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From the Managing Editor

In 1342, the King of England, Edward III, defaulted on his debts to the Bardi and Peruzzi banks, touching off what became the worst financial collapse in history so far, greater even than the Great Depression of the 1930s. No amount of budget cutting on Edward's part could have satisfied the Venetian financial predators, and with no bailouts to be had, Europe, and beyond, was plunged into the Dark Age of the mid-14th Century, characterized by the Black Death and depopulation that followed.

Now, today, nearly seven centuries later, we face a similar, even worse—because this time it's global—crisis. Have we learned nothing?

Today, the latter-day Bardi and Peruzzi—the London and Wall Street banksters, and their Clown-President Obama—have brought the world once again to the brink of a New Dark Age.

As Lyndon LaRouche notes in an “Emergency Presidential Address” presented on LPAC-TV Sept. 7 (to be published in *EIR* next week): “The situation of our republic has now reached the point that the continued operation under President Obama, in office, would mean the end of our United States, soon, under its present Constitution. Fortunately, there is an alternative: If we act very soon to adopt those needed constitutional options, the remedy is available, and fully constitutional. . . .”

In our *Feature* this week, we present “Step One” of LaRouche's seven-point program to reverse the global breakdown crisis now already underway: “the elimination of Obama, and the Glass-Steagall Act, in that succession, must be done.”

Several articles in the *Economics* section elaborate: “Obama's Malign Neglect Is the Worst Disaster” documents the criminal inaction of the Obama White House in the face of multiple extreme weather disasters; in “Massive Securities Fraud: Big Wall Street Banks Face Charges, Collapse,” we read how Obama's blocking of Glass-Steagall is standing in the way of the unique solution; and “The Space Station Is at Risk, Thanks to Obama's Policies” speaks for itself.

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LAROUCHE'S SEVEN NECESSARY STEPS

Step One: Remove Obama, Implement Glass-Steagall

by Nancy Spannaus and Charles Notley

On Aug. 24, Lyndon LaRouche outlined a seven-point program as the only possible solution for the present threat of a global breakdown crisis. Having presented the overview of the program in our last issue, we now give in-depth attention to each of the necessary steps, beginning with the one which most people find the most "impractical": the removal of President Barack Obama from the U.S. Presidency.

*As LaRouche explained: "So, no more time for fools playing games. Obama must be thrown out of office, because, unless he is thrown out of office, then, the system will crash. And there will be nothing for the nations of the trans-Atlantic community to look forward to, except Hell. Therefore, he must be removed **first**, so that he's not able to jam up the passage of a Glass-Steagall reenactment on the basis of the same principles as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's action in signing the original Glass-Steagall Act.*

"That's number one: the crash. The elimination of Obama, and the Glass-Steagall Act, in that succession, must be done."

We elaborate the essential supporting evidence for LaRouche's assertion.



White House Photo/Pete Souza

As long as President Obama is in office, there is no solution to any of the devastating crises that face the United States and the world. Here Obama poses at his vacation spot in Martha's Vineyard, on a telephone conference with the officials responsible for dealing with Hurricane Irene.

I. Removal by the 25th Amendment

Obama's Nero Complex

On April 11, 2009, Lyndon LaRouche shocked the world by delivering a webcast in which he declared that the fundamental problem with the recently sworn-in President of the United States, Barack Obama, was that he had the personality of a Nero. This is how he put it:

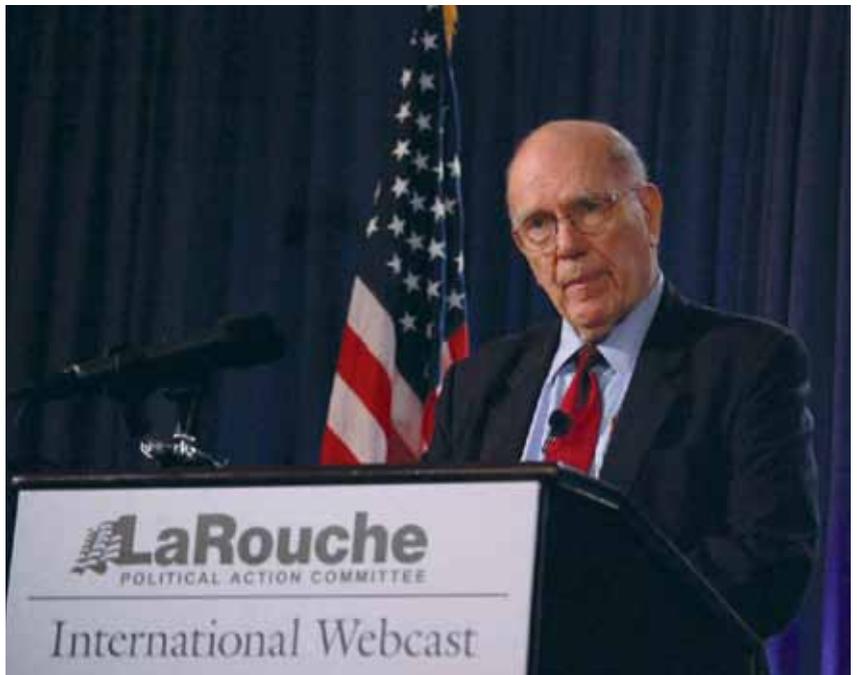
“The situation we face, in the United States and worldwide, is comparable in many respects to Rome under the dictatorship of the Emperor Nero. The character of the President under these conditions *is* of that form. He is not really aware of what he’s doing. He has no comprehension of many of the technical issues, such as economic issues, which he’s treating—none whatsoever. He has no clear understanding of strategic interest. He’s an intelligent person, in other respects. But he has *no competence* in these areas, for which he is largely responsible as President. . . .

“You see, his instincts are *wrong!* And his self-adulation, his manic, euphoric self-adulation, is the mentality of the worst kind of dictator. Don’t let him get in a position where he has that kind of power. Keep him under constraint, the legal constraint within the American Presidential system, as it works. Keep him in that constraint. If you don’t, you’re creating a monster. You don’t want a Frankenstein monster. You don’t want a Narcissus in the Presidency, and he’s a case of Narcissus, just like Nero. And the program is basically like that of Nero.

“*He’s a danger to all humanity if you don’t keep him under control.* He’s a danger to himself, as well as everybody else. So, you ain’t persecuting him, when you’re protecting him from himself. . . .”

Within weeks of LaRouche’s statement, it became clear that Obama’s Nero problem could not, and would not, be contained. In fact, as the President laid out his Hitler-modelled health-care policy—which called for reducing costs by abandoning what the Nazis called the “useless eaters” among the aged and the incurably sick—the profile of Obama’s mental illness became more and more pronounced. He would have to be removed.

In all of LaRouche’s webcasts of 2010 (see <http://www.larouchepac.com>), he emphasized that necessity. Not only was the President carrying out Nazi policies on behalf of the British empire, but he was also demonstrating a character of criminal insanity—as the grouping around him in the Administration found increasingly obvious. He was increasingly dangerous to the country, and to himself.



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LaRouche first diagnosed President Obama’s narcissistic personality disorder on April 11, 2009. Here he is shown speaking at that webcast.

In his Sept. 24, 2010 webcast, LaRouche put it this way:

“There is no hope that Obama would ever reform for the better. Absolutely not. He has no personality, not a real identity. It’s only a fake personality. And there’s much evidence as to what may have contributed to this, but what I saw in terms of his policy, then, in April of last year, this guy: no change, only for the worse. The plunger goes down, the explosion goes off. What we have to worry about is the effect of an assassination or a suicide of this President. That should be our biggest concern, as far as he’s concerned. Any other diagnosis, forget it! I’ve seen this thing. I know exactly what he is. I’ve seen a lot of this in my life, my experiences, and so forth. Personality problems. He’s not going to change for the better. The only way he’s going to change for the better is by being safely out of office. And then under management, he might make it, personally. But as long as he’s involved with the Presidency, there’s no chance. He’s a typical echo of the Emperor Nero and Hitler.

“And there’s a lot of other cases like that, but these are the two most conspicuous ones, the ones I referred to. And he has never deviated from the estimate of him and his behavior which I gave publicly on the 11th of April last year. Not a chance.

“The problem is, we’ve got to get him out. And the



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Obama, like Nero, plays for the crowds.

problem is politicians are trying to act like politicians, trying to negotiate something. And some things are not negotiable. There are lots of things that can be negotiated, but some things can not. This is not a negotiable situation. Either we get this guy out now, or kiss the United States goodbye while you still can.”

The 25th Amendment

On Oct. 5, 2010, LaRouche, who was already campaigning for the President’s impeachment based on his unconstitutional policies, decided to act upon his psychiatric insight. He issued a call for the application of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which specifies how the President can be legally removed, and replaced by the Vice President, for reason of his inability to fulfill his duties as President. Speaking on the LPAC Weekly Report Oct. 6,¹ LaRouche said:

“Last night, on the basis of information received, I moved for the 25th Amendment for the ouster of the President, on those grounds. The reason of the timing was the general situation, the manifest state of the President’s mind, or at least behavior: that he is actually in the kind of mental condition, which warrants his ouster on this. Which means that there should be an initiative by certain people, in the White House itself, including the Vice President, who should motivate this. And, once

1. <http://www.larouchepac.com/node/16019>

he does that, then the Congress is called back from recess, immediately, to consider an impeachment, in this form of impeachment.

“It requires no offense, other than the fact that he has got the problems, and the problems that are diagnosed in the act, as by Jerrold Post [director of the Political Psychology Department at George Washington University] and company who composed the study on which the amendment is based, all the conditions are there: This guy is cracking up, he’s gone. He’s not qualified to be President. He must be removed for the sake of the nation, and we have the Constitutional Amendment, which prepares, exactly this. And he is exactly the mental type, described in detail, the narcissist syndrome, and there’s no

question about it. I diagnosed this, of course, on April 11th of last year; and I was right then, and I’m more right than ever today. So, this man has to go.”

In the 10 months since LaRouche issued this call, the public evidence that President Obama is suffering from a severe personality disorder, which impels him to assert increasingly dictatorial powers, and totally block out the emotional and physical reality in which most ordinary Americans live, has become the subject of innumerable blogs, articles, and discussions. As his popularity declines dramatically, as a result of the manifest failure of his Presidency to improve conditions of life for the population, Obama has also become increasingly nuts. He reads everything about himself, and drowns himself in sports for many hours of the day. He’s obsessed with his image, and winning re-election—by any means necessary.

Unfortunately, those insiders who see this reality up close have, so far, either been compromised by their sharing in the perks of his Presidential power, or lack the moral courage to take the necessary action to remove him by declaring him to be the incompetent mental case which he is.

Thus the nation, and the world, remain in mortal danger—threatened by having a narcissistic Nero in charge of the only government in the world which has the capability—historically and constitutionally—to bring the world out of crisis.

II. The Glass-Steagall Issue

There are those cowards in the nation's leading political institutions who still argue that it might be possible to avoid removing Obama from office by simply overwhelming him with political pressure in favor of the policies that must be implemented in order to prevent the onrushing disaster—particularly the institution of the Glass-Steagall legislation. This is simply an act of self-delusion, or worse.

We explain why.

What is Glass-Steagall, Really?

When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt rammed through his banking reforms in 1933—both the initial Emergency Banking Act and the Glass-Steagall Banking Act itself—he understood that he was launching a war in defense of the sovereignty and General Welfare of the people of the United States. British control of U.S. banking through Wall Street had led to the ruin of the country, and only institutional measures that would cut off that control could possibly lead to a recovery.

What was wrong, FDR understood, was the imposition of a *money* system on the country, whereby the decisions being made that would determine the future of the nation were being based on money and profits, not the conditions of life of human beings. To contain the power of the “monied interests,” it would be necessary to segregate the speculating, money-centered banks from those banks which handled the funds for the physical functioning of the economy, so as to protect the latter, and the people who depended upon them.

Technically, this is what the Glass-Steagall law accomplished—after, of course, the first Emergency Banking Act had carried out an audit of the entire banking system, and separated many of the unpayable, illegitimate debts, from those that were intimately tied with the physical economy. Politically, FDR went beyond this defensive measure to issue massive amounts of *credit*, most of it tied to major power and water management projects (such as the Tennessee

Valley Authority, TVA), or to the construction of vital smaller projects, such as bridges, roads, parks, hospitals, schools, and sewer systems.

Wall Street was not happy with FDR's credit program, nor with Glass-Steagall. The bankers correctly saw both as infringements upon their freedom to control people's lives through their control of money, and they roundly condemned the President as a “traitor to his class.” FDR proudly revelled in their hatred, because his allegiance was to the American people, and to the historical tradition of the U.S. credit system which his ancestor Isaac Roosevelt had collaborated with Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton to create.



U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) fought long and hard against opposition in her own party in 2010, in an attempt to pass her amendment, co-sponsored by John McCain (R-Ariz.), to restore Glass-Steagall. Ultimately, Obama doublecrossed her.

Obama, Wall Street, and the British

Obama, on the other hand, *loves* Wall Street and the British upper classes, including the monarchy. They were the major financial powers who put him into office; and his entire record in the Presidency has been to give them almost anything they want. Just as British financial powers manipulate Obama by feeding his narcissism, they maintain his desperate dependence upon them for satisfying

his monstrous ego, and sense of entitlement to do whatever *he* thinks he should do.

One crucial test of this evaluation occurred precisely on the Glass-Steagall issue, in the Spring of 2010. During the debate on “financial reform” that spring, Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) had revived their 2009 bill to reinstate the Glass-Steagall law—which the Wall Street-British crowd, through their toadies like Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, had thrown out in 1999—into an amendment to the financial reform bill, known as Dodd-Frank. That amendment, S. 2886, was consciously crafted to *destroy* the speculative derivatives bubble and other gambling practices which had destroyed the banking system and the economy, and brought on the

financial breakdown of 2008. If it had passed, it would have radically changed the nature of Dodd-Frank, *against* Wall Street.

Cantwell, in her press release on the bill, put it this way: “Behemoth banks are putting their money into risky, get-rich-quick Wall Street schemes instead of investing in Main Street.

“So much U.S. taxpayer-backed money is going into speculation in dark markets that it has diverted lending capital from our community banks and small businesses that depend on loans to expand and create jobs. This is stifling America and it is why there is bipartisan support for restoring the important safeguards that protected Americans for decades after the Great Depression. It’s time to go back to separating commercial banking from Wall Street investment banking.”

She was joined by co-sponsor McCain, who said: “I want to ensure that we never stick the American taxpayer with another \$700 billion—or even larger—tab to bail out the financial industry. If big Wall Street institutions want to take part in risky transactions—fine. But we should not allow them to do so with federally insured deposits. It is time to put a stop to the taxpayer financed excesses of Wall Street. No single financial institution should be so big that its failure would bring ruin to our economy and destroy millions of American jobs. This country would be better served if we limit the activities of these financial institutions.”

According to Cantwell, the Senate leadership had agreed that S. 2886, which had bipartisan support, would be among the few amendments brought to the Senate floor for debate and vote. But, at the last moment, she was doublecrossed, with Administration spokesmen specifically reneging on their promise to give the bill a hearing.

The reason is not hard to find. First, Wall Street desperately opposed and opposes Glass-Steagall. On top of that, according to a leading economist who reported to LaRouche’s May 8 webcast, the British Foreign Office itself had declared that Britain would consider the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall a “hostile act,” and was intending to inform the Obama Administration of that fact.

Would Obama cross the British? Not on your life.

The bottom line is this: Regardless of what he might say, Obama’s personality disorder will not allow him to go against the will of those who have built him up. To get Glass-Steagall in place, Obama must be removed from office.

III. Obama’s Impeachable Crimes

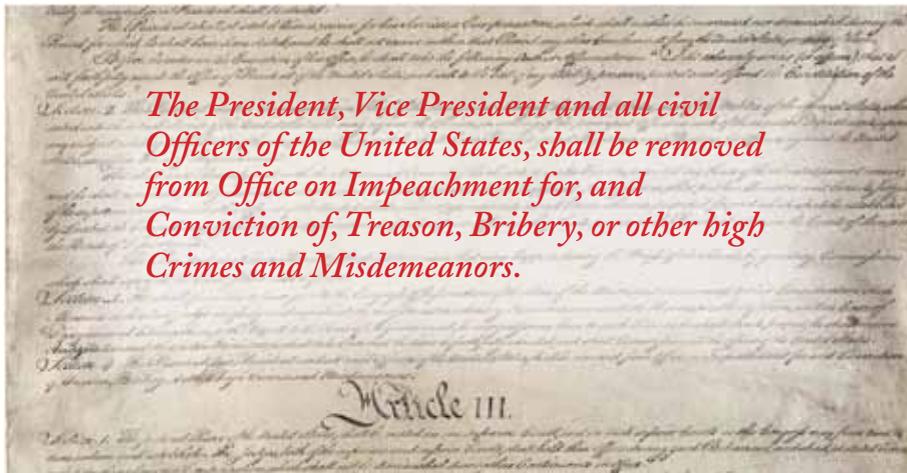
Which brings us to impeachment, the other option for removing Obama from office.

