

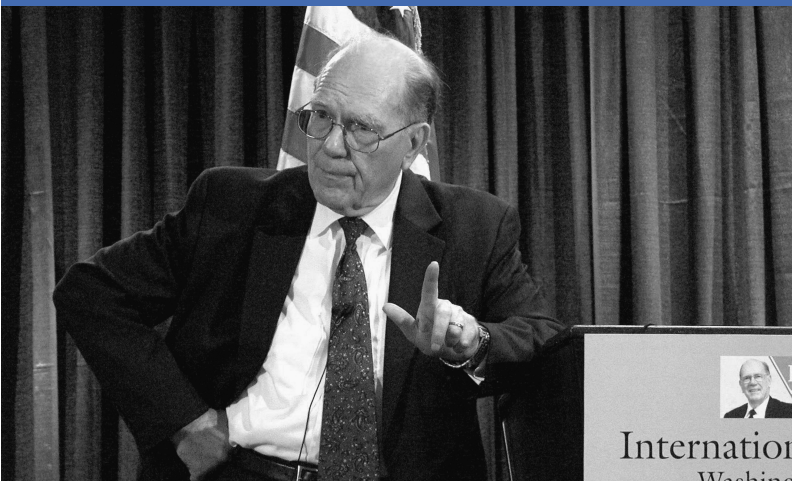
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From the Associate Editor

Starting with Lyndon LaRouche's cover *Feature* on "The Little Lords of the Unzipped Flies," we bring you a post-Thanksgiving menu of provocative and axiom-busting articles, which tell you what is *really* going on the world. Most of what is filling the newspapers and TV screens today is lies, so if what we say intrudes upon your "comfort zone," don't say I didn't warn you.

LaRouche's article hits hard at the moral and cultural failings of the Baby-Boomer generation, which he traces to the corrosive influence of a crew of British 19th- and 20th-Century mind-benders, starting with Thomas Huxley. The line from their imperial lunacy, to the rock-drug-sex counterculture of the "68ers," is quite direct. Does that mean that being a Baby Boomer is an incurable affliction? No, but it means there's a lot to come to terms with, and change.

Then our *International* lead demolishes the common belief that the U.S. Administration is blundering into one hopeless war or foreign policy disaster after another. In fact, the Cheneyacs' policy is *deliberate* war in the Mideast and elsewhere, permanent war. This, they insanely believe, will maintain their political power internationally, and keep potentially "upstart" nations under control. They are not trying to bring peace to Lebanon, for example; they are manipulating its fragile ethnic structure in order to further the strategy of war against Iran, and fanning the flames of Sunni-Shi'ite conflict throughout the vast Muslim world.

In *National*, Debra Hanania Freeman reports on the state of the Democratic Party since the Nov. 7 election, and makes the startling point that the Felix Rohatyn faction in the party actually *wanted* to prevent a landslide Democratic victory. Why? To make sure that no policy initiatives can succeed in the new Congress, along the lines of those proposed by Lyndon LaRouche (which are intensively discussed in party circles—mostly behind closed doors).

In this issue we also have a wealth of contributions by and about members of the LaRouche Youth Movement, reporting on their interventions from California to Alabama to Mexico City. Of particular interest is a new investigative series, with this installment titled "Russian Mafiya, CCF in Bed With Lynne Cheney's 'Campus Gestapo'."

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JULIAN HUXLEY'S BABY BOOMERS

The Little Lords of The Unzipped Flies

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

November 19, 2006

Sometimes, the sewer lines of history back up. As I recall from a wartime outbreak of amoebic dysentery in Myitkinya, Myanmar,¹ the stink produced on warm sub-tropical days, by the relevant clinical evidence taken from hundreds of U.S. military service personnel, was as astonishing as it was repulsive. The same might be said of the phenomena I now present here, on the subject of insight into a crucial aspect of the clinical history of "Boomerism."

The Twentieth Century's Julian and Aldous Huxley, the more famous grandsons of the evil Nineteenth-Century "monkey man" Thomas H. Huxley, were, "apprenticed," so to speak, for a time, to the leading Satanist and promoter of witchcraft of the Twentieth Century, Aleister Crowley. This Crowley was, among other malfeasances, the leader of that century's Lucifer cult, and a sometime close associate of the circles of evil Bertrand Russell and the equally evil Huxley family asset, Herbert George ("H.G.") Wells. The two referenced Huxley grandsons, together with the later author of H.G. Wells-style cult-novels *Animal Farm* and *1984*, George Orwell, were introduced to what were classified as "psychotomimetic" natural drugs, under Crowley. To exactly where Aldous and Orwell went in the later course of time, after passing from the scene, was doubtlessly unpleasant, but also uncertain; but, whatever, it was decidedly not good.

Aldous became celebrated for his association with the

promotion of synthetic psychosis. The natural form of that drug taken by the Huxley boys and Orwell under Crowley's patronage, was later superseded by the synthetic ergotamine, promoted by British Brigadier John Rawlings Rees's "factory," the London Tavistock Clinic, where it was uttered under the acronym of "LSD." The later career of Aldous' brother, Julian, later Sir Julian, does not carry the degree of notoriety famously attached to the more frankly cultish Aldous and Orwell, but it is a record of evil as significant as theirs in its own way; he was a true representative of the family tradition of "monkey man" Thomas Huxley.

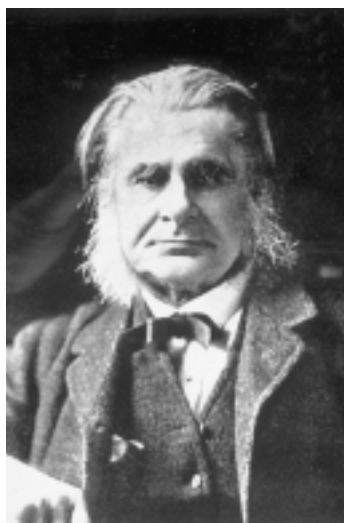
Despite apparent differences between the two brothers, in the end, as I shall show in the course of this report, the set of goals defined, respectively, by the two referenced Huxley brothers, has shown itself to converge on the same result, in practice. It is often said, that "breeding will tell."

With That Said, Our Story Begins

All that much said in summary of relevant background, Sir Julian is notable for projects which he spun out in the course of the work he promoted in the course of his association with the United Nations' UNESCO organization. My attention here is focussed on one of those themes, a conception termed "neoteny."

That subject was the evidence that, speaking descriptively, sometimes, a branch of a certain characteristically metagenetic lower species has spun off a variety which does not develop into the normal adult phase, but halts the process of metagenesis in what had been the species' standard pre-

1. In a place which the British then called northern Burma.



Thomas Huxley



Aldous Huxley



Aleister Crowley



UNESCO/Claude Bablin
Julian Huxley



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Bertrand Russell



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H.G. Wells

British imperial influentials of the 19th and 20th Centuries, who shaped the clinical history of the Baby Boomers: from “monkey man” Thomas Huxley to Bertrand Russell, who thought a Black Death once every generation would effectively deal with the “population problem.”

sexual phase, and then becomes a variety of the source-species which reproduces itself sexually in that childhood phase of what had been the parent species' standard meta-genesis.

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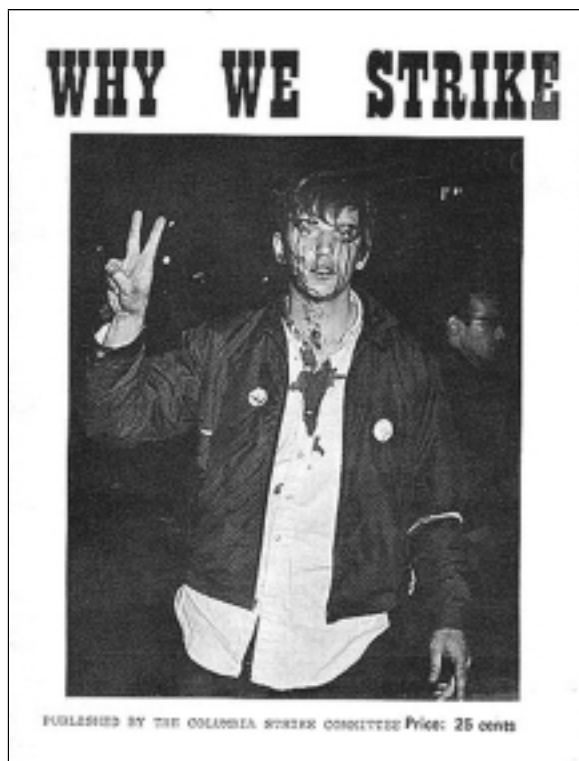
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The relevant study of this matter of “neoteny” by Sir Julian and others, has interesting, and also very fruitful implications for a much-needed conceptualizing of certain extremely important types of late Twentieth-Century human cultural development, types of which the artful design of the immediate post-war decade's Baby Boomer generation, is an example of prime importance for sociology today. It is what happened to the so-called “Baby Boomer” generation, a thing which, as I shall emphasize here, when unzipped, correlates with the famous *The Lord of the Flies* story and with the cultural pace-setting effects of the pre-1957, 1950s spread of the social-cultural diseases which were subjects of books such as *White Collar* and *The Organization Man* from that time. It is also a subject referenced, implicitly, by Federal Reserve Chairman

William McChesney Martin in speaking during the late 1950s, on the subject of the effects of the decadence in U.S. management practices at that time.

The importance of what I have to present in these present pages, is not merely a much-needed insight into the roots of the social disorders among today's leadership among nations. To make clear the identity of the indicated social processes, the problem which corresponds to my use of Sir Julian's term *neoteny*, is the problem which must not only be recognized, but solved, in treating the typical disorders of today's Baby Boomer generation, especially those of that age-interval typified by, but not limited to the upper twenty-percentile of family-income and political-social status today. The influence of the Baby Boomer stratum in government and other leading places of influence today, defines the Boomer disorder as a problem whose effects must be reversed, and that immediately, for the sake of generations, perhaps many generations yet to come.

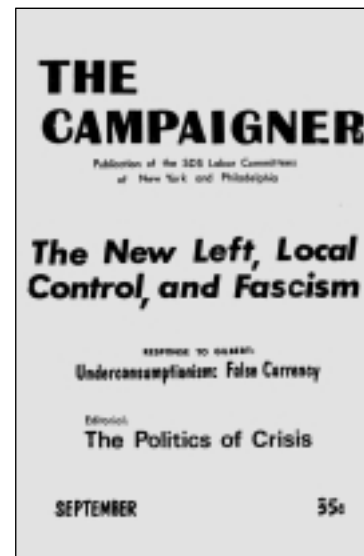
Never again should civilized humanity tolerate that aborting of personal moral and intellectual development, which the conditioning of the generation of children reared between 1945 and 1956, has done to prompt our nation, and others, to destroy civilization in the fashion we have experienced such growing decadence of the relevant, emerging adult generation over the course of the recent four decades, since the middle of the 1960s.



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A faction of the "68ers" erupted into violence at Columbia University, leading to the creation of the terrorist Weathermen in 1970. At the center is Mark Rudd, one of the founders of the Weathermen, after his arrest during the "Days of Rage" in Chicago in October 1969. The opposing faction was led by Lyndon LaRouche, who split with SDS and led to the creation of the National Caucus of Labor Committees. On the right is an article by LaRouche, exposing the fascist character of the SDS/New Left.

1. 'Baby Talk!'

My first appreciation of the political significance of the social phenomenon in people which corresponds clinically to Sir Julian's portrait of "neoteny" in the animal domain, came during the riotous events of 1968. By June of that ominous year, my heavy dose of experience in dealing with the generation of that year's ferment among the "68ers," had shown me that an important spectrum of an apparently pro-violence trend within the Columbia University and related processes of that time, was, sociologically and in cultural "genetics," a kind of reincarnation of the elements of the Germany *Jugendbewegung* of the early 1930s, which were crossing, back and forth, over into the Nazi and Communist ranks around hot-spots such as the Berlin trolley-car strike.² The "Weathermen," although in significant degree what counterintelligence specialists would promptly recognize as an artificial phenomenon produced by some known elements within the trade, typified the leaning toward fascism within the sociologically radical, existentialist quality of the youth ferment of that time.

The unifying quality of the culturally diseased aspect within the general campus ferment observed at Columbia in 1968, and comparable cases elsewhere, was a curious accent among the relevant students, an accent which I recognized as a legacy of "Baby Talk." In other words, I was looking at

2. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., *The New Left, Local Control, and Fascism* (New York, June-July 1968).

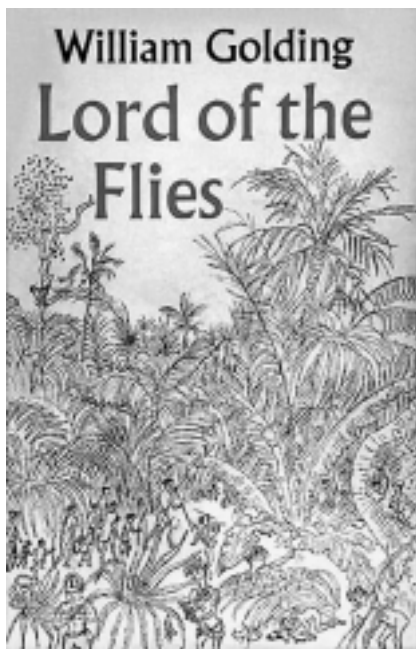
the sociological equivalent of what Sir Julian identified as *neoteny* in the animal domain.

What I was viewing, thus, was a case of arrested, or, worse than arrested emotional/intellectual development among a university-student layer attending leading relevant elite types of universities, a social phenomenon which paralleled the phenomenon of *neoteny* in the animal kingdom. Once that connection is made, there remains little mystery, as to matters of principle, in accounting for the specific cultural infirmities which, in fact, proliferate among the peer-group strata, chiefly from the upper twenty percentile of the Baby Boomer generation, in the U.S.A., as in western and central Europe today.

Think, then, of the story of *The Lord of the Flies* and the studies whose fruits were expressed by the insights displayed in that drama. Think of the circumstances and manner of the production of a deformed personality of the relevant special type, in the following way.

Instead of fostering what should be considered, by the modern European civilized standards of promotion of the normal intellectual and emotional development of the social relations and sense of personal identity over the span from infancy to young adulthood, the influences which produced the indicated "Baby Boomer" phenomena, acted in ways designed to reinforce the infantile residue within what would be, otherwise, the targetted adult subject's "normal" social development.

Consider such relevant images as that of a four-year-old operating at an emotional-intellectual level otherwise relatively normal for the twos of "the terrible twos" age-level;



The hideous story told in this still-influential novel parallels the moral degeneration of the Boomer generation.



A sexually mature neotenous regression.

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and, then treat the children and adolescents generally in a similar fashion. Think, of some persons and institutions which sought to induce that kind of effect, on a mass scale, for political purposes. Think, for example, of the product of the London Tavistock Clinic's Melanie Klein. Foster accelerated early-onset sexual behavioral orientations—not necessarily sexual activity, but sexual foreplay orientations, with a tendency for emphasis on homosexual and other relevant forms of childish sexual play, among pre-puberty and early-onset-puberty children and early adolescents. Think of the typical kindergarten and similar programs introduced to morning television during the 1950s. Associate a conditioning process with such intentions around the steering of the adopted "Romper-Room-style" rules of children's and adolescents' games.

In crafting the needed image of the synthesized personality of the victim of such games, look back to the influence of relevant French and Swiss sociologists of the last century, but pay special attention to competitive sports, especially forms of sports associated with what are considered highly competitive bodily contact sports. Emphasize a predatory orientation to the competitive feature of such games. Create mental images of pro- and anti-bodily-contact "sports" personality types (e.g., "nerds") as two commonplace varieties of the same synthetic pseudo-species.

Steer the development of a child, or adolescent, in a way to produce a behavioral characteristic, and sense of identity of half his, or her biological age-level. You, then, have something akin to an induced personality-disorder of the Baby Boomer type seen commonly in the "68er" types to which I referred. Think of this kind of problem with special emphasis on attention to the sexual behavior of the Baby Boomer fitting the type of the "Weathermen" association which emerged

during 1969, that out of the wilder types of campus "68ers" of the Summer and Autumn months of 1968. There, as in the story of *The Lord of the Flies*, you meet a human social phenomenon fitting the application of Sir Julian's image of the phenomenon of "neoteny" in animal species.

Some childhood and adolescent victims of that "Baby Boomer"-syndrome revolt against its grip, and some among these have tended to free themselves from it; unfortunately, the disease of Baby Boomerism is not a disease of individuals as such, but of peer-group associations, according to the notion of "going along, to get along."

My Own Studies of This Disease

My own attention to this type of sociopathological phenomenon, led to personal and related studies which I conducted over the interval from the late 1950s into the early 1960s, studies made chiefly in connection with my consulting practice of that time. Among these performance studies which I conducted in my relevant executive function for a consulting firm, and similar auspices, during that time, was a study of the cases of persons highly qualified by education and related experience to function as management consultants, but who were, relatively speaking, consistent failures in the field of practice. This inquiry included some tests which I designed for this purpose.

I designed and conducted some tests of relevant groups of personnel. Part of my inquiry into this problem, led me to psychiatrist Dr. Lawrence S. Kubie's work on the subject of "the neurotic distortion of the creative process."³ My subjects

3. Lawrence S. Kubie, *The Neurotic Distortion of the Creative Process* (Lawrence, Kan.: University of Kansas Press, 1956) and "The Fostering of Scientific Creative Productivity," *Daedalus* (Spring, 1962).

were chiefly of the age of World War II veterans, of my own age of that time, the forties, or a decade older. These were, thus, members of the age-interval of the parents of the Baby Boomer generation, and were usually representative, ideologically, of persons who leaned, by selection, to the typical executive-suite and related professional level of the subjects of the *White Collar* and *Organization Man* studies of that time.

Although these cases were, in that sense, of my own generation, they were, therefore, also the generation of the parents of the Baby Boomers; more to the point, they were part of the social-cultural transmission-belt which was complicit in the conditioning of the children of Baby Boomer age. The popularity of the then highly touted Dr. Spock among parents who were of my own generation, merely illustrates the point.

My own orientation in conducting these studies, was, as I have reported extensively on this in published locations, my quarrel with the radically reductionist schemes of such figures as Professor Norbert Wiener, John von Neumann, and the crew of the Bertrand Russell tradition assembled around MIT's Research Laboratory of Electronics (RLE) of the late 1940s and early 1950s. From the vantage-point of the history of modern physical science, these typified the worst of the type of cases which Kubie's 1962 *Daedalus* report implied.

Actual human productivity is to be recognized in the act of going outside the domain of presently extant, reductionist methods of thinking, to discover a principle of nature or of the human mind. The exemplification of this for modern European science, is Johannes Kepler's going outside the fallacious presumptions which commonly bounded the failed astronomical systems of Claudius Ptolemy, Copernicus, and Tycho Brahe, as teams of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) have re-experienced Johannes Kepler's unique founding of valid currents of modern physical science, and are making corresponding breakthroughs of crucial relevance for creative scientific thinking, in the performance role of the Pythagorean comma in the J.S. Bach system of well-tempered counterpoint.

The nominally qualified scientific, or comparable professional is often incapable of breaking free of the prison-like, stultifying bounds of prior formal conditioning in a prevalent, stultifying obedience training in the reductionist view of mathematics associated with the Cartesian and more extremely radical-positivist forms of conditioning.

Kubie's 1962 *Daedalus* report focussed on the type of case represented by a once fruitful young scientist who had virtually lost his, or her, earlier show of capacity for fruitful original discoveries, a phenomenon which corresponds to my



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Dr. Benjamin Spock examining Mary Catherine Bateson, the daughter of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson. Spock, Mead, and her onetime husband Bateson were all instrumental in creating the rock-drug counterculture.

own experience with cases of professionals and others who have gone virtually brain-dead, relative to their earlier show of intellectual fertility, about the time, often a time plus or minus the age of twenty-five, they face their oral and written hurdles for a post-Bachelor degree in their intended profession. On reading this issue of *Daedalus* I felt like shouting, "*Déjà vu!*" It pointed directly to phenomena which I recognized as my leading issue of conflict with my associates of my own generation.

What I recognized, from the work of the relevant Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, and my recognition of the fraud permeating the doctrines of "information theory" and "artificial intelligence," was that the characteristic of that pair of Bertrand Russell acolytes Wiener and von Neumann, was their hysterical antipathy to ideas, both ideas representing experimentally validated discoveries of universal physical principles, and any representation of mankind which would be offensive to a hardened idiot-savant of the autistic type.⁴

It was clearly Bertrand Russell's intention to go beyond even the positivist ideologue Ernst Mach in the effort to take actual ideas of principle out of the canons of science, by substituting mere mathematical formulations for notions of physical principle. However, Mach himself represented a far more radical case of empiricism than that of the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century empiricist followers of Paolo Sarpi, Galileo Galilei, Sir Francis Bacon, Thomas Hobbes, et al. The

4. Norbert Wiener, *Cybernetics* (New York: Wiley, 1948), and *The Human Use of Human Beings* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1954). John von Neumann and Oskar Morgenstern, *Theory of Games & Economic Behavior* 3rd ed. (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1953). See also, the posthumously published von Neumann lectures on "artificial intelligence."

reasons for the expulsion of both Wiener and von Neumann from Göttingen by David Hilbert (after his examining the content of the packages each of that pair represented) are relevant to the point under discussion here.

Abner Dean's Cartoon

Even before the post-World War II cultural-paradigm shift led by Russell's followers, the destruction of the creative potentials of promising young adolescents and others, is often associated with parents or other authorities who intimidate their charges with the threats: "When you have learned what your mother and your teachers have taught you, then you can allow yourself to think on your own." I am often reminded, on that account, of an Abner Dean *New Yorker* cartoon, which portrayed a naked subject in a transparent casket, passing a vast crowd of naked admirers, with the captioned quote from the man in the casket: "I wonder what that was all about?"

Take the case of two "popular" types of business-management failures from my experience of the 1950s and 1960s, cases which have a certain kind of relevance for the state of the economy today. Put to one side cases in which technological incompetence in management thinking is the cause of a threatened business failure. Take the cases in which the corporate policies of ownership's regressive lust for profit-taking, drive an otherwise well-managed operating firm into obsolescence, or a closely held organization in which the virtual tyranny exerted by the compulsions of a neurotic dominant figure forces the ruin of an otherwise viable enterprise.

In most of the cases of actual, or threatened business failures which I studied from the 1950s and 1960s, the threatened failure was not essentially technical. Usually, in any mature enterprise, the needed technology to meet the relevant challenge was already known, or accessible in principle. In the typical case where such a troubled firm required an outside consultant, the problem often lay within a neurotic or kindred disorder in the management, or on an outside factor, such as the wife of a key figure, or other kinds of family influences on relevant personnel. When this cause of failed performance was lodged within the person of the "boss," or some outside influences controlling his behavior, remedies existed only to the degree a relevant kind of outside factor were brought into play.

The case of the U.S. Bush Administration today, is typical of that sort of problem. There are many problems within the U.S. Federal Government today, but it is the fact that two pathological cases, the President and Vice President, have been embedded in the government, and are able to operate under the authority implicit in "9/11," which has rendered correction of the dictatorial ruin of the U.S. economy caused by this mis-administration seemingly impossible, at least apparently impossible to cure, according to the view expressed by typically opportunist leaders with the current standard of political courage usually seen today. The leaders of the political parties have reacted, conspicuously, to the outrageous

mismanagement exerted by the Bush-Cheney tyranny in much the same way as the intimidated employees of an enterprise run, top down, by a tyrannical mental case. This susceptibility is, qualitatively, much greater among the Baby Boomer generation, than my own generation.

However, in the case of the U.S., and the world today, there is something other than the U.S.A.'s internal management and related affairs behind the onrushing threatened general collapse of the world economy today. This compels thoughtful persons to look seriously at the problem of social *neoteny* of the generation born between approximately 1945 and 1956.

2. The Fruit of Sophistry

The origins of the methods used for mass-brainwashing of the post-war generation born during 1945-1956, are to be traced from the systemic features of the program of Sophistry launched against the culture of Athens by the Delphi temple of Apollo, to effect the self-destruction of Pericles' Athens through what became the Peloponnesian War. The dialogues and letters of Plato are the primary source of systemic insight into that matter for society then, as now.

Between the ancient origins of Sophistry and the launching of an anti-Franklin Roosevelt campaign to similar effect, that under the period of the Truman Administration and the following years, a fundamental change for the better had been introduced to European civilization by developments associated with the great ecumenical Council of Florence. The contributions of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, such as his prescription for the system of modern sovereign nation-states (*Concordantia Catholica*), his launching of modern experimental physical science (*De Docta Ignorantia*), and his prescription for what became the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia (his *De Pace Fidei*), are exemplary of the emergence of what became known in Louis XI's France, Henry VII's England, and the American colonies as the commonwealth form of society reflected in the Preamble of the U.S. Federal Constitution.

Despite the efforts of the resurgent Venetian financier oligarchy to regain its power through the fall of Constantinople, and the launching of renewed religious warfare with the 1492 decrees of the Satanic figure of Grand Inquisitor Tomás de Torquemada, the effects of the Fifteenth-Century Renaissance fostered a revolutionary change, called modern European civilization and its science.

On this latter account, the old Venetian financier-imperial model of the medieval times, could not work. Scientific and technological progress could not be suppressed any longer, not by old methods. In this circumstance, a new Venetian imperial model emerged, that associated with Venice's Paolo Sarpi, his lackey Galileo Galilei, Sir Francis Bacon, Thomas Hobbes, et al. This Sarpi model proposed to tolerate innova-

tion, but only within limits. The policy was to adopt and use the technologies which might be chosen by the financier oligarchy for this purpose, but to choke off the sources of human creativity at the throat. This fruit of Sarpi's influence became the empiricist ideology of Hobbes, Locke, Descartes, et al., the forerunner of the more extremely depraved, contemporary European form of Machian and post-Machian positivism.

The principled feature of both empiricism and radical positivism is essentially the same as that of the Sophistry cults of the ancient Delphi Apollo cult, but the form in which the new form of Sophistry is expressed, being adapted to current realities, is different in mode of expression.

Through the follies of France, and London-steered wars on the continent, such as the Seven Years' War, by the time of the February 1763 Peace of Paris, the neo-Venetian empiricists' new design for imperial power, and London's orchestration of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic wars, had defeated every attempt of the efforts of the continent of Eurasia to wrest its freedom from the tyranny of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal form of imperial maritime power centered in the City of London, until the victory of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln over Lord Palmerston's puppets, the Confederacy, and the Hitler-like Emperor Maximilian imposed upon Mexico.

