

Turkey was to play a major role in the destabilization of Central Asia, but now, the earthquake has exposed weakness of Turkey's military and logistics.

So today, we see that Russia has announced that it is producing 10,000 nuclear warheads; it is convinced that it is the policy of NATO to break up Russia. Pakistan is being manipulated over Kashmir, where feudal landlords are supported by the Anglo-Americans; the only thing growing in Pakistan, is unemployment, illiteracy, the corruption of the elite.

India's biggest vulnerability is Kashmir. The conflict there has sabotaged the "bus diplomacy" between India and Pakistan, which had placed relations on a more hopeful footing. Now, diplomacy has shut down, and the two countries may be involved in a full-scale war very soon, with the danger of nuclear war. War is not inevitable, but the BAC is trying to get a war going.

Then, look at China, with this conflict between China and Taiwan being manufactured by the BAC. From China's standpoint, it is as though somebody wanted to declare California or Rhode Island a separate country. George W. Bush says he would defend Taiwan by military force, if he were President. There is great fear in the region that the United States may back Taiwan.

I can see how all of this will get out of control very, very quickly, Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche warned.

What about the emerging cooperation among Russia, India, China? The problem is, that if this is only an echo of BAC NATO policy, we are on road to nuclear World War III. The only way out, is that the United States, China, India, Russia, some countries in Europe, and others, adopt the New Bretton Woods, the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin has called for a new Chinese Renaissance, with 1,000 new cities, beautiful cities, not suburban strip malls, but theaters, opera houses, universities; infrastructure that would generate economic development, industries, increased living standards and life expectancies, universal education. What is the principle? Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness — extended throughout the world!

The only way this can happen is, if the United States takes leadership, and Clinton adopts the New Bretton Woods. But, to make this happen, Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche concluded, you, the audience, must go out of the conference with a noble commitment: You must become an instrument to change U.S. policy. Take into your heart the great culture of India, of Tilak, the Russia of Pushkin, the Greek Classics, the German Weimar culture, and similar cultures from every country, and I predict an explosion of creativity. During moments of crisis, people turn to profound conceptions. If great teachers, such as Tilak, Pushkin, and Schiller emerge now, then this will become a pregnant moment out of which a beautiful new culture will be born. I am certain the the era of the Eurasian Land-Bridge will be the true springtime of all mankind.

## Forbes runs cover for Bush corruption

by Carl Osgood

On Aug. 28, Democratic Presidential candidate and *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche said in a statement that "the roots of the money-laundering scandal involving Vice-President Gore all lead directly back to former President George Bush." He added that "the money-laundering operations lately involving the Bank of New York were all set up under President Bush and by the Bush apparatus. Al Gore simply jumped, 'barnyard epithets' and all, into the same trough already occupied by George Bush's gang."

Given Bush's role in the destruction of Russia, Republican Presidential candidate Steve Forbes has possibly committed a fatal error by taking up the Bank of New York scandal as a campaign issue to use against Al Gore. In a statement issued on Sept. 1, Forbes said that he had warned that "the White House never consistently, forcefully pushed for the establishment of the rule of law," but instead, "it cynically turned a blind eye to the wholesale thievery by well-connected figures in a system more accurately described as a kleptocracy than a democracy."

Forbes, whose Wall Street connections go back two generations, knows full well that the International Monetary Fund-enforced looting of Russia began, not in the Clinton White House, but with President George Bush, who pushed "shock therapy" on Russia in 1992. If Forbes really is, as he claims, determined to defeat George W. Bush for the Republican Presidential nomination, why is he covering up for Bush's corruption? The entire GOP, in fact, is on the same track of cover-up, but Forbes, so far, is the only one running radio ads calling for hearings in the GOP-controlled Congress.

Forbes commits a similar mistake, with respect to the revived interest in the FBI's 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. In a statement issued just one day after his Russia statement, Forbes called on Attorney General Janet Reno to resign. "She bears enormous blame," he said, "for creating the unprecedented politicization of the Department of Justice and the FBI." He added that President Clinton and Vice President Gore also deserve blame for presiding "over a culture of corruption that is eroding public confidence in our law enforcement and justice system."

