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# EIR

## From the Managing Editor

Can you imagine yourself flying up, above our Solar System and beyond, to the far reaches of space, above the great Milky Way galaxy, and looking down at the tiny Solar System, as it traverses along its 60-million-year orbit through the galaxy's spiral arms? That's exactly what we are asking you to do, in our *Feature*, "The View from the Galaxy: Science from the Top, Down." "You have to start from the top," LaRouche declares, in his dialogue with the Basement Team. Which is exactly what they did, in a new LPAC video, "Our Extraterrestrial Imperative 2: Cosmic Rays." As Michelle Fuchs writes in the "Prelude," the viewer of this video explores the galaxy, "from a God's-eye view." And, we strongly urge you to go along for the ride, by watching the video itself.

Now, come back to Earth, and imagine yourself as one of the 33 Chilean miners trapped far below its surface. Could you figure out a way to escape? No. It took a *top down*, international mobilization, at the center of which was America's space agency NASA. *Why have we allowed our insane President to move to shut it down?* Why have we not invoked the 25th Amendment to get the psycho Obama out of the White House (*National*)? Why have we permitted our great nation to be destroyed over the past four decades? Because, we, like the miners, are trapped—not way below the Earth's surface, but by our addiction to the pleasure/pain principle, which keeps us enslaved to our five senses. That's how we have been brainwashed into accepting "the way things are."

For example: the foreclosure crisis. While millions of Americans are losing their homes to the derivatives bubble, the solution has been on the table since 2007: LaRouche's HBPA (*Economics*). Or take the condition of our cities, with mass layoffs of police and firefighters: same thing. LaRouche's Glass-Steagall principle. Or look at Haiti *International*: Nearly a year after the earthquake, the U.S. has failed to deliver one penny of the \$1.15 billion it pledged, and the country is sinking into a Dark Age hellhole. But 75 years ago, FDR had a plan to develop it.

Why can't we break out of this nightmare? The answer is, we can—but there's not much time left. Read our interview with Keshia Rogers (*National*), to find out how to do the impossible. And, don't forget to watch LaRouche's next webcast on Nov. 6 ([www.larouchepac.com](http://www.larouchepac.com)).



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## The View from the Galaxy: Science from the Top, Down

by Michelle Fuchs

Oct. 16—Get off your couch. In fact, leave your house, fly up off the Earth and out of its atmosphere, and don't stop until you've exited our lowly little Solar System and entered into the real universe known as cosmic space. As presented in the new LPAC-TV feature, "Our Extraterrestrial Imperative 2: Cosmic Rays," it is only when you have taken this journey beyond your senses, and what you think you know about the world around you, that real science can begin.

A scientific revolution was launched last week with the release of the video, which presents the hypothesis of the galactic processes that influence and shape the development of life on our planet. The video begins by taking the viewer back in time, asking the question of how and why different species of life enter and exit the stage of planetary history in measurable cycles of increase and decrease. These cycles also participate in the longer-term process of upward evolutionary progress. Then, in the search for the cause, the video proceeds to take the viewer from the domain of the very large, to the very small.

First you, the viewer, explore the galaxy from the outside, from a God's-eye view of the proceedings, where it is shown that our Solar System is only a tiny object in our galaxy, both bobbing up and down, and swimming in and out of its spiral arms. You see that the cycles of changes in life on Earth correlate with the cycles of exposure to cosmic radiation that the Solar System experiences, as it makes its way through the galaxy.

From there, you are taken into the very small—into the domain of the potential effects of radiation on life itself.

Animated experimental subjects, including oysters, potatoes, fiddler crabs, and onions, all become test subjects that show effects of this cosmic radiation. A consistent theme through the presentation is the role of "weak forces," like cosmic radiation—or, analogously, an effective, but small-numbered political movement—which appear to be weak forces, but are, in reality, dominant factors in the development of the universe. The universe is constantly in a process of development, constantly self-creating. Another less apparent theme is the role that mankind plays as a co-creator in the universe, participating consciously in the universe's process of self-development.

While this written explanation of the video can give a sketch of facts of the presentation, the effect of the video cannot be replicated in print. With the aid of animation, the video's viewer is brought through the experience of a genuine scientific investigation, from the posing of a scientific paradox, to the implied resolutions to that paradox. This includes seeing phenomena which are not visible to the human eye. For example, the experience of soaring outside the galaxy, and seeing the entire Solar System wend its way through a much larger and more complex system, is not replicable on paper. Nor is the fun of hearing the clacking of oyster shells or the quick-breathing of potatoes, as they react to their changing environments.

So take both this preface and the following script as merely a shadowy foretaste of what has been produced in "Our Extraterrestrial Imperative 2." And watch this video as soon as possible at <http://www.larouchepac.com/node/16049>.

# The Extraterrestrial Imperative

## Part 2: Cosmic Rays

*The following is the script of the LPAC-TV video, with a selection of graphics. Michelle Fuchs is the narrator; Chris Jadatz is Specialist 1 and Diana Wong is Specialist 2. Animations by Chris Jadatz, Diana Wong, and Chance McGee. Light and sound effects by Dennis Mason. <http://www.larouchepac.com/node/16049>*

*Part I, "The Mission," can be viewed at <http://www.larouchepac.com/node/14690>*

**Neil Armstrong, on the Moon, July 20, 1969:** Houston, Tranquillity Base here. The *Eagle* has landed!

**Houston:** Roger, Tranquillity, we copy on the ground. You've got a bunch of guys here about to turn blue. We can breathe again. Thanks a lot!

**Narrator:** Mankind's mission to colonize the Moon and Mars poses new challenges to our understanding of man and his relationship to the universe. Before we can think of landing our first settlers on Mars, we have to come to terms with the presence and power of supposedly "weak forces," which have hitherto been considered "negligible" by most modern scientists. For example, what will be the direct effects of prolonged exposure to cosmic space on our space pioneers, biological and otherwise? How will we begin to explore the questions of how to make other planets habitable? What will these questions reveal to us about the role of such "weak forces" on the entire biological and geological history of our planet? And, how will this further reveal the universe in its true nature, as a single, interconnected entity, always in a process of upward, anti-entropic development?

To begin to answer these questions competently, we will examine the dynamic interrelationship of the cosmos as a whole, both in individual living processes, and the entirety of the Earth's Biosphere.

Since the time of Plato, man has come to understand the universe by observing long-term cycles, and investigating hypotheses concerning their astrophysical causes. One of the modern pioneers in the investigation

of the relationship between Earth's Biosphere and its surrounding cosmic medium, was Russian biogeochemist Vladimir Vernadsky. Vernadsky saw the Biosphere as a single system, continuously developing anti-entropically, driven not only by the activity of living organisms internal to the Biosphere, but also in a harmonious interplay with forces external to the Earth.

The Sun obviously plays a fundamental role in the processes of life on our planet, this being one of the most evident cycles which we observe, both day to day, and year to year. But even as early as Vernadsky's time, new information was developing concerning a less apparent force: the penetration of cosmic radiation into the Earth.

New evidence of the presence of this weak radiation on Earth, and its effects on living processes, is now available to us to begin to construct a higher hypothesis.

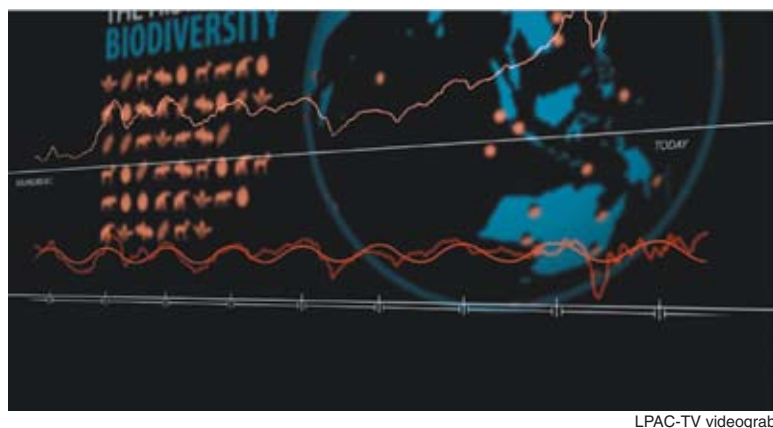
### Cosmic Rays and Evolution

**Specialist 1:** Let's take a look back at the deep, dark history of life on Earth. Paleontologists have been able to read that history by studying the fossil records of living organisms, going back over 500 million years. The first thing we notice is the fact that certain species, which existed during certain periods of that history, seem to suddenly cease to exist, or at least dwindle in number. This process is usually referred to as mass extinction.

We will also notice something else, something which is much less discussed than the phenomena of extinction: This fossil record also reveals to us distinct moments at which new species suddenly emerge. This process has steadily, and without reversal, led to more complex and advanced forms of life. When we begin to look at this history on the scale of hundreds of millions of years, we begin to see that there are very long waves of both increase and decrease in the number and variety of species on our planet—a rhythm begins to emerge in these cycles of biodiversity!

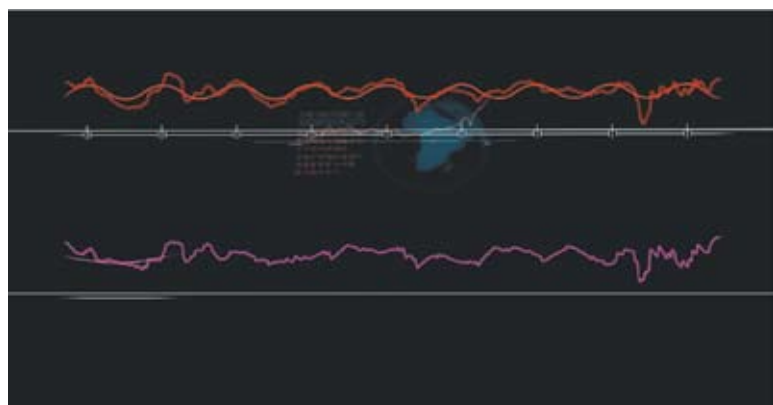
The most apparent of these regular cycles of rise and fall, seems to occur approximately every 62 million

FIGURE 1  
**Long-Wave Pattern of Biodiversity**



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FIGURE 2  
**Biodiversity: Long and Even Longer Waves**  
 (Top, 62-Million-Year Cycle; Bottom, 140-Million-Year Cycle)



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FIGURE 3  
**Our Solar System Travels Through the Galaxy**



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years. However, if we look even closer, we can see that there is also another, weaker rhythm, laid over top of this primary cycle. This weaker, but still significant wave has a cycle of approximately 140 million years (Figures 1 and 2).

What could be causing this? Well, let's look at another cycle which researchers have just recently discovered, not by looking at fossils, but by looking at meteorites. Iron meteorites, which have found their way through our atmosphere from outer space, reveal a cycle similar to our longer-wave cycle in biodiversity. By measuring the presence of radioactive potassium in these meteorites, we find a 143-million-year cycle. What could possibly account for these correlated cycles in both isotopic density and biodiversity?

Well, let's zoom out. According to our present knowledge, our galaxy, the Milky Way, has several spiral arms. Our Solar System is orbiting through our galaxy, much in the same way our planet orbits the Sun. We measure years on Earth by the time it takes to orbit the Sun. However, the time which it takes us to orbit the entire galaxy, we could call one "galactic year." During the course of one galactic year, our Solar System makes a journey in and out of each of the Milky Way's many spiral arms (Figure 3). The time it takes to travel in and out of each spiral arm, has been calculated to be approximately 135 million years!

This brings us back to cosmic rays. The density of cosmic ray sources in our galaxy is not uniform. Each of these spiral arms is densely populated by both newly forming stars and exploding supernovae. According to what we currently know, these supernovae are the major source for the majority of cosmic radiation. The spaces in between the spiral arms are less densely populated by these supernovae. Therefore, as we make our transit in and out of these spiral arms, we should expect corresponding variations in the cosmic radiation which intersects our planet. This would account for the 143-million-year cycle in radioactive potassium found in meteorites on Earth.



The question remains, though: Could this cycle in cosmic radiation also account for the two long-wave cycles we saw in our planet's biodiversity?

Well, let's look at the other shorter-term, but stronger, rhythm of 62 million years. If we zoom out again, and this time look at our galaxy from the side, we'll see that our Solar System "swims" above and below the equatorial plane of the Milky Way, as we orbit the galaxy's center. This oscillation occurs at a different rate than the transit in and out of the spiral arms. In fact, the cycles clock in at approximately 60 million years! If we take into account the likelihood that the density of cosmic radiation differs from one side of the plane of the galaxy to the other, this oscillation and corresponding changes in cosmic ray flux, could account for our 62-million-year rhythm in our Biosphere's species diversity.

Besides fossil biodiversity, this cycle also, interestingly, matches other measured cyclical changes on Earth, which include a component in Exxon-measured sea-level fluctuation, the amount of dry land left exposed as water levels change, reflected in the ratio of Strontium 87/86 isotopes. This points to a relation between tectonic changes and astronomical cycles.

There is also a larger tectonic change, where the age of deposits of igneous rock shows that volcanic activity is on the same roughly 60-million-year cycle (**Figure 4**). So we have a roughly 140-million-year cycle in rise and fall of biodiversity, which corresponds to the motion of our Solar System through the spiral arms of our galaxy, resulting in increases in cosmic radiation flux, as evidenced in the isotopic record of meteorites, and temperature record here on Earth. And a second, roughly 60-million-year cycle, in rise and fall in biodiversity, which corresponds to the motion of the Solar System above and below the plane of the galaxy, where it is hypothesized we receive a higher flux of cosmic radiation on one side of the galactic disc. This also, interestingly, corresponds to geological cycles of volcanic activity and land exposure.

**Narrator:** What we are looking at is an apparent correlation between these galactic cycles and the levels of biodiversity of life here on Earth, a provocative relationship between processes in the astrophysical scale and the processes which we observe within our Biosphere: a resonance between astrophysical cycles and life here on Earth.

However, it's important to emphasize that we don't know yet what the causes are. What does become clear,

FIGURE 4

### Volcanic Activity: A 60-Million-Year Cycle



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however, is that what most scientists would simply write off, as a "weak force," when we step back and look at the development of our cosmos over longer spans of time (hundreds of millions of years), cosmic radiation as a "weak force" suddenly becomes more significant and more powerful than the forces which immediately present themselves to our eyes. As we just saw, this cosmic radiation seems like it could be connected with the much more powerful process of evolution, not only of individual living species, but also the Biosphere as a whole.

Life itself, when viewed over time scales of millions of years, is also one of these very powerful, "weak" forces. The investigation of interaction between these phenomena of life and cosmic rays, both as so-called "weak forces," may unlock some new ways of answering our questions. Although we don't yet know exactly how the increases in biodiversity are driven, which contribute to the process of higher states of organization in our Biosphere and increasing specialization of life, we do know that life is very sensitive to various forms of radiation. Contrary to the popular linear-no-threshold idea of destructive effects of any and all radiation, undeniable evidence exists which shows that certain frequencies of radiation, in certain amounts, are indispensable to life processes. Again, these are weak forces which have, up to now, remained mostly "off the radar screen" for most scientists.

