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From the Managing Editor

"The population of Greece is in complete despair," noted Helga Zepp-LaRouche in her keynote speech to an LPAC webcast Feb. 11, our *Feature* this week. She reminds us that the Greek nation "is, after all, the cradle of European civilization, the birthplace of democracy, and more important, of Solon's idea" that progress is the purpose of mankind. What the Troika's bankers are doing to Greece (and Italy, Spain, Portugal, et al.) represents a cautionary tale: "It should be obvious," said Zepp-LaRouche, "to any thinking human being on this planet, that a continuation of the present policies is possibly leading to the extinction of the human species." Zepp-LaRouche appeals to us to "leave oligarchism behind, as a childhood disease," and move forward with the great projects—NAWAPA, the Bering Strait tunnel, Transaqua, and space colonization—that will secure the future for coming generations.

As our cover picture suggests, the Greek people have decided to resist, led by two octogenarians, heroes of the Greek Resistance against the World War II Nazi occupation, Mikis Theodorakis (pictured on the cover) and Manolis Glezos. Their appeals on behalf of their nation are excerpted in this issue, (*Economics*). There is also an update from Italy on the progress in the campaign for Sen. Oskar Peterlini's Glass-Steagall bill; and a report on the threat from the Obama Administration and Congress to cripple the Landsat satellite program, which for 40 years has provided invaluable data and images.

The continuing disintegration of the empire's financial system means that the threat of World War III remains extremely grave, although the efforts of leading figures in the military and others have delayed the outbreak of war over recent months. See "U.S. Military's Efforts Alone Can't Stop Empire's War Drive," in *International*, followed by Documentation: "Russian Spokesmen See Threat of Nuclear War." There are also reports from Pakistan, where closer ties with Russia represent a hopeful shift toward regional stability; the Philippines, where Obama's "pivot" toward Asia may hit a wall; and Sudan, where the imperial powers are pushing for a new war in that beleaguered region.

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The Next Jump in Evolution: The End of Monetarism

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the BüSo (Civil Rights Solidarity party of Germany), and founder of the international Schiller Institute, presented an evaluation of the grave strategic situation, in an international webcast on Feb. 11, on LPAC-TV; Zepp-LaRouche spoke from Northern Virginia, while Stefan Tolksdorf moderated the discussion from Berlin, Germany. Here is an edited transcript of her keynote, followed by an exchange with a Russian interlocutor, one of a number of questions and answers that followed her opening remarks.

Good evening.

Actually, this webcast originally was meant to address primarily a European audience, but because of the urgency of the strategic situation, and since I'm presently nearby Washington, I decided to do this webcast in English. And I'm addressing myself to those of you who recognize that civilization right now is in mortal danger. It should be obvious to any thinking human being on this planet, that a continuation of the present policies is possibly leading to the extinction of the human species. And I appeal to you, at least those who agree with me, to join the mobilization, to do everything in your capability, to stop this danger of civilizational collapse.

Now, it is not true that this catastrophe is inevitable, and in the beginning, before I go into some rather heavy material, I want to say, rule out the idea from your thinking that one can not do anything, anyway. This sentence which is the most spoken sentence in Germany, *"Man kann ja sowieso nichts machen,"* "One cannot do anything anyway." I don't want to address this situation from that standpoint. There are solutions and they can be implemented in time, but it requires a very drastic and dramatic fundamental change of the system, of the global financial order, and an equally dramatic change in the thinking of most people.

Two Immediate Crises

We are confronted right now with two immediate crises: One is the immediate collapse of the trans-Atlantic financial system, which is already leading to the collapse and the breakup of the euro, as we can see most clearly in the situation in Greece. But if Greece leaves the euro—which it will have to; it has no other choice—this will mean the breakup of the euro and, in all likelihood, the entire EU.

Secondly, we have the immediate danger of a thermonuclear war, triggered by the events around Syria and Iran, but not really focussed on these two countries, but actually aiming at regime-change or destruction, disintegration, of Russia and China.

Obviously, what I'm saying here is not what you read in *Bildzeitung*, or what you listen to in other mass media. But I can assure you, I would not say these things lightly: I'm trying to address the reality of the situation as it is, because only if you look at it in the most rational and most unblocked fashion, can you find

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As we face the possible extinction of civilization, Zepp-LaRouche said, we could instead be the authors of a new era of mankind, and leave oligarchism, as a childhood disease, behind us.

the necessary remedy. The name of the game is empire, or more precisely, British Empire.

Now, I know that there are lot of people who say, "What British Empire? It ceased to exist a long time ago." But the empire which has been dominating the European, and actually global situation for almost 4,000 years, has a tendency to come back in ever-new clothes, in new shapes and forms, like a slime-mold, and this time, it has another name, called "globalization."

If you understand under that under the name "British Empire," is the complex system of central banks, investment banks, hedge funds, private equity funds, insurance companies, the shadow banking, then you know what I mean by British Empire: It is that financial system which has been responsible for the paradigm-shift in the last 40-45 years, away from the production of physical goods, the so-called real economy, more and more to speculation, to the idea of profit maximization, and pure monetarism.

As long as the Soviet Union existed, that system of globalization had certain constraints, because the Soviet Union existed as a second superpower. But when the Warsaw Pact started to disintegrate between '89 and '91, the world had reached a turning point.

With the communist system gone, there would have been the chance for a new peace order of the 21st Century. There was no more enemy, and one could have used the economic and scientific resources of the entire world to go to the solution of those urgent tasks of mankind which were then there, and still are, namely, the elimination of hunger, the development of the underdeveloped sector, and joint scientific breakthroughs to reach the next level of mankind's development.

Instead, rather than the United States recognizing the chance to go back and reconfirm the principles of the American Revolution which had made America a "temple of liberty and a beacon of hope," unfortunately, with the Bush Sr. Administration, the neocons appeared, and declared the "New American Century" doctrine, which was the idea to run the world as an empire, based on the "Anglo-American special relationship."

Now, we from the international LaRouche movement had a plan, which was the Productive Triangle, and later, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which would have been the basis for such a peace order, which, however, for reasons which I shortly will mention, was rejected. At that time, the policy of regime-change was adopted in every country which was not willing to submit to this empire. The first expression of such regime-change was the first Gulf War, which started in August 1990, which was called Operation Desert Storm, which had the explicit goal to "bomb Iraq back into the Stone Age"—and it did.

This policy was interrupted between 1992 and 2000 in the eight years of the Clinton Administration, but it remained in the background, in the form of the "Clean Break" policy, which was the idea of having regime-change of every country not friendly to Israel, which was around even during the Clinton years, and was a clear response to the efforts of President Clinton to have peace in the Middle East through the Oslo Accords; it was adopted by the Netanyahu government then. And it came fully back with the Bush and Cheney Administration, and was all the time being pursued by the British government.

The 'Axis of Evil'

Now, with George W. Bush, Jr., who declared these countries to be the "axis of evil," the next target was the second Iraq War, which, as we now know, was based

completely on lies, developed through MI5 and Tony Blair, and that was then the basis for the speech that [then Secretary of State] Colin Powell gave in the United Nations, which he later called the worst mistake he ever made in his life.

This was behind the war of aggression against Libya and the assassination of Qaddafi, because at that point, the forces pushing these regime changes could not wait to put Qaddafi on trial, because they already had in mind a continuation of this campaign against Syria and Iran. A trial would have been too long, and Qaddafi might have told some very unpleasant details about his dealings with his previous collaborators.

Now this [regime-change] campaign is reaching Syria and Iran. It has almost nothing to do with these countries, but is aimed at Russia and China. And when you hear the stories about Syria and about Iran, you should have a *déjà vu* experience: The accusations against Iran are the same as those we heard against Iraq. And the recent report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, that Iran would have the nuclear bomb in maybe one year, or be able to put its facilities underground so they would no longer be able to be reached, is in *complete* contradiction to the U.S. National Intelligence Estimate from October 2011, which confirmed the findings of the NIE from 2007, that Iran had stopped its military nuclear program in 2003. And as many people observed, the entire information the International Atomic Energy Agency used, came from Western intelligence sources, and the former head of this agency, Hans Blix, also said that there was absolutely no new information given.

So this war has already begun: NBC News, just a couple of days ago, reported that the Israeli Mossad has been recruiting and training members of the MEK, the Mujahideen-e-Khalq organization, which still, I believe, is on the list of terrorist groups of the State Department; training them for assassinations and bombings inside Iran.[1] This was confirmed by officials of the Obama Administration, and restated in an interview with Mohammad Larijani—who is the brother of the Speaker of the Iranian parliament, Ali Larijani—who reported to NBC, that Iranian officials caught MEK members attempting to assassinate Iranian nuclear scientists, and Larijani then proposed that the United States should bring Israel before the UN Security Council for "state-sponsored terrorism," in line with its still ongoing policy of a war against terrorism.

Now, remember, in the last two years, there were several explosions in Iranian nuclear facilities and four nuclear scientists have been assassinated, according to the same *modus operandi* in the last years.

The Russian Foreign Ministry was very concerned about reports, from the Israeli website DEBKAfile, which were then later confirmed by the Institute for Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, that British and Qatari special forces are operating in Syria, and the Russian government said very clearly that they are very concerned about the violation of Syrian sovereignty by these acts. And that these mercenaries from Qatar, Great Britain, and possibly Saudi Arabia, are there to provide ammunition to the rebels in Homs, in large quantities.

Military Buildup in the Gulf

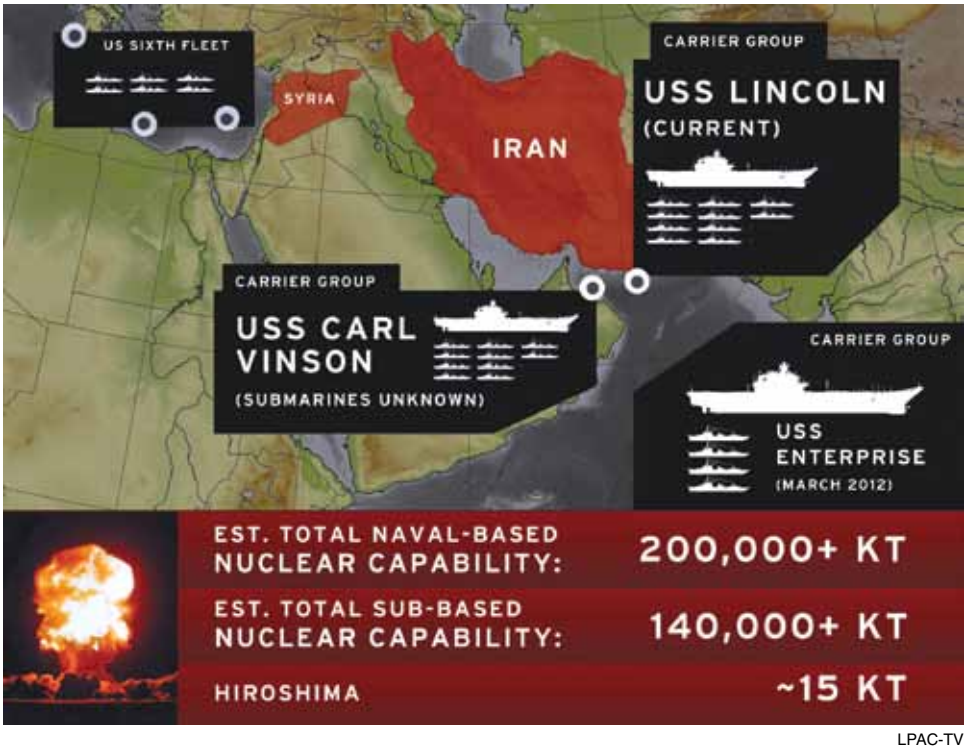
Since the last months of last year, there has been a gigantic buildup of military forces in the Gulf, in the Indian Ocean, and in the eastern Mediterranean (**Figure 1**): There are two aircraft carriers in the Gulf region, and the third will arrive there in March, together with a lot of frigates, destroyers, and cruise missiles; each of these aircraft carriers can launch hundreds of combat aircraft. There are eight or more Ohio-class submarines, each with 24 Trident missiles, of which each has six to eight 100 kiloton nuclear warheads. Each sub therefore, has a destructive power of 1,476 times the kilotons which were detonated in Hiroshima. And you have to add a certain number of British, Israeli, Canadian, and French warships to that.

So, if you look at it, the total firepower which is amassed in this region, is in absolutely no relation to the supposed reason, namely, helping the rebels in Syria, or deterring Iran from a nuclear program, but it is clearly aimed for something else. U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has talked about the high probability of Israel attacking Iran between April and June, and sources recently have pointed to a more likely date of April or even earlier, and there are rumors about an attack on Damascus even earlier than that.

The Iranian government, through its ambassador to the United Nations, has pointed to the right of Iran to defend itself, and that it has the capability to do so. Also, since November, in Israel, fierce debate has broken out, where former heads of the Mossad, or Shin Beth, and even former chiefs of staff, have come out

1. See "London's Road to WW III: Obama Allies with al-Qaeda," *EIR*, Feb. 17, 2011.

FIGURE 1
Military Buildup in the Gulf, Indian Ocean, Eastern Mediterranean



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and warned that if it would come to such an attack, it not only would put Israel in jeopardy, but it would put the entire region for 100 years into complete chaos and destruction.

To the best of my knowledge, having surveyed the situation, having access to many informed circles around the world, the Iran war is right now on; it's supposed to occur, and by the very logic of the situation, it will not be limited to the region. Once it starts, there is the absolute danger that it will be global thermonuclear war.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, declared, in this context, that an attack on Iran would lead to a chain-reaction which would destabilize the whole world, have grave consequences, and nobody would know where it would end.

