

The response to Carter's energy addresses

LaRouche: Carter offers to lead way to New Dark Age

"Lame duck" President Jimmy Carter finally appeared in front of TV cameras last night, to deliver what was supposed to be his much-postponed report on the Tokyo summit conference. In fact, he broke the agreements on nuclear energy he made at Tokyo. What he proposed instead was austerity modeled on that introduced to Germany by Nazi Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht. He proposed to lead the United States into a New Dark Age.

Carter presented himself as a person dedicated to traditional American moral values. In fact, he proposed to wreck the industrial economy our predecessors spent more than two centuries creating and maintaining. He proposed to repudiate the deep dedication to technological progress and growth of opportunities for which our forefathers fought Britain in the American Revolution, and which values have been the principal feature of our nation's moral and economic achievements.

His energy program was outrightly fascist.

First, without vastly expanded development of nuclear energy, the United States economy will proceed to shrivel and then ultimately collapse. Without nuclear-energy development, a large portion of the three billion people of the developing sector are doomed—beginning right now—to the spread of famine and epidemic disease, as well as the spread of bloody forms of social disruption creating hideous chaos and confusion to accelerate the breakdown of their economies.

It is false to argue that nuclear energy is either too costly or politically unfeasible. The Stanford Research Institute report is right in condemning Carter's coal programs as an unworkable farce, but is dead wrong on nuclear energy. Nuclear energy has become the cheapest source of increased energy supplies, and is the safest—provided existing security rules are efficiently enforced. Nuclear energy would be no political problem

either, if the campaign of lies about the Harrisburg incident were exposed for what it was and is.

Second, Carter's "alternative energy" programs are a cruel hoax. "Solar energy" is the most inefficient form of energy substitute proposed—except for the burning of "biomass." The apparatus required is monstrously costly for the energy delivered, astronomically costly by comparison with any existing conventional or nuclear technology.

True, coal can be used as part of a balanced energy package. Modern technologies should replace old in steel-making. Otherwise, apart from large-scale industrial uses, coal can be used efficiently with new technologies which the Carter administration has scrapped—so-called magnetohydrodynamic processing of coal. Coal can be converted to other forms of fuels. This can be done efficiently only through existing techniques involving high-temperature nuclear reactors.

What Carter proposes—a 50 percent conversion of coal from oil by 1990—would require using the methods the Nazis used in their Auschwitz coal-conversion installation. That method, which the Carter administration is moving to copy directly, is monstrously uneconomical. It would require the herding of large portions of an increasing number of unemployed into virtual slave labor in coal-conversion programs.

In blaming OPEC for the present crisis, Carter lied. There is, admittedly, a rise in the price of oil from OPEC. There is no oil shortage. The present oil price crisis is orchestrated by the Carter and British Thatcher governments, acting in collusion with the seven major oil multinationals. As far as OPEC itself is concerned, the problems there are a direct result of the U.S. State Department's action in putting Khomeini into power in Iran, combined with the Camp David agreements which world Zionist leader Nahum Goldman has rightly proposed be junked.

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