By the 1876 Philadelphia Exposition and the subsequent adoptions of the American model as a system of reference under Bismarck in Germany, in Mendeleyev's Russia, in Meiji Restoration Japan, and elsewhere, an insurgency of modern economic development among key nations of continental Eurasia, drove the Anglo-Dutch Liberals of Prince Edward Albert's London into a homicidal fit which became known as "geopolitics." This fit produced two so-called "World Wars" of the Twentieth Century. When the world had been rescued from the Hitler threat by the margin supplied by President Franklin Roosevelt's U.S.A., the threat that the American model, as associated with the policies of that Roosevelt, would reform the post-war world, drove the Anglo-Dutch Liberals and British puppets, such as President Harry Truman, into new fits. Although neither Truman nor his masters could uproot Franklin Roosevelt's economic achievements all at once, by the aftermath of the assassination of pro-Roosevelt President John F. Kennedy, the Anglo-Dutch Liberals' "Trojan Horse" within the U.S.A. under President Richard M. Nixon, was on the road toward indicating a self-inflicted destruction of the U.S.A. from within.

However, the work of undermining and destroying the U.S. itself from within was already fully under way within days after the death of Franklin Roosevelt. The effort to turn back the clock of history to the days of unquestioned geopolitical reign of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal tyranny, did not surface until late in the course of the U.S. folly in Indo-China, but by 1981, with the wrecking of the Bretton Woods system and the uprooting of the foundations of U.S. economic prosperity in the FDR protectionist, "fair trade"-policies mode, the U.S.A.

was already in the grip of an accelerating process of self-destruction, up to the present day.

The induced "Baby Boomer" phenomenon, whose launching is centered in the 1945-1956 interval, is a crucial novelty which defines the present U.S. and global situation of today.

It should be apparent today, that were the U.S.A. to collapse, as certain leading political circles in both the Republican and Democratic parties appear presently committed to accomplishing this, there is no other force on this planet presently, which is capable of launching the general economic recovery needed to reverse the onrushing plunge toward an early general economic breakdown-crisis of the planet as a whole.

The core of this development of the 1945-2006 interval to date, has been the destruction by the currently leading social-political stratum of the so-called "Baby Boomer" generation. By eliminating the characteristics of the U.S. population and political system which had been responsible for rescuing the planet from a threatened Hitler victory, the way has been almost cleared for a form of global imperialism called "globalization," a system of reign by the aggregated slime-mold-like blobs of predatory financier interests.

The irony of this is, that were those blobs to succeed in realizing this goal, the world over which they seek to reign, would be destroyed, and they, too, besides, by the effects of a lack of remedy for the general breakdown-crisis which menaces us today. If we lose in our efforts to defeat these blobs, civilization vanishes from this planet for some time to come, and the human population-level would probably fall to levels so low as to please even the evil specter of "Bertie" Russell. Clearly, the section of the U.S. population chiefly responsible for this mess, is the Baby Boomer stratum of relatively greatest economic and political influence. Their ideology, less by intention, than by its inherent mechanisms of preference-selection, is thus in deadly conflict with the survival of the U.S. as a nation.

The other way of identifying this irony is, the entire world would be plunged into a dark age unless the present trends in U.S. policy were not quickly reversed, as I have insisted.

'Hey Bub,' and I Mean 'Beelzeblob'

Toward the close of the 1970s and beginning of the 1980s, I authorized and outlined a series of researches and publications. Although the work was actually done by teams of dozens of persons, authors' credit was given to but one or more of the members of the team. Typical was the case of a book, *The New Dark Ages Conspiracy*, which I pre-outlined in concept and general contents, which was actually produced by a team of researchers following my design. The pivotal figure treated in this publication was that of Bertrand Russell, a figure whom some British sources quite justly identified as "the most evil man of the Twentieth Century," a virtual "Beelzebub," Russell. The resulting book cited Russell and

his associate H.G. Wells, as Liberally as they might have desired, and that chiefly in their own words.⁵

In Russell's 1951 *The Impact of Science on Society*,⁶ he wrote the following confession of his evil intentions toward the U.S.A. in particular. I quote from the passages of documentation presented in *The New Dark Ages Conspiracy*:⁷

"But bad times you may say, are exceptional, and can be dealt with by exceptional methods. This has been more or less true during the honeymoon period of industrialization, but it will not remain true unless the increase of population can be enormously diminished. At present the population of the world is increasing at about 58,000 per diem. War, so far, has had no very great effect on this increase, which continued through each of two world wars. . . . War . . . has hitherto been disappointing in this respect . . . but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. . . . The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of it? Really high-minded people are indifferent to happiness, especially other peoples.' . . ."

"The present urban and industrial centers will have become derelict, and their inhabitants, if still alive, will have reverted to the peasant hardships of their medieval ancestors. . . ."

And, finally, Russell's frankly Liberal anti-Americanism, echoing the views of the dirtiest of the inner core of anti-U.S.A. Anglo-Dutch Liberalism within "The Club of the Isles," still today:

"As for public life, when I first became politically conscious Gladstone and Disraeli still confronted each other amid Victorian solidities, the British Empire seemed eternal, a threat to British naval supremacy was unthinkable, the country was rich, aristocratic, and growing richer. . . . For an old man, with such a background, it is difficult to feel at home in a world of . . . American supremacy."

Such is the ideology which my esteemed predecessor Percy Shelley exposes in his "Ozymandias." That is the essence of Anglo-Dutch Liberal imperialism of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Bernard Mandeville, David Hume, Adam Smith, and Jeremy Bentham. That is the Liberalism of a Britain of William Wilberforce, which used its client, the Nineteenth-Century Spanish monarchy, to run the traffic in African slaves into the Caribbean and the Southern states of the United States, until President Abraham Lincoln defeated the schemes of Britain's Lord Palmerston.

Why should they think otherwise than as Russell speaks in those excerpted passages? The British Empire was an outgrowth of the new Venetian financier-oligarchical system de-

veloped as the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries' Phoenix-like rebirth of the Venetian financier oligarchy's *ultramontane* form of imperial system. It was the modern outgrowth of the same oligarchical model, of the Roman Empire, Byzantium, and Crusader system, which treated the mass of human subjects of their imperial system, not as human beings, but as human cattle, as do the financier forces behind the "hedge funds" of today.

President George W. Bush, Jr. is essentially a pathetic creature. He is not really as much the President of the U.S.A., as he is a disease planted within the institution of the Presidency, placed there by George P. Shultz, et al., for the intended purpose of bringing about the destruction of the U.S.A., chiefly by its own hand. He has performed that service to our republic's adversaries, very well, especially considering his wretched intellectual powers. The Bush-Cheney Administration is the poison-pill which the U.S. has swallowed, for the pleasure of our European oligarchical adversaries. Pathetic Bush has done great service for our republic's deadliest adversaries in the conduct of his office during the recent six years; no existing external enemy could have destroyed us as much as his incumbency has done during the recent six years.

The relevant enemy of the continued existence of our U.S.A., is not the institutions of the British monarchy in the ordinary sense of those institutions. The British empire, as it actually exists today, is the Anglo-Dutch Liberal outgrowth of Paolo Sarpi's Venetian financier-oligarchy. It is essentially a vast slime-mold-like formation, composed of individualized blobs of private, predatory financier interest, as merely typified by the case in hand of Felix Rohatyn, preying upon the planet as a whole.

In order that that slime-mold-like collation might defeat that slime-mold's deadliest adversary, a U.S.A. in the immediate tradition of President Franklin Roosevelt, they have transformed a mass of our own children into what we call "Baby Boomers," creatures like President George W. Bush, Jr., planted, like dragon's teeth, to destroy our republic from within. As President, Baby Boomer Bush may not be very much as a man, but as a disease, he has had a flourishing success.

3. Social Neoteny at Work

The most insidious form of pertinent kinds of pseudo-Christian delusions, for example, is the notion that God and Satan are locked in eternal conflict. The faults which we may justly call evil, are not a failure of the Creator, nor of the design of His universe, but of the inadequate self-development, or regression among human individuals, and of society at large. The problem of social *neoteny*, merely typifies the lack of development (in this case, a forced reversal of cultural development), as I have identified Baby Boomer *neoteny* as an instance of regression rather than merely underdevelopment.

5. Carol White, *The New Dark Ages Conspiracy* (New York: New Benjamin Franklin House, 1980).

6. (New York: Simon & Schuster).

7. Pp. 76-77.



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An abandoned factory in Indiana. The Boomers decided, "I do not like people who do factory work, or who associate with farmers using high-technology methods." The results can be seen in the collapse of our physical infrastructure today.

As I have emphasized, here, thus far, this forced corruption of the relevant stratum of children born during the 1945-1956 interval, must be seen as the fresh way in which this matter of good and evil must be viewed from the interior of the contemporary internal experience of globally extended European civilization. It is man, not the Creator, who has failed mankind. It is the toleration of oligarchical systems, such as the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system, or the Venetian financier oligarchy before it, which is the exemplary incarnation of evil.

In approaching what will be, a space ahead, the concluding argument of this report, consider the following line of preparatory argument.

Science should have prompted us to recognize that the universe is very well designed in principle; there is no evil in its creation. The issue of evil, or simply failure, is a matter of the implicitly assigned role of man and woman, as assigned so by the Creator, the man or woman who is intended to join with the Creator in the endless process of continuing to perfect (i.e., develop) universal creation. When man fails to develop the capacity and will to act with understanding of that, his or her assigned destiny, then mankind, not God, fails.

On this account, it is probably certain, that the human species is eternal, at least in its immortal, creative-intellectual form of individual personal existence. On this account, it is already clear to those among us who know something of the history of our planet over the recent six to ten thousand years, and more, that the aspect of the human mind which belongs to the higher universal phase-space termed the *Noösphere* by V.I. Vernadsky, that man is good in principle, from birth, for as long as he, or she, adheres to the assigned, principled form

of mankind's specific, higher mission of existence within the universe.

On this account, mankind is designed to serve as the hands of the Creator's mind, by aid of the flesh, in service of the creative powers of the mind mobilized according to this essential intention.

Unfortunately, those men and women who are of little minds, "Who, me?" minds, are like the Biblical Jonah, and make themselves like pitiable creatures, who permit effects which we may regard as evil. So, they flee, like the Biblical Jonah within a big fish, sometimes called the "popular opinion" of little minds, such as "Baby-Boomerism," fleeing from the mission to which each is implicitly called upon to serve by the Creator. (As I recall the Biblical account, even the big fish grew disgusted with Jonah, and threw him up: a fit tale to be told to our all too typical political officials and aspiring candidates of today.)

Mankind's grandeur within the universe lies with the individual's commitment to a higher purpose, one which promotes the Creator's intention of further development of this universe, and of the other people within it.

The Nature of Evil

The standard form of expression of evil, is the impulse among some peoples, to subjugate other persons to the virtual status of hunted or herded human cattle, as by such means as "regime change." The authentic image of Satan, the essential personality of evil, is the image of what errant mankind created as the Olympian Zeus of Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound*, who, in that drama, prohibits a creature made in the image of the Creator, man and woman, from expressing the creative powers for change in the universe which distinguish mankind from the mere beasts. The image of Satan is the image of oligarchism, the image of imperial Rome, of imperial Byzantium, of the *ultramontane* system under the Venetian-Norman tyranny, and of the imperialist program of "globalization" by Anglo-Dutch Liberalism today.

In this standard form of expressed evil, which all forms of empire and their approximation typify, the oligarch degrades himself to virtual trash in the eyes of the Creator by his abuse of those, whom his whims degrade to the condition of mere human cattle. The most pitiable of all, are those, like our Baby Boomers, who need not be degraded, because they have already degraded themselves. Harsh? Not at all: *necessary!*

As many parents will recall: *tyranny is a world in which burly, over-sized two-year-olds rule!* The spectacle of aged parents, abused by their own children or grandchildren, like the night nurses with the pillows of euthanasia, typify such expressions of evil. That, most simply illustrated, is the same

quality of evil which occupies the essence of social *neoteny*.

So, the essence of childishness in the adult, is a young adult, or even an adolescent, who is a two-year-old in an adult's body, exerting adult authority. This can be the result of growing up in a jungle-like ghetto; it can be, simply, the fruit of what is sometimes called "permissive" child-rearing. The correlative of "growing up," is the efficient assumption of an efficient sense of responsibility which, in its progress, approaches that of, and reaches the requirements of an adult functioning according to the requirements of a modern, and progressing society. This means, a scientifically and technologically progressing society.

The image of the human swine, is the adolescent child of an oligarchical family given adult degrees of authority over an actual adult population, especially if that adolescent has many of the behavioral characteristics of a two-year-old. The image of President George W. Bush, Jr., fits in there somewhere.

Such are the conclusions readily proffered by those with experience of life in our society generally. The issue on which our attention must be focussed here, goes to a specific kind of set of circumstances, typified by the rearing of the typical Baby Boomer in influential positions today. *What happens, as has been done to the populations of the U.S.A. and western and central Europe today, if the imposition of this kind of social neoteny is the policy for guiding the rearing of an entire generation of the upper twenty-percentile of a generation?* What results if the standard of behavior for the members of such a generation is pushed down to such effects that we have young adults with personality characteristics of an adolescent, a pre-adolescent, a child, an infant?

Take the generation of the 68ers associated with the university student population of the late 1960s in the Americas and western and central Europe. What are we hearing when we hear the echoed flavors of "baby-talk" in the speech of young adults of university-student populations?

"You are trying to make a slave of me by stuffing me with luxuries? (Just give me money instead.)"

"I do not like people who do factory work, or who associate with farmers using high-technology methods."

"Progress must be stopped! We must go back to a natural way of living!"—like beasts!

"I need pot, LSD, and other tools of the trade of escape to obscene fantasy, to fix my head, and still my mind!" "I do not work with (nor, perhaps, wash) my hands." Where is the modern Hogarth to sketch such a crew in full bloom? Such was the escape from reason all too typical of the "68er" generation in its fullest bloom.

And, so on.

The Children of Satan

Weaned puppies and kittens are known as adults of their species. Some human specimens never actually reach that higher state of development; their potential as adult human

beings is suppressed along the way from birth, but they tend to become sexually mature, although fixed by conditioning into the personal cultural qualities of relative human *neoteny*. We witness an example of this as a typical specimen of pure, neotenous evil, in the armed gangs of locust-like, Kalashnikov-armed pre-puberty children, as killers run amok from within, and against the people of sub-Saharan Africa. We see the same principle expressed in the pathologies typical of the "68er" of today.

The transformation of a conceived human foetus, from the personality already manifest in the development at about six-month's maturity in the womb, to the adult personality which is normally manifest in the weaning-process from adolescence to youthful maturity, is a lawful process when it occurs in a healthy mode. To suppress, or reverse any among the normal phases of sovereign development of the human personality's social behavioral orientation, implicitly produces in a surviving adult specimen, an individual with the physical attributes of an adult, but the arrested emotional development (as it is often called) of a child, adolescent, or even a virtual infant.

Such arrested development of the maturing individual's cultural development as a social individual, does something much worse than halting the progress of the individual to true adult maturity of the personality; it produces a diseased form of personality, as merely typified by the notable case of the childish schoolyard bully, or homicidal and related traits met among children's and adolescents' gangs.

The notable distinction between such phenomena in and of themselves, and the problem associated with the political role of the Baby Boomer generation today, is that the knowledge of such social phenomena was used, wittingly, by agencies such as circles associated with the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, and the Congress for Cultural Freedom, to destroy the legacy of the U.S. Franklin Roosevelt Administration, by turning the relevant strata of what were, socially, presumably upward mobile families' children into a generation of monsters, both in Europe and the Americas, most emphatically. This echo of the Sophistry with which the Satanic Apollo cult of Delphi induced Pericles' Athens to destroy itself, with criminal intent, and with criminal energy, into what became the destruction of Classical Greece through the Peloponnesian War, is exemplary of the meaning of Satanism: the transformation of the most promising new generation of the young into the instruments of bestiality by which their culture is self-destroyed.

Poor George Bush has done many evil things; but, he was not the true author of evil; he has been merely the corrupted instrument of the evil by which the U.S. today, and much more, is in the process of imminent global self-destruction.

We could survive this threat; the price of survival of our civilization now, is the degree of willingness to be found among even Baby Boomers, to change themselves while the opportunity to do so still exists.

Cheney Escalates Lunatic War Drive Against Iran

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Lyndon LaRouche minced no words in discussions with colleagues on Nov. 22, accusing Vice President Dick Cheney and the “Israeli Mafia” of being behind the latest destabilization of Lebanon—the assassination on Nov. 21 of Industry Minister Pierre Gemayel. LaRouche cited other Israeli provocations since the Lebanon War of July 2006, including a string of confrontations with French peacekeepers, and threats to attack German ships in the Mediterranean that are part of the Lebanon peacekeeping effort, as “state-of-mind” evidence of the war intent.

Things have become so tense between the French and Israeli governments over the Lebanon crisis, that French soldiers serving in the Lebanese peacekeeping mission are now authorized to shoot at Israeli Air Force jet fighters overflying Lebanon, after a failed Paris meeting in mid-November between French and Israeli military officials.

LaRouche warned that the climate is being set for an Israeli military raid on Iran’s purported nuclear weapons sites, which would lead to a mobilization of support for a larger attack on Iran, involving the United States and other nations—with the quiet but enthusiastic backing of many frightened Sunni Arab regimes, which are being stampeded by the Cheneyacs in Washington into this suicidal stance.

LaRouche characterized the Gemayel assassination as a signal of Israeli plans to launch a military strike against Iran in the near future—at the urging of Cheney and his own masters within the Anglo-American “war party.”

Evidence of these Cheney-encouraged Israeli attack plans have been visible in recent weeks, including in President Bush’s widely reported comments to French President Jacques Chirac that, “I do not discount the possibility that Israel will attack Iran, and if it does this—I will understand

it.” Those comments were reported in the Israeli daily *Ha’aretz* on Nov. 22. And President Bush has reportedly repeated the point recently in several other venues.

A Nov. 22 editorial in *Ha’aretz* signed by Gideon Samet further warned of just such an Israeli sneak attack on Iran: “Close your eyes and think about the possibility that Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, together with the chief of staff, the minister for strategic threats, and his other advisers, will wrack his brain and decide to act against the Iranian nuclear threat—and imagine what this means for you. This is the man,” he warned, “who is responsible for managing a failed war against a guerrilla army in Lebanon. Does this make you feel calm?” Samet referenced the Seymour Hersh article, published in the Nov. 20 *New Yorker* magazine, which warned that Cheney is still intent on a military attack on Iran, and that U.S. and Israeli special forces commandos are already operating on the ground inside the country, planting site markers for future bombings, and organizing sabotage operations by Kurds, Baluchis, and Azeris.

Netanyahu Rants

On Nov. 24, speaking in Jerusalem at a conference of the Orthodox Union, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a close Cheney ally, openly called for Israeli action against Iran in the most rabid of terms. Describing Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as representing a greater danger for the Jewish people than did Adolf Hitler, because of Iran’s alleged pursuit of nuclear weapons, Netanyahu declared, “The future of the Jewish state is as in danger as it has ever been in the last half-century.” Making a not-so-veiled reference to Israel’s own extensive, undeclared nuclear weapons program, Netanyahu said, “We must use the powers that



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Lyndon LaRouche has warned that Dick Cheney (sporting a jacket of the military he never served in) and his masters in the Anglo-American war party are planning a U.S. or Israeli nuclear strike against Iran.

we've amassed to make the Jews no longer defenseless and able to shape their destiny and protect their future. This is the most important thing that we can do today. Everything else is secondary." Several weeks earlier, in a speech in Los Angeles, Netanyahu was even more blunt: "It's 1938, and Iran is Germany. And Iran is racing to arm itself with atomic bombs."

LaRouche concluded his warning of an imminent Cheney-encouraged Israeli attack on Iran with a caution against what he called "kinematic thinking." Do not look for narrow cause and effect, LaRouche warned. There has been a long-term master plan to blow up the entire extended Southwest Asia and Persian Gulf region, to bring about an end to the post-1648 Westphalian era of the nation-state system, and in particular, to destroy the United States. This, he concluded, is what is driving Cheney and company to now seek to play the Israeli "breakaway ally" game to detonate that long-standing plan.

Such a U.S.-backed Israeli strike against Iran, though militarily inconsequential—unless Israel were to use nuclear weapons—would trigger a wave of global asymmetric warfare, the kind of permanent "clash of civilizations" that Britain's Arab Bureau operative Dr. Bernard Lewis has been promoting for decades. Lewis, like long-time British agent-of-influence Dr. Henry Kissinger, has been a top advisor to Vice President Cheney, frequently leading informal seminars at the Vice President's residence at the Naval Observatory in Washington.

Kissinger Speaks—and Cheney Acts

Kissinger himself weighed in for an Israeli strike against Iran in a ponderous op-ed piece, published in the Nov. 24 *Washington Post*, and several European newspapers. While ostensibly promoting diplomatic dialogue among the United States, Europe, the Sunni Arab states, and Tehran, Kissinger pointedly wrote: "The nuclear negotiations with Iran are moving toward an inconclusive outcome. The Six [the UN Security Council's permanent five plus Germany—ed.] eventually will have to choose either effective sanctions or the consequences of an Iranian military nuclear capability and the world of proliferation that implies. Military action by the United States is extremely improbable in the final two years of a Presidency facing a hostile Congress—though it may be taken more seriously in Tehran. Tehran surely cannot ignore the possibility of a unilateral Israeli strike if all negotiation options close."

Later in the same op-ed, Kissinger also promoted the idea, already being peddled by neo-conservatives in the Vice President's office and at the American Enterprise Institute, of an American-European-Sunni Arab alliance with Israel *against Iran*—what Kissinger euphemistically called a "policy of equilibrium" between Iran and the Sunni regimes.

The same time that Kissinger's rant appeared in the *Post*, the *Wall Street Journal* published a Nov. 24 wildly provocative lead front-page story, titled "Religious Divide: To Contain Iran, U.S. Seeks Help From Arab Allies." Mischaracterizing the flurry of U.S. diplomacy as "a bid to stabilize the region and build a coalition to contain Iran's Shi'ite regime," author Jay Solomon accurately catalogued a full-court press by top Bush Administration officials, to align Sunni Arab regimes against Tehran, in what amounts to a bizarre war alliance of Washington, Tel Aviv, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon. Solomon did quote Middle East scholar Vali Nasr of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, warning against such a campaign: "The whole rhetoric of containing Iran could spark competing extremism," he warned. "Washington doesn't want to be seen as actively encouraging this."

Or do they? The fact that Vice President Cheney, the leading war-hawk in the Bush Administration, kicked off the Sunni Arab dialogues, with a Nov. 24 trip to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, underscores that some in the Bush Administration are in no way backing off from plans for hard military confrontation before leaving office—perhaps, even before the 110th Congress is sworn in at the beginning of January 2007.

Joshua Muravchik, an AEI resident scholar and leading neo-con propagandist, put it bluntly in an article published in the November/December 2006 issue of *Foreign Policy*. "Make no mistake," he wrote, "President Bush will need to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities before leaving office. It is all but inconceivable that Iran will accept any peaceful inducements to abandon its drive for the bomb. Its rulers are religious ideological fanatics who will not trade what they believe is

their birthright to great power status for a mess of pottage. Even if things in Iraq get better, a nuclear-armed Iran will negate any progress there.”

Muravchik warned, “The global thunder against Bush when he pulls the trigger will be deafening, and it will have many echoes at home. . . . We need to pave the way intellectually now and be prepared to defend the action when it comes. . . . The defense should be global in scope. There is a crying need in today’s ideological wars for something akin to the Congress for Cultural Freedom of the Cold War, a global circle of intellectuals and public figures who share a devotion to democracy. The leaders of this movement might include Tony Blair, Vaclav Havel, and Anwar Ibrahim.”

Other War Councils

In addition to Cheney’s meetings with King Abdullah and other top Saudi officials, President Bush is also scheduled to be in Amman, Jordan at the end of November, to meet with King Abdallah II and with Iraq’s Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shi’ite who has fallen out of favor with Washington, amidst talk of a U.S. “Sunni turn,” which has also been dubbed “re-Baathification.”

Both Tom Hayden and Paul William Roberts wrote on Nov. 24 that secret talks have already taken place between leading Iraqi Sunni insurgents and Bush Administration officials in Amman. One meeting, according to Jordan’s Prince Hassan, included former Iraqi Vice President and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who is being looked to as a key interlocutor between Washington and leading Sunni insurgents. Prince Hassan told journalist Roberts that Secretary of State Condi Rice has “made a personal appeal to the Gulf Cooperation Council last month to act as intermediaries between the U.S. and the armed Sunni resistance, not including Iraq’s Al Qaeda leaders.”

A further indication of this policy turn was also cited in the *Wall Street Journal*: On Nov. 30, Rice will hold meetings with the foreign ministers of Egypt, Jordan, and the member states of the GCC, the six Persian Gulf Sunni oil sheikhdoms. According to the *Journal*, “They are expected to discuss how to deter Iran from meddling in the politics of neighbor countries and from developing a nuclear arsenal. . . . The visits come amid U.S. efforts to build a Sunni-based regional alliance. U.S. naval fleets have engaged in training exercises with several Persian Gulf countries. Last month, the U.S. conducted war games with Bahrain, Qatar, the U.A.E. and about two dozen other countries about 20 miles outside of Iran’s territorial waters. The exercises were part of the Bush Administration’s Proliferation Security Initiative, which seeks to stanch weapons trafficking.”

New Stovepipes for Old

Much hoopla has been made of the pending release of the recommendations of the Baker-Hamilton Commission, a Congressionally sponsored and White House-endorsed Iraq

Study Group (ISG). But there are growing signs that the Cheney gang inside the Bush Administration has already moved preemptively to undercut the impact of the effort, by launching an in-house Iraq policy review, to be completed simultaneous to the Baker-Hamilton effort. The primary input of the Baker-Hamilton group has been long anticipated: Start direct talks, with no preconditions, with Tehran and Damascus. But a Nov. 23 *Newsday* story by Washington bureau chief Tim Phelps warned that, “Internal strife within the Baker Commission, outright opposition from President George W. Bush and Tuesday’s assassination of a cabinet member in Lebanon are complicating the prospect of U.S. overtures to Syria and Iran over Iraq, informed sources say. A source who spoke recently to a leader of the Iraq Study Group said he complained bitterly about internal dissension and partisanship among members of the supposedly bipartisan group, and was worried about reaching consensus on the key issues.”

Further threatening the efforts of the ISG is a revival of the pre-Iraq war “stovepipe” of dubious intelligence directly to the Vice President’s office from the Pentagon, bypassing the CIA and other major intelligence community components. The existence of this stovepipe was featured in the latest Seymour Hersh *New Yorker* piece, “Iran: The Next Act,” but earlier reports that the chief Iraq pre-war intelligence spinmeister, Abraham Shulsky, of the Office of Special Plans, had been reassigned to work on “the Iran problem” at the Pentagon’s Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy, had already raised eyebrows.