Now that we've explored how the larger processes of the cosmos affect the Biosphere as a whole, let's look at how these same types of weak forces determine living processes in the small.



FIGURE 5  
**Oysters in New Haven Harbor**



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FIGURE 6  
**Oyster, Newly Arrived in Illinois**



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FIGURE 7  
**Oyster in Illinois, Two Weeks Later**



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## Cosmic Rays and Organisms

**Specialist 2:** There are many examples of living creatures responding to radiation. The most obvious example is the photosynthetic process by which plants convert visible light into carbohydrates, and thus begin the metabolic processes on Earth. But new light is now being shone on weaker forms of radiation, which occur in smaller quantities, but have unmistakable qualitative effects for life.

Most living organisms exhibit clear diurnal, lunar, and annual cycles, due most apparently to the Sun and Moon, as are observed in the sleeping, eating, and reproducing habits of plants, animals, and humans. But what about the effects of high-energy cosmic radiation?

In the 1950s, biologist Frank Brown investigated the metabolic cycles of plants and animals, and found indications of the possible influence of forces such as cosmic radiation on the circadian, or daily metabolic, rhythms of plants and animals.

A thought-provoking correlation with primary cosmic radiation began to be uncovered in a study of the metabolic cycles of the oysters of New Haven harbor in Connecticut, where oysters rhythmically open and close their shells with the tides (**Figure 5**). Frank Brown and his associates transported some of these oysters from their home in New Haven harbor, to pans of seawater in a photographic darkroom in Evanston, Ill. The oysters were kept in light-proof environments, where they were removed from direct visual contact with the Sun.

Watch how the animals responded to their new environment: Gradually, they were able re-phase their rhythm of shell-opening over a two-week period from the exact high tide in New Haven, to the time corresponding to the high tide in Illinois (**Figures 6-7**). Obviously, these animals are not simply responding to the tides, nor to visual cues from the Sun or Moon. So what does this tell us about the daily cycles of these animals?

Later, Brown ran more controlled experiments to continue the investigation. Over two successive Summers, Brown grew potatoes in laboratory environments with controlled light, pressure, and temperature (**Figure 8**),

measuring their metabolic rate as indicated by their level of oxygen consumption. However, the potato exhibited complicated metabolic fluctuations over the course of any given day, and each day was different. Puzzled, they could not find any fluctuations within the controlled environment which could account for this. Only when they looked outside the controlled environment, did they see that the fluctuations in the barometric pressure outside matched the sporadic fluctuations of the potato's metabolic rate (**Figure 9**).

Soon after these experiments, Brown received measurements of the amount of cosmic radiation the Earth had been exposed to over those two Summers. Seeing that the fluctuations matched with the changes in metabolism of the potatoes, Brown hypothesized that cosmic radiation, which flows right through laboratory walls, may have been giving signals to these organisms (**Figure 10**).

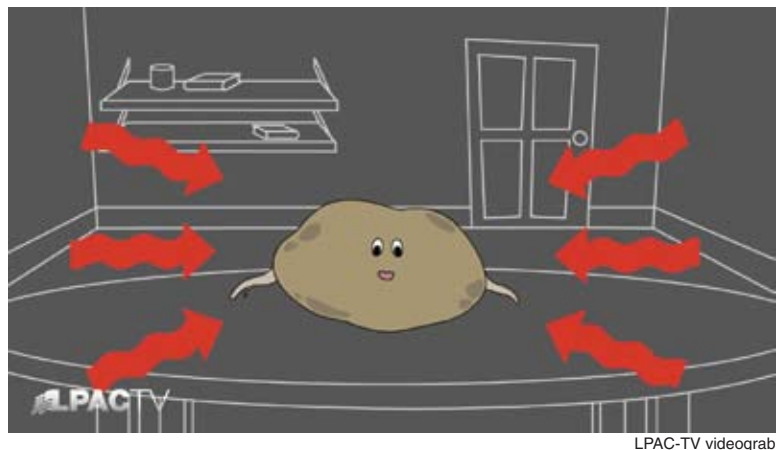
In a similar experiment, this time with animals, fiddler crabs, they too responded to the environment outside the laboratory (**Figure 11**). Comparing their metabolic cycles with the cosmic radiation, the crabs had an inverted relationship, meaning that when cosmic radiation was less present, the crabs were more active.

If forms of unseen radiation can adjust the metabolic cycles of an organism, what other unseen radiations exist that are affecting living processes?

In 1923, Russian scientist Alexander Gurwitch saw that, while the final organization of living organisms is very well defined, the formation and division of the cells that eventually occupy the fully grown organism appear to occur in a random and disordered manner.

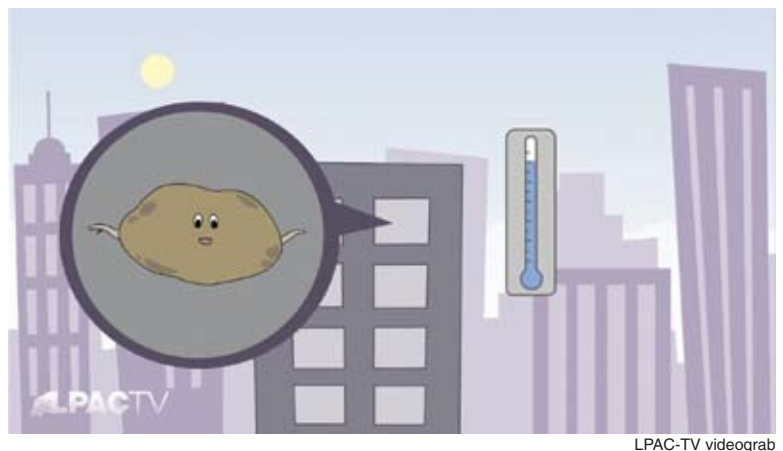
Gurwitch chose as a test subject, an onion, which typically grows symmetrically, with similar rates of cellular division on either side, to attempt to detect whether an unseen source of radiation, stemming from the root tip, regulated the division of cells. The onion halves were placed in two perpendicular directions, with one root tip pointing to the side of the other root (Figure 12). After allowing some time for mitosis to occur, he then examined the subject root to see if the rate of division

FIGURE 8  
**Study of the Potato's Metabolic Rate**



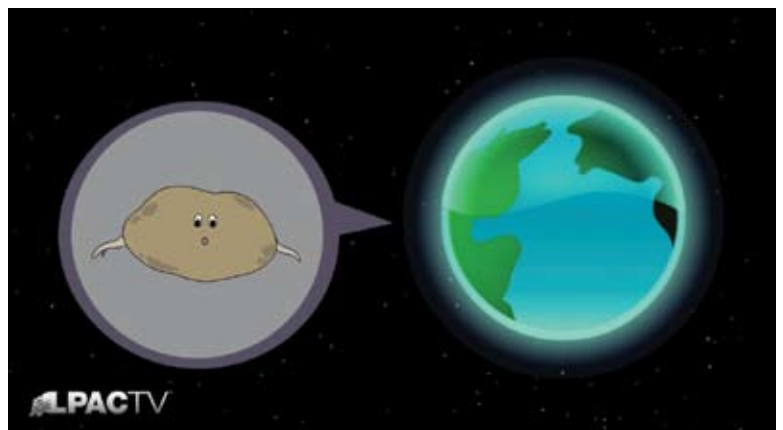
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FIGURE 9  
**Potato's Metabolism Varies with Barometric Pressure**



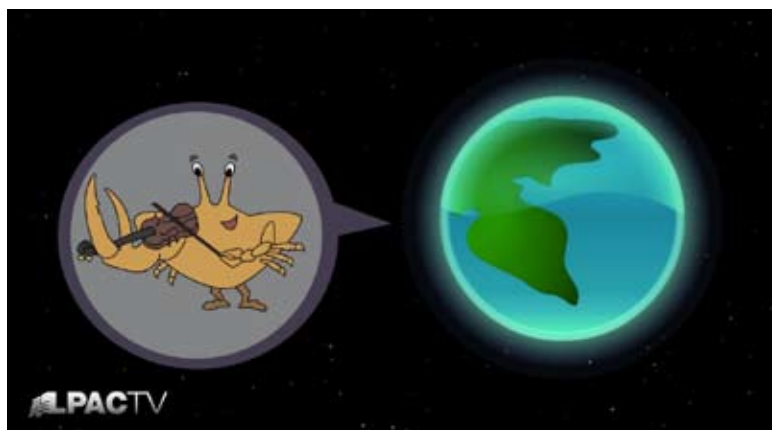
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FIGURE 10  
**Does Cosmic Radiation Play a Role?**



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FIGURE 11  
**Fiddler Crabs: Inverse Relation to Cosmic Radiation**



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FIGURE 12  
**Gurwitsch's Experimental Apparatus**

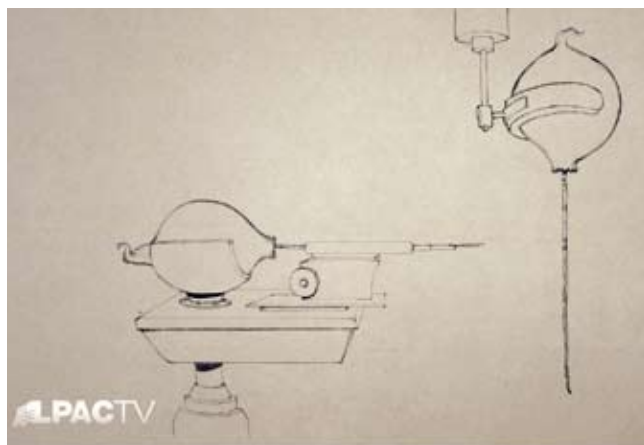


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**Glass Screen: Mitogenetic Effect Disappears**

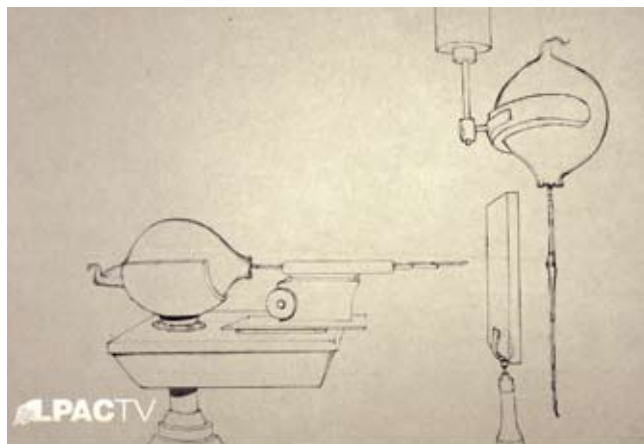
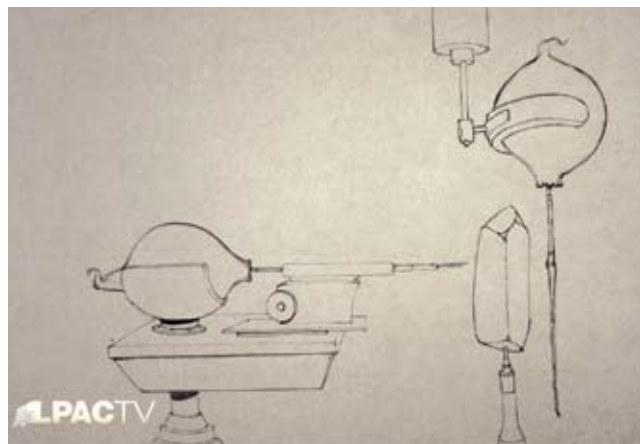


FIGURE 14  
**Quartz Screen: Mitogenetic Effect Reappears**



was different from the control root. Gurwitsch observed a 20% increase in cell division in the stem that had been subjected to the other root tip. This established that some form of radiation was being emitted from the onion root, which Gurwitsch called mitogenetic radiation, stimulating increased cell division.

But a further experiment was required to narrow down what kind of radiation was causing this development. When Gurwitsch placed a thin piece of window glass between the two roots, the rate of cellular division slowed to normal rates, showing that the mitogenic effect had disappeared (**Figure 13**). When he replaced the window glass with quartz crystal, the mitogenic effect reappeared (**Figure 14**). This signaled to Gurwitsch that mitogenetic radiation is an emission in the ultraviolet range, which cannot pass through window glass, but can easily pass through quartz crystal. Gurwitsch had shown that a small amount of ultraviolet energy participates in forming the structure of living organisms.

These are only a few cases of a wide field of investigation which will be elaborated in future presentations. All these areas of study need to be continued, and raise very interesting questions about the fundamental role of specifically tuned radiation phenomena in living organisms.

### The Unseen Realities

**Narrator:** The power of these seemingly weak forces, reveals to us an unseen reality which makes life on Earth possible. There is still much we don't know about the role of radiation for life here on Earth, includ-



ing what exactly the nature of cosmic radiation is, that it would affect the development of life.

Viruses also respond to radiation: In laboratory conditions, they are turned on and off with the action of ultraviolet radiation. What role do they play in the process of evolution? Conversely, what do living processes require of cosmic radiation, in order even to exist?

If these galactic cycles, and the associated changes in cosmic radiation, do play an integral part in the development of life and the Biosphere, then this could completely transform how we understand life in the universe. For how could these galactic cycles of changes in cosmic radiation play a regular fundamental role in the anti-entropic development of life, unless they share the same quality of anti-entropic character as life and the Biosphere? How, then, are organisms tuned to this galactic harmony? What is the specific quality of resonance which allows this relationship to take place?

Most of what is currently assumed about sources of extragalactic radiation, like the Crab Nebula, pulsars, and supernovae, is purely speculation, extrapolated from our experience on the Earth. But the constant creation of new sources of cosmic radiation, gives us a sense of the creative nature of even the seemingly abiotic universe: a process which appears to be moving and directed, rather than cyclical, and resembles the quality of development of the Biosphere and Noösphere. Therefore, understanding their resonance with life on Earth will give us more understanding of their creative characteristics.

One keystone of this picture will be a new, expanded Periodic Table, expressing the fundamental relations of radiations and matter, including how they relate within living processes. By expanding our view of the role of energetic phenomena in living matter, we will revolutionize fields such as medical technology here on Earth.

Viewed from the top, the Biosphere of the Earth can be considered as a region of transformation. The power of living matter is its ability to harness forces, like cosmic and other radiation, into the evolutionary process of continuous upward development. This takes the form of increasing organization, and higher levels of energy-flux-density. The action of life naturally participates in creation. But what, then, of the contribution of mankind? How much more quickly and effectively has human activity advanced the organization of the universe through its own self-conscious creativity! What will be our commitment to that creative mission now?

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## LaRouche/Basement Team Dialogue

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# Mind Is the Principle of the Universe

*On Oct. 12, after the release of “Our Extraterrestrial Imperative, Part 2,” the LaRouche “Basement Team” of young scientists and political organizers was discussing the issue of the galaxy’s spiral arms. Lyndon LaRouche joined the conversation.*

**LaRouche:** The arms are not fixed. When you go to the galactic arms, you’re not fixed. Because the whole process itself is undergoing an evolution in the process, so that the successive rate is not in an orderable series.

