

Editorial

End Globalization, the New Feudalism!

It is almost impossible to exaggerate the evil, and danger to mankind, which is represented by the phenomenon most people today accept under the name of “globalization.” If globalization is not stopped in the immediate period ahead, we will find our planet returned to a new feudalism, global serfdom, and a New Dark Age.

There’s no wild speculation behind this evaluation. The impact of imperial policies is well established through history, and it stands in sharp contrast to the progress which much of mankind has undergone under the influence of nation-states committed to providing for the general welfare of their populations. The premier such nation-state is the United States republic, which, for all its problems, still represents the best hope we have for coming back from the brink.

Henry C. Carey, the economic advisor to President Abraham Lincoln, provided perhaps the sharpest portrait of what “globalization,” which he knew as the British Empire, represents, as against the American System of economics, when he published his pamphlet *Harmony of Interest* back in 1851. Read his contrast between the two systems, and see if this does not accurately reflect what we face today:

“One looks to the continuance of that *bastard* freedom of trade which denies the principle of protection, yet doles it out as revenue duties; the other to extending the area of *legitimate* free trade by the establishment of perfect protection, followed by the annexation of individuals and communities, and ultimately by the abolition of custom-houses. One looks to exporting men to occupy desert tracts, the sovereignty of which is obtained by aid of diplomacy or war; the other importing men by millions for their occupation. One looks to the *centralization* of wealth and power in a great commercial city that shall rival the great cities of modern times, which have been and are being supported by aid of contributions which have exhausted every nation subjected to them; the other to *concentration*, by aid of which a market shall be made upon the land for the products of the land, and the farmer and planter be enriched. One looks to increasing the necessity for commerce; the other to increasing the power to maintain it.

One looks to underworking the Hindoo, and sinking the rest of the world to his level; the other to raising the standard of man throughout the world to our level. One looks to pauperism, ignorance, depopulation, and barbarism; the other to increasing wealth, comfort, intelligence, combination of action, and civilization. One looks toward universal war; the other toward universal peace. One is the English system; the other we may be proud to call the American system, for it is the only one ever devised the tendency of which was that of *elevating* while *equalizing* the condition of man throughout the world.”

What Carey, his predecessors, and his followers understood, is what we must bring our leaders to understand today. There *is* no way to improve the conditions of mankind by “spreading the wealth,” or “democratizing,” per se. The progress of civilization depends upon investing so as to increase man’s power over nature in the long term, which means that it is a *crime* to shut down science and technology and education, in the name of “feeding the poor,” or providing “free competition.” These are precisely the areas of investment required in order to raise the standard of living of all mankind.

It is precisely in this area that the fallacy, and potential criminality, of populism can be seen. The populist, on the left or right, is in a rage against those who *have*, and wants to tear down the accomplishments of civilization. He does not look at the means required—especially long-term capital investment—to lift up the capabilities of the population as a whole, but wants to pull everybody down to the level of the poorest individual, no matter what the consequence for the future. He or she is thus easily manipulated by the banking establishment, which simply wants to maintain its power to do as it chooses, despite the fact that the consequences will be physically, as well as morally, devastating for the human race.

Don’t let anyone tell you globalization is inevitable; that’s like agreeing to let our planet commit suicide. The LaRouche movement has committed itself to preventing such a catastrophe. It’s time for you to join in the fight to crush the New Feudalism.