Hersh revealed that a new, highly classified CIA study, based on U.S. technical intelligence efforts, raised serious doubts that Iran was conducting an ambitious secret nuclear weapons program. But that CIA assessment has been challenged by “intelligence from Israeli spies operating inside Iran,” who “claimed that Iran has developed and tested a trigger device for a nuclear bomb.” According to Hersh, the details of the Israeli spies’ findings have been withheld from the CIA, but the “raw” intelligence has been passed from the Pentagon to Cheney’s staff, and is being used as powerful ammunition in the faction fight inside the Bush White House.

The stakes in this fight are enormous. An Israeli or American bombing attack against Iran would unleash chaos on a regional or global scale; and a new oil price shock, an almost certain consequence of a hard confrontation with Iran, would blow out the global financial system, adding to the chaos.

Which brings us back full circle to Lyndon LaRouche’s warning that the events now unraveling in Southwest Asia are not the result of tragic reactions and counter-reactions. They are the playing out of a master-plan for global disaster, that would destroy the United States, en route to plunging the planet into a New Dark Age. This is why LaRouche insists that the path to peace in the war-torn Middle East begins with the impeachment of Dick Cheney and George Bush.

Murder of Gemayel Targets Iran, Escalates Crisis in Lebanon

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

“Isn’t it strange that whenever the situation would become slightly, slightly toward engagement with Syria, every time this happens, immediately an assassination takes place? Some anti-Syrian politician would be assassinated and immediately the whole context changes again against involvement with Syria?” This is how the Syrian Ambassador to the United States, Imad Moustapha, put it in remarks to *CNN* on Nov. 22, following the murder of Pierre Gemayel, a Lebanese Christian political leader and Minister of Industry—which was promptly blamed on Syria.

Ambassador Moustapha’s remarks identify an important feature of the ongoing destabilization of Lebanon, which is,

however, only one piece of a larger mosaic. In his Nov. 23 characterization of the larger picture, Lyndon LaRouche stressed that the Gemayel murder is a signal that the Dick Cheney/Israeli Mafiya networks plan to attack *Iran* in the near future (see accompanying article). That attack is, in turn, part of a long-standing program for destroying Southwest Asia as a whole.

A useful point of reference is the “Clean Break” strategy paper drafted in 1996 by the Cheney circles for then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel: It projected regime change through war and other means, in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, for the greater glory of “Greater Israel.” The 2003

Iraq War started the process, followed by the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in 2005, which was then blamed on Syria, and used to force a withdrawal of Syria’s troops from Lebanon. Regime change took place in Beirut, with Hariri’s son, Saad, assuming responsibility as head of the parliamentary majority, alongside a pro-American government under Prime Minister Fuad Siniora.

The next step took place in July 2006, when Cheney’s friends in Israel launched a war against Lebanon, in an attempt to eliminate the Hezbollah resistance, as preparation for a strike against its ally Iran. Now, with the murder of Gemayel, the screws are being tightened again against Syria and Iran, in preparation for the final assault.

Civil War in Lebanon?

As soon as the news broke of Gemayel’s death, wild accusations were launched, left and right, against Syria—and Iran—as the culprits. The head of the March 14 movement, the anti-Syrian majority in parliament, Saad Hariri, interrupted a press conference to accuse the Syrian regime of “trying to kill every

Lebanese Industry Minister Pierre Gemayel, a 34-year-old Christian Maronite politician, was killed “by gunshots on his convoy near the Mar Antonios church in the region of Jdaideh,” north of Beirut, according to the state news agency. Witnesses said Gemayel was apparently driving the car when it was hit by a car from behind, after which gunmen jumped out and shot him in the head.

Gemayel was the son of former President Amin Gemayel, a leading figure of the anti-Syrian camp. He was the nephew of President-elect Bashir Gemayel, who was murdered in 1982 at the height of Lebanon’s 15-year Civil War. His grandfather was Pierre Gemayel, the founder of the Kataeb (Phalangist) party.



Kataeb.org

An election poster for Pierre Gemayel, Lebanon’s Industry Minister and scion of the Gemayel clan, one of the country’s most powerful Christian families, the bastion of the Phalangist party.



U.S. State Dept.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. The Bush Administration is pushing for a confrontation between the Siniora government, and Hezbollah and Syria.

free person” in Lebanon. “The cycle [of killings] has resumed,” he said. “We believe that the hands of Syria are all over the place,” he said. “This is not a time to give up. Blood has been shed to free our country from the hands of the regime, from the regime that was involved in killing Rafik Hariri, in killing a lot of people,” he said.

President Bush did his part by calling for an investigation into “those people and those forces” behind the killing. “We support the Siniora government and its democracy and we support the Lebanese people’s desire to live in peace and we support their efforts to defend their democracy against attempts by Syria, Iran, and allies to foment instability and violence in that important country,” said Bush. He called on the UN Security Council to move quickly to establish an international tribunal to investigate the murder of Rafik Hariri.

Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Druze in Lebanon, in an interview with Deutschlandfunk, German national radio, on Nov. 22, accused Syria in unambiguous terms: “I believe that the Syrian government is behind it,” he said, linking the murder to the progress being made toward an international tribunal to investigate the Hariri murder. “The murderers, who opposed such an international tribunal, belong first and foremost to the Syrian regime. They have killed a minister and parliamentarians, to drive fear into the Lebanese people. I accuse the Syrian regime above all.”

Jumblatt raved against Damascus. Asked about the implications of the murder for Lebanon, he answered: “We will never find peace and quiet, until those responsible for this murderous regime are condemned somewhere. . . . With this murderous regime in Damascus, there will never be an independent, free, and democratic Lebanon.”

Asked whether French and U.S. pressures could not push Syria to cooperation, Jumblatt had this to say: “This was, from

the very beginning, a regime of murderers and no one can get these people to change their methods. The leader in Damascus is an evil and sick man. Diplomacy will not change this either. The only way is to convict him in a court, thrust him into a corner, and make him afraid.” As for Hezbollah, he said: “Hezbollah is there, it is a state within the state. It is in the service of Syria and paid by Iran. . . .”

When thousands gathered in Beirut for the funeral of the slain Christian leader, the mood was vehemently anti-Syrian, and posters of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah as well as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were demonstratively trampled on and burned. The scene appeared set for confrontation between the anti-Syrian and pro-Syrian forces.

This all unfolds against the backdrop of a political crisis that has been building since the end of the Israel-Lebanon War last Summer. Hezbollah emerged from that conflict victorious, not only militarily, but politically, and made a bid for a greater share of political power in the government, together with its Christian ally Michel Aoun. Talks between the official majority, led by Saad Hariri, and the parliamentary minority of Hezbollah, Amal, etc., were launched on the initiative of Amal leader Nabih Berri, Speaker of the Parliament, and a liaison to Hezbollah.

When the talks broke down, five Shi’ite members of the government resigned, followed by a sixth, a Christian, who did so to protest the absence of a major religious group in government. Saad Hariri, leader of the March 14 Forces, responded to the resignation of the first five ministers, by accusing Syria and Iran of being behind the move. “This resignation . . . was not a coincidence,” he said in a statement. “The March 14 Forces lament this step and see in it an attempt to foil the formation of the international tribunal. We agreed twice to Speaker Nabih Berri’s call for dialogue and consultations to maintain stability . . . but it turned out that some parties didn’t want this and their hidden intentions became clear to us. . . . It is a Syrian-Iranian plot to topple legitimate rule in Lebanon, destroy the Paris III donor conference, annul the tribunal, and place this country back under the former [Syrian] mandate.”

Saad Hariri went so far as to say that the plan was “done by the Syrian regime and the [pro-Syrian] President Lahoud . . . who wants to assassinate Rafik Hariri a second time.”

Despite the resignations, the government voted for the establishment of the international tribunal, to be drafted by the UN, to deal with the Hariri murder. In response, President Emile Lahoud, a pro-Syrian whose ouster is demanded by Saad Hariri et al., declared the government and its vote to be unconstitutional. The ministerial resignations, he said, had rendered the government illegitimate, and any cabinet meeting, “absolutely illegal and unconstitutional. . . .”

Hezbollah responded by announcing it would mobilize its forces, the actual majority in the country, in peaceful street demonstrations, to force through an enlargement of the government coalition, to include more of its and Aoun’s representatives.



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Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah is highly acclaimed throughout the Arab and Muslim world, for defeating Israel's invasion of Lebanon last Summer. Anti-Syrian Christian forces and Nasrallah's Shi'ite, pro-Syrian supporters appear to be heading for a confrontation.

Then came the murder of Gemayel, which catapulted the crisis to a new level.

Regional Developments

Two other important developments on the regional level must be taken into consideration, to understand the dynamic unleashed by this latest murder. First, it occurred on the heels of a breakthrough in Baghdad, where Syrian Foreign Minister Muallem and his Iraqi counterpart Hoshiyar Zebari, restored full diplomatic relations, after a 25-year hiatus. "We have signed, a little while ago, an agreement to restore complete diplomatic relations with Syria," Zebari told a joint news conference with his visiting Syrian counterpart Walid Muallem on Nov. 21. "[The] Iraqi flag will be raised in Syria and the Syrian flag will be hoisted in Baghdad," Zebari said. He added that the agreement on closer security cooperation had been reached after repeated U.S. accusations that Syria was letting insurgents and weapons cross its border into Iraq. "There was an agreement to have meetings between security officials from both countries and we also discussed developing commercial relations," he said.

Iraq had severed ties with Syria in 1980 in protest of Syria's support for Iran after the Iran-Iraq war broke out. Muallem said he hoped the move would put an end to U.S. criticism of Syria over its role in Iraq. "I do not want to go back to the former accusations. We seek future cooperation in all fields," he said.

Coming in the context of reports from Washington, that the Baker Commission and others are pushing for bringing

Syria into regional consultations, to help stabilize Iraq, the Syrian move was a clear sign of willingness to offer assistance. It was immediately understood as a gesture both to the U.S.-backed Iraqi government, and to the United States itself. Then came the murder of Gemayel.

The second aspect to mention, is that progress was being made also on the Syrian-Lebanese front, not only regarding political relations, but also in important transportation infrastructure cooperation. On Nov. 20, the *Daily Star* of Lebanon reported that Lebanon was finalizing an agreement with the Syrian Rail Authority, on a plan to reconstruct the rail link between the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli to the northern border crossing of Abboudieh, which would integrate it into the Syrian rail network. This is part of a stalled 2002 agreement to reconstruct the entire Syrian-Lebanese rail network. While Syria's network is relatively well de-

veloped, Lebanon's was destroyed as a result of the first civil war.

The new agreement opens the potential use of the port of Tripoli, not only for Syria but also for points as distant as Iraq and Turkey, as well as the rest of the region. The Syrian network links into Iraq, which has a well-developed rail network, via Turkey. One source involved in the negotiations pointed to the economic benefits of the project for Lebanon and Syria, since their economies are so intertwined. He told the *Daily Star*, "This is a relationship that no one can untie, though the U.S. certainly tries."

Director of Lebanon's Transport and Public Works Ministry, Abdel-Hafeez Kayssi, pointed out the installation of the 150 kilometers of high-speed passenger and freight rail could be completed within 24 months, once a design is agreed upon. Kayssi emphasized that this project "will benefit all parties," and thus has the potential to restore otherwise badly strained relations between Syria and Lebanon.

The project is part of a regionwide program to develop a 19,000-kilometer rail network, which was agreed upon through the signing of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq in 2003, under the sponsorship of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. The Arab Development Bank and the Kuwaiti Fund are interested in financing the rail project. The entire network, added to the ambitious Saudi project for an east-west rail project which was recently finalized, would bring the region of Southwest Asia into the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

López Obrador Inaugurated as Mexico's 'Legitimate President'

by Cynthia R. Rush

Before a crowd estimated at between 1.2 and 1.5 million in Mexico City's downtown Zócolo plaza, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the former candidate of the Alliance for the Good of All in the July 2 Presidential elections, was inaugurated as the country's "legitimate President" on Nov. 20. AMLO, as he is known, vowed to his supporters that he will never negotiate or surrender to the "neo-fascist oligarchy" that stands behind Felipe Calderón of the synarchist National Action Party (PAN), whose claim to the Mexican Presidency is based on blatant vote fraud.

"We won't enter into the mold," López Obrador said in his speech, and that's why the oligarchical elites fear us. "The fundamental goal of the legitimate government, I repeat, will be to protect the rights of the people, defend the patrimony of all Mexicans and national sovereignty," he affirmed.

Moreover, he explained, those who have mobilized in his support must continue to do so, and form part of a nationwide political structure to support the "legitimate government," such that when the right-wing attempts to impose something contrary to the general interest, "we will call a national mobilization. . .this is our capability to bring about profound true change. Let us not rely on anything from those above; we will do our duty as citizens."

López Obrador's remarks are useful and appropriate, as far as they go. His firm stance in defense of the general welfare of the Mexican people, and identification of the oligarchical enemy, have certainly rattled the international financial elites who seek to impose "the usurper" Calderón on Mexico against the popular will. He has mobilized mass forces against the PAN "coup d'état," and the free-trade looting and privatization policies that Calderón's synarchist sponsors expect him to impose from the very second he is scheduled to take office on Dec. 1.

LaRouche's Role

But it was left to the spirited 40-person LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) contingent to communicate to the huge crowd the vital concepts that AMLO didn't address. Holding high two large banners that read "LaRouche, Author of the Defeat of Calderón's Masters," and "Don't Allow a Great Moment to Find a Little People: Build a New Economic System Now!" the LYM distributed 1,500 newspapers and 3,000

leaflets with excerpts from Lyndon LaRouche's Nov. 16 webcast, to deliver a clear message.

First, there is no escaping the reality that the global monetary system is already blowing apart. This requires that heads of state and other leaders muster the political will and courage to act as statesman LaRouche has proposed to create a new international monetary system, modelled on the old Bretton Woods system. Any idea of accommodation with globalization is a dangerous illusion, because the system is dead beyond repair. This is a revolutionary moment which calls for courage, not littleness.

Secondly, the LYM and LaRouche movement mobilization of the U.S. population, especially university youth, was responsible for the overwhelming Democratic Party victory in the November 7 midterm elections. The LYM raised the issues that cowardly Democrats were too afraid, or too corrupt, to touch, and remoralized and uplifted people by providing them with a sense of mission orientation—especially the decisive youth vote.

Those election results give the Mexican resistance forces political leverage they didn't previously have. The synarchist apparatus controlling George Bush and Dick Cheney—the same one that pulls Felipe Calderón's and the PAN's strings—has taken a hit. But there is no time to waste. They are insanely contemplating a war against Iran or some other international atrocity that would plunge the world into irreversible chaos and permanent warfare.

LaRouche was the "author of the defeat of Calderón's masters," the LYM reminded Mexicans. Now patriots must seize the advantage created by the U.S. electoral result to move decisively in the direction that LaRouche has outlined, while supporting his battle to restore sanity to the U.S. government by impeaching both Bush and Cheney immediately.

Ibero-America Watches

This is not just a Mexican issue either. The outcome of this battle will have profound effects on the rest of Ibero-America. Leaders such as Brazil's President Lula da Silva and Argentina's Néstor Kirchner know how important it is that López Obrador has identified himself as the opponent of the international financial oligarchy, having suffered themselves at the hands of those same forces.



Andrés Manuel López Obrador website

Andrés Manuel López Obrador addresses over a million people in Mexico City's Zócalo on Nov. 20, the day of his inauguration as the country's "legitimate President."

These two Presidents, along with the governments of Venezuela, Bolivia, Chile, and the Common Market of the South (Mercosur), have so far been cooperating as an informal "Presidents' Club," to forge an alternative to the International Monetary Fund's deadly free-trade agenda and stymie Cheneyac efforts to sow regional discord, or even war. A conspicuous absence in the group has been Mexico, which in 1982—after a virtual IMF coup in that country—abandoned its historic role as a continental leader in the fight for economic development and defense of national sovereignty, and sided instead with the financial oligarchy that seeks the destruction of sovereign nation-states.

The limitation of the Presidents' Club is that its members are united largely on the basis of what they oppose, rather than a positive development perspective that starts from the standpoint of the global monetary collapse. They have all seen their nations' economies wrecked by synarchist bankers, and their populations degraded to the level of beasts. Yet with the exception of Néstor Kirchner, none has yet found the courage to stand up to the financiers forcefully. And even Kirchner still talks about "intelligently" inserting his nation into globalization, as if this were a possibility.

This is why the LaRouche forces are intervening continentally to hammer home

the reality of the onrushing financial crash, and present the programmatic alternative that these governments are afraid to discuss publicly. It is this factor that, in the new and revolutionary environment created by the U.S. electoral outcome, can help Ibero-American leaders find the courage to act decisively.

The changing environment is reflected in the Nov. 13 speech by President Lula da Silva in Caracas, during which he departed from his prepared text to uncharacteristically attack predatory bankers. Having just been elected to a second term in office, during which he was violently attacked by financier factions, Lula accused bankers of preferring governments like those "which ruled for centuries, and didn't take care of the people."

The Brazilian President also warned that "there is no solution for any Latin American country by itself. . . . In our second term, all of us Presidents of South

American and Latin American countries must work for integration as we never have before."

Act Now

The Mexican situation is very fluid. Calderón's own De-



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Mexico City "LaRouchistas" march in a parade honoring Andrés Manuel López Obrador on Nov. 20. These members of the LaRouche Youth Movement organized around the need for a new global financial-economic system, to prevent a plunge into a dark age.

December 1 inauguration is itself in question, as López Obrador's forces have vowed to prevent it by peaceful means. There is no telling what will happen on December 1, as both sides are lining up their forces over the issue of who will govern. Should Calderón manage to actually take office, he will find himself in the unenviable position of trying to follow Wall Street's orders to impose deeper austerity on a people who will not accept it. The only possible outcome of such action will be what the newly-elected head of the National Peasant Federation warned would be "social revolution."

But Calderón's controllers are insanely planning to go ahead with their plans, as indicated in the choice of the first six cabinet members, announced Nov. 21. With responsibility for economic policy, all six are rabid proponents of free-trade, deregulation, structural reforms, and privatized infrastructure.

As Secretary of Finance, Agustín Carstens, the "Chicago Boy" whiz-kid who was number three at the IMF until a month ago, will run the government for the international financiers. His entire career has run between the University of Chicago, Mexico's Central Bank, and the IMF. Carstens' mentor at Chicago was Michael Mussa, later IMF Chief Economist for 10 years, whose view of the role of government, Carstens reports, is that "the fundamental tenets of statist economics are as dead as the Russian monk Rasputin—whom you may recall was poisoned, strangled, stabbed, shot, cut into pieces, burned to ashes, and fired through a cannon."

Carstens announced Nov. 20 that the financial sector will be the motor of growth under Calderón, which "should be the six years of infrastructure," he added.

According to Luis Téllez, Calderón's nominee for Secretary of Transportation and Communications, this means that infrastructure will be handed over to private capital. Close to hardcore synarchist and former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Téllez also served as co-director of the Carlyle Group in Mexico, and was on the board of Sempra Energy and the Spanish-owned Bancomer, among other multinationals.

The nominee for Economics Secretary, Eduardo Sojo, is a former World Bank and Fox government official, who boasts that he will turn Mexico into one of the "best destinations" for foreign capital, by deregulating energy, financial, telecommunications, and labor markets.

Georgina Kessel, named Secretary of Energy, headed deregulation programs at the state oil company, Pemex, and announced that she intends to make it "modern and efficient." Calderón's people have already sent a team to study Brazil's Petrobras, the state-owned oil company which, as was just demonstrated in Bolivia, is only state-owned in name, and run as a private multinational, with private capital.

The Labor and Social Welfare Secretary nominee Javier Lozano announced his top priority will be to reform labor laws, along the lines of what was done in Chile under the Pinochet dictatorship, so as to make Mexico attractive to private capital.

Ibero-America

LaRouche Youth Target Fascist Spokesmen

The international LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) brought the light of truth into two important events featuring key assets of the new Fascist International, in early November. The first was on Nov. 8 in Bogotá, Colombia, against former Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar; the second took place in Mexico City the next day, against California's own "Governator," Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The LaRouche message delivered at each event to Arnie and Aznar, and their locals groupies, was that their would-be allies and protectors in the United States were smashed at the polls Nov. 7, and that once Bush and Cheney were driven out, they too would be going down. Many at the two events were thrilled to hear the good news, and both interventions were widely covered by the Ibero-American media, including radio and television.

Synarchist Aznar Unmasked

Aznar, former head of Spain's Popular Party, which is the direct heir of the political tradition of fascist dictator Francisco Franco, was unmasked by members of the Colombian LYM, at a conference jointly organized by his own Foundation for Analysis and Social Studies (FAES) and by the Good Government Foundation of Colombian Defense Minister and Mont Pelerinite, Juan Manuel Santos. Aznar was hand-picked as Prime Minister of Spain in the 1990s by Emilio Botín, the head of Spain's Santander Bank—which has a "strategic alliance" with the Queen's own Royal Bank of Scotland—who took the little-known politician with him to London for vetting by the financial elite.

Attending the Bogotá event were Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, and an audience of 800 former and current government officials, bankers, and other elites, as well as the diplomatic corps.

Aznar began by citing the statistical "successes" of the neo-liberal free-trade model, only to be interrupted by a LaRouche organizer who shouted, "Lies! Aznar is a liar. The British neo-liberal model has caused starvation, misery, and unemployment in nations. The proof is in the streets and not in your statistical sophistry."

Aznar, taken aback, tried to continue his speech, only to be met by another shout: "You supported Bush's invasion of Iraq and committed genocide," and then, as he launched into a defense of privatization of the state sector, was challenged yet a third time: "Jobs are generated with infrastructure. The usurious debt is growing faster than the productive capacity of



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Arnold Schwarzenegger, protégé of George Shultz, the purveyor of fascist policies who backed Pinochet in Chile, got his comeuppance in Colombia from a male LaRouche organizer in a dress (shown here), who parodied the Governor.

nations.” Aznar quickly ended his speech without responding.

The discussion period opened with an exchange between a LYM activist and President Uribe on how to develop the nation. Uribe was urged to break with the “fascist policies of British liberals like Mr. Aznar,” and instead to implement American System economic policies as Colombia’s late 19th-Century President Rafael Nuñez had courageously done. Specifically, he was urged to abandon the privatization route, and to direct public investment into infrastructure. “We can’t wait for private enterprise to make the investments necessary. This is a people hungry for development.”

The event was concluded by a five-minute briefing to the gathering by another LYM youth, on how LaRouche, leading the Franklin Delano Roosevelt tradition inside the Democratic Party in the United States, intends to impeach Aznar’s friends Bush and Cheney. “We are going to get them out of power and into jail,” said the LYM organizer.

The LYM intervention against Aznar was picked up by several major television and radio news broadcasts in Colombia, and was broadcast during the most listened-to 7:00 p.m. news show. The story was also carried as a news item by a number of Internet websites, which emphasized the LYM’s denunciation of Aznar as “a fascist.”

Schwarzenegger Meets ‘Mini-Arnie’

The next day, Schwarzenegger discovered that neither his Kennedy relatives nor his reelection as California governor were going to protect him from the same fate that is awaiting the Bush/Cheney Administration, as Californians face up to the economic bankruptcy being worsened by Arnie’s fascist policies.

Arnie had hoped to be the star of the Nov. 9 event, spon-

sored by the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City and attended by the governors of Zacatecas, Baja California, Tamaulipas, and the state of Mexico, as well as the director of University of California in Los Angeles and other prominent personalities. But scarcely had Schwarzenegger entered the room, when a short, male LaRouche organizer wearing a dress and Arnie mask began parodying “the Governor,” while distributing an invitation to Lyndon LaRouche’s Nov. 16 webcast.

The press snapped photos and security guards escorted the “mini-Arnie” out of the room. No sooner had Arnie managed to put a plastic grin on his face, than another LaRouche youth indicted Schwarzenegger as “a fascist, and now as weak as President Bush. . . . Why don’t you talk about the bankruptcy of the auto sector, or of the collapse of real estate?” After she was ejected, another group of LaRouche Youth surfaced to distribute leaflets, with one organizer walking directly onto the stage to unfurl a large banner right next to Arnie, who by this time had forgotten what he was going to say.

As a parting shot, Arnie was told, “LaRouche was the reason the Republicans lost. Remember, it’s LaRouche!” and the LaRouche organizers then left the event, singing to the tune of “London Bridge”: “Bush and Dick are falling down, falling down, falling down, Bush and Dick are falling down, Arnie too.”

The “outing” of Schwarzenegger received widespread coverage, from Chilean radio and Peruvian television, to Indian and Venezuelan internet news services, as well as press reports in newspapers in the United States and Mexico.

Mexico’s *La Prensa* reported that LaRouche is the cause of the Republican Party’s electoral defeat, and that LaRouche has a campaign against Schwarzenegger, Dick Cheney, and George Bush for being Nazis.

It was reported from Lima that a well-known cable TV news broadcaster transmitted several minutes of video coverage of the intervention against Schwarzenegger, chortling and repeating the denunciations (“Nazi!” “Fascist!”) throughout the showing. During the broadcast, one could see the LYM organizers throughout the hall, “mini-Arnie” being dragged out, and the LYM banner being unfurled on the stage next to Schwarzenegger.

An Ansa (Italian news service) wire story which appeared in the Chilean newspaper *La Nación*, headlined “Mexicans Shout ‘Fascist’ and ‘Nazi Assassin’ at Schwarzenegger,” identified the protesters as LaRouche Youth. The most broadly published article was a dispatch by the Spanish wire service, EFE, in most instances accompanied by a photo of “mini-Arnie,” which read: “When Schwarzenegger began to speak, . . . four young women and four young men . . . called the U.S. politician a ‘Nazi.’ ” Associates of “former U.S. Presidential Democratic candidate Lyndon LaRouche, they carried posters and one parodied Schwarzenegger dressed as a woman, with a sash which read ‘Deregulator.’ ”

U.S. Will Coordinate Sudan Policy With the United Nations

by Lawrence Freeman

The United States will coordinate policy on Darfur with the United Nations, with no separate negotiations, according to Andrew Natsios, the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan, who spoke on Nov. 20 in Washington, D.C., along with Jean-Marie Guehenno, who is in charge of Peacekeeping Operations for the UN Secretary General. The two addressed a Brookings Institution forum, after which Natsios further clarified his views at a State Department briefing session.

To many present, the level tone of Natsios's statements, in line with the UN, could almost be construed as a kind of shift of U.S. policy, from the confrontational expressions that might be expected. In fact, his remarks drew strong criticism from Susan E. Rice, now a Fellow of the Brookings Institution, who demanded aggressive U.S. action. She served in the Clinton Administration State Department as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1997-2001), pursuing a consistently anti-Sudan approach.

Guehenno, who is well respected among the diplomatic community, prioritized the following UN initiatives to deal with the Darfur crisis: Establish a cease-fire in Darfur; drive forward the political process with the government of Sudan; and deploy an international peacekeeping force.

This UN view was countered directly by Susan Rice, who asserted that there must be a robust deployment of NATO troops to Sudan.

