the threats, and to conduct a public debate on the question of whether this course of action is desirable for Israel."

Military Preparations

Earlier in September, the Bush Administration informed Congress that it has approved the sale of 5,000 "smart bombs," including 500 one-ton "bunker busters" capable of penetrating concrete walls 2 meters thick.

These new bombs will be mated with the Israeli Air Force's newly acquired F-15I long-range strike aircraft, which are capable of flying to Iran and back without refueling. The bombs would be able to penetrate the concrete walls protecting Iran's nuclear reactor at Bushehr, and the underground nuclear facilities where Iran allegedly houses its nuclear weapons program. These bombs are standoff-type weapons that can be fired from a significant distance from their target and the anti-aircraft batteries that protect them.

Other military preparations would have had to include the launch of its Ofek 6 surveillance satellite, had it not failed. The Ofek satellites, with their powerful cameras are essential for locating bombing targets for Israeli aircraft or missiles. The launch, almost two years ahead of schedule, could have been an attempt to intimidate Iran; if so, it failed. But, another reason would have been to expand the amount of time Iran is under Israeli satellite surveillance from the two or three hours with one satellite, to five or six hours. Another possibility could have been to have the second satellite passing over Syria, to gather information on potential targets in preparation for a future attack.

In yet another step towards war, regional intelligence sources pointed out that Jordan's King Abullah II removed the Commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force. The commander was the King's brother Prince Feisal, who was replaced by his deputy. Should Israel strike against Iran, they would have to overfly Jordan, as they did in 1981 when they attacked the Iraqi Osirak nuclear reactor. Once over Jordan, Israel's F-15s would only have to contend with the limited air defense capabilities of Iran. The sources suggested that the Bush Administration would put tremendous pressure on the King to allow the overflights, and thought that the change in command could be related to this pressure.

Israeli intelligence sources warned that the Israeli hawks are more eager to strike Iran and Syria than the even the U.S. neo-cons. Although the increasingly disastrous situation in Iraq, according to the source, could stay the hand of the Bush Administration, it does not deter the Israeli hawks. Even if Bush is defeated in November, a Kerry Administration would have to act decisively to prevent an Israeli attack on Iran. This is an assessment fully in line with that of LaRouche.

New Indonesian President Faces Economic Crisis

by Mike Billington

One bright spot facing the newly elected President of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (known as SBY), is the possibility that the “copy-cat Dick Cheney” now ruling neighboring Australia, Prime Minister John Howard, may be thrown out of office in the Australian election Oct. 9. This will come just three weeks after SBY’s overwhelming victory (unofficially estimated at 61% to 39%) in the Sept. 20 presidential run-off in Indonesia, over incumbent President Megawati Sukarnoputri.



President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

If there were any remaining hope that Australia’s Howard had dropped his self-described role as the “deputy sheriff for Asia” to the Cheney/Bush regime in Washington, those hopes were dispelled in the last weeks of September, when Howard announced plans to set up six hunter-killer squads to roam across Southeast Asia searching for terrorists, naming Indonesia and the Philippines as likely targets. Howard followed that up with an announcement that his government, if re-elected Oct. 9, will pursue a pre-emptive war doctrine against any nation which fails to act against those individuals or groups deemed by Canberra to be a terrorist threat.

Efforts by Foreign Minister Alexander Downer to clean up the mess left by Howard’s imitation of Dick Cheney, only made things worse when he said that Indonesia would be welcome to bomb Australia (!), if Jakarta believed that terrorists threatening Indonesia were hiding there. Such lunacy only served to convince leaders across Southeast Asia that Australia’s leadership was nearly as insane as George W. Bush, and that a pre-emptive attack were indeed possible if Bush, Cheney, and Howard were reelected.

Such threats can hardly be ignored in light of the now universally recognized fact that the Iraq war was based on accusations known by the accusers to be fabrications.

The Economy

SBY has an even greater worry, however: the economy. The 1997-98 speculative assault on Indonesia (and most of the other Asian economies) left the nation in political and social chaos, which has only partially abated. Flight capital

has exceeded \$13 billion since 1998, and continues even today, while investment from the advanced sector nations remains essentially negative. Indonesia has relied on internal demand, and investment from its Southeast Asian partners and from highly favorable infrastructure investments from China, to slowly regain economic stability.

Investments from the United States virtually disappeared after the crisis, other than that of the hedge funds and other speculators, who swooped in to buy up the Indonesian banking system for a fraction of its worth. One American banker, who is now running a major Indonesian bank, recently bragged to a Washington, D.C. gathering how the foreign takeover of more than one-half of Indonesia’s banking system since 1998 has compromised Indonesian sovereignty: “There will be no more directed credit in Indonesia,” he said. “If someone in the government wants to direct credit to some special program, they won’t get it, because they’ll have to go through me, and I won’t allow it.”