A culture of corruption certainly pervades the Department of Justice, but, apparently, Forbes has never heard of any of the well-publicized cases of corruption prior to 1993. Among these are the FBI's harassment of Martin Luther King, Jr.

in the 1960s, the Abscam-Brilab operations against the U.S. Congress and the labor movement in the late 1970s, the FBI's Operation Fruehmenschen against African-American elected officials, the Department of Justice's cover-up of the Contra drug-running during the 1980s, the DOJ Office of Special Investigation's persecution of retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk (to the point of nearly getting him killed in an Israeli death chamber), and the frame-up prosecution and jailing of Lyndon LaRouche in 1989, to name just a few.

Not only did all of these operations pre-date the Clinton-Gore administration, but George Bush, as Vice President and President, played a leading, if behind-the-scenes role in many of them. Forbes also fails to take note of the fact that the Waco operation itself was initiated by the Bush Justice Department, and that it was the permanent bureaucrats in the Criminal Division, such as Mark Richard, who manipulated Reno into approving the assault that resulted in the deaths of 77 people.

### Forbes's Wall Street pedigree

Forbes's political support comes from the same coterie of Mont Pelerin Society-Wall Street financiers who were behind the so-called Conservative Revolution of 1994. In fact, his 1996 campaign was basically organized by a little-known group called the Political Club for Growth, founded by Wall Street investor Richard Gilder. Another key figure was Philadelphia developer Dick Fox. Gilder was a major contributor to Newt Gingrich's GOPAC, and Fox was a financial supporter of the Progress and Freedom Foundation, also tied closely to Gingrich and the Conservative Revolution crowd. Other members of this group included Arthur Gray, managing director of the New York investment firm of Cowen and Co.; Alan Greenberg, chairman of Bear, Stearns; Daniel Gressel, president of Teleos Asset Management, a hedge fund; Leonard Lauder, heir to the Estée Lauder cosmetics fortune; Morris Mark, head of Mark Partners, another investment firm; and Jude Wanniski, president of Polyconomics, and a former editorial writer for the *Wall Street Journal*.

What attracted all of these Wall Street figures to Forbes's campaign was his proposal for a 17% flat tax, a key plank of his platform. The attraction is obvious. Under Forbes's plan, all investments would be free of tax, whereas currently, only municipal bonds are tax exempt. Wall Street would benefit tremendously under such a plan, and the financial bubble that is currently feeding off the physical economy like a cancer, would grow even faster. The Wall Street coterie turned to Forbes when it became clear that Jack Kemp was not going to be a candidate.

Forbes also staffed his 1996 campaign with people from the same Conservative Revolution Gingrichite circles. Among these were Bill Dal Col, a former aid to Kemp, and Carter Wrenn, who has worked as a political fundraiser for Confederate, Conservative Revolution icon Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). Another among Forbes's campaign aides was Tom



Malcolm "Steve" Forbes, announces his candidacy for President.

Ellis, a Raleigh, North Carolina lawyer, also a top operative for Helms. Forbes's connection to Ellis goes way back: In 1983, they were both nominees for membership on the Board of International Broadcasting, which oversees Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, but Ellis withdrew his name amid a storm of objections over his alleged racist views.

### The 'Princes'

Like George W. Bush and Al Gore, Jr., Steve Forbes is a millionaire whose political ambitions are aided by the connections of a multi-millionaire father, Malcolm Forbes, Sr. While the younger Forbes has not openly embraced the legendary decadence of his father, one skill he does seem to have inherited is to run *Forbes* magazine profitably—but not always without bending some rules.

A scathing February 1996 article in *Fortune* magazine (a fierce rival of *Forbes*), said of Steve Forbes: "Spending money to buy fame in order to earn even more money from celebrity is in fact the principal business legacy left behind by his late father." The *Fortune* article accused Forbes of tailoring editorial content in order to please advertisers for the purpose of enhancing the ad revenues of the magazine. "Raising the magazine to No. 1 in ad revenues is really the one great accomplishment of Steve Forbes' business life." While some accused *Fortune* of sour grapes, Steve Forbes admitted that, in fact, as editor-in-chief, he does go over articles with the chief of advertising for editorial content before they go to print.