I think it is worse than that: Because it is the logic of the weapons being here accumulated, that you don't start such a war with one nuclear weapon, and then wait until retaliation comes, and then maybe use a second one. But it is very clear that we are looking at Mutually Assured Destruction, which was the official NATO doctrine in the time when the Warsaw Pact still existed. Now, one element of this is that thermonuclear weapons are so horrible that, if you are a normal human being, you would think, nobody would ever, ever use them, because they lead to the extinction of civilization.

Therefore, the danger is that whoever plans this war would go to launch the entire arsenal by surprise, to become then the only dominant power. Now, every military expert in Europe, or analyst of the Middle East knows, and will tell you in private discussions, that a war against Iran is the equivalent of World War III, and since this is generally known, may there be the element of winning the war, by a horrible bluff?

The idea of a thermonuclear "chicken game"—remember the chicken game was this experiment they made many decades ago in California, where you have two cars driving towards each other at full speed, and the one who lost his nerve first, would try to escape the crash at the last moment, which obviously is already not very sane. But to do this with nuclear weapons, is the height of complete criminality and insanity. It is so insane, that it risks the extinction of the human species. If you look at how many military vessels and missiles and so forth, are accumulated there, how quickly could an accident trigger this? How quickly could you have a Gulf of Tonkin incident which would detonate the whole thing?

'Schrecklichkeit'

In retrospect, one could say that Truman dropping the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki (**Figure 2**), where there was no need to do that, because there were already negotiations for Japanese surrender involving the Vatican—so there was no need to drop these bombs; but they were dropped in order to demonstrate the principle of *Schrecklichkeit*, the principle that there is a weapon now so horrible, that in the face of this weapon,

FIGURE 2
Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima, Japan (Aug. 6, 1945)

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nobody will ever be tempted to use it. And it was clear as a preparation for those who thought, maybe after World War II, we will have World War III; and remember the famous statement by Bertrand Russell from 1946, where he proposed a preemptive nuclear war against the Soviet Union at that time. Therefore, the implicit option here is a bluff, to say, "Okay, surrender. If not, we go for thermonuclear global warfare."

And it is the forces of the British Empire which are behind it. And again, for a normal human being it is very difficult to conceptualize, but there *are* people who would like to reduce the world population from presently 7 billion, to 1 billion people! I mean, Prince Philip has said it many, many times, and it can be documented that such policies exist.

If you look at this present buildup, it is very clear that we are not only talking about Syria and Iran, but Russia and China as well (**Figure 3**). Because Russia

FIGURE 3
U.S. Military Encirclement of Russia and China

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has for a long time made the point that the European missile defense system, which is being installed in Poland, Czechia, and plans are being made for Romania—that they regard this as part of the NATO enlargement towards the east, the encirclement of Russia. Everybody knows that these so-called defensive missile systems can be very quickly turned into offensive systems, and then these missiles could reach Moscow, in less than three minutes. Russian Chief of the Military Staff Nikolai Makarov, a couple of months ago, already warned that there is, because of this system, the danger of a European nuclear war, which could go completely out of control. President Dmitri Medvedev, in response to President Obama's decision to go ahead with this policy of Bush and Cheney, activated recently the radar systems in Kaliningrad.

FIGURE 4

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China came to the same interpretation, when Obama shifted his emphasis to the Pacific, building new bases and deploying troops in Australia and the Philippines, building new military alliances—that it is really aimed at the encirclement of China. And regime change for Russia and China are on the agenda.

For this, you have presently mobilized the same network which is responsible for the Orange Revolution against Ukraine, the Rose Revolution against Georgia; and they're now calling for a "white" or a "snow" revolution in Moscow: It's the Project Democracy crowd, the NDI, the National Democratic Institute; the IRI, the International Republican Institute, the Soros operation, and this whole crowd.

A 'Foul' Ball in Moscow

Part of this apparatus is, unfortunately, the new ambassador to Moscow, Michael McFaul (which in Latin, you could say *nomen est omen* [the name fits]—*foul*) who was responsible for the NDI since 1990, when he worked for the NDI in Moscow, and who has privately been bragging that he was responsible for the "engineering" of the reelection of Boris Yeltsin in 1996, because it was his networks of the NDI which maneuvered somehow to get Yeltsin, who was completely hated by the Russian population by that time, because they correctly blamed him for having sold out Russia to the oligarchs and to the West, and somehow managed his reelection.

This apparatus, since September of last year, has been fully mobilized in a campaign to claim that the parliamentary and Presidential elections in Russia would be fraudulent.

And regime-change is also on the agenda for China: Sen. John McCain, at the Munich Security Conference, called for an "Arab Spring" in Beijing, which was a clear provocation against the Chinese representative at that conference.

This has been the policy of the Empire faction since 1990. It is absolutely urgent right now since 1990, so it has been in place for a long time: You can see here (**Figure 4**), the countries which have been or are targetted for such regime-change, but it is now becoming, from the standpoint of the Empire, super-urgent, because the trans-Atlantic region is collapsing. While you

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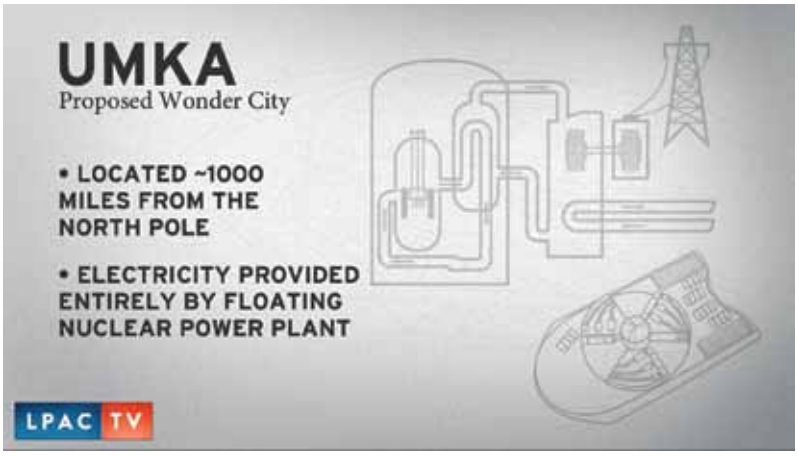

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have relative growth in Asia—China has a growth rate of 8-10%; India, 7-8%, and others are similar—Europe and the United States are collapsing. There was an article in *People's Daily* in the Russian language, which said that both Russia and China have recognized that since Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin made the announcement that he plans to return to the Presidency, or that he will be a candidate for that, that the targetting of Russia and China has been put on the agenda, and therefore, these two countries are now building very strong military ties against these threats.

Even before the present escalation, Russia and China had focussed on a very advanced scientific and technological orientation, high investments in higher energy-flux densities, the fourth-generation of inherently safe nuclear energy, the development of the Arctic region, and generally focussing on the new frontiers of science. Russia wants to build the city of Umka, a domed city in the Russian Arctic for 5,000 residents, which should have full research capabilities, which would be self-sufficient with respect to food production, and it would be modelled on a fictional Moon city, or an isolated space station (**Figure 5**). It's planned to be under a dome 1.5 km long and 800 meters wide; it would only cost, by the way, $6-8 billion, so peanuts in the present world of bailout packages.

And Prime Minister Putin has made remarkable speeches and written articles, saying that he recognizes that the key problem of the world right now is the bubble economy, and that he is in favor of a system focussing on the production of the real economy.

Also, manned space travel is on the agenda between Russia and China. China has declared that it wants to become the leading space power, sometime in the early part of this century. They want to mine helium-3 on the Moon, which will be very important for thermonuclear fusion power, and, in general, you can see that Asia is relatively prospering, while the trans-Atlantic region is collapsing.

Now, I have to say this very clearly: The British Empire, defined as I did earlier, would rather go for World War III, than leave the Asian powers to become the leading nations on the planet. And this despite the fact that the euro has been proven to be a complete failure, as you can see nowhere more clearly than in the case of Greece, which is right now at the complete point of explosion.

Will Greece Leave the Euro?

As I am speaking here, the leading trade unions in Greece have called for a popular uprising against the deal imposed on Greece by the infamous Troika [European Union, European Central Bank, IMF]. The police trade union has advocated the arrest of the members of the Troika, demanding an immediate arrest warrant, and somebody who has a sense of humor, in a leaflet, offered a reward for the arrest of the Troika, expressing how much value they place on these people.

Now, the population is in complete despair, and if you looking at the situation in Greece—I want to give you some figures, of what this present EU policy has done to Greece, which is, after all, the cradle of European civilization, the birthplace of democracy, and more important, of Solon's idea of the purpose of mankind being progress, as Schiller described it—this country is now *totally destroyed*, and people are really desperate (**Figure 6**).

Twenty-seven point seven percent of the Greek population is below poverty level—that is 3 million out of 10 million—and that was in 2010, and 2011 is became much worse; 28.7% of children up to 17 years old are in poverty. Greece is now at the level of Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, and Poland. As of November 2011, unemployment is 20.9%. This is a 48% increase over 2010. Youth unemployment is now 48%! That means every

FIGURE 6
Greek Riots against Crushing Austerity

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second youth is unemployed. And 50% of the trained engineers are out of work: That may be the biggest crime, because these are the people who could start to rebuild the Greek economy. And the debt since the bail-out packages started has increased ratio of the Greek debt to GDP, from 120% to 159%.

Greek parents increasingly have to abandon their children to SOS Children Villages because they can't feed them any more. This is the first time this is happening in Europe; it used to be only the case in Africa and other poor areas. And on top of that, the EU Troika wants to have 150,000 more people cut from the civil service, on top of 200,000 already cut. They want to cut pharmaceutical deliveries from 2.3 billion by 1 billion. That means increasing the death rate. There is no other way of putting it. And they are trying to reduce the minimum wage by another 22%, and for the youth, by another 32%. And at the same time, they increased the taxes, a 250% increase in property taxes, even for people with just a tiny little house, and the VAT tax will go up to 23%.

So this is the reason why the Greek population is exploding, and they say, "We can not continue."

Obviously, if Greece leaves the euro, it will in all likelihood lead to a breakup of the entire Eurozone. And that will affect the U.S. banks; in fact, it will probably bring down the entire world financial system. The only reason why this is not happening already, is because the Federal Reserve and the ECB are printing money, like the Reichsbank did in 1923 in Germany. Which obviously, is a very short-lived policy, and some cynics are even saying that printing money and causing hyperinflation is the only way you can reduce the state debt. It's also the most brutal form of expropriation of the population.

Now, interestingly, Andreas Vosskuhle, who is the president of the German Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe, warned in a recent speech that the effort to save the euro and to go for more European integration is threatening the loss of democracy in Europe. This is obviously a complete understatement, but for somebody in his position, this is quite an admission.

A Failed Experiment

The only way one could get out of this disaster, is to admit that the euro was a failed experiment. It could not function, because, from the beginning, it was the intention to turn Europe into a subdivision of this same British Empire. If you think back for a moment to 1989—which was, after all, the great historical chance of Europe—Thatcher, Mitterrand, and Bush, Sr., forced Germany at the time to give up the D-mark as the price for unification.

Thatcher launched this incredible "Fourth Reich" campaign. Attali, the advisor of Mitterrand, reports that Mitterrand even threatened to go to war against Germany. And the Bush Administration preferred con-

tainment through self-containment, by putting Germany into the straitjacket of the EU, which they then implemented from the EU treaties, from Maastricht to Lisbon.

The people were never asked. Referenda in support of the EU in France and Holland were lost, but the rest of the people were never consulted about whether they wanted this policy.

If you look at this euro experiment, what was the propaganda of its proponents? It should guarantee peace forever in Europe. Well, the reality is, never has so much hatred among the different nations been directed against Germany since 1945, directed against the Greek people, directed against the EU.

Another such lie was, "strengthening the European position, in light of the emerging countries." The disunity being displayed by Europe right now has made Europe the laughingstock of the rest of the world. "Strengthening economic powers in Europe"? Well, why is German Chancellor Angela Merkel then going like a beggar to the Chinese, asking them to bail out the euro, which the Chinese are obviously too smart to do?

Now, Lothar Rühl, the former Defense State Secretary, recently wrote in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, that there are new challenges for the European security and defense policy (**Figure 7**)—that the U.S. is now focussing more on the Pacific; that after the Arab Spring, the European responsibility is more for the West; that given the fact that Islamic fundamentalists would still be a great challenge in the war on terror, Europe should focus on the region east and south of Libya—Chad, Sudan, Somalia, the Horn of Africa, the Arabian Sea—and in light of this nice

FIGURE 7

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policy, the EU just decided to use more drones against refugees from Africa, trying to cross the Mediterranean.

What this European security and defense policy calls for, is expedition corps for interventions, weapons deployable from afar, reconnaissance means for air and sea control, strategic troop transport for longer distances over sea and by air; airborne landing capabilities, and so forth and so on. All of this was already in the Lisbon Treaty, which is why we opposed it, among other things, at the time. This policy makes very clear, if you need one more proof, that Europe is just the regional expression of this global empire.

In this present constellation, Europe is making itself the target in a possible war. The newly appointed Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Dmitri Rogozin, recently warned that the problem is that NATO continues to live by the principle set by NATO Secretary General Lord Ismay [1952-57], which is, "Keep the Russians out, keep the Americans in, and keep the Germans down." Now that, people in Germany had better think about. And then he warned that the present European missile defense system, that, for example, people in Romania may think helps them, but in reality, with this policy the Europeans have become the hostages and targets of a retaliatory attack, in case of such a war.