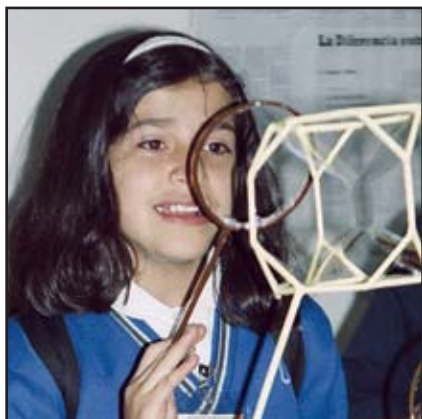
You have to start from the top; you can’t take it piecemeal, and take one slice of it, and try to determine how the whole thing is functioning. So, you’re looking at the galactic function.

I think we have to emphasize more emphatically, now that we have this approach, we have to start with the galaxy; the galactic functions are the things we have to deal with *as a whole*. Not a galactic arm, or this arm, or that arm—because they’re changing! You’ve got a thing like the Crab Nebula that comes in there, which is in a finite time, in terms of our human existence on Earth. And a lot of similar things are happening to change everything in the galaxy; so therefore, you need a function for the galaxy as a whole, not a comparison of arms as such. The only function of looking at the comparison of arms is to find the *differences*. And we have to start from the galaxy, as we did, in this function: That’s the genius of it! We start from the galaxy, we don’t try to build up from inside the Solar System into the galaxy. We go the other way around. The best thing we have now is the galaxy. You take the galaxy as a whole, and this entire function, and start from there.

**Basement Team:** What seems strange about it, is there is so little known, because we’re *in it*; there are a lot of inferences, that something is involved in making—

**LaRouche:** There are a lot of things. Like the question of the human mind. We’re doing a lot of thinking. But practically, nobody knows what the human mind is!

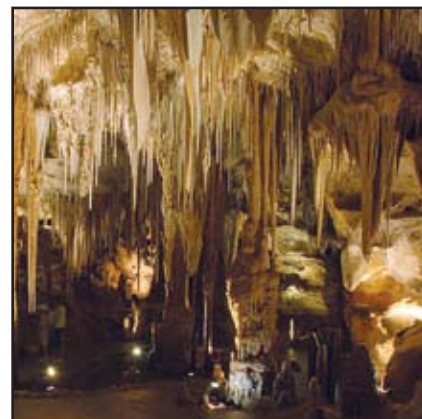




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*The Noösphere (left), Biosphere (center), and Lithosphere are all inherent in the very nature of the universe. Right: The Tantanoola Cave in Australia partakes of both Biosphere and Lithosphere.*

So you know very little about the galaxy. So what?

**Basement Team:** Okay.

**LaRouche:** So what?!

## Life, Cognition Are Inherent in the Universe

**Basement Team:** And doesn't it seem to be that the immersion principle here is going to be the best means for investigation? As you just said, in looking at the different processes in living things, and what they turn into. Because I think the key point that was made—and especially, it came across clearly at the end of that video—was that this fact of resonance shows that, therefore, the galaxy as a whole embodies the principle of life. All the observations that everybody's been doing show that here's the galaxy out here—but the point is that all of these things must embody that, and therefore, that can be a guide for looking at it.

**LaRouche:** The point is, you don't have a separation. You don't have a galaxy in which life comes about as a mushroom or something. The point is, the galaxy itself is organized by these distinctions, including the cognitive. And where's the cognitive in the galaxy? It's us! The problem with that, is that most people don't know what the human mind is. It is defined in common usage as an extrapolation from studies of sense perception, and reactions to it. Which we know is false. Because the human mind is not based on sense perception. So practically all of psychology, as taught, is garbage! It doesn't understand how the human mind functions.

So I think we have to start from the galaxy. We have to say, this idea about life being something like a disease or a mushroom that grew in the galaxy, is nonsense. The point is, the universe *depends* upon the phase

spaces of which it is composed. There never was a lack of any of these spaces.

**Basement Team:** That's one of the things about the spatial model of the galaxy. Spatially, they'll say, oh, you locate life, and cognition, in a point inside the galaxy, as opposed to thinking of cognition and life itself as something which is part of the boundary condition of the galaxy.

**LaRouche:** Also the problem is that you get this question of, where is the human mind? Where is the Noösphere? Obviously, the Noösphere always existed; but where does it exist?

From the top down, not the bottom up.

In other words, the Noösphere is not a worm or a fungus, that suddenly has infected the universe. The Noösphere is inherent in the universe, and is the highest aspect of the organization of the universe. What changes is the *development* of the Noösphere. It is not that the Noösphere is like a fungus which grew onto the Biosphere; and the Biosphere is not a fungus of the Lithosphere.

See, this is where you get all these assumptions.

Assumption number one: That the human mind is predicated on sense perception; that's the primary definition of the human mind. False!

The universe is organized on the basis of *principle*. You live in a society which is either Aristotelean, or is Sarpian, or is shit! So, it's incompetent. You start from these assumptions, and you say, "We're now going to do an objective study of this 'thing,' which we have now defined. Just like we defined the universe as being based on particles."

It isn't! The universe is *not* based on particles. The

Periodic Table contains a fundamental flaw. And therefore, all our assumptions are wrong!

So therefore, we go to cosmic radiation, but what happens then? We fall into a real soup then, because the question of the Noösphere screws everything up. What we are able to do as human beings, is to tap in to the development of the Noösphere; and the Noösphere runs the universe. Or the *principle* of the Noösphere runs the universe. And in the universe, the living processes are higher than the non-living processes. Exactly *contrary* to what the axiomatic hypotheses are.

That's why this business of cosmic radiation is crucial.

First of all, Einstein did not solve the problem of General Relativity; he *defined* the problem of General Relativity, in a descriptive way. That you put it together, and you have to take account of all of this, the space-time relationship. But the problem with the space-time relationship, is we assume that the thoughts we are using, the arguments we are making, are based on assumptions about the nature of the human mind: They are reductionist.

**Basement Team:** And they're drawn entirely from observations of the abiotic. There's no other consideration outside that.

**LaRouche:** Exactly. The universe is organized as a process of development. The principle of mind exists in the universe. It exists from the beginning of the universe—whatever the beginning is, whatever the beginning means. Life, similarly, inferior to cognition, also lives in the universe, as a distinct phase, which is distinct from human creativity. And on the lowest level, you have the Lithosphere.

As long as you get this crazy model, you're always assuming backwards: You're assuming that the Lithosphere is primary; that somehow you've got to figure out how the sawdust grew into something-or-other as a Biosphere; and then the Biosphere spun off the Noösphere. Crap! It's the principles of the Noösphere that run the universe! So, the Noösphere was there in the beginning. Where is it located? Hmm...

## The Cycle of the Galaxy

And the first step to get rid of this crap, is to get at cosmic radiation. Because at least you're getting onto some kind of a sensible basis. And the cycle is, the minimal cycle of the cycle of the galaxy. That's your minimal cycle.

So now, you have a minimal cycle which is galactic; and then your primary standpoint is the Noösphere. Now, the Noösphere implies that there are principles which are comparable to the actual noëtic powers of the human mind, *ontologically*. And that these powers actually run the universe, as an ordinary system.

What's wrong? First of all, you have Aristotle, a piece of shit. And a lot of people believe in Aristotle: They retain their shit. It takes over when they die. They have all these assumptions, which are *wrong*. And they're based on, first of all, the denial of the fact that creativity is an inherent part of the universe. What we call creativity, noësis, is an inherent part of the universe. And the universe is run from the top down, according to a *self-developing* principle of noësis. And this principle of noësis takes various forms.

So, the minimal thing is, we start from the cycle of the galaxy, our galaxy. Now, that's a completely different order of magnitude than our Solar System. Our Solar System is a turd on the march of the galaxy! It's a brief instance, it's a whiff; it's a little thing—*whhittt!*—inside the galaxy. So your galactic process, the galactic cycle—which is not a uniform cycle, not a reductionist, uniform cycle—is a developmental process. Obviously, the galaxy undergoes evolution. We just weren't there to observe it!

The first thing is, don't try to solve the problem by arbitrary—you know, "I've got the idea and this is the solution." You'll never get there. You'll never get it! You have to start from the very obvious things. You start from the universal principle of noësis, existing in the universe, as the highest form of organization in the universe. We as human beings are capable of reflecting that principle of noësis, which is true creativity. Which has nothing to do with sense perception. Sense perception is just instrumentation of something that functions. And *get rid* of this idea of space and time.

## The Problem with the Periodic Table

We already have all kinds of hints that there's a different time-scale for living processes, as opposed to nonliving, as opposed to noëtic processes. And the problem is, we have a pasted-together sense of General Relativity, not an actual one. And the reason is, we don't have a focus on the actual principle of noësis. We can know what it is, but not if you believe in Aristotle, or you believe in Liberalism. Because these very assumptions stand in the way of our understanding this stuff. And I think the way to do it, is to insult the process, by

concentrating on cosmic radiation. And take the cosmic radiation definition of General Relativity, not a pasted-together definition.

The problem is, we're still doing this thing. We're still trying to build up the universe, in its noëtic features, from dirt! Or pre-dirt. And the problem with the Periodic Table is it does that. It builds in this assumption that *dirt* is the basis for the Solar System. And it's not. Because the reality of the universe, is noësis. The reality of human ability to change the universe, is noësis. Noësis does not exist in sense perception; there's no way you could demonstrate noësis in sense perception, except as a footprint, left behind by noësis.

**Basement Team:** If you start with dirt, all you end up with is a golem.

**LaRouche:** Something like that. No, the point is, the principle of creativity runs the universe. The universe is noëtic. The fact that we can efficiently, by *creativity*, that we can change the universe by our actions on it—that we can change the organization of the universe—indicates that the character of the universe is a change, from the top down, from a principle of creativity which happens to coincide with what noësis is, in terms of the human mind. Okay, from the top down, *get rid of the particle system*. Because you are assuming the existence of a little piece of dirt. And why do you do that? Because you're an Aristotelean, or an asshole, or something like that. So, you assume the little piece of dirt.

Now, you create space. How do you create space? Does it exist? Evidence says no. Evidence says the whole system is organized on the basis of cosmic radiation. So where's the room for dirt? Where's the empty space? There is no empty space!

So therefore, our thinking is corrupted by this idea of a Periodic Table based on dirt! Particles of dirt.

How do you get rid of this? We already have the means to get rid of it: cosmic radiation, with its singularities. There is no empty space. So you don't have space-time to worry about. It doesn't exist in that form. And that's where the problem has been. Whereas, the answer to this lies in an understanding of the nature of the creative powers of the human mind. The human mind is not based on sense perception. The human being requires sense perception, but we can actually create artificial senses. We have other kinds of things besides sense perception. We can create them! We can create experiments which will define them. The point is, is to break with this crap.

## The Question of the Human Mind

And that has to do with what's wrong with the world today. We have an economic system: You take *us* out of it—I mean *us*, *me*, *us*—out of the system, and the world is finished, civilization is finished for a long time to come. Right now. Because there is nothing else on this planet that's going to prevent it from crashing. There's no government in the world, presently operating government, which has the capacity to ensure the survival of civilization past the immediate days and weeks ahead. Not possible.

We are crucial. There's nobody else doing this! And the reason is these things: reductionism, behaviorism, Aristoteleanism, or belief in the eternal blessings of shit. Those are the three things that exist, and they're all foolishness.

So, we have to do two things: understand what the principle of mind is, which people *don't* think about; they assume that they've got an explanation and that's good enough. Or they get their psychologist, who's probably a nut anyway, to explain what the mind is.

So, our handle is these two things: We have to settle the question of the definition of *mind*, per se. Not mind as derived from sense perception, but mind per se. The mind means not just human beings; it means a principle that runs the universe. It's the principle of creativity that runs the universe.

**Basement Team:** We discussed before, that it's like the field-singularity question: then you get the singularity of the human individual—that's cognition. But that doesn't mean that the singularity is all there is.

**LaRouche:** That's how we know the singularity, because we are *it*, if we are intelligent. We know it because we experience it. We experience our ability to alter the universe. That's the singularity.

Now, our behavior is simply a question of how well we reflect that singularity. And the best way to go at this real thing, is to break people's testicles! Which is good for them! It gives them a greater sense of fluidity.

But these two things: the question of mind. Define the mind, as a principle, which does not depend upon sense perception, but which reaches out and arranges to *find* sense-perceptual capabilities per se. Which is the thing about harmonics.

And then, look at the universe from the standpoint of mind, which is what Einstein was trying to get to, and came up to a convergence upon, but never reached.

So, if you take the question of mind, and combine

that with this conception of relativity, of true General Relativity—true General Relativity exists only in this domain. Only in the domain of a universal process, which is a form of cosmic process, with no empty space in it. And the human mind, the creative powers of the human mind. That's all we know! That's all that we're sure of. Everything else is arbitrary.

And when you think about the minds that I'm dealing with in economics, there's not a nation on this planet, whose present government is capable of organizing the survival of the human species! And you want to respect that kind of opinion? You want to follow that kind of opinion? You want to appeal to acceptance by that kind of opinion?

If you take my organization, and you wipe it off the planet, this planet's going into a Dark Age, and nothing will prevent it. You want to go by that? You want to go by that kind of leadership? That kind of thing? It's when we get too damn humble that we're going to lose the planet.

But the things, to me, are obvious, and have been obvious. The solution to the questions which are obvious, is not so easily found. But the questions are there. It's the people who ignore the questions that get us into trouble. And therefore, this *fear* of offending somebody who's got a sexual fantasy about the Periodic Table! That's what the problem is.

So take these new things. Eliminate this idea, this commonly accepted idea, this crap: The mind is not just the mind of man; the mind that's a superior mind is the mind of the universe, the mind that organizes the universe. The principle of universal anti-entropy, of which the human mind is a reflection. And no animal that we know of has any such reflection. Only the human being.

But the human being belongs, therefore, to a different phase-space, because it does have this capability, which is not something that grew like a mushroom out of the human head. But it's an expression of a higher principle of the universe, which we, as human beings, incorporate. And we have to nourish it. And don't be like these stupid politicians that we have to deal with all the time, and these stupid professors: people who want to kiss ass in order to be accepted, and they'd get a mouthful of things they wouldn't like.

So, we've got it, we've got it, these two things: mind and cosmic radiation. Pose everything in these terms. That mind is the principle of the universe, the highest principle of the universe, because it's an ordering principle, the highest ordering principle. And the human

mind is the most important phenomenon in the universe, because it reflects that highest quality. If you allow it to.

## Break the Shibboleths

And the whole problem is breaking the shibboleths. The shibboleth is [*whining voice*], "Talk to people in terms they can understand." No! It's useless to talk to them in terms they understand, because they will continue to be utterly, hopelessly ignorant! Talk to them in terms they don't yet understand, and tell them *they can be freed of stupidity*. They will no longer vote for things like Obama!