Directed credit for internal infrastructure improvements was the essence of the “American System of Physical Economy” developed by American founding fathers Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and their allies, based on a system of national banking. Franklin Roosevelt’s use of directed credit saved the United States from the depression and the threat of fascism. Foreign control of the banking system, in Indonesia and elsewhere, is intended to prevent such dirigistic development.

Under the administration of President Megawati Sukarnoputri, Indonesia had generally refused to submit to the kinds of conditionalities imposed by foreign investors during the reign of President Suharto, who fell from power in 1998. Those contracts, much like the “unequal treaties” imposed by the colonial powers in Asia in the 19th Century, placed all the risk upon the host country. Energy contracts, for instance, with the likes of Enron, forced Indonesia to purchase the entire electricity output of a power facility, whether it was needed or not, and to pay for it in dollar valuations, rather than local currency. When the currency collapsed in the 1997-98 speculative attack, such contracts left the nation utterly bankrupt, paying massively inflated prices for unused electricity, on top of their debts, whose values tripled overnight when accounted in local currencies.

The rejection of such conditionalities today has been blamed in Western capitals for the continued lack of Western foreign investment, but in the long run, the rejection will prove to be to Indonesia’s benefit. In any case, Indonesia’s Asian partners, including China, have been more willing to provide favorable conditions for their investments.

SBY: Reputation As a Strong Leader

Former General Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will be the first Indonesian President elected by a direct vote, the result of Constitutional changes enacted over the past years. SBY and Megawati finished first and second in the general election

in July, but neither won 50%, requiring the September runoff under the new system.

SBY served as Coordinating Minister for Politics and Security under President Megawati (one of two powerful “Coordinating Ministers,” the other being for economics), but he left the post last year to make a run for the presidency. He formed his own party, which did not fare so well in the parliamentary elections, but SBY swept the presidential election, based on his reputation as a strong leader, without any history of corruption or human rights abuses. President Megawati was unable to rally much enthusiasm for her re-election, in part because of her low-key leadership style over the past three years.

SBY rose to General under President Suharto’s long reign, in the 1970s, ’80s and ’90s. He spent two stints in the United States: one year at Fort Benning in 1976; and one year in 1990 at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, both under the U.S. International Military Education and Training Program (IMET).

SBY and his running mate, Yusuf Kalla, a member of former President Suharto’s Golkar Party, are well liked in Western capitals, but they are not expected to change policies in any dramatic way. The question of terrorism, which is considered practically the only issue of importance in most Western press coverage of Indonesia, has not played a major role in the elections, where terrorism is seen as the work of a lunatic fringe, inflamed by the nearly universal rage against the U.S. pre-emptive war on Iraq, and U.S. support for Israeli barbarism in the occupied territories.

The Sept. 9 terrorist bombing in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, which killed or injured 191 Indonesians (and no Australians), has served as an opportunistic campaign issue for would-be Rambo John Howard in his close race in the Australian elections, but had little impact on the Indonesian election. The question of *qui bono* should be primary in the Indonesian police investigation of the crime.

A Wall Street Journal Threat

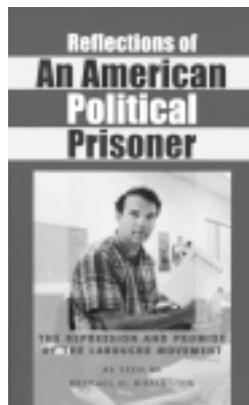
The danger of pre-emptive actions, or other forms of subversion, against the incoming Yudhoyono regime, were broadcast clearly in the Sept. 27 *Wall Street Journal*, the leading mouthpiece for the neo-conservative faction in the Bush Administration. A column by Danny Gittings, the Deputy Editor for the Asian *Wall Street Journal*, was given the title “Another Year of Living Dangerously.” This is a direct reference to the final year of the Sukarno regime, in 1965, when the United States orchestrated a coup against Sukarno, and a bloody slaughter of his base among the poor, under the guise of an anti-communist crusade. Gittings tries to spread panic among the readers of the *Wall Street Journal* who may have interests in Indonesia, claiming, without evidence, that “there’s a general belief that [the terrorists] will pick a soft target next. Hotels, shopping centers, indeed anywhere that Westerners gather, are vulnerable.” He even raised the specter

of the Beslan massacre in Russia, claiming that the International School in Jakarta was a target.

Gittings then accuses Indonesian leaders, including President-elect Yudhoyono, of “lacking the courage” to stop terrorism. Gittings also targets the *pesantren*—the Islamic private schools which provide education to a large portion of Indonesian youth—claiming that many are “training and recruitment centers” for terrorism. As to SBY himself, Gittings rants that “the biggest danger is expecting too much from a new president who counts some of the country’s most strongly Islamic parties among his supporters.”

