

Call To Kill Desertec Solar Power Project

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Oct. 6—The project called Desertec, for the production of solar power for Europe in the Arab Sahara, should be killed for the sake of protecting the minds of coming generations, and the economies and sovereignty of the Arab and European nations.

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It should be clear to any person who has studied the economic aspects of solar power and wind power (so-called “renewable energy”) that it is very costly and economically inefficient, and cannot work without massive government subsidies. In northern Europe, for example, wind power costs more than twice the electricity generated by water and nuclear power (EU7 cents vs. EU3-4 cents). The same would apply to solar power, but with innumerable other complications than wind power.

The cost of installation of solar panels in large areas that are far from urban centers is greater, because totally new infrastructure networks, such as power lines, roads, and water pipelines, would need to be built. Add to this, the sandstorms and continuously moving sand dunes, which makes the operation of the solar panels difficult, if not impossible. Now, if you add the factor of the need for freshwater for steaming and cooling of the aggregates (760-950 gallons/kwh, according to a 2006 U.S. Energy Department study) in such extremely water-deficient regions as North Africa and Southwest Asia, the idea would be born dead.

Those who say that solar power is “free” and just waiting for somebody to harvest it, are either delusional, or swindlers.

Scientifically, even if we hypothetically accept the lie that we need clean energy in order to decrease the emission of carbon dioxide (which is falsely and unjustly being accused of raising Earth’s temperature), and concentrate on solar power, we are consequently demanding to keep the desert a desert, a hot and ex-

panding wasteland that would eat up the remainder of the green areas left in these regions. Furthermore, the solar panels themselves would increase the temperature in these deserts.

If we do the opposite, and follow Lyndon LaRouche’s idea to use high-temperature, gas-cooled nuclear reactors to produce both power and process heat to desalinate seawater, to turn the deserts gradually into forests and agricultural lands, we would both raise the living standards of the population, and contribute to cooling the climate, because green areas have a cooling effect, and increase the recirculation of water in the atmosphere to increase rainfall and so forth.

The best collectors of solar power are green plants and the chlorophyll within them, which uses solar rays and CO₂ to build carbohydrate structures and sugars that benefit living creatures, including humans, and increase the potential and preconditions for more life. Therefore, man’s mission is to help nature to spread life, not sands and death in the deserts and the civilizations around them. This cannot be done without the use of reason and the invention of advanced technologies such as nuclear power.

The intellectual damage caused by Desertec and other so-called renewable energy projects is probably the most dangerous aspect of the scheme. Behind the Desertec project stands the Club of Rome, a Malthusian institution that promotes the idea that humanity is a destructive parasite that eats up and destroys natural resources, and does not contribute anything to nature, nor to life. Accordingly, humans are considered as mere consumers.

This satanic idea not only stands diametrically contrary to the sublime concept of *istikhlaf*¹ of man on Earth and in the universe, but is also an unscientific misconception that has been proven wrong by human society’s development. We have moved from lower technical and productive levels to higher and higher levels, and from a lower population level to greater and greater numbers; and from a certain platform of “natural resources” to another higher and more diverse platform, through the use of reason and scientific, cultural, and social progress over hundreds of thousands of years. Why should we stop here and now?! And why

1. *Istikhlaḥ* is the Islamic concept of the the Creator’s decree that man is the Creator’s vicegerent, a representative of the Divine will and reason on Earth, provided with free will and reason to fulfill this delegations. See The Holy Qu’ran, Soura 2, “The Calv” verses 29-33, for example.

FIGURE 1

Sketch of Possible Infrastructure for a Sustainable Supply of Power to Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa (EU-MENA).



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should the process of discovery of new natural resources stop here, and not do what we did when we moved from wood to coal, and to oil and gas afterwards, and later, to uranium and fission, and what we can get from developing fusion power and exploring other planets. Why now, exactly?

Institutions such as the Club of Rome and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), are the intellectual and political property of the British Empire and its allies in the United States, Europe and elsewhere. The British royal family and its European and international friends would like to appear as kind people who want to protect some sweet animals and beautiful forests. But their philosophy, as a matter of fact, is that humans (especially poor people in Asia and Africa), who are procreating in large numbers, are a danger to nature, and that the reduction of their numbers is a necessity, as they declare openly and as stated repeatedly by Prince Philip.

There is no more effective way to commit genocide against large numbers of people than by depriving them of modern technology to build infrastructure, power production, modern agriculture, and health care. Therefore, the British Empire and the financial and economic interests dominating the world today are intensively promoting ignorance and the return to the more primitive, “simple” lifestyles of societies, especially in Africa, Asia, and South America. They advocate for stopping industrial and technological development as an alien idea imposed by Europeans, and that these societies should instead focus on “sustainable development” and not think about nuclear power and modern agricultural and industrial methods.

In order not to be suspected of using “double standards” when dealing with poor and rich nations, these institutions demand that Europe and the United States too should slow down the process of economic development and phase out modern industries, nuclear power, and large-scale infrastructure projects, and even return to “ecological” agriculture, where artificial fertilizers and upgraded seeds are abandoned. Therefore, the environmental movement was unleashed to spread panic and hysteria against man’s desire to progress, because this desire, according to them, is the source of all evil.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Desertec is based in Germany, the largest and the central modern industrial nation of Europe. Germany is under attack by hordes of greenies and their oligarchical backers. German political leaders and industrialists are being induced to go along with this Club of Rome swindle in order to get “remission of sins” from the high priests of



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environmentalism and the intellectual, financial, and economic interests of the European oligarchy represented by the Club of Rome and the WWF.