No American patriot contemplates the prospect of removing the President of the United States lightly. In late July 2009, Lyndon LaRouche declared that Barack Obama was impeachable for his Nazi health-care “reform.” Obama, and those with the potential to bring him under control, failed to listen, or changed course. Instead, in the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare), this President and his criminal cronies succeeded in ramming through the same Nazi euthanasia plan made infamous by Adolf Hitler—a giant step toward a genocidal dictatorship. Impeachment for this and many other acts, is now an emergency.

Under our constitutional system, the purpose of impeachment is the protection of the nation, by removing from high office a Federal official who is causing grave injury to the nation, its people, and the Constitution. Impeachment is not a criminal proceeding; its purpose is not to punish a wrongdoer, but to prevent him or her from doing further, irreparable harm to the country. The question of prosecution, or imprisonment, comes later.

The Constitution sets a high standard for bringing a bill of impeachment against a high public official. The grounds are restricted to “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.” The clear intent, as a review of the discussions by the Founders at the Constitutional Convention indicates, was to target crimes against the constitutional order. The bills of impeachment against President Richard Nixon put it well, when they declared, in each count, “In all of this, Richard M. Nixon has acted in a manner contrary to his trust as President and subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.”

Obama’s crimes dwarf those of Richard Nixon. Public evidence alone demonstrates that he is leading a conspiracy to subvert constitutional government, and to impose measures that will result in mass death of Americans, and the destruction of the nation. His high crimes and misdemeanors, as elaborated below, include actions that amount to a conspiracy to commit Crimes Against Humanity, which have already resulted in murder and other atrocities, offenses or inhumane acts against the civilian population of the United States; actions that are leading to genocide against civilian popu-



Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution lays out the restricted basis for impeachment of the U.S. President. In his mere two and a half years in office, President Obama has more than qualified for this action.

lations in other parts of the world; and actions that are leading to the elimination of the sovereignty of the United States, by submitting control over its economic policy to supranational powers that are committed to reducing the world's population by billions.

Obama's remaining in the Presidency represents a clear and present danger to the United States, its citizens, and our Constitution. Constitutional means must be used to prevent him from continuing with these crimes. One means is invoking Section 4 of the 25th Amendment, by which he could be declared unable to carry out the duties of President, due to his mental impairment (see above). The other means is impeachment.

Below are a series of counts, which could serve as an outline for a formal Bill of Impeachment. Provided also is some of the evidence available, and some crucial precedents. Although incomplete, and not in legal form, each count demonstrates the urgency of acting on LaRouche's initiative.

Count I. Conspiracy To Commit Crimes Against Humanity

President Obama has conspired and acted to carry out Crimes Against Humanity, through his Hitler-modeled health-care legislation, by denial of medical care, and outright murder thereby of large segments of the U.S. population.

As a convener of the 1945-46 International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, and the international legal standards established thereby for the trials of Nazi leaders after the conclusion of World War II, the United States

has subscribed, by treaty as well as by law, to the definition of Crimes Against Humanity used by that Tribunal. Article 6 of the Charter of the Tribunal defines Crimes Against Humanity as follows:

"...murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population ... whether or not in violation of the domestic law of the country where perpetrated."

This standard was applied in Count Four of the Nuremberg indictment of Nazi war criminals, the count of Crimes Against Hu-

manity, under which ten of the defendants were found guilty and sentenced to death, as follows:

"The murder and ill-treatment were carried out by divers means, including shooting, hanging, gassing, starvation, gross over-crowding, systematic under-nutrition, systematic imposition of labor tasks beyond the strength of those ordered to carry them out, *inadequate provision of surgical and medical services...*" (emphasis added)

A. That the health "reform" legislation passed on order by the President has led to denial of medical care is incontestable by anyone who is honest, and knowledgeable of the Act, the chief, stated purpose of which is to cut costs. The fundamental premise is that the American public is "overutilizing" medical services that allegedly do not contribute to improving their health, and this "overutilization" should be eliminated in order to save money. The standard for determining "overutilization" is not specified, but implicitly, and sometimes explicitly, depends upon two parameters:

1. Experience shows that the percentage of people actually cured, or prolonged in life, by the medical treatment, does not reach a certain threshold. This thinking, sold under the fancy name of Cost Effectiveness Research, was shockingly revealed in the infamous mammogram decision taken in 2009 by the Preventive Services Taskforce—which is specifically cited in the Senate bill as the agency to rate the need for coverage. While acknowledging that the decision to recommend against regular mammograms for women under 50, and for only biannual mammograms for



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Among the first victims of Obama's Hitler health policy will be the elderly. Hitler's Nazi doctors were convicted of crimes against humanity for denying medical treatment to those considered "useless eaters," such as the mentally ill and those unable to work, like the elderly.

others, would lead to more deaths, the taskforce decided it was "not enough deaths" to be worth the cost.

Such thinking precisely mimics that of the Nazi doctors, who were following out Hitler's prescription that there are people who have "lives not worthy of life," and they should be granted a "mercy death."

2. The legislation presumes that if you are over a certain age, your health care simply costs too much. Provisions exist, however, for you to "choose" a painless death. While no explicit age limits are set, various measures are included that permit, if not encourage, elderly people to refuse treatment, and die.

That the mandated reductions in the cost of medical care are to occur within Medicare and Medicaid (to start)—the programs for the elderly and the poor and disabled—marks those populations as the chief targets for the genocide.

In addition to denying care to certain categories of the population, Obamacare contains numerous measures that will reduce the availability of medical and surgical facilities—by reducing reimbursements to those who cannot provide treatment cheaply enough, or at high enough "efficiency." This method, applied through Medicare and for-profit Health Maintenance Organizations (which are implementers of the plan as well), has resulted in the dramatic reduction in hospital facilities through the United States, as well as labora-

tory facilities that perform services such as imaging. The rate of reduction has increased under Obamacare, especially in the number of nursing homes that serve the aged; and application of the same method to doctors, has resulted in a drastic decline in doctor availability as well.

Under Obamacare, Americans are now subject to denial of medical and surgical care, and death by starvation and malnutrition—all in the name of saving money. Tens of thousands are slated for death.

B. Obama has blocked prosecution of those who authorized and continued the Bush/Cheney policy of illegal detentions and maltreatment of prisoners from the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, and the so-called War on Terror.

For his actions to commit these Crimes Against Humanity, President Obama must be impeached.

Count II. Conspiracy To Violate the Separation of Powers Provisions of the U.S. Constitution

President Obama has conspired and acted to carry out measures that are destroying the powers of the U.S. Congress, in favor of the Executive, thus overturning the lawful separation of powers provided for in the U.S. Constitution.

A. Obama has taken unilateral actions, under the Hitlerian doctrine of the Unitary Executive, in several areas of policy. The most recent and flagrant is that carried out in the Budget Control Act, which sets up a Super-Congress, to preempt the powers of the Congress on behalf of imposing fascist austerity measures. The parallel is to Hitler's Enabling Act of March 1933, in which the German parliament voted to hand over power to the Chancellor "temporarily," and ended up confirming his dictatorship for the 12 years that followed.

Economist James Galbraith, in an Aug. 10 interview with the Italian daily *Il Messagero*, correctly characterized the Super-Committee as follows: "For God's sake! It will be a Junta, a body without legitimacy." He could have added that the powers given by the Constitution to the House of Representatives over economic policy, are literally being usurped, while Congress is being denied



White House Photo/Pete Souza

Obama's solution to quarrels with the Congressional leadership, such as those shown in this meeting on deficit reduction? Violate the Constitution by eliminating the powers of Congress to set economic and financial policy, to declare war, and to determine other vital national policies.

its ability to even amend decisions made by a committee of 12 (along with Obama).

B. Obama has explicitly violated the Constitution by committing U.S. troops to war in Libya, without Congress having declared war, as the Constitution prescribes. There is no question at all, contrary to Administration claims, that the role of U.S. military forces amounts to waging war, both through NATO and by U.S. forces themselves.

Obama is also explicitly violating the War Powers Act, which sets out various conditions and deadlines under which the President can act unilaterally before going to the Congress for authorization. Obama failed to meet those conditions, and has still not received approval for what he claims is a “limited war,” but which is likely to be a long-term British-style conflict, *à la* Afghanistan and Vietnam.

C. Obama's first moves toward such anti-Constitutional unilateral actions, occurred in his health care policy, as indicated by his personal insistence on the inclusion of an Independent Payment Advisory Board (or Commission) (IPAB) in his health-care bill, which dictates the terms for what medical procedures are to be covered, and how much for whom; and his insertion of language into the bill specifying that no Congress, present or future, be permitted to make changes in the decisions of the IPAB. The clear intent was to “remove decisions from politics”—i.e., remove Congress from

decisions on health-care spending altogether. Congress will be unable to make policy, and even a majority vote can't overturn the diktat.

Obama has obsessively pressed for the IPAB provision since the Summer of 2009, making it clear that its mandate is to cut medical spending. Described by Obama and his aides as a “panel of experts,” the IPAB's method echoes that of Hitler's “panel of experts” at Tiergarten-4, the center of the 1939-41 Nazi euthanasia program, which panel reviewed paperwork on thousands of patients to one end: who should live, and who should die. There was no reprieve from the decision of the top doctors who supervised the “experts” under Hitler—nor is there one for those turned down by the expert

(death) panels set up by Obamacare. Mass murder by the stroke of a pen. Preventing Congress from overturning the broad IPAB decisions, through the “in perpetuity” clause, further shows the murderous, dictatorial intent.

The result is to be massive reductions in medical care, starting with Medicare and Medicaid. It was precisely to prevent such dictatorial action that the Founders of the United States, in their drafting of the Constitution, made the Congress, not the President, responsible for measures on spending, taxation, and the provision for the General Welfare.

D. Columbia University Law School professor Scott Horton has been warning about the drive to impose a British-style Official Secrets Act on the United States since 2005, when the effort was launched by President George W. Bush's Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales. Obama has acted to impose such an Official Secrets Act, which overturns the First Amendment right to free speech. While George W. Bush was still in office, Attorneys General Gonzales and his successor Michael Mukasey indicted and prosecuted whistle-blowers, using the Espionage Act of 1917. In at least two cases, the whistle-blowers were suspected of leaking embarrassing information about failed secret programs and outright national security state crimes to journalists from the *Baltimore Sun* and the *New York Times*.

E. Obama has continued and even expanded the

Bush/Cheney Administration's program of warrantless spying by the National Security Agency on the electronic communications of millions of Americans.

F. Obama is guilty of obstruction of justice by blocking criminal investigations of various Wall Street predators.

In these respects, President Obama is engaged in a conspiracy to overturn the constitutional order of the United States, including the guarantee of a republican government.

For these high crimes, President Obama must be impeached.

Count III. Conspiracy To Commit the United States to an International Genocide Policy

President Obama's actions around the 2009 Copenhagen Climate Summit demonstrate not only his endorsement of the international depopulation policy of the British monarchy, but his intent but to unconstitutionally commit the United States to implement that policy.

A. The policy of the Obama Administration going into the Copenhagen summit, was a wholehearted embrace of the Green genocide agenda being promoted by the British monarchy, its agents, and its sycophants. That agenda called for an attack on population itself, as the major cause of so-called Global Warming, in addition to reducing life-sustaining activities such as modern agriculture and industry, nuclear power, and major infrastructure projects. In addition, the British-sponsored program called for the establishment of an international governing (or policing) agency that would mandate and enforce measures to suppress such life-sustaining activity, over and above the decisions of sovereign governments.

Such a Green agenda would result in genocide, starting with the under-industrialized Third World, and expanding globally.

President Obama had no mandate from the Congress, or the American people, to embrace such an agenda. The Congress refused to pass his Climate Change legislation, or even the preceding treaty embodying the same idea, the Kyoto Protocol of 1997. He had no power to cede authorities of the U.S. govern-



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The Obama Administration's economic and environmental policy will result in a dramatic increase in mass death in the Third World—genocide. Here, current victims in Banadir Hospital in the Somali capital, Mogadishu.

ment, and the welfare of the U.S. population, to international authorities. Leading Senators had warned the President to make no commitments to that agenda, because Congress would never approve them.

In fact, the President was acting under the direction of a foreign power, the British monarchy, in furtherance of an international scheme which would lead to the commitment of Crimes Against Humanity against other nations, and the United States itself.

B. On the eve of the fullest Moon of the year, Jan. 29, 2010, President Obama announced that in his new budget, he was eliminating the space program's Constellation manned Moon missions. Constellation is the umbrella program that includes the Ares rocket—the replacement for the aging space shuttles. Marking the last shuttle launch, STS-135, *Atlantis*, launched to the International Space Station on July 8, 2011, closing out a 30-year history of the government-funded shuttle program, and leaving uncertain the future of U.S. manned spaceflight.

This cancellation will be deadly in terms of destroying the scientific capability of the United States, and the world, to survive, especially in the current and future periods of intensified extreme weather events.

In acting to cancel Constellation, as well as underfunding various NASA unmanned satellite programs,

Obama has caused a gap to be created in polar satellite weather observations, for example, as new satellites are not launched in time to replace those that have reached the end of their functionality. These are the very satellites that are critical to providing scientists with data needed for space- and Earth-weather forecasting. Obama has thus put at risk millions who live in areas subject to extreme weather and earthquake conditions. Obama is killing the future.

For this high crime, President Obama must be impeached.

Count IV. Conspiracy To Destroy the Sovereignty of the United States

President Obama, by his personal actions and those of his administration, has acted to destroy the United States economically, through commitments made to international agencies and powers, which are leading directly to the dissolution of the United States. These actions fall into the category of providing aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States, which makes them tantamount to treason.

A. The first indications that Obama was ceding the sovereignty of the United States occurred at the G-20 meeting in London in April 2009, at which time the President agreed to a communiqué which implicitly moved in the direction of implementing the British scheme of making the International Monetary Fund a world government. In the name of providing for “fiscal expansion,” the G-20 endorsed printing \$250 billion in the International Monetary Fund’s Special Drawing Rights, as a step toward dramatically increasing the reserves of the IMF. The promotion of SDRs is a step in the direction of replacing the U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency, and giving power over creation of credit, internationally, to the supranational IMF.

President Obama had no mandate for such an action from the U.S. government. To the contrary, the Congress had blocked a previous IMF resolution to double its number of SDRs, because such an issuance would not be subject to the sovereignty of the United States.

B. Obama has looted tens of trillions of dollars in taxpayer money to bail out losing bets of financial institutions, domestic and foreign, judged by his cronies Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner “too big to let fail,”



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He's not physically bowing, but Obama's financial and foreign policies are shaped to serve the avowed interests of the British monarchy. Here, Obama on his second visit with the Queen since coming into office, on May 25, 2011.

violating Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, which reserves to Congress the power “To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof. . . .” The Administration is at the same time blocking Congress from acting in its constitutional capacity to issue directed credit for productive investments in the physical economy of this country, by returning to the banking principles codified in the Banking Act of 1933 (Glass-Steagall), to end this breakdown of our economy. As a result, tens of millions of Americans remain unemployed and are increasingly desperate.

Thus, once again, President Obama is acting at the behest of a foreign government, once again Great Britain, to the end of unconstitutionally yielding U.S. government control over its currency to a supranational power. The successful ceding of such power would lead to the destruction of the United States, by giving life-or-death power over the United States to the enemy power located in the British imperial monetary system—in a manner similar to the ceding of power by European nations to the European Union.

For this high crime, bordering on treason, President Obama must be impeached.

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The question is whether enough Members of Congress will take their oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution seriously enough to act—before they find themselves behind bars for daring to whimper protests, after the fact, against Obama’s increasing dictatorial rule.

Merkel Before the End: Democracy, Honecker-Style

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Sept. 3—Anyone who looks at the political situation in Europe and the U.S. as a whole, has to come to the shocking conclusion that the whole trans-Atlantic world has no political leadership, and is rather being led by people whose agenda is being dictated by the financial interests, down to the very last detail. Just savor this sentence from German Chancellor Angela Merkel, aired by Deutschlandfunk radio:

“Of course we live in a democracy and it is a parliamentary democracy, and therefore the right to set the budget is a core right of the Bundestag, so we shall find ways to shape parliamentary co-determination so that it nonetheless conforms to the markets.”

It is astounding how Mrs. Merkel succeeds, in just one sentence, in transforming the Bundestag’s core competency to set the budget, into the exact opposite—namely “conformity with the markets,” which means submission to the dictatorship of the financial markets. It poses the question of whether she has chosen George Orwell’s novel *1984* as her guideline for political correctness, or whether she simply has copied from Erich Honecker¹ the method by which one achieves voter conformity.

“Doublespeak” is a conflation of the two neologisms “doublethink” and “newspeak,” which were defined in *1984* as “the power of holding two contradic-

tory beliefs in one’s mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them. . . . To tell deliberate lies while genuinely believing in them, to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just as long as it is needed, to deny the existence of objective reality and all the while to take account of the reality which one denies—all this is indispensably necessary. Even in using the word ‘doublethink’ it is necessary to exercise doublethink. For by using the word one admits that one is tampering with reality; by a fresh act of doublethink one erases this knowledge; and so on indefinitely, with the lie always one leap ahead of the truth.”