Therefore, the situation we are facing is similar to that with the middle-range missiles at the beginning of the '80s, when the Pershing 2 and the SS-20s were deployed; where the reality of the German security situation was that Germany, in case of war, would get one strike from one side, and then a second strike from the other, and have absolutely no chance for survival. And that is what we are looking at, today, again.

Learn the Lessons of '89

When you look at this insane situation, well, there is a remedy! We have to use the breakup of the euro as a chance. When the collapse of the communist system occurred in '89, it was a *tremendous* chance to go for a new peace order for the world. Now, we experience the second collapse of a system, and this time, we must learn the lessons of '89 and not fall into the trap of just perpetuating a system which is already completely bankrupt.

What we have to do, is, we have to have Greece go back to the drachma; the other European nations should adopt the D-mark, franc, and so forth. We must have sovereignty over our currencies and our economies. We must cancel all European Union treaties, from Maastricht to Lisbon, and go back to the sovereign control of our nations as republics.

This does not mean that we are "anti-Europe"—not at all! We are more for Europe than the present EU bureaucrats, who obviously don't care about the people of Europe in the slightest—neither the Greeks, nor the Germans, nor the Italians. And we have to go to a policy of an "alliance of the fatherlands," in the tradition of de Gaulle, and, we should just do what Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the '30s to lead America out of the Depression: Implement immediately Glass-Steagall, in the tradition of Roosevelt, without any changes; cancel the fictitious debt which is approximately—nobody knows exactly because of the shadow banking aspect—but it's probably in the vicinity of *1.5 quadrillion* dollars or euros, which is the extent of the entire derivatives market.

We have to go to an alliance of the fatherlands in the tradition of de Gaulle; and we should just do what Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the '30s to lead America out of the Depression: Implement immediately Glass-Steagall, in the tradition of Roosevelt, without any changes.

And then, go for a credit system as it was established by the first Secretary of the Treasury in the United States, Alexander Hamilton: Issue credit for future production in accordance with scientific principles given by the physical economy. Investments financed with such credit, must be to increase the energy-flux density, and go for the next level in scientific and technology breakthroughs.

And which steps these have to be, that is absolutely scientifically knowable. I'll speak to that shortly. Then we have to establish fixed exchange rates, go for a New Bretton Woods system, a credit system among many nations over the next 50 to 100 years.

What does it require to do this? As a first step, we have to recognize that Europe, in the context of the present EU, is an oligarchical empire, and we have to reject the idea of oligarchism. We have to recognize

that the oligarchical model, which was described very well by Friedrich Schiller in his writing about the "Laws of Lycurgus and Solon," where Sparta was run by a small, oligarchical elite, and they deliberately kept the masses of people stupid, where they had the right to "cull the herd," so to speak, whenever they became too many, and allowing the youth of Sparta, for example, to shoot the helots—that that system has to go forever.

People may not recognize it, but the reality is that the world has been living under an oligarchical imperial structure for the last 4,000 years. You first had, at some point, the Persian Empire. When Greece had won over that Persian Empire, they could have turned the Attic sea alliance, into an alliance of equal partners, but they decided to become an empire instead. This was described by Thucydides in his *Peloponnesian War*.

This was followed by the Roman Empire; then the Byzantine Empire; then the Crusades, which were wars on behalf of the Venetian banking system; and then the British Empire, which exists since 1763 in various forms, until today, in the form of globalization and the Anglo-American special relationship.

Now, I know people will get upset and say, "Europe, the EU, and empire?!" Well, why do people then, say, "You can't do anything anyway"? What does that say about the system we are living under, if that is what you think? Obviously, it is an oligarchical dictatorship, which does not give the individual the possibility of intervention. Why do you think it is that the European governments, and the G20 governments, for four and half years, since the outbreak of the present global financial crisis in July 2007, have done almost nothing to rein in a totally deregulated financial system? Why have people, heads of government, become nothing but the mouthpieces of this financial oligarchical order?

The oligarchy, which will turn out to have been nothing but a meander in evolution, an aberration, a dysplasia.

The Oligarchical Model…

Now, the oligarchical model assumes a universe which does not exist. It is based on the idea that the Second Law of Thermodynamics is valid. It's based on the ideas of the Club of Rome, with its infamous idea of "Limits to Growth," that the world is a closed system, and that we have somehow reached an equilibrium with finite resources, and that therefore, population growth within closed system, is the biggest threat to the privileges of the ruling elite.

That was clearly expressed by Henry Kissinger in his infamous NSSM-200 document, already in 1974. It happens to be also the ideology of the Nazis, with their idea of *Lebensraum*, because, after all, the planet is finite. It is the very core of the idea of British geopolitics, which led Halford Mackinder and Lord Alfred Milner at the turn of the 20th Century, to develop this crazy idea that whoever controls the Eurasian heartland controls the globe. It was what led to World War I, and it is now threatening to lead to World War III.

The oligarchical model is associated with monetarism, with the idea of maximization of profit for the power elite, the impoverishment of masses of population, and it is behind keeping that privilege through the bailout packages since 2007. It is also related to the idea of an intrinsic value for money.

Money? Well, money: The present volume of money out there—all you have to do is push the "delete" button on your computer, and it all goes. Or, if the Fed and the ECB continue to print money as they're doing right now, it will also evaporate, and you soon can have wallpaper with 1 trillion notes of dollars and euros, as it was in 1923 in Germany.

The oligarchical model is also associated with Greenie-ism and environmentalism, people who put beetles above human beings. It's associated with Mother Nature, the idea of Gaia, the cyclical, ever-return of the same. It's the idea of a universe in the tradition of Nietzsche—that only out of the destruction, the good, the new, can come; ideas of Joseph Schumpeter, which are right now determining the entire economic policy of the EU. And the idea of *conservation*, of limited resources, of saving, *sparen*, keep the world at an equilibrium—it's absurd, but it's being peddled by the media, by the governments, by the anthropogenic climate-change crowd, by the hedge funds which make big profits through that, and it is completely wacky. It is not the universe in which we live.

…vs. the Creative Universe

The universe is creative. The universe develops in an anti-entropic way. And my husband, Lyndon LaRouche and his Basement crew, have made recent

breakthroughs by investigating more closely the recent 500 million years of the assumed 13.7 billion years of existence of the universe: that basically, in this period, you had five extinctions, and the last two major ones, the so-called PT and KT extinctions, were really revealing. These studies made clear that there were really not great kills—killing up to 96% of all living species at that time—but that only those organisms survived that were ready to increase the energy-flux density, which is the principle of the universe at large.

And these last 500 million years prove beyond any doubt, that the Second Law of Thermodynamics is not valid in the universe at large!

Is our planet part of this universe, or is our planet somehow outside of the universe? Well, obviously not. Since the existence of mankind, which is several million years ago, which on a large scale, is 1 minute to midnight—since that period, human creativity has become the driving force in the development of this development. The law of the universe very clearly is *anti*-entropy, and the increase in energy-flux densities has been proven over hundreds of millions of years to be the genetic law of evolution.

The development from the inorganic, to the biological, to human creativity, a distinction which was first recognized by the great thinker Nicholas of Cusa, already in the 15th Century, and which continued to be developed by V.I. Vernadsky and his notion of the noösphere, has the correct idea, that we are dealing with an increase of the energy of the system.

Lyndon LaRouche developed this notion of the relative potential population-density, as a reflection of this law of the universe, almost 50 years ago. It is also true for the development of the species on the planet, that on each level of development, the resources are relatively limited, and either the species becomes intelligent enough to reach the next higher level of energy-flux density, or it goes under. This is why the dinosaurs went under, and why the super-large mammals like the mammoth also didn't make it.

Now, the oligarchs today, are such a species. One can debate if they're dinosaurs or mammoths. In any case their mental metabolism is such, that the amount of consumption in the form of primitive accumulation, in relation to the intelligence of their minds, is not effective. Like the mammoths, they will end as a dead-end, as a blind alley of evolution, and they will disappear. The only danger is that they will take the human race with them.

The question, therefore, is, are there enough intelligent people on this planet, who will act on the basis of this recognition, that civilization is about to crash into the wall, and are willing to change it? Can we willfully go to the next level of development, of evolution if you will, rather than staying in the realm of so-called equilibrium, limited resources, geopolitical wars, thermonuclear destruction, and the extinction of civilization?

Are we ready to make the next jump in evolution, which means the next level of energy-flux density, thermonuclear fusion, go for a crash program to have matter-antimatter reactions; manned space travel to the Moon and Mars as a mission?

Are we able to deal together with the galactic threats, which are clearly influencing our planet through changes in the weather patterns, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and so forth? The astronauts and cosmonauts who came back recently from the ISS space station, in their press conference, basically said that the dinosaurs made a mistake, not putting their DNA on other planets, and therefore they could not survive these similar challenges.

Now, the key is to recognize that the Second Law of Thermodynamics is a fraud. The universe is not running down and tending towards an increasing disorder, but to the contrary, there is a tendency of increasing anti-entropy. Evolution does not occur from below, as Darwin had tried to argue: It's not the survival of the fittest, it is from above. It's what both Nicholas of Cusa and Vernadsky recognized: that it is the higher species which grips from above the lower one, and pulls it upward.

Since the existence of the human species, the human mind is the highest element in the universe, at least for now, until we may discover other life in this universe, which could exist, but we don't know. The human species is the one, therefore, up to now, which willfully can cause a jump in its evolution. It's what Friedrich Schiller wrote as a little epigram, "What the plant is, you, human being, be willfully." And he could say that, before anyone really knew about photosynthesis.

The Extraterrestrial Imperative

An old friend of ours, Krafft Ehricke, who, in the Apollo program, was responsible for the development

of the Centaur rocket and the Atlas rocket, made a beautiful comment, saying, "The world is finite only to those who are slaves of the pessimistic zero-growth ideology. It's infinite for those who adopt the extraterrestrial imperative."

He also developed the beautiful idea that space colonization is the next necessary step of evolution, that life in this evolution developed through photosynthesis, from the oceans to the land; then developed higher energy-flux-density levels by infrastructure, by new inventions, redefining what the source of energy was; and this based on the necessity to always outpace the effect of attrition, if one stays on the same level in production and consumption, or the effect of the evolutionary process, that has led, again and again, to the extinction of species in the past, of species that did not contribute to the rising requirements for energy throughput in the biosphere as a whole.

Krafft Ehricke already, many decades ago, defined the industrialization of the Moon and the colonization of Mars as the goal. And I can fully endorse that, because that subsumes virtually all necessary breakthroughs in the realm of science and culture which we need to master if we are to have a continued existence of civilization. It requires the nuclear fusion propulsion for travel to Mars, because you don't want to spend nine months, with unbelievable effects on the bodies of the astronauts, whereas with thermonuclear fusion propulsion, you could reduce that to a couple of days, or weeks at most.

So therefore, going to Mars must be the commitment we make now, even if it takes maybe three or even four generations, before we actually can start building new cities on Mars; it determines the directionality where we want to go. It determines the industrial investments we must have, which higher energy-flux-density technologies must be applied, and this obviously is *only* possible through a credit system, and not through remaining in a monetary system.

This increase of energy-flux density must become the yardstick to determine whether an investment in industry is good or bad. The late Russian Academician Pobisk Kuznetsov, when he encountered the theory of Mr. LaRouche, of relative potential population density, was very happy, and he said, "Well, you know, given the fact that great inventions often carry the name of their author, like Watt, Ampère," he said that "Mr. LaRouche will be recognized for his invention of the relative potential population density, as the La." So that will be known in the future as the La.

Now, the extraterrestrial imperative I was talking about, must be, and will be, the next step of evolution. We are faced with possible extinction, either through thermonuclear war, or a dark age, because of the disintegration of the financial system. The question is, can we change and choose the alternative? We can go this way, by turning Europe again into an alliance of sovereign nations, of sovereign republics. Why do we not, together with Russia, China, India, the United States, and other nations, go for the common aims of mankind? Well, we have them: the building of the World Land-Bridge, the development of the Arctic as the new frontier of science, building NAWAPA, going for the Bering Strait tunnel, building Transaqua, and other infrastructure projects for Africa; going for space colonization (**Figure 8**).

Well, why don't we just do that? Does it make more sense than to destroy ourselves through nuclear war?

Krafft Ehricke, who was a good friend of ours, also made another point, which I want to emphasize: He said that science and technological progress always must be combined with Classical culture, with the aesthetical education of man, because if a science or a technology is good or bad, that is not defined by the technology, but it is defined by man, if he is for evil or if he is for the good. An aesthetically educated man, in the tradition of the great German Classical period, of Schiller, of Beethoven, of Dante, and many other towering figures, would never use technologies for a bad aim, so the problem is not science and technology; it is the lack of the cultural development of human beings.

I'm convinced that while we look at the possible extinction of civilization, that if we get our act together now, we could also be the authors of a new era of mankind, that we could build a true Renaissance, where we leave oligarchism, as a childhood disease, behind us, never to come back. Why don't we go for that?

The Russian Response to the Global Crisis

Stefan Tolksdorf: Helga, this question is from a teacher and students at the MGIMO, the Russian Foreign Ministry university. They have held several seminars which studied video addresses by Lyndon LaRouche and the LaRouchePAC team, on the topic of a credit system.

The question is: "We watched your message from

FIGURE 8
The Arctic, at the Center of the World Land-Bridge

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last September, called 'There Is Life after the Euro,' and we read the seven policy points in your call for a worldwide *Trennbankensystem* [two-tier banking system], a worldwide separation of the banks, which was published in the press in Russia.

"More and more people in Russia believe that the next wave of the crisis is coming soon, and will hit hard. Our Prime Minister, Vladimir Putin, has attacked the global bubble economy. Talking about the world economic crisis, he said, the best-case scenario is a rejection of bubble economies, and a return to an economy of real value, an economy that creates jobs instead of derivatives."