We're on the edge right now. What we have done brings us to the edge, not of answers, but of questions. So follow the questions! Treat the questions as answers.

We've got it! The way this thing came together, the second phase of this, from this weekend's publication ["Our Exterrestrial Imperative, 2]: That's a breakthrough! It's a breakthrough because it's the first explicit statement we've made on this issue of the organization of the universe. We start from the galaxy, from the galactic standpoint and we say, now we measure, first of all, from the galactic standpoint. We are not measuring something like a clock—tick, tick, tick. We're measuring something which is *a process of change*. We don't know how many galactic arms there were last time the count was run. We don't know any such things. We know *this*, and we know it imperfectly.

And I know what the human mind is, which most of our politicians don't know. That's my advantage. They have not yet gone in and taken out a license to operate the mind. They drive a car, but they don't have a license to operate the mind. You see what they do with a car! *Crash!*

**Basement Team:** Look how they treat nations: They don't know how to drive a nation either!

**LaRouche:** That's true. But we do. But we do it by starting with our ignorance, by defining our ignorance. Defining what we *don't* know. And that makes a good driver.

"Oh! You mean there are *roads*? *That's* why the car crashed."

Mind, and cosmic radiation. We're there. We now have a galactic basis for finding it. We've stated it publicly, we stuck our neck out. It's out there. We'll start from there. But recognize the principle of mind, as the principle of the universe.



# Foreclose on the British Empire with Glass-Steagall

by John Hoefle

Oct. 15—The only effective way of dealing with the “foreclosure crisis” is the immediate passage of Glass-Steagall, and the stopping of all home foreclosures. Period.

We put “foreclosure crisis” in quotation marks to reinforce the point that, while there is a foreclosure crisis in the U.S. today, the foreclosure mess is really a reflection of the way in which the residential real estate markets were turned into a playground for the global derivatives markets. Home mortgages were used as fuel for the creation of mortgage-backed securities, upon which, in turn, were piled collateralized debt obligations, credit default swaps, and all sorts of other crazy bets. When this game blew up in 2007, the bankers tried to tell us it was a “subprime crisis,” created by unqualified borrowers who victimized the lenders. When the derivatives markets seized up in response, we were told it was a “credit crunch,” caused by investors who were irrationally panicking. Now, as the economic collapse has become more pronounced, and more and more Americans cannot pay their mortgages, this derivatives crisis is dubbed a “foreclosure crisis,” caused by deadbeat homeowners and low-level employees who fouled up the paperwork.

The bankers’ line is clear: You little people screwed things up, and we bankers are the real victims! You people have to take responsibility for your actions!

This, from the very parasites that have taken—and continue to take—trillions of dollars in bailouts, subsi-

dies, and guarantees from the government and the Federal Reserve. The parasites’ institutions would not exist except for the largest rip-off of taxpayers in history. On top of that, they want to seize people’s homes. This is not just shameless, it is pathological criminality.

## **Deliberate Fraud**

The fraud—and it is deliberate, calculated fraud at every step—comes from the very top, the British Empire and its Inter-Alpha Group of Banks. To keep its global derivatives scam going, the empire targeted the U.S. real estate market. It used mortgage debt as the basis for a new class of derivatives, selling the derivatives off to the suckers, and plowing some of the proceeds back into new mortgages. The result was a self-feeding spiral which drove up home prices and sales, creating ever more mortgage debt, and thus, an accelerating volume of derivatives. It was a classic orchestrated mania, a pyramid scheme, which appeared to be a virtual money machine—if you didn’t look too closely.

To keep the game going, the bankers systematically violated real estate, tax, and securities laws. They were like crack addicts—anything for the next fix. But they weren’t the only ones. Many of our fellow citizens got addicted, too—to the lure of easy credit, the illusion that home prices would always rise. We confused debts with assets, and went on a binge.

We fell victim to one of the oldest tricks in the impe-

rial playbook, the pleasure/pain game. As long as we thought we were making money, we were happy. We ignored the crumbling around us, the accelerating decay, the obvious signs that we were fooling ourselves. We were making money, and it felt *so good*.

Then it all crashed, and so did we. The bankers grabbed our national wallet and started stealing, all the while telling us it was for our own good. The pain phase had begun.

What we did, at the behest of the British puppet-masters, was to acquiesce to national suicide, first by destroying our industrial economy in favor of a financial bubble, and then, bankrupting what was left via the bailout.

The fraud lies not merely in the details of the foreclosures, but in the very concept of derivatives, and the claim that they have value. Derivatives were a fraud from the beginning, a way to create the illusion of something for nothing. These “securities” were pure fiction, “secured” in name only, by assets which did not exist. They were fraudulent, from top to bottom.

### **Stop the Foreclosures!**

Having destroyed our economy and looted our governments, these parasites are now demanding the homes of those who are unable to pay. Our derivatives give us that right, they say, so pay up or move out. Their violations of laws and blatant disregard for their own contractual obligations are immaterial. Only our obligations to them count.

They have no right to foreclose! Step back from all the sordid details, and look at the larger picture. The Inter-Alpha derivatives bubble is a criminal conspiracy designed to destroy the United States and the nation-state system, so that the British Empire can once again dominate the world. It represents the deliberate targeting of the infrastructure of civilization, with a goal of a genocidal reduction of the world’s population.

We are under assault by the empire and its agents, and our obligation is to fight back.

The first step in defending ourselves is to assert our national sovereignty with the passage of Glass-Steagall. The British Empire has already made it clear that it would view this as a hostile act, because it knows that such an act would mean the end for its monetary system.

The re-implementation of Glass-Steagall would restore a key aspect of proper banking regulation by forcing a split between commercial and investment banking, but its effect would go far beyond the details of

banking law. It would immediately signal to the imperial speculators that the U.S. had ended the Obama policy of capitulation, and would henceforth stand up for the rights of its citizens. It would signal that the La-Rouche movement had prevailed. That is a signal the British Empire would undoubtedly understand.

### **Glass-Steagall, or Bust**

We cannot pull our way out of our economic death-spiral by treating it as if it were a series of discrete problems, to be dealt with through adjustments here and there. That approach will not work; it will lead instead to the very horror we are trying to avoid.

To root out the corruption and criminality in our financial system today, we must understand that the financial system itself is inherently corrupt, and must be replaced. This financial system—the work of the Inter-Alpha Group and its cohorts—was designed to destroy us. It has turned our largest banks into giant casinos, while systematically destroying our smaller ones, continuously concentrating financial power into an ever smaller circle. It has created giant corporate cartels, which run roughshod over our people and our economy. It has created a new class of super-rich, while condemning an increasing percentage of the rest of us to the junk heap. We have become a society in which the demands of a few, far outweigh the needs of the many.

The control mechanism—the medium for dispensing pleasure and pain—is money. The money is used to control the government, the media, and the business sector. And the British Empire—including its Wall Street subsidiary—controls the money. To change things, you have to break that up, to defeat the British Empire.

Such a war is not fought with military weapons, for the empire is not a nation—the empire is an ancient *monetary system* which rules over nations. Its center of power is in Venice, its operational headquarters is in the City of London, and its tentacles are spread worldwide. Its power lies in its ability to control the supply and price of money around the world, to reward or punish nations and peoples, as if we were dogs begging for treats.

You attack this empire by asserting sovereign control over the nation’s economy, as specified by the U.S. Constitution. Break its power and the empire will collapse, leaving us free to begin rebuilding our nation and lifting the world out of the spreading Dark Age. Glass-Steagall is the first step. The British Empire is right to fear it, and us.

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# Cities in Fiscal Crisis: No Way Out Without LaRouche's Policies

by Carl Osgood

Oct. 15—All across America, city officials are trying to balance their budgets amidst the collapse of the greatest financial bubble in human history, a bubble that was the result of the criminal nature of the financial markets, particularly in the era of securitization of mortgages and other debt instruments for the benefit of the derivatives markets. As the bubble blows out, the derivatives moguls expect everyone, from homeowners to governments at all levels, to compensate them for their failed swindles. If the swindlers are allowed to prevail, the result will be a disintegration into a Dark Age that will wipe out a major portion of the human race and leave the desperate survivors living in hellish conditions not seen since the New Dark Age of the 14th Century—a disintegration we can already see in process. And yet, even as the very means of their existence is pulled out from under them, city officials continue to try to balance their budgets, in complete defiance of reality.

Only the Federal government, under Article I of the U.S. Constitution, has the power to create credit, and then deploy that credit into the kinds of physical economic activities that are required to sustain the population at every level. No other level of government can take the action that is required. Aside from a few platitudes about preventing teacher layoffs, President Obama has completely failed to recognize the plight of cities, counties, and towns that are sacrificing essential services to satisfy the balanced-budget beast. Congress needs to take immediate action to stem this decline, starting with the restoration of the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act, to separate legitimate banking functions from gambling, and then, once that is done, Congress can enact emergency aid to state and local governments to prevent the collapse of essential services.

Lyndon LaRouche pointed the way out of the collapse, when he proposed his Homeowners and Bank Protection Act (HBPA) in August of 2007, when the mortgage bubble began to blow. The HBPA would have frozen all home foreclosure actions, allowing families to stay in their homes, while the banking system was

reorganized along Glass-Steagall lines, to deflate the bubble and write off the speculative assets that created the bubble in the first place. More than 150 local and state jurisdictions passed resolutions calling on the U.S. Congress to pass the HBPA. Instead of acting on this demand, however, the leaders of Congress, including, among others, House Financial Services Committee chair Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), sabotaged any consideration of the HBPA and went with the bailout plan of President George W. Bush's Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, a bailout plan which has been continued and expanded by the Obama Administration.

## The Consequences: City Budgets Unravel

City, county, and town governments, as a result, have been left with only one option: to plunge into the hellhole of de facto, if not formal, bankruptcy. And that tragedy is playing out all across the country, as local governments make cuts to every essential service, from public safety, to social safety net programs, to sanitation, to street and water pipe repairs, all in pursuit of the unreachable holy grail: a "balanced budget."

A report released Oct. 6 by the National League of Cities (NLC) documents the depth of the municipal fiscal collapse. Nearly 9 in 10 of the 338 city finance officers surveyed, reported that their cities are less able to meet fiscal needs in 2010, than they had been in 2009, a percentage almost unchanged from the 2009 report. They report declining revenues and spending cutbacks in response to the economic crisis, and, for the first time in the 25-year history of the NLC survey, *both* property tax revenues and sales tax revenues declined in 2010.

Overall, general fund revenues declined 2.5% in 2009 over 2008, and city finance officers project that for 2010, that decline will be 3.2%. "The declines in 2010 represent the largest downturn in revenues and cutbacks in spending in the history of the NLC's survey, with revenues declining for the fourth year in a row," the report states. The most common cuts that cities are making are in their personnel budgets, with 79% report-



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*The economic unravelling of our state and local governments could have been avoided altogether, had LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007, endorsed by hundreds of jurisdictions across the country, been implemented at the time. Here, the LaRouche Youth Movement organizes for the HBPA in Washington, D.C., October 2007.*

ing measures like hiring freezes, wage and benefit cuts, and layoffs; 69% reported delaying or canceling capital infrastructure projects; and 44% made cuts in services other than public safety and human social services; 25% reported cuts in public safety, and 17% in human services. More cities reported making cuts in each area of government activity in 2010, than they did in 2009.

Instead of demanding the policies that will solve the crisis, cities and towns all over America are, instead, committing hara kiri. The ideological straitjacket of budgeting means that city finance officials are left with some combination of tax increases and spending cuts when it comes to working out their budgets. A number of cities, such as San Diego, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz., among others, actually have sales tax increases on the ballot in November, and numerous other towns and counties have property tax rate increases on the ballot.

Conversely, there are also anti-tax measures on a number of state ballots, including the one in Massachusetts, which would slash the state sales tax rate from 6.5% to 3%. A number of mayors in the state have stepped forward to warn of the devastating consequences that these measure would have on municipalities, since one effect of the tax cut, were it to pass, would

be a slashing of state aid to cities and towns, by about \$2 billion. With the options of raising revenues extremely limited, therefore, city finance officials are left with reducing spending to levels that meet the reduced revenues, and everything is on the table, regardless of the impact, including police and fire protection, public health, social safety nets, libraries, public works, and sanitation.

### **But the Bond Markets Are Protected**

And yet, cities' bond ratings are not expected to fall a great deal on average. Why is this? Because city officials have proven they are willing to do "whatever it takes" to balance their budgets! This was made clear during a conference call on Oct. 6, by officials of the National League of Cities, releasing the above-described report.

During the discussion, the NLC's research director Christopher Hoene assured reporters that municipal defaults and bankruptcies would not be a major problem. "Most places are balancing their budgets through cuts and other sorts of actions," he said. Hoene's co-author, Dr. Michael Pagano, Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois



in Chicago, in response to a question on whether downgrades of city bond ratings should be expected, said that, indeed, there will be more rating downgrades, but, as a result of the underlying economy, not as a result of failures on the part of city officials. "Cities are doing what they should be doing as corporations, which is balancing their budgets," he said.

Of course, the budget cuts that cities are taking, have consequences for life and limb, especially cuts to public safety services. This reporter pointed out that he was aware of at least two cases, in San Diego and in Philadelphia, where lives lost were blamed on cuts to fire department services, and crime rates have soared in cities where there have been substantial reductions in police departments. How do the "benefits" of balancing the budget stack up against the very real increased risk to lives and property?

Pagano replied that it's time to "rethink the social compact," rather than suggest that maybe it's the national economic policy that needs to be addressed. He argued that the reason cities are making such cuts is that these services can't be afforded at the current tax rate, and the current willingness of citizens to pay for them. The principle that has to be included, he argued, is that these kinds of services "are not free," and if citizens are not willing to pony up for the full costs, then cuts have to be made somewhere. "That they come in public safety and elsewhere is part of the decision-making process," he said. "If this is so valuable, we need to engage in a renegotiation of the social compact."

## No Local Solution

While there is hardly any part of the country which is untouched by the crisis, the state of New Jersey is perhaps the poster child for sacrificing public safety and other government services on the altar of the balanced budget. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's budget slashed over \$800 million from state aid to education, another \$460 million from state aid to municipalities, and then imposed a 2% cap on property tax increases. These budget measures plunged cities and towns, already weakened by the global financial collapse, deeper into crisis.

On Sept. 24, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission approved a layoff plan submitted to it last month by Newark Mayor Cory Booker, and the city—New Jersey's largest, with over 300,000 inhabitants—immediately sent out notices to 2,200, or roughly half, of its employees that they might be facing layoffs. Within a

week, 700-800 city employees—close to 20% of the city workforce—were scheduled to receive their pink slips, as layoff plans were finalized. The layoffs include 167 police officers (twice the number in Oakland, Calif., last July, that caused a crisis in that city); about 90 fire-fighters; and some 400 sanitation workers, whose jobs are being privatized. All of this, plus a property tax increase of 31%, is supposed to yield \$110 million for the city over the next two years.