Further, Gittings ridicules the fact that Indonesia refuses to use the name applied by the West to the terrorist network in Southeast Asia, *Jemaah Islamiyah*, which is simply the common term for “Islamic community” used by Muslims everywhere. The terrorists themselves deny that their network goes by this name. Rather, the *Wall Street Journal* is building a case out of lies in order to accuse Indonesia of failing to address terrorism—a process infamously used to justify the illegal war on Iraq.

If the Bush/Cheney and John Howard reelection campaigns are defeated, then the incoming president of the world’s fourth largest nation will have a decent chance to re-establish Indonesia’s historic mission as a Republic, which has been compromised for these past 40 years, since the last “year of living dangerously.”



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Was Secretive Fascist Fundy Party Created To Throw Australian Election?

by Allen Douglas

The federal election on Oct. 9 is still too close to call. Whether the Liberal/National party alliance (the “Coalition”) under Prime Minister John Howard will be re-elected over the Australian Labor Party (ALP), will likely be decided by a handful of votes in some 15 seats for the 150-seat House of Representatives. (See *EIR*, Sept. 24.) Lyndon LaRouche’s associates in the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC) are running strong campaigns in some of those seats, and thus may well determine the overall outcome. To diminish that influence, a Moral Majority-style party, Family First, has just been conjured up almost out of the blue. The secretive new party is a front for the fundamentalist, pentecostal Assembly of God (AOG) churches in Australia, and represents an attempt to rig Australia’s election, by a multi-billion dollar synarchist “religious” empire. This empire is run by an ultra-powerful cult in Washington, D.C., the “Fellowship,” and its London associate, the Anglican Church’s pentecostal cult center at Trinity Brompton church.

The electoral stakes are high, for Australia, and internationally. Howard is a second-generation fascist, allied to U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and his war-and-police-state policies, and the Australian election foreshadows that of the United States on Nov. 2. The ALP has decided flaws, but is preferable to the ever-lying Howard, who pushed Australia to war in Iraq, and has since rammed through 30 Hitler-modelled police-state laws.

Until just a couple of weeks ago, the principals in this election were the Coalition, the ALP, the Greens, and the CEC. Although blacked out or libelled by the Murdoch-dominated press, the CEC, with its 106 candidates for the House of Representatives and its national membership of 3,500, had replaced the fading Australian Democrats as the decisive swing force in Australian politics. The senior partner in Howard’s Coalition, the Liberals, have perhaps some 10,000 members nationwide, as does the ALP (contrary to both parties’ wildly inflated membership claims), with the establishment-promoted Greens at about 6-7,000 (but polling only about 6-9%), and the Democrats at perhaps 2,000 (polling only 1%).

With the two major parties fairly evenly balanced, the election comes down to “preferences,” the uniquely Australian procedure where each voter casts a “primary” vote, but then numbers his “preferences” for other candidates from two on down. Typically, if no candidate of the two “major parties”

gets 50% of primary votes, then smaller parties’ preferences are distributed, beginning with those candidates receiving the least votes, until one candidate gets over 50%. Although the Greens will decisively preference the ALP, most polls still have the Coalition slightly ahead in the “two party-preferred” vote (i.e., after the distribution of preferences). However, such polls have ignored the CEC’s candidates, who have scored as high as 7-9% in state elections, and many of whom have run very high-profile campaigns for this election, with purchased TV and radio ads.

Thus, CEC ballots (which will overwhelmingly preference the ALP) could well tilt the balance to dump Howard. However, that possibility is being challenged by the Family First party, which almost no one had ever heard of until the last couple of weeks, but which the media now lionizes as the likely arbiter of the election. Puzzled, many in Australia are asking, “Who is this party?”. As *EIR*’s investigation demonstrates, it is clear that Family First has only just now surfaced at the last minute, *precisely to avoid scrutiny*. And suddenly, its parent Assembly of God’s Australian website is “under construction” and unavailable, and Family First has gagged its House candidates—who are mostly members of AOG churches who speak in tongues and believe in the millennialist “end times” and a fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible, among other peculiarities. Howard has personally negotiated a deal with Family First to preference the Coalition in almost all the 109 House races in which Family First is running.

Some Family Secrets

Family First originally surfaced when it elected AOG pastor Andrew Evans to South Australia’s upper house in 2002. Evans led the AOG in Australia for 20 years, but was also the World Secretary of the 40-million-strong AOG global membership, and a member of the world executive of the 500 million-member pentecostal movement. Six of the Family First’s seven federal executives are top AOG figures, while the party’s “pro-family” public platform includes opposition to euthanasia, same-sex marriages, stem cell research, and abortion. Behind this pro-family facade, the AOG’s “religious” beliefs have been kept carefully hidden, and Family First candidates have been instructed not even to reveal their religious affiliation. Family First officials, meanwhile, have proclaimed that they don’t want to reshape society along the

lines of the AOG. They are lying.

