
Interview: Summer Shields

Pursuing the ‘Common Aims of Mankind’

Beyond leading the Bay Area’s shovel-ready task of burying the political career of his opponent, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, LaRouche Democrat Summer Shields has been waging a campaign for great projects to create mankind’s future—from the Transaqua in Africa to the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) on this continent. The candidate for Congress in California’s 8th C.D. replied to EIR’s questions Oct. 23.

EIR: As we approach Election Day, now only a little more than a week away, it strikes me, from reviewing some of the reports from your campaign, especially since July, that not only have you elevated the political discussion, but that you must have learned a lot about the district and its people.

Shields: Yes, absolutely. Generally the view of San Francisco by many people outside the city, especially, as you head into central and eastern California, and toward Nevada, is that everyone is a hippy who doesn’t care about the future. What our campaign has found, is that San Francisco is an incredibly diverse cultural melting pot that could potentially play a defining role in world history. And, in fact, it already has a long history as a crucial outpost for cooperation between the U.S., Russian, and Asian nations.

EIR: As someone who lived in San Francisco in the 1970s, and visited the state many times since then, I find what is happening to California, mostly since that Nazi Governor has been in office, incredibly shocking and tragic. How has your campaign



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Flanked by a variant of Benjamin Franklin’s “Don’t Tread on Me” flag, and a poster of President Obama with a Hitler moustache, California Congressional candidate Summer Shields addresses a Livermore, Calif. campaign event July 23.

addressed the collapse of the economy of what was once the “Golden State”?

Shields: Since that Son-of-a-Nazi Schwarzenegger pulled a coup in California in 2003, the state has consistently been the poster child for state bankruptcies. Of course, this coup was orchestrated by George Shultz and Lord Jacob Rothschild—not exactly friends of humanity!

My campaign has taken the lead in opposing his fascist policies of budget cuts to the most vulnerable—the sick, poor, and elderly—and has been fighting for a Federal solution with long term physical economic progress as the only possible solution.

Pelosi’s ‘Winter of Discontent’

EIR: Summer, I understand that you intend to make this the “Winter of Discontent” for your opponent Nancy Pelosi. Given her miserable level of support

among the voters, it does seem likely that she will be defeated, and that even if she is reelected, that she will lose her leadership position in the Democratic caucus. Would you say that your campaign has contributed to her fall from grace?

Shields: Oh, absolutely! Last Summer, Lyndon LaRouche put the much-deserved Hitler mustache on Obama. After Pelosi agreed to institutionalize the Simpson/Bowles fascist austerity commission [the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility—ed.], which intends to cut Social Security and cut back on Franklin Roosevelt-style credit expansion, we gave her a Hitler mustache, too. So, we have been campaigning with both of them, side-by-side, for months now. Her constituents have become very much acquainted with the mustache.

Now they must decide if they enjoy that kind of representation or not.

EIR: Your campaign has made a special effort to reach the large numbers of Chinese and other Asian-Americans in the district. On Oct. 16, you held a town hall meeting in Chinatown, where you have been doing extensive organizing. How did that go?

Shields: I think that the turnout for this event was a breakthrough: More than 20 guests attended from Chinatown itself, and they came with a surprisingly small amount of effort on the part of the organizers. The response was



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A Shields for Congress campaign banner is the focal point of an Aug. 25 college campus rally in San Francisco (top). Shields in discussion with students at a San Francisco Civic Center demonstration March 4 (left). Shields conducting a news conference in San Francisco's Chinatown July 29 (below).

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largely due to the fact that a candidate for Congress was making a real effort to involve them in the process with some actual ideas, something that Pelosi probably has never really done. This was made clear when the only comment at the end came from one of the several older women who attended the event: “Pelosi is no good! The Chinese community has known this for a long time!”

This event represents a real opening with the Chinese community here, and comes after months of organizing and two press conferences there. The ongoing theme that we have used in Chinatown is “*Tian Xia Wei Gong*” (the world exists to serve the people).

A Focus on Africa

EIR: Another theme of your campaign has been a commitment to reverse the imperial destruction of Africa, with great projects, like the Transaqua, and others. Please tell us more about that.

Shields: Through the campaign, I have become an important representative of the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) on the Western front. We know that once this project is underway, several other such projects are immediate potentials, especially ones on the African continent.

As you know, I have traveled to Nigeria and Sudan with Larry Freeman as a representative of *EIR* and LaRouche. This experience has given me an on-the-ground understanding of the poverty. Although many may know about the poverty, few understand the role of British imperial control, and the potential development projects that would transform the Africans’ relationship to nature through vast inter-regional development programs. Among these are the Transaqua project, the Jonglei canal, the Shire-Zambezi waterway project, which just started in September, and what has been on the agenda since late 2009, the Port Sudan-to-Dakar transcontinental railway link.

There are other such planned projects for Africa and Basement Team member Aaron Halevy just completed an inspiring LPAC video concerning this very issue (see this week’s *Feature* for reviews of the LPAC videos on NAWAPA).

EIR: In September, you had a conference at the same location where the UN Charter, as envisioned by Franklin Roosevelt, was signed in April 1945, just after

FDR’s death. The theme of both was the “Common Aims of Mankind,” today represented by LaRouche’s Four Powers concept. How would you make this a reality, as a member of Congress?

Shields: By holding the event, the way that we did it in the location that we did, this campaign was acting as a portion of a Presidential function that is engaging in the kind of policy discussion that is urgently needed now. All human beings are created with equal creative potential, so therefore, “The Common Aims of Mankind” is an indispensable principle for a future humane relationship among nations.

I believe that this was the intention of Franklin Roosevelt who, unfortunately, died a few days before the United Nations Charter could be negotiated and signed, and who, I also believe, would have supported NAWAPA.

NAWAPA in California

EIR: California will be one of the states most affected by the implementation of NAWAPA. Tell us what role this has played in your campaign.

Shields: As I said before, this campaign has now been organized around implementing NAWAPA. This has played a major role, not just in California, but in that big desert next door to us, known as Nevada! We have seen an outpouring of support for the NAWAPA program from just about everyone who is involved with water policy in California and Nevada. Water is a very important commodity these days.

In addition, the idea, which the Basement Team has developed in recent LPAC videos, that just about nothing that occurs on Earth is a product of, or determined by, processes on Earth, is a very thought-provoking one, when it is combined with the real significance of NAWAPA.

EIR: You are one of two serious candidates in this election running write-in campaigns—the other being Lisa Murkowski in Alaska. How do you intend to overcome that hurdle?

Shields: By having lots of fun, singing a lot, and telling the truth!

EIR: Is there anything you would like to say, that we have not covered up till now?

Shields: As you said before, one way or another Pelosi is finished, and I have enjoyed playing a role in that process.