In reply, Guehenno stressed that the UN military peacekeeping force will be viable, only if it complements a political process supported by the government of Sudan. If that military force acts against the government, it will fail. He also pointed out that it would be very hard to muster the level of troop strength necessary to provide overwhelming force in opposition to the government of Sudan.

Natsios, who made clear that he was speaking for President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, expressed complete agreement with Guehenno, and praised UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. In doing this, Natsios presented a different image of the Bush Administration's public policy toward Darfur than that seen until recently. He also publicly thanked the Chinese Ambassador to Ethiopia for helping to "persuade" the government of Sudan to agree to compromise on some aspects of the deployment of UN military peace keepers, in their diplomatic meetings in Addis Abeba recently.

Natsios gave Jan. 1 as the deadline for resolving the Darfur crisis, because that is the end of Kofi Annan's term as Secretary General, and for certain other reasons—the change in the U.S. Congress, and the end of the mandate of the African Union deployment (although the latter can be renewed).

He also spoke of the necessity of resolving the Sudan-Chad violence in the cross-border areas. The conflict between the two countries, which overlaps the Darfur fighting, has become an increasing concern that has been raised to buttress the support for the deployment of a military force into that region. On Nov. 13, Chad President Idriss Deby's government declared an emergency situation because of ethnic clashes. On Nov. 24, Chad's National Assembly extended the declaration for six months, giving regional governors power to enforce security.

Water, Economic Development?

For the first time, the need for economic development of the region—including the potential use of the untapped water resources of the gigantic Nubian Sandstone Aquifer was also brought up by Natsios. He stressed that water shortage was the common problem throughout the entire region (see accompanying article).

When Rice confronted Natsios specifically about the call by President Bush in late July, for the use of NATO troops in Darfur, Natsios responded that, after the Israeli-Lebanon War, and the escalation of fighting in Afghanistan, a NATO deployment was not possible, due to the shortage of troops.

But Natsios further singled out for criticism, by name, a co-thinker of Susan Rice, John Prendergast, for his column in the Nov. 19 *Washington Post*, "So How Come We Haven't Stopped It?" slamming Bush for mouthing "genocide," while the Administration persisted in "U.S. inaction on Darfur." Prendergast, now senior advisor to the International Crisis Group, was director for African Affairs with the Clinton National Security Council. Members of the International Crisis Group are part of an intense activation of publicity for military action against Sudan.

Natsios derided Prendergast's recent article, specifically for the "conspiracy theory" that the United States is not putting pressure on the government of Sudan, because of the United States' need for Khartoum's intelligence service collaboration in the war on terrorism.

At one point Natsios said straight out that “John should stop writing this stuff. It is not helpful.” Natsios said that U.S. policy toward Sudan is not “intelligence-driven,” but is driven by concern for what is happening in Darfur.

Natsios’s rebuff of Rice and Prendergast, was somewhat startling to those present who are involved in African policy. Rice and Prendergast, along with Anthony Lake—former National Security Advisor (1993-97)—were the hard core of the anti-Sudan Africa policy grouping which consistently misled President Clinton, until the very end of his two Administrations. In an Oct. 2 *Washington Post* guest column, Rice, Lake, and Rep. Donald Payne (D-N.J.) issued a bone-chilling demand for military action against Sudan, in the name of fighting genocide. Titled, “We Saved Europeans. Why Not Africans,” the trio referred to the use of force to “save” Kosovo, and called for bombing, blockading Port Sudan, and other actions against Sudan.

At immediate issue is the make-up of an international peacekeeping force in Sudan. What is referred to as a “hybrid UN-AU peacekeeping mission” has been proposed by Kofi Annan, after consultations with the UN Security Council and the African Union (AU). This “hybrid” idea is the latest UN proposal to Khartoum, after the vote in August of Security Council Resolution 1706, authorizing a UN peacekeeping force, that is intended to supercede the current African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS). As of late November, it was unclear what kind of UN deployment would be accepted by the government of Sudan, even if the chain of command is run by African military leaders at the top, since Khartoum in the past has rejected any deployment of troops with Chapter VII mandate.

On Nov. 20, Natsios simply stated that Jan. 1 is his deadline for Sudan to agree to a UN plan, or else “Plan B”—which he did not specify—would be the recourse. Whether Natsios’s more conciliatory tone represents a real shift in policy, or reflects the military limitations for a robust military deployment into Darfur, is also unclear. However one should not underestimate the desperation of Dick Cheney’s controllers to start a new war in response to the monetary-financial meltdown now gathering speed. They may have already anticipated the rejection of the UN-AU hybrid force by the Sudan government, and are preparing for some type of Plan B military action against Sudan using the Darfur crisis, and/or the escalating conflict between Sudan and Chad, as the pretext.

Darfur ‘Mini-Summit’

Within 24 hours of the Washington, D.C. policy event—with its undertone of a potential policy shift—Arab and African leaders of the six nations of the region gathered in Libya on Nov. 21 for a “mini-summit,” to agree to work together to resolve the conflict in Darfur “without foreign intervention.” This took place on the eve of a deadline requested by Secretary Annan, for a decision by Khartoum on Nov. 22, of what the

nation’s answer will be on the UN peace-keeping proposal. Annan and Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir spoke on Nov. 23 on the matter, with no resolution.

Attending the conclave in Tripoli were the top leaders of the region: President of Libya, Muammar al-Qaddafi, the host; Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt; Omar Hasan al-Bashir, President of Sudan; Idriss Deby Itno, President of Chad; Isayas Afeweki, President of Eritrea; and François Bozize, President of the Central African Republic.

The attendees issued a five-point Tripoli Declaration, committing to act, “Within the frame of bolstering fraternal relations among the participating countries and in line with the founding law of the African Union and the security charter for the Comessa states [Community of Sahel-Saharan States], and to implement the Tripoli Declaration and agreement signed on February 8, 2006. . . .” The first two points concerned strengthening political and diplomatic ties among the participating countries. Point three called for regular visits among the leaders; in particular, President al-Bashir renewed an invitation to President Idriss Deby Itno to visit Khartoum; and al-Bashir extended an invitation to President Bozize to visit Sudan at the earliest time.

The fourth point states that, “The leader [Quaddafi] and the Presidents agreed to intensify efforts toward achieving reconciliation in Darfur and encouraging all movements in the region to join in the peaceful process there.” The last point of the Tripoli Declaration expressed thanks to President Qaddafi for his efforts.

Nubian Aquifer

Transition to Nuclear Desalination

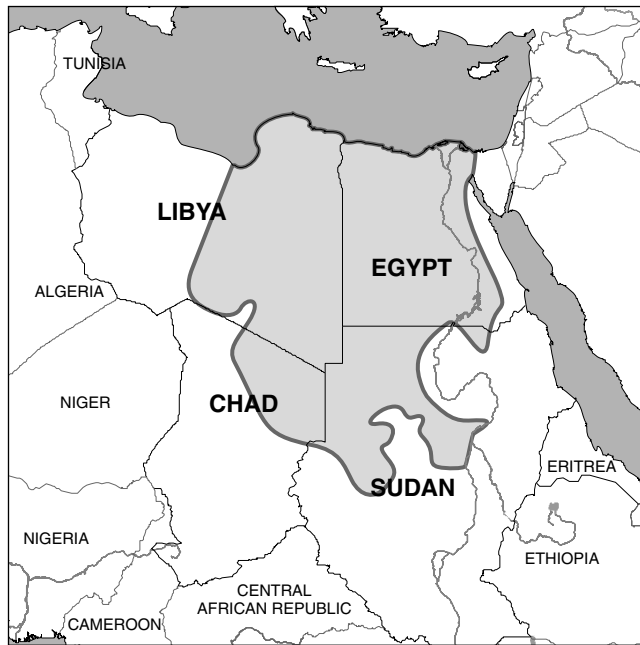
by Marcia Merry Baker

Speaking on Nov. 20 in Washington, D.C. on U.S. policy intentions for Sudan, U.S. Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios raised the issue of water shortages in the region, and referred to potential use of the Nubian Aquifer. Noting that Libya has installed a \$20 billion system of pumping from the Aquifer to serve its needs, he downplayed the idea that such large sums could be found for use elsewhere. He added that at least the money now going into warfare, could instead fund water projects, if the strife were to end.

In fact, over the past three decades, Lyndon LaRouche

FIGURE 1

The Nubian Sandstone Aquifer



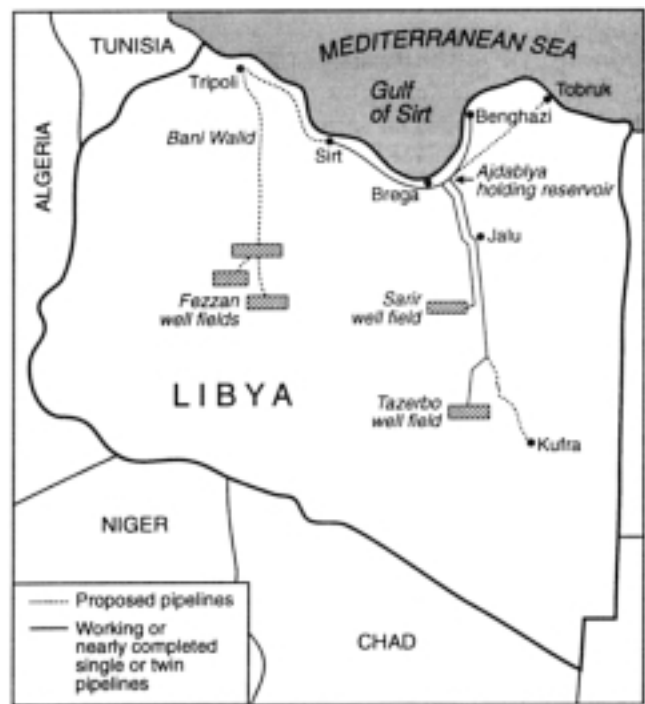
has repeatedly put forward the necessity of an “Oasis Plan” approach to peace, based on the deliberate economic development of the Northeastern Africa/Southwestern Asia desert region. The idea is that fair and high-tech use can be made of the existing scarce water resources of the Nile and Jordan Basins, while new “man-made” natural resources are brought on-line by the siting of nuclear-powered desalination facilities. For example, just 20 nuclear-desalination plants of the modern, ultra-safe design, could *double the entire current annual water volume of the Jordan Basin!*

In 1975, LaRouche, after travelling to Baghdad for meetings with Arab leaders, announced a proposal for an “International Development Bank” for funding just such projects in this region, and other parts of the world. Subsequently, he elaborated IDB specifics for Southwest Asia, which became known as his “Oasis Plan.” In 1980, he circulated this widely in the U.S. Presidential election campaign, in which he was a candidate. In 1990, his policy was submitted to the United Nations, for discussions of the Fourth UN Development Decade. Then, just after the signing of the historic Oslo Accords in September 1993, LaRouche stressed the urgency to get moving on development, issuing a policy statement, “Break Ground Now; Make the Gardens of Jericho Bloom Again!” Instead, the region was again plunged into geopolitical warfare and economic disaster.

Now, the mention of the Nubian Aquifer, in connection with suffering in Darfur, once again throws the spotlight on

FIGURE 2

Design of Libya’s ‘Great Man-Made River’



the kind of development approach needed on an emergency basis, to build up national economies across the multi-state region as the basis for peace. The immediate geophysical specifics are straightforward.

Figure 1 shows how the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer spreads under a large multi-nation region of northeast Africa, covering parts of Sudan, Egypt, Libya, and Chad. It is the world’s largest fossil-water reserve, and is strategically located near the center of the world’s largest continuous stretch of desert, spanning the Sahara to the Arabian Peninsula.

The locked-in Nubian lake basins underlie more than 2 million square kilometers of land—about 20 times the area of the Great Lakes of North America. There is not yet a definitive “age” of the system, nor historical flowpaths, but the consensus is that these deposits are geo-hydrologically only about 35,000 years young. The immense fossil-water volume is considered equivalent to about 500 years of average discharge of the Nile River.

Isotopic Studies Proposed

Isotopic studies are proposed by the Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority and other scientists, to get a refined reading on the geochemistry involved. Deep Aquifer samples can be analyzed. “Because the isotopic description is within the hydrogen-oxygen water molecule itself, samples can be ‘fin-

gerprinted' to understand the mix, flow, origins, and recharge processes," according to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Hydrologists have mapped the Nubian Aquifer reserves—including with satellite remote sensing as well as test drills, sufficiently to know that, although it is considered a "closed water system," the Aquifer complex of underground lake basins is so vast, and so little used, that it could easily provide supplies in the interim until nuclear-powered desalted seawater came on line.

"Fossil water is simply not renewable. But this doesn't mean that fossil water should be left under the ground. We need to develop and manage it wisely," is the view of the Director of Groundwater for the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Dr. Fatma Abdel Rahman Attia.

The Libyan Project

At present, the "Great Man-Made River" project in Libya (**Figure 2**) pumps water in the desert, and conveys it through a huge underground pipeline to Tripoli and other Mediterranean coastal population centers. In several Western Egypt desert oasis towns, pumping is supplying newly developed settlements.

Scientific caveats on how to plan to make best use of the groundwater are stressed by Egyptian geologist Dr. Rushdi Said. There is the depth factor. Speaking of western Egypt in a 2003 interview with *EIR*, Dr. Said said, "It's deep, and you need a lot of energy to lift it up out of the ground. So it will make agriculture very expensive. The solution is to use that limited fossil water for a more useful thing—into manufacturing. Use it for industry, rather than agriculture. . . . Just imagine that you will have a deep well of 600 meters below the surface of the Earth—2,000 feet to lift it up."

Dr. Said, who worked on the Libyan "Great River" project, shown in Figure 2, said that he had proposed a counterplan. "My suggestion was, rather than moving it to the North, just keep it there [in southern Libya]. And since you will have farmers from Egypt anyhow coming, bring them to the South. Because it's very expensive to transport that water. . . . The groundwater should be used where it is, and in manufacturing industries. First of all, it's fossil water. Once you get it, you don't replace it."

The recommendation, in Dr. Said's overview, is that there is a mutual interest for a division of labor between regions and countries in northeast Africa, based on resources. Sudan has great agriculture potential—with ample water in southern Sudan—"a beautiful area to develop." Egypt should use the fossil water for industrial development, until nuclear-desalted supplies come on-line. He said that "the best union you can have, is with the Sudan, of course. And that's why, the history of Egypt was tied with the Sudan all the time. The separation of the two countries is bad for the Sudan, and bad for Egypt."

Book Review

Nasser's Geologist: Use Resources; Grow!

by Marcia Merry Baker

Science and Politics in Egypt; A Life's Journey

by Rushdi Said

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In 2000, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, Egyptian geologist Rushdi Said, who was Director of the Geological Survey of Egypt, and activist on the Industrialization Commission for Gen. Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of Egypt (1954 to 1970), wrote his life story. His direct experience spans the key historic times of modern Egypt, from his birth one year after the attempted revolution for independence, led by the Wafd Party; to the 1936 gaining of limited sovereignty; through the years of World War II; independence in 1954; and events thereafter. Thus, this book—written first in Arabic, and since in English translation—is a fine resource for gaining insight for today's battle to defeat globalization, and restore the world's nations to economy-building, not neo-colonialism and war. In fact, the book includes a "Chronological Table of Events" from 1919 to 1981, for ease of reference.

What Said's firsthand expert account makes vividly clear is that the land, water, and mineral resource base of northeastern Africa is conducive to fabulous development potential for all peoples, given an international climate favoring economic advance among nations, instead of the geopolitical horrors that have been imposed over the past 40 years of "free trade" politics. His development viewpoint in turn spotlights how venal and stupid are those who are currently demanding war and invasion in the name of "helping" Darfur, instead of waging humanitarian relief and economic improvement.

Dr. Said identifies as a high point in his political life, his 12 years participating in the Interparliamentary Union, and his backing for the Non-Aligned Nations Movement. He represented Egypt in the Union, while he served in the Parliament of Egypt from 1964 to 1976; this had special significance, as

he is a Coptic Christian. He was very involved internationally. “The period I spent in the Union was among the most active in its life. During that period, the non-industrialized countries used the Union [founded in 1881, but functioning as a ‘European club’ until after WW II] as a platform to voice their hopes and to mobilize public opinion for their cases.”

For example, during the Spring of 1975, Dr. Said “decided to slate a proposal on the agenda of the council of the Union, which was meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to grant the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) observer status in the Union,” and he undertook other initiatives to try to make tangible gains in the situation for the Palestinians, despite all political odds internationally.

Said worked on many geophysical aspects of natural resources. He literally wrote the book on the Nile River: “The River Nile—Geology, Hydrology and Utilization,” published in 1993, by Pergamon Press. It is still a standard reference text for this part of the Earth. Before that he edited the definitive book, “The Geology of Egypt,” which was first published in 1962; with a new edition published in 1990 by Balkema in The Netherlands.

At periods of preparing this latter work, a new geological map of Egypt was undertaken, involving German scientists from the Technical University of Berlin. Said received an honorary doctorate from that institution, where most recently, he gave a lecture there on the “Desert of Egypt,” in September 2006.

In the preface to his book, Said summed up his last 40 years in this way, “My ventures in science and politics in Egypt took place during the three and a half decades that followed the end of World War II in 1945. These were the years of the Cold War that raged between the two superpowers that emerged after the end of the war. They were years of great tension but also of a relative peace that was maintained by the fear of annihilation that the two superpowers harbored, should the weapons of mass destruction that they had developed and amassed during and immediately after the war be used. During these years there was room for Third World countries to maneuver and to work in a somewhat independent or ‘non-aligned’ way. During the thirty-year period that followed the end of World War II, Egypt made use of this situation and chose the path of non-alignment. It was able to change its landscape and embark on an ambitious program of development. It built the Aswan High Dam that regulated the waters of the Nile and thereby converted Egypt into a modern nation that no longer had to live with the vagaries of the river, fearing the high floods that could inundate its land or the low floods that could cause scarcity in its water supply. It also embarked on an industrialization program that allowed Egypt to have a



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The Geological Survey team in front of the experimental phosphate mine, Abu Tartur plateau, in the Western Desert of Egypt, 1971. Dr. Said Rushdi is standing, second from right.

diversified economy and to create a cadre of entrepreneurs, managers, engineers, and scientists to manage it. My association with the program enabled me to do things that only my generation can boast of having had the chance to do. In addition to having had the opportunity of building up a new school of research in the university and reorganizing a scientific institution [Geological Survey of Egypt], I planned and supervised the opening of new mines, the laying down of railway lines, the building of a new harbor on the Red Sea, the construction of housing projects, and many other undertakings. This episode of Egypt’s history of non-alignment suffered a blow with the defeat of the Arab armies in the 1967 Arab-Israeli Six Day War. It was terminated altogether after the October 1973 Arab-Israeli War, when the new leadership of Egypt decided to shift course and part from the non-alignment policy. This shift was undertaken in a way that did not benefit Egypt. The 1970s saw the neglect and final dissolution of the industrialization program that Egypt had embarked upon, and the rise of a new class of corrupt beneficiaries. . . .”

Nasser-Era Economic Development

The 1950s-60s Nasser development years Said speaks of, have direct lessons for today. In 1960, “An ambitious industrial five-year plan was launched. The plan included the building of a steel mill, a variety of metallurgical manufacturing, food, fertilizer, and textile industries, and a naval base. At the end of the five years, the gross national product generated from industry exceeded that from agriculture for the first time in the history of Egypt.” Over the ten-year period from 1960 to 1970, the nation went from 10% of its gross national product

connected to industry, to 20%.

During this time, under Dr. Said's directorship of the Geological Survey, the program came to involve 800 scientists and 3,000 employees. They conducted critical surveys and projects throughout the nation, to assay mineral resources and prepare maps. This kind of systematic scientific endeavor, and especially the development of young scientists in the process of the work—a burning objective of Dr. Said—had never been undertaken during British rule. In 1970, Dr. Said started the new scientific periodical, "Annals of the Geological Survey of Egypt."

But the policy of "deliberate development" all ended in the 1970s. Following the death of Nasser in 1970, the Presidency of Anwar Sadat began moving towards the "Open Door" economic policy of foreign privatization and IMF conditionalities began to be imposed. In fact, in the Summer of 1981, Dr. Said himself came to be included on a list of 1,500 personalities to be jailed, including former ministers, leading journalists, and religious leaders. Said therefore remained in the United States, where he had been a visiting faculty member at Southern Methodist University in Texas, and temporarily located near Washington, D.C. Subsequently, in October 1982, his infamous "detainee" status was lifted, under President Hosni Mubarak. But Said had decided to relocate his family to the United States, and thereafter conduct geological consulting work back and forth to Egypt and internationally.

Youth in Science

The accompanying photo illustrates one aspect of Dr. Said's lifelong commitment: He championed the principle that a nation's youth must be raised up in science and culture, to serve the public good. During his time at the Geological Survey, as well as in his classroom teaching, Dr. Said purposely deployed youth to participate in scientific work to gain hands-on experience.

He relates one story in the book that makes the point. In 1969, the Geological Survey undertook a project to map the phosphate deposits in the desert near the Karga Oasis, at Abu Tartur, an extremely difficult place to camp and work.

Finally, Dr. Said one day announced to the team in the desert camp (shown in a 1971 photo), that he was forced to close the expedition, because there was no way of providing enough water for the test drilling operations, without running out a fleet of water tankers, which couldn't be done.

"My words took everybody aback and after a few minutes of silence, one of the young engineers assembled around the table suggested that we could overcome the problem if we were to use drilling machines that could use air rather than water for cooling. When I pointed out that we did not have any of these, he answered that he could convert the existing machines to work with air rather than with water. I thought the matter over for a moment and decided to take the young man's offer seriously. I asked him about his needs to effect this conversion and he said that he would need a place in the

workshop and the freedom to use its tools [of the Geological Survey at home base]. The next morning I took the young man to Cairo in my car. During the ten-hour trip I found out that he had graduated from the faculty of engineering, Cairo, and that his father had a small blacksmith's shop in the district of Subra where he used to work in Summer. Back in Cairo, I provided him with what he asked for. A month later, we had converted two of our machines to work with air rather than with water.

"The spirit of devotion and enthusiasm that was shown by this young man moved me and heightened my interest in the project. . . ."

Vast deposits were discovered, and Dr. Said and a team charted economic development plans, with a possible annual production of 10 millions of tons gross ore (7 million after treatment); he planned for infrastructure, housing, towns, and activities. "I also envisioned the project to have its own railway and port. . . ."

But in the ensuing years, the project was cancelled and abandoned under the anti-development regime forced on nations by the floating-exchange-rate system which followed the end of the Bretton Woods system in 1971. Cartel companies came to dominate which projects proceeded, and which did not. The world now faces the opportunity and necessity to end this domination. Young or old, *Science and Politics in Egypt* will inspire you.

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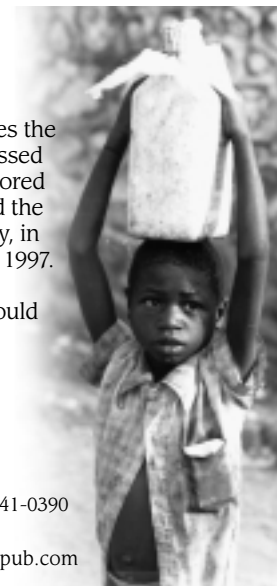
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Housing Bubble's Fate, Is Banking System's Destiny

by Richard Freeman

From 1992 through 2005, Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan built the biggest housing bubble in history. The bubble saturates every part of the U.S. economy. Especially from the beginning of 2001—when he threw the housing bubble into high gear—through October 2006, Greenspan transformed the housing sector from its vital but demarcated role of providing decent, affordable housing, into a distorted giant that was made to become the prime prop for both the physical and financial sides of the U.S. economy.

Using such risky gimmicks as minimum-payment mortgages and cash-out refinancing, Greenspan jacked up the price of homes, in “hot” housing regions, by \$20,000-\$100,000 per year, and most importantly, jacked up the level of mortgages that could be attached to homes, so that bankers could attach mortgages of \$400,000-\$5 million to vastly overvalued properties. Homes were only tertiarily dwellings; primarily, they were financial assets, from which bankers and speculators could make killings, engorging many fees up front.

Part of the housing bubble's income streams was diverted into other segments of the economy. The cash extracted from the inflated value of the nation's homes is the biggest source of funds for consumer spending, far larger than credit cards. In a somewhat related vein, according to a study by Merrill Lynch, funds derived from borrowing against the value of homes, and related activities, accounted for 55% of the so-called GDP growth in the U.S. economy during 2005.

The tail is wagging the dog.

Currently, financial institutions make \$3 trillion in mortgage loans (originations) each year. These finance the purchase of homes, but also find their way into consumer spending and speculation. The banks have fallen head over heels into housing lending and investment, finding unparalleled profit there. As this article will show, U.S. commercial banks and savings and loan associations combined, have lent or

invested *half of their total outstanding assets into real estate.*

The matter deepens. Several levels of speculation, including trillions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities and derivatives, were built upon this bubble. Most suggestively, some of the biggest buyers of these instruments are the central banks of China, Japan, and Britain, which have provided substantial funds to the U.S. housing bubble.