This will have no effect, however, on the still-to-be-adopted 2010 budget, which is still in deficit by \$83 million. This week, Newark city officials made it known that the layoffs of 165 police officers, all recruits hired within the last three years, would be announced in the next two weeks, to take effect in November.

However, this level of destruction is still not enough for the bankers' hit men. A task force of economists, commissioned by the Newark city council in August, announced Sept. 28 that the city is *still* spending beyond its means, despite the measures it is taking. The task force recommended a number of scenarios, that included 1,175-1,964 layoffs, and a 17% to 40% increase in city property taxes; otherwise, the city will face a \$106 million deficit in 2011. The recommendations particularly target the police force, which the task force claimed is soaking up too much of city spending.

At the opposite end of the urban scale is Mingo Junction, Ohio, a small village about 20 miles north of Wheeling, W.V. On Sept. 22, seven of the town's eight police officers were laid off due to a lack of cash to pay them. According to news reports, at least one local business closed its doors as a result, because of worries about the crime rate. On Oct. 13, news reports indicated that local citizens were taking matters into their own hands to keep the streets clear of trouble.

Such measures will not solve the problems of Newark, Mingo Junction, or any other U.S. city. No local- or the state-level measures can solve the problems of city budgets. In November 2007, as the foreclosure crisis began to hit, Newark became one of 150 cities backing LaRouche's HBPA, when the city council passed a resolution that recognized the national scope of the crisis, and the Federal government's historical role in protecting the banking system and home ownership, and that called on Congress to pass legislation containing the measures called for in the HBPA. Only national action of this type, beginning with the restoration of Glass-Steagall, will address the crisis faced by Newark and every other city in America.

# False Axioms Will Not Fill Empty Bowls

by Leni Rubinstein

Oct. 11—In connection with the Sept. 20-22 UN General Assembly Millennium Development Goals Summit in New York, the Asia Society and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) held a follow-up meeting Sept. 30, to introduce their Task Force Report: “Never an Empty Bowl: Sustaining Food Security in Asia,” which, in some 70 pages, gives an overview of the poverty/hunger situation in Asia, and outlines a series of measures, centered around the improvement of the quantity, quality, and storage of rice, it being the key staple in the Asian diet.

Of the 1 billion people, globally, suffering chronic hunger, as of 2009, fully 65% live in Asia. India and China alone account for 42% of the people suffering chronic hunger worldwide. The report states that agriculture has seen a decline in investment over the last two decades, and that 25-45% of crops are lost due to pests. This picture underscores what Lyndon LaRouche means when he says that, if the United States is allowed to collapse in this period, the rest of the world will follow, including China and India.

While the stated purpose of the report was to outline measures to diminish the number of people in the world suffering chronic hunger, a key flaw leaps out from the very beginning: All the research and suggestions for solutions are based upon false and bankrupt axioms from within the current failed system. For example, the “climate change” hoax is a recurrent theme of the report, which advocates adaptation to this fraud, as to water scarcity, increased price volatility in global markets, and increasing weather variability.

The report even calls for the establishment of a “robust futures market for rice” in Singapore, as a way to seek “food security,” by hedging against risk of

scarce supplies. Why Singapore—the old outpost of the British Empire? The report asserts that, “the development of a commodity futures market depends on access to modern financial markets to provide the underlying liquidity that makes a futures market useful to traders”—this, in a period of escalating collapse of the global financial system!

## False Axioms Kill

Millions of people are being killed because of the promotion and acceptance of these false axioms. It is not surprising that they found their way into a report on the otherwise worthy objective of reducing hunger. These axioms are backed by a wing of globalist financial circles—centered in Lord Jacob Rothschild’s Inter-Alpha Group of banks, promoting anti-nation-state, depopulation policies, through networks such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dan Glickman, co-chair of the Task Force which produced the “Sustaining Food Security in Asia” report, is co-chairman of the Global Agricultural Development Initiative, begun in 2008, with funding entirely from the Gates Foundation. The Initiative is based at the Council on Global Affairs in Chicago, where Glickman is on the Board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Only by getting rid of the false axioms mentioned above, and by carrying out a Glass-Steagall-style bankruptcy reorganization, and an annulment of the speculative toxic waste, as outlined by LaRouche, and directing credit to great agro-industrial complexes on the different continents, can we solve the problems of poverty and hunger, and that quite easily. It just takes a lot of work, but it can be done, starting now. We can make power, make water, produce plenty of food, build transport corridors, green the deserts, and so forth.

Looked at from that perspective, the claims in the report about the impressive progress made in developing hybrid forms of rice, about research into thousands of varieties of rice, making rice richer in Vitamin A, zinc, iron, and other minerals, about growing rice in varied circumstances—and very importantly—developing a new generation of rice scientists and researchers, plus promoting and advancing research facilities, could indeed be brought to fruition.



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*Millions are dying of hunger and malnutrition, thanks to a gang of “do-gooder” financial imperialists, including Bill Gates.*

# Grand Prize Goes to Bering Strait Project

by Rachel Douglas

Oct. 14—Just one year after Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's visit to Beijing boosted Sino-Russian economic cooperation to a new strategic level, the Grand Prize for innovation at the Shanghai World Expo-2010 has gone to the premiere intercontinental megaproject, the Bering Strait Tunnel crossing. Results of an innovation projects competition were announced today at the Fourth Civilizational Forum event, held during the Expo.

Receiving the award for the Bering Strait "intercontinental multimodal transport tunnel" design was Dr. Victor Razbegin, deputy chairman of the SOPS, Russia's Council for the Study of Productive Forces, a joint institution of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Russian Ministry of Economic Development. SOPS is the successor organization of Academician Vladimir Vernadsky's Commission for Natural Productive Forces (KEPS), and was headed by Academician Alexander Granberg until his death in August of this year. In 2007, the SOPS co-sponsored an international conference on the Bering Strait megaproject, for which Lyndon LaRouche's invited contribution was titled, "The World's Political Map Changes: Mendeleyev Would Have Agreed." The proceedings of that event are available in *Forum International* magazine (<http://tiny.cc/h816b>).

Dr. Razbegin contributed a presentation to the September 2007 conference of the Schiller Institute, held in Kiedrich, Germany (<http://tiny.cc/amx46>).

Most recently, the strategic implications of the Bering Strait project were presented by American engineer Hal Cooper and Russian geologist Dr. Sergei Cherkasov of the Russian Academy of Sciences Vernadsky State Geological Museum, at the Sept. 25 conference of the Schiller Institute in Berlin. The proceedings are featured in EIR Online of Oct. 15, 2010.

The Shanghai award for the Bering Strait was reported by the RIA Novosti today in a wire which went out in several languages.

Novosti quoted Aslanbek Aslakhanov, a member of Russia's Federation Council and former adviser to Vladimir Putin as Russian President, who recently promoted the Bering Strait project in an interview on the Russia Today web TV channel. In Shanghai, Aslakhanov said: "Transport connection between Eurasia and the Americas through the Bering Strait, with the simultaneous economic development of huge northern terri-

tories in Russia, the United States, and Canada, is a unique opportunity to fundamentally strengthen transcontinental and inter-civilization integration."

The Novosti report noted the inclusion of a 6,000-km (3,700-mile) railroad and pipelines, linking Russia's Chukotka Peninsula with Alaska. It mentioned that the project has been under discussion since the 19th Century.

Novosti reported: "More than 100 projects participated in the innovation projects competition at the World Expo, which was held in five categories: systems

innovations, new materials and nanotechnologies, energy and environmental efficiency improvement, social and educational innovations, and regional border-area partnership projects. The competition was organized by the Pitirim Sorokin/Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute, the International Strategic Innovation and Technology Alliance, the Republican Scientific Consultative Research and Expertise Center (a scientific research institute with federal government agency status), and Kazakstan's scientific and technology holding company Parasat.

According to Novosti, the World Exhibition in Shanghai, with participation from over 200 countries, regions, and international organizations, has been visited by some 63 million people.

The Shanghai prize is a welcome contrast with this week's silly rush of publicity in Russia for the visit of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the governor of bankrupt California. Schwarzenegger consorted with Kremlin staffers and allies, such as British system aficionado and privatization architect Anatoli Chubais, who equate "innovation" with social networking and video games, and think those are magnets for foreign investment dollars to pour into Russia.



Dr. Victor Razbegin



# Mass Strike in France Hits Bankers' Pension Heist

by Christine Bierre

PARIS, Oct. 15—Millions of people have marched in the streets of cities throughout France since early September, to demonstrate against the pension reform that French President Nicolas Sarkozy is trying to ram through, to satisfy the bankers. Solidarité et Progrès (S&P), the political party led by Lyndon LaRouche's co-thinker in France, Jacques Cheminade, a candidate for the French Presidency, has been deploying nationwide to give orientation to this mass-strike ferment.

This social ferment in France is only the most extensive of the process erupting all over Western Europe, in protest against brutal austerity demanded by the European Central Bank and the IMF, in tandem with its ongoing massive bailouts of the international banking system. Yet, the key to their success lies outside Europe, in the United States, where a shift to eliminate the speculative bubble, with the reimposition of FDR's Glass-Steagall banking reform, can uniquely create the conditions for a global recovery. The response to the La-Rouche movement's organizing in Europe, shows that there are ample political forces who would move to revive the Glass-Steagall policy there, and abandon the drive for fascist austerity.



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*The huge demonstrations in France in defense of pensions, and against the vicious austerity proposed by the Sarkozy government, is the front end of a mass-strike process that is spreading throughout Europe. Shown, Lyons, Oct. 12.*

Through a well-organized series of national demonstrations and days of action, which follow more and more closely upon one another, the main trade unions are exerting tremendous pressure on the government to entirely drop the reform, which is now before the National Assembly. And the mobilization has been growing in both numbers and in fighting spirit, going from 2 million to 3.5 million participants, at four national demonstrations which took place Sept. 7 and 23, and Oct. 2 and 12.

Most importantly, at the more recent demonstration, university as well as high school students joined the demonstrations, en masse, bringing all their ideals and



energy into the fight. If the nominal issue of the protests is the pension reform, the more profound motivation is the recognition by the demonstrators that Sarkozy is moving to re-establish the old feudalism, i.e., the dictatorship of the financial oligarchy, which was defeated in United States by President Franklin Roosevelt, in the 1930s and '40s, and in France, by President Charles de Gaulle and those of the National Council of the Resistance who fought the Nazis, and founded a new French Republic after the Second World War.

### **The IMF Demands Austerity**

While the pension system is, like the rest of the economy—and for the same reasons—in bad shape, the current pension reform has been dictated to the French government by the markets and their financial arm, the International Monetary Fund. Massive bailouts of the banks, since the beginning of the crash in 2007, have dug huge deficits and indebtedness in national budgets; and now, the banks are demanding that, in order to maintain the AAA rating of their sovereign debt, nations make deep cuts in social spending. IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, and his advisor Olivier Blanchard, have made repeated calls in recent months for France to apply brutal austerity measures in two areas in particular: social security and pensions.

Claiming that the deficit of the pension system will reach EU43 billion in 2018, and EU100 million in 2050, the government has moved to extend the age at which people can retire, from 60 to 62 years. This applies to those who have completed the payments necessary to receive the benefit of a full pension, which is reached after 40.5 years of work. For those who have not completed payments into the system, the age of retirement will be raised from 65 to 67 years!

Not only is this outrageous looting of the population by the bankers, since public funds have been siphoned to pay for the bailout of the banks, but the reform is particularly unjust for the weakest. Among them are women, who, because of rearing children, have often worked on and off, and therefore, have not completed their payments into the pension system. Others, in a precarious state, for example, are those who have experienced extended periods of unemployment, and senior citizens, who, because of early retirement, are in the same situation. Adding to the injustice, is the fact that the average pension for women is EU850 per month, which is 62% that of men, while their average wage is 80% that of men.

While the government is blaming the deficit of the pension system on the inversion of the demographic

pyramid, i.e., the greater portion of aged in the population, the fundamental causes of the crisis can be found in the follies of the Boomer generation now in power, which destroyed the physical economy by abandoning a scientific, high-technology, and industrial orientation, and handing the economy over to finance capital.

While the unions have been doing a good job in mobilizing the population, as long as they limit their action to the issue of pensions, they might succeed in getting some compromises, or even the defeat of the law, but they will solve nothing, even in the short term. Because, as LaRouche repeats relentlessly every day, it is the entire financial system which is crashing; and nobody will be able to organize a good deal for himself, a warm place to hide, during this crisis.

### **Mass Organization by S&P**

This is the message Solidarité et Progrès has been delivering successfully in this mass strike. In a leaflet, of which some 200,000 copies have been distributed nationwide since September, S&P ridicules the government's justifications, by showing that the creation of 2 million jobs that would be produced by a great projects approach, would increase national wealth by 3%; this, with the reduction of the huge unemployment payroll now carried by the government, would be enough to solve the so-called pension crisis.

However, stresses S&P, only a full reorganization of the international banking system through the reestablishment of the Glass-Steagall law, which was abrogated in France, by Jacques Delors in 1984, will allow us to move in that direction. The large banners calling for a Global Glass-Steagall, and fighting against financial fascism, attracted quite a lot of attention from demonstrators happy that S&P was present with its own slogans, and from others wanting to know what in the world is Glass-Steagall!

Add to this, the fact that, as the mass-strike process develops, more and more supporters of S&P, many of the Boomer generation, but also youth, are rising to the occasion, and moving to give political leadership to their country. In the Paris area, as many as 20 supporters have actively joined veteran S&P members in these demonstrations, and are moving to take responsibility for further activities. The pattern has been similar in the region of Brittany, where S&P has been present in demonstrations at the main cities throughout this large region, as well as in Rhone-Alps, two areas where S&P has permanent organizations. Other supporters deployed on their own in Lorraine, Normandy, the South, and the Southwest.

# FDR, not Obama: Bring Back Haiti's 'Valleys of Hope'

by Cynthia R. Rush

Oct. 12—In March of 1939, Robert Fechner, then head of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), sent a memo to President Franklin Roosevelt, suggesting that the Administration work with Haiti to devise a soil and forest conservation program. In his April 4, 1939 reply, Roosevelt welcomed Fechner's proposal, and asked that he speak with Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace and Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, "on the possibility of somehow helping the Haitian government to establish ten CCC camps under American direction."

These camps are necessary, FDR explained, for "(a) the improvement of roads and trails; (b) the elimination of soil erosion; (c) the encouragement of irrigation; (d) experiments in diversification of agriculture."

President Roosevelt's response was typical of his approach toward Haiti under his Good Neighbor Policy. Dating back to July 5, 1934, when he announced the end of the U.S. Marines' 19-year occupation of Haiti, Roosevelt had always shown a special interest in this very poor nation. In fact, he made that announcement from the city of Cap-Haitien—the first American President ever to set foot on Haitian soil. He would visit Haiti a second time before his death in April of 1945.

In his Oct. 14, 1943 toast to Haitian President Elie Lescot, during the latter's state visit to Washington, Roosevelt said that "when I die, I think that 'Haiti' is going to be written on my heart, because for all these years, I have had the most intense interest in the Republic of Haiti, and the development of its people in a way that *will never mean exploitation by any other Nation*. They ought to develop for themselves, and they have every opportunity in the world to do so."