Orwell describes the fact that the “party” can not maintain its power without keeping its supporters in check through constant propaganda. But knowledge of this brutal deception, within the inner leadership of the party itself, could lead to the collapse of the state from within. Although *1984* is most famous for depicting the complete surveillance by the state over daily life, the actual significance of this surveillance lies in the fact that the whole population, including the ruling elite, can be controlled and manipulated through the daily perversion of thoughts and speech. The combination of doublethink and newspeak—i.e., doublespeak—has the goal of creating an association between terms and definitions which mean the total opposite, especially such fundamental terms as good and evil, right or wrong, truth or lies, justice or injustice. According to

1. East Germany’s communist leader until the collapse of that regime in October 1989.



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Frau Merkel's doublespeak cannot block out the reality of the crash of the euro-system.

Chancellor Merkel, this even applies to the Bundestag's right to set the budget, and conformity to the market.

Panic Reigns

Among the top financial circles today, total panic rules. At the yearly gathering of central bankers and other top bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, this Summer, a graveyard mood dominated, and everyone agreed: The global financial system is hopelessly bankrupt; a long line of big banks, deemed "too big to fail," are actually insolvent. Bank of America, for example, which just received an infusion of \$5 billion from billionaire Warren Buffett, guaranteed by the U.S. government, according to the *New York Times*, really needs \$200 billion. The new IMF managing director, Christine Lagarde, sounded the alarm bell: The governments must recapitalize the banks directly; in other words, the taxpayers should, without the detour of rescue packages or eurobonds, directly bear the costs of the blown-out billions of the banks.

The situation in the United States and Europe has equally reached the end of the line. The combination of the catastrophic job figures in the U.S., and the suit by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) against several big banks, among them Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, and others, led to a renewed collapse of the markets on Sept. 2. The attorneys general of a number of states, including New York, Delaware, and California, have, along with the FHFA, broken the previously effective settlement, which said that none of the top bankers would end up in jail.

Under the pressure of the unparalleled social tension which is building up in America against the Obama Administration and Wall Street, these officials have now filed lawsuits against these bankers, due to their false declarations about the mortgages and structured packages they sold, instruments they had bought during the housing crisis. The costs which thus accrued for the largest mortgage dealers, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, would then be passed on to the taxpayer, after a huge number of homeowners could no longer service their mortgages, and lost their homes as a result of the collapse of their value. Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae alone lost over \$30 billion. But this fraud is only the tip of the iceberg; the whole global financial system is just one big Madoff-style Ponzi scheme.

In the White House, additional panic reigns over the latest still-unpublished polls, which are so bad that the election strategists are concluding that it would be impossible to reverse them by the 2012 election campaign. The media are making fun of the fact that Obama needed two teleprompters for a three-minute speech on the occasion of the appointment of the new head of the Council of Economic Advisors, Alan Krueger. The frustration of Obama supporters, whom he had promised a total break with the policy of the Bush Administration, who had seen him as a new Messiah, and have to realize that he is continuing all aspects of the Bush policy, and has even gone further in serving the interests of Wall Street, is perhaps the most important factor in American politics at present.

A Government Crisis

In Europe, the media, from France's *Les Echos* to Germany's *Bild-Zeitung*, are speculating about the possible collapse of the Merkel government, perhaps even this month. The revolt of the coalition partners over the expansion of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) or, previously, over the reform of the German army, the school reform, or the so-called Energy Change, which will drive Germany in short order into economic and social chaos—all policies adopted without public or parliamentary debate—has reached the point where in this event, the opposition parties could call a constructive vote of confidence, through which, for example, Social Democrat Peer Steinbrück could be named Merkel's successor, or new elections could be called. The financial oligarchy would be delighted, because the Social Democrats and the Greens have already declared

that they've opted for what the bankers need—from the implementation of a European economic dictatorship, to Eurobonds, to the complete greening of industry, in the interest of the hedge funds.

The Merkel government is a catastrophe, which is not only ruining the Union parties² but all of Germany; yet a change to a Red-Green³ coalition would be the point of no return. Voters should remember that it was the Red-Green government which, in 2004, tore down the last barriers regulating the financial sector, and thereby opened the floodgates to the financial “locusts.” A Red-Green government, with agreement on European economic dictatorship and Eurobonds, would make the European Union 100% into a “transfer union,”⁴ which would betray the German taxpayer and promote a hyperinflation such as we in Germany had in 1923—that is, it would mean the most brutal expropriation of the population by the devaluation of money.

2. Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian partner, the Christian Social Union (CSU).
3. Social Democratic-Green Party.
4. Transferring taxpayers' money to other EU member-nations, to bail out the banks that are holding those nations for ransom.

A Solution to the Crisis

Humanity has never found itself in comparable danger before. Indeed, there is a way out, a solution to the crisis. This involves the introduction of a new global two-tier banking system, a Glass-Steagall system, and a New Deal for the world economy, in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who, in the 1930s, led the U.S.A. out of the Great Depression with the political-economic methods of the American System of physical economy.

In America, the list of organizations that support this policy—which is today spearheaded by Lyndon LaRouche—is growing daily: a growing number of Congressional representatives, leading national trade unions, farm organizations, organizations of ethnic minorities, as well as regional bankers, mayors, city councils, etc. But whether this solution can be realized in time, and whether we in the European countries can do the same, is an open question.

It is no longer a question of whether people who have accumulated their supposed wealth through high-risk speculation under the still-extant system of globalization, can save “their money” in this crisis, like all the profiteers around today who are masquerading as goldbugs. In the period immediately ahead, it will get to the point of whether the physical welfare of the population can be defended, whether the right of mankind to shelter, sustenance, and health care can be defended.

It comes down to the question which the great German poet Friedrich Schiller posed in his *Aesthetical Letters*, after the failure of the French Revolution: Where should the solution come from, if governments are corrupt, and the masses are degenerate and debilitated?

The answer is simple. Only if there is a sufficiently large number of people who have the courage to commit themselves to the general welfare, and to campaign for the program which the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) has proposed for a long time, for the reconstruction of the world economy through the construction of the World Land-Bridge, can we prevent civilization from crashing into the wall. And this demands the courage of one's convictions, which can only come from a sublime image of man.

It is one second before midnight. Join us!

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Stop Bankers' Coup Attempt in Germany!

by Rainer Apel

Sept. 2—Nothing that the governments of Greece, Ireland, Portugal, and Italy have done and promised to do, or what the German government has tried to do to “stabilize the euro,” is enough to solve the financial crisis. And nothing that the governments are planning to do will solve the problems either: Within the present system, these are as insoluble as squaring the circle. That is the source of the growing hysteria on the part of the politicians, notably Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble.

There is a desperate search ongoing by the banks and market funds for each new euro that they can scrounge up somewhere. Democracy? Parliamentary control? That's old hat, the “markets” say; today we act quickly, in a matter of minutes (to further inflate the global financial bubble), and the concerns of elected officials just get in the way. And Schäuble expresses it just as brutally: For days, his Ministry, assisted by the major media, has been bombarding those parliamentarians in the Bundestag who criticize the bank bailouts, with the warning that while they may set some guidelines for parliamentary oversight and have a voice in future “rescue packages,” they may do nothing that would delay or stop the new bailouts, to which there is supposedly no alternative. Actually, the financiers say, it would be quite sufficient if, instead of the Bundestag, just its Budget Committee, or even a small committee of selected parliamentarians, were kept regularly briefed.

That's what it sounded like at the hearing before the Federal Constitutional Court on July 5, where Schäuble presented his views. And now he is even going one step further, as on Aug. 31, when he tried to convince the members of the Bundestag's Budget Committee that his policies have calmed the “markets.” But the whole discussion about the bailout only created new turmoil, and the speculators instigated new attacks against the euro.

Chancellor Angela Merkel is tooting the same horn, in order to silence internal party critics of her policy: We can talk as much as we want, she said, but what we do has to “conform to the markets,” because there is really “no alternative.”

And on Sept. 1, one day after his incredible performance before the Budget Committee, Schäuble said, at the closed meeting of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party leadership, that there's no getting around it; we've got to give up more of our sovereign rights over economic and financial policies to the EU, or at least to the Eurozone, or there will not be enough “flexibility” for the next interventions by the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF, the “bailout fund”) and its planned successor, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM).

A Turning Point in History

We have now finally reached the point where the alternatives are clearly on the table: Either the Constitution applies or it doesn't; policy is made either for the citizens or for the speculators!

And at least some of the critics of the government see it that way too. Frank Schäffler of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) said he would not violate the Constitution, and would not vote for the bailout package in the Bundestag vote on Sept. 29, because, as a Member of Parliament, he is bound to support the Constitution. Peter Gauweiler of the Christian Social Union (CSU), who is one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit on which the Constitutional Court will announce its verdict on Sept. 7,¹ said he was outraged that the government is treating the Bundestag like a student group or a parents advisory council, and he only hoped that the constitutional judges would put a stop to it.

Economist Wilhelm Hankel, who is also one of the plaintiffs in the case, described the rescue package, including Schäuble's policy for “European economic government,” as “financial dictatorship,” which has to be prevented.

The tone of the critics is getting sharper, not least because things are really coming to a head now, with the pending court ruling and the vote in the Bundestag. Hankel, in a letter to the editor of the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, attacked former Finance Minister Theo Waigel (CSU), one of the puffed-up euro-propagandists, for his views published in the daily two weekends ago, calling Waigel “a politician who clearly emerged from the folklore of this beautiful state: vain, incompetent,

1. The lawsuit argues that last May's second rescue package for Greece and other eurozone nations violates the no-bailout provision of the EU's Lisbon Treaty, and that the German government's assent to the bailout was an “abrogation of budget sovereignty.”



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The BüSo, the LaRouche party in Germany, is fielding 20 candidates in the Sept. 18 elections to the Berlin House of Deputies. The slate is headed by Stefan Tolkdorf (center), whose TV infomercial can be viewed, in German, at <http://bueso.de/node/9630>.

Christian, but ultimately just an unmasked Pharisee.” Since the introduction of the euro while Waigel was in office (1989-98), Hankel wrote, two-thirds of the German economy’s savings have drained away, sagging domestic investments are at an historical low, and the value of the money people have earned has been drastically devalued. “Either this is too much for the minds of Mr. Waigel and many of his colleagues to comprehend, or he knows it and says the opposite.”

This threatens us with “economic war of each against all, and the common impoverishment of both the euro-rescuers and the rescued,” warned Hankel. “If the young people on the streets of Athens, Madrid, London, and then Paris and Berlin, are looking for a person against whom to direct their protests, Waigel and Co. would certainly do,” concluded Hankel in his letter.

A Two-Tier Banking System

Things have now reached the point that the Federal government, whose policy is not supported by the vast majority of citizens, may soon fall. A loss of votes for the CDU and FDP in the elections in Mecklenburg (Sept. 4) and Berlin (Sept. 18), the ruling of the Constitutional Court (Sept. 7), and the lack of a majority for the government in the Bundestag debate (Sept. 29) could quite quickly lead to the end of the Merkel-Schäuble government.

Merkel could be overthrown by an internal party

revolt and/or a vote of no confidence in the Bundestag, as then-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was in the Fall 1982; this could lead to early elections, and one way or the other to the formation of a Red-Green [Social Democratic-Green party] government, whereby the situation would inevitably become even worse. The financial markets would, of course, welcome such a government, which could introduce euro bonds and such measures without delay, as we’ve been hearing now for weeks from all possible channels. Peer Steinbrück² as the new Chancellor? Is he the right man for the “markets”?

It looks like things are heading that way, but it is totally untrue that there is “no alternative.” There is an alternative, and it would happen—along the lines of Friedrich Schiller’s famous “You come late, but you come,” from the play *Wallenstein*—when the critics

of the government finally use the ultimate weapon in this fight, and that is the initiative for a two-tier banking system (Glass-Steagall) and the program of Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (the BüSo).

Everything that was perpetrated by the grave economic and financial policy errors of the past 40 years, since 1971, in the U.S. and Europe, must be canceled without replacement and dissolved. There must be a New Bretton Woods, a new banking system that serves the real economy, and a Europe without the euro (in which no one would have to save the euro, because there would be no euro to save). The current system is beyond redemption; it must go! There is really no alternative to the LaRouche program, the proposals of the BüSo, unless one decided that whatever is left behind in the rubble would constitute an “alternative.”

And here is something that could change the German political situation decisively for the better: an election result for the BüSo in Berlin that makes the public sit up and take notice, and forces the media to give the BüSo’s program the coverage it deserves. The debate and vote in the Bundestag in Berlin, 11 days after the Berlin election, would take a different course then, as would many other things.

This article was translated from German.

2. Social Democrat, Finance Minister 2005-09.

Obama Haiti Crimes: Dark Age Mass Murder

by Cynthia R. Rush

Sept. 2—Almost 19 months after the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake which devastated Haiti and killed 300,000 of its citizens, the island nation and its desperately poor and still-traumatized people have been left to rot in a New Dark Age existence, of which Lyndon LaRouche warned on Feb. 23, 2010.

Cholera, famine, no decent shelter or jobs, are what Haitians see when they try to envision the future. That there have been no episodes of mass violence is miraculous, and many analysts warn that the eruption of violent protest is only a matter of time.

Who has Haitian blood on his hands? Barack “Nero” Obama, who criminally refused to adopt LaRouche’s proposals to sign a 25-year bilateral development agreement with the Haitian government, and to mobilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help relocate 1.2 million “internally displaced people,” or IDPs, out of the filthy camps in the flood-prone capital of Port-au-Prince to safety on higher ground.

Today, 600,000 human beings *still* live in over 1,000 squalid camps in the capital, bereft of sanitation, potable water, or security, and ever more vulnerable to a still-rampaging cholera epidemic and other infectious diseases. One foreign physician who runs a clinic in the capital warned of “pediatric genocide” in the camps, because of the large number of babies being born there who quickly become ill and have little chance of survival, because medical care for them is nonexistent.

Ninety-four percent of camp dwellers recently interviewed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) say they desperately want to leave these hellholes, but have nowhere to go.

You Were Warned

LaRouche’s February 2010 warning was explicit: “Haiti is the image of what awaits all of humanity under the current, British imperial international financial system. If we do not act, Haiti will soon face conditions in which dengue, cholera, malaria, typhoid, and other epidemics will spread with devastating conse-

quences. . . . It is the face of the New Dark Age. We must stop it in Haiti if we are to have the moral fitness to survive on this planet.”

The October 2010 cholera outbreak bore out LaRouche’s forecast. “Since this was foreknowable and foreknown, this means that the policy of genocide implicit in Obama’s policy is now coming to bear,” he stated on Oct. 23, 2010. “And probably, among the next targets of this genocide, is going to be the people of the United States themselves, unless Obama is removed before that.”

Victims of the recent flooding, tornado, drought, and hurricane catastrophes that have struck large swaths of the United States can attest to the fact that they now know what Obama’s “Haiti treatment” means.

‘Not a Human Life’

Incredibly, even after 19 months, Haiti is still in the “relief” phase of post-earthquake recovery operations. Had the Obama Administration responded as LaRouche advised, that phase would have been much shorter, and given way to serious reconstruction efforts.

The fact that the population of the IDP camps has dropped to 600,000, from 1.2 million at the end of last year, doesn’t reflect any improvement in the lives of those who left, or suggest that they found decent and safe shelter.

A certain number of people left out of desperation to escape the camps’ subhuman living conditions and lack of security. “The life of people living in the tents is not a human life,” said one camp dweller. “Our human rights are not respected. No institutions are taking care of us. We are forgotten. We want people to remember us, and help us to have the human life we should have. It’s not our choice to live this way.” Said another, “We’ve been abandoned like stray dogs.”

A significant portion of the decline is due to violent, forced evictions by police and private security thugs sent by alleged landowners. Most of the latter have no proof of ownership, but in a situation where foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have more control than the elected government over what goes on, the so-called landowners feel confident in trampling on laws stating that camp dwellers have the right to due process. The Mayor of Port-au-Prince has with impunity personally ordered the illegal evictions of tens of thousands of camp dwellers.

Eight thousand people have been evicted in the last three months. The IOM reports that 1 in 4 of the 680,000



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So far, only some 90,000 of the 12x18 meter, one-room, plywood and plastic “transitional-shelters” have been built. Some 400,000 camp dwellers aren’t even eligible to get one of the corrugated roof “dog houses,” because they can’t prove that they owned homes or property before the quake. Shown: Men assembling a CHF International T-Shelter in Haiti.

people inhabiting the camps a few months ago was threatened with eviction. “The rapid pace of evictions is an important driver in the decline of camp numbers,” IOM’s Haiti Chief of Mission Luca Dall’Oglio explains. “It is apparent that many people are leaving the camps under duress, and that evictions are playing an increasingly important role in the population trends in camps.”