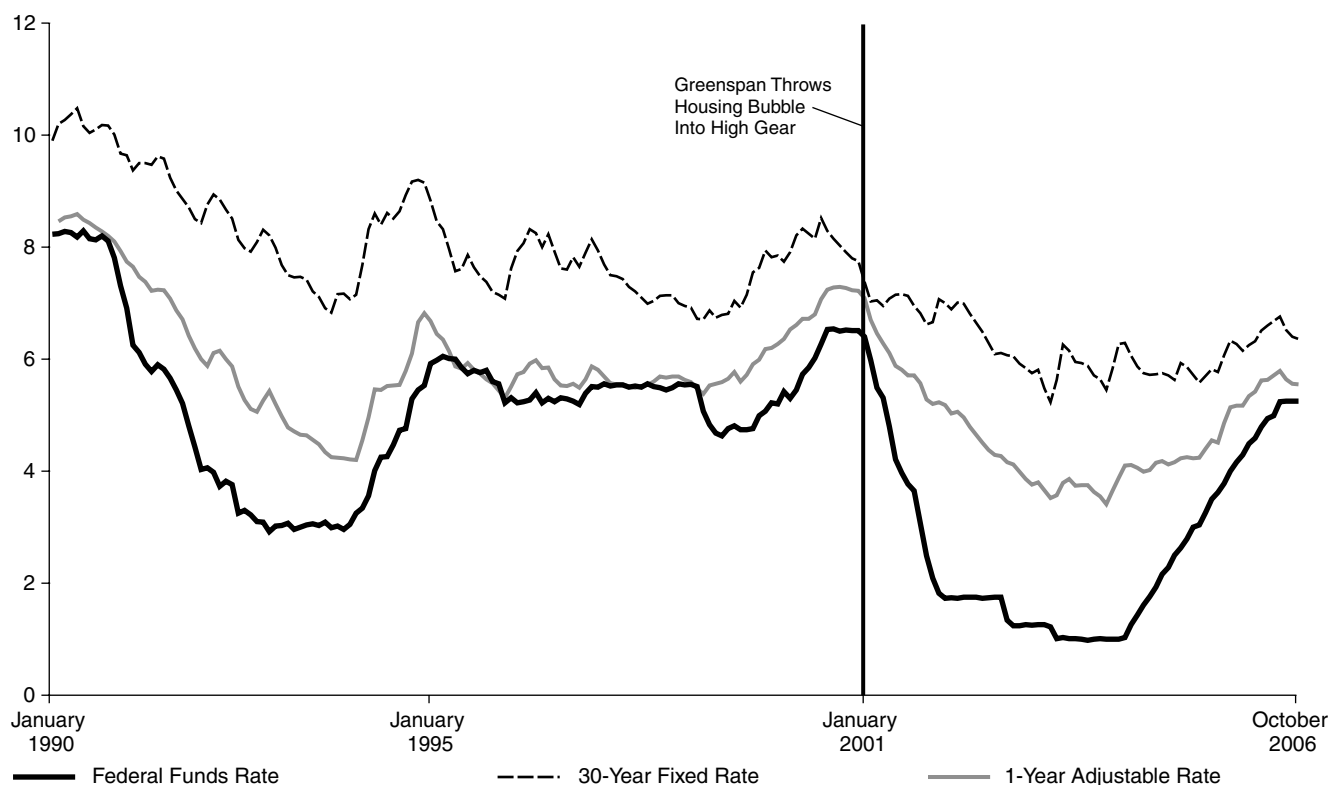
Now, the Greenspan housing bubble is disintegrating. Home sales and prices are plunging. During October 2006, new single-family home construction starts—which are the bulk of new home construction starts—fell 31.8% nationally, compared to October 2005. RealtyTrac, which tracks foreclosures, reported Nov. 17 that during the first ten months of 2006 through October, more than 1 million U.S. household home properties entered some stage of foreclosure, an increase of 27% from the comparable period in 2005. *Households experiencing job loss and pay cuts simply do not have the living standard to afford usurious mortgages. This is the key factor that is the undoing of the housing bubble.*

In its Nov. 17 issue, *EIR* showed on the physical-economic side, that the bursting of the housing bubble potentially will eliminate between 1.5 and 1.7 million jobs, during the next 12 months—in residential construction directly, and in housing-related areas (see “Bursting Housing Bubble To Take 1.5 Million Jobs”).

In this article, we concentrate on the rupture of the financial bubble, causing the certain decimation of the housing sector per se, the \$15 trillion-plus mortgage market, and consumer spending. Above all, as the U.S. banks have invested half of their assets in real estate, the bubble's disintegration will cause a meltdown of the banks, and the dollar-based world financial system. The financial system's *systemic* disintegration will intensify the physical-economic collapse, and vice versa.

FIGURE 1

Greenspan Drove Down Interest Rates To Build Housing Bubble



Source: U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors, "Table H.15: Selected Interest Rates."

The newly elected Democratic-controlled Congress will stare this situation in the face as it takes office in January. In his Nov. 16 international webcast, Lyndon LaRouche, the world's leading economist, presented the principles of bankruptcy-reorganization for the sick world financial system, spelling out the process to restart the U.S. economy and reverse the crisis.

Sir Alan 'Bubbles' Greenspan

Former Fed chairman Greenspan, the apostle of fascist Ayn Rand, has a single capability: building bubbles. These bubbles suck the economy dry.

In October 1987, the U.S. stock market crashed, and Greenspan, who had assumed the Fed chairmanship only in August of that year, responded with a stratagem that had two steps: 1) pump money into the banking system; and 2) build up derivatives to counteract the falling stock market bubble. Today, the derivatives market has grown to more than \$500 trillion in notional value worldwide: They are a cancer eating the world financial system.

During the 1990s, Greenspan used the Fed to pump up the "Information Technology"/dot.com bubble, and secondarily,

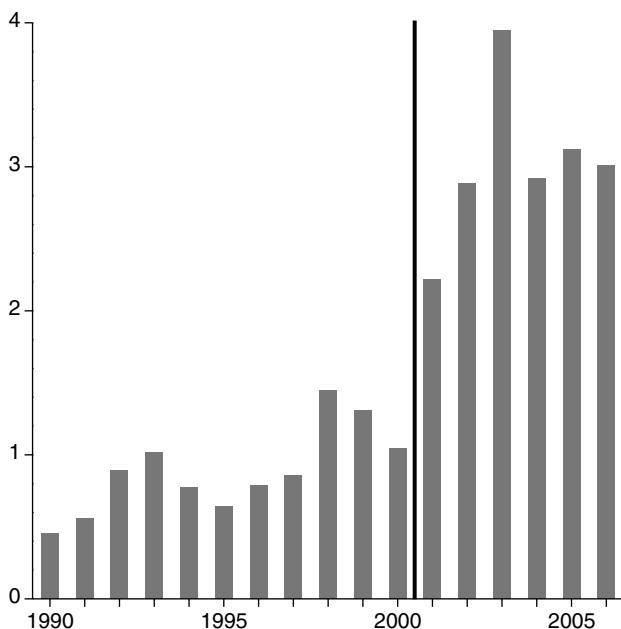
the housing bubble. Greenspan lauded the benefits to the economy of what he misidentified as "technology." In March 2000, the NASDAQ stock market index, heavily laden with IT stocks, crashed, leaping from its peak of 5,040 to 1,800, a fall of 64%. The stock market crash threatened to implode the world financial system. After turning on the printing presses to "stabilize" the system temporarily, Greenspan deliberately decided to build the housing bubble to replace the IT bubble. Starting in 2001, Greenspan pushed through 13 cuts in the Federal funds rate (the rate at which banks lend overnight money); by August 2003, the Federal fund rate stood at 1%, its lowest level in 40 years. By design, this pulled down the interest rate on 1-year adjustable rate mortgages, and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages (see **Figure 1**).

Greenspan knew that banks would fatten up from the real estate bubble. Working with such secondary housing market giant agencies as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Greenspan saw to it that a huge volume of money swept into housing. He was completely aware of, and helped engineer, the spillover effect of the housing bubble into other sectors of the economy. Speaking before the Senate Banking Committee July 16, 2002 Greenspan boasted that his money-pumping had created

FIGURE 2

Annual U.S. Single-Family Home New Mortgage Loan Originations

(\$ Trillions)



Sources: Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (Ofheo); EIR.

“very low levels of mortgage interest rates,” which has been instrumental in “buoying spending.” Greenspan said, “the very low level of mortgage interest rates . . . encouraged households to purchase homes, refinance debt . . . and extract equity from homes to finance expenditures.”

Home Mortgage Originations

Greenspan, in concert with the bankers, altered the character of the home and the housing market. A home, ultimately, is a place to raise productive and creative human beings, where children are nurtured and educated. It should be well-built, and affordable for the lower 80% of the population. Since 2001, this has not been true. Many new homes of the McMansion variety are tarpaper shacks, constructed with inferior materials, but having, for show, gold faucets in the bathrooms.

Alongside the change of the home to inferior quality, the financiers and Greenspan profoundly altered the very character of the housing market in such a far-reaching manner, that it became nearly a different species, almost unrecognizable from the standpoint of the pre-2001 housing market. There were changes in the volume of mortgage loans, the types of mortgages, and the spread of the loot from the housing sector to different sectors of the economy.

Figure 2 shows the new mortgage loan originations,

which represent the volume of new mortgage loans that the financial institutions make each year to an individual or individuals. The individual can use the mortgage loan either to purchase a home (that home may be either a newly built home, or an existing home), or to refinance the mortgage on the home that the individual is currently living in (usually, extracting cash from the loan). Until 2001, the volume of new home mortgage originations had never exceeded \$1.45 trillion in the United States for any single year. But once Greenspan went into high gear, he and the banks drove new home mortgage originations to the level of \$2.22 trillion in 2001, and \$3.95 trillion in 2003. During 2004 and 2005, new home mortgage originations were approximately \$3 trillion per year. In the span of 2001-2005, \$15 trillion in new mortgages were originated, *three times* the financial volume of the mortgage market in the previous five-year period.

An upwardly rigged volume of mortgage financing/originations is the *sine qua non* for a speculative housing market. A speculator can buy a home for \$250,000 and sell it for \$400,000, because the mortgage financing is *always available* and the requirements to get a loan are easy—easier in fact, than getting a driver’s license. Once a price bidding war for homes is set off—and if the home owner is brainwashed that his home is an easily marketable asset, like platinum—then he will either sell his home for a profit, or he will take out a new loan against the artificially inflated value of his house, and use some of that borrowed money for consumer expenditures. As for the banks, they have manufactured the ideal situation, being able to attach larger and larger mortgages to the same property, as it trades several times, and earn ever larger interest income.

For example, consider a home whose selling price doubled from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The bank that finances the transaction now stands to make a new loan twice as large. Even if, to consummate the deal, the bank must offer a slightly lower interest rate on the \$500,000 mortgage than it did on the \$250,000 mortgage, it would still earn much more total interest income. Each year, the banks’ collective mortgage interest income reached new records. On top of that, the banks had earned several fees, for each of the tens of thousands of mortgages they transacted.

Exotic Mortgages

A record level of mortgage loan originations could only be fully achieved, if the number of people who “qualified” for such loans could be increased. This was accomplished by desecration of loan standards.

The fixed rate, 30-year mortgage was the standard mortgage loan in the United States until 1982. In that year, the Congress, at the banks’ behest, passed legislation that would permit the banks to issue variable or adjustable rate mortgage loans (ARMs). The interest rate on the ARM floats, and is usually reset every six months. If benchmark interest rates, to which the ARM interest rate is calibrated, are rising, the ARM interest rate could and does soar into the double-digit level.

Around 2001, the banks went beyond ARMs, and resorted to using “exotic” or non-traditional mortgages, which are so dangerous that they border on the criminal. We give the example of two exotic mortgage loans.

- *Interest-Only Mortgage.* These are mortgages in which the home purchaser is permitted to take out the first few years of a long-term mortgage—a period of anywhere from 2 to 5 years—at a fixed, low, teaser rate of interest of 2-3%. During this initial period, the home buyer pays no principal, only interest at this lower rate. After the initial period is over, the mortgage “resets,” and the home-buyer must start paying principal, and also pay an adjustable rate of interest, which is higher than the teaser rate. This leads to a shock, as the amount of monthly payment required often jumps by 50% or more.

- *Minimal Payment Loan.* This loan is even more devastating than the interest-only loan, having the additional feature that during the mortgage loan’s initial period of 2-5 years, the borrower not only pays no principal, but also pays only *part* of the interest. The amount of interest he does not pay is recapitalized, i.e., added into the loan. Thus the loan amount due becomes *larger over time*.

Speculators utilize these loans to buy and sell property. The speculators figure that they will be in and out of the properties (and thus the loans), within a year, and will never have to pay the loans. However, when the housing market crashes, and the speculators can’t sell their properties, as is happening in Arizona with sales falling by 34%, the speculators are stuck with the loans, which they can’t pay. The other type of person who takes out this type of loan is the person with bad credit, who contracts the loan in the hope that he or she could own a house. Within months, that person is often in the process of foreclosure.

Nationally, nontraditional or exotic loans increased to 39% of all mortgage loan originations made during the first half of 2006, compared to 33% of all mortgage originations during the last half of 2005, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported Oct. 23. Until 2001, fewer than 4% of homebuyers took out the risky nontraditional loans.

Cash-Out Refinancing

With these wing-dings as impetus, the housing bubble took off. From 2000 through 2005, the volume of total homes sales (combined new and existing homes sales) in the United States leapt by 34%, reaching a peak of 8.36 million total homes sales in 2005.

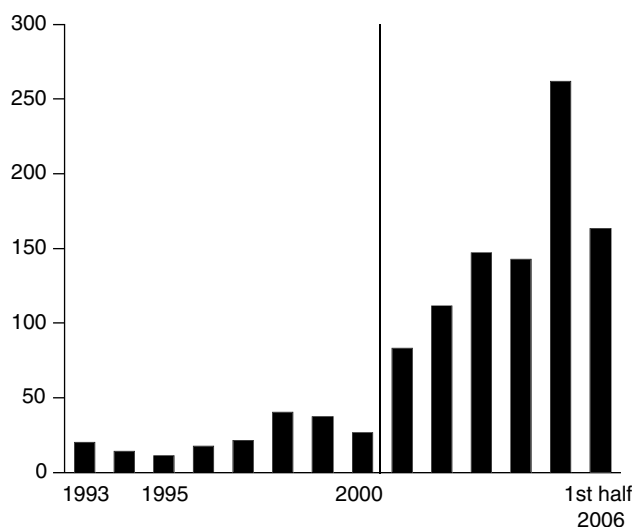
What were the funds generated in the housing bubble that spilled over into the U.S. economy, and how did that occur? As reported earlier, during 2005, some \$3 trillion in new home mortgage loan originations were issued. A portion of that \$3 trillion financed the just referenced record total homes sales; the remaining portion of that went into cash-out refinancing.¹

1. A cash-out refinancing functions as follows: Assume that a person owns a home that has a market value of \$200,000. Through housing appreciation, two years later it is worth \$300,000. Assume that the person had a \$200,000

FIGURE 3

Cash-Out Refinancing Grows

(\$ Billions)



Source: Freddie Mac.

Prior to 2001, cash-out refinancing was relatively minor. But that changed when Greenspan launched the housing bubble big-time in 2001. **Figure 3** depicts how cash-out refinancing rose almost vertically, reaching a level of \$261 billion in 2005. One quarter of a trillion dollars is a substantial figure; if even three-fifths of that is spent, it is more than the yearly increase in credit card borrowing, and has a big impact on the economy. (Note that the figure on the amount of cash extracted from cash-out refinancing comes from Freddie Mac, and may be an understatement. It should be kept in mind that some of the information drawn from cited sources may have some problems of reliability; the overview we are presenting here should be seen as an approximation.)

Alongside cash-out refinancing, the “wealth effect” as it is called, has reflected streams of funds that the housing bubble poured into the economy. In scores of key regions throughout the United States, the market value of a household home rose as a result of the housing bubble. Between 2000 and 2005, American households’ total asset “wealth” jumped from \$47.5 trillion to \$62.2 trillion, the greatest increase in America’s history. *Directly, 54% of that asset increase, is attributable to the housing bubble* (see **Table 1**). A joint study by the Joint Center for Housing at Harvard University and Macroeconomic Advisers (commissioned by the National Association of Realtors), suggests that every \$1 increase in the value

mortgage on the home. He goes to a bank and refinances the mortgage to \$300,000, corresponding to the market value of the home. He uses \$200,000 of that money to pay off the \$200,000 first mortgage. That leaves \$100,000. This amount is said to be cashed-out or extracted from the value of the home. The homeowner can employ the \$100,000 for whatever he wants.

TABLE 1

Housing Bubble Dominated Increase in Household Total Assets, 2000-05

	Household Total Assets (\$ Trillions)	Household Real Estate Assets (\$ Trillions)
2000	\$47.5	\$11.4
2005	\$62.3	\$19.5
Increase from 2000 to 2005	\$ 14.8	\$ 8.1
Household real estate assets' increase as percent of the household total assets' increase: 54%		

Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, "Table Z-1: Flow of Funds"; *EIR*.

TABLE 2

Housing-Related Factors as Percent of Growth in GDP

2001	26%
2002	36%
2003	38%
2004	40%
2005	55%

Source: David Rosenberg and Kathleen Bostjancic, in the Aug. 15, 2005 issue of Merrill Lynch's *Economic Commentary*, and in the Feb. 10, 2006 issue of Merrill Lynch's *The Market Economist*; *EIR*.

of real estate assets leads to consumer spending of about 5.5 cents. This increase in real estate asset wealth in 2005 would have generated several hundred billion dollars that could be used for consumer spending.

But cash-out refinancing and the real estate wealth effect are merely two of several avenues by which the housing bubble gushed funds into the overall economy. Additional avenues include home equity lines and realized capital gains from home sales, etc. In adding all the avenues together, *EIR* concluded that during 2005, the housing bubble created \$750 billion in funds that were generated by, or borrowed against, the inflated values of homes; a sizable portion of this \$750 billion was used for consumer spending. This was an immense kick and prop to the economy.

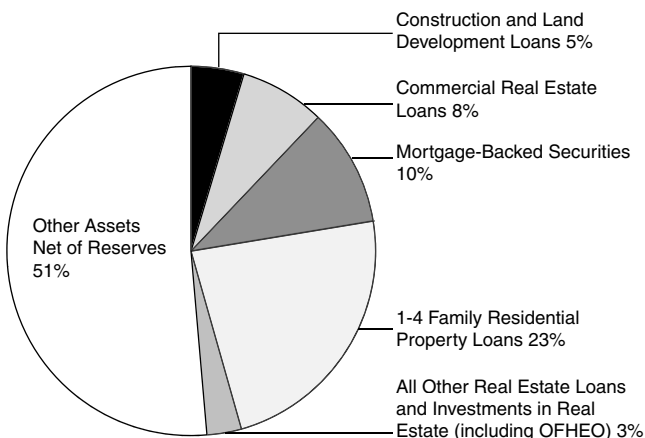
Two Merrill Lynch economists, David Rosenberg and Kathleen Bostjancic, did a helpful study adding up all the factors by which the housing bubble affected the economy, and compared the sum to the annual growth of Gross Domestic Product. The study concluded that during 2005, the housing bubble accounted for 55% of so-called Gross Domestic Product growth (see **Table 2**).

However, most revealing is that *Alan Greenspan has himself, personally, been studying how much funds the housing-bubble generates into other portions of the economy for at least 15 years*. In September 2005, he and Federal Reserve

FIGURE 4

Real Estate Assets as a Percent of U.S. Banks' and Savings & Loans' Total Assets

(Total Assets=\$11.75 Trillion, Sept. 30, 2006)



Source: U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

economist James Kennedy, issued a study.² Kennedy compiled a table for the study in which he projects that during 2005, some \$750 billion in funds were extracted in one way or another against housing, a portion of which could be used in the general economy. The study, which comports with what is known—but seldom reported by published analysts—indicates that Greenspan has known all along what effect he was creating.

In the physically collapsing U.S. economy, consumer spending fostered by the housing bubble was one of the only forces holding up the economy from deeper collapse. What happens to the economy as the major source of funds for consumer spending evaporates, when the housing bubble pops?

The Banking System

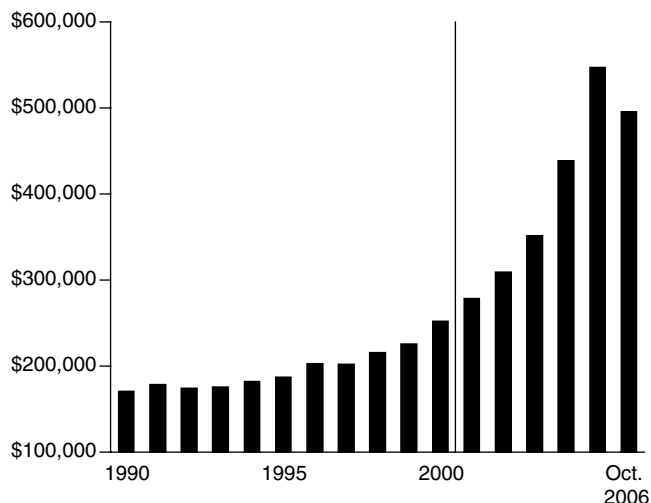
The capstone of this process is the banks' integrated relationship with the housing bubble. In tandem with Greenspan, the banks engineered the housing bubble; they made super-profits from it; now, they are so inseparable from the housing bubble, that the bubble's fate is theirs.

As of Sept. 30, 2006, as **Figure 4** shows, U.S. commercial banks and savings and loan associations amassed combined assets of \$11.75 trillion. A bank's assets consist of two principal kinds: its ownership of bonds and securities, such as a U.S. Treasury bond, or a mortgage-backed security; and the bank's loans. (For the borrower, the loan is a liability; for the

2. "Estimates of Home Mortgage Originations, Repayments, and Debt on One-to-Four Family Residences," by Alan Greenspan and James Kennedy.

FIGURE 5

Average Sale Price for Single-Family Home in Loudoun County, Virginia



Source: Dulles Area Association of Realtors.

bank, it will get back its principal and some interest, hence this is an asset.)

Of the banks' total assets, 48.7%—which represents \$5.73 trillion—are indissolubly tied up with real estate, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Put another way, one out of every two dollars of assets in the entire U.S. banking system is mired in real estate, the highest real estate concentration the American banking system's history. Figure 4 shows that 23% of all the banking system's assets are loans to 1-4 family residential properties; another 10% are ownership holdings of risky Mortgage-Backed Securities; and so forth.

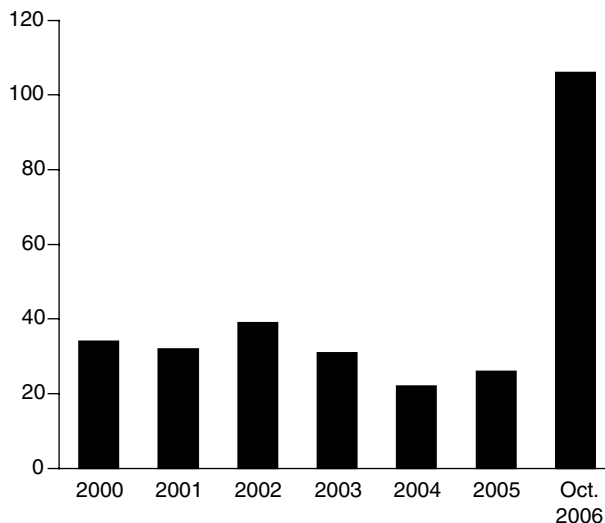
A deepening of home foreclosures—now over the one million mark for the year—leads to the possibility of mass defaults if households can't pay their mortgages. The latest announced round of Ford Motor layoffs, for example, defines a reality of firings and pay cuts, which means that millions of households will exceed 60 days in arrears on mortgage payments. Default is a process the banking system cannot digest, and just for that reason, in September, Freddie Mac announced that it was putting together the equivalent of a SWAT team, that would operate with banks across the country in an attempt to stop defaults. Freddie Mac's effort represents the futility of King Canute trying to hold back the sea.

What defaults will do to a U.S. banking system with \$5.7 trillion in real estate paper, is unmistakable. If even one-twentieth of that real estate paper defaults, it will wipe out the equity of the banks.

This is a form of bankruptcy. The danger goes far beyond the United States. The United States is the center of the dollar-

FIGURE 6

Average Number of Days on the Market for Unsold Single-Family Home in Loudoun County, Virginia



Source: Dulles Area Association of Realtors.

based world financial system, and a breakdown of that system will bring down every large bank in the world. Simultaneously, the failure of trillions of dollars of housing-based derivatives will decimate the derivatives market.

The fate of the housing bubble, and the banking system, is writ large in Loudoun County, Virginia, which Lyndon LaRouche has identified as ground-zero for the bursting of the bubble. There is not a unitary national real estate market, but regions, including some where speculative investments are most active. **Figure 5** approximately represents that prior to Greenspan's 2001 push of the housing bubble into overdrive, the average price of a Loudoun County home was \$251,000 in 2000. By 2005, the average price had risen to \$547,000. But a new downward trajectory is operating now; by October 2006, the average home price had dropped to \$495,000.

Figure 6 shows the number of days a Loudoun home is on the market. In 2005, it was 26 days; in October of this year, it is 106 days.

The insane decision by Greenspan to build the housing bubble, has extended the bubble's reach into every nook and cranny of the economy, interconnecting to consumer spending, the banking system, etc. Effectively, Greenspan is now on a national tour, talking up housing. Speaking about the housing bubble at a Charles Schwab investment conference Nov. 6, the discredited Greenspan said, "The worst is behind us."

He is wrong; the worst is just ahead.

American System Needed To Build Eurasian Railroad

by Mary Burdman

Transport and railway ministers of 18 Eurasian nations signed the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway (TAR) Network on Nov. 10, during the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Ministerial Transport conference in Busan, Republic of Korea. The Agreement signed by this core group among the 28 ESCAP member nations, is of great strategic significance because, after almost ten years, it will help put one of the world's most important Great Projects, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, on the front burner once again. But there is one big problem: The Agreement sets the entire TAR project in the context of "the ongoing process of globalization"—a process which is looting, rather than developing, the economies of Russia and the nations of Asia. In fact, the "Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific," states that the transport ministers of the ESCAP nations welcome "the development of an international integrated intermodal transport system, which the region needs in order to meet the growing challenges of globalization."

The Trans-Asian Railway project began in 1960 with a study of how to connect the 14,000 kilometers of railroad from Singapore, through Southeast Asia, India, Pakistan, and Iran to Turkey. Almost 50 years later, these strategic rail links still have not been built. The first critical breakthrough since the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railroad in the early 20th Century, was made in the early 1990s, when China finally completed its rail link to Kazakhstan, creating the Second Continental Euro-Asian Bridge from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast of Europe. Then, in 1996, Iran completed its first rail link to Turkmenistan, opening Central Asia to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

As a result of these developments, the conception of the TAR has been transformed from an Asian regional project to a fully Eurasian network of railroads linking economic centers, national capitals, and seaports and landports, as the new UNESCAP map of the project shows. The Agreement "lays out a framework for cooperation among railways in the region, and, very importantly, it identifies international stations of importance," Barry Cable, transport and tourism director of ESCAP, said at Busan. These include landports which will become key transshipment points in the vast Eurasian hinterlands. "We expect these railway 'dry ports' to be the new centers of economic growth," Cable said. While 13

of the world's 20 largest container seaports are in Asia, there are fewer than 100 "dry ports," compared to 200 in Europe and 370 in the United States.