Family First is part of the same international synarchist, theocratic apparatus as fascist U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, another “pro-family” AOG leader who speaks in tongues, and of his fellow fascist, powerful House Republican leader Tom DeLay. Ashcroft’s father was the longtime international Director of Outreach for the AOG, and set up operations in many countries, in conjunction with the notorious, pro-Nazi Dulles brothers of Wall St., the State Department, and the CIA. DeLay is known as “The Hammer” for his attacks on anyone who does not endorse the policies flowing from his integrist brand of “Christianity.” Several of his closest associates have just been indicted for laundering tens of millions of dollars in campaign funds for rigging elections.

DeLay’s career has been sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Fellowship, which was set up in 1935 out of Frank Buchman’s fascist Moral Rearmament Movement, and Lord Bertrand Russell and H.G. Wells’s Fabian plans for one-world government. The Fellowship in turn set up the international Prayer Breakfasts; sponsored the careers of such leading fundamentalist preachers as Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, and similar televangelists; and established deep-cover operations in the U.S. military and intelligence communities, which interface terrorist operations such as the “militia” bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995, as *EIR* has documented. The founder of the first Prayer Breakfast in 1941, H. Alexander Smith, was a Fellowship member who called for an alliance between Hitler and the Anglo-American financier establishment, to rule the world.

A scandal exploded about the super-secretive Fellowship (aka “The Family”) in 2003, after a reporter for *Harpers* magazine spent several weeks at its D.C. headquarters. (See *Harpers*, March 2003.) Among other bizarre beliefs, the Family stresses the idea of a “covenant”, reported author Jeffrey Sharlet. He quoted David Coe, son and heir-apparent of Family leader Doug Coe, asking new recruits, “Can you think of anyone who made a covenant with his friends?” Sharlet continued, “We all knew the answer to this, having heard his name invoked numerous times in this context. Andrew from Australia . . . cleared his throat: ‘Hitler.’ ‘Yes,’ Doug said, approvingly. ‘If you’re a person known to be around Jesus, you can go and do anything. And that’s who you guys are. When you leave here, you’re not only going to know the value of Jesus, you’re going to know the people who rule the world.’ ” Indeed, many members of Congress and other world influentials belong, and President Bush himself “found the Lord” through a Family brainwashing program in Texas.

Family Sleaze

The AOG’s flagship in Australia is the 25,000-member Hillsong Church in Sydney, which provides a glimpse of Family First’s “family values.” Hillsong has a \$25 million sanctuary; a staff of 200 (including 70 pastors); a Bible college of 1,700 students; a weekly TV program seen in 120 nations; numerous “outreach” organizations; its own best-

selling rock band; and a sister church in London, also named Hillsong. Its senior pastors are Brian Houston, the president of the AOG in Australia, and his wife Bobbie. The Harley-riding Brian is the author of several books, including *You Need More Money: Discovering God’s Amazing Financial Plan for Your Life*, while Bobbie has released *Kingdom Women Love Sex*, and preaches the benefits of pelvic exercises, because “orgasm is not as strong if you are really sloppy in that area.” Brian’s father, Frank Houston, an admitted pedophile, founded a pentecostalist church now merged with Hillsong.

Prime Minister Howard opened Hillsong’s new 3,500-seat auditorium in 2002, while his Treasurer and heir-apparent Peter Costello, addressed Hillsong in July. Costello professed his “faith”, and bragged how he once listened to a Hillsong CD for 12 hours straight.

The claims of Family First not to want a theocratic Australia, should be compared to the activities of its federal chairman, Peter Harris. A few years ago, Harris helped draw up a “strategic vision” to bring the Paradise AOG church into a “position of influence” over the politics, business, and media in South Australia, as part of which he set up the Business Generation Ministry International (BGMI). “Our vision is to facilitate and participate in the generation of billions of dollars through businesses to extend God’s Kingdom. We call it ‘billions of dollars for billions of souls,’ ” BGMI is modelled on the Fellowship-run Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship, one of whose leaders has been Iran/Contra’s gun-and-drug-running Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Key to winning the “billions of dollars and billions of souls” is a multi-week brainwashing program called Alpha, first established in 1977 at London’s Trinity Church Brompton, the British end of the Fellowship. Alpha courses are running in 171 countries, and have processed millions of people. The world head of the Alpha program, Trinity Brompton’s Rev. Nicky Gumbel, is a partner with Family First chairman Peter Harris and his BGMI in running “Business Alpha” for businessmen in Australia. A scandal erupted over Alpha brainwashing in 1996, as reported in a London *Times* headline, “Woman leads church boycott in row over evangelical pig snorting.” Fifty-year old Angie Golding reported that she had been expected to “snort like a pig and bark like a dog” during her Alpha course.