The Artibonite Valley Agriculture Program was one of the projects Roosevelt promoted for Haiti, to ensure that its economic development, free from foreign interference, became a reality. It was often referred to as a



*President Franklin Roosevelt, shown here in Cap-Haitien in July 1934, with Haitian President Sténio Vincent, took a special interest in that impoverished nation, approaching the country under the rubric of his Good Neighbor Policy.*

smaller version of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and viewed as a powerful economic driver for the whole country.

Contrast this to narcissist Barack Obama's sadistic "let them die" policies, which have, in the ten months since the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 people, and plunged the majority of Haiti's people into a Dark Ages hell, where survival is a daily struggle.

Immediately following the deadly earthquake, Obama was presented with the option of adopting the measures proposed by economist Lyndon LaRouche, which included deploying the Army Corps of Engineers to assist in an emergency evacuation to higher ground of the almost 2 million people left homeless in the capital of Port-au-Prince; the creation of CCC-style projects to employ and train Haitian and U.S. youth to aid in reconstruction; and the signing of a 25-year bilateral agreement between the Haitian and U.S. governments, whereby the U.S. would take primary responsibility for

ensuring Haiti's development, while respecting its sovereignty.

"Nero" Obama rejected these measures and instead handed Haiti's rebuilding efforts over to the army of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private contractor-profiteers which have overrun the country, with disastrous results. While NGOs fight with each other over foreign aid funds, of which the Haitian government sees none, 1.3 million homeless people *still* live in temporary camps in Port-au-Prince, barely eking out an existence. Most free food and bottled water distribution ended in March and April, justified by the NGOs' specious argument that providing life-saving necessities "fosters dependency."

As journalist Bill Quigley aptly headlined his article in *Truthout* Oct. 11, "nine months after the quake—a million Haitians slowly dying." Haiti today "looks like the quake could have been last month."

Hence the urgency of removing Obama from office. Every day that he remains there, moves Haiti one day closer to national extinction.

### A 'Valley of Hope'

The Roosevelt Administration's optimistic view of how the Artibonite Valley could be developed, is found in the January 1952 report entitled, "Report on the Proposed Artibonite Valley Project of Haiti," published by the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IICA), based in Turrialba, Costa Rica. The IICA was founded in 1942, by Henry A. Wallace, as Vice President. The 1952 report evaluated the proposal made several years earlier to build the Péligre dam and hydroelectric project on the Artibonite River and develop the valley through which the river ran.

When the Péligre dam construction got underway in 1953, observers referred to the project's location as the "Valley of Hope," because of the enthusiasm it generated among local residents, and its potential for creating jobs, expanding food and other commodity production, controlling floods and soil erosion, and raising living standards through an expanding tax base. *New York Times* reporter Herbert Matthews wrote, in an article



*FDR's Agriculture Secretary, and later, Vice President, Henry Wallace, was tasked to work with Haiti, to develop CCC-style camps there. Wallace was also involved in the development of plans to construct the Artibonite Valley Project. Wallace is shown here (center, left), with students and professors at the University of São Paulo, Brazil.*

published in the March 10, 1953 edition, that "a stranger cannot help being caught up by the enthusiasm of the valley people and the great promise of its project.... The Artibonite Valley project, which is to be the TVA of Haiti, and much the most important development of its kind in the history of this poor country, is off to a good start."

Haitian engineer Raoul St. Lo, a member of the Haitian government's Artibonite Valley Development Authority (ODVA), who had been involved in planning the project for the previous 20 years, told Matthews that there had never been enough water for half the river valley, as there was no rain for five months out of the year. But when it did rain, "the slope of land is such that disastrous floods occur." In 1953, he explained, "the income of a family of five in the valley runs around \$75 to \$100 a year."

Under FDR's first administration, the Army Corps of Engineers designed the plan for the Péligre dam, and the IICA report showed that the dam's construction could improve the Haitian economy and living standards of its people. Cheap electricity generated by the hydroelectric project would be essential for fostering the creation of small industries in Haiti, as well, the IICA argued. "Even with the dissemination of technical knowledge and the execution of great works of land reclamation, the people



of the country cannot depend solely upon agriculture to reach a satisfactory standard of living,” the IICA asserted. “Industrialization depends largely on readily available sources of energy.”

The development of manufacturing in Haiti is not at all “against our interest,” Roosevelt emphasized in his 1943 toast, “because there are a great many things that we can make that they can’t make, and there are lots of things that they can make that we can’t make. That forms the basis of trade. . . .”

The report points to fertilizer production and textiles as two potential industries to be developed in Haiti.

It never suggests, as today’s green fascists do, that Haitians must accept a fixed, primitive technology, “appropriate” to their backward economy. Instead, in his letter of transmittal to the ODVA, for which the report was written, IICA director Dr. Ralph Allee explained, quite beautifully, that “modifying the course of nature, and at the same time intervening in the established train of human events is, by its nature, a complex undertaking. However, except for a few basic considerations, most of which have already been made, problem solutions can be taken up as the [Artibonite] project develops.”

### ‘Haitians Must Be Involved’

The IICA’s primary goal was the *defense of the Haitian people’s welfare*. “The necessity of involving the people of the Valley in the development and operation of the project transcends all other recommendations of the report,” Dr. Allee wrote. The project is of national importance, “as flood control is an obligation of the State, which owes security to its citizens.”

Hence, he continued, “the program becomes one of education, in which the absolute necessity for technical accuracy and administrative soundness is auxiliary to discovering the real desires and needs of the people and assisting them in adapting their behavior to a more optimum use of the rich endowment which nature has given to the Artibonite Valley.”

The report stressed that the project’s economic feasibility would largely depend on the ODVA’s ability to both



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*Only a fraction of the \$10 billion pledged internationally to aid in the reconstruction of Haiti, following the January 2010 earthquake, has materialized. Not one cent of the \$1.15 billion pledged by the U.S. government has been delivered. Haitians are still living in inhuman conditions, as shown in this photo of a makeshift camp in Port-au-Prince.*

“improve natural conditions,” and “increase the ability of the people to use these improved resources.” That is, increase “the productive capacity of both land and people.” Education and rural welfare, “including health and social work, should be considered as integral parts of the project and essential to its success,” IICA emphasized.

Education, the report asserted, “is functionally related to all the most important and fundamental aspects of the program. To neglect it is to neglect the program.”

The U.S. Export-Import Bank provided a \$40 million loan for the construction of the Péligre dam, and the IICA predicted that “the potentialities of the valley could be developed to a point that it would not only be able to amortize the loan, but *so increase the prosperity of the country that the Haitians could advance other phases of the economy.*”

While some experts predicted that the project’s effects on the economy would be similar to those the TVA produced for the Tennessee Valley, the IICA argued that “the proportion of the Haitian nation to be affected by the Artibonite development is much greater than that of the TVA,” and thus “the effects also would be much greater.” In fact, the benefits would be international in scope, the report asserted.

“In general, as any one nation improves economically, it aids other nations by increasing the wealth of the



world and by increasing its purchasing power. It shall also be of value as an example for other such projects in Latin America.”

### ‘We Became Garbage to Them’

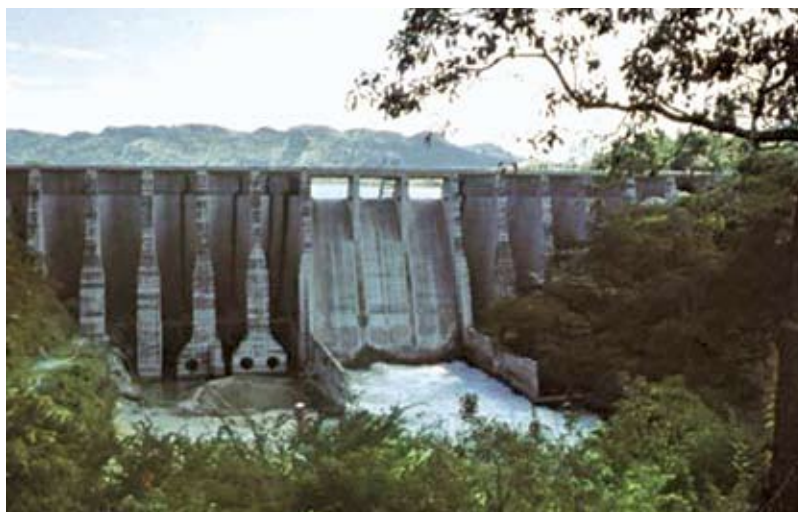
Anything less than the approach that FDR took in the 1930s, and which Lyndon LaRouche advocates today with his call for building the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA), guarantees Haiti’s annihilation. As LaRouche explained in his Oct. 6 “LPAC-TV Weekly Report,” the building of NAWAPA would bring about a “wave of development” throughout the Americas, including the Caribbean region. Aside from the emergency measures required to address Haiti’s current disaster, this would mean building a series of urgently needed infrastructure projects, in collaboration with the U.S. and other nations, to ensure that the British Empire and its local hangers-on will never again enslave the precious minds or bodies of Haitian citizens.

Several studies carried out over the Summer, and just recently published, reveal just how urgently this policy is needed.

As of July, 40% of the 1,000 camps for displaced citizens in the capital had no access to water, and 30% lacked toilets of any kind. Prof. Mark Schuler of York College at the City University of New York (CUNY) reported in his survey that the average number of people sharing a toilet in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area is 273! In the 30% of camps with verifiable information that had no toilets at all, Schuler reports, people are forced to urinate and defecate in a plastic container or in an open area.

In the middle of the rainy season, with hurricanes looming, camp residents are “housed” in precarious tents—only an estimated 10% of families living in the camps do have tents—or otherwise use tarps or bed-sheets which can’t possibly protect them from scorching heat, rains, winds, and mudslides. An estimated 14 people have already died from recent violent rainstorms and winds that slammed the country beginning on Sept. 24.

That there haven’t been major outbreaks of cholera or malaria is miraculous; but signs of acute medical problems—chronic infections, malnutrition, hunger, and untreated psychological trauma—are everywhere. Mobile clinics visit camps sporadically. Given the lack



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*When the Péligre Dam construction got underway in 1953, Haitians referred to its location as the “Valley of Hope,” because of its potential for creating jobs, expanding food production, controlling floods and soil erosion, and raising living standards.*

of public health and sanitation facilities, and the pitiful supply of clean drinking water, the question is not *if*, but *when* Haiti’s weakened and vulnerable population will be stricken by a medical catastrophe.

Despite the efforts of former President Bill Clinton and Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Belerive, who co-chair the Interim Haiti Reconstruction Commission (IHRC), only a handful of the nations that pledged a total of \$10 billion at a donors meeting last March, have come through with the funds pledged. Moreover, not a cent of the \$1.15 billion pledged by the U.S. government, has yet materialized. Housing of any kind is almost non-existent in Port-au-Prince, and the few units that are available, labeled as “green” because they are reportedly safe to live in, are prohibitively expensive.

It is estimated that only about 2% of the 25 million cubic yards of debris on the streets has been removed. In recent weeks, landowners began forcibly evicting camp residents, and shutting down the camps on the pretext that they are illegally occupying private property. Those evicted have nowhere to go; yet the bogus issue of Haiti’s chaotic system of documenting land ownership is used as an excuse for not building any emergency housing. This, despite the fact that Haiti’s Civil Code, and the 1921 Decree on the Recognition of Public Interest, grant the State the right to use private property for social and housing purposes—that is, to defend the general welfare.

No wonder the common refrains among the dis-

placed are, “We became garbage to them,” and “We’ve been forgotten.”

### Build More Dams!

The Péligre dam’s completion in 1956, which created the Péligre reservoir, and subsequent construction of a hydroelectric generator, provided power to the capital of Port-au-Prince to the southeast, while irrigating the Artibonite Valley to the northeast. It generated a total of 54 MW. As a result of the dam’s construction and the expanded irrigation of the Artibonite District that followed, by the 1970s, the Artibonite Valley region produced 80% of Haiti’s rice across 80,000 acres—there were 100,000 acres in the valley—and had two large state mills, and over 200 smaller mills to collect and clean domestic, American, and Taiwanese varieties of rice.

In subsequent years, lack of funds and equipment for maintenance and dredging of Lake Péligre, along with imposition of London’s globalization and privatization policies, hampered the proper functioning of the hydroelectric generators. Were Haiti’s economic development and protection of its people a priority, all of these problems could be easily addressed.

Nonetheless, several malthusian green organizations

use these and related problems to charge that the project was a giant boondoggle, meant only to benefit greedy foreign looters who were in cahoots with the evil regime of dictator “Papa” Doc Duvalier. The Engineers Without Borders group based at the University of Wisconsin’s Madison campus, labeled the dam “inappropriate” for Haiti, and proposed instead building “micro-hydro plants” that produce power in the range of 5-100 KW.

The most appropriate response to this drivel comes from Max Everett Massac, of the Haitian-American Association of Engineers and Scientists (HAES). In a presentation before the 2009 Haitian Diaspora Unity Conference, Massac described the Péligre dam as “one of the greatest construction feats of Haiti that all Haitians should be proud of, and that the new generation of leaders should seek to emulate.... Its construction spurred much economic activity for the country in the mid-20th century, and the country still benefits economically from it.” Today, Massac stated, there are many “readily accessible technologies, potential projects, and development strategies that can contribute to providing solutions to the water and energy dilemma in Haiti, while simultaneously creating many thousands of jobs and improving the quality of life and of the environment in Haiti.”

## Lyndon LaRouche On Glass-Steagall and NAWAPA

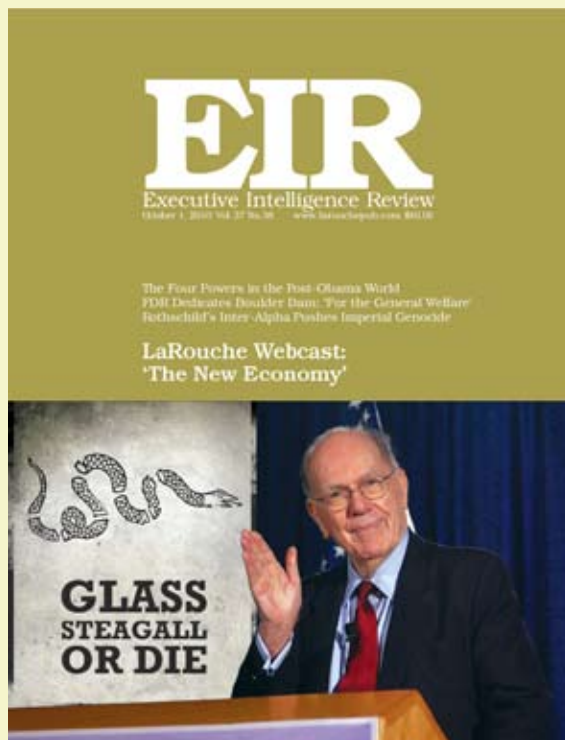
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# LaRouche: Evict Psycho Obama While We Still Have a Nation

by Nancy Spannaus

Oct. 16—"It seems as if every moment of the passing day brings a new, added proof that the time is way past overdue for launching an acutely ill President Barack Obama out of office," declared U.S. economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche in a statement Oct. 14. "It is to be doubted that we can wait as long as the post-election moments of Nov. 3 or 4, and still expect the very existence of our republic to remain intact.

