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Mexico's President Draws Odd Lesson from Katrina

In a speech Sept. 12, Mexico's President Vixente Fox announced that Hurricane Katrina shows the need to privatize the nation's oil and gas. The "lack of deep reforms in [Mexico's] energy sector" has made Mexico vulnerable to shortages and price hikes, he said, and therefore he will send Congress two proposed Constitutional reforms: to expand private investment in the exploration and exploitation of natural gas fields not associated with oil, and to permit private investment in oil pipeline and storage infrastructure. He called these reforms necessary for securing "sovereignty."

The details of his proposed Constitutional reforms have yet to be made public. Congress has refused to pass all his other proposed energy reforms. To gain some political capital for his unpopular privatization proposal, Fox also announced that the government will limit price increases on domestic consumption of oil, gas, and electricity.

Adding to the Quixote-like insanity of Fox's speech, was his announcement that Mexico began work on building the first large "wind farm" in Mexico, the \$110 million-plus "La Venta II" project, and he called upon Congress to vote up his request for funds for another would-be project to reap the winds, "La Venta III."

Iran's President Appeals To UN Charter

Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly in New York Sept. 14, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made an appeal to the UN Charter, in an effective parry to the intense U.S. push to bring the Iranian nuclear program before the UN Security Council. In a measured speech, Ahmadinejad outlined six principles that should guide the work of the United Nations: A promotion of spirituality and compassion for humanity based on the principles of monotheism, a rejection of unilateralism, a refusal to license

"preemptive measures," a representation for Islamic countries and possibly for Africa on the Security Council, and free access by foreign delegates and heads of state to UN headquarters. "Acceptance of unilateralism is exactly the negation of the United Nations and its *raison d'être*," he said.

He continued: "Unilateralism, production and use of weapons of mass destruction, intimidations, resort to the threat of the use of force, and imposition of destructive wars on peoples for the sake of security and prosperity of a few powers have indeed redoubled the historic responsibility of the United Nations to resolutely endeavor to institutionalize justice in all aspects of global interactions in the interest of human tranquility."

Ahmadinejad lambasted the discussion of "pre-emptive measures" as "essentially based on gauging intentions rather than objective facts," and said they were "in fact a modern manifestation of interventionist and war-mongering tendencies of the past." He ended with the words of a famous Iranian poet from the 13th Century: "All human beings are members of one frame./ Since all, at first, from the same essence came./ When time afflicts a limb with pain./ The other limbs cannot at rest remain."

Zepp-LaRouche Race Featured in Qatar Daily

Dr. Ahmed Al-Kedidi, former Tunisian diplomat and current professor at the University of Doha in Qatar, wrote an op-ed in the Dubai daily *Al-Bayan* on Sept. 14, featuring the campaign for Chancellor in Germany of Helga Zepp-LaRouche. Al-Kedidi quotes from *EIR* on the status of the economy and currency in the euro-zone, and he describes how "structural adjustments" dictated by the European Monetary Union, had led to the routing of the social state, especially in Germany.

Noting that one of the candidates for the post of Chancellor, "Helga Zepp-LaRouche, with whom I have a very old friendship, is focussing her campaign on the return to the D-Mark," he quotes Zepp-LaRouche's

statement declaring her candidacy: "In her declaration, Helga stated that the imposed euro is unconstitutional and that the Maas-tricht accord has taken Germany back to the pre-unification era. . . . The worst is yet to come, when ten more nations join the euro." Helga charges that the major financiers and multinational corporations are the only ones to benefit from the euro, by moving capital freely back and forth, and preying on collapsing medium-size and small industries, and raking in massive profits from speculation. This lady concludes by saying that "Germany won't be able to have a sovereign policy without a sovereign currency."

Blair Proclaims End Of National Sovereignty

British Prime Minister Tony Blair proclaimed the end of national sovereignty in his speech on Sept. 14 to the UN summit. Blair, who had in a speech in March 2004 unilaterally declared the end of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia which ended Europe's Thirty Years' War, said at the UN: "For the first time at this summit, we are agreed that states do not have the right to do what they will within their own borders, but that we, in the name of humanity, have a common duty to protect people where their own governments will not."

Blair insisted, "The UN must come of age. It must become the visible and credible expression of the globalization of politics." Blair has been making a world tour attacking "extremism," which is replacing "terrorism" as the enemy image. He blamed "failed states" for the problems of terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, environmental destruction, and everything else.

He also presented his "anti-terror" resolution to the UN. While it was signed by the Security Council, it was not supported by the General Assembly. Anti-terror nations must, according to the resolution, take "action against those who incite, preach or teach this extremism, wherever they are, in whichever country."

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