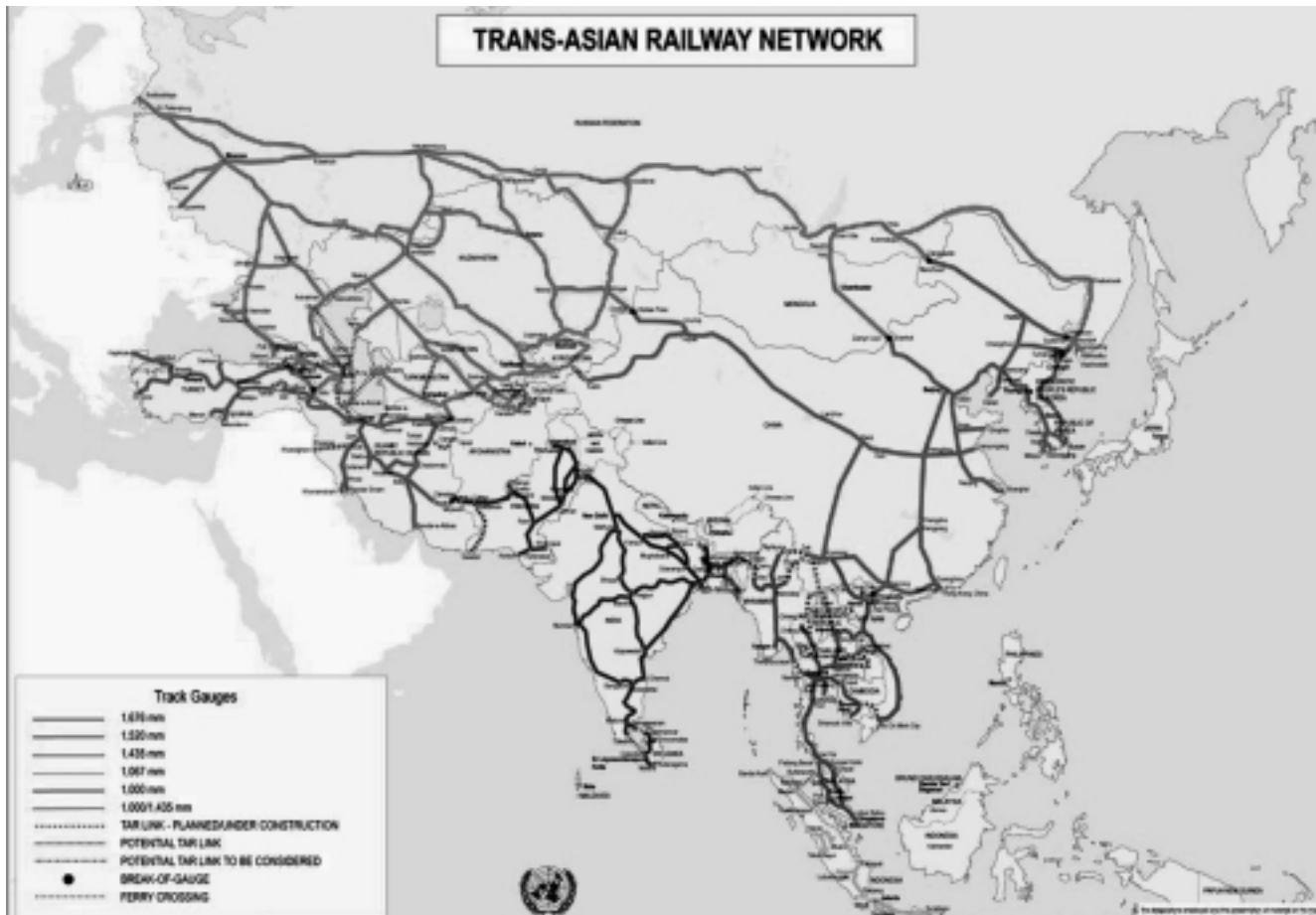
In 1992, ESCAP began the Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development project, to single out the "rail lines of international importance" which can best aid economic growth in internal regions. This is the origin of the Trans-Asian Railway Network. The TAR includes four corridors: the Northern Corridor, which links the Korean Peninsula, Russia, China, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia; the Southern Corridor, which links Bangladesh, southern China, India, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka; the ASEAN and Indo-China corridors; and the North-South Corridor from Northern Europe via Russia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus to the Persian Gulf.

However, in comparison to the strategic importance of this project, the TAR policy is far too limited to accomplish what must be done. Crucial "missing links" still have to be built, fast. Several different rail gauges are used throughout Eurasia, from the former Soviet Union, to China, and to the Indian Subcontinent. While ESCAP promotes use of the modern technologies which can ensure efficient cross-gauge connections, and modern container technology necessary for "international intermodal traffic," the more important technological breakthrough—the high-speed rail technology necessary to traverse Eurasia's vast distances—is not even discussed. Of the ESCAP nations, only China has a plan to build a high-speed connection.

Most important, the vital issue of how to generate the national and international credits needed for this great project, is not grasped at UNESCAP.

Missing Links

There are some 6,500 km of "missing links" in the 81,000 km of railroads of the ESCAP Eurasian nations (these do not include Japan, Afghanistan, or the Philippines). The current disconnected state of Eurasian railroads is due to the effects of 200 years of geopolitics and (especially) British imperialism. Thus, the entire Indian Subcontinent is still *not* connected by rail either to Europe, Central or Southeast Asia. Within a year, Iran will finally be able to finish building the rail connection between Kerman and Zahedan, which is linked to the Pakistani rail system and eventually to India,



Source: UNESCAP.

Iranian Transport Minister Mohammad Rahmati announced Nov. 18.

The Korean peninsula and Japan are not connected to Eurasia by rail, although South Korea finished its rail lines right up to the North Korean border in 2004. Although North Korea is a member of the TAR network, Pyongyang did not send a delegation to the Busan conference. However, “ESCAP and Russia are working hard to lure North Korea to join the program. Without the North’s affiliation, South Korea would be like a stranded island in the project,” Yonhap news agency quoted South Korean Transport Ministry official Lee In-sik on Nov. 10. In Southeast Asia, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar are still not linked to the Indian Subcontinent and China, and the “Shanghai to Paris” railroad from northwest China over the Pamirs to Osh in Kyrgyzstan, still is not built. Afghanistan has *no* railroads at all!

The ESCAP members who signed the Agreement—which was proposed by the Russian Federation, according to RIA Novosti—are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Russian Federation, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. Eight governments

must ratify the agreement for it to come into effect, and other nations have up to two years to join.

The ESCAP Agreement lays out the “railway lines of international importance” in the network, with all the links, including maritime, and emphasizes that “all lines are of equal importance within the TAR network.”

Kim Hak-su, executive secretary of UNESCAP, said at the conference that the Northern Corridor “is existing and operational,” but acknowledged that the Southern Corridor is the least developed. “It may cost a lot of money to construct this missing link,” Kim said. ASEAN estimates about \$2.5 billion would be needed to connect the missing links alone, and the railroads of Bangladesh, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos need much more investment to even reach the technological status required to join the TAR system.

China, South Korea, and Russia are all major backers of the TAR, Kim Hak-su said. “Russia is very excited, and also their Trans-Siberian Railway is well-established.” “They have doubled lines, and then they electrified all the TSR from Nakhodka, Vladivostok, to St. Petersburg. And it can be also linked easily to Helsinki.” Russian Deputy Transport Minister Alexander Misharin told the conference that Russia is striving



UNESCAP

Ministers posed with UNESCAP Executive Secretary Kim Hak-su after the signing of the Trans-Asian Railway Network Agreement in Busan, Republic of Korea, on Nov. 10.

to modernize its huge rail network, including the Trans-Siberian connection to Korea, in support of the TAR.

Chinese Deputy Railway Minister Wang Zhiguo said that China “ardently” backs the Eurasian rail project. “The Chinese economy continues to grow through efforts to improve and maintain efficient transport and logistic systems,” Wang said in a speech to the Busan conference. “We are signing the agreement because we can fulfil many of our goals in transport with it.” Indeed, on Nov. 22, China’s National Development and Reform Commission announced in Shanghai that the government will invest 1.5 trillion yuan (\$190 billion) to increase its rail lines to 90,000 km by 2010, the biggest such investment in Chinese history.

‘The American System’

“It would be such a nice project if it gets started. But it needs a lot of money,” AFP quoted Russian delegation member Yury Kolesnikov. There’s “the rub.” Barry Cable said that ratifying the TAR Agreement would encourage international lenders such as the Asian Development Bank to “seriously consider” loan requests for building or improving rail lines from TAR nations, some of whom are “in desperate need” of finance.

The UNESCAP document on “Financing of transport infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships,” published for the Busan conference on Oct. 3, demonstrates the depth of the problem. ESCAP studies estimate that construction of the “missing links” of the TAR alone will cost some \$23.5 billion, with another \$18 billion for road construction.

In all infrastructure sectors, a recent ESCAP study estimates an investment *gap* of \$83 billion per year in infrastructure alone, until 2015. This gap is based on World Bank studies which claim that just a yearly 7% of GDP investment is

“required” for transport. But even at this abysmally low level, “in general, there is a huge shortfall in infrastructure investment in most countries,” the report admits.

As U.S. economist Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly emphasized, the only successful way to build infrastructure is to use the American System of large-scale, long-term, low-interest government investment. Governments, to provide for the General Welfare, should be investing some half of their resources in infrastructure of all kinds, to build the economy so that the next generations’ needs are met over a span of 25-50 years. Private funding cannot do this, but should focus on high technology innovation and production. Now, given the bankruptcy of the vast international financial bubble, “private financing” means only that populations are being directly taxed to sustain the bubble, for a few weeks longer. In fact, private sector investment in Asian infrastructure had grown “dramatically” up until the 1997 crash of the Asian financial bubble, the ESCAP report admits.

The ESCAP financial proposal asserts that governments are “finding it increasingly difficult to meet their funding needs” from “traditional” sources for transport infrastructure: government budgets, domestic and foreign loans, and official development assistance. Instead of proposing a return to the American System, as carried out under Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal, ESCAP discusses “recent trends” such as “user taxes,” debt financing, tolls, and private fund investment.

In China, India, Indonesia, and the rest of Asia, up to 70% of the population is extremely poor, earning less than the equivalent of \$100 *a year*. To impose further tolls, taxes, and profits for international investors, on these populations, is highway robbery of current and future generations. Only American System investment for the future will build the Eurasian Land-Bridge these populations so urgently need.

Social Dems Embrace Financial ‘Locusts’

by Rainer Apel

Almost exactly 18 months ago, the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) seemed to be back in touch with economic-financial reality, when their then-party chairman Franz Müntefering declared war on the hedge funds, or, as he put it, “locusts that are swarming out to eat our factories.” The SPD demanded legislation to protect industry from takeover by the locust funds, and bankers were getting rather nervous about this political campaign. The Social Dems, usually propitiatory to financial market players, had been influenced by a political campaign by the German LaRouche Movement, for government action against speculative capital operations. In July 2005, the SPD’s Chancellor Gerhard Schröder even stepped forward with an initiative for “more transparency of hedge fund operations,” at the G-8 Summit in Britain, but he met stonewalling by the U.S. President and the British Prime Minister. With a bit more commitment to a real industrial recovery, the Social Democrats would have won the September 2005 election; instead, they lost by a small margin to the Christian Democrats (CDU-CSU).

Out of Touch With Reality

Two developments after the election were crucial, in crushing this anti-speculation ferment among the Social Dems: 1) the formation of a Grand Coalition government with the CDU-CSU; 2) the overthrow of Müntefering at the party top, and his and his executive’s replacement by the “young SPD,” which is friendly toward the “markets,” resembling the supporters of synarchist banker Felix Rohatyn among the U.S. Democrats. Consequently, all efforts to revitalize the “anti-locust” ferment during 2006, were watered down by the new leadership. The SPD kept losing touch with reality, which is also visible in strange “assessments” by leading Social Democrats after the U.S. midterm elections, that U.S. Democrats around Al Gore and George Soros had won the vote on Nov. 7. Coincidence or not: Soros was just in Berlin, when the “young SPD” on Nov. 20 presented its draft for a party program.

The draft paper repudiates everything Müntefering had tried to accomplish, while parroting the line given out by Lazard Bank’s Germany boss John Kornblum (the former U.S. Ambassador to Germany) and his friends at the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany: namely, that equity

and other such funds bring 30 billion euros annually into Germany, thereby securing 800,000 jobs. The same argument was used last year, when the funds and their friends talked Chancellor Schröder out of moving against hedge funds effectively, so that only his rump initiative of calling for “more transparency” remained.

The new draft program pays some lip service to the need for regulation of financial markets, but also calls for Germany to become “more attractive to alternate investment forms like pension funds,” saying that “a productive financial site depends on an active private equity branch. Meanwhile, financial investors invest about 30 billion euros in Germany, annually. Firms financed with this capital, secure more than 800,000 jobs. The importance of private equity in the coming years will significantly increase for the *Mittelstand* [small and medium-sized productive enterprises], as well as for corporate takeovers. Because of that, we will bring about reasonable conditions for the German private equity branch. We will also improve the competitiveness of already regulated German hedge funds.”

The fact that the draft paper also calls for the “expansion of private-public-partnerships (PPP) in public infrastructure,” such as housing, transport, water, and energy supply, fits with the promotion of hedge and equity funds. These PPPs are the project of Felix Rohatyn and his global synarchist associates, as *EIR* has documented.

Windmills and ‘Bio Plastics’

The other alarming feature of the draft paper is its push for more deconstruction of industry in favor of foolish and hysterical notions of environmental protection, and its stubborn insistence that Germany become a non-nuclear nation by 2021. The “young SPD” calls for “the expansion of the use of renewable energy sources,” and it wants industry to reorient towards the “green markets,” which means manufacturing solar cells and other such products, “eco design and bio plastics.” This, the paper calls “the third industrial revolution.”

Fortunately, not all party members and voters of the SPD think alike. For example in eastern Germany, which was reunified with western Germany only in 1990, voters are less brainwashed by the greenie ideology. But also in the western parts of Germany, repeated problems with the windmill parks which the ecologists installed during the 1990s, have convinced many that in an era of crude oil and other energy prices speculation, a return to nuclear power may not be such a bad idea.

The problem is the new leadership of the SPD, which is preventing any debate inside the Grand Coalition government about a return to nuclear power. The SPD membership has to revolt against the leaders, to get the party back into touch with reality. And as in early 2005, the programmatic input and mass organizing by the LaRouche Movement will play a crucial role, in that transformation of the Social Democrats.

Carville: Dean Sabotaged Nov. 7 Democratic Landslide

by Debra Hanania Freeman

The Nov. 7 election was a very sweet victory. The American electorate voiced their emphatic disgust with the current Bush Administration by giving Democrats control of both the House and Senate. But, sweet as that victory may be, the fact is that Howard Dean's Democratic National Committee bungled a critical opportunity to make the kind of historic gains that would have provided Democrats with an overwhelming—perhaps even veto-proof—majority in the House and a more stable majority in the Senate. And, every competent professional political strategist in the nation knows it. Nevertheless, when leading Democratic strategist James Carville broke with company manners on Nov. 15, and called for Dean's ouster before a gathering of newsmakers and reporters at a *Christian Science Monitor* breakfast, it set off a storm of controversy that has yet to calm down.

Carville's appearances at the post-election *Monitor* breakfasts have become something of a Washington, D.C. tradition, ever since he masterminded Bill Clinton's stunning come-from-behind 1992 electoral victories, first for the Democratic Presidential nomination, and then for the Presidency itself. This year, Carville appeared with Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg, who, with Carville, co-founded Democracy Corps in 1999.

Greenberg explained to the gathering that although the Democrats picked up 29 seats in the House, 6 seats still remain undecided, and Republicans got 51% or less in another two dozen seats. Had the Democratic Party conducted the campaign with a far more aggressive, national "take-it-all" mindset, he said, at least some portion of those seats could have helped solidify Democratic control of Congress and paved the way for a Democrat in the White House in 2008.

Carville's remarks were more to the point: When asked by a reporter whether DNC chair Dean should be dumped for his handling of the midterm campaigns, his reply was emphatic, "In a word, 'yes'." Carville added, "I think he

should be held accountable. I would describe his leadership as Rumsfeldian in its incompetence." Carville went on to explain that the DNC had taken out a \$10 million line of credit and used barely half of it on Democratic campaigns. Carville said Dean left \$6 million on the table, which second- and third-tier Democratic candidates could have used to pick up more seats.

"We won the Battle of Gettysburg, but we should have chased their army down. Democrats suffer from timidity, and that does not serve us well. Why not go in with everything you got? That's not the case right now. What I am saying is, you got to get money in these campaigns when you are coming down the stretch," said Carville.

Carville Likes To Win

A look at the founding statement of the non-profit group that Carville and Greenberg formed in 1999 provides some insight into where Carville is coming from: "Democracy Corps provides free public opinion research and strategic advice to those dedicated to a more responsive Congress and Presidency. The organization was born out of outrage over the impeachment of President Clinton when the leadership in Congress preferred radical partisanship to addressing the issues which really matter to American families. Following the 2000 election, Democracy Corps rededicated itself."

In short, James Carville likes to win. He was incensed when the Democratic Party and Al Gore bungled the Y2K Presidential campaign that sent George W. Bush to the White House. After the 2004 Democratic Party Convention, determined to stop Bush and Cheney from winning a second term, Carville, with the support of former President Bill Clinton, stepped in to rescue what was then a floundering Kerry campaign. With Carville at the helm, and much of what Lyndon LaRouche had insisted be included in the Democratic Platform incorporated in the campaign's message, Kerry soon



Democratic strategist James Carville accused Howard Dean of "Rumsfeldian incompetence."

surged in the polls. Unfortunately, in the end, it was too little, too late. What should have been an overwhelming Kerry victory came down to the results in one state, Ohio. Despite evidence of a massive campaign of voter fraud and suppression, a demoralized John Kerry conceded the election the next day. But, when the time came to certify the Electoral College vote, a group of Democrats in the Congress took the advice that LaRouche had offered in a series of post-election webcasts, and moved to block Bush's certification. It was a bold and unprecedented move, making Bush a lame duck before his second term even began.

Bush's approval rating fell steadily from the very beginning of his second term, as he steadfastly pursued one disastrous policy after another. Everyone knew just how critical the midterm elections were. The conflict within the Democratic Party started last Spring, ostensibly over Dean's long-term strategy to use DNC money to build Democratic organizations in 50 states, rather than focus on the critical midterm elections. It escalated in August at a meeting on Capitol Hill, when Senate Democratic Campaign Chairman Chuck Schumer (N.Y.), and his House counterpart Rahm Emanuel (Ill.), asked Dean to match the Republican National Committee's expected outlay in the Fall campaign. Dean refused to budge, claiming that it would divert money from his 50-state campaign. After a nasty public disagreement, Dean finally allotted a measly \$2.4 million to help Democrats, while spending an estimated \$30 million on his 50-state strategy.

In retrospect, however, Dean's argument that funding Democratic candidates would take money away from his effort to build up the Party's "grassroots" organization is a fraud. Nobody, including Carville, was arguing against building up the state party apparatus, nor was anyone demanding that Dean divert money from that effort into the midterm races. Carville's point was and remains a simple one: \$6 million that could have been spent to solidify Democratic control and allow for a far more productive Congressional session inexplicably remained unspent. "I have no problem with the 50-state strategy, that's fine," Carville said (somewhat dis-

missively), "but the point of a political party is *not* to hire party staffers and open offices, it is to *elect* people; to *win* races." Carville also revealed that he had tried repeatedly to meet with Dean to argue for additional spending for a group of campaigns where the Republicans had clearly become vulnerable in the final days of the campaign. Dean declined to meet, and refused to give a reason why.

Dean has retaliated by deploying his gaggle of liberal bloggers to attack Carville's motives, implying that Carville is a Washington "insider" with a Republican strategist for a wife, while Dean is a man of the grassroots, fighting the Washington insiders. An ironic argument considering that the first person to rush to Dean's defense was former DNC Chairman Don Fowler, a notorious racist whom LaRouche was forced to sue in 1996 for violations of the Voting Rights Act. Fowler sent fellow DNC members a letter saying that any talk of replacing Dean was "nonsense. The 50-state strategy is exactly what the Democratic Party needed and continues to need. Why do the Washington people think that they have a special prerogative to dictate what the Democratic Party needs?" A leading member of the Congressional Black Caucus, when asked to comment on the Fowler letter, quipped, "Oh yeah, Don *did* live outside the Beltway even when he was DNC chair. Way too many blacks in the District for a good ole boy like Don."

Fowler continued his defense of Dean in a *New York Times* interview: "Carville and Greenberg—those people are my friends [sic]—they are just dead wrong. They wanted all that money to go to Washington consultants and speechwriters and pollsters like themselves." Fowler was lying and he knew it. The services that Democracy Corps provides candidates are free of charge. Carville not only doesn't accept money or consultant contracts from U.S. candidates, he single-handedly raises more money for the Democratic Party than any other individual, with the sole exception of Bill Clinton! It is no wonder that Fowler and other DNC members—state party officials—defend Dean. The bureaucratic shrewdness of Dean's national strategy may do very little to get Democrats elected, but it very effectively lavishes millions of dollars in cash and attention on the state party officials who elect the chairman of the DNC.

Despite the nasty personal attacks against him, an undaunted Carville has kept up a steady stream of public criticism against Dean, asking, "Do we really want to go into '08 with a C-minus general at the DNC?" Carville said that Dean has built "a cult of the DNC, when what we need is a cult of candidate."

Dean, who is known as a blowhard who repeatedly says the wrong things in front of cameras, has gotten better at behaving himself, and has kept his public responses to Carville's criticisms relatively mild. Privately, however, Dean first spread rumors that Carville was secretly deployed by Bill and Hillary Clinton, claiming that they would both prefer a chairman more friendly to a future Hillary Presidential bid. That argument faltered when the aides to the Clintons said

that Carville had not cleared his attacks on Dean with them. A new whispering campaign suggests that Carville is being influenced by Lyndon LaRouche, whose longstanding criticism of Dean is well known.

The Surge in the Youth Vote

LaRouche said that he has not talked to Carville about his accurate criticism of Dean's leadership, but that he is not surprised by the accusation. In the six weeks prior to the election, LaRouche intervened into the campaign with a bold flanking campaign against Lynne Cheney's fascism, centered largely on college campuses. The initiative, which included the distribution of approximately 750,000 pamphlets by the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM), sparked a massive increase in turnout among young voters in the 18-25 and 25-30 age brackets, turning around what, two months prior to the election, was a disorganized, failing Democratic effort. Those 10 million young voters—2 million more than voted in the last midterm election and the most in more than 20 years—are widely acknowledged to have been the decisive factor in the Democratic victory.

While some party officials have tried to take credit for the unprecedented turnout, citing new campaign tactics, like increases in computerized phone banks and Internet blogging, a study conducted by the bipartisan Young Voter Battleground Poll showed otherwise. According to Ed Goeas, who worked on the analysis of the 2006 youth vote, it was *not* new campaign tactics that brought out the vote. That analysis showed that in "youth-dense" districts in eight states, where an actual effort was made to register young voters and encourage them to come out, the turnout increased by 157% over the last election—an increase that was a full *six times higher* than the overall national increase in the youth vote. What brought them out, according to Goeas, was the oldest approach on record: They voted because somebody asked them to, either in person or by phone. A University of Maryland study upheld those findings, adding that there was no single issue that brought out young voters, but rather that the most prevalent reason given was a desire to have some voice in their own future.

And, while LaRouche agreed with Carville's assessment of Dean as incompetent, in a series of commentaries both prior to and following the election, LaRouche has suggested that Dean's sabotage may have been more witting, pointing out that the international financier interests that have presided over the destruction of the U.S. productive economy are bipartisan in their approach. On the Democratic side, that faction is represented by Felix Rohatyn, and it is no secret that Dean, contrary to his "man of the grassroots" persona, is close to the Rohatyn interests inside the Party. And, while those interests may have realized that there was no way to stop the American electorate's fervid rejection of the Bush-Cheney policies which they authored, what they could do was limit the damage by depriving the Democrats of the kind of majority that might quickly result in a total reversal of those policies. Dean's sabotage, whether or not it was witting, certainly served that end.

LaRouche Backs Rangel: Revive the Draft!

by William F. Wertz, Jr.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), soon to be the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, tossed a political hand grenade into the post-election debate on Iraq, by announcing his intent to reintroduce a bill calling for the revival of the draft. Lyndon LaRouche has long supported Rangel on the question of the draft. As LaRouche put it on Sept. 30, 2005, "It makes sense. There are many reasons for it, and he knows them all."

In contrast, Rangel's proposal immediately drew opposition from leading Democrats as well as from Republicans. Incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Rangel should stick with tax and spending issues. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader-to-be Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said that Reid "still believes these problems are best addressed by making needed adjustments in the all-volunteer force rather than scrapping the system completely." On the Republican side, Rep. Duncan Hunter (Calif.) claimed that "the military is meeting all of its goals on re-enlistment. . . . We're doing very, very well." Tim Kane of the right-wing Heritage Foundation claimed that "there is a terrible myth out there that says we need to have a draft, because America's military is . . . unbalanced."

However, in an interview with John King on CNN's "The Situation Room," on Nov. 20, Rangel was undeterred:

"It's not within my jurisdiction, but, as long as I'm alive, I want the Administration to justify why we're in Iraq. . . . And if we're going to need more troops, I'm sick and tired of them coming from the same communities, offering hundreds of thousands of dollars, and spending \$4 billion on ads. Anyone that will tell you that the affluent are enlisting, is just not telling the truth. So, whether this becomes a bill or not, the debate will prove that they are enlisting and recruiting in areas of the highest unemployment. And that is whether it's the inner cities or whether it's the rural area. . . .

"[T]he head military officer general in Iraq testified last week in front of a Senate committee and while he said we didn't need any more troops, he said that even if we did, we don't have that many combat troops available.

"So what does this mean? You send the troops back five and six times? You go deeper into the reserves and the National Guard? This is so totally unfair. . . . If it is not enough to be patriotic and to enlist, then it is not enough to go to war. We have never heard the President of the United States, or the Commander-in-Chief make any argument in appealing to the people to enlist because it is the patriotic thing to do.

“Instead of that, they offer a \$40,000 bonus, \$70,000 education, and \$4 billion in ads.

“And so I’m saying if you have to go to war, don’t just let the poor that come from these communities of high unemployment be in harm’s way. Let everyone go or look to diplomatic solutions to these very serious problems. But each time they say, put the military options on the table in Iran, the military options on the table in North Korea, we need more troops in Iraq, then I’m saying that it’s not *their* kids they’re talking about. Most of the people talking have received deferments.”

Asked if there was any doubt in his mind that his proposal does not have the votes, Rangel responded: “In this new Congress, bills get hearings, they listen to the evidence and they determine whether or not they need this type of legislative solution. Now we haven’t even had a Congress. We don’t have the committees. As a matter of fact, the next chairman of the Armed Services committee will be Ike Skelton. And Ike knows that he represents rural areas, that too many people from rural areas that need jobs are looking toward the military. And he’s put out press releases about it. So I don’t know what’s going to happen in the next Congress. I do know this: Some people are saying we need a military solution in Iraq. And I’m saying, with whose kids do you need it?”