"At each turn, this sick-minded President perpetrates fresh evidence that his own plausible plea for avoiding a charge of virtual treason, is that the poor fellow's mental illness has overwhelmed him. Otherwise, all the evidence to date tends to identify him as a treasonous agent of the British empire bent on delivering the death of our United States to the damnable incumbent British monarchy—or, call it 'The Brutish Monarchy.'

"The debate is not really necessary. Throw him out, and be done with it; the principle and relevant evidence on behalf of the 25th Amendment will be sufficient. Just do it quickly, preferably before Nov. 2."

## Every Day It Gets Worse

LaRouche's statement came as a kick in the behind to those individuals in and around the White House who are known to be considering applying Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution to the dysfunctional President. As has been flagged by the series of blog entries put out by one "Ulsterman," a self-described D.C. insider who, since early September, has been describing the increasing dissociation and mental instabil-

ity of the President, there is an institutional move underway to prepare the ground for the President's removal. But, so far, the relevant persons—necessarily including the Vice President—have chosen not to act.

The latest Ulsterman report came Oct. 12, and focussed on the increased role being taken by First Lady Michelle Obama in the White House, including in confrontations with staffers she fears are acting against her husband. The summary section of the report makes the general point: "West Wing is increasingly in bunker mentality these days. President remains unresponsive/agitated while at W.H., repeats that he 'wants to be out speaking to the people.' Staff paranoia at all-time high."

Indeed, President Obama has gone into what can only be described as a flight from responsibility, in which he travels from political rally to political rally, in order to bask, Nero-like, in the adulation of crowds. Meanwhile, his Administration's policies get more and more outrageous in their attacks upon the living standards of the population.

## 'Evict the People!'

Among the most egregious of the Obama Administration's actions have been the policy declarations on what is called the foreclosure crisis—the belated exposure of the gigantic web of illegality which the major banks and mortgage companies created in order to evict people from their homes. While this is just the end-point of the process which the imperialist banking system has imposed in order to loot populations, and



keep their bankrupt carcasses in business, it has been a socially devastating one. In the 3rd quarter of 2010, nearly 300,000 people had their homes seized due to foreclosure, with more than 100,000 seizures—a record—occurring in September.

But the scandal around the fraud endemic to the foreclosure process has brought it to a near halt, as leading mortgage-holding and securitizing institutions like Bank of America have imposed a moratorium on the process. Criminal investigations are underway state by state, and all 50 state attorneys general are demanding a Federal investigation as well. Sales of foreclosed properties, which amounted to a quarter of all home sales nationally, are grinding to a halt. And the purchase of the securities based on these questionable mortgages—securities which allegedly make up more than \$1 trillion of the assets of the U.S. banking system—is mortally threatened.

And the Obama Administration? Spokesman after spokesman has demanded that the moratorium not spread, because it will have “unintended consequences.” An Oct. 11 *New York Times* article was less circumspect, noting that the White House is arguing in public and private that a moratorium “will only delay the inevitable and necessary process of forcing many Americans out of homes they cannot afford.”

This sadistic display of Schumpeterian “creative destruction” has frequently been stated in as many words by Obama himself. As recently as Sept. 28, Obama told a back-yard gathering in Albuquerque, N.M.: “Frankly, there are some people who really bought more home than they could afford, and they’d be better off renting, or they’re going to have to make adjustments in terms of their house.”

While Democratic Congressional candidates are demanding justice for their constituents who are victims of this fraud, Obama, in effect, is calling for their eviction. Isn’t that a sign of insanity?

### ‘Slash Social Security’

Equally lunatic was the Obama Administration’s decision, formally announced Oct. 15, to forgo, for the second year in a row, a cost-of-living increase for the close to 60 million Americans who rely on Social Security and disability payments from the Federal government. The decision was allegedly based on the cost-of-



White House/Pete Souza

*Blogger Ulsterman’s source reports that there is a “bunker mentality” at the White House: Michelle Obama is blowing up at staffers, whom she suspects are insufficiently loyal, while the President “remains unresponsive/agitated,” and “wants to be out speaking to the people.” Here, the Obamas seem to be dancing to their own tune.*

living index, which lies that there is no inflation (excluding, of course, food and energy costs!). Instead, Obama called for another \$250 grant to Social Security recipients—a back-handed acknowledgement that the no-inflation claim is bogus.

Coming from a President who loves Executive Orders even more than George W. Bush did, this decision can be read as not only insane, but sadistic. Obama is committed to *cutting* support for the poor and elderly, as he has repeatedly stated in talking about his Fiscal Commission, and health-care “reform.”

The reality is that the cost of living is soaring, from food prices to heating oil, to health care and other necessities, and that this process is being accelerated by the hyperinflationary monetary policies of the Administration. And while the crazy President continues to claim that his policies have brought “progress” on the economy, the latest Census reports show that poverty levels rose from 13.2% to 14.3% in 2009, on Obama’s watch.

Thus, Obama proceeds to impose fascist austerity on the population, while destroying the Democratic Party as well. As LaRouche has emphasized, there is no solution in sight but that which he and LaRouchePAC have put forth: Invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Obama—and get on with the Glass-Steagall and NAWAPA recovery programs which are all set to go.



# Gen. Jones Declares War on London's Dope, Inc.; Repudiates Obama's Policy

*Oct. 11—U.S. National Security Advisor Gen. James Jones (ret.) participated in an international conference Oct. 4-6, in Sochi, Russia, hosted by his Russian counterpart, National Security Secretary Nikolai Patrushev. The conference was attended by senior intelligence and enforcement officials from 43 countries.*

*In his remarks, which we publish in full below, Jones answered a longstanding Russian call for U.S. cooperation in eliminating the scourge of Afghan opium and heroin. The general fully embraced the proposal for an international campaign against multinational organized crime, including its overlap with the drug cartels and narco-insurgencies, typified by the Afghan Taliban and the Colombian FARC.*

*The policies advocated by Jones are, in fact, the very opposite of the policies of his soon-to-be-former boss, President Obama. Within 48 hours of his return to Washington from Sochi, Jones abruptly announced his resignation as National Security Advisor, to become effective at the end of this month. Lyndon LaRouche asked today: Was General Jones dumped in a fit of rage by President Obama?*

*Here is General Jones' Oct. 5 speech in Sochi, released by the White House, "as prepared for delivery." (Subheads have been added.)*

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. It is a privilege to be here with so many colleagues and partners from around the world who share a commitment to our mutual security.

It's a pleasure to be here in this beautiful city that in less than four years will host the 22nd Winter Olympic games—a well-deserved honor for the Russian Federation.

In Washington, our professional ice hockey team has been fortunate to enjoy the talents of a Russian superstar—Alexander Ovechkin. I assure you that while we Americans look forward to competing here in Sochi, we don't look forward to having to play against Mr.

Ovechkin and his national team.

I'd like to thank my friend and counterpart Secretary Nikolai Patrushev for hosting this important and timely event, and for being a partner on so many critical issues that both of our countries face, from arms control and non-proliferation to the fight against violent extremism.

Let me also congratulate Ambassador Fedotov on his appointment as the new Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Ambassador, your office has a lot of work ahead of it, and the United States looks forward to working with you in a very constructive and helpful way.

It is an honor to be with you today—especially because, not that long ago, the presence of a U.S. national security advisor at a gathering such as this in Russia might have seemed unlikely. Prior to President Obama's inauguration, our two nations had been drifting further apart, more than at any point since the Cold War. We were spending too much time mired in mutual distrust, and too little time addressing our mutual concerns about our relationship and the world in which we live.

At the outset of his administration, President Obama pledged to reset our relationship with Russia, so that—even as we are candid about any disagreements—we could recommit ourselves to advancing our common interests. And that is precisely what we have accomplished—together!

The United States and Russia have coordinated our efforts to strengthen the global economic recovery. We're working together on Afghanistan and we've deepened our cooperation against the violent extremism that threatens both our people. With our international partners, we're working to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

And, of course, we've agreed to the New START Treaty, the most far-reaching arms control agreement in nearly 20 years. As President Obama said when he and President Medvedev signed the Treaty in Prague, "there



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*Gen. James L. Jones, who just resigned as National Security Advisor in the Obama Administration, told a conference in Russia, that it was time to “seize the moment” in the war against transnational crime, especially drug trafficking.*

is much we can do on behalf of our security and prosperity if we continue to work together.”

## Confronting Transnational Crime

That is what I want to focus on today—another critical area where we can work together: confronting transnational crime. Today, right now, we have an opportunity for cooperation not just between the United States and Russia, but among all nations represented here today. It’s up to us to seize the moment at this important conference.

Every year, the United States government produces a handful of so-called National Intelligence Estimates, exhaustive studies that examine our most important national security threats. The results of this year’s study of transnational crime—our first since 1995—are astonishing.

We found that this threat alone—which generates trillions of dollars annually from illicit activities such as money laundering, trafficking, counterfeiting, environmental crime, and financial fraud—has completely transformed itself in recent years.

What had emerged, to paraphrase Dostoyevsky from *Crime and Punishment*, was the beginning of a new story, a new reality about which much of the law-abiding world has been for too long completely, and dangerously, unaware.

As recently as the 1990s, organized crime syndicates were rigid hierarchical structures that were largely domestic or regional in scope. They made limited use of technology, and had minimal links to other illicit organizations like drug cartels or terrorist groups. And because of their centralized structures, the arrest of a single key member was sometimes enough to disrupt or dismantle them.

Things are not so simple anymore—unfortunately, the problem is more complex and threatening.

Today, many of these criminal syndicates operate globally; they are comprised of loose networks that cooperate intermittently but maintain their independence; and they employ sophisticated technology and financial savvy.

They are raising the specter of significant damage to the global economy by increasing their penetration of legitimate markets—blending illicit and ordinary business practices—and by conducting ever-more-sophisticated cyber crimes that undermine trust in the security of our financial system.

Much like major terrorist organizations, criminal syndicates compartmentalize their activities so that no single person knows the details of the entire operation. Apprehending even a key figure may have little to no effect. Enterprises that once focused on particular illicit activities are increasingly diversifying their operations. If we do not act together to prevent them, these trends will only continue to intensify in the years to come. And that is something that should concern all our nations. In a world full of transnational threats, transnational crime is in an ascendant phase. Using bribery, fraud, violence, and state relationships, enhanced by technology, transnational criminal organizations will increasingly damage the ability of legitimate businesses to compete in the global market space.

They will continue to develop their alliances with corrupt and complicit state officials, undermining the rule of law and enabling criminals to dodge regulation and flood the world market with pirated—and sometimes deadly—products that threaten industries dependent on intellectual property such as fashion, pharmaceuticals, and technology.

And many criminal groups are broadening beyond



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*“Opium and heroin trafficked from Afghanistan funds the Taliban as well as insurgents and criminal groups in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Russia,” Jones told the Sochi conference. Shown: U.S. Marines patrol through a poppy field in Washir, Afghanistan, May 2010.*

their core functions into an ever wider range of criminal activities. The global drug trade is now expanding to criminal groups in countries like Russia, China, Italy, and the Balkans—countries that had not previously been victimized by narcotics trafficking. Opium and heroin trafficked from Afghanistan funds the Taliban as well as insurgents and criminal groups in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Russia. And the consequences are heartbreaking for families and communities, as these illicit activities can be accompanied by unspeakable violence.

The United States is deeply concerned that transnational criminal organizations, especially in Mexico, are not only on the rise, but acquiring more powerful weapons. We are taking strong action along with our Mexican partners to reverse this trend.

We have also seen an increase in violence associated with human smuggling, as drug-trafficking organizations and other criminal groups are attracted by high profits, low chances of arrest and prosecution, and minor penalties.

Elsewhere, following the example of the Taliban and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, terrorists and insurgent groups are increasingly turning to crime and criminal networks—and particularly to drugs—for funding and logistical support. Clearly, this is evident in Afghanistan today.

Most troubling of all is the trend that this enhanced

collaboration is leading to criminals helping terrorists acquire weapons of mass destruction, a development that could threaten all our nations.

This lethal nexus of organized crime, narco-trafficking, and terrorism is a threat that the United States, Russia, and all of us share and should be working together to combat. As criminal enterprises grow increasingly global, complex, and sophisticated, only a multidimensional, multilateral strategy can combat them; one that takes advantage of the full range of our capabilities.

A gathering like this one confirms that transnational crime is no longer solely a public safety or law enforcement problem that is the exclusive purview of domestic authorities. Rather, it is a threat to the security of each of our nations that we must address together.

## Fundamental Principles

There are several steps we can take.

First, we must organize around a set of fundamental principles. These should include:

- Protecting our citizens from the violence and exploitation of criminal networks;
- Helping vulnerable countries fight corruption and foster good governance, and sever powerful state-crime relationships;
- Breaking the financial infrastructures of transnational criminal networks;
- And building international consensus and cooperation.

To meet these principles, let me suggest several priorities for action.

- We should strengthen traditional law enforcement functions such as interdiction, investigations, and prosecutions, while doing a better job of sharing with each other the information we uncover.
- We should better protect our economies by denying criminals access to the international financial system. And we should harden our markets against them by exposing their business interests, stripping their financial assets, and ultimately locking them out of the corporate board room. This requires strong laws and authorities that match today’s business-savvy criminals, and stronger partnerships between governments and the financial sector.
- We should seek new ways to disrupt drug trafficking, which facilitates so many other illicit enterprises. As one of the world’s largest consumers of illegal drugs,



the United States has a special responsibility in this area. Last May, President Obama released our new National Drug Control Strategy, our plan to reduce domestic drug abuse over the next five years, largely through treatment, education, and prevention. We are determined to do our part.

- We should also make it more difficult for smugglers and traffickers to ply their trade, by protecting our borders, taking steps to prevent criminals from traveling, providing better training for border security professionals, developing strong watch lists, and making greater use of biometrics.

- We should target those who facilitate criminal activities. As criminal networks expand—and the threats they pose converge—they are increasingly reliant on facilitators who operate in both the licit and illicit worlds and provide services such as funding, logistics, and the acquisition of weapons, false documents, and other materials.

- Countries like the United States must also help improve the capabilities of our emerging and developing partner states, which too often involuntarily provide safe haven for criminal networks. This means proactively supporting such countries in their efforts to build accountable, transparent, and capable institutions that can enforce the rule of law and act as our partners to counter these threats. Waiting until it is too late is not a good answer.

- And finally, we should continue to build partnerships within multilateral institutions, because threats that respect no borders must be met by corresponding solutions. Toward that end, the United States strongly supports the UN Convention Against Corruption and the Convention on Transnational Organized Crime.