So, they ask, "What should the Russian government do now, to make this happen on a really big scale? In 2011, capital flight out of Russia doubled, so should we use exchange controls? How can we get credit for investments in the real sector? And who in Europe would work with us on this?"

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, I think, from what I have seen coming from recent speeches from Prime Minister Putin, President Medvedev, people like Rogozin, and others, is that there is a definite commitment to undo the effects of the oligarchy, or oligarchs from the '90s, under the Yeltsin period, and reinstate Russia as a leading industrial and scientific power.

Mr. Rogozin was recently at the previously secret science city, affirming that it will be reactivated; there are travels by Prime Minister Putin to the Far East, where he reaffirmed the building of the Bering Strait tunnel, the building of the Arctic development, and similar things. All of this is excellent.

I only see one weak spot, and that is, that I don't think that economists and politicians in Russia have completely broken with the idea of monetarism, because there were statements coming from some of these people, saying, "Yes, but we still need foreign investors to invest in these projects." Now, this will never happen, because this present financial system is about to go! Either disintegration or hyperinflation.

And it reflects, also, a wrong idea, because, I don't know if it has to do with the fact that Karl Marx rejected Friedrich List at the time, and Henry Carey, and that there was not a real rethinking, because recently some Russian economists talked about restudying Adam Smith and Ricardo and whatnot. I think we have to have a complete recognition that any industrial development which took place in Europe, Russia, the United States, came from the tradition of *physical economy*, and the proponents of that.

They are Gottfried Leibniz, who invented this notion, the first time, when he developed the steam engine; before, it was the development of the Colbert

school in France; Friedrich List belongs to that school. And naturally, Henry Carey, who was the advisor of Lincoln, who was also influential in causing Bismarck to turn from a pro-feudal, free-market proponent, into a believer of physical economy, through the ideas of Henry Carey.

Henry Carey was also, together with Friedrich List, the reason why the Meiji Restoration in Japan, turned Japan from a completely isolated feudal country in a few decades, into one of the leading industrial nations in the world. This was the same idea of Count Witte, who was a fan of Friedrich List; he wrote beautiful things about this in his own books.

So my suggestion would be, that there must be a real studying of what is physical economy, what is a credit system, and really understand that the power of the state to issue credit for future production, which leads to an increase in the productivity of the economy by injecting scientific and technological progress, *is* the source of wealth! In other words, it is the unique capability of human labor inspired by creative discoveries, to create more than there was before.

And that is why, for example, both Dr. Wilhelm Lautenbach, in 1931, or the famous WTB Plan, Woytinski-Tarnow-Bade Plan in the German trade union movement—they came up with the same idea as what Franklin D. Roosevelt's idea was—the combination of Glass-Steagall and the New Deal: Get rid of usurious, fictitious debt coming from gambling; make investment based on investment in the future, through improvement of technological progress. And then, the credit which you issue, is not inflationary, because it's a credit in respect to future production. And indeed, the study of all recovery programs proves, that a credit given in such a way, produces more tax revenues, than the amount of the credit initially given. Because it has a secondary effect, it puts into motion, not only the direct investment, but everything surrounding it, so it's like a science-driver for the entire economy.

That would be my firmest advice for Russian economists: Study this, and then maybe Russia could become one of the leading initiators of this transformation from a monetarist system to a credit system, which is the absolute, indispensable prerequisite for getting out of this crisis.

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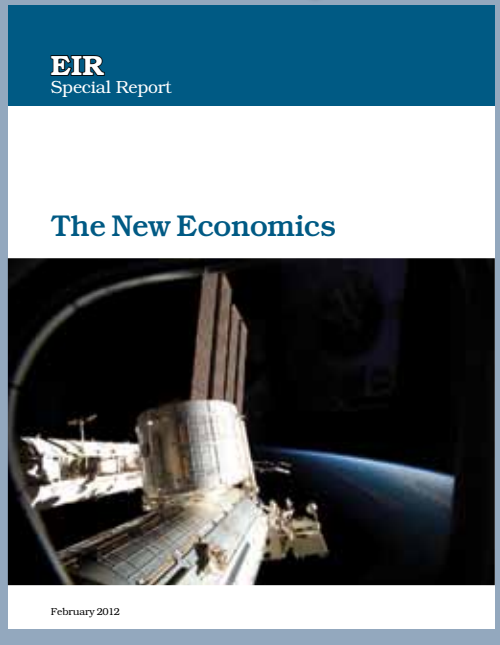

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Greek Elder Statesmen Issue Appeal To Save Their Nation

Feb. 18—On Feb. 15, a young woman, the mother of a disabled child, stood on the ledge of a building in Athens, intending to jump to her death. Two weeks before, the perfidious "Troika"—the European Commission, European Central Bank, and the IMF—demanded that 150,000 public sector workers be fired, in addition to those thousands who have already lost their jobs. That same week, two of those fired workers killed themselves. Since 2009, when Greece's neck came under the boot of the financial empire, suicides have risen by 22%.

But tens of thousands more Greeks have taken to the streets in protests against the crushing austerity measures, in the face of intolerable conditions imposed by the bankers.

The new Memorandum of Understanding imposed on Greece by the European Financial Stability Facility on Feb. 8, and passed by the Greek Parliament, if carried out, ensures that the nation will, in short order, be fully devoured by the insatiable hunger of the collapsing imperial financial order headquartered in London. Under its terms, an additional EU3.3 billion in cuts, over and above those made before, will be imposed. The new Memorandum specifies which civil service jobs are to be eliminated, and how the privatization of almost all public assets should be carried out; it calls for cuts in private sector wages, including the minimum wage, the elimination of collective bargaining rights of unions, and much more. The dictatorship of the financial bloodsuckers, if allowed to continue, will spell the end of the Greek nation.

Is it any wonder then, that the tyranny of the Troika is being compared to the Nazi occupation of Greece in World War II?

Now, two highly respected elder statesmen and war heroes, the world-famous composer, 87-year old Mikis Theodorakis, and the writer-politician Manolis Glezos, who turns 90 in September, have come forward to rally their compatriots, once again, as they did in the Resistance against the Nazis, to defend the nation, against the "Empire of Money." When, at a mass demonstration Feb. 13 outside the parliament in Athens, the two Resistance fighters were tear-gassed by police, Theodorakis challenged, "I am going inside to look into the eyes of those who are preparing to sign the death of Greece."

This new Empire, writes Glezos, "now requires a fast, violent, brutal transformation of a Eurozone country, Greece, into a country of the third world, with a so-called program of 'rescue,' in fact, the 'rescue' of banks who lent to the country."

While German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble issued derogatory statements, referring to Greece as a "bottomless pit," in fact, of the EU130 billion "bailout" which is the "reward" for Greece's submission to the Troika, EU93.7 billion, or roughly 70%, goes directly to the bondholder banks.

Under the Nazi occupation, 1941-44, Theodorakis points out, 1 million Greeks perished, murdered or starved to death. "When the SS and hunger killed one million citizens, and the Wehrmacht was systematically

destroying the country, and stealing all its agricultural production and the gold from the banks, Greeks saved the people from hunger by creating the National Solidarity Movement and a partisan army of 100,000, which tied down 20 German divisions in our country.

"…Greece chose the path of self-sacrifice for the sake of freedom and simultaneously of survival."

"Now," he added: "we are doing exactly the same thing, with the certainty that the Greek people will be the ultimate victors."

Here, then, are substantial excerpts from the statements by Theodorakis and Glezos.

Mikos Theodorakis: The Truth about Greece

The following is excerpted from "An Open Letter to International Public Opinion," signed by composer Mikis Theordorakis, from Athens, on Feb. 12, 2012.

There is an international conspiracy whose target is the complete destruction of my country. They began in 1975 aiming at modern Greek civilization, continued with the distortion of our modern history and our national identity, and they are now trying to eliminate us biologically as well, through unemployment, hunger, and impoverishment. If the Greek people don't rise as one in order to prevent them, the danger of Greece becoming extinct is evident. I place it within the next ten years. There will be nothing left of us but the memory of our civilization and our battles for freedom.

…In 2008 came the big financial crisis in Europe. It was therefore only logical that the Greek economy should be affected. However, our living standards, high enough for Greece to be ranked among the 30 richest countries in the world, remained unaffected. There was an increase, though, in public debt. But public debt doesn't necessarily lead to financial crisis. There are big countries, like the U.S. and Germany, with debts amounting to trillions of euros. The key is in economic growth and production. In that case, one can borrow from large banks with an interest rate of up to 5%, until the crisis ends.

That was exactly our position in 2009, when the government shift took place in November, and G. Papandreou took over as prime minister [October 2009-November 2011]….

Mr. Papandreou could have dealt with the financial crisis (which as I have said reflected the European one) by borrowing from foreign banks under the usual interest rate of under 5%. If he had done that, there wouldn't have been the slightest problem for our country. In fact, the opposite would have occurred; because we were on an economic growth path, our standard of living would certainly have risen.

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"There is an international conspiracy whose target is the complete destruction of my country," wrote anti-Nazi Resistance hero Mikis Theordorakis, in his appeal. But, he added, "Greeks will not only survive, they will be reborn…."

However, Mr. Papandreou had already begun his conspiracy against the Greek people since the summer of 2009, when he secretly met with [IMF managing director Dominique] Strauss-Kahn, with the objective of driving Greece under the domination of the IMF….

In May 2010, a single

Minister signed the notorious Memorandum, our complete subservience to our lenders. Greek law stipulates, in such situations, that the adoption of such an important agreement must be decided by three fifths of the Parliament. Therefore, in essence, the Memorandum and the Troika that essentially govern us today, operate illegally not only under Greek, but also under European law.

By now, if the steps leading us to our death are twenty, we are already more than half way there. Imagine that with this Memorandum we concede to foreigners our National Independence and our National Property. That is, our harbours, airports, road networks, electricity, water supply, subterranean and underwater wealth, etc., etc. Add to that our historical monuments, like the Acropolis, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, and such sites, since we have waived all our legal defenses.

Production has come to a standstill, the unemployment rate has reached 18%, 80,000 shops have closed down, along with thousands of small businesses and hundreds of industries. In total, 432,000 enterprises have shut down. Tens of thousands of young scientists are abandoning the country, which is every day sinking into medieval darkness. Thousands of formerly wealthy citizens are scavenging on rubbish heaps and sleeping on the pavement.

In the meantime, we are supposed to be surviving thanks to the magnanimity of our lenders, the Europe of the Banks and the IMF. In reality, every package deal which charges Greece with tens of billions of euros is repaid in full, while we are burdened with new unbearable interest rates. And since it is necessary to maintain the State, the hospitals and the schools, the Troika is burdening the middle and lower economic strata of society with excessive taxes, leading directly to starvation. A famine took place at the beginning of the German occupation in 1941, with 300,000 people dead in a period of 6 months. Since then, the ghost of hunger is now returning to our defamed and unfortunate country.

If one considers that the German occupation cost us one million people dead and the total destruction of our country, how is it possible for us Greeks to accept Ms. [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel's threats and the Germans' intention to impose on us a new Gauleiter... This time wearing a tie...?

And to prove just how rich a country is Greece and how hard working and conscious the Greek people are (conscious of their debt to Freedom and love of their country), I cite as an example the time of the German occupation from 1941 until October of 1944.

When the SS and hunger killed one million citizens, and the Wehrmacht was systematically destroying the country, and stealing all its agricultural production and the gold from the banks, Greeks saved the people from hunger by creating the National Solidarity Movement and a partisan army of 100,000, which tied down 20 German divisions in our country.

At the same time not only did Greeks manage to survive thanks to their hard work, but there was also a large growth in modern Greek art—especially in literature and music—under the terrible conditions of the occupation. Greece chose the path of self-sacrifice for the sake of freedom and simultaneously of survival.

That is when we were unnecessarily punished, and we responded with Solidarity and Resistance and we survived. Now we are doing exactly the same thing, with the certainty that the Greek people will be the ultimate victors. This is the message I am sending to Ms. Merkel and Mr. [German Finance Minister Wolfgang] Schäuble, declaring that I remain always a friend to the German people and a fan of their great contribution to Science, Philosophy, Art, and especially Music!...

Today, Sunday, February 12, 2012, I am about to take part in the demonstrations, along with Manolis Glezos, the hero who, in the past, took the swastika down from the Acropolis, signaling the beginning of resistance against Hitler, not only in Greece but throughout Europe. Today, our streets and our squares will be flooded with hundreds of thousands of citizens who will demonstrate their rage against the government and against the Troika....

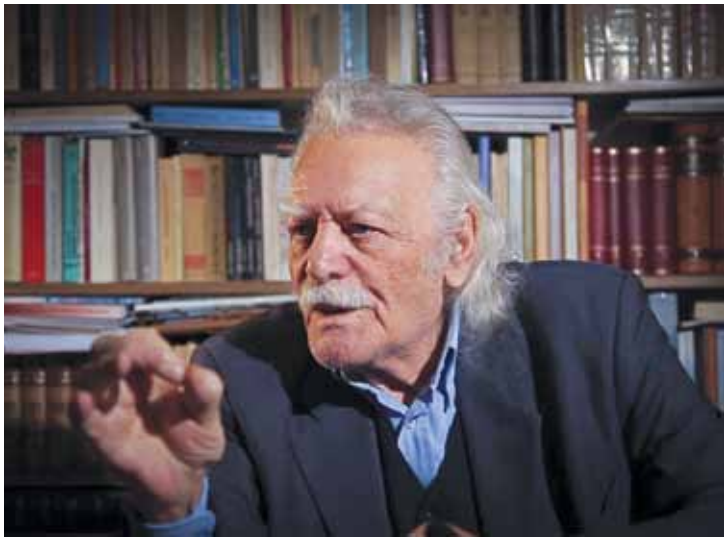
We have survived very difficult situations throughout the centuries, and it is certain that if they lead us to the brink of death by force, Greeks will not only survive, but they will be reborn....