Those expelled are given the equivalent of \$250, and told to use it for “relocation.” To where? Most use it for food.

Temporary ‘Housing’

What about the much-publicized “T-Shelters” (transitional shelters) that were supposed to be provided for the short term to camp dwellers during the relief phase?

According to Haiti Grassroots Watch (HGW), 116,000 T-Shelters are still being built and offered *only* to IDPs who owned homes or property prior to the 2010 quake. The IOM reports that roughly 62% of the 304,020 displaced families living in camps—400,000 people—never owned a home or land, and are therefore ineligible for T-shelters.

While any option is better than living in the squalor of the IDP camps, the so-called shelters—often derided

as “chicken coops” or “dog houses”—are hardly fit for human habitation. These are one-room structures measuring 12x18 square meters, made of plywood and plastic, with corrugated tin roofs and often no windows. Approximately 90,000 have been built so far.

The Washington, D.C.-based Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) estimates that only 50,000 people have actually been resettled. It would take only \$200-300 million to build temporary shelters for 600,000 people, but in the absence of any centralized authority, Haiti’s chaotic land-tenure system, along with charges of government corruption, have become the excuse for not launching a crash housing program.

According to an Aug. 4 *Rolling Stone* article by investigative reporter Janet Reitman, California structural engineer Kit Miyamoto was hired by USAID to assess earthquake damage to housing in the capital and to train Haitian builders to begin repairs to 100,000 damaged houses that were considered salvageable. But as of May, only a few thousand

homes had been repaired, while millions of dollars were diverted to other highly impractical “shelter solutions.”

There are still 8 million cubic meters of rubble clogging Port-au-Prince’s streets. Yet, Reitman reports, planners are floating such unworkable ideas as “model communities,” with high-rise apartments, tennis courts, and walking paths. Then there is the British monarchy’s loony Prince Charles, whose charitable foundation has unfortunately been awarded the contract to rebuild downtown Port-au-Prince. They propose building a series of self-sustaining “urban villages,” with their own separate condos and neighborhood-watch committees. Who is supposed to inhabit such structures?

Where’s the Money?

Of \$5.3 billion pledged by international donors for 2011-12 for the Haiti Reconstruction Fund, only \$352 million has been delivered to date. According to HGW, money allocated for T-Shelter construction is “used up.” According to an official of the United Nations-coordinated Shelter Cluster, the latter “has no more presence in the regions due to lack of funds. It is not clear yet when it will close down, and which agency will take over.”



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Eight million cubic meters of rubble still clog downtown Port-au-Prince. The “charitable” foundation of the Empire’s New Dark Age lunatic Prince Charles has been given the contract to “rebuild.” The burning hellhole shown here is the downtown, 17 days after the Jan. 12, 2011 earthquake.

Of \$1.4 billion pledged by the U.S. government, only \$180 million has been disbursed. The United Nations has repeatedly issued desperate appeals to raise the \$175 million earmarked for combatting Haiti’s cholera epidemic, but only approximately \$30 million has come in.

The lack of funding and necessary planning for cholera relief is particularly egregious, given the rapidity with which the epidemic spread—quite predictable given the appalling conditions in which people are living. Most NGOs focussed solely on Port-au-Prince, ignoring rural areas where the mortality rate is even higher. The death toll now stands at 6,200, with over 400,000 infected.

An August report by CEPR notes that the World Health Organization (WHO) badly underestimated the number of cholera cases, first predicting 200,000 and later revising that figure up to 400,000 as a worst-case scenario. Today, in the midst of the rainy season, the number of cases continues to climb well above 400,000.

Moreover, despite the fact that a surge in cholera cases was predicted once the rainy season began in May-June, preparations and funding to respond to the surge were not only inadequate; they actually slowed.

Many of the NGOs involved in cholera relief began to shut down their operations because of lack of funds. From a high of 128 in January 2011, the number of national and international agencies working on cholera relief in Haiti’s ten departments dropped to 48 by July, CEPR reports.

Famine Looms

A large percentage of Haiti’s population, especially the very young, suffer from severe malnutrition. According to the Haiti-based National Food Security Coordinator (CNSA), the country is just “one step away” from “extreme famine.”

CNSA spokesman Gary Mathien warns that last March’s drought—rains came only later, in April—delayed Spring planting, ensuring reduced agricultural production for August and September, and thus a smaller food supply. Normally, the Spring harvest provides 60% of annual agricultural production, but this will now be below average, the Famine Early Warning System warns.

It will take very little to push Haiti over the edge into outright famine. CNSA adds that any one of a number of “political, social, and natural factors,” could, in just the space of a few months, lead to even worse food shortages. A May 2011 report on Haiti’s food security warns that any hurricane or severe storm striking the country between now and November will further aggravate the already endangered food supply.

Add to this an inflation rate that has climbed continuously since October 2010, and has caused a 9.5% increase in food prices, with the exception of rice. Prices are also increasing due to high transportation and fuel costs—food is transported on precarious roads that worsen during heavy rains. This has forced hungry families to reduce the number of daily meals, as well as portion sizes and dietary diversity.

Obama's Illegal Libya Action Ensures Another Permanent War

by Douglas DeGroot

Sept. 5—The six-month NATO regime-change war to topple the Libyan government, which would not have been possible without the huge logistical and intelligence input from the Obama Administration, in addition to forces on the ground contributed by the Obama Administration, in violation of the U.S. Constitution, has put in place all the necessary preconditions for another permanent, Afghanistan-style conflict, this time in North Africa.

The claim from Obama and NATO that they had to intervene to save civilians—an application of the infamous “Right to Protect (R2P)” doctrine devised by the British to justify military interventions throughout the former colonial sector—was an obvious pretext. The regime-change intervention was carried out by these forces to create a new system of control of the world, to replace the now-collapsing world monetary system, the vehicle through which power over the world was previously wielded by the London-based financial empire and its underlings, such as Wall Street. Unending warfare within countries, and war between satraps, is the New Dark Age agenda for controlling what had once been sovereign nation-states.

Additional and damning proof that the defense of civilian lives was not the reason that the war for regime-change was launched, is the silence and inaction by Obama and his ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice, in the face of widespread hunting down and killings by Libyan rebels of black Africans and black Libyans since Benghazi was captured Feb. 23, and after the fall of Tripoli. Rice is the most vocal champion in the Obama Administration of the “right to intervene” doctrine.

Many Africans from very poor countries, from Somalia and Ethiopia across to West Africa, were welcomed to Libya by Qaddafi as workers. They benefitted from the fact that Libyans had the highest income levels in Africa and most of the Arab world. A minority of these Africans were recruited into the security services.

Rebel factions are using this as a pretext to label all blacks as mercenaries, and have been executing large numbers of them. The London *Independent* reported that at one location, 30 bodies were lying decomposing in Tripoli. The majority of them were black. They had been killed at a temporary hospital, while they were on stretchers or in an ambulance. “Libyan people don’t like people with dark skins,” a militiaman explained in reference to the singling out of black men.

Since all blacks are considered pro-Qaddafi by the rebels, many remain in hiding, for fear of being killed.

Reflecting a deep-seated racism in the country, many of those being killed now are not from neighboring African countries, but are black Libyans. As Jean Ping, chairman of the African Union (AU), pointed out, one third of Libyans are black. Despite this ongoing outrage, neither Obama nor Rice have uttered a peep of protest.

In a report in the March 6 Australian newspaper the *Sunday Age*, Peter Bouckaert, emergencies director for Human Rights Watch, said that of the hundreds of suspected mercenaries detained in eastern Libya, all had turned out to be innocent workers or native Libyans enlisted in the regular army. “[O]f all the people interviewed by Human Rights Watch so far, we have not identified one mercenary,” Bouckaert said.

NATO-Orchestrated Revolt

As is now reported in virtually all major news media, the “victory” of the rebel forces in Libya is totally dependent upon ongoing operations of the armed forces of France, Britain, and the United States in that country, along with Qatar, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates, acting as their Arabic-speaking auxiliaries, in what can only be called an all-out air and ground war.

All the makings are now there for an Afghanistan rerun in Libya: a weak central government based on the National Transitional Council (NTC), an eventual President who will necessarily be subservient to NATO,



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Obama's Libya War, fought under the rubric of R2P ("Right to Protect"), was orchestrated by the London-Wall Street financial empire, in its drive to end national sovereignty worldwide. Here, "rebels" climb on a tank in Benghazi.

while constant pressure will be put on the government by Islamic jihadists, who have been the only organized force on the ground. Their presence created the perception of a spontaneous revolt, which was organized by NATO special forces, operating with NATO intelligence.

Obama blatantly lied when he said that there would be no U.S. troops on the ground in Libya. The U.S. had CIA operatives on the ground, and credible Pentagon sources report that many of the so-called CIA operatives are active-duty Special Forces personnel who have been temporarily seconded to the CIA for the purpose of evading the ban on American troops on the ground in the Libya operation. The CIA had private contractors on the ground; it provided satellite intelligence; it provided air support. And the U.S. was and is the leading element in a NATO coalition, whose command was and is U.S.-led.

According to a Aug. 23 *Washington Post* article: "British, French and Qatari Special Forces have been operating on the ground in Libya for some time and helped the rebels develop and coordinate the pincer strategy." Jordanian forces were also involved, accord-

ing to other sources. While Obama claims that there were no boots on the ground, the article reports: "CIA operatives inside the country, along with intercepted communications between Libyan government officials, provided a deeper understanding of how badly Qaddafi's command structure had crumbled, according to U.S. officials."

The *Washington Post* also reported after the fall of Tripoli, "Six weeks ago Obama reached a decision that enabled the sharing of more sensitive materials with NATO, including imagery and signals intercepts that could be provided to British and French Special Operations troops on the ground in addition to pilots in the air."

An important factor in the rapid fall of Tripoli, was that in August, the United States dou-

bled the number of predator drones operating over Libya, according to the *Washington Post* yesterday, which greatly increased surveillance and firepower. The important role of the Special Forces was also singled out.

Permanent Warfare

The groundwork for future internal conflict is in place. Most of the NTC members, former officials in the Qaddafi government or opponents who have returned from exile, are being profiled as a collection of opportunists vying to get a share of the spoils, who are expected to be opposed by the jihadists.

A British MP, Rory Stewart, who was a coalition official in occupied Iraq in 2003, and who has just returned from a three-day private visit to Libya, gave away the British gameplan today. According to a report in the *Independent*, he warned against sending in any foreign peacekeepers in the post-Qaddafi era, because the peace is fragile, and could be disrupted by a sudden influx of foreigners, even though he foresees a situation of chaos and conflict: "The capacity for corruption is enormous, because so much was owned by the Qaddafi

family. If there is a repeat of the Soviet Union collapse, with oligarchs taking over great sections of the economy, other groups will feel threatened and tempted to fight back.”

The continued NATO bombing of anti-rebel strongholds will not lessen the probability of long-term internal strife. One factor is opposition to the rebels of significant tribal groupings; the other is tension which already exists in the loose rebel amalgam between the jihadists and the NTC. This will only grow as the NTC attempts to control the jihadist militias and Islamic groups. As a result, NATO is exploring the possibility of continuing the bombing campaign, according to an AFP release carried by *Defense News* Aug. 30. NATO’s second 90-day mandate expires Sept. 27. Under discussion is whether to extend it again. According to the release, NATO members reportedly agree that the NATO bombing campaign must continue until all fighting stops.

Role of the Islamic Extremists

There were reports soon after the operation began, about the important role being played in the regime-change campaign by the jihadists, who have a strong base in the Benghazi region and other towns in eastern Libya. Documents allegedly found after the fall of Tripoli revealed Qaddafi’s earlier protracted campaign, in conjunction with MI6 and the CIA, against the jihadists, and also revealed the leading role that some of these same al-Qaeda-style jihadists, who had been imprisoned, played in the campaign against Tripoli. The jihadists were able to play this role because they had been released by Saif Qaddafi’s campaign to seek favor with the West. Some in the NTC fear that this active role by the al-Qaeda-style jihadists, is the first step in an Islamist takeover.

The documents also revealed Libya’s cooperation with MI6 and the CIA, in rendition of captured al-Qaeda militants, and their interrogation, with questions often supplied by the two agencies. This story broke last week in the U.S.A., and this weekend in Britain. The extensive coverage of this information will have the effect of strengthening the position of the jihadists inside Libya, since they will be seen as having been persecuted by MI6 and the CIA, with the complicity of Qaddafi.

One of them, who is being played up prominently, is Abdelkarim Belhadj, a Libyan jihadist who was in Afghanistan in the 1980s, and again in the 1990s, and

claims he led the Tripoli brigade which spearheaded the defeat of loyalist forces there, although that is disputed by militias and factions of the NTC. He was not named as commander by a civilian authority such as the NTC.

Belhadj was named commander by the five battalions of the Tripoli Brigade. According to the *New York Times*, secular members of the NTC are pointing out that he is now getting support from Qatar: “This guy is just a creation of the Qataris and their money, and they are sponsoring the element of Muslim extremism here,” said one NTC member. “The revolutionary fighters are extremely unhappy and surprised. He is the commander of nothing!” The NTC member claimed that Belhadj’s role has been exaggerated, at the expense of other rebel commanders. Belhadj was not available to be interviewed about the remarks, since he was in Doha, Qatar for meetings, at that time.

Belhadj is the founder and former commander of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), a jihadi organization which had historical links to al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the Egyptian al-Jihad organization. The LIFG was set up in 1995 by Belhadj, together with other Libyans who had fought in Afghanistan, to oppose Qaddafi’s secular government. He first fought for the Western intelligence services-created al-Qaeda against the Russians in Afghanistan, and then against the United States and NATO, the second time he was in Afghanistan. He reportedly met Osama bin Laden both times he was there.

Belhadj was fingered by MI6 in Malaysia, and was grabbed by the CIA, who brought him to Bangkok for interrogation, before turning him over to Libyan authorities in Tripoli. He was accused by U.S. interrogators of being a part of the extended al-Qaeda apparatus. At the time he was turned over to Libya, the Libyan government was working with the United States in counterterrorism. His organization, listed by the State Department as terrorist, was reported to have two training camps in Afghanistan before 2001. He was interrogated and held in prison for several years in Libya.

Saif Qaddafi, one of Muammar Qaddafi’s sons, helped clean up Belhadj’s image last year, which led to his release from prison in Libya. During this process, Belhadj said that while in Afghanistan, he did not join al-Qaeda, or agree to participate in their actions, according to the *Washington Post* Sept. 1. At that time, as heir apparent, Saif had hopes that by giving Libya a better appearance to the West on human rights issues, and thus distancing Libya from some of the hard-line

policies of his father, he would have a better chance to get Western support for the continued rule of the Qaddafi family, which ran Libya like a family business.

Ironically, Libya's participation with the CIA and MI6 in rendition and interrogation of Islamic jihadists, resulted from an earlier policy shift, in which Saif was cutting a deal with the British and the United States, to get his father to agree to end Libya's nuclear project, in return for resumption of full diplomatic relations, and an end to Libya's status as a pariah nation. The talks began in March 2003, at the beginning of the Iraq War, during which Saif spent months negotiating this reversal of Libyan policy, which led to a rapprochement between Libya, and Britain and the United States. The agreement was reached by the end of 2003. Colonel Qaddafi admitted that one of the factors that led him to make this change, was the increasing spread of Islamic extremism.

After this agreement, Libya became a participant in the rendition and interrogation of Islamic extremists.

When the rebellion began, Qaddafi charged that the Islamist groups in eastern Libya were behind it. Some of these towns had the highest percentage of inhabitants anywhere in the Muslim world, who joined the jihadist campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of 9/11, U.S. officials are not disputing these facts, but are attempting to play down the connections of the Libyan rebels to al-Qaeda. "It seems from their statements and support for establishing a democracy in Libya that this faction of LIFG does not support al-Qaeda," said one unnamed U.S. official lamely, who was cited in the *Washington Post*.

Tribalism and the Jihadis

Much of the Libyan territory is now divided into fiefdoms, each controlled by independent brigades from different areas of the country, or by different tribal power bases. A leadership crisis looms.

In an effort to rein in the Islamic militias, the NTC on Sept. 3 attempted to put all the military commanders in Tripoli under their control. The NTC has had little control over the extended al-Qaeda apparatus in Libya, and the Islamic militias. A Supreme Security Committee was established, to be headed by Deputy Prime Minister Ali Tarhouni, a teacher from Washington state.

But, in a sign of tension over the new government of Libya, a key Islamist military commander who helped

defend Benghazi, has called on all of the NTC heads to resign, according to a BBC report today. Ismail al-Salabi told Reuters: "The role of the executive committee is no longer required because they are remnants of the old regime. They should all resign, starting from the head of the pyramid all the way down."

Outside of the NTC, Libya's different tribes and various rebel militias who have not joined the NTC imposed by NATO, will also be competing for control, or a piece of the revenue pie. Rebels rampaging through villages of Qaddafi supporters, looting their homes, have already further fueled the probability of civil war.

Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) and former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates were obviously aware of this disastrous situation among the so-called rebels, who were fronting for the Special Forces who were arming and directing the operation against Qaddafi: Early in the attack on Libya, Gates and Webb both expressed serious reservations, unlike Obama, about jumping aboard the NATO operation. They both indicated that the United States had no idea who it was backing, with respect to the rebels.

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Obama's Malign Neglect Is the Worst Disaster

by Marcia Merry Baker and Carl Osgood

Sept. 6—Within 36 hours after the first stateside land-fall of Hurricane Irene, the Obama Administration announced that it would suspend Federal recovery aid for selected prior disasters around the nation—even going back to Katrina in 2005—in order to conduct immediate disaster relief in the Eastern states. This was rationalized in administrative jargon, by Rachel Racusen, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who told reporters on Aug. 28, that some FEMA funding in Joplin, Missouri for tornado-damage and similar rebuilding in other states, will be “temporarily” suspended until the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) is replenished. Racusen asserted there is a FEMA precedent for such suspensions, from last year, and in prior years. Never mind that the day before, FEMA Director Craig Fugate stated that the DRF’s balance of \$900 million was sufficient.

In fact, there is no precedent for the number and severity of weather disasters at present, which are increasing daily, and in the face of that, for the outstanding inaction by the Obama Administration. As individuals, FEMA staffers, along with local and state officials, volunteers, and non-profits such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, among others, are responding heroically to multiple crises.

But FEMA, as a Federal agency, is being deployed by the White House, to play a deadly shell game with its resources—inadequate to begin with—in order to back up Obama’s appearance to be doing, as he proclaimed Aug. 28 at a photo-op at Hurricane Central, “all in my power” to provide Federal help. What he is doing, in reality, is all in his power to serve London-centered po-

litical interests, by such means as bailing out worthless Wall Street and international banksters, while destroying the United States.

Disastrous Dilly-Dallying

Obama’s policy for disasters is malign neglect. He is non-funding FEMA, issuing denials to state requests for Federal aid, presiding over the takedown of first responders (police, firefighter, EMTs, and others) in localities and states nationwide, and undercutting the systems needed to monitor and research weather patterns, now in hyperactivity as the Earth experiences solar and galactic shifts.

Moreover, the other relevant Federal agencies—e.g., the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—are likewise conspicuously not being funded and mobilized, given the dire consequences of the combined effects of the multiple-disasters to date.

Look just at the food supply chain: The livestock inventory and meat sector are being decimated by the drought and wildfire crisis in Texas, Oklahoma, and elsewhere. The U.S. corn harvest, and other crops are hurt in the grainbelts by the huge flooding in the Missouri/Mississippi River region. In the East, Hurricane Irene strafed the Carolinas just at harvest time, and slammed the New England dairy region.

Dozens of thousands of Americans are now newly homeless, because of the sequence of severe storms, floods, and fires to date. Most of the thousands of people still in shelters from Hurricane Irene have nowhere to turn, because they were already poor, lacked means and

opportunity for work, and now their homes are destroyed.

Gen. (ret.) Russel Honore, a response-commander during Hurricane Katrina, said on Aug. 27, the day Hurricane Irene made landfall, that the plight of the poor should be our major worry.

*The most urgent disaster-response policy we can undertake right now, is to get Obama out of office, and set about to conduct real emergency measures, on the scale needed, to rescue and build up the nation. The essential gateway to this, is to reinstate the Glass-Steagall law, as is now before Congress in H.R. 1489 (The Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2011), to stop the financial cancer and create a credit regime for doing what is required. The newly released “Seven Points of Action” by the LaRouche Political Action Committee, summarizes the orientation now required. (See *Feature* for “Step One.”)*

FEMA’s Deadly Shell Game

Local and state leaders in disaster zones in Alabama, Missouri, Louisiana, Iowa, and elsewhere have been speaking out against Obama’s “screw-you” outlook—in the form of FEMA’s announced suspensions of disaster rebuilding projects, announced Aug. 28.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon wrote to FEMA’s Fugate that week, asking to know which rebuilding projects in his state will be delayed as a result of the shift of funding to the East Coast recovery effort. Nixon wrote that Joplin, and the Missouri River communities suffering from flooding, are counting on “significant support from the federal government, and need certainty and clarity about the federal resources that will be available.”

In Alabama, 32 counties out of the 65 hit by the April tornado wave, will be affected by the FEMA suspension of funding for rebuilding. This includes schools, roads, and other basics. In Arkansas, aid to counties slammed by both flooding and tornadoes, will be suspended for repairing infrastructure.

In Tennessee, a \$30 million program for buyout packages in Nashville, stemming from the May 2010 floods, is suspended. On Sept. 1, Mayor Karl Dean issued a statement, expressing impatience, and appealing to Congress. “I urge Congress to give FEMA the funds it needs so that flood victims in Nashville can get the money they have rightfully been anticipating for months now. . . . I understand homeowners’ deep frustrations, and I call on Congress to act quickly. Nashvillians have already been victims of the flood. They should not also have to be victims of Congressional delay.”

In Illinois, even if FEMA does certify as Federal di-

saster areas the northwestern counties of Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll, their flood victims will face delays in getting aid.

In Iowa, where rebuilding is still continuing from the 2008 floods, projects in line for suspension include the Cedar Rapids sewer system and public works building. There are also projects in the capital Des Moines and other towns, rising out of the 2010 floods. which are in line for suspension.

In western Iowa, on Aug. 4, FEMA denied aid to the five flooded counties along the Missouri River, which had appealed for the FEMA Individual Assistance Program (IAP, for households and businesses to get grants and low-interest loans, for repairs and disaster-related expenses, not covered by insurance). On Sept. 2, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad could say only that FEMA has extended the deadline to Oct. 7, during which time period the state can appeal for FEMA’s denial to be overturned.

Iowan Matt Wilber, information officer for Pottowattamie County, one of the five (along with Fremont, Harrison, Monona, and Woodbury) said in August, “Look how long the [flooding] event has gone on; we are at the mercy of the Federal government now. This is not a hurricane blowing in. This is a Federally managed disaster.”

Obama Neglect of FEMA

The Obama February budget request for FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund for FY 2012, was a miserable \$1.8 billion, far below what is required, given the extreme weather conditions. Moreover, it has been clear for months, that the DRF was running short for even this current budget year, FY 2011. Members of Congress, from both parties have called on Obama to respond. He has not done so.

In May, the House of Representatives machinery began to turn slowly. On May 24, the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee reported out its bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the FEMA budget; it included \$1 billion in supplemental funding for FY2011 for the DRF, another \$2.65 billion for FY2012, a significant boost over the piddling \$1.8 billion in the White House’s budget request. Subcommittee chairman Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.) said, at the time, “Under the best-case scenario, the disaster relief fund will essentially run dry before the end of the year. That means sometime in mid- to late Summer . . . recovery, rebuilding, and general assistance will stop.” With the advent of Hurricane Irene, that has now occurred.

On the Senate side, no action was taken over the



Texas National Guard

Texas wildfires are spreading faster than state and local firefighting agencies can handle them, in large part, because of the cutbacks imposed under the combined budget-slashing insanity of Gov. Rick Perry (R) and President Obama. Here, two Texas National Guard CH-46 Blackhawks dump their water on flames near Bastrop, Texas Sept. 6.

course of the Summer, so that now, the DRF has barely \$600 million. By October, the actual shortfall in the Fund could be in the range of \$5-6 billion according to a staff member for Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), who chairs the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee. The staffer told the Aug. 31 *Financial Times* that the DRF might need to be increased by \$10 billion.

Landrieu's Subcommittee held a session today on its Homeland Security Appropriations bill for FY2012, including a proposed \$6 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund, which Landrieu and other Senators called, "just a down payment" on what will be required. Meantime, there is still no supplemental money for the current, FY2011 shortfall.

Meanwhile, Obama's lying and stonewalling has continued.

Between Feb. 16 and May 2, Landrieu wrote three letters to Obama calling for additional funds for the DRF, because of growing shortfalls in recovery efforts. In her February letter, Landrieu noted that last year, FEMA was forced to stop making recovery payments for over five months, because it ran out of money.

In a May 25 "Dear Colleague" letter, Landrieu wrote that the President had issued 27 disaster declarations in 18 states, as of that time, yet, "he has not sought additional funding to cover these events." She noted that the

estimate of FEMA's shortfall as of May was \$3 billion, but that figure did not even include the more recent disasters, including late-Spring tornadoes, and the flooding of the Mississippi River Basin. "Without this funding," she warned, "FEMA will have to stop recovery efforts in 50 states in the Spring of 2012."

Landrieu also noted to her colleagues in May, that other agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will also require additional funding for disaster recovery efforts. "In the past, the Senate, on a bipartisan basis, has approved such emergency funding," she wrote. "I encourage you to reach out to the President, urging him to request such funding, and to ask the Senate leadership to consider such legislation in an expedited fashion."

In August, Landrieu's counterparts sounded the alarm. Reps. Aderholt and David Price (D-N.C.), the ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee, wrote to Obama asking that he address the shortfall. "Despite the fact that the need . . . is well known," they wrote, "it unfortunately appears that no action is being taken by the administration." In a joint statement with Appropriations Committee chairman Hal Rogers (R-Ky.) and Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.), Aderholt noted that even Obama himself said that "we are going to do everything we can to help these communities rebuild," but the problem is that "the rhetoric has not matched reality and the Disaster Relief Fund is running out of money." In the same statement, Rogers added that "Time and time again, the Administration has ignored the obvious funding needs of the Disaster Relief Fund, purposefully and irresponsibly underfunding the account and putting families and communities who have suffered from terrible disasters on the back burner."

Finally, on Sept. 1, the Administration made a backhanded acknowledgment of the shortfall in the Fund, through an action by Jack Lew, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Lew issued a proposal to Congress for FY2012 DRF funding, which, because it involved an increase, had to be done in advance, and with stipulations, in order to comply with the require-

ments of the new Obama dictatorship-deal Budget Control Act. Lew asked for a \$5.2 billion for the DRF next year, a huge increase, but puny compared to real needs. The figure does not even include aid expenses for Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, the renewed Texas wildfires; it ignores the fact that hurricane season doesn't end until Nov. 30. Lew further supplied some math, for how a \$5.2 billion DRF next year, will not violate the Budget Control Act spending caps, since the Act has a clause that disaster relief can be increased, as long as it doesn't exceed a certain adjusted average of spending in the past 10 years, which Lew asserts is some magical figure of \$11.3 billion.

Extreme Weather Warnings Cut

The most willful Obama negligence, is the cuts to programs that study, monitor, and warn of extreme weather. Cuts to the NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) budgets will reduce the space-based capabilities for monitoring and forecasting extreme weather events. Last February, the White House eliminated funding for the Climate Absolute Radiance and Refractivity Observatory (CLARREO) and Deformation, Ecosystem Structure and Dynamics of Ice (DESDynI) missions in its 2012 budget request. DESDynI would have important observations regarding land surface changes and hazards, as well as of climatic change, whereas CLARREO was designed for extremely precise data collection on solar radiation's interaction with the Earth.

Another satellite not likely to fly, as long as Obama is President, is the Joint Polar Satellite System, now not expected to launch until at least 2016 because of White House budget cuts. The JPSS is to replace the NPP polar orbiting satellite, the launch of which has been delayed until October 2011. The delay in the JPSS will result in an up-to-two-year gap in polar weather data collection. On April 14, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, the Administrator of NOAA, testified that there will be "very serious consequences to our ability to do severe storm warning, long-term weather forecasting, search and rescue, and good weather forecasts" for the polar regions, if the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) funding is not adequate. In July, Rep. Frank Wolfe's (R-Va.) Appropriations subcommittee sliced and diced both the NASA and NOAA budgets, eliminating yet more critical weather forecasting assets.

The Republican-controlled Congress has followed Obama's lead on cutting crucial satellite monitoring ca-

pabilities by going after NOAA's aviation operations, which, among other things, are used to collect critical storm data. The Commerce, Justice and Science appropriations bill that the House Appropriations Committee passed on July 13 reduces NOAA's budget for its aviation operations by 40%, from \$29 million, this year, to \$17 million in 2012. NOAA's aircraft operations include three specialized aircraft, two Lockheed P-3s and one Gulfstream 4, that are used to fly into hurricanes to both collect vital storm data, and to conduct research on developing better equipment and methods for collecting those data.

Rep. Kathy Castor (D-Fla.) wrote a letter to House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee, as Hurricane Irene was chugging towards the East Coast, asking them to overturn that cut. "Accurate and timely information can mean the difference between life and death," she wrote.

In July, Bill Read, the director of the National Hurricane Center, wrote, in an internal memo obtained by the *Miami Herald*, that the proposed budget cuts risk stalling efforts to significantly improve the computer models used to forecast hurricanes. One of the objectives of those efforts is to reduce the size of the "cone of probability" of approaching storms, that is, the area where the storm is forecast to hit. That cone is already much smaller than it was in 2003, but it can still stretch hundreds of miles across. NOAA's planes have been used to develop all sorts of tools for measuring storm conditions inside hurricanes. "It's a critical link," Read said. "We have no other way to go about doing this."

States and Localities, Stripped

Even if FEMA were fully funded, no adequate disaster relief could be accomplished without adequate local personnel—whose numbers have been decimated during the "non-recovery" over the last three years, thanks to Obama's refusal to follow the FDR policy of putting the general welfare first. Only the Federal government can issue credit—and the only significant money Obama issued was to bail out the banks.

The criminality of allowing state and local government staff and functions to be cut when citizens need protection against ever more violent weather, speaks for itself as a damnation of the Obama Administration. Two cases make the point of what is happening nationwide: Paterson, New Jersey, where Obama paid a look-at-me visit on Sept. 4; and the fires in Texas.

During Hurricane Irene, the high waters of the Pas-

saic River in New Jersey, reached 7 feet above flood level at points along its course, flooding Paterson, and many other towns and rural areas. “The worst” in my lifetime, said Paterson Fire Chief Michael Postorino during the crisis. The town’s mayor had to scramble to open five schools as shelters for displaced townspeople, on an emergency basis. Police and firemen conducted hundreds of boat evacuations, part of thousands of such water rescues across the state.

But, the response teams were all stripped down in advance, by Obama and his fat twin Gov. Chris Christie’s budget-balancing excuse for gutting the economy. In Paterson alone, 30 EMTs (emergency medical technicians) were fired over the last year. This is the pattern all across New Jersey, where now the remaining police, firefighters, and EMTs have been struggling valiantly to cope with the storm, then the aftermath.

- Passaic laid off 17 firefighters earlier this year.
- Camden fired 67 out of 240 firefighters in January.
- Jersey City lost over 100 firefighters, due to unreplaced retirements, in 2010; and lost another 8 this year.
- Bloomfield lost 12 firefighters to budget cuts this year.

- East Orange laid off 22 firefighters this year.
 - West Orange laid off 16 firefighters earlier this year.
 - Atlantic City laid off 30 firefighters last year, and lost 23 more to unreplaced retirements.
 - Newark has lost 125 firefighters since December 2009, although 70 positions were reinstated under a FEMA grant, with no assurance of continuation.
- Is there any wonder New Jersey was faced with an impossible situation?

Then, the Wild Fires

In Texas, the wildfires in the eastern counties at present, are spreading faster than state and local fire agencies can handle, in large part, because of the cut-backs imposed under the combined bipartisan budget-balancing insanity of Gov. Rick Perry (R) and Obama.

As of today, the Texas Forest Service (TFS) said that it is responding to 22 new fires, reported in just the last 24 hours, and burning over an area of 7,544 acres. In the past seven days, the TFS has responded to 181 fires that have burned a total of 118,413 acres. Part of this inferno has forced the evacuation of 5,000 people from near Austin, the state capital.

The volunteer fire departments that are fighting these fires are laboring under the stress of drastically reduced budgets. The current two-year state budget slashes state aid to volunteer fire departments from \$25 million to \$7 million. The TFS’s overall budget, from which the grants also come, was cut by one-third. Many local fire departments were already overstressed in April when the budget was before the state legislature, having been deployed to fight fires in West Texas since November. Equipment is often old, requiring hard-to-get spare parts or replacement, and the cost of fuel and electricity (for fire stations) only increases. The only other two sources of funding for volunteer fire departments are county budgets, which are also shrinking, and donations and fundraising from a population that is economically hard-pressed.

While wildfires have been burning in Texas since November, it wasn’t until July 1 that a major Federal disaster declaration was approved in Washington. Even then, with subsequent updates, the declaration only covers 51 counties, and only 12 of those are eligible for the full range of FEMA assistance.

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Big Wall Street Banks Face Charges, Collapse

by Paul Gallagher

Sept. 6—After the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) on Sept. 1 charged 17 major financial firms with \$200 billion worth of blatant securities fraud, and demanded repayment with penalties, Wall Street commentators screamed, “the government is trying to break up the banks, stop lending, and force a recession.”

These claims are ridiculous: The Obama White House is fighting against the Glass-Steagall restoration which would break up the biggest banks; the banks themselves are not lending; and the economy is continuing to collapse into depression.

