

Editorial

The Confederate 'New York Times'

The Mississippi River is flooding at levels not seen in 500 years, and yet the *New York Times*, the most prestigious daily newspaper in the United States, has an article attacking flood control. They ask the question: "Has the \$25 billion spent by the Army Corps of Engineers to build 500 dams and 10,000 miles of levees, been a huge pork barrel?"

This reaction seems unfathomable, unless one grasps the fact that the *New York Times* is a vehicle representing the treasonous tradition of the Confederacy. The Ochs-Sulzberger family, owner of the *Times*, was a Confederate family linked to the first Ku Klux Klan, in the middle states area of Tennessee-Kentucky during the period immediately following the Civil War.

Hence, the *New York Times* is anti-Abraham Lincoln, anti-George Washington, anti-John Quincy Adams, anti-Ben Franklin. It is against all of the Founding Fathers, and represents a kind of liberalism which is fairly described as "slave-owner liberalism." These people are among the most solid and powerfully placed forces behind the introduction of what is called the New Age, back in 1964-65, after the assassination of President Kennedy.

Around 1970, the *Times* was among the pushers of the idea of "Earth Day/Sun Day," of worship of "Mother Earth," of eliminating an industrial society of scientific and technological progress. The *Times* has been opposed on record to every major breakthrough in science and technology in its history. To wit:

- The *Times* wrote savage editorials against Thomas Edison over the issue of the light bulb. Later they fought the introduction by Edison and his friends of electrical power generation.

- The *Times* attacked and denounced the Wright brothers, saying that a heavier-than-air aircraft could never fly.

- The *Times* insisted, in the early 1920s, when Robert Goddard (the fellow at Harvard who invented the magnetic levitation train) was building rockets, that a rocket could never escape the atmosphere.

Of course, it's a lie, again. The Mississippi should

be dammed by the Corps of Engineers, just as the airplane did fly, as the *Times* said it could not; just as the light bulb was a success, as the *Times* said it shouldn't be; just as electricity has become a part of life, as the *Times* said shouldn't happen; and as rockets have left the atmosphere, as the *Times* said they never could.

Lyndon LaRouche's collaborators some years ago endorsed, and did some work to improve, an engineering project called Nawapa, to bring the entire water management system of the North American continent under control. One of the causes of the flooding is that this project was never implemented.

The aquifers in the western part of the United States, particularly in the 20-inch rainfall areas, such as the Ogallala aquifer, are all drying up. In California, salt water is seeping into the essential water aquifers in parts of the coastal region. We have not spent anything near what we should have spent on improvement of rails, or, in this case, on water management. We should have had diversionary arrangements; they were never built.

Another key factor is the growth of plant life. Our agricultural policy today, even worse than in the 1920s, is creating dustbowl conditions in the western and mid-western United States. When there is cover on soil, then up to 2-3% of the solar radiation is assimilated by plant life, and this moderates the weather. On the other hand, whenever there prevails a policy, such as the present anti-farmer policy of Cargill and the Agriculture Department, the result is dustbowl conditions and unstable weather.

Current weather patterns are partly a result of a lack of economic development globally. Of course, the major component in determining weather, is solar conditions, which have nothing to do with any policy on earth. But the *Times* is saying: Give up flood control. That means you can just give up whole parts of the United States. Thanks to the "authority" of the *New York Times* and its sponsors, tens of millions of people are out of business, and we have a terrible water crisis. Isn't it time to explode that "authority" for what it is—the voice of treason?