Rangel-Cleland Dialogue

‘We Pay More for Youth To Die, Than To Live’

by Michele Steinberg

On Sept. 15, 2005, more than a year before the midterm election which was a vote of no-confidence against George Bush, Dick Cheney, and the tragic, worsening fiasco in Iraq, Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) spoke at a hearing called by Democratic Rep. Lynn Woolsey of California. At that forum, Rangel explained why reinstituting the draft would be an important step in stopping the Bush Administration from starting more needless wars. His dialogue with former Sen. Max Cleland (D-Ga.) is one of the most dramatic discussions by two war heroes—Rangel from the Korean War, and Cleland from the Vietnam War—of how the Administration has destroyed the U.S. military. The excerpt below first appeared in EIR in 2005:

Rangel: . . . [W]hat supprises me is that there’s no outrage in this country for the young men and women that are there, the 1,800 that have died . . . over 12,000 that are wounded. And the fact that they come from the inner cities and the rural areas, and the Pentagon says with great pride that we are

increasing the bonuses from \$10- to \$20-, and \$20- to \$30-, and now \$40,000 because these people “want to fight.”

Now it just seems to me that since they come from the area of the highest unemployment, that if indeed the President was sincere in bringing liberty and freedom throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East, the sacrifice should be made by a broader cross-section of Americans, who believe that that is our mandate. Whether it’s a draft, or whether the President can make an appeal to the children of the CEOs or the Pentagon or the Congress, where everyone would believe that this is a mandate. . . .

[T]he taking of life—unlawfully and immorally—when it’s not in defense of you or your country, is probably one of the greatest sins that could possibly be committed. And this would include the tens of thousands of Iraqis, that have committed *no wrong*.

And so, Senator [Cleland], it seems to me that we could really end this war overnight, if we had a draft in this country, where *everybody* had to serve, and everyone had to be placed in harm’s way. . . .

Cleland: . . . You pointed out something that has bothered me, and that is that now *we’re paying more money for young men and women to die, than to live*. I think we have to be very careful about that. I happen to believe in the concept of the citizen soldier, which is why I volunteered for Vietnam, and why I was in ROTC. . . .

Fifty percent of all the casualties come from rural America. *Fifty percent of the casualties in Iraq come from rural America*—part of our country that probably has the least opportunity for jobs and investment in higher education. So, there is a disproportionate sharing . . . and we’re seeing the American military, and the civilian leadership at the Pentagon want to pay more and more for people to “re-up.” I understand that a Special Forces sergeant will get \$130,000 to re-up. That’s moving very closely to a mercenary force—kind of an American foreign legion! . . .

And, I happen to think, and one of the reasons I’m here plugging for an exit strategy, is that it immoral, *immoral*, and violates the right to life for these young men and women, to send [them] into combat, without a strategy to win, and without a strategy to get out. . . . The President calls that, “staying the course.” I call it immoral. . . .

There is no way we can maintain the occupation of Iraq at the current level. There’s no way we can “stay the course.” We’re throwing in almost everybody that is able-bodied in the Guard and Reserve, and now we realize we need the National Guard down in . . . Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana. So, we have committed our Reserves, and our bottom-line defenses, all in this so-called war in Iraq. . . . In the Guard, recruiting is down 43%. . . . This is insane. . . .

[T]here was no strategy to win. There was a strategy to take out Saddam Hussein, and a strategy to occupy the oil fields. That’s the only strategy that there was. . . . Now, we’re living in the mess that we created. That is generating more terrorism. . . . creating more insurgents. . . .

Dodd, Leahy Challenge Detention Policies

Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) introduced legislation on Nov. 16, to overturn some of the more egregious provisions of the military Commissions Act that was passed just before Congress recessed on Sept. 29 for the elections. Dodd's bill would restore the writ of *habeas corpus* for individuals held in U.S. custody; it would block the use of evidence obtained through torture and coercion; it would authorize the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces to review the decisions of military commissions; and it would narrowly restrict the designation of "unlawful enemy combatants" to those who have actually engaged in armed conflict against the United States.

During his remarks on the Senate floor, Dodd invoked the image of the 1946 Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, in which, he said, the United States "reaffirmed the ideal that this nation should never tailor its eternal principles to the conflict of the moment." The Military Commissions Act, he said, "steps away from" those principles and "has dishonored our nation's proud history."

In a related action, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), soon to be chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, wrote a letter, on Nov. 17, to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, requesting documents relating to interrogation policy and abuse of detainees in U.S. custody. Leahy noted that "for more than two years, I have repeatedly sought answers from the Department of Justice, the FBI, the CIA, and the Department of Defense regarding reported and, in some instances, documented cases of the abuse of detainees in U.S. custody."

Leahy also noted that the Department of Justice recently acknowledged the existence of a second memo

by Jay Bybee, the DOJ official who authored the original 2002 memo that sanctioned "cruel, inhuman, or degrading" acts which "still do not produce pain and suffering of the requisite intensity" to fall within the law. In his letter, Leahy asks for the second Bybee memo, all documents relating to it, as well as other DOJ documents relating to CIA interrogation methods and detainee treatment, the scope of practices permitted under the Detainee Treatment Act and the Military Commissions Act, and DOJ reviews of abuse of detainees in U.S. custody.

GOP To Foist Unfinished Budget on the Democrats

When Congress adjourned on Sept. 29 to campaign for re-election, the annual budget process was left in limbo, with only two of the eleven spending bills, Defense and Homeland Security, completed and signed into law. The schedule called for the remaining nine bills to be completed during the lame duck session beginning Nov. 14. As Congressional sources had told *EIR* would likely happen, however, the GOP leadership has decided to put off the unfinished work until January, when the Democrats take control of the new Congress.

According to *Congressional Quarterly*, GOP appropriators were infuriated at the decision. A spokeswoman for Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) told *CQ* on Nov. 21 that Cochran "thinks it's completely irresponsible that the responsibilities of this Congress have been abdicated for the year." Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.), Cochran's House counterpart, told the House on Nov. 15 that he was "fully committed" to passing individual bills and completing the process. He

warned against an omnibus package containing all of the unfinished bills, but said nothing about a stopgap measure to keep the government open until January.

The Senate acted on Nov. 15 to pass the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, but an agreement to immediately take up the Agriculture appropriations bill bogged down in a dispute over earmarks, and that bill is now scheduled for Dec. 4.

One of the issues in that dispute is an amendment sponsored by Sen. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) to make available \$4.9 billion for agricultural disaster assistance, assistance that Conrad has been trying to get through the legislative process for more than one year. Before departing in September, the House and Senate acted to keep the government open by passing a continuing resolution that expired on Nov. 17. The House and Senate passed another one on Nov. 15 that expires on Dec. 8.

Collins: Keep Iraq Inspector General

On Nov. 14, the Senate passed, by voice vote, an amendment to the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs appropriations bill that would strip a provision from this year's National Defense Authorization Act that terminates the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction on Sept. 1, 2007. Sen. Susan Collins (R-Me.), the lead sponsor of the amendment, told the Senate that it would "ensure continuing vigorous oversight of American tax dollars in Iraq."

She noted that the Office of the Special Inspector General "has saved American taxpayers literally millions of dollars" through audits, investigations, and cost avoidances. "It makes

absolutely no sense at all for this office, which has been such an effective watchdog, to be brought to a premature end," she said.

The provision, which was slipped into the bill during conference between the House and the Senate, was supported by House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.). According to news reports, Hunter did not comment on the Senate action, but had previously said that he agreed that the office was useful but that a termination date was needed. Setting the 2007 termination date, he said, "ensures that we have a smooth transition from the Special Inspector General to the inspectors general of State and Defense."

Levin, Kucinich Target Iraq Policy

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters on Nov. 13 that his number one priority, when he takes the chairmanship of the committee in January, will be to "find a way forward to change the course in Iraq." He said that most Democrats "share the view that we should pressure the White House to commence the phased redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq in four to six months . . . and thereby make it clear to the Iraqis that our presence is not open-ended and that they must take and make the necessary political compromises to preserve Iraq as a nation."

He added that, among other things, reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan also merit close oversight. "There has been inadequate oversight in this Republican Congress," he said. They have too often been a rubber stamp for administration policies and too often been unwilling to probe the

inadequacies, the shortfalls, and the failures of administration practices and policies."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) advocated a much more radical approach to Iraq, during a Nov. 15 interview with the "Democracy Now" radio program. Kucinich is calling on Congress to use its power of the purse to cut off funds for maintaining troops in Iraq. He told host Amy Goodman, "We don't need to keep indulging in this debate about what to do, because as long as we keep temporizing, the situation gets worse in Iraq." He said that there is enough money in the pipeline for an orderly withdrawal, but cutting off the money is "the ultimate power of the Congress" and that that's the only way the war will be ended.

Panels Presented With Sober View of Iraq

In contrast to the incessant claims of "victory" and "we are winning" coming from the White House, military and intelligence officials presented a much more pessimistic view of the situation on the ground in Iraq (and also in Afghanistan) in back-to-back hearings in the Senate and House Armed Services Committees on Nov. 15.

The lead witnesses in both hearings were Central Command chief Gen. John Abizaid, and State Department advisor David Satterfield. Both seemed to be giving the appearance that the Administration is "tilting" toward the Sunnis, by cracking down hard on the Shia militias. They frequently referred to the "death squads," or "the Mahdi-armed death squads." Both said that the sectarian violence is the biggest problem now in Iraq, not al-Qaeda.

Both also emphasized that there is not much more that U.S. troops can do,

except in training Iraqi security and police forces, and that it is Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and the Iraqi government that must bring the increasing sectarian violence under control. Abizaid said that if such control is not exerted, "it can destroy our plans for a stable Iraq."

Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, also said that the conflict in Iraq is increasingly a sectarian struggle for power, and that "the perception of unchecked violence is creating an atmosphere of fear and hardening sectarianism, which is empowering militias and vigilante groups." He noted that "violence in Iraq continues to increase in scope, complexity and lethality," and he particularly cited the infiltration of the Ministry of the Interior and the police by Shia militias, saying that the militias operate under the protection of the police to attack suspected Sunni insurgents and civilians.

In the House hearing, Satterfield said there are discussions ongoing with Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, which are all concerned about the situation in Iraq and the danger from Iran.

However, the "Sunni tilt" was most blatantly expressed by Sen. Joe Lieberman (DLC-Conn.), who warned against talking to Iran—indicating that Iran would not want "a unified, democratic, presumably pro-American Iraq"—in contrast to talking to "the other Sunni Arab countries . . . the Saudis, the Egyptians, or Jordanians, or Gulf countries, because they have similar, and in fact anti-Iranian views."

At the end of the House hearing, Rep. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) asked Satterfield: "Are we winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people?" Satterfield answered bluntly, "No, we are not."

LYM Will Intervene In Texas Run-Off Race

by Patricia Salisbury

Dec. 12 is the date set for the run-off election between pro-Bush Congressman Henry Bonilla (R) and former Democratic Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, for the 23rd Congressional District in Texas. The LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) in Texas will continue the mass organizing which played a key role in the Democratic Party victory in the midterm elections nationally, as former Congressman Rodriguez vies to unseat seven-term incumbent Bonilla, and deliver another seat to the Democratic Party majority in the House of Representatives.

Rodriguez was redistricted out of office in 2004, as part of disgraced former Speaker of the House Tom DeLay's (R-Tex.) redistricting shenanigans. While the District Court upheld most of DeLay's redistricting, it did insist on redrawing the 23rd CD. Because the map was redrawn after the primary, the Nov. 7 vote was an "open" election, in which four Democrats ran against Bonilla. As Bonilla received less than 50% of the vote, he was forced into a run-off against Rodriguez, who received the most votes among the Democrats. In the seven-person race, Bonilla drew 49%, while Rodriguez took 20%.

Bonilla is a hard-core Bush Leaguer, one of the poster boys for Karl Rove's efforts to make gains for the GOP among Hispanic voters. The district, which was custom-designed for him by DeLay, included a big chunk of the heavily Republican suburbs of San Antonio. The court-ordered redistricting, which determined the current shape of the district, makes it competitive. In the first round, neither the Democratic National Committee nor the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee provided backing for Rodriguez. However, since Bonilla was denied the seat on Nov. 7, both the DNC and the DCCC have sent operatives into the district, with the dubious aim making the campaign "more professional."

However, it is the deployment by LYM organizers which will be the key factor, as the 18-25-year-old youth population is energized, with spillover into the 25-35-year-old age group, as was seen with such dramatic results in the national midterm election. LYM organizers plan a two-week blitz of the district, and will concentrate their efforts on campuses in the most heavily populated areas near San Antonio. A new LaRouche PAC pamphlet, "Organizing the Recovery from the Great Crash of 2007," will be mass distributed, and Bonilla's role as a rubber stamp for the Cheney-Bush Administration on the

Iraq War, Social Security privatization, and tax cuts will be thoroughly exposed.

U.S.-Mexican Border Infrastructure

In a recent discussion with LYM members at a campaign event, Rodriguez said he intends to make U.S.-Mexican border development and infrastructure his major issues. The newly drawn district runs for miles along the Mexican border, with parts of 12 counties bordering the Rio Grande. The region is in the driest parts of Southwest Texas, which face perennial drought conditions, and occasional flash floods. Cross-border water management and sanitation infrastructure are desperately needed. Rodriguez said that water is a major concern for him, and expressed interest in LaRouche's Emergency Reconstruction Act.

Rodriguez has also made a major point of the fact that the district is an area of greater-than-usual health problems and lack of health insurance. In fact, at a conference convened on June 22 by the Texas Medical Association, the Border Health Caucus, and Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-Tex.), the medical and health issues of the border area, which includes portions of the 23rd CD, were characterized as so extreme, that they approximate those of Third World countries.

Data amassed by the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission and presented at the conference showed that if the 24 U.S. counties along the border were made the 51st state, that state would be: 2nd in the incidence of tuberculosis; third in deaths due to hepatitis; 5th in diabetes-related deaths; 50th in insurance coverage for adults and children; and 51st in the number of health-care professionals. These are the conditions of extreme poverty that characterize portions of the Texas 23rd CD.

Veterans and the Iraq War

At a press conference on Nov. 21, Rodriguez addressed the Iraq War issue, blasting Bonilla as a hypocrite, for arguing in favor of the Bush policy, and promoting himself as a friend of the military, while he has cast several votes against benefits for soldiers, and against Democratic efforts to improve the health-care and insurance program for reservists and National Guard members, as well as increased funding for the Veterans Administration hospitals and out-patient programs. The lack of veterans' health services in the areas of the district south of San Antonio was a major issue in the Texas race for U.S. Senate.

Rodriguez, along with Latino groups, is also raising the issue of ongoing Republican dirty tricks in the district. Rodriguez had claimed that the short time-frame of the election, with the run-off date set for Dec. 12 by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, a date which was announced only on Nov. 22, is a Republican scheme to disenfranchise voters. The League of United Latin American Citizens says the date is a Republican attempt to "suppress" Hispanic votes by allowing too little time to mobilize.

Russian Mafiya, CCF in Bed With Lynne Cheney's 'Campus Gestapo'

by Ben Deniston, LaRouche Youth Movement; and Michele Steinberg

Would you go to war against Iran based on the intelligence reports cooked up by a Russian businessman, repeatedly linked to the Russian "mafiya"; by the co-author—with the High Priest of a Satan-worship church—of a treatise on intelligence method; by a former Israeli intelligence agent who calls for killing hundreds of thousands of Muslim *civilians* in the war on terrorism; by one of the world's so-called experts on the paranormal, who has been a lifelong operative of the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF—the Anglo-American *Kulturkampf* front of post-World War II notoriety); and by the Pentagon's neo-con liars who brought you the Iraq War?

If the answer is yes, then stop reading this article.

But if you are among the sane, then join us in exposing Lynne Cheney's campus gestapo and its obscure "intelligence" wing, known as "The International Intelligence Summit" (IIS), which is busy at work right now, trying to build up a support movement on campuses for Dick Cheney's next step toward a global war—the strike on Iran—possibly using nuclear weapons.

Who are the Hallowe'en characters described above who comprise the International Intelligence Summit?

Michael Chernoy (who has changed his name to "Cherney" to avoid ready identification with his mafiya-linked past), the organized crime-tainted Russian billionaire, who funds the IIS;

Gen. Paul Vallely (ret.) of the Iran Policy Group, which lobbies for regime change in Iran; and co-author with Temple of Set High Priest Michael Aquino, of the *Total Mind War* treatise on information warfare;

Paul Kurtz, veteran of the CCF, and founder of the Center for Inquiry. He is also chairman of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSI-COP); the Council for Secular Humanism; and editor-in-chief of *Free Inquiry* magazine.

Richard Perle and **Harold Rhode**, of the neo-conservative, Straussian cell inside the Pentagon in 2002-03, which planned the needless Iraq War, and manipulated the data, the U.S. Congress, and the American people to make it happen; and

The Ayn Rand Institute, a "secular" cult which preaches that preventive war and totalitarianism are the essence of American supremacy.

The Intelligence Summit is the intersection of a number

of unsavory organizations in the orbit of the campus gestapo that the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) exposed in the mass pamphlet, "Is Goebbels on Your Campus?" and in related articles in *EIR*. These outfits, whose interconnections will be documented in a future issue of *EIR*, include: David Horowitz's *FrontPage* online magazine, Campus Watch, and Jihad Watch; the American Enterprise Institute; George Shultz's Committee on the Present Danger; the Islam-hating Jerusalem Summit; the Center for Inquiry; and the Bertrand Russell Society.

Uncovering 'The Intelligence Summit'

At a speech by Andrew Bernstein of the Ayn Rand Institute (see *EIR*, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10, 2006), at the University of California at Los Angeles on Oct. 26, organizers from the LYM found free copies of Ayn Rand's 1,200-page book *Atlas Shrugged*, being handed out free of charge, with an inscription that said the books were provided by the Center for Inquiry-West.

It was in investigating the CFI-West, that it was discovered that they are jointly sponsoring the Secular Islam summit, which is part of this orgy of "spoon-benders" and agents of Lynne Cheney's campus gestapo called the International Intelligence Summit.

In 2006, the Intelligence Summit's conference in Arlington, Virginia boasted that it had uncovered the "real" Saddam Hussein WMD program, through a former weapons inspector, William Tierney. But Tierney's credibility became a little bit frayed when he boasted that "God directed him to weapons sites in Iraq" and told him where to find Saddam Hussein's WMD—yet the CIA analysis of the same information in 2003, when the U.S. invaded, showed that there were no WMD.

The IIS also boasted the participation of Harold Rhode, the Pentagon specialist who was exposed, along with Pentagon spy Larry Franklin, of having secret meetings in Italy with Iranian con-man Manucher Gorbaniyar, who had been involved in the 1984-86 Iran-Contra crimes. Rhode and Franklin were reportedly interested in organizing a coup in Iran. But, Franklin ended up being convicted of espionage for Israel—and is now giving full cooperation to the Justice Department for future prosecutions.

The IIS took another hit, when two former CIA directors, John Deutch and James Woolsey, pulled out of the "Summit"

because of the involvement of Russian-mafiya linked businessman Chernoy.

But, despite these setbacks, the IIS still plans a 2007 “Summit” and has former military and intelligence officers from Israel, the United States, and the United Kingdom signed up.

Center for Kookery?

A bit of digging was required to find out, what is the Center for Inquiry-West? At the top of their webpage www.cfiwest.org, are links to its projects: the CFI International Page, the Steve Allen Theater, Investigations, New Horizons, and Secular Sobriety.

Given its association with the fascist Ayn Rand Institute (ARI), it was not surprising to find out that one of CFI-West’s leading figures is the longtime, avowed enemy of Lyndon LaRouche—Paul Kurtz, close associate of the late CCF operatives Sidney Hook and Abba Lerner. It was in the December 1971 historic debate against Abba Lerner, that LaRouche gained notoriety among the New York synarchist financiers as the man who blew the lid off their plot to impose economic fascism on the United States. In that debate, Lerner revealed his “Schacht without Hitler” version of Nazi economics.

If the ARI-Center for Inquiry-Intelligence Summit glorify war and destruction, the “culture” side of CFI is an even greater veneration of nihilism.

The Steve Allen Theater is currently presenting *Emergency Medicine for the Unconscious Mind: The Art of Bleeding*, described as, “Gushing fluids, screams and a rapid-fire catalog of countless forms of suffering, mutilation, and disfigurement. Staged around a working ambulance, experience the sights and sounds of an actual medical emergency. A genuine learning experience on health and safety. A traveling medicine show without any cure.”

The Art of Bleeding website (ArtOfBleeding.com) also has “The gory details project,” which “represents an attempt to capture on audio a scandalously unscientific survey of first-person medical emergency narratives—stories describing your broken bones, burns, cuts, poisonings, or any other accounts of personal medical traumas you’d care to share. The recordings will be streamed and archived and (in some cases) incorporated into live performances, music, and video.”

What the hell is this, you ask? This thing—described as “An experiment in emergency education” to “teach first aid and safety to the unconscious mind”—was founded by “the radical psychologist and artist Abram S. Lugner,” whose “unique approach to human psychology bridged various disciplines and pursuits including western mysticism, avant-garde art, and social critique,” reads the Lugner literature. He originated the theories of “womb rape” and “penile retention,” and—most important to Art of Bleeding presentation—“phantasmagoric acquisition,” a model of learning based upon sensory overload induced during crisis states.

Dr. Lugner passed away in 1989, leaving the fulfillment of his dream of melding art and emergency education to his

wife, Emma, and a small inner circle of colleagues who rarely leave their isolated ranch in the desert near Joshua Tree, California, leaving it to groups like Kurtz’s CFI to promote their theater, and finance a new generation of Lugner’s followers.

Linking to the CFI’s Independent Investigations Group (www.iigwest.com), reveals that it “investigates fringe science, paranormal and extraordinary claims from a rational, scientific viewpoint, and disseminates factual information about such inquiries to the public.” (Where else to go after necrophilia than trying to talk to the dead? How else would one ask how the sex was?)

War Against Iran

Now, the CFI-W’s claims to be “working to promote reason, science, and freedom of inquiry.” So, to go with necrophilia and investigations into the paranormal, they obviously have to have an “Iranian Outreach Program,” identified as “a project of the Council for Secular Humanism” (an old Paul Kurtz front group), to mobilize Iranians against the “repressive Islamic regime in Iran”! At least that’s how New Horizons defines its latest front.

Why target Iran? “It used to be that terrorists were trained overseas, in special camps and in certain countries. *Now such training is being carried out here in the United States. They are training our and their children right here in the United States.*” Right here in “Islamic Schools in the United States” where they “outright teach the students to hate Jews and Christians,” warns CFI.

If necrophilia-loving paranormal-investigators pushing for regime change in Iran makes you want to drink—don’t worry. Professor Kurtz and the paranormal investigators will take care of you through CFI’s “Secular Organizations for Sobriety,” which is (they say), “a successful and increasingly popular non-religious alternative to ‘Twelve Step’ recovery programs.”

Why does all this exist? Courtesy of the CCF and its legacy. It’s time to shut it down.

LYM in Alabama, Georgia

Amelia Robinson: ‘Put Your Boxing Gloves On!’

by Wesley Irwin,
LaRouche Youth Movement

For ten days in November, four members of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) traveled through Alabama into Georgia with 95-year-old civil rights heroine Amelia



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Amelia Boynton Robinson, the 95-year-old heroine of the civil rights movement, with LYM members (from left) Kesha Rogers, Ardena Clark, and Wesley Irwin, at the grave of Booker T. Washington in Tuskegee, Ala. Urging them to “put your boxing gloves on,” she fought alongside them to break through ignorance and complacency among audiences commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King.

Boynton Robinson, the vice-chairman of the Schiller Institute, for a week-long celebration honoring Martin Luther King’s dream of a “beloved community.” Amelia invited the LYM to stay with her for a week of celebration, including civil rights rallies every evening at a different Southern Baptist Church, starting in Selma, Alabama, and continuing throughout the week all the way to Columbus, Georgia.

Amelia Boynton had been beaten and gassed nearly to death on “Bloody Sunday,” March 7, 1965, in the historic march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. She was targeted because of her leadership in the civil rights movement: She had invited Martin Luther King to Selma, and hosted him at her home many times. She and her late husband Samuel Boynton had led the fight for voting rights.

Upon the LYM group’s arrival in Selma, it was quite surprising to see that of the approximately 30 people in attendance the first night, very few were under the age of 45 and only two were non-white. The four LYM youth, of all different skin tones, traveling with a 95-year-old legend, were quite the singularity.

The leading organizers of the event, Judy Cummings, a ’60s folk singer, and Rev. John Alfred, a civil rights activist and former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, cordially invited Amelia and the LYM to the “sharing circle,” and postponed all further planned events until a camera could be set up for Amelia to give a beautiful inspirational message to begin the week. The LYM members introduced themselves and briefed the group on LaRouche PAC’s mobilization for impeachment of Bush and Cheney, and for

an economic policy revolution, as “what King would have wanted,” Amelia spoke about how the LYM had worked night and day to secure a Democratic Party election victory. Later, when people suggested that she might want to rest, she exclaimed, “I wouldn’t let the doctor keep me, because I wanted to be *here!*” She then popped a surprise on the LYM and told everyone that we would sing for them. After the first canon, we sang the Bush mental illness song, “Tourette’s Syndrome,” which received laughter and applause. The LYM put literature on the table, and organized several people.

But soon, a lead organizer of the event suggested that the LYM-Bush song and the idea of impeachment were not the type of messages they wanted to be sending throughout the week, and that “attacks on people” were not allowed.

Here Amelia intervened, on the true nature of Dr. Martin Luther King, who named the names—in the spirit of *hating* the policy, but *not* the person expressing it, while never letting the *person* responsible off the hook.

The church events at the beginning of the week were focussed on Montgomery, Waugh, and Tuskegee, Alabama. The LYM organized on Alabama State, Auburn University, and Tuskegee University campuses during the day, addressing three classes, and circulating approximately 35 bundles of LaRouche PAC pamphlets, including 6 bundles to churches, and about 70 DVDs of LaRouche’s webcasts.

In Selma, at the First Baptist Church, there was a very memorable moment when Amelia, after a 30-year absence, returned to the church she had attended for 40-plus years. There were many who knew her, and she was asked to say something, to which she responded by making a statement about how God has a purpose for us all, and that we must strive to find what that purpose is by being the best people we can be. She was given standing ovations.

The entire church then met outside, and we all proceeded to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. One woman who, like Amelia, had been on the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery March, got out of her wheelchair and walked to the top part of the bridge in a symbolic gesture, before riding the rest of the way down. As we drove across, Amelia, who recalled how she had been beaten, gassed, and left for dead on that very bridge, commented on the lack of depth of understanding about what Dr. King actually represented, and the power that *fear* has over people when it comes to fighting today for the same mission for *economic* justice that Dr. King had.