The Alpha program is a strategic asset of the British elite. In addition to Gumbel, said by insiders to be “more influential than the Archbishop of Canterbury,” it is run by Trinity’s Michael Alison, a member of Her Majesty’s Privy Council and the former Permanent Parliamentary Private Secretary for Margaret Thatcher, and Max Aitken, the nephew to the infamous Hitler supporter and press baron, Lord Beaverbrook. One noted Alpha graduate is pollster George Gallup, Jr., who says his life has been “transformed” by it. Given that polls are psychological warfare, Gallup and Family First are examples of how the Anglo-American synarchists use Alpha and related “religious” brainwashing to reshape society.

Zapatero Opposes Aznar's Crusade

by Cynthia R. Rush

The beast-men in Washington grouped around Vice President Dick Cheney could not have been pleased with the Sept. 21 speech given by Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero in New York. Speaking at the 59th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Zapatero intervened forcefully against Samuel Huntington's fascist "clash of civilizations" thesis, used by the Bush Administration to justify its war against Iraq.

Pointing to the carnage in Iraq, which has claimed "thousands of victims" among Iraqis, soldiers, and civilians, Zapatero said: "I want to propose before this Assembly an alliance of civilizations between the Western world and the Arab and Muslim world. One wall came down, and we must now prevent hatred and incomprehension from building another one." Spain, he said, would recommend to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan that a High-Level Group be established to implement this initiative.

Zapatero also warned that there can be no real peace in Southwest Asia until UN resolutions and the "Road Map" for peace are fully implemented. He strongly defended a "viable Palestinian state which is democratic and lives in peace and security with the State of Israel." As for Israel, it "can count on the international community, to the extent that it respects international law." But Ariel Sharon's building of the wall of separation between Israel and Palestine "does not do this," he said.

Zapatero also underscored that Spain is well acquainted with terrorism. It has fought it for the last 30 years, and most recently suffered the horrific March 11 bombing in Madrid. But, he warned, in an undisguised attack on the Bush-Cheney duo, "the risk of a terrorist victory is greater when in fighting terror, democracy betrays its own essence; states limit freedoms, question judicial guarantees, or carry out pre-emptive military operations."

For Iraq, he said, the priority now is to contribute to "completely reestablishing its sovereignty and independence. . . . We shall spare no effort in doing this."

A New 'Reconquista'

That it was Zapatero who called for an alliance of civilizations to address the Southwest Asia tragedy is particularly appropriate, given that Spain's own rich cultural heritage is

a product of cooperation among the country's Christian, Muslim, and Jewish populations.

But it is this very same cultural legacy that is an object of hatred for the synarchist madmen represented by Samuel Huntington, or Zapatero's predecessor, Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar. On the same day that Zapatero was addressing the UN, Aznar used his inaugural lecture as a visiting professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to espouse the clash of civilizations criminality. Speaking in mangled English, Aznar attributed the Madrid bombing to al-Qaeda, but its cause, he said, dates back to the 8th-Century invasion of Spain by the Moors, and the successful resistance which led to the "Reconquista" by the Catholic Kings (Ferdinand and Isabel) at the end of the 15th-Century. Aznar then boasted that Spain "refused to become just another piece of the Islamic world. It refused to give up its identity." He then added, ominously, that "many radical Muslims remember that defeat. Osama bin Laden is one of them."

Before an audience which also included an admiring Rodrigo Rato, Aznar's former Vice Premier who is now Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Aznar repeated his warning from May, that a terrorist attack could occur in the United States around the time of the November elections. "I think the terrorists will want to be present in the November elections, through direct operations in the United States, or indirectly."

As one Spanish analyst correctly noted, Aznar's Georgetown speech was a call for "a holy Crusade," reminiscent of the Inquisition. He fails to understand that "Arab culture on our peninsula, through eight centuries of uninterrupted residence, wasn't foreign to us; it was our own." But during the Reconquista, "the triumphant culture sent anyone who disagreed, to the Inquisition's bonfire, and it is to that that Aznar still belongs."

In the immediate aftermath of the March 11 Madrid bombing, Aznar was prevented from cancelling scheduled elections and staging a coup, by the intervention of Spanish King Juan Carlos. *EIR* has learned that Juan Carlos also recently made a speech, in which he said that he did not need to welcome Jews to Spain, because the Jews are part of Spain's culture and development. Spain is also their land, he said.

The same day that Aznar was singing his ode to *Hispanidad* at Georgetown, Samuel Huntington was in Veracruz, Mexico, warning that illegal Mexican immigrants might carry weapons of mass destruction into the United States to stage a terrorist incident. Repeating the thesis of his latest fascist tome, *Who Are We? The Challenges To America's National Identity*, which portrays Mexicans as the new enemy image, Huntington described illegal immigrants as a U.S. national security threat. Speaking in Nuevo León, LaRouchePAC representative William Wertz responded that Huntington's synarchist faction intended to use his book as the ideological justification for a military attack on Mexico.