But in fact, if any chance remains to save the commercial-lending banking core of the system from the oncoming final trans-Atlantic debt blowout, Glass-Steagall restoration is the only action that could do it; and the FHFA suit is a warning that it must be done immediately. The suit could be the final blow that forces the reeling giant Bank of America into collapse, feeding the maelstrom that will take others down as well. Immediately after the FHFA suit, on Sept. 2, the Federal Reserve formally demanded that Bank of America tell the Fed what cards it had left to play, divisions to sell, etc., to avoid collapse.

But in fact, only the Congress has a card to play here: Restore Glass-Steagall, protect the depository core of commercial banks like BoA, while letting the speculative bonfires of their investment, securities, hedge fund, arbitrage, derivatives, etc., divisions burn. Taking that “no-bailout” action will soon be tested in the Bank of America case.

The FHFA was created as the conservator and regulator of the government mortgage enterprises Fannie Mae

and Freddie Mac, when those were nationalized in July 2008. During the mortgage bubble years 2002-07, Fannie and Freddie had bought and/or guaranteed some \$5 trillion in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) issued by the banks FHFA is now suing, and others. It was the biggest securities fraud in history. The MBS were based on millions of mortgage loans the banks had not underwritten (investigated for soundness), or whose “soundness” was deliberately fabricated and forged.

The banks created or bought mortgage companies; gave them huge “warehouse loans” to create and market mortgages so wildly inflated in size that vast numbers of them would never be repaid; they then bought the mortgages, and turned around and sold them as “toxic” securities to investors all over the world.

Fannie and Freddie were the biggest buyers and guarantors. As these MBS have collapsed in market value since 2007, they have taken the losses under an “unlimited” bailout by the Treasury—so far, about \$200 billion in U.S. taxpayer funds thrown down the gaping hole that Goldman Sachs et al. created.

The FHFA has now moved to stop absorbing those losses—which are accelerating again as the housing market goes through a new wave of collapse—by suing 17 banks for repayment of \$196 billion in fraudulent securities. This is only a fraction, clearly, only those MBS on which the fraud is most clearly and readily proven. But that fraction is enough to be Bank of America’s final blow.

JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Nomura Holdings, HSBC, Société Générale, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, and First Horizon National were sued in New York Federal court. Ally Financial (formerly GMAC), Countrywide Financial Corp., General Electric, and Morgan Stanley were sued in New York state court. Royal Bank of Scotland was sued in Federal court in Connecticut.

The Glass-Steagall Connection

The filing makes clear that Bank of America receives the hardest blow, and why. BoA earned the massive losses it is now facing, by buying, in 2008, mortgage and securities firms which the Glass-Steagall Act did not allow a commercial bank to own, before it was disastrously repealed in 1999. The

Bank of America



Goldman Sachs



suit names just \$6 billion in fraudulent mortgage-backed securities bought by Fannie and Freddie from Bank of America itself; but \$24.8 billion were bought from its affiliate Merrill Lynch, and \$26.6 billion from the biggest, most criminal mortgage company, Countrywide Financial, which Bank of America took over.

This is a huge total of \$57.4 billion in losses facing a bank already desperately selling its holdings to raise capital to stave off collapse. The suit also immediately strengthens New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's intervention to block the \$8 billion "sweet-heart" settlement of another suit against Bank of America, which is now more likely to cost it \$35 billion.

BoA has just sold off half of its mortgage business and its investment in China's development company to raise \$11-12 billion in capital; but bank analysts say it needs to raise \$100-200 billion to survive, and its losses are constantly worsening. Its stock capital value has fallen on the market in recent weeks to below the liquidation value of the bank.

The Notorious Goldman Sachs

The FHFA's hardest case for civil and criminal securities fraud, however, is against a non-bank financial firm—the notorious Goldman Sachs. With "Goldman Sucks," the amount of losses at issue is smaller (\$11.1 billion), but the crime is more blatant. Goldman in 2010 waged a fierce fight to get the SEC to drop its demand that Goldman admit to mortgage securities fraud, and the SEC finally settled for just a \$550 million fine. Now comes another open-and-shut criminal fraud suit against Goldman.

Goldman Sachs' mortgage, securities, and underwriting divisions ran every step of the fraudulent securitization of mortgages, and thus had complete knowledge that they were fraudulent when they sold them to Fannie and Freddie, pension funds, other private investors, etc. As the FHFA filing says, "Goldman Sachs knew ... that it was falsely representing the underlying process and riskiness of the mortgage loans ... because Goldman's longstanding relationships with the problematic originators [mortgage companies], and its numerous roles in the securitization chain, made it uniquely positioned to know the originators had abandoned their underwriting guidelines...."

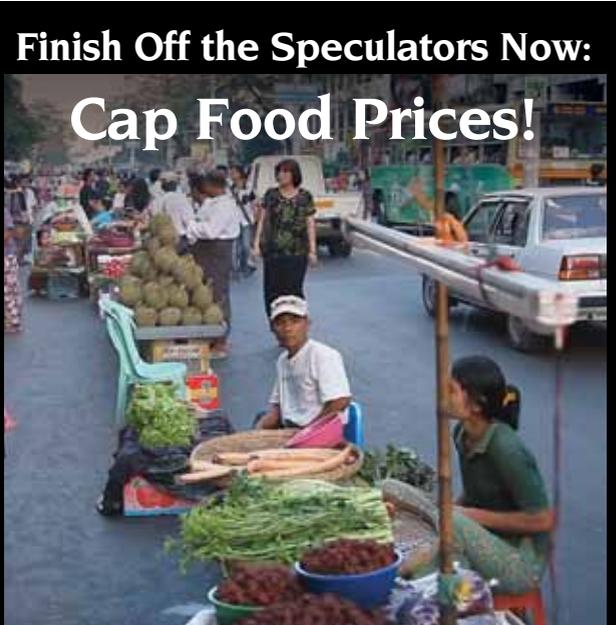
Goldman funded the mortgage companies and largely controlled their "Wild West" mortgage selling and inflated home appraisals; it bought the mortgages; to cover itself, it funded third-party "due diligence" firms to in-

spect the mortgages to be securitized, but then ignored their findings when creating the MBS; it created the trusts and "special purpose vehicles" which sold the securities; it created, bought and sold credit derivatives contracts supposed to "insure" against the coming losses. And its divisions collected fat fees at every step.

All of this helped bring on the still-ongoing financial collapse. And none of this speculative debt gambling Goldman did, and does, should be recognized as protectable "banking activity" by the United States. It should all be left to blow out at Goldman's expense—and will be, with Glass-Steagall restored.

Yet with Glass-Steagall repealed, Goldman was rewarded in 2009 for these crimes with a \$25 billion TARP bailout; \$12.5 billion in the "AIG bailout"; hundreds of billions in Federal Reserve short-term loans under various Fed bailout windows; and the right to call itself a "bank holding company" and engage in commercial banking!

From Goldman, the FHFA is suing for the \$11.1 billion Fannie and Freddie spent, plus the amount of the losses they have absorbed, plus interest—a total which could reach \$20 billion.



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Eurocrats Fall Flat At Alpbach Conference

by Harley Schlanger

Sept. 5—With one bailout plan after another falling apart; non-stop demands from banks for more liquidity, as their stock values crash; and growing opposition among the citizens of the European nations to the protection of the banks in the name of “Euro-Solidarity,” beleaguered European Union officials and central bankers came to the Austrian village of Alpbach last week to sell their absurd and dangerous view of the future to an audience of more than 500 people, among whom were bankers, economists, government officials, professors, and students.

Many members of the audience, including those who wished to be believers, left very unsure of the future—thanks to the role of representatives of *EIR*, who repeatedly intervened, to bring reality—and real solutions—to the event.

An Agenda of Lies

There were two main themes presented by speakers defending the bailouts, and the bankrupt banks of the City of London:

1. All is well with the eurozone; we are making progress, as long as,
2. We address the “sovereign debt crisis,” through such measures as “fiscal discipline” and “enforcement of tough rules” that are backed by “harsh sanctions.”

To do this, speaker after speaker demanded curbs on national sovereignty, and that governments slash spending for social programs under the rubric of EU “governance,” that is, dictatorship to be imposed by supranational agencies.

In response to a question from this author, about why anyone should listen to a representative of Deutsche Bank talk about demanding austerity from governments and their people, when Deutsche Bank is receiving nearly daily infusions of bailout mega-funds, its chief economist spluttered arrogantly, pointing to the audience, “You are the problem,” because you wish to consume too much!

Another prominent financier who was exposed by *EIR* was Mario Monti, former EU Commissioner for Internal Markets, Financial Services and Taxation, and also EU Commissioner for Competition, who spoke on regulation. “Why should we believe anything you say, when you were among the ones who helped bring on the crisis?” he was asked. That’s a good question, he said.

Mont Pelerinites

Backing up the Eurocrats, with even sharper attacks on sovereignty and defense of the population, was a gaggle of hard-core representatives of the libertarian von Hayek and Mont Pelerin societies, who insisted that one can never define what is meant by the “general welfare”: Thus, markets must be even more *de*-regulated, with the state role virtually eliminated.

Among the EU officials who spoke and presented the “party line” were Monti; Joaquín Almunia, vice president of the European Commission; Thomas Wieser, chair of the EU’s Economic and Financial Committee; and two officials of the European Banking Authority.

When confronted by the *EIR* representatives, who briefed the audience on the reality of the crisis—which the speakers were attempting to cover up, to push their agenda of a fascist Europe—the audience saw the truth: that they had no answers, but instead, that they repeatedly changed the subject, declined to comment, or told more lies!

This was especially true among the youth attending, as many were from eastern European countries who were wondering what the future would hold for them if their nations joined the EU. Many of them applauded the *EIR* interventions, and admitted afterwards, in private discussions, that they are extremely worried about the demands for cutting consumption, when they are searching for a better future for their nations.

Of special note was the growing response to the “LaRouche solution” of a return to Glass-Steagall-type banking regulation and an American System-style credit policy. Austrian Finance Minister Maria Fekter responded, “That’s a good point, we should do that,” while others admitted, from the podium, that re-regulation is coming, and, in private discussion, that they agree that the crash is on, and a real change is needed.

The Space Station Is at Risk, Thanks to Obama's Policies

by Marsha Freeman

Sept. 2—Thanks to Barack Obama, not only the United States, but mankind, is in imminent danger of losing one of its major accomplishments in manned space exploration, the International Space Station (ISS). This is a crime against the future of all humanity.

When Barack Obama was elected President in 2008, he could have reversed his predecessor's ill-conceived policy for the space program, to retire the Space Shuttle before there were a manned vehicle to replace it. If there had been an accelerated effort to develop a new Orion manned vehicle to launch on a new Ares rocket, the Space Shuttle would have only had to fly a few additional missions to service the Space Station, until Orion were ready. Instead, George W. Bush's policy to retire the Shuttle in 2010 was not changed by the new President, ensuring that there would be a gap between the Shuttle and Orion, during which time, the United States would have no ability to launch crew members into Earth orbit.

When Obama's term in office began, it would have been possible to increase NASA's budget and accelerate the development of Orion, and at least close the gap somewhat, reducing the time when there would be no U.S. launch capability. Not only did Obama not accelerate Orion's schedule; he canceled NASA's manned space exploration program, altogether.

With the launch failure of an unmanned Russian Progress cargo ship on Aug. 24, the Russian Soyuz rocket fleet has been grounded. Only after the problem that caused the failure has been identified and fixed, will the Russians resume launches of the unmanned Progress, and then of its manned Soyuz capsule.

As of now, there is *no* way for manned travel *to* the Space Station—only emergency vehicles docked there for return.

The importance of having redundancy in critical



NASA

Obama has canceled NASA's manned space exploration program altogether. So, in the aftermath of the Aug. 24 launch failure of the Russian Progress cargo ship (shown here), mankind now has no way to travel to the International Space Station.

manned space operations was amply demonstrated after the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke up upon reentry, on Feb. 1, 2003. While the Shuttle fleet was grounded after the accident, the Russian Progress and Soyuz ships kept the Space Station staffed and supplied. Now, with no U.S. manned craft flying, there is no such back-up capability. This has put the 16-nation International Space Station, which has been continuously manned for nearly 11 years, at risk.

Abandon Ship?

Staffing, supplying, and operating an orbital space station is far more complex than is often realized.

Even though the unmanned Progress ship was carrying more than 2.5 tons of cargo, the loss of that freight does not threaten the crew on the ISS, because the final Space Shuttle mission in July delivered enough supplies to last a six-man crew until next June.

But will a crew be there?



NASA

Come November, the Space Station may be left unmanned for the first time in its 11 years. Above, the Space Station seen from the Space Shuttle Discovery during a rendezvous over Western Australia, March 17, 2009.

There are always Soyuz space capsules parked at the station, to bring the crew back in case of emergency. But each three-man vehicle has perishable fuel reserves, and a rated lifetime of 200 days in orbit. Crew time cannot, therefore, be extended indefinitely at the station, due to the time limits of the return Soyuz capsule.

While there are time limits on the Soyuz, the physiological consequences of living in microgravity have led NASA to limit each crew member's stay to a half a year. So there is only a certain amount of leeway in how much the carefully planned rotation of the crew can be changed.

Before the Progress failure, the plan was for the three crew members who have been on station since April 4, to return Sept. 9. The Russian Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos, and NASA have now agreed to delay their return until Sept. 15. Because a manned Soyuz launch to send up three replacement crew members will not be able to be carried out in September, while the fixes to the Soyuz rocket are being made, keeping the crew on station this extra time will keep the station at a full six-man strength for an additional week.

The longest-serving crew cannot stay later than Sept. 15 on station, however, because from mid-September through late October, the landing area for the Soyuz in Kazakhstan will be in darkness, making it ex-

tremely difficult for the Search and Rescue teams to locate them after landing. If, on the other hand, they were to stay aboard the station until late October, when the landing area is again light, the Soyuz parked at the station to take them home would be beyond its certified lifetime.

A three-man replacement crew had been scheduled to launch to the station on Sept. 22. Since that will not happen, when the three crewmen leave on Sept. 15 to return to Earth, the station crew will be at half strength.

Both Roscosmos and NASA agree that there should be two successful unmanned payloads launches

before crew members again fly on a Soyuz rocket. The hope is that this will be accomplished in time for the next three-man crew to be launched to the station, by the end of October. If that launch does not take place by Nov. 19, the three remaining crew will leave, and the station, for the first time in 11 years, will be left unmanned.

NASA space station manager, Mike Suffredini, explained to the press Aug. 29 that although the station can be operated remotely from the ground, the "risk increase is not insignificant." The interruption in the scientific research being carried out in the set of international laboratories on the station, he explained, would be felt most in the life sciences. These include experiments involving the crew members themselves, and are designed to lay the basis for long-term human space exploration.

The Real Danger

At the current moment, there is no danger to the crew on board the station, or to the station itself. The real danger is that any one of a number of ill-conceived "solutions" to the current problem could be taken seriously.

For Russia, this is the fourth launch failure in a few months. This has raised questions, by the Russian

government and also abroad, about the overall state of Russia's aerospace capabilities, considering its only recent emergence from 15 years of neglect, underfunding, deteriorating infrastructure, and brain drain to the West.

But this is no time to proclaim defeat. The Russian space enterprise stands upon an incredible record of reliability and achievement. Among its 44 launches to the Space Station and all other launches since 1978, this was the first time a Progress vehicle was lost. All together, 136 Progress freighters have been successfully deployed by Soyuz rockets. The Soyuz itself has been a work horse of the Russian space program, with more than 745 launches of the current generation, and fewer than two dozen failures, or less than 3%.

Yet, since the recent Progress failure, Russian space officials have tossed out the possibility that the entire program should be put back under (Soviet-era) military control. Or that perhaps space stations do not really have to be manned all the time, and Russia should go back to its 1970s Salyut-era series of stations, which were only periodically occupied by crew.

Various "reform" proposals have been made, and responsible officials, fired. While Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has pledged increased funding for the Russian space program, the aging of the workforce, which is a very serious problem also in the United States, thanks to decades of stagnation, must be addressed. A coherent national mission orientation for a long-term space exploration plan, is what will solve the current Russian problems.

In the U.S., there has been no lack of wrong-headed proposals. Put more money in to new-start commercial rocket companies to accelerate their progress, is the White House approach, instead of taking national responsibility for the future of space exploration.

Carry out more paper studies, is the latest thrust of the Obama plan. NASA announced Aug. 31, the day that the Space Shuttle program was officially closed out, that Shuttle program manager John Shannon was being sent on a world-wide quest. He is to consult with international colleagues on possible manned exploration missions, or "eventual flights to not-yet-specified deep space targets," as space writer Bill Harwood ridiculed.

Pure sabotage. Space scientists, engineers, and mission planners have had the plan for space exploration, for *decades*. There is no need for more "studies." The problem, as former NASA Administrator Mike Griffin

wrote the same day in *Space News*, is that the Obama Administration "has done everything in its power to undermine our nation's human spaceflight program. . . ." It has defied Congress and refused to spend even the inadequate budget that has been allocated for exploration. There is no intention by this President to move forward in space.