I am totally dedicated, body and soul, to this cause (the unification of the people in one Front), and I believe that I will be proved right in the end. I have fought, gun in hand, against Hitler's occupation. I have experienced the Gestapo's dungeons. I have been sentenced to death by Germans and have miraculously survived. In 1967 I founded PAF (The Patriotic Anti-dictatorial Front), the first resistance organization against the military junta. I fought underground, was caught and imprisoned in the junta's slaughterhouse. Once again I survived.

I am today 87 years old, and it is very possible that I will not live to see the salvation of my beloved country. But I will die with a clear conscience, because I will continue doing my duty towards the ideals of Freedom and Justice until the end.

An Appeal to the Peoples of Europe

Mikis Theodorakis and Manolis Glezos issued this joint call from Athens, on Oct. 22, 2011. It has been excerpted for publication here, with minimal editing.



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"Europe can survive only if we promote a united response against the markets, a challenge bigger than theirs, a new European 'New Deal,'" proposed Manolis Glezos, in his joint statement with Theodorakis.

65 years after the defeat of Nazism and Fascism, the European people are today confronting a dramatic threat, this time not military, but a financial, social, and political one.

A new "Empire of Money" has been systematically attacking one European country after another in the last 18 months, without facing any substantial resistance.

European governments not only fail to organize a collective defense of European people against the markets, but, instead, try to "calm" the markets by imposing policies that remind us of the way governments tried to confront Nazism in the '30s.

They organize "debt wars" between the peoples of Europe, just like when they were driven from the *belle époque* to World War I. The offensive of the markets initiated a war against Greece, an EU member-state, whose people played a decisive role in the resistance against barbarity and the liberation of Europe during World War II. In the beginning, this war was a communicatons war, which reminded us of the campaigns against hostile, outcast countries, like Iraq or Yugoslavia. This campaign presented Greece as a country of lazy and corrupted citizens, while attempting to blame the "PIIGS"[1] of Europe and not the international banks for the debt crisis.

Soon, this offensive evolved into a financial one, which caused the submission of Greece under a status of limited sovereignty and the intervention of the IMF into the internal affairs of the Eurozone.

When they got what they wanted from Greece, the markets targeted the other, smaller or larger countries of the European periphery. The aim is one and the same in all cases: the full guarantee of the interests of the banks against the states, the demolition of the European welfare state, which has been a cornerstone of European democracy and culture, the demolition of European states, and the submission of the remaining state structures to the new "International of Money."

The EU, which was presented to its peoples as a means for collective progress and democracy, is tending to become the means for terminating prosperity and democracy. It was introduced as a means of resistance to globalization, but the markets wish it to be an instrument of this globalization. . . .

The "Empire of Money" now requires a fast, violent, brutal transformation of a Eurozone country, Greece, into a country of the third world, with a so-called program of "rescue," in fact, the "rescue" of banks who lent to the country. In Greece, the alliance of banks and the political leaderships imposed—through the EU, the ECB, and the IMF—a program that equals to "economic and social murder" of the country and its democracy, and organizes the looting of the country before the bankruptcy to which it leads, wishing to make it the scapegoat of the global financial crisis and use it as a "paradigm" to terrorize all European peoples.

The policy that is currently conducted in Greece and attempts to spread, is the same applied in Pinochet's Chile, Yeltsin's Russia, or Argentina, and will have the same results, if not discontinued immedi-

1. A slur by the Euro-tyrants against Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain (PIIGS)—ed.

ately. As a result of a program that is supposedly intended to help the country, Greece is now on the verge of economic and social disaster; it is used as a guinea pig to study people's reactions to social Darwinism and terrify the entire European Union, with what can happen to one of its members.

The markets may also be pushing and using the leadership of Germany in actions of destruction of the European Union. But it constitutes an act of extreme political and historical blindness for the dominant forces of the EU and first of all, for Germany, to think that there can be any project of European integration or even simple cooperation, on the ruins of one or more members of the Eurozone.

The planned demolition of major, globally significant political and social achievements of the European peoples, cannot establish any kind of European Union. It will lead to chaos and disintegration and it will promote the emergence of fascist solutions in our continent. . . .

In ancient times, the abolition, by Solon, of the debts which forced the poor to be slaves of the rich, the so-called *Seisachtheia* reform, laid the foundations for the birth, in ancient Greece, of the ideas of democracy, citizenship, politics, and Europe, the foundations of European and world culture. . . .

A handful of international banks, rating agencies, investment funds, a global concentration of financial capital without historical precedent, claims power in Europe and the world and prepares to abolish the states and our democracy, using the weapon of debt to enslave the peoples of Europe, putting in place of the incomplete democracy we have, the dictatorship of Money and Banks; the power of a totalitarian empire of globalization, the political center of which is outside continental Europe, despite the presence of powerful European banks at the heart of the empire.

They started from Greece, using it as a guinea pig, to move then to the other countries of the European periphery, and gradually to the center. The hope of some European countries to eventually escape, just proves that today's European leaders face the threat of a new "financial fascism," not better than the way they faced the threat of Hitler during the inter-war period. . . .

There is an urgent need for an immediate, cross-border coordination of action by intellectuals, people of the arts and literature, spontaneous movements, social forces and personalities who comprehend the importance of the stakes; we need to create a powerful front of resistance against the advancing "totalitarian empire of globalization," before it is too late.

Europe can survive only if we promote a united response against the markets, a challenge bigger than theirs, a new European "New Deal."

• We must immediately stop the attack against Greece and other countries of the EU periphery; we must stop the irresponsible and criminal policy of austerity and privatization, which leads directly to a crisis deeper than the one of 1929.

• Public debts must be radically restructured across the Eurozone, particularly at the expense of the private banking giants. Banks must be re-controlled and the financing of the European economy must be under national and European social control. It is not possible to leave the financial keys of Europe in the hands of banks like Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, UBS, Deutsche Bank, etc. We must ban the uncontrolled financial derivatives, which are the spearhead of destructive financial capitalism, and create real economic development, instead of speculative profits.

• The present architecture, based on the Maastricht Treaty and the WTO rules, has established a debt production machine in Europe. We need a radical change of all Treaties, the submission of the ECB to political control by the European peoples, a "golden rule" for minimum social, fiscal, environmental standards in Europe. We urgently need a change of paradigm; a return to the stimulation of growth through the stimulation of demand, via new European investment programs, a new regulation, taxation and control of international capital and commodities flows; a new form of smart and reasonable protectionism in an independent Europe, which will be the protagonist in the fight for a multipolar, democratic, ecological, social planet.

We appeal to the forces and individuals who share these ideas, to converge into a broad, European front of action as soon as possible; to produce a European transitional program, to coordinate our international action, so as to mobilize the forces of the popular movement, to reverse the current balance of power and overthrow the current historically irresponsible leaderships of our countries, in order to save our people and our societies before it is too late for Europe.

Glass-Steagall Fight Spreads in Italy

by Andrew Spannaus

In the week since the public announcement of Sen. Oskar Peterlini's Bill No. 3112 to establish a Glass-Steagall-style separation of commercial banks and investment banks in Italy (see *EIR* Feb. 17, 2012), several significant steps forward have been taken in the campaign to ensure adoption of this fundamental measure for the survival of the economy in the short term. Now, added to the original 11 co-sponsors, 5 additional Senators have lent their official support to the Peterlini bill, from several different parties, meaning that of the eight caucuses in the Italian Senate, representatives of all but one have so far signed on to the bill.

A number of the new names come from the only major party that had not yet been represented, the People of Freedom (Pdl), led by former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Significantly, Sen. Mario Baldassarri, the chairman of the Finance Committee, is now supporting the measure. In June 2009, Baldassarri had invited Lyndon LaRouche to address an informal session of that Committee, on the subject of his proposal for a New Bretton Woods financial system.

On Feb. 16 and 17, two events took place that focused public attention on the Glass-Steagall bill, both involving the Lega Nord (Northern League) political party. The Lega Nord is the only major party with representation in Parliament that opposes the current technocratic government of Prime Minister Mario Monti, which is imposing waves of austerity and free-market reforms that have already forced a considerable contraction of the country's economy in the past three months.

The Lega broke onto the national political scene in the early 1990s as a separatist party with populist anti-immigrant rhetoric, which played well in various parts of the country's more prosperous North, as the economic crisis worsened. Over the years, the party's anti-globalization orientation, despite often being driven by base rhetoric, has made the Lega the only major party which is anti-free-market and not afraid to say it. This position has led an increasing segment of the party to support the proposals of the LaRouche movement, currently headlined by the push for Glass-Steagall.

A two-hour radio show on Radio Padania Libera featured Liliana Gorini and Andrew Spannaus of Movisol (the LaRouche movement in Italy), who were on air for the entire time, and shorter interviews with Senators

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Movisol

The campaign for Italy's Glass-Steagall bill is gathering momentum, as its sponsor, Sen. Oskar Peterlini (left), joined by Movisol organizers, pushes for its passage. In the photo below, Movisol leaders Andrew Spannaus (left, in white jacket), and Liliana Gorini (far right) organize in Milan.

Peterlini and Fabio Rizzi and MEP Mario Borghezio of the Lega. The entire program was dedicated to the issue of Glass-Steagall and the recent introduction of the bill in the Senate. Peterlini represents the South Tyrol People's Party (Svp), which is allied with the Democratic Party (Pd) at the national level, and thus, normally, a political opponent of the Lega.

Peterlini thanked the LaRouche movement for having campaigned for years for a financial reform and for co-authoring the draft Glass-Steagall bill. Host Roberto Ortelli said that former Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti's new book *Emergency Exit* has given a big boost to the Movisol campaign. Tremonti's book, Ortelli said, includes the full text of the original 1933 Glass-Steagall Act, "so that people have another source, in addition to the Movisol website, to look for it." Then, Ortelli asked Peterlini, whom he called a hero, to report on the features of the bill. Peterlini explained why we need banking separation, from the standpoint of the need for a functional banking system that collects savings and issues productive credit to the economy. Asked what chances the bill has to be approved, he said that while there are many bills introduced in the Senate, only those bills go forward, which reflect issues at the center of the public debate. He thus solicited Radio Padania to keep public attention high, and accepted Ortelli's invitation to appear on the show every week to give an update on the bill's progress.

Lyndon LaRouche On Glass-Steagall and NAWAPA:

The North American Water and Power Alliance

"The greatest project that mankind has ever undertaken on this planet, as an economic project, now stands before us, as the opportunity which can be set into motion by the United States now launching the NAWAPA project, with the preliminary step of reorganizing the banking system through Glass-Steagall, and then moving on from there."

"Put Glass-Steagall through now, and I know how to deliver a victory to you."

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Conference in Besozzo

On Feb. 17, Senator Rizzi hosted a conference in the town of Besozzo, in the province of Varese, not far from Milan, where he has been the mayor for 15 years. This event also featured two Movisol reps, Spannaus and Massimo Lodi Rizzini, who gave the first two speeches before a crowd of over 150 citizens and activists from the local area, as well as others who had heard the event announced on Radio Padania the previous day. Rizzini began by exposing the lies used to perpetuate the monetarist system which has destroyed the physical economy and is currently being used in a desperate attempt to maintain the enormous speculative bubble by the world's leading central banks. Spannaus then presented the solutions, centered on Glass-Steagall and large-scale infrastructure projects around the world.

Rizzi and Sen. Massimo Garavaglia, also from the Lega, and the vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, thanked the Movisol speakers and stated their support for the Peterlini proposal. However, they both stayed true to the "practical" character of most politicians, saying that although Glass-Steagall is certainly the answer, it's unlikely that it will ever actually be implemented, so it's important to concentrate on lesser measures as well. Notably, both the Senators and the activists in the audience repeatedly defending national sovereignty—not normally supported by the Lega, which pushes an anti-central government message—in the face of the assault on the populations of nations such as Italy and Greece by global financial interests and their lackeys in the European Union.

The response from the audience was enthusiastic, with questions for Rizzini in particular, regarding the nature of the financial system and how to deal with the unpayable debt that is hanging over the economy. Numerous audience members asked what they could do to change things, leading to a discussion of the need to think big, and to mobilize to force the institutions to take up the issue of real global financial reform immediately.

Satellite Funding Cuts

Obama, Congress To Shut Landsat's Eyes

by Marsha Freeman

Feb. 18—For the past 40 years, the Landsat series of Earth remote-sensing satellites, a direct spinoff of President John F. Kennedy's "science driver" mission to the Moon, has provided farmers, hydrologists, urban planners, natural resource experts, disaster responders, law enforcement agencies, and dozens of other kinds of experts, with vital data that could only be obtained from space. Using the images created from the data collected by sensors aboard Landsat satellites, the conditions for potential outbreaks of disease in Africa have been identified from Earth orbit. Drug-traffickers in Ibero-America have been apprehended, using Landsat data identifying the cultivation of illicit crops, and the location of the laboratories processing them. Warnings to farmers of too little rain, or too much, and of stress on crops from pests or disease, have greatly increased the productivity of food production.

One key to the success of Landsat has been the continuity of images, which has created a multi-decade time sequence of changes on the man-altered Earth. With this record of achievement, and incalculable economic benefit, it would seem inconceivable that the availability of Landsat data could be under threat. But under President Obama and a complicit Congress, there is the proposed sabotage of this critical capability.