A New Phase for the Monday Rallies

The establishment wants to kill the protests, but the LaRouche forces are intervening, and citizens are still on the move.

Only one week after their disastrous 15.8% vote loss in the Sept. 19 state parliamentary elections in Saxony, the German Christian Democrats (CDU) were hit by another severe blow. In the Sept. 26 municipal elections in North Rhine-westphalia (N.R.W.), Germany's most populous state with almost 18 million citizens, the CDU lost 6.9%. Although the figure is a statistical projection, because the real votes were cast on a municipal level, with results differing from city to city, the statewide figure gives an indication of what the vote would be, were there state parliament elections in N.R.W. right now. The next elections for state parliament in N.R.W. are in May 2005, and the vote losses on Sept. 26 are another "no" of the CDU voter base against hardline neo-con party chairwoman Angela Merkel. During recent weeks, she has repeatedly stated that she would even go beyond the austerity measures (the Hartz IV package) of the present German government of Social Democratic Chancellor Gerhard Schröder.

Merkel and the CDU leadership have ignored the fact that German citizens have joined Monday rallies in more than 240 cities (at their pre-election peak in mid-August) in protest of the Social Democratic Party-led government, but even more of Merkel herself. Shortly before the Sept. 19 elections in Saxony, opinion polls showed that 75% of CDU voters there were in favor of the Monday rallies. This is why the Merkel-CDU lost so heavily in Saxony and in N.R.W. Despite that, Merkel and the Chancellor prefer to close their eyes to reality, claiming in-

stead, as the Chancellor has, that "people have come to realize that you cannot change anything with these protests."

Turnout in many of the Monday rallies, especially in the big cities like Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, and Magdeburg, has dropped, down to maybe 25% of what it had been at their peak of four weeks ago. But the number of cities that held rallies on Sept. 27 still was more than 220. And although there is a concerted effort of the political establishment—government and opposition alike—and the mainstream media to declare the Monday rally movement "dead," the protest ferment is still there. People do not want to just go home and wait until the Hartz IV austerity legislation goes into effect in January next year. Although the leftists among the rallies' organizers want to shut the rallies down, citizens want to continue taking to the streets, still hoping to be able to prevent the legislation from going into effect. Thus, when Peter Wahl, spokesman of the German organization attac, announced on Sept. 27 that he saw no reason to have any more rallies from now on, citizens in many cities put so much pressure on their local attac offices, that Wahl was pressured to back down 24 hours later, letting local offices of his organization decide what to do now.

This just made it clear that organizations like attac never sympathized with the opposition of a large part of the population to the austerity measures, and never liked the Monday rally idea from the start, because the LaRouche movement had revived the

rallies which, in 1989, had swept East Germany's communist government from power. Organizations like attac, after they suddenly decided to "join" the protest ferment on Aug. 9, five weeks after the LaRouche movement's first Monday rally in Leipzig, always tried to distort and sabotage the rallies, and close out the LaRouche movement from the rallies' organizing committees. But in many cities, citizens intervened, making sure that the LaRouche BüSo party and the LaRouche Youth (LYM) could speak. During the first three weeks of September, BüSo/LYM representatives spoke or intervened prominently at between 15 and 21 rallies, every Monday.

Now, with most of the pompous leftists cowardly deserting the rallies, protesting citizens in many cities are desperately looking for speakers, which will increase speaking engagements for the LaRouche movement. It may also be that in many cities, rallies will be replaced by roundtable gatherings which will put serious discussion of an alternate economic program, with an emphasis on the creation of new, productive jobs, on their agenda. Here, the programmatic input of the LaRouche movement will be essential.

While many in the establishment want to bury the Monday rally ferment after the last big national protest rally in Berlin, on Oct. 2, the memory of the original Monday rally wave in the Autumn of 1989 is just being refreshed for east Germans, with commemorative exhibits, panels, official and non-official events in many cities, including pictures from that protest 15 years ago. And, as in late 1989, when the East German leadership thought that the protests would simply stop—which they didn't but even expanded—those that think the same today, may be in for a surprise surprise.

International Intelligence

Synarchists React to Warning on Terrorism

Lyndon LaRouche's warning of an hispanic terrorist threat emanating from the Blas Piñar networks in South America, has alarmed Mexico's Synarchists, as evidenced in a three-part article published in the weekly *Siempre* magazine in September and October, under the headline, "LaRouche Points to Mexico's Homegrown Nazism." Author José Luis Ontiveros is a follower of Italian fascist/synarchist Julius Evola. In the 1980s, he attacked the LaRouche-associated Mexican Labor Party. Ontiveros rants against a "guelph" faction of riff-raff within Mexican Synarchy, and worries that LaRouche's denunciation of "an alleged 'Nazi party' in Mexico" will lead to problems for his own "ghibelline" Synarchist faction.