The Obama Administration's projected five-year budget for NASA, as of last year, was for flat funding. But on Aug. 22, *Aviation Week* reported that the White House Office of Management and Budget has asked Federal agencies, in preparing their fiscal year 2013 budget proposals, to submit scenarios for how they would *cut 5% or 10%* from their FY11 funding level.

Working hand-in-hand with balanced budget fanatics in the Congress, the Administration is determined to pauperize the most vulnerable sectors of the American population—the elderly, infirm, and unemployed—and steal the future of our younger generation.

There is no way to "negotiate" with this President. There will be a space program that befits the history and tradition of the nation, only when he is removed from office.

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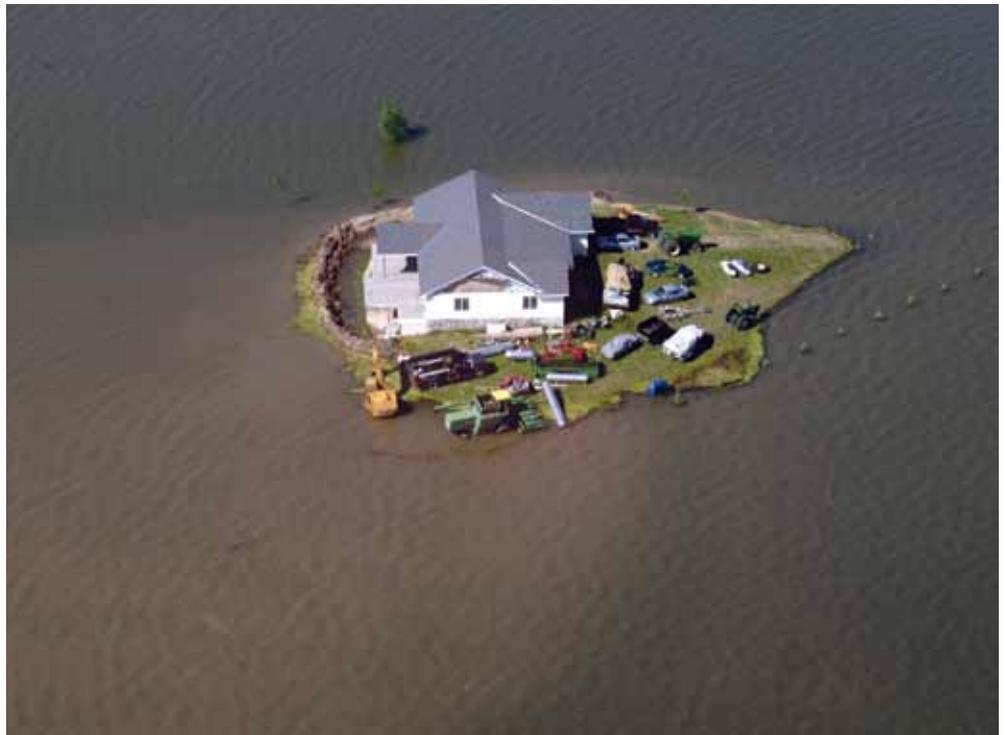
Andy Olson, a Minnesota farmer, and Wayne Voelz, a land-development project manager from Arizona who was in Montana during the Summer, were interviewed by Marcia Merry Baker on The LaRouche Show, a weekly Internet radio program, on Aug. 27. This is an edited transcript; the audio of the show is at http://larouchepub.com/radio/archive_2011.html.

Baker: By way of introduction: Here in the studio we still have electricity. We're west of Washington, D.C. and the Delmarva Peninsula, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Mid-Atlantic states are going to be hit by Hurricane Irene's track in some hours, sometime tonight. And this question of disaster, which the men on the show are going to say more about—but our planet is very hyperactive right now, in the way of tectonics, in the way of weather, in the way of volcanic activity. We know that the Eastern states had a very rare occurrence, an earthquake, in the last ten days, so there's an expression of natural law here, where it defines the crisis we have, because we as human beings, with creativity, with the potential for discovery, should be doing the kinds of things that protect human beings and protect the potential for creativity in the future, instead of just being subjects to anything happen-

ing, as if there's nothing you can do about it. . . .

In the last 24 hours, President Obama said there's nothing we can do about Mother Nature. That's a quote. He's back in Washington, D.C., not to look bad as the hurricane hits.

But we could be having a sane policy-response to disasters: The vast flooding earlier this year in the lower Mississippi, the Ohio Valley, and the continued flooding in the Missouri system. We could be doing something about this Hurricane Irene, but we are not. We have tremendous volunteerism and heroics, which is good—the Salvation Army gave a special report today, and the Red Cross in Washington, and again, this points



Courtesy of Larry Geiger

The Missouri River Flood of 2011. "People have never seen it flood, most of those living out there, in their lifetime!" said Andy Olson.

up the fact that our Federal government isn't doing what the legacy of the American System would be having it do: Go to the max, with the Army Corps of Engineers, to defend against floods and potential earthquakes and so forth. The Salvation Army said, "We're still busy, because Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean islands four days ago, and as of this morning, 800,000 people in those islands still don't have electricity."...

A Man-Made Catastrophe

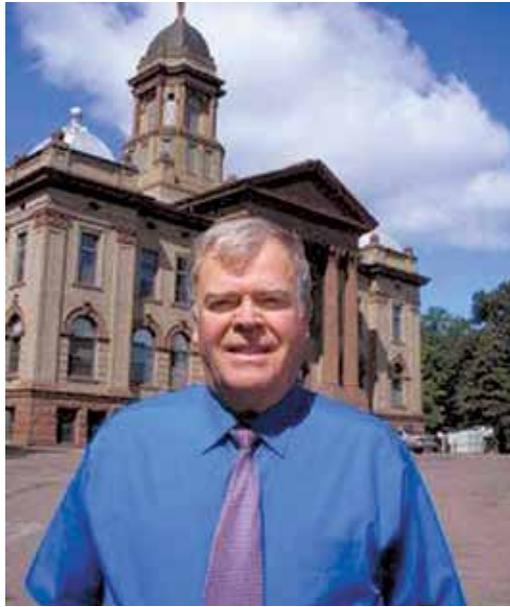
I want to begin with the crisis we have on our hands, to take advantage of your personal experiences, Andy and Wayne. Andy, can you tell me, from your vantage point, what the situation has been like this year?

Olson: Yes, it seems like we either have feast or famine here, when it comes to the weather. We were very wet through the planting season and even through July, and then surprisingly for the last month, we have not had much measurable rain. And so, our yield potential is diminishing. The corn I think, rain will not help it any more; and the soybeans could fill out if we could get some rain imminently.

But it's varied throughout the Midwest. I sort of straddle: I'm on the Mississippi watershed, but just about 20 miles from me is the Missouri watershed. And the Missouri watershed has claimed a lot of the headlines up here, and justifiably so. The Missouri watershed, then the snowmelt, coupled with above-normal rainfall has caused the Missouri to flood. And people have never seen it flood—most of those living out there—in their lifetime! And it was a shock to people. And there's been a lot of politicking on the part of former Governor Janklow in South Dakota, and blaming the Corps for the flood!

Baker: The Army Corps of Engineers.

Olson: Yes. I think there should be some more investigations about why the Corps didn't react sooner. And they have to be political, and they're having to deal with the Environmental Protection Agency, which has



Courtesy of Andy Olson

Andy Olson

declared the piping plover and pallid sturgeon endangered species on the Missouri River. So they've been spending a lot of their effort making artificial sandbars over the years, and going in the backwaters and trying to get habitat for this pallid sturgeon. And people say there's plenty of sturgeon in this Missouri River, and there's no reason for this.

Well, there wasn't an effort to build up the levees! So, when the water came, it washed out the habitats that they've been spending millions on, in just a matter of an hour or two. So, now, the money was not spent for the levees; the levees broke—it's a man-made catastrophe!

But it's not being addressed in the media. Interstate 29 parallels the Missouri River, in western Iowa, western Missouri, and where the levee on the Missouri-Iowa border broke, it shut off the interstate. The traffic's been disrupted, plus the farmers have experienced all kinds of difficulties. It's like a new inland lake. It's diminishing right now, but the last I heard, I-29 was still closed south of Omaha, down past the Missouri border.

So, it's amazing that Americans—we've been able to do most anything, as far as infrastructure and so forth—but in the last decades and years, we've just been horse-collared by a number of forces, Wall Street being one; but the environmentalist movement is the battering ram out here that is preventing us from putting in place the infrastructure that's necessary. Not just in water, but in power generation—I mean, putting up all these green windmills. They're plastering all these wind turbines around, in especially western Minnesota, southwestern Minnesota, along what's called the Buffalo Ridge. It's sad that we're doing this.

And in South Dakota, there are, I think, six main-stem dams. John Kennedy came out and dedicated the Oahe Dam at Pierre, South Dakota, and called it "one of the wonders of the world." It's still in place, the dam has held; it's a wonderful resource for the area as far as electricity goes. Preceding that, it was FDR and his



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President John F. Kennedy at the dedication of the Oahe Dam on the Missouri River in Pierre, S.D., August 1962. On the left is the Oahe Powerhouse today; it provides electricity for much of the north-central United States.

people, like Leland Olds, who fought for giant power as opposed to small diesel generating and so forth, and giant power won out. And there is a coal-fired plant at Stanton, North Dakota that's named after him.

And what happened is that over the years, the Environment Protection Agency has imposed all these exhaust emissions and pollutant [controls], and they're spending billions to try to mitigate this. And in the meantime, even some of these cooperative energy generation co-ops are putting in wind towers! They should never be doing that.



Baker: You mean the rural electric cooperatives?

Olson: Yes, Basin Electric would be an example. That's the giant regional co-op, and then there are the other co-ops that are under them, and they're all running after credits for wind towers. And the government is pouring billions of dollars into this, and they're putting it on prime farmland. It's a crime against our citizens.

Flooding in Montana

Baker: Wayne, do you want to report from the drought [in Arizona], but also the Missouri system in Montana, from the same point of view?

Voelz: Sure. I spent the Summer in south-central

Montana, I grew up there. My family is there; we still have farming and ranching operations in Carbon County, which is south of Billings, just north of Yellowstone Park, in the Yellowstone watershed.

I got there the first of May, which was pretty much the beginning of multiple cycles of heavy precipitation in our particular area there, in the Rock Creek Valley. Every time there was three inches of rain in the valley, that was another two or three feet of snow-pack in the mountains, up there to the Absarokee wilderness, around the perimeter of the east side of Yellowstone Park and the north perimeter of Yellowstone Park, which is where the Yellowstone River originates. And the Yellowstone basically receives all the



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watersheds of the southeastern quadrant of Montana.

My observation, initially, was that we were having unprecedented flooding on our place there, which was inundating fields with water. There were multiple factors involved, given certain kinds of maintenance that hadn't been done upstream from us, and we were essentially flooded out.

There were several major cycles. I think we took on about 15 inches of rain, and over the space of several weeks, one of the major problems that occurred was on the Musselshell River, north and west of Billings, and they were describing that as a 500-year-type event: Areas that had never been underwater before were underwater.

Now, in Montana, it's interesting to note, that particular area is just coming out of a 10- or 15-year drought cycle, so these events were diametrically opposite of that. There were lives lost. A rancher lost about 200 head of cattle that had been run off a precipice or a cliff, because they were trying to get away from a storm. There were ranchers, several people that I knew, who lost their lives, in our area, in the actual flood, trying to save a bridge or save livestock; one guy was struck by lightning. One guy drowned on his excavating machine: He was operating a track-mounted excavator, trying to protect an area, and was undermined, and he drowned.

And of course, May is the primary planting period—the planting, fertilization, crops-in-the-ground cycle. And of course, the fields being as wet as they were, they were not plantable or fertilizable.

There were the physical issues—the actual erosion

and losses of bridges. Our reservoirs were full, uncharacteristically, which probably had to do with the historical drought cycle, trying to retain water as well as possible. But, with the major precipitation events, there were the overflows that had never been seen, and downstream flooding. There were a lot of flooding events there, that were just unprecedented in nature. Major highways: I-90 was completely covered with water east of Billings, in the Bighorn River area, so they had to shut that highway down.

A lot of things probably just went unreported: The town of Roundup had probably some of the worst damage, where buildings were virtually underwater in areas that had never had that problem before.

And of course, with land not being planted or with late planting, when I left last week, the results were starting to show up: The Spring wheat yields were looking like they were going to be down—late-harvest situations. The good news was that the dry land areas—typically unirrigated dry land—benefitted. There were erosion situations, but there were higher yields of dry-land hay crops, and grain crops, due to the rainfall. But in my area, in the Rock Creek Valley, near Red Lodge, we grow a lot of high-quality grass hay, and of course, that typically is fertilized, and so the yields varied on that. I participated in putting up about 600 acres of grass hay, and my observation was that it was variable: In certain cases it was reasonable, but in a lot of it, the big yields were off, because of the physical inability to get into the field and apply fertilizer.

And there were some other factors, that go to the ongoing deterioration, or decline, or physical removing of productive land, taking productive land out of production and converting it to other uses.

And there are certain factors that are typically not taken into account, that contribute to a downstream flooding event, particularly, the subdividing, and subsequent relinquishing of water rights,¹ or water usage on literally thousands of acres of land that were converted from having intrinsic value as farmland, and as

1. The reference here is to the historical practice—especially under the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, in Western states—of granting rights to landholders in river basins, to divert and use river flow for irrigation and other useful purposes. Such water rights added to food production and mitigating flooding. As riverine properties changed hands, the water rights would convey to the new owners, as long as irrigation or other specified functions continued.

In recent years, farm use has diminished in favor of recreation and real estate speculation; the water rights were revoked accordingly, and the former water-management systems discontinued.



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The Shift to Recreational Land Use

I have been looking at the shift that has occurred from a productive economy to a financial economy, and that has some correlations with the implementation of agricultural programs, like the CRP [Conservation Reserve Program] specifically. In the subdivision of land, there have been thousands of acres, most of the area that I grew up in, somewhere in the neighborhood of 75% of the productive farmland has been converted to what I would call recreational property.

I can see it from both sides: I grew up in agriculture, in farming and ranching; I thought I was going to be a farmer. But because of a financial recession we had, I had to get out of that, and I became a builder. I got involved with exca-

vating; I worked in cleaning irrigation systems, building ditches for irrigation systems, so I kind of have a perspective; and I subsequently became a land developer and a homebuilder. So, I've been able to see it from both sides.

And there in Rock Creek Valley—and I'm sure you can just multiply what I'm describing over millions of acres of productive farmland, which had an intrinsic value, and has been converted over the last 25 or 30 years, much of it, especially in the aesthetic areas along the river valleys and streams, to recreational-type properties. And typically, what happens with that, is that water rights are relinquished. So when a piece of land is subdivided, and you have 40-acre parcels, or 20-, or 10-acre parcels, they no longer have an incremental water rights to that. So people come and they want to raise their horses or whatever. They have to pump water out of the ground, to do irrigation if they choose to do that at all, and what happens with land that's not irrigated in that area, is it generally reverts to weeds, typically, what we call, cheatgrass [a noxious, invasive weed], just dry land; weeds and grass just start to occupy dry land that's not irrigated.

And given that the water right has been relinquished, it just generally dissipates. It goes back into the pool, so

Flooding of a ranch between Miles City and Forsyth, Montana, 2011. Compounding the effect of unusually heavy rain and snowmelt in the state, was the effect of a decades-long shift from agricultural to recreational use of the land.

a flood control mechanism.

I think people don't realize that productive farmland and irrigated watersheds, or specifically, systems that had been designed and implemented in the Franklin Roosevelt programs—in our case, there were those major ditch distribution systems, that dissipate flood events or runoff events; in our case, the norm would be runoff from snowpack. This particular year, we had snowpack in excess; in our watershed there, in the Beartooth Absarokee Wilderness, there was 200-250% of normal snowpack; and in western Montana, up to 300% of normal.

So the concern that we had, that I had, was that we would have these rain events that were contributing to that snowpack. And then, when we moved into the warmer season in June and July, it was possible that we would have a major runoff event, right beyond the rain events that saturated the land. And it could have been catastrophic. However, fortunately, it was cool enough that it moderated that.

Other factors that are involved: Even in a normal runoff or a snowmelt event, when we had agricultural land in blocks of farms and ranches in our area, the irrigation systems act as a distribution system for those events—and that's the idea, to utilize that runoff.

to speak, of water rights.

And we can contemplate how that happens and how that might contribute to downstream flooding, and/or the dissipation of a flood event from a hydrological, a watershed-type standpoint. You have situations where we've taken water that might have been distributed across thousands of acres, but it now remains in the channel, remains in the river, and continues on downstream and doesn't get used at all! And if we looked at just that particular Yellowstone River watershed, that's a pretty common situation.

Baker: You're describing a kind of disorganization that took place, instead of upgrading the water/land relationship, and under judgment of educated, committed farmers—because people were, and they would be, yet—but under this money system—.