The fiscal year 2013 budget that the Administration released on Feb. 13 threatens to create a gap in Landsat data, for the first time in its history. Currently, Landsat 5, launched in 1984, and Landsat 7, launched in 1999 are, remarkably, still operational, although data collection from Landsat 5 was halted in November, due to technical problems. The next in the series, Landsat 8, is scheduled for launch next January, an incredible 14 years after the previous one. If we are lucky, Landsat 7, already years past its design life, will not fail before then. Since it takes five or six years to design, engineer, build, and launch a satellite, the focus now must be an intensive effort to ready the follow-on, Landsat 9.

Instead, the Obama Administration proposed last year to disrupt the highly successful management of the program, with NASA building and launching the satellites, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), under the Department of the Interior, managing the data processing, archiving, and distribution of the images. The White House proposed a $48 million budget to remove Landsat from NASA and create a new agency in the Interior Department to handle the program. Instead, the Congress appropriated $2 million, for Landsat 9 "studies," with the instruction that a cheaper way of collecting the data be found.

For FY13, the White House did the Congress one better—it is requesting *one-eighth* of last year's funding level, or $250,000, for Landsat 9 studies, with *no* apparent perspective of ever actually building the satellite. The possibility that collection of Earth remote-sensing data from Landsat will continue without interruption is getting dimmer and dimmer.

A History of Failed Policies

This is not the first time Landsat has been under threat of extinction. Its history is a prime example of the most vicious disregard for the welfare and economic well being of the population of the United States, and the world.

The first Landsat satellite, launched in 1972, was developed by NASA as a spinoff from the remote-sensing technology that was used on the unmanned Ranger spacecraft that looked for sites for the Apollo manned landings on the Moon. The idea for this application was a result of photography experiments carried out by astronauts during the 1960s Mercury, Gemini, and early Apollo Earth orbital missions. Studying the photos taken by the astronauts, scientists at the USGS saw the utility of looking at the resources of the Earth, from space. In 1975, NASA Administrator Dr. James Fletcher predicted that if there were one space-age development that would "save the world," it would be Landsat.

The initial application for Earth remote sensing was the monitoring of agriculture. With the ability to image croplands at a half-acre resolution, a farmer could see in one image what it would take him days to examine on the ground. Beyond the visible, Landsat can "see' in the infrared, measuring subtle changes in the temperature

NASA

The Landsat satellites have, for 40 years, provided data and imagery invaluable to farmers, hydrologists, law enforcement agencies, and others. Now, the program is jeopardized by the budget axe. Shown: an artist's concept of a Landsat satellite.

of the soil and crops, alerting the farmer to changes in soil moisture and plant health. Since the 1970s, advances in sensor technology have added water resource, natural resource, and many other applications to its abilities.

But a mere seven years after the first Landsat launch, President Jimmy Carter (1977-81) signed Presidential Directive 54, instructing that Landsat become a "commercial' system. In 1981, the free-market Reagan Administration accelerated and implemented this misguided policy, slashing the FY81 Landsat budget, eliminating funding for Landsats 6 and 7.

In 1984, Congress passed the Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act; under that measure, even NASA R&D for more advanced sensors for proposed future commercial satellites was slated for elimination. Under this commercialization scheme, the purchase and operation of the satellites, and the marketing of the data, was turned over to Eosat (Earth Observation Satellite Company).

Finally, in 1992, when the price of images had increased from $650 to $4,400, so Eosat could make a profit, and predictably, the customer base shrank proportionately, Congress passed the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act, which repealed the 1984 law, and turned the funding and development of the next satellite back to NASA.

But as a result of this sabotage, it took nine years to launch Landsat 6 (which launch actually failed), inviting the possibility of a gap in coverage. Landsat 5 was designed with a five-year lifetime, and no replacement for the failed Landsat 6 was in the pipeline. It is only by the stroke of good fortune, and "over-engineering," that Landsat 5, launched in 1984, continued to function during this launch hiatus. It was 1999 before the follow-on satellite was launched. And Landsat 7, launched more than a dozen years ago, is, almost miraculously, still functioning today.

The George H.W. Bush Administration pushed this policy even one step further in 1989, by trying to eliminate the measly $9 million needed to continue to operate the already orbiting satellites, instructing that the two operating Landsat satellites be shut down. An uproar from both domestic and foreign users of the data reversed this proposal. The 1992 law provided funding for the next, Landsat 7 satellite, and in 2001, the privately owned satellites were finally turned back to the U.S. government. The USGS then priced the images at their cost, and in 2008, a new policy made Landsat images available free of charge.

Now, we are faced, once again, with the possibility that we will lose the continuity of four decades of remote-sensing data and images. There is no rational excuse for this. Even using the most sense-certainty-based cost-benefit criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of the Landsat program, it has paid for itself many times over, by providing data needed for myriad applications.

Only policymakers who believe that man's most advanced technologies should be denied to the world's population—and millions be left to die at the mercy of the elements—can support such a suicidal policy.

U.S. Military's Efforts Alone Can't Stop Empire's War Drive

by an *EIR* Investigative Team

Feb. 20—We are on the very edge of the potential breakout of World War III, Lyndon LaRouche warned during a Feb. 18 broadcast on LPAC-TV, and we're looking at the month of March. Leading figures in the U.S. military, and others, have delayed this outbreak over the last months, but *as long as President Barack Obama remains in power,* there is a very real danger that such a war could occur. The British Empire and Obama are committed to it, so they must be stopped.

The leading triggers for the thermonuclear confrontation the British are seeking, of course, are Syria and Iran, but those are only triggers. Should attacks occur on these nations, these will only function as detonators for attacks on the real targets, Russia and China, which are well aware that this is the case.

LaRouche said that the month of March is shaping up to be a potentially critical point in this strategic battle. First, and of extreme concern to the British, comes the first round of the Russian Presidential elections on March 4, where Vladimir Putin, whom the British hate and fear, is the leading candidate. Second comes a scheduled issuance of a new report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Iran's nuclear capability, which the warhawks expect will support their cause. Third is the annual meeting of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), moved up to March 5, which will feature British puppet and warmonger Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and provide the occasion for a major war rally, attended up hundreds of members of Congress.

There is also the very real question of whether the bankrupt world financial system will even exist, into the month of March.

Thus, the British imperial circles have accelerated their war drive—only to be checkmated, so far, by determined efforts from the top levels of the U.S. military command, buttressed by Russian and Chinese officials. But the military cannot do it alone. Either leading political figures in the United States take the necessary *public* steps to get rid of the British-controlled madman in the White House immediately, or the chances of survival are bad, to nil.

General Dempsey Speaks Out

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey has been a consistent voice calling for restraint by Israel against Iran, over the last months, but his statements during a Feb. 19 interview with CNN's Fareed Zakaria were the strongest yet, on both the Iran and Syria questions:

"I think it's premature to take a decision to arm the opposition movement in Syria because I would challenge anyone to clearly identify for me the opposition movement in Syria at this point. And let me broaden the conversation a bit. Syria is an arena right now for all of the various interests to play out. And what I mean by that is you've got great power involvement. Turkey clearly has an interest, a very important interest.

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U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey urged against military action against either Syria or Iran.

Russia has a very important interest. Iran has an interest. And what we see playing out is that not just those countries, in fact, potentially not all of them in any case, but we see the various groups who might think that at issue is a Sunni-Shi'a competition for regional control."

On Syria, Dempsey added that the United States should *not* arm the opposition, adding that "there are indications that al-Qaeda is involved, and that they're interested in supporting the opposition."

Asked about a pre-emptive strike on Iran, he replied: "I think it would be premature to exclusively decide that the time for a military option was upon us. I think that the economic sanctions and the international cooperation that we've been able to gather around sanctions is beginning to have an effect.... I mean, fundamentally, we have to be prepared. And that includes, for the most part, at this point, being prepared defensively."

On Tehran's leadership: "I'll tell you that I've been confronting that question since I came into Central Command in 2008. And we are of the opinion that the Iranian regime is a rational actor. And it's for that reason, I think, that we think the current path we're on is the most prudent path at this point."

Dempsey emphasized that "we also know—or believe we know—that the Iranian regime has not decided that they will embark on the effort to weaponize their nuclear capability."

When asked by Zakaria whether the Israelis understand that the United States is urging them not to strike Iran, and whether he thinks that Israel will be deterred from striking in the near future, Dempsey did not answer directly, but said that he is "confident that they understand our concerns, that a strike at this time would be destabilizing and wouldn't achieve their long-term objectives." He noted that he was in Israel three weeks ago engaging in dialogue on the matter.

Indeed, sources familiar with Dempsey's visit to Israel report that he delivered the most blunt and unequivocal message from the United States, perhaps since President Dwight Eisenhower ordered Israel, Great Britain, and France to withdraw from their invasion of the Suez Canal in 1956. His message to Tel Aviv was, in effect: "Don't you dare!"

In addition to calling for restraint with respect to the flashpoints around Syria and Iran—in stark contrast to Obama's British-scripted bellicosity—Dempsey stated that the U.S. military's strategic shift to the Pacific region provides an opportunity to improve U.S.-China relations. "I think this is more opportunity than liability to improve our relationship with China," Dempsey said, "and I am personally committed to having that as the outcome, rather than get into an arms race or into some kind of confrontation with China."

He's Not Alone

Dempsey's interview followed significant war-avoidance testimony given in the U.S. Congress on Feb. 15 by Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Gen. James Clapper and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) head Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess. Both made several additional points against military intervention.

In response to questions from Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), Clapper described a Syrian opposition that is mostly based outside the country, and is torn by an internal feud over who is going to lead it. He noted that the recent suicide bombings were all targeted against security and intelligence facilities and "had all the earmarks of an al-Qaeda-like attack. And so we believe that al-Qaeda in Iraq is extending its reach into Syria."

White House/Pete Souza

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper briefs the President in 2010. He told Congress last week: "We believe that al-Qaeda in Iraq is extending its reach into Syria."

The next day, Clapper's remarks about al-Qaeda involvement were picked up by the leading Russian online news outlet, Russia Today—a sharp contrast with the lack of coverage in the largely British-controlled mainstream news outlets in the U.S.

Clapper repeated his earlier testimony that the intelligence assessment of Iran's nuclear program is that Iran is retaining the option of being able to build nuclear weapons, but has not yet decided to do so. "And we believe that the decision would be made by the Supreme Leader himself, and he would base that on a cost-benefit analysis in terms of—I don't think he'd want a nuclear weapon at any price," he said.

Clapper also expressed a certain disagreement with Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, who told the same committee that if Iran decided to weaponize, "It would probably take them about a year to be able to produce a bomb, and then possibly another one or two years in order to put it on a deliverable vehicle of some sort in order to deliver that weapon." Clapper said, with respect to the one-year perspective, that it was technically feasible, but not very likely. "There are all kinds of combinations and permutations that could affect how long it might take the Iranians to make a decision to pursue a nuclear weapon."

In his testimony, DIA chief Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess stated what should be obvious, but is usually ignored by the pro-war crowd: Iran is likely to respond if attacked, but "the Agency assesses Iran is unlikely to initiate or intentionally provoke a conflict."

The Warmongers Can't Wait

Provoking a conflict is precisely what the British Empire and its assets are anxious to do. And they are revving up the political environment precisely in this direction.

One of the major problems they face is that Iran has agreed to resume talks with the so-called P5+1 (the Permanent Five members of the UN Security Council—the U.S., Russia, Britain, France, China—plus Germany), which had been formed to discuss the nuclear issue. For months, the whining establishment line about Iran has been that Tehran has never responded to an October 2011 letter from EU Foreign Minister Lady Catherine Ashton, offering to start talks with preconditions such as Iran's agreeing to stop uranium enrichment, as a basis for the talks. The Ashton letter was a provocation, aimed at guaranteeing that no talks would resume. That has now been trumped by Iran.

This is the setting for an escalation of measures against Iran which amount to a de facto embargo, in addition to the squeezing of Syria, an Iranian ally—both calculated to pressure Iran into retaliation. The British warmongers won't take peace for an answer.

On Feb. 16, warhawk Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), and Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) launched their effort to prevent any possible peaceful resolution to the conflict. Twenty-nine other Senators, including a number of "liberal" Democrats, signed on to S. 3112, a sense of the Senate resolution which tells President Obama that he will have strong bipartisan support in Congress if he launches a military attack on Iran. The resolution defies all sound military and intelligence judgment and declares that Iran must be prevented from obtaining a nuclear weapons *capability*, and rejects any policy of containment of a nuclear Iran.

The U.S. could have diplomacy and war avoidance with the nuclear-armed Soviet Union for four decades, but can't contain Iran? The resolution is just a blatant push for war.

And Now Syria

Meanwhile, the Obama Administration, primarily through British-trained asset and UN Ambassador Susan Rice, is escalating against Syria, again ignoring

the U.S. military's warnings about al-Qaeda's role in the opposition, and it's being pressured to go even further along the Libyan path, specifically to set up a so-called "humanitarian corridor" that would serve as a base for the violent overthrow of President Bashar al-Assad.

On Feb. 17, fifty-six pro-British ass-kissing neoconservative liars and chickenhawks who brought the world the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan issued an open letter to Barack Obama, demanding an "immediate" U.S. intervention into Syria, in the name of "humanitarian" concerns. Sponsoring the letter is the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, the same group that LaRouchePAC fingered last week as a key promoter of the Mossad-funded and -trained Mujahideen e-Khalq (MEK) terrorists being deployed as assassins inside Iran. The signators' demands are a virtual carbon copy of a war plan put out earlier by the London-headquartered Henry Jackson Society: U.S. and other foreign forces must establish "safe zones within Syrian territory," and "no-go zones for the Assad regime's military and security forces," and work with Congress to impose "crippling" sanctions against Syria's energy supplies, banking, and shipping. Plus supplying military aid to the non-existent Free Syrian Army, and coordinating with and supplying communications technologies to the very "political opposition" that U.S. intelligence officers, including DNI Clapper, say is fragmented and infiltrated by al-Qaeda. The reality is that the armed opposition in Syria *is* al-Qaeda, with some equally odious Salafi fanatics thrown in for good measure.