Let me just conclude by saying that in the Obama Administration's National Security Strategy, published earlier this year, we laid out America's enduring national interests—security, prosperity, respect for universal values, and an international order that can meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The expanding size, scope, and influence of transnational crime threatens each of those principles, and is one of the most significant security challenges we face—as a nation, and as an international community. No nation, no matter how powerful, can tackle it alone. And we look forward to working together—with Russia and with the nations you represent—to help shape a better future for each of our countries.

Once again, I would like to thank our hosts for their vision in deciding to hold such an important conference.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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## Interview: Kesha Rogers

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# ‘The Future Is Ours For the Making’

*LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers fired a shot across the bow of the Party establishment last March, when she defeated her Democratic Primary opponent for the nomination, in the 22nd Congressional District (Houston), garnering 53% of the vote, in an upset victory as big as the state of Texas. Her highly visible campaign has featured door-to-door organizing, soundtrucks through neighborhoods playing beautiful Classical music, and giant banners calling for Obama's impeachment, Glass-Steagall, and defense of NASA.*

*Since March, Rogers has been running a scantily funded, but aggressive, David vs. Goliath grassroots campaign against Republican incumbent Pete Olson, which has sparked optimism that the country can be turned around with Lyndon LaRouche's recovery policies.*

*She was interviewed by EIR on Oct. 15.*

**EIR:** Can you give us a brief report on the campaign in the Texas 22nd C.D. over the past seven months, since your upset victory in the Democratic Primary last March?

**Rogers:** Since the landslide victory back in March of this year, we have continued to lead a non-stop mobilization to educate the mass strike in the population. I won the primary because I had the courage to tell the truth, and fight on principle, and have continued to do so ever since. My campaign platform of “Save NASA and Impeach Obama,” has made national and international headlines. I have been a guest on many radio shows, and the campaign has been the hot topic of discussion of many news articles.

But, I think what is most important, is the impact the campaign has had, on the ground, in the 22nd Congressional District, and throughout the U.S. population. We have taken the challenge to the citizen, to restore the principles of a republican government, “of, by, and for the people.” My campaign has continued to organize citizens on what it means to live in a republic, and how



to restore those principles. We have held weekly policy workshops on polices like NAWAPA, Glass-Steagall, NASA, the Four Powers alliance, and our economic polices, which I have adopted under the platform of the “LaRouche Plan.”

We have been highly visible in the district with big banners (some up to 18 feet long!) at intersections. Just a few examples: “Save NASA, Impeach Obama,” “Why Is Pete Olson Defending Obama? Want Obama Out? Vote Keshia,” and our latest, “Tell Obama To Hit the Road, Invoke the 25th Amendment.” All of these and more have been a hit, and a real discussion starter in the population. People are telling us how they got a text message and a picture of us rallying, sent by one of their friends who saw us out there and stopped to sign up. We have hosted several town hall meetings, and recently held a major conference entitled “Rebuilding America 2010.” We have been engaged in a number of activities hosted throughout the district.

If I went through everything, we may not have room for other things in this publication, but one thing that I think must be mentioned which has been the power and trademark of the campaign, is our transforming the culture with truly beautiful, *bel canto* Classical music. Whether it is on the university campuses or at senior citizens’ homes, this moves people, no matter who they are. They are able to discover what it really means to be human. I have to say, this is what has really brought joy to me the most, throughout the campaign.

## Removing an Insane President

**EIR:** When you began your campaign, you called for the impeachment of President Obama, and now, for the application of the 25th Amendment to remove him from office. I understand that you have received significant press coverage recently for this initiative. Please tell us how you plan to make this happen.

**Rogers:** As Mr. LaRouche rightly forecast on April 11, 2009, we are dealing with an Emperor Nero personality, and LaRouche has been proven right since that time. The Constitutional powers of the 25th Amendment allow us to remove an insane President Obama from office expediently. My campaign will continue to educate the population on the 25th Amendment and its immediate implications. We are not just talking about not liking the President’s policies, or debates on whether he is a U.S. citizen, or a Muslim, or any of these things. We are speaking of removing a President who is clinically insane. And this will mean that the population

must demand leadership from a Congress which has shown itself to be gutless cowards, capitulating to the insanity of Nero Obama all the way.

Since we launched the 25th Amendment campaign, we have been out on the street, highly visible with big banners, and I have written statements on the subject which have gone viral in the media and on many blog posts.

**EIR:** Lyndon LaRouche has stated that the three LaRouchePAC Congressional campaigns—Rachel Brown in Massachusetts, Summer Shields in California, and you in Texas—were to be *national*, not local campaigns. You have focused on LaRouche’s economic recovery policies: NASA, Glass-Steagall, and NAWAPA. What has been the response there to these proposals?

**Rogers:** There are two kinds of responses. The first, is the person who realizes these policies are exactly what we need, and becomes very excited and ready to organize and support my intervention into politics. The number of these kinds of people is increasing dramatically, as people become more desperate, and open to looking for profound ideas and real solutions.

On the other hand, you also find a number of people who are so blinded by rage and ideology, that they will agree with me, “You want to impeach Obama, stop the bailout, and colonize Mars? Sign me up! Democrat?!? No way!” And these people are so angry, that they refuse to think beyond a simple word, to the extent they actually end up choosing to act in a way that perpetuates their problems. It’s actually very tragic.

But, we are finding that many people who say at first, “Oh, I’m voting Republican,” but once they find out what I’m doing, and the level of intervention my campaign is waging, are actually very happy to support me, because they know what the Democratic Party used to represent under JFK and FDR, and they want to bring that back. Many of these people tell me they used to be a JFK Democrat, and they were only supporting someone else because they did not know what my campaign represents.

**EIR:** Your campaign to save NASA has reminded us all of the thrilling accomplishments of the U.S. space program, and how that program has been systematically dismantled over the past four decades, including, under the current President. And, today, we are witnessing the incredible rescue of the miners in Chile, in which

NASA played a significant role. What will you do as a member of Congress to revive the manned space program?

**Rogers:** Well, as I have stated throughout the campaign, I am calling for full funding of NASA's manned space program. It must be recognized that this will not be possible, as long as Obama remains in office. We must restore a mission to our space program just as Kennedy understood. This means a Moon-Mars colonization program, fusion rocket propulsion for Mars exploration, and developing programs for mining helium-3 on the Moon. We must challenge ourselves to take on the great questions which confront us in space flight, such as, how to do we create 1-G acceleration? How do we deal with the problems of cosmic radiation, when we leave the protective magnetosphere of the Earth?

There are many more great challenges which confront us. The most important thing, is allowing these challenges in space to be a model of how we move forward in terraforming the Biosphere of planet Earth, greening the desert, and other great economic challenges we face today. Our space program is not to be a playground for the private sector, but a driver for the mission of mankind for the next 2-3 generations. I can honestly say, that when I am in Congress I will not capitulate, and sell out our scientists, astronauts, engineers, and others in our space program, as my opponent Pete Olson has continued to do. We must revive a culture in this country that values science, and human discovery.

### The Mood Has Shifted Among African-Americans

**EIR:** You recently participated in the annual conference of the Congressional Black Caucus. The CBC seems to be politically paralyzed these days, knowing that they have been, shall we say, shafted, by Obama, but unwilling, or fearful, of openly supporting your demand for his ouster. What happened at the conference?

**Rogers:** I did what I always do, which is tell the truth, no matter who it is I'm talking to. People tell me it took real courage to tell the CBC we need to impeach Obama because, "he doesn't have a black agenda, he doesn't even have an American agenda!" And in one sense, I suppose they are right. But the point is, all I did



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*Kesha Rogers' Congressional campaign, in the Texas district that is home to NASA, has been characterized by her fight for the urgent recovery policies of Lyndon LaRouche. But, she says, the power and trademark of the campaign has been to bring beautiful Classical culture the citizens of the district, and beyond.*

was say what most of them were already thinking individually, but didn't say, because everyone thought they were the only one, and there is pressure from so-called "authorities" who are kissing Obama's butt.

It's more disgraceful to tolerate a black President who is fascist, simply because he's the first black President, than to say, "No, this Nero figure does not represent us, or anyone except himself. We demand a real leader step forward, with a vision for the future, and love for mankind." Over the two days I was there, this sentiment expressed itself in response to my interventions. The mood shifted from trying to call me out, to people saying they were proud to be standing up and agreeing with the ideas I put forward.

**EIR:** Please tell our readers about the three-day





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Kesha Rogers is conducting a genuine “grassroots” campaign, on the streets of the district, door-to-door, at traffic intersections, etc., as can be seen in these photos (clockwise from top left): Kesha organizes on the streets of Houston in July: “Impeach Obama; Save NASA; Cancel the Bailout”; Kesha briefs seniors on her plan to defend their living standards, and provide a future for their grandchildren, September; the giant banner takes LaRouche’s call to invoke the 25th Amendment to the voters, October; campaigning for the Primary in February, which she won in a landslide against her Democratic opponent.



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campaign event you held this past weekend. The reports are that it involved much more than just politics, that there were presentations on culture, science, etc.

**Rogers:** Yes, we made the point that cultural optimism, about mankind's ability to make scientific discoveries and implement technology that increases the productive powers of labor, is actually what real politics is all about. As Schiller said, "Political freedom is the highest expression of art." And the reason people don't fight to remove Obama, the reason they compromise with his fascist austerity policies, is because their self-conception, their individual notion of human culture and scientific knowledge, is inherently pessimistic.

They don't usually realize this, because "politics" has been artificially separated as a concept from "science" and "culture," but they think one cannot change anything, fundamentally, in politics, because their conception of the physical universe is based on wrong ideas, like the notion of entropy as a universal law, or the environmentalist's notion that man is a virus that can only loot the planet. So by showing people that mankind is capable of profound expressions of beauty, and that the universe is actually creative, we challenge people's conception of what is possible politically, in a way that never would happen by just talking about "politics" per say.

That's why the conference focused primarily on presentations of Classical music and poetry, and an in-depth work-through of our science-driver economic policies, like NAWAPA, and Mars colonization.

**EIR:** You have been driving home Mr. LaRouche's warnings that we are on the brink of the greatest global financial and economic catastrophe in known history. Can you give us an idea of how your constituents have, one, been affected by the current economic crisis; and two, how they have responded to your proposals for recovery?

**Rogers:** Obama seems to be making it especially easy for me to win, by campaigning for his impeachment, because most of his bad policies are directly targeting my constituents. In the district, are NASA'S Johnson Space Center, the oil-and-gas industry, and one of the greatest densities of engineers in the country. So I don't know why he's trying to do it; maybe it's part of the self-destructive tendency of his failed personality, but it's making it really easy to communicate to people the severity of the economic collapse as a *physi-*

*cal* breakdown, because they already have the background to realize that survival depends more on logistics than on money, per se.

Everyone in NASA knows, astronauts don't take money up to the International Space Station, in order to survive. But people are scared, and they are angry, because they know what shutting down our scientific and industrial sectors means for them, but also for the nation. The biggest turnout during the primary in March, was from this layer of the population.

## The Gift of a Better World

**EIR:** With a little less than three weeks until the Nov. 2 election, what are your plans for the short time ahead?

**Rogers:** We are taking this army we've recruited over the past 10 months, and orienting them toward the bigger fight that starts Nov. 3. It's funny, how I will call up people I've met going door to door, or at an traffic intersection, and they'll ask me, "Why are you calling me? You already have my vote!" And I have to tell them, I'm not running this campaign just to win an election, I'm running to save the country, and that's something that requires more than one person in office. It requires an educated and vigilant population. So I call people to organize them around the ideas needed to give our country a future, because we have to change the culture. And that's not something that is determined by election cycles.

The other aspect to that, is mass organizing. We are going out every day, holding rallies at major intersections, having events, putting out statements to shape the discussion, and we're having a debate/forum with our opponents, that will air on PBS, on Oct. 22 and 24, on the "Red, White, and Blue" show.

**EIR:** Is there anything else you would like to add before we close?

**Rogers:** The future right now is ours for the making. If the people of the United States take up the challenge, we can give untold future generations all over the planet the gift of a better world. Look at the ideal world you want to see, not the world that is, and dedicate your life to realizing that vision. The only thing holding us back, is that little voice inside our heads, telling us we can't change anything. "Little Me" is the biggest dictator in the world. Break free, and we can realize our rightful place as co-Creators in this universe. We can enjoy our immortality.



### *The Truth of the Matter*

The world is now moving past the onset of the greatest mudslide in the entirety of the world history. Today, it is the trans-Atlantic region which will begin the sudden breakdown-crisis. It will begin like the fabled “super-Krakatoa” explosion of Thera, with a rumble, and then an explosion, in a holocaust of mixed hyperinflationary booming and collapse, leaving little that is salvageable as recognizably the civilized trans-Atlantic societies which had seemed securely dominant only a short time ago.

Then, soon after that, inevitably, Eurasia will go; then, China and neighboring territories, and India. South America and Africa are soon gone into the same global fray.

We can stop it now! If we are willing, and if President Obama is put out of office promptly. Otherwise, were we to presume that Obama would remain President through these times, then the civilization of this planet is already doomed to a prolonged dark age of all humanity.

The scheme which has guided the United States itself into its presently, virtually suicidal folly, is premised on a richly deluded persuasion: its foolish belief in a “money system.” This belief replaced the idea of real economic value, as expressed as the increase of the productive potential of society’s labor force—the idea which last dominated our nation under the Presidency of Franklin Roosevelt.

In opposition to sanity, what has occurred since the close of World War II, has been a fascist-like process known as the doctrine of “creative destruction.” “Creative destruction” was behind Wall Street’s launching of the U.S.A.’s ruinous decade of an Indo-China War; was the characteristic policy of the Nixon Administration; and was unleashed with monstrous zeal by David Rock-

eller’s puppet, President Jimmy Carter. Under President Reagan, George Shultz, once ensconced, went whole hog with that destructive policy.

To sum up the most relevant point to be made here, in this context, there are three essential requirements for saving the United States from immediate destruction at this time: 1) Throw President Obama out of office under the relevant terms of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. 2) Immediately re-enact Glass-Steagall, as that law had been defined under President Roosevelt. 3) Use Federal credit, now freed of the anti-constitutional burden of “bailout,” as the means for funding two leading, immediate measures of economic recovery: (a) to rescue the cities and states of the U.S.A. from their immediate, and worsening state of functional collapse; (b) launch NAWAPA with the accompanying intention of employing about 3-4 millions relevant persons in high-technology employment in both NAWAPA development, and the creation of the national industrial and related efforts needed to create the infrastructural support of NAWAPA itself.

Those measures, combined with necessarily sweeping measures to reverse the insanities of the Obama Administration, will be sufficient to prompt a massive and rapid process of general economic recovery and increased national productivity, both per capita and per square kilometer of territory.

Without these reforms, the U.S.A. is virtually dead already. Already, the social integument which holds the citizens of the U.S.A. together as an integrated society, is now virtually destroyed. We are presently on the verge of a runaway crisis in not only North America, but within the trans-Atlantic community as a whole. The remainder of the world is no more than a few steps behind.

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