Iran Ready for Agreement With U.S. on Nuke Weapons

In an interview on PBS's "Charlie Rose Show" on Sept. 27, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazzi said that in Iran "There is no program for developing nuclear weapons." He stated that Iran would be prepared to come to an agreement with the U.S. to assure it of that fact. "In fact, we believe that the entire area should be free of nuclear weapons." Kharazzi referred to the recent report by IAEA Director Mohamed El-Baradei, in which the latter stated that the IAEA had found no evidence that Iran had any program to develop nuclear weapons. Kharazzi did, at the same time, insist on Iran's right to develop its nuclear energy resources, including the entire fuel cycle.

"We have a right to develop nuclear energy," Kharazzi said, but "we are ready to engage in dialogue with the international community to assure them that there will be no diversion of resources to a weapons program." When asked why Iran had such difficulty in coming to any agreement with the U.S., Kharazzi replied, "The United States has been trying to destroy us." With a change of attitude on the part of the United States,

however, there were no reason that an agreement with the United States could not be attained, he added. "If the U.S. is looking for solutions, we are ready to engage." With regard to an agreement with the IAEA, Kharazzi said he felt that there should be no problem. "If we aren't denied the right to develop nuclear energy, we will come to an agreement," he said. He also noted that Iran had been of assistance to the United States in Iraq, in spite of its total opposition to the invasion of that country. "We helped resolve the situation in Najaf," he said.

Kharazzi also noted that Iran had been of assistance in Afghanistan. "Al-Qaeda is also an enemy to us," he said, noting that one Iranian diplomat had been killed recently in Iraq by the insurgents, and another had been kidnapped. This had also been the case in Afghanistan, where Iran was supporting the Northern Alliance.

With regard to Iraq, Kharazzi said that elections should be held in January, even if that would not be possible in certain areas. "We want the people of Iraq to resolve their problems," Kharazzi said, noting that Iran supported a multi-ethnic Iraq. Elections, he felt, would leave no reason for the U.S. to remain in Iraq. When Rose asked if he could envision a theocracy developing there, Kharazzi replied, "The Iranian model is not applicable to Iraq." When asked about the possibility of an American or Israeli strike against the Iranian nuclear program, Kharazzi answered, "If attacked, we will react, and people should know how we will react."

Jordanian King Sees Fair Iraqi Elections Impossible

King Abdullah of Jordan, who was in Paris to meet French President Jacques Chirac, said in an interview with the French daily *Le Figaro*, according to BBC on Sept. 28, that partial Iraqi elections, excluding troubled areas such as Fallujah, could isolate Sunni Arab Iraqis and create deeper divisions within the country. "It seems impossible to me to organize indisputable elections in the chaos we see today," the King said. "Only if the situation improved could an election be organized on schedule." He said that only

extremists would gain if the elections went ahead in January without the security situation improving.

Both the United States and the Allawi government in Iraq have said elections would take place as scheduled, but during the week of Sept. 20, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Senators it might not be possible to conduct voting in some places targeted by militants.

King Abdullah also urged the Iraqi authorities to re-recruit middle-ranking officers of the old Iraqi army under Saddam Hussein and provide longer training for new troops. "The faster we reconstitute the old army, the better the new one will be," he said.

Israeli Elite Unit Rejects Abuse of Palestinians

Four commanders in the Israeli Air Force's elite Shaldag (Kingfisher) commando unit signed a letter denouncing abuse of Palestinians in the occupied territories by Israel Defense Forces (IDF), according to Sept. 28 reports in *Ha'aretz* and *Ma'ariv*. The letter was addressed to Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon, his deputy Dan Halutz, Commander of the Israeli Air Force Eliezer Shkedi, and the commander of the Shaldag. The letter declares that the "razing of houses in the territories is immoral," and "the IDF harms innocent civilians."

The letter criticizes specific operations the signers themselves were involved in, where they took positions in Palestinian houses in the West Bank town of Yatta, which resulted in systematic harassment of the Palestinian population. They also criticize the destruction of houses during the so-called "Operation Rainbow," in which the Israelis demolished hundreds of houses in the Gaza strip.

Although the signers, who are of the rank equivalent to a company commander, do not refuse to serve in the occupied territories, the letter nonetheless created shock waves throughout the military. Similar letters were signed by Air Force pilots and members of the elite army Sayeret Matkal units, who refused to serve in the occupied territories.

Economic Fantasyland

It's not only President George W. Bush who lives in Fantasyland about Iraq and the economy. As the world's leading nations were about to go into their annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank the weekend of Oct. 2, the IMF put out a world economic report claiming that the world economy is in the best shape it's been in for the three decades. Any sane person would have to ask, what have they been smoking?