The ‘Pyramid Scheme’

But how would it be possible to find financing for such a mega-swindle as “renewable resources”? Needless to say, the promoters of Desertec don’t have EU400 billion, nor even 40 billion, in light of the current financial and economic breakdown crisis. However, there is an ancient method to attract capital, known as a “pyramid scheme,” which is considered a crime, but only after it has collapsed and been exposed.

It would simply work as follows: The European Union and the involved industries and banks put together start-up capital to finance the first pilot projects in Morocco and Egypt, for example. They then take photos and films of the existing project and use them in glossy brochures and flashy commercial films, to be shown in large and fancy conferences, and in the mass media, to attract the first group of investors. Part of the new investments from the first group of investors will then be used to build more projects, and the rest will be used both for making more propaganda material, and conferences, and a little part will be paid to the first group of investors as dividends, to show anyone who has suspicions that there is profit, and to attract a second

group of investors.

The EU and U.S. governments will invest public money, such as pension funds, in the project, and maybe some oil-rich governments will put their “sovereign funds” into the new project. This new money from the second group of investors will, in turn, be used to create new small projects, more propaganda, and more dividends.

Thus, the game will continue, not because the power plants are economically effective or because electricity is flooding into the European markets and making profit, but because the promoters hope that there will always be a new group of suckers who will be lured by the propaganda and political support for the pyramid scheme exerted by governments and powerful interests who launched the project in the beginning.

A number of Arab countries have already expressed their willingness to host such projects on their territories, not because these governments are convinced of the feasibility of solar power (actually these same countries, such as Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Egypt, and Jordan, have plans to build nuclear power for energy and water desalination; see box), but because they need the aid and any free investment from the EU into their poorly performing economies. They also need to reduce the political pressure from the former colonizers, and to keep a relatively balanced relationship with them, although they know that the EU intends to stop them from acquiring nuclear technology.

It is inevitable that the Arab countries will eventually become dependent on Russia, China, and South Korea to build their infrastructure and nuclear reactors, as long as Europe is intellectually and politically dominated by the oligarchy’s determination to keep the Arab countries away from modern technology and continuously dependent on aid from Europe and the United States.

The Arab governments that accept this openly fraudulent game will be facing great difficulties, because they will have to brainwash their own populations, especially the young people, about the merits of such Dark Age and backward concepts as renewable energy and sustainable development, and include them in school curricula for a whole generation.

Therefore, they should withdraw from this Faustian/satanic game, and instead, tell the European countries to return to the modern, humanist form of society which is based on the respect for the sanctity of human creativity, scientific progress, and real economic development, and not be dragged down by unscientific superstitions.

For all these reasons, the international LaRouche movement is calling on Arab politicians, intellectuals, scientists, and all citizens to engage in a real scientific discussion of these developments. We will be producing and translating into Arabic a number of studies and films created by the LaRouche Youth Movement to

expose this black propaganda and those who are behind it. We will also provide Arab citizens and their leaders with the humanist alternative, such as the NAWAPA project for the development of the North American deserts, the Oasis Plan for Southwest Asia, and the Transaqua and related projects to bring water from the Congo River to refill Lake Chad, and develop the desert regions of Africa, and many other projects. We will also present the intellectual, philosophical, and scientific bases upon which the economy of a modern nation-state should be built.

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Nuclear Desalination at Top of SW Asia Agenda

Oct. 1—Over the past few weeks, there has been considerable activity in Southwest Asia regarding nuclear power and water desalination. Here are some highlights:

- A Vienna conference Sept. 28-29, on, “Nuclear Power: Middle East & North Africa 2010,” discussed the prospects and aspirations of Middle Eastern countries regarding nuclear power, focusing on the plans of Iran, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Tunisia. Other countries attending the conference, such as Yemen, Kuwait, and the U.A.E., announced their plans to build nuclear power plants with special emphasis on nuclear-powered water desalination.

- A conference held Sept. 28-29 in Damascus, Syria, and organized by the Network of Syrian Scientists, Technicians and Inventors Abroad (NOSSTIA), in cooperation with the Middle East Water Desalination Institute and the International Desalination Association, concluded that the only solution for the water crisis and desertification in Southwest Asia is water desalination. Al-Jazeera.net quotes engineer Basim Halabi of NOSSTIA: “Water desalination is the main solution for the Arab countries, and there is no other alternative.”

- A conference held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Sept. 12 inaugurated the “King Abdullah City for

Nuclear and Renewable Power.” Speaker Prof. Ahmad Hassan from the New Mexico Institute for Mining and Technology and a member of the IAEA, praised the Saudi decision to launch a nuclear program, referencing the massive positive applications of nuclear power and technology, especially water desalination, medical applications, but most importantly raising the scientific level and productivity of the Saudi labor force.

- Jordanian King Abdullah II received on Sept. 28 a high-level delegation from China, including Trade Minister Chen Deming; the chairmen of China’s Export-Import Bank, the Industrial Bank, senior officials of the Chinese nuclear power agency, among others. Jordan is expanding its options to include China and Russia in its nuclear power sector, in the event that the United States and Europe drag their feet. Jordan has one of the world’s largest unexplored uranium reserves. One of the main foci of the Jordanian government is to launch the nuclear-powered water desalination project on the Gulf of Aqaba and start the industrial mining of its massive uranium and sand-oil reserve.

- Egypt’s Irrigation and Water Resources Minister Dr. Mohammed Nasreldin Allam told Egyptian press that President Hosni Mubarak has issued directives that all water supplies in the dry northern coastal regions will be provided through the desalination of seawater by nuclear power and solar power. Egypt is planning to build four reactors with 1,000 MW each in the coming 20 years.