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Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency told Congress bluntly: "Iran is unlikely to initiate or intentionally provoke a conflict."

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is lining up behind the views of the interventionists, and in separate meetings in Europe on Feb. 16, informed the French and Russian foreign ministers that the UN's "top priority" is to establish "humanitarian access" for foreign forces inside Syria. So, too, like sheep lining up for their own slaughter, a majority of the nations of the world then voted up, 135 to 12, with 17 abstentions, a non-binding UN General Assembly resolution demanding that the Syrian government allow such "humanitarian assistance."

Not to be left out, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) on Feb. 16 introduced Senate Resolution 379, "Condemning Violence by the Government of Syria Against the Syrian People," which promises that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will immediately schedule a hearing to assess "international options available" to be taken against Syria. Like his neocon allies, Kerry's resolution singles out Russia and China for refusing to capitulate to this demanded new war. It cannot be forgotten that Kerry's similar treasonous defense of Barack Obama's unconstitutional Libya War was crucial in bringing the world to the brink of the global thermonuclear war which the now-demanded action against Syria may well trigger.

Documentation

Russian Spokesmen See Threat of Nuclear War

Sergei Markov, a public policy expert with close ties to Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, said the Kremlin sees the U.S./NATO goal of overthrowing Syrian President Hafez al-Assad as a first step to war against Iran, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported on **Feb. 13**. "We've been deceived over and over again," Markov said. "We consider the claims that Assad is massacring people are falsifications, basically a pretext to introduce troops and start a war there. We saw the U.S. invade Iraq on false pretenses. Then they lied about the humanitarian situation in Libya, and per-

suaded Russia to allow a UN resolution on a no-fly zone to protect civilians. Why should we believe them now? [Russia thinks] the purpose of the West is not peace but war in Syria. They have their own goals which they are cynically pursuing."

Gen. Nikolai Makarov, Russia's Chief of the General Staff, told reporters on **Feb. 14** that an attack from the West against Iran could take place as early as this Summer. The RIA News Agency said that Makarov "expects Iran's enemies to decide in the next few months how to deal with a nuclear program that the United States and Israel have said they might attack."

"Iran, of course, is a sore spot," Makarov said. "…There has to be some kind of decision about it now. It will be made, probably, closer to Summer."

He also spoke, according to the Chinese news agency Xinhua, against the U.S./NATO forward-basing of missile defense installations in Eastern Europe, which the U.S. claims is to counter potential missile threats from Iran. "By 2018," Xinhua reported, "an entirely differenct generation of those missiles would be 'capable of shooting down strategic missiles over our territory,' Makarov said."

Russia's highest military official also warned of the prospect of the United States deploying warships in the Black Sea or in the Arctic. "In a case where [Aegis antimissile system-equipped] ships appear in the Barents Sea, or in the Black Sea, for instance, we will likely take special measures in the frame of the state rearmament program," Marakarov told reporters. "But we would not like to use these measures, as they increase the financial burden for us."

On **Feb. 15, General Makarov** told the Russian Public Chamber that "the possibility of local armed conflicts virtually along the entire perimeter of [Russia's] border has grown dramatically. I cannot rule out that, in certain circumstances, local and regional armed conflicts could grow into a large-scale war, possibly even with nuclear weapons."

Russia Today news service quoted him saying that "almost all countries formerly belonging to the Warsaw Pact have become NATO members, and the Baltic States that were earlier a part of the U.S.S.R. have also joined the alliance."

The online news service noted an earlier statement by **Prime Minister Putin**, that "at time of the withdrawal from Eastern Europe, the NATO Secretary General promised the U.S.S.R. it could be confident that NATO would not expand beyond its current boundaries. So where is it now? I asked them [the NATO officials]. They have nothing to say. They deceived us in the rudest way."

Then on **Feb. 16**, radio Ekho Moskvy interviewed **General Makarov**, who warned that Russia has the right to use nuclear weapons if its sovereignty is threatened.

Expanding on a theme he had developed in November of last year, when he warned of the danger of nuclear war, Makarov said: "We are certainly not planning to fight against the whole of NATO, but if there is a threat to the integrity of the Russian Federation, we have the right to use nuclear weapons, and we will."

The general said that Russia's nuclear deterrent is the cornerstone of strategic stability, and serious efforts are being taken by the Russian government to modernize the country's nuclear triad. These include adding ten Borey-class strategic nuclear submarines, bringing its Tu-160 Blackjack and Tu-95 Bear strategic bombers up to date, and adding Yars mobile ballistic missile systems.

Makarov stressed that the country should also maintain efficient conventional forces: "Unfortunately, we are facing threats from a number of unstable states, where no nuclear weapons, but well-trained, strong, and mobile armed forces are required to resolve any conflict situation."

On **Feb. 16**, Russian Security Council head **Nikolai Patrushev** was quoted by the daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, citing comments made this week at a hearing by Gen. James Clapper, the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, about Russia's nuclear arsenal. Patrushev said that Russia has no intention of attacking the NATO alliance or any other countries.

But, he added, "our Army must fulfill its deterrent function and maintain the country's sovereignty and peaceful life. And if the United States ignores our proposals regarding a missile defense system in Europe, we will be forced to prepare an asymmetric response. That global system is clearly aimed at Russia. And at China. Earlier the irritant was Moscow. Now it's Beijing, although the theme of the break-up of Russia is still a current one for them. In certain circles, they sleep and dream about how to get the resources of Siberia and the Far East. And gain access to the Caspian and to the transportation corridor of Central Asia."

Improved Pakistan-Russia Relations: A Necessity for Stability in Eurasia

by Ramtanu Maitra

Feb. 16—The visit by Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar to Russia Feb. 7-9 has ushered in closer relations between the two countries, providing hope of much-needed regional stability at a time when U.S.-Britain-Qatar-Saudi Arabia-led forces are wreaking havoc throughout the Arab world and the Maghreb nations of North Africa. The crisis in the wider region has reached a boiling point and threats of war are looming. Russia and Pakistan, both nuclear weapons nations, are concerned about these developments, as are the other major nuclear powers in the region, China and India.

Traditionally, Pakistan has been aligned with the United States, and India with Russia. But military developments of the last few years, notably under the Obama Administration, are bringing about a shift with great strategic implications for the region, if it continues and is consolidated.

Improved Russia-Pakistan relations would not only benefit Russia and Central Asia, but would provide Pakistan an opportunity to break out of the circle of instability in which it is presently entrapped.

Pakistan's internal situation is highly fluid at this stage, with the Zardari Administration under pressure from within. Two major foes it faces are the judiciary and the military, and it is not yet clear which will win in this triangular power struggle. But, it is significant that in the midst of such instability, the foreign minister visited Moscow and concluded a number of significant agreements there. It also indicates an understanding in Moscow of the importance of playing a pro-active role in stabilizing Pakistan, and in the process, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

Russian Interest in Development Projects

During Khar's visit, Russia indicated its keenness to take over the 1,640-km TAPI (Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India) gas pipeline project. The project, estimated to cost $7.5 billion, had been hanging fire for years because of the geopolitical tussle between the United States, another interested party, and Russia.

The gas pipeline, backed by the Asian Development Bank, will bring 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day (bcfd) from Turkmenistan's gas fields to Multan in central Pakistan and will end in the northwestern Indian town of Fazilka. Originally scheduled to be completed by 2013-14, the landmark deal was signed by Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Indian Petroleum Minister Murli Deora,

RIA Novosti

Russian press coverage of the meeting between Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbini Khar and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Feb. 8 in Moscow. RIA Novosti's headline reports that she has invited Lavrov to visit Pakistan. The visit is one indication of a shift underway in Pakistani foreign policy.

and President of the Asian Development Bank Haruhiko Kuroda in Ashgabat, the capital city of Turkmenistan, in 2010. But the instability in the region has kept the project frozen.

Russian investors have also expressed interest in the Thar coal project. This is quite an ambitious project for Pakistan, and will involve developing a large energy complex, to produce 6,000 MW of coal-based power and introduce to the energy-starved country the concept of gasification and production of liquid fuel from coal.

Thar is located in the eastern Sindh province and is part of the desert in the northwestern part of the Indian subcontinent. It forms a natural boundary running along the border between India and Pakistan. Most of the desert lies in the Indian state of Rajasthan, and extends into the northern portion of Haryana and Punjab states and into southern Gujarat state. In Pakistan, the desert covers eastern Sindh and the southeastern portion of Punjab province.

According to available reports, the Thar coal project is immensely valuable and viable. It is open-pit lignite coal-mining, and studies show net minable reserves of around 30 billion tons, covering around 1,000 square km. To put that in perspective, 100 million tons per annum of lignite coal could generate 15,000 MW of electricity.

Moscow has also shown interest in the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project, and has indicated to Islamabad that it wants Gazprom, the world's largest gas company, to have a role in the project. Pakistan has conveyed that it would welcome such Russian participation.

Foreign Minister Khar was told by her Russian counterpart that Moscow is also interested in participation in Pakistan's railroads, agriculture, and metallurgy. The two countries have been discussing the possibility of developing rail links with Iran and other areas in Central Asia, from Pakistan. Russia had shown some interest in Pakistan's desire to develop rail links to Central Asia from Gwadar Port, located on the Makran coast in southwest Baluchistan, close to the Strait of Hormuz.

Key Visits

It should be recognized that these developments could not have occurred through one successful visit. For the last two years, a number of high-level meetings between the leaders of these two countries have taken place.

Ajish Joy, of the New Delhi-based Observer Research Foundation, in an article posted on the foundation's website, "Russia and Pakistan Getting Closer" (May 2011) pointed out that President Zardari's May 2011 visit to Moscow was not just a one-time event. "Zardari and President Dmitri Medvedev had their first formal interaction in Dushanbe in June 2009, as part of the quadripartite meeting between the leaders of [Russia,] Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. In the second edition of this quadripartite meeting hosted by the Russian president in the Black Sea resort Sochi in June 2010, Zardari and Medvedev had another tête-à-tête. Following this, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin had a one-to-one meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Yusuf Gilani at the SCO [Shanghai Cooperation Organization] Heads of Government Council in Tajikistan in November 2010. Zardari's latest visit, however, is more significant, as it is his first official stand-alone visit to Russia, and by raising the quality and quantity

of the bilateral exchanges with Pakistan, Russia is possibly signaling its intention to pursue a multi-vectored policy in South Asia."

Another very important visit was that in April 2007 by then-Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, who now heads the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) and who accompanied Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to Syria recently. Fradkov's pathbreaking 2007 visit took place soon after Russia had given the green light to China to use the Russian RD-93 engine for the JF-17 Thunder multi-role fighter aircraft that Beijing was developing. Subsequently, China sent 50 of these JF-17s to Pakistan, to the chagrin of India. During Fradkov's visit, Pakistan and the Russian Federation signed two agreements: one on promoting cooperation in culture, arts, archaeology, archives, and movies; and the other on combating illicit trafficking and abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances. More importantly, that visit initiated the possibility of a new chapter in the relations between the two countries.

Presidents Zardari and Medvedev have met six times since May 2011. During Zardari's visit to Moscow at that time—the first by a Pakistani President since Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's trip in 1974—he invited Russia to use Pakistani territory to gain access to the Arabian Sea and beyond. According to him, this would contribute to prosperity in both countries. He told Medvedev: "Our countries are very close neighbors; we are located in the same region, and although we do not share borders, our hearts beat in unison."

Russia has also offered Pakistan counter-terrorism equipment, reported Sajjad Shaukat in his January 2012 article at News Center PK, titled "New Era of Pak-Russia Relations": "The package includes 10 MI-17 helicopters of unarmed configuration. When Russian [Commander in Chief of the Ground Forces] Col-Gen. Alexander Postnikov visited Pakistan in May 2011, he discussed with Army Chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani the possibility of expanding defense ties by holding joint military exercises, exchanging trainees and trainers, and selling and buying weapons. Moscow has also offered to sell the Sukhoi Superjet 100, a modern aircraft with a capacity of up to 95 passengers."

Why are such agreements taking place now, after years of uneasy relations between the two? All the reasons are related to the unstable regional situation. During the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s, Pakistan had played the U.S. game. The way that the Pakistani military fought that proxy war on behalf of the United States not only corrupted the Pakistani military, but planted the seeds of a massive future upheaval in Pakistan. The Pakistani military, aiming to control Afghanistan, decided to disregard the danger, and as a result, brought the country to the brink of disaster. Pakistan's democratic forces, who ruled in short stints in between the generals, either did not realize the danger, or ignored it for short-term financial gains.

Washington's and London's Use of Pakistan

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 created a crisis for the Pakistani military. They were now told by their distant ally, United States, to join hands to eliminate the mujahideen, who had been sponsored by Washington in the 1980s as "freedom fighters," when they were fighting the Soviet Union and the Soviet-backed Mohammed Najibullah regime, until the Taliban was created to take over Afghanistan in 1996. The Pakistani military, under the leadership of President Pervez Musharraf, went along with the charade of pretending to eliminate the Taliban, while actually making sure that they were protected. This charade ran its course by 2009.