The Legacy of Dr. King

By the close of the third day, about the time that issues like environmentalism were being featured—falsely—as the

true meaning of Dr. King's struggle, Amelia intervened, telling Rev. John Alfred that she was with the Schiller Institute (which had not been noted in the program) and was proud of it, and that she wanted the LYM to speak. She gripped his hands with hers and expressed to him the real principle of Martin Luther King: a constant commitment to truth, regardless of popular opinion. Soon, a delegation from the other organizations involved in the events visited Mrs. Robinson, and after they finished expressing their concerns about the message of the LYM, Amelia asked them what they knew about Lyndon LaRouche. As Amelia suspected, they knew little, only rumors, scandals, and second-hand reports. Amelia said that she thought it was important that the LYM speak because they—the youth—were the ones who were saving the country, and they had a right to speak. Leon "Chief" Frazier, a former police chief and close collaborator of Amelia's, jumped in, admonishing those who wanted to "tone down" the LYM. "Don't ask this woman to support you and then tell them, 'Don't say anything disrespectful, you might upset people.' That's disgraceful to me," said Frazier, who has battled the "powers that be," in his long law enforcement career against drug trafficking. "Too many lives are being destroyed. I believe the youth are intelligent enough to say anything they think or feel. Bush is *bad*. Cheney is *bad*. They're bad for this nation. Anybody ought to be able to say that! The 1,000 grandmas that are coming to the march on Saturday will say that. Those grandmas are going to say this system is screwed up . . . because it *is* screwed up! There's going to be fear and frustration in life, and that's natural, so what we need to do is *just let it all hang out*. There's got to be change, and we need to listen to what these youth have to say."

It was a crucial discussion to have. The delegation asked the LYM, what did they want to say? This author told them that Dr. King did make people uncomfortable by telling the truth, and that he would want us to name the names. "Bush is dumb, dumb and insane. He's a human being, so we don't hate *him*, but we can hate his policies. To end the policies, we must impeach the people who represent the policies. We've got to fight for the truth." Kesha Rogers, who had inspired the Texas Democratic Party with her campaign for party chairman earlier this year, spoke about the failure of the Boomer generation to secure a future for the youth, detailing the LYM education program and what we do to provide leadership to the Congress and population.

And so, on Nov. 15, at the Butler Chapel in Tuskegee, 70 people heard Amelia Boynton Robinson, Wesley Irwin (this author), and Kesha Rogers speak truth to power from the pulpit of a Southern Baptist Church. Amelia talked about the power that fear has over people, and the role of the youth in leading us out of our fear. She stressed the importance of speaking out against those people who would spread evil throughout the world. She highlighted the LYM election victory, in mobilizing the youth on the campuses and held up a

letter from Bill Clinton, saying that people had better expect big things in the next five weeks concerning the economic meltdown. She then introduced the LYM as the young people who were fighting to save the nation.

Irwin quoted King saying, "If a man has nothing for which to give his life, then he isn't fit to live," and said that the reason Mrs. Robinson has probably lived so long, is that she's been looking for fights for which she was willing to give her life for nearly a century. He then outlined the ongoing collapse of the U.S. physical economy since the time of the Nixon-Shultz Administration, and an idea of the economic-philosophical solution.

'Living the Dream'

Rogers then added the knockout punch, also taking up the degeneracy found on the campuses while organizing, and the withdrawal of the youth generation from history. She quoted Martin Luther King, "An individual has not truly lived until he can break from the narrow confines of individualistic concerns to the broader concern of all humanity," and said that our society has been conditioned by greed and popular opinion to avoid this fight.

She pointed out that today our generation has hardly any idea of what people like Amelia have done for humanity, even though she is featured on displays in students' own school libraries! "Living the dream means fighting for the truth," including the "promotion of Classical culture." Kesha then introduced the motet "Jesu, meine Freude," by Johann Sebastian Bach, and the LYM sang two sections of it, bringing Amelia up to stand in between the four youth during the performance.

It was hard to find a dry eye in the crowd.

Afterwards, nearly every person, including the organizers who had previously objected to the LYM, came up to hug us or take literature, many of them in a state of good, cognitive shock.

The final organizing day in the South, the LYM traveled to Columbus, Georgia for the culminating "School of the ('Assassins') Americas" protest, attended by some 20,000 people. The LYM distributed some 40 bundles of LaRouche PAC pamphlets—"Is Goebbels on Your Campus?" and "The End of the Truman Era"—along with leaflets about impeaching Cheney and Bush, and several copies of Amelia's autobiography, *Bridge Across Jordan*. The question asked to us by many youth was, "Where are you guys? Why aren't you on our campus *here* in Alabama, or Georgia?" It was a question that the LYM is immediately taking up by even further mastering the idea of the "Pythagorean comma" in music, found in works composed in the method of composers like Bach, as well as in the discoveries Johannes Kepler made concerning the harmonic ordering of our Solar System. The LYM plans to return to the South soon, and organize with an even more powerful intellectual arsenal, side-by-side with, and in the footsteps of, Amelia Boynton Robinson.

Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Club Lands on the Beaches of Normandy

by Mark Samet, LaRouche Youth Movement

We in the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) are continuing to see the realization of that potential, which LaRouche had forecast would be generated, as a function of an energetic, expansive youth movement, committed to ideas. As LaRouche reiterated in his Nov. 16 webcast, the older generations will be forced to respond to our outreach to, and mobilization of, the 18-35-year-old crowd, as typified by the recent midterm elections.

In Los Angeles, the Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Democratic Club is acting as that medium through which older institutional layers can interact with the intellectual front of the new generation, as typified by the participation of the Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and most recently the Secretary of the California State Democratic Party, in the FRLDC's monthly meetings; both acknowledge that their coming to us is a result of their seeing that we are the only ones recruiting large numbers of "intelligent" youth to political action. The most significant topic of the Nov. 9 town hall meeting of the FRLDC was the readiness of the LaRouche Youth Movement to provide the necessary leadership in the United States, now, for the immediate impeachment of the Bush-Cheney Administration, and this, in the impossible-to-omit context of the current breakdown of the world financial-monetary system, as foretold by economist Lyndon LaRouche, Jr.

The opportunists in the Democratic Party would try to ignore reality, attempting to impose their "quasi-rationale" onto the White House, thinking that Bush, having lost partisan control of both Congressional houses, will now be willing to work in unison with the Democrats. As we have seen in recent days' press conferences, though President Bush is rambling about "new approaches" in the Middle East, in his little world "The American people will accept nothing short of victory in Iraq!" "Stay the course." Picking up on the absurdity of this illusion on the part of many in the Democratic leadership, Creighton Cody Jones, vice president of the FRLDC, compared it to the expectation that "because a butcher's shop opened up around the corner from Jeffery Dahmer's house, he will probably stop cannibalizing and start buying his meat from the butcher." The fault is the assumption that Bush is either sane or responsible for the policies he sputters off.

With invited guest Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.,

who is the Secretary of the California Democratic Party, present throughout the evening, the LYM began by singing a selection from Bach's motet *Jesu, meine Freude* [for the importance of this choice, see LaRouche's discussion of music and creativity, in his Nov. 16 webcast, in last week's issue—ed.]. Next, Ardena Joy Clark, a member of the LYM and FRLDC, as well as a California Democratic Party Central Committee official, gave a poignant overview of a very special LYM deployment: the pre-election intervention in Missouri. Briefly summarized, a small group of our youth movement flew into St. Louis from various parts of the country, to totally shake things up politically. In two fast weeks, the LYM saturated the state's college campuses with the LaRouche PAC pamphlet, "Is Joseph Goebbels on Your Campus?" with the intention of mobilizing a massive voter turnout among the youth for the elections. What Clark illustrated was that, unlike most political clubs or grassroots organizations, which often find themselves bounded by bureaucratic blockades, the sway of popular opinion, or their own subjective withdrawals from a real historical fight, our movement provides leadership that inspires the transformation of political environments, even in unknown terrain, and even with very little infrastructure laid out before us.

Victory Is Not Yet Won

In explaining the strategic situation more generally, Cody Jones said, "The massive industrial and logistical mobilization that culminated in the landing of U.S. forces on the beaches of Normandy in 1944 was certainly a point of great historic achievement. But simply having landed on that beach did not secure victory. The battle remained to be fought and won. Similarly now, we have created the mobilization and garnered the forces, but victory has not been won for the Democratic Party nor for the nation." Audience members were warned that as long as Bush and Cheney remain in office, this nation might not even exist in two years.

Jones then brought up the Democratic National Committee-driven ouster of Franklin Roosevelt's fourth-term Vice-Presidential running mate, Henry Wallace, a man who would likely have continued Roosevelt's New Deal policies, but was replaced by the Churchill collaborator and red-button pusher Harry S Truman: a swap which was intended to stop Roosevelt's anti-British Imperialist policies. Just as the Anglo-

Dutch Liberal oligarchy of that time attempted to squelch the promotion of the general welfare, Jones said that today's descendant oligarchs fear nothing more than the "Lincoln Reflex"—the tradition in the United States that repeatedly rises up in rejection of fascism. This, Jones warned, is why we can no longer permit the domestic collapse of machine-tool industries, the hoarding of primary resources in the hands of the few, the reckless war-mongering of the George Shultz-driven war party, and the subversion of the Democratic Party by the likes of synarchist banker Felix Rohatyn.

Party Leader in a Quandary

When Reginald Jones-Sawyer spoke, he told us that our intelligence and commitment to a cause impressed him, something he said he hasn't seen in many (and then he admitted, *any*), Democratic groups on campuses or anywhere else. The higher level of leadership our movement seemed willing to achieve was something he hadn't seen since the civil rights movement, which was vividly alive in his own life's history, his uncle being one of the Little Rock Nine who were the first African Americans to integrate Little Rock High School in 1957. He indicated that this personal history weighed heavily on his own conscience, to where he was ready to make an upshift in his own action, and risk it all for a higher mission.

Although Jones-Sawyer's commitment and conviction are rare and admirable, especially amongst mainstream political strata, his pessimism leaked out in parallel to other more encouraging comments, leading him to say such things as, "The Democrats won both houses because Nancy Pelosi preemptively took impeachment off the table." He spouted off the myriads of excuses for why impeachment probably won't happen, all boiling down to his not wanting to jeopardize the 2008 race for the Presidency. Comments like these are made by minds yet unwilling to emerge from the cloud of "politics as usual." One who says such things could not recognize, as LaRouche does, the existential danger Dick Cheney represents to our republic.

Consequently, the audience, including some impassioned contacts, intervened. We told him that students were ready for impeachment; they just had to see that the Democratic Party would actually do it. This meant that more Democrats would have to get off their butts and into the streets. And so



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Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Secretary of the California Democratic Party, addresses the Franklin Roosevelt Legacy Club in Los Angeles on Nov. 9. FDR Legacy Club Vice President Creighton Cody Jones is on the right.

when Jones-Sawyer asked us where the data and the polls were, we told him, "Look around! Where's your youth movement?"

Leadership, and the difference, as Jones-Sawyer put it, between politicians who sell themselves to whatever they think people want, and that higher level which Plato, Lincoln, FDR, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. represent, was our next major point of dialogue. But look what happens to people that go to that level of leadership, he said solemnly: Look what happened to all of them! So we reminded him of the way his own family had risked all, including their lives, during the civil rights movement.

Finally we told him the big *secret* of why we were so "intelligent," as he had said earlier. The reason is LaRouche. So when Jones-Sawyer asked us who we thought was even in the right ballpark in terms of that quality of leadership we were all looking for, we sort of smiled with our lips sealed until somebody called out, "LaRouche! Dump Rohatyn and bring in LaRouche."

As a function of this interaction between the LaRouche Youth and institutional leaders of the Democratic Party, many opportunities are being offered for our participation in policy discussions. One official of the Democratic Party has promised to set up working groups of institutional figures, where we would be brought in, to as he put it, "really ruffle some feathers," as only we can do.

Book Review

Refuting the Lie That Lincoln Was 'Moderate' on Abolishing Slavery

by Stuart Rosenblatt

Father Abraham Lincoln's Relentless Struggle To End Slavery

by Richard Striner

Oxford Press, New York, 2006
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Richard Striner takes deadly aim at some of the more vicious myths that have become almost axiomatically accepted in many circles concerning the outlook of President Abraham Lincoln: that Lincoln was a "moderate" and a "pragmatist" on the issue of slavery eradication; and that Lincoln was more concerned about saving the Union than abolishing slavery, and would have maintained the latter to keep the former.

As the author contends, if Lincoln were a moderate, why was it he who challenged Sen. Stephen Douglas to debate the merits of the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the doctrine of popular sovereignty, a clearly "moderate" position? Why did President Lincoln reject the Crittenden Compromise (which would have forever prevented the abolition of slavery)? Why did his very election precipitate secession and civil war? Why did Lincoln issue the Emancipation Proclamation and make black freedom a central issue of the war? Why did he introduce and fight for the Thirteenth Amendment to free all the slaves, when it was clear that the war to save the Union was most likely won? As Striner proves, these were not the works of a "moderate" or a racist.

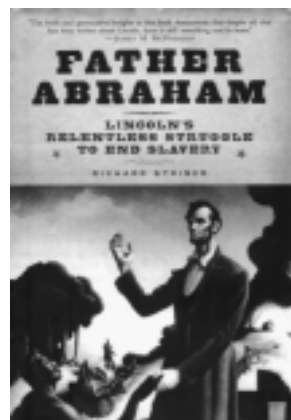
Striner acknowledges his debt to authors Henry Jaffa, William Miller, LaWanda Cox, and James McPherson, who recently published works debunking some of the Lincoln myths; he also refutes recent detractors including David Herbert Donald, TV journalist Ken Burns, historian Barbara Fields, Gore Vidal, Lerone Bennett, Jr., and others.

"For a long time, a significant number of historians," Striner writes, "have argued that Lincoln was a cautious or emotionally tepid man, who was driven by outside pressures and events into anti-slavery leadership. A host of recent commentators have suggested that Lincoln's contributions to the

anti-slavery movement were almost unintentional." Several years ago, historian Allen Guelzo contended in the *Washington Post* that Lincoln was a "reluctant recruit to the abolitionist cause," a "restrained" and "emotionally chilly" politician whose "unblinking eye for compromise" created an "ambiguous shadow" of a legacy.

Striner's book makes a compelling case that Lincoln was a leader in the fight to end slavery, and probably the single most important figure in this effort, without whom it would have failed.

Apart from its historical interest to the general reader, the book is useful as a polemic in today's political battles. Unlike cowardly politicians in today's Democratic Party, who fail to provide leadership in the fight to impeach President Bush and Vice President Cheney, or fight to bring the endless wars in Southwest Asia to a swift conclusion, President Lincoln sought out the most critical battles that needed to be fought, risking his career in many of these fights, and from the onset of the civil war, risking his life.



Waging the Essential Battles

As Striner shows, Lincoln had abhorred slavery, from his early encounters with it. He continually challenged his own thinking on how to rid the nation of the pestilence. As an Illinois legislator in 1837, Lincoln was one of only six in a virulently racist state to cast a vote against slavery; as a single-term Congressman in 1847, he picked up the fight that ex-President John Quincy Adams had been waging—almost alone—for the preceding decade, and drafted a bill to outlaw slavery in the District of Columbia. (Lincoln later withdrew it, upon realizing the strength of the opposition.)

A devotee of Henry Clay, Lincoln first hoped that if slavery could be contained, it would wither and die on its own. He abandoned this view when it became clear, in the 1850s,

that the slaveholders were hell-bent on expansion of the “peculiar institution” into new states and territories. This meant that sooner or later, the slave states would overwhelm the political clout of the free states in the Senate and the House, and thus would be in a position to prevent slavery from *ever* being abolished, while legalizing the introduction of slaves into the free states. Striner points to the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854, promoting slave expansion into the western territories, as the great turning point in Lincoln’s life, which convinced him to lead the attack against this mortal threat to the republic.

Lincoln, deeply committed to the principles of the Founders, realized that slavery expansion was synonymous with overturning the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1854, then-private citizen Lincoln chose as his target Illinois Sen. Stephen Douglas (Democrat), a virulent racist and champion of the insidious doctrine of “popular sovereignty”—which meant that the citizens of new states could themselves decide whether to allow slavery within their borders. With no immediate campaign at stake, and no personal glory to be gained by polemicizing against a sitting Senator, Lincoln challenged Douglas’s fundamental assumption: that man is a beast. Lincoln refuted this in his Peoria speech in October 1854:

“Judge Douglas frequently . . . paraphrases our argument by saying ‘the white people of Nebraska are good enough to govern themselves, but they are not good enough to govern a few miserable negroes’!! Well, I doubt not that the people of Nebraska are, and will continue to be, as good as the average of people elsewhere. I do not say the contrary. What I do say is that no man is good enough to govern another man, without that other’s consent. I say this is the leading principle—the sheet anchor of American republicanism.”

The campaign against Douglas catapulted Lincoln into prominence in Illinois, and put his name on the national scene. In 1856 he helped organize the new Republican Party, and over the next year, still in private law practice, he launched attacks on the Supreme Court’s infamous *Dred Scott* decision, which attacks would lay the groundwork for his unsuccessful campaign against Douglas in 1858 for the U.S. Senate.

It was this polemical campaign, whose speeches were reprinted across the land, that carried Lincoln to the Republican nomination for President and election two years later.

Upon being elected President, and with the crisis of Southern secession escalating, Lincoln was besieged by members of his own party to compromise with Southern Congressmen on the issue of slavery extension, so as to avoid a civil war. They demanded that he sign onto the Crittenden Compromise, and postpone the conflict for the short term. The compromise, crafted by Kentucky Sen. John Crittenden, proposed a series of constitutional amendments: the westward extension of the Missouri Compromise line to allow slavery expansion; bolstering the Fugitive Slave Law; protecting the interstate slave

trade; and the end of all future efforts to abolish slavery.

Lincoln did not flinch, and rejected the advice of members of his own party: “Is it desired that I shall shift the ground upon which I have been elected? I can not do it. . . . It would make me appear as if I repented for the crime of having been elected, and was anxious to apologize and beg forgiveness.”

Southern sabre-rattling to take control over Federal military installations, such as Ft. Pickens and Ft. Sumter, began in earnest. Lincoln was confronted this time with members of his Cabinet, including anti-slavery spokesman Secretary of State William Seward, who wanted to back down in the face of Confederate military threats. Lincoln refused, and deployed the mission to resupply the besieged Ft. Sumter that gave the Confederacy the pretext to begin the Civil War.

Organizing the Loyal Citizenry

Lincoln pursued freeing the slaves with the same fervor that he did in prosecuting the war, adapting his views and policies as the situation required. He continually discarded one measure after another if they proved inadequate. He overturned his belief in slave containment, in exchange for the policy of compensated emancipation, but when the border state leadership rebuffed his overtures in 1862 for compensation, he drafted his proclamation for emancipation. In January 1863, the Proclamation went into effect, despite much opposition, and Lincoln waged a relentless campaign among all political forces to see it through. When black regiments were formed, Lincoln promoted their use, and defended them in action.

Realizing that he would face massive opposition among the Northern population to his Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln used all venues to ready the people for this bold initiative. In the most famous, and misinterpreted statement of this effort, Lincoln issued a public reply to Horace Greeley of the *New York Tribune*, who had chastised him for moving too slowly on emancipation.

“My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or to destroy slavery,” Lincoln said. “If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that. . . .”

While many analysts today seize on this statement as proof of Lincoln’s racism or excessive “moderation,” Striner convincingly argues that Lincoln had already decided to issue the Proclamation, had told his closest advisors, and was softening up Northern thinking by posing this most provocative declaration in the subjunctive mood. This letter was one of an escalating series of initiatives to win over public thinking to support emancipation—a necessity in wartime, and constitutional when carried out by the Commander-in-Chief as an act of war—as a radical transformation in the entire military/political effort.

Nobody has put it better than Frederick Douglass, the former slave and abolitionist leader, in a speech in 1876: “[Lincoln’s] great mission was to accomplish two things: first, to save his country from dismemberment and ruin; and second, to free his country from the great crime of slavery. To do one or the other, or both, he must have the earnest sympathy and the powerful cooperation of his loyal fellow countrymen. . . . Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull, and indifferent; but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical, and determined.”

Throughout the war, Lincoln held firm. In August 1864, when Union troops were bogged down in battle, and the upcoming election seemed all but lost to the treacherous Democrat George McLellan, Lincoln was asked by the chairman of the Republican Party, Henry J. Raymond, to seek peace with Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Raymond told Lincoln that the cries for peace revolved around the prospect of losing the election and Lincoln’s stubborn commitment to end slavery as a condition for peace. Approach Davis, Raymond suggested, propose peace terms based solely on the supremacy of the Constitution, and settle all other questions by convention of all the people. In other words, separate “saving the Union” from “freeing the slaves.”

Lincoln summoned Raymond to a meeting of his entire Cabinet, and rejected the policy, which “would be ‘worse than losing the presidential contest—it would be ignominiously surrendering it in advance.’”

To some Wisconsin Republicans, Lincoln said that “there have been men who have proposed to me to return to slavery the black warriors of Port Hudson . . . to conciliate the South. I should be damned in time and in eternity for so doing. The world shall know that I will keep my faith to friends and enemies, come what will.”

The Republican Conception of Man

The author develops many of the profound ideas in Lincoln’s mind that drove his actions: the ideas embedded in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence promoting equality and justice for all. He attacked the deeply held assumptions of Senator Douglas, the Southern slaveholders, and many Northerners as well, that blacks were nothing better than beasts.

In his speech at Peoria in 1854, Lincoln challenged his audience to reject white supremacist arguments, “Equal justice to the south, it is said, requires us to consent to the extending of slavery to new countries. That is to say, inasmuch as you do not object to my taking my hog to Nebraska, therefore I must not object to you taking your slave. Now, I admit this is perfectly logical, if there is no difference between hogs and negroes. But while you thus require me to deny the humanity of the negro, I wish to ask whether you of the south yourselves, have ever been willing to do as much?”

Lincoln was keenly aware of the sharp differences between the Confederate view of man and the republican tradition of the nation. For example, the principle of the general welfare, as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution, radiates throughout his thought. The idea of a republic, where all men are created equal and are self-governing, was echoed in the Gettysburg Address and many other speeches.

Lyndon LaRouche has frequently attacked the sophistry that plagues today’s Baby-Boomer politicians, and likens this disease to that which brought down Greece during the Peloponnesian Wars. Lincoln was no less precise in targetting this affliction. In his speech at the Cooper Institute in February 1860, he challenged his audience not to yield to the demands of the Southern racists to give up opposition to slavery:

“Let us be diverted by none of those sophistical contrivances wherewith we are so industriously plied and belabored—contrivances such as groping for some middle ground between the right and the wrong, vain as the search for a man who should be neither a living man nor a dead man—such as a policy of ‘don’t care’ on a question about which all true men do care—such as Union appeals beseeching true Union men to yield to Disunionists, reversing the divine rule, and calling, not the sinners, but the righteous to repentance—such as invocations to Washington, imploring men to unsay what Washington said, and undo what Washington did.

“Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the Government nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have the faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.”

Lincoln was motivated, in his efforts to free the slaves and save the Union, by a profound sense of immortality for himself and for the nation he embodied. In the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln is humbled by the brave actions of the soldiers who “gave their lives here,” but he challenges the nation to rise above the battle and “be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.” He then asks for an “increased devotion” to the principles upon which the battle was fought, and further that “a new birth of freedom” result from their death. Implicitly, he was calling for overturning the principle of slavery still embedded in the Constitution.

Lincoln did not answer to suit his critics, as a sophist does, but rather saw himself as an instrument of divine purpose. It was his intention to resolve the critical paradoxes facing the nation, but at a higher level—overturning slavery, but without violating the Constitution; and transforming the nation for the good in the successful prosecution of the war.

This is eloquently captured in the Second Inaugural Address, which identifies the purpose of the war to “scourge” the sins of Southerner and Northerner alike. The President concludes his speech with the agapic precepts upon which a higher resolution to the conflict could be achieved, “with malice toward none, and charity for all.”

Henry Kissinger's Hell

Lyndon LaRouche summarized the immediate global strategic situation thus, in a memo issued Nov. 25:

"The best chance for extricating the U.S. military forces from an unimaginable debacle in Southwest Asia, is to scrap every shred of the relevant policies of the current Bush Administration so far, and bring together a concert of key governments of Southwest Asia for a coherent stabilization of the relations among and within the nations of that region. This must include opening immediate normal diplomatic relations with the group of keystone nations Iran, Syria, and Turkey, and, must include informing Israel's current government that there must be an immediate end to Israel's evasion of a constructive détente with the Palestinian people.

"It is the U.S. obligation, therefore, to acknowledge the prudence of saner voices among Israeli leaders, who do not propose to jump from the cliff into doom once again. The U.S. must immediately state and assist a U.S. lobby-proof, full commitment to a successful early conclusion of a Madrid II process. Otherwise, there is no safe route for extrication of U.S. forces from an increasingly desperate situation within Iraq itself.

"Otherwise, there is no hope of a foreseeable future for any part of that region of the world as a whole.

"At the moment, the greatest single threat to the U.S. military forces trapped in President Bush's wildly irrational evasion of elementary truths of the region, comes not so much from the addled head of the President himself, as from the same perennial menace to civilization, de facto British agent Sir Henry A. Kissinger, whose direction, assisted by the British intelligence service's (Arab Bureau's) Dr. Bernard Lewis, launched the beginning of the generalized warfare throughout the Southwest Asia region, with the launching of religious warfare within Lebanon, back in April 1975.

"What Kissinger is doing, in concert with Sister Lynne Cheney's mad-dog husband, is to attempt to enflame a Sunni-versus-Shi'a conflict within the region, thus seeking to foment a more or less immediate locking

of the U.S. forces deployed in the region into a situation as hopeless for them as for the people of the Southwest Asia region in general.

"Although Kissinger was never exactly a 'Dorian Gray,' the evils of an ill-spent life in public service afford viewers today a clear view of the man's lack of humane character drooping from his dew-laps today. Perhaps Sister Lynne Cheney has an extra leash or two, for both Dick and Henry, next to the tethered dogs on the hillside of the Naval Observatory. Perhaps the fashion-conscious Secretary of State might bring out her famous high boots, and, grasping a blacksnake whip to match, march up to the Observatory to administer a relevant lesson in diplomacy to the snarling pair of Dirty Dick and rumped Henry."

Indeed, there is little of the evil in U.S. foreign policy which cannot be traced back to the influence of Kissinger, as a leading representative of the Anglo-Dutch imperial outlook, on the American body-politic. In addition to his Middle East policy, which was dedicated to maintaining a permanent state of warfare between various groups in the region, Kissinger in 1974 put in place the infamous National Security Study Memorandum 200, which declared that it was in the U.S. "strategic interest" to contain the population growth of states which controlled raw materials to which the West wanted unrestricted access—a policy that has amounted to outright genocide against minerals-rich African nations, among others. This policy is still in effect today!

Perhaps most notable in summarizing the intent of Kissinger's policy was his May 10, 1982 speech at Chatham House, London, where he took direct aim at the American "idealism" of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and declared himself in favor of the Churchillian approach—that of a Hobbesian (each against all) imperial balance of power.

Can anyone deny that American foreign policy under Kissinger's Hobbesian hand has been nothing short of disastrous? We now stand at the brink of irreversible disaster. Both Henry, and his cohort Cheney, have got to be removed from positions of influence—now!