Of course, the "evidence" which these fellows put forward to support their case was all a bunch of financial statistics that have nothing to do with the physical economic health of the system, much less the living standards of the world's population. There's not an area of the world, outside the glitzy oases for the rich and famous, which is not suffering worse poverty today that it has in the last 30 years.

The financial system itself is only being held together by the rapidity of the Federal Reserve's printing presses, and the speed of financial speculation. The banking systems of the United States and Europe are bankrupt by any reasonable standard—but no one with any reason is minding the store.

How long can the facade last? That is, as usual, a political question. But there is an accelerating buildup of crisis which points to an early breaking point.

For one thing, the crucial threshold of oil over \$50 a barrel has finally been crossed, and there is no ceiling in sight. Such a level, created by a speculative bidding on the futures markets, represents an unsustainable tax on large sections of the real economy of the world, and its effects are already being felt in heavily energy-dependent sectors such as the airlines. However, to the extent that various countries and industries operate on several-month-long contracts, the price rise has not yet caught up with them. It is about to hit.

The depth of crisis in the physical economy is also shaking the transportation sector of the United States. Specifically, the commercial airline industry is undergoing a new set of bankruptcy crises, hemorrhaging jobs, slashing wages, cutting pensions, and clearly portending shutdowns of whole sections of trans-

port infrastructure needed for maintaining a healthy economy.

In neither of these cases is it tolerable for governments to simply sit back and let the disasters happen. Earlier this year, economist Lyndon LaRouche called for re-regulation of oil prices, through bilateral and multilateral long-term contract arrangements, setting a band price per barrel of approximately \$25. Such a price would allow sufficient investment in new exploration, infrastructure improvement, expanded refinery capacity, etc.—while removing the speculative factor and continued looting of the real economy, to feed the financial bubbles. Such re-regulation is the responsibility of *governments*, starting with the U.S. government.

LaRouche has also proposed similar government action in the matter of the transportation crisis, calling for full-scale re-regulation and bankruptcy reorganization of this vital sector of the economy. The Interstate Commerce Commission used to serve such a function, ensuring that reasonably priced and timely service was provided to all parts of the country. There is ample historical precedent for it to be done again.

Such sector-specific measures raise the question of bankruptcy reorganization for the IMF itself, an action also long overdue, and called for in LaRouche's plan for a New Bretton Woods system.

But make no mistake. Even as they put out their rosy press releases, the bankers who run the IMF and World Bank *know* that their system is bankrupt. Their intent in lying is to simply get through the U.S. elections, and to have the conditions for imposing the top-down global fascist *post-crash* reorganization which will maintain their power.

The only thing that permits these powerful financiers to get away with this, is the cowardice and pessimism of those governments and citizens who want to continue to delude themselves about the economic crisis. In this situation, LaRouche's proposals are a clarion call for people to step forward and face reality, and solve the eminently solvable problems at hand. Fantasyland isn't going to last forever.

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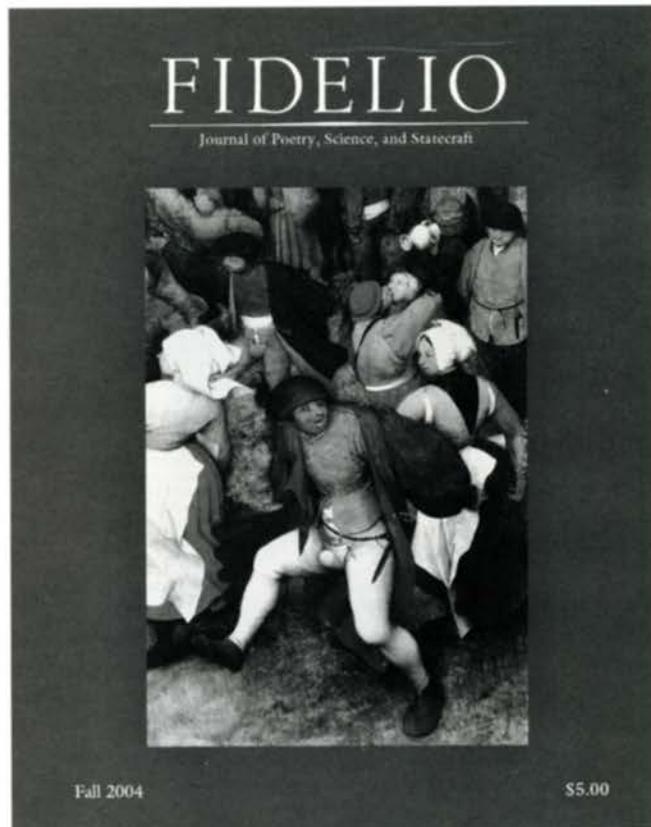
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