Around that time, fissures in the U.S.-Pakistani relationship became obvious. The Obama Administration, backed by Congress and dime-a-dozen Afghan experts in Washington, ignored the fissures and demanded from the Pakistani military what it had no intent to deliver. It was evident at the time that the relationship had run into a brick wall. Following the killing of sidelined Osama bin Laden in Pakistan last May, and the killing of at least 24 Pakistani soldiers by U.S. troops on Pakistani soil last November, Pakistan's military lost its aura with the Pakistani people.

A few other complexities emerged along the way.

To begin with, the United States, which had its footprint in Pakistan, and was considered be a well-wisher of that country since the early days of the Cold War, has become the most hated nation in the world, to most Pakistanis. The anti-American mood has been fully exploited by the jihadis, controlled from Britain and Saudi Arabia. The process has engulfed quite a few in the higher echelons of Pakistani military as well. As a result, the Pakistani military's strongest claim to credibility, the maintenance of law and order within the country, fell apart. Its headquarters came under attack, and vast damage was inflicted by the jihadis, who were working hand-in-glove with some Pakistani military officers at a naval base in southern

Pakistan soon after Osama bin Laden was killed by the U.S. Special Forces.

Years of misrule, or the distorted rule, took their toll on the economy. Although the United States was forking over some money to keep the Pakistani military brass in tow, the amount was never enough to trickle down to help the economy; that was not Washington's intent in any case. Pakistan's fragile infrastructure became further depleted. Major cities now undergo hours of power outages, and the principal commercial center, Karachi, teeming with 15 million people, became a victim of ruthless daily political violence.

The Pakistan-U.S. relationship now resembles pottery broken into many shards. No one knows which parts go where, and to mend the pottery would be a daunting task, which neither Washington nor Islamabad is capable of accomplishing.

To Become a Part of the Region

However, this crisis may have forced the Zardari Administration to look towards the region rather than to continue the game of charades with the Obama Administration. President Obama and his team always looked at Pakistan as a necessary evil that must be paid to get what Washington wants. The nature of this relationship with the United States has not only devastated Pakistan, it has made the region highly insecure and kept Pakistan from becoming integrated with the region. For decades now, Islamabad has played along with London and Washington.

There is no question that Pakistan's future lies in the region. Over the years, it has developed close working relations with China and has benefitted substantially from that relationship. Pakistan's nuclear power plants were provided by China, and Beijing is much interested in enhancing Pakistan's infrastructure. But as long as Pakistan plays second fiddle to London and Washington, its relations with China will remain limited. Tagging along with the London-Washington-led policy of seeking control over Afghanistan and Central Asia, not only made Pakistan a pariah nation in the region, but has made it a hot bed of extremism. The presence of Islamic terrorists of all varieties within Pakistan has made China cautious, and it is evident that Beijing will not involve Pakistan in its bigger schemes unless Pakistan makes serious efforts to turn the corner.

Russia too is concerned about the Islamic terrorists based in Pakistan, who commit violent acts in Central Asia and are linked to Russia's jihadi problems in Dagestan, Chechnya, and Ingushetia. It is for that reason that in the June 2009 SCO summit in Yekaterinburg, Russia, President Medvedev declared that "nests of terror" in Pakistan had to be eliminated as a priority. Therefore, the next step for Pakistan is to make its internal situation congenial for developing close cooperative relationships with Russia, China and India.

At the 10th SCO summit last November at Astana, Kazakstan, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani sought Pakistan's full membership in the organization, whose profile and scope are of great importance because of the presence of China, Russia, and other Central Asian states. Currently Pakistan holds observer status, along with Mongolia, India, and Iran, whereas Sri Lanka and Belarus have been granted the status of dialogue partners, and Afghanistan is a special guest.

Russia has previously described the alliance as a regional alternative to NATO and discussed at past meetings the option of including other regional powers in its ranks. "We are talking about Pakistan and Iran, which have applied for membership," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told reporters ahead of the talks. "India is also intent on joining, and Afghanistan has said it wants to be an observer."

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Obama's Plan for War on China Could Be Stymied in the Philippines

by Mike Billington

Feb. 19—President Barack Obama's intention to impose the British Empire's thermonuclear war policy against Asia has rested in part on his "pivot" toward Asia—a pivot which is entirely directed towards economic and military confrontation with China (see "Brits, Obama Push World War Against Russia and China," *EIR*, Feb. 10, 2012). During his trip to Asia in November, Obama announced two primary military deployments designed to facilitate a war on China: the establishment of huge military bases in Australia, out of range of Chinese missiles, and the reintroduction of Air Force, Navy, and Marine bases in the Philippines. The Philippine bases are crucial as a take-off point for air and sea assaults against the mainland of China, under the "Air-Sea Battle" military doctrine recently adopted by the Obama Administration.

There is one problem, however: The deployment of foreign military bases in the Philippines is explicitly forbidden in the Philippine Constitution.

To solve that pesky impediment, Obama has called upon his pal, the current occupant of the Philippine Presidency, Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino, to impose a virtual dictatorship upon the nation, by destroying the Supreme Court, which is the only institution that could stop the effort to rip up the Constitution and turn the Philippines into a military base, and cannon fodder, in the intended war on China.

President Aquino is the son of Cory Aquino, who was placed in office as President of the Philippines in 1986, following the military coup against the nation's last nationalist leader, Ferdinand Marcos, a "regime change" that was orchestrated by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and his Deputy Paul Wolfowitz. As President, Cory Aquino faithfully followed the dictates from Washington, shutting down the industrial and agricultural programs Marcos had implemented to transform the Philippines into a modern nation, including the first nuclear power plant in Southeast Asia, a dozen industrial projects, and a rice self-sufficiency program.

The nation has never recovered, and is now totally destitute, within an Asian region which is otherwise experiencing significant progress, despite the global economic crisis.

Aquino, Obama: Rip Up the Constitution

President Aquino's assault against the Supreme Court takes the form of impeachment of Chief Justice Renato Corona. There is a degree of pure personal corruption involved on Aquino's part: The Court recently ruled that the national land reform policy must be implemented at Hacienda Luisita, the vast sugar plantation owned by Aquino and his family. But the primary purpose is to prevent any discussion of the unconstitutional and suicidal intention of Aquino and Obama to use the nation as a base for world war.

The Supreme Court once before stymied a government plan, under former President Gloria Arroyo, to make part of the southern island of Mindanao an autonomous region under control of certain factions of the Muslim community living there. The fact that this deal would have given the autonomous government the power to allow foreign military bases (contrary to the national Constitution) was one crucial reason for the Supreme Court's decision to forbid the deal.

Now, Aquino and Obama are implementing the basing policy through outright dictatorial means, attempting to castrate the Supreme Court, while preventing the issue from even being discussed in the Congress (which is largely controlled by the President, especially the House). The entire nation is caught up in the melodrama of an impeachment trial now going on in the Senate, and there is virtually no discussion of the illegality of the blatant move to establish U.S. bases.

Adding farce to insanity, both Aquino and Obama are claiming that the deployment of advanced naval warships and air power, as well as more Marine bases (some moving from the current bases in Okinawa, Japan), are not "bases" at all, but only temporary visits

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The Philippines Supreme Court is the only institution that could stop President Aquino's dictatorial drive to implement the Obama Administration's war plans. That's the importance of the impeachment of Chief Justice Renato Corona. The photo above shows demonstrators on the opening day of his impeachment trial, Jan. 16, 2012. Right: Presidents Obama and Aquino, Nov. 18, 2011.

on a rotating basis. A similar subterfuge has been used to explain the hundreds of Marines based in Mindanao to aid in the war on terrorist elements—"temporarily" there for the past ten years!

Impeach Aquino?

There is mounting resistance, especially since the impeachment trial has shown that the prosecution, openly sponsored and promoted by the President (another overt breach of the constitutional separation of powers), has offered no evidence of wrongdoing, and has even presented banking documents (aimed at showing that the Chief Justice had unexplained wealth) which were exposed as fraudulent by the prosecution's own witness!

The organization Solidarity for Sovereignty, cofounded by Butch Valdes, the head of the Philippine LaRouche Society, intervened in the impeachment farce by organizing prayer vigils at the Supreme Court, calling on the Chief Justice, the Catholic Church, and other religious organizations to fight the impeachment by defending the Constitution, rather than simply defending the Chief Justice himself against contrived charges.

Valdes, speaking on his weekly national radio broadcast Feb. 19, said, in regard to the Aquino-Obama military deals: "The secrecy of this agreement and its dire implications may also be a principal reason as to why [Aquino] is hell-bent on controlling the judiciary as a defacto dictator—so he would not have to explain to the Filipino people why he has placed the lives of 97 million in harm's way. It should be known to all, including Noynoy supporters, that the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Corona is not merely about the Hacienda Luisita, nor [former President] Gloria M. Arroyo, but more importantly about putting all our lives at risk at a time when a global thermonuclear war is imminent. It is our duty to assert our sovereignty as a people, not to be used by any foreign interest, especially a clinically insane American leader, as dispensable human beings in their deadly plan to burn the world."

Others are speaking out. Former Sen. Kit Tatad, who is now a leading advisor to Vice President Jejomar Binay, has called for the impeachment not of the Chief Justice, but of President Aquino, for his blatant attack on the constitutional separation of powers (Joe Biden, are you listening?). Tatad wrote, in an op-ed in the *Manila Times* Feb. 14 that the last straw was the revelation that the President's Executive Secretary "started asking individual senators, in the name of the President, not to honor the Supreme Court's Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on the opening of [Chief Justice] Co-

rona's alleged dollar account at the Philippine Savings Bank.... Some senators, speaking in the strictest confidence, revealed having received a call from the Executive Secretary allegedly to transmit an urgent personal request from the President that they not honor the TRO. This suggests a constitutional crime of incalculable magnitude, given the President's oath of office.... No president should ever inveigh against the law, and ask other government officials to defy the law or an order of the highest court, based on its interpretation of the law, just because he does not like or agree with it.... By this very act, [Aquino] may have rendered himself completely impeachable and unfit to continue in office. He may have placed himself not just above the law but against the law, the exact opposite of what a president should be."

Chief Justice Corona himself also went public with a call for the President's impeachment, issuing an open letter stating that "the President has clearly committed an impeachable offense when he came out swinging by openly urging the Senator-Judges to disobey the Constitution he has personally sworn to uphold."

People's Power?

President Aquino has attempted to mount a repeat of the "People's Power" insurgency which was used to overthrow Marcos and install his mother as a puppet President. But while Solidarity for Sovereignty, together with several other cooperating organizations, rallied 5,000 people to the Supreme Court to defend the Constitution, Aquino's call for a mass People's Party rally in favor of his attempt to seize dictatorial power flopped, as only 200 people showed up.

Nonetheless, Aquino is calling for a million people to come to the national park in Manila on Feb. 26, in celebration of the 1986 People's Power. There are concerns that Aquino could use the occasion to declare a national emergency, to force the issue he is losing in the impeachment process.

Obama, meanwhile, is praising Aquino for "fighting corruption" with the dictatorial methods much admired by the American President.

If the Filipino people rise to this historic occasion, exposing the criminal and suicidal crimes of their President in his collaboration with Obama, then this small nation could help stop a rush for global war which threatens the very existence of civilization.

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West Tries To Spark A New Sudan War

by Lawrence K. Freeman

Feb. 17—A mere seven months after the division of Sudan into two separate nations, words of war are in the air again, after all parties declared an "end to war" following the July 9, 2011 creation of the Republic of South Sudan. Who is responsible for this new round of brinkmanship between Sudan and South Sudan?

Throughout history we have repeatedly seen how nations are destroyed by allowing themselves to be enticed into wars, orchestrated by foreign powers. This is how the British-centered financial empire has survived for centuries. Such is the case today with the rising tensions between Sudan and South Sudan, being manipulated by the British and their ideological followers in the United States.

Sources report that U.S. operatives are advising South Sudan to, in effect, destroy their own country to serve London's desire for war between Khartoum and Juba. Among those who are goading the leadership of South Sudan to shut down their oil wells in an attempt to punish Khartoum are: the anglophile Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the UN; anti-Khartoum extremist John Prendergast; and Roger Winter, a former U.S. government representative known for his support for South Sudan against the "brutal cabal" in the North, and who is serving South Sudan badly with his ill counsel.

The division of Sudan has solved none of the underlying problems, but was it really meant to? The unresolved grievances between North and South were pushed aside, in order to set into motion the next "act' of this British-orchestrated tragedy, with the creation of an independent South Sudan. Through manipulation, prejudice, and the work of traitors to their country, South Sudan is being induced to undermine its own young, fragile existence for the dubious goal of overthrowing the government in Khartoum, and igniting yet another war in the Horn of Africa, this one potentially even more murderous than the previous ones.

Conflict over Oil

South Sudan's crude oil production, which provides 98% of its revenues, has become the preferred

weapon of self-destruction. Sharing of the oil revenues after separation was one of several cancerous issues left unresolved, and, as anticipated, is now eating away at both countries.

South Sudan pumps out about 350,000 barrels of oil per day valued at close to $8 billion, compared to Sudan's production of 110,000, a portion of which is for internal consumption. However, South Sudan has to pump its oil 1,600 kilometers across Sudan, to be loaded onto tankers at Port Sudan on the Red Sea for export. In a dispute over fees paid to Sudan by South Sudan for the shipment of the oil, a conflict brewing for months finally came to a head in January. Sudan seized several tankers of oil as payment for the use of its pipeline and port facilities. South Sudan retaliated by closing down its 900 oil wells. Pagan Amum, General Secretary of the ruling party of South Sudan, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), declared that he would rather have the oil stay in the ground than allow Sudan to be compensated.

The African Union's High Level Implementation Panel on Sudan, headed by Thabo Mbeki (former President of South Africa), met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in late January, with Presidents Omar al-Bashir of Sudan and Salva Kiir of South Sudan, to try to