Andy, you may want to throw something in here from your geographical location. Minnesota is famous as the “Land o' Lakes,” but you're in the southern part, near the Des Moines River, which traverses Iowa and goes down in the Mississippi there. And over the period Wayne mentioned, in the 1930s, before and after, a lot of that was underlain by tiling, pipes—in other words, drainage improvements—farmers did all this upgrading. There were small, upstream dams, besides the larger ones like you mentioned, the Oahe. And that's been underfunded like crazy during the last 50 years. Can you say something about that?

The Environmentalist Impact

Olson: Yes. The Soil Conservation Service was probably one of the most beneficial agencies that agriculture experienced.

Baker: And that was set up in 1935, under FDR and Henry Wallace.²

Olson: Yes. And they would cost-share on waterway construction, instead of just an eroded ravine, and then drain tile, and so forth; and ours is called the Prairie Pothole Region, a type of topography. And a lot of this was initially drained by county ditches and so forth; some of them would just be drainage tile. It has dramatically increased the ability of the land to produce food. And this is still ongoing today.

But the environmentalists, the Department of Natural Resources, has been favored with funding here. In fact, in Minnesota, just a couple years ago, they passed a legacy tax, that, instead of going into infrastructure, goes to the Department of Natural Resources to save the fish and the animals and the wildlife. And they are buying up properties, and they're outbidding farmers, and they're going in and breaking these drainage systems, and thwarting the ability to drain the land, and then it reverts back to a slough or a shallow type of swamp.

And in another area of the Midwest that I've observed, along the Missouri River, the soils are called loess, and that's wind-blown soils, and it's completely different than the glaciated, prairie soils. I remember driving through Shenandoah, southwest Iowa, after a rain event, 35-40 years ago, and erosion was just horrific! And I just wondered why were they farming that area, and

exposing it to so much erosion.

Well, what happened is, in the last 40 years—and earlier, too, I'm sure—the Soil Conservation would design terraces. The equipment could go in there and would facilitate agricultural production. I drove through there this Summer, and I talked to a farmer that farmed



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Millions have been spent for these supposedly endangered species on the Missouri River, the piping plover (above) and the pallid sturgeon, while the water infrastructure to benefit humans has been neglected.



Nebraska Game & Parks Commission/Ken Bouc

2. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (1933-40), Vice President (1941-45).

a few thousand acres, and he said he had 90 miles of terraces on his farm. Now, this is man making the soil more productive: The terraces catch the rainfall and hold it there, and there's maybe a piping system that mitigates that water, and—tremendous crops!

I'm sure that those in the river bottoms—the river bottoms are the most fertile soils in the country—but the river bottoms, now, are flooded, and also up here, where the Soil Conservation Service, the FDR legacy, has done tremendous things for production. We need more of this! We don't need to reverse and break some of these systems that have drained the land and were productive.

And, it is exasperating to watch the preeminence of the Department of Natural Resources [DNR] in my state. They're spending millions and millions of dollars that's really wasting our resources on animals! And we're in need of a lot of help here for people in the state! As you heard a few months ago, Minnesota had a shutdown, a fight over raising taxes or austerity. Well, in this type of Wall Street bailout austerity-type economy, austerity is always going to win out. It doesn't make any difference if it's Democrats or Republicans. And the DNR should have given some of their largesse of money back to the state, but no.

So you can see that this environmental movement, if we do not get a handle on this and rein this in—you know, piping plovers and pallid sturgeons in the Missouri, all this crazy stuff, “we're going to protect this insect or this lizard” or whatever it is. FDR's legacy is still real out here, but the environmentalists who are trying to shut down power lines versus power generation, nuclear power—that's an old story.

Floods and NAWAPA

This whole subject of the Missouri River flood, the volume of water that came down through the Missouri—I happened to go through the Gavins Point Dams area, the last mainstem dam on the Missouri, in the Yankton, South Dakota. area, and they have 165,000 cubic feet per second! It was the most tremendous amount of water—it was almost frightening to see it come through there.

When you think about it, in Southwest Texas and Kansas and that area, the NAWAPA program has designs to bring some of this water through Canada, and dump it into Lake Superior, from the Missouri into the Minnesota River, and then run it down the Mississippi. And maybe [engineer] Hal Cooper has done some work

on this, where you can divert the water directly from the Missouri, and go southwest with it. I would think that there would be engineering that would be capable of doing this; and in a year like this, you could put that water to good use, whereas now, it's for destruction. I'm pretty convinced that the way the Wall Street parasites have handled the resources in our country, these areas *will not* get rebuilt! Joplin, Missouri, the tornado area, will not get rebuilt!

Now, what's going to happen with Hurricane Irene now? I don't know. They're worried about the [Aug. 23 Virginia] earthquake and the Washington Monument, but that's not really going to help us at all! So there are priorities, and we need to rein in this environmental nonsense. And most people just think that this is crazy, but they cannot organize to the point of understanding what this is, and shut it down.

Baker: Well, you've certainly raised again the point that I mentioned at the start: that when it comes to what's to do, more and more people will agree right off the bat, “Yes, we need production, not cuts. How are we going to get production?” The LaRouche Political Action Committee website is going, as soon as possible, to 14 hours, by the way, of updates and expansions of “here *is* what to do,; here is more to back up what you're putting across, with your friends, neighbors, in your county, states, townships.” This is the end of the Summer that was, this is the end of the fiscal year that was, and now we're at a break point. And, I'm speaking personally: This is it! I think we can do it!...

Wayne, do you want to say anything about your involvement with the LPAC Basement Team research at different times since last August, over the fact that NAWAPA is the only practical thing to do, in the highest-level sense, to point out the kind of principles you're talking about, land and water upgrade, and go for NAWAPA?

Voelz: Sure. With my description of land that has gone out of production, I wanted to make the point that, during this last 40 years, when we needed to be increasing the productive, arable land in the United States, it was being diminished by multiple factors. In fact, there's an article I wrote, that goes into that whole subject, in a lot of the statistics.³

3. “NAWAPA, Agriculture, and the Food Crisis,” *EIR*, June 3, 2011 http://www.larouche.org/eiw/public/2011/eirv38n22-20110603/42-46_3822.pdf

One of the primary goals of NAWAPA is to increase arable land, increase water supplies and foster power supplies, etc., increase the science and technological applications to do that. But one of the chief goals of NAWAPA is that it literally doubles the amount of productive farmland in the western half of the United States. The western states are apparently not nearly as developed as they could possibly be, and of course, much of the reason for that can be attributed to environmentalist policies over the last 30-40 years. In fact, it's easily trackable; it would take a lot more time to go into that.

But the result, of course, is to provide water supplies for the development of the West, and to also help to replenish water supplies in the Ogallala Aquifer as well as the Great Lakes region, for the development of production in North Dakota, eastern Montana. There are many, many reasons for using NAWAPA. But on the way through, we're building an economic platform to expand or develop the western United States, but on the way to that, we're providing a platform for economic recovery, scientific and economic development, because of the sophistication of that project.

A Critical Juncture

Baker: Yes, the implications of what we would know about mass greening, instead of doing the opposite, right?

Voelz: Yes. I agree with Andy that the CRP and the Soil Conservation Program had good intentions; however, those programs kind of got hijacked in the mid-'80s with the subsequent farm bills. From my observation, they continued and were used as a tool to *reduce* production; take farmland out of production and convert it into conservation easements and things of that nature.

So, with the whole implementation of that, and the whole environmentalism viewpoint, we are at a critical juncture. Our food supplies are down to almost nothing. We have a month or two of available supply. We rely on other countries for imports of foods. We just absolutely are at a point where we have to make a major shift, and there are the necessary preconditions for that.

We have to essentially do the things that you've described earlier, and the first thing that goes with that, is we've got to get rid of this President with his policies; and then with the implementation of Glass-Steagall. That will provide the money system to fund the construction of NAWAPA, which in my calculations, and

working with the LaRouchePAC Basement Team, and going through all of the original NAWAPA documents from the 1960s, and the considerations, for about the price of a bailout, for about a trillion bucks, we could have a NAWAPA well down the road. In an extrapolation, we did those numbers: \$1 trillion was our early estimate of what it might cost to build NAWAPA today.

Baker: That's really something!

I'd like to turn to Andy for just a minute. On this question Wayne's raised about the food supply, we're getting a lot of reports, as you said, from Iowa, on the corn from county to county—one county, no rain at all in the last six weeks. You've got a real, hard-core shortage. You have all this corn going into biofuels under Obama. You have the overlay of the bailout money going into plain old, killer speculation on the Chicago Board of Trade, and driving up the input costs so that it's impossible for farmers to farm!

And along with the physical change of the actual landscape, you had a structural change in who's farming, like 30,000-acre farm operations in South Dakota: Would you make that clear for people?

Olson: Yes. One of the major crises we're going to be facing in the next generation is the loss of farmers. Dairy—I would never have believed they could have taken that business out of the small dairymen, and moved it into the mega-dairies, but we're starting to see that in our area. I know in California and the Southwest, that's been how they've operated. But Minnesota still has 6,000 dairy farms, and a lot of those are the smaller farmers, and that's been the backbone of milk production.

Speculation and the Food Cartels

And the area I'm most concerned about right now is animal agriculture. You know, the Tysons and the Pilgrim's Pride and so forth are into the poultry and egg layers; the part of agriculture that is benefitting from this inflation, and, in a sense, it's a mirage. The inflation that we're experiencing in the Chicago Board of Trade arena, I don't think I've experienced that in my lifetime! Back in '74, the Russians—

Baker: The "Great Grain Robbery" they called it at the time. For our audience, the Russians came in and bought a lot of grain, suddenly overnight!

Olson: Yes, but this is even more so. And what's magnifying the problem, is that 40% of the corn is

going into the gas tanks of Americans to power their cars! And the way this was set up, is that they let farmers invest in these ethanol plants, so they've been getting the benefit of government subsidies. So farmers have sort of adopted the idea that this "green energy" is great. But in the long run, this is a destructive force in our country.

Inflation: The inputs, we used to have a lot of this controlled by cooperatives. But the cartels, of the stripe of Cargill and so forth, have gone into fertilizers and monopolized the market. And so potash would come from the Estevan, Saskatchewan area, and now that's Mosaic, which is a spinoff from Cargill. They bought up the farmland and the [Minnesota-based] Cenex fertilizer facilities, and so potash is up 29% from a year ago in price. And their production costs did not go up 29%: This is predatory, this is parasites, again.

Sulfur, which is more of a secondary mineral that farmers use, has gone up 32%; nitrogen is off the charts. And that's been taken almost out of the U.S., where it was primarily manufactured, and now it's like in Trinidad, and the Middle East. And things have gotten so globalized that the small service co-ops that provide this kind of service to the farmers, have to have millions of dollars to finance this, and you know, the cartels—it's just predatory out here. I just can't imagine how our food system has been degraded.

Again, I guess you can look to Wall Street and the City of London, and these people that are running the speculative markets: They're just gaming the system, just making money for their own selfishness, as opposed to the bigger picture of destruction of this country. That's what this is all about: Just destroy America. We'll do it through environmentalism, and speculation, and then globalizing things. We'll shut down the mines, we'll shut down the manufacturing, and you can just cite chapter and verse on how America's been pulled down!

Earlier, talking about FDR and what he did, this wasn't just in Minnesota and Montana; this was throughout the country. The Soil Conservation Service had a tremendous impact on production! And we've had land grant universities, but they've been defunded because of austerity, and they're just a shadow of what the land grant universities were. And now they're just appendages for the cartels, for Monsanto—it's too bad we can't go into Monsanto on this show, but they took over the seed patent laws and got rid of those. And now

we've got this "better idea" not from Ford, but Monsanto! And they've been having train wrecks with their so-called genetically modified Bt corn, which was supposed to control corn rootworm and so forth. Now, these extremely expensive seeds are not controlling the corn rootworm. The glyphosate, the Roundup herbicide, is having negative effects.

Baker: What about the price increase for the seed?

Olson: When I was first farming, it was like \$25 a bushel for seed, and it was good quality seed, and it was genetically modified; now it's \$300-and-some and it's going up. And then Monsanto is saying, "Well, maybe our Roundup isn't working so good, but we have this other product. We're going to revive the Lasso, Harness-type herbicide and we're going to call it Warrant. But it's only going to cost you about an arm and a leg to put it on!

Baker: And having them decide what kind of research we need, instead of our land grant colleges, as you mentioned, the system of agriculture research that gave us, for example, Norman Borlaug at the University of Minnesota in your state. He was from Iowa.

So you need the real research! We *can* have biotechnology on behalf of mankind, instead of on behalf of Monsanto money people.

Olson: Yes, it's really sad. I could just weep at what's been done to the land grant system. We've got *one* plant pathologist at the University of Minnesota. . .

Baker: No!!

Olson: . . .and he's based up at the St. Paul campus. Well, we had plant pathologists at these experiment stations all over the state!

Baker: Well, we've run out of time. We're going to have other shows on this, and also on the work that Wayne is doing. And the other thing I want to tell people: Everything you just described, this is the breakpoint. And what we're describing is what we're going to overturn. And so we want everyone to do their all-out, beginning in the next few hours. This disaster factor on the East Coast, this is very real, and I want everyone to be watching the Weather Report series on www.larouchepac.com. Peter Martinson from the Basement research team just filmed a new one on Aug. 20 [<http://www.larouchepac.com/node/19172>], on what's happening with the Sun: This is reality.

A Constitutional Solution

It is a testament to the horrendous vacuum of political leadership in the United States, that leading American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche, who will turn 89 years of age Sept. 8, delivered an emergency international Presidential [address](#) Sept. 7, on the measures needed to reverse mankind's current collapse into a New Dark Age.

LaRouche's message, given on LPAC-TV, struck a somber tone, as he laid out the consequences of not following the program of measures which he has laid out. He noted, from the outset, that it was the rejection of his Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, presented in the early phases of the breakdown crisis in July-August 2007, which has made the current catastrophe inevitable.

Indeed, LaRouche has been accurately forecasting the collapse of the current monetarist system since the 1950s, at the same time that he has proposed the alternative policies which would prevent that collapse from happening. Had the leading powers in the U.S. heeded his words, and followed, we would not be in the disaster we now face.

LaRouche's solution was twofold, essentially the first of the Seven Necessary Steps which he had put forward two weeks before: First, remove President Obama from office, either by impeachment or Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Second, ram through the revival of Glass-Steagall in the form originally implemented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

Obama *must* be removed because, as a British puppet, he would never allow the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, LaRouche argued. Once Obama is weakened—even by the start of impeachment proceedings—it would be possible to put the urgent

bank separation in force, and launch the beginnings of a credit system, as originally specified by the U.S. Constitution.

Throughout his 25-minute address, LaRouche stressed the fact that the measures which he was proposing, conformed to the standards set by the U.S. Constitution itself. It is the Constitution, he argued, that established the U.S. economic system as a credit system, where money would be subordinated to the use of Federally mandated credit, applied for the general welfare. It is the Constitution, as well, that sets the standard for impeachment—a standard which fully applies in the case of the misconduct which this current President has carried out.

At the present time, LaRouche argued, the American population has basically lost faith in their institutions of government—and certainly, in the political parties which purport to be leading this country. There is virtually no one—not economists, not politicians, not businessmen—who can be trusted to put the interests of the people above that of their own drive for power and profit. How can this trust be restored?

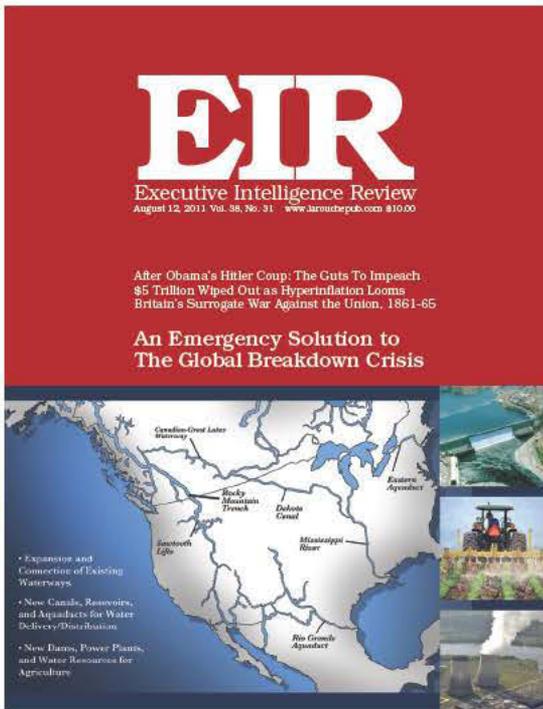
The solution lies in the exertion of leadership by a handful of individuals who have the guts to join with LaRouche, around the program of action which he put forward in his emergency address, and in the Seven Necessary Steps. It is clear that only a few will do so at the beginning, but no radical change (this time, a radical change to *restore* the Constitution) ever happened as a result of popular sentiment. It takes the courage of a few who will lead the way.

Watch this address, and spread it. Then join us in the war for the Constitutional solution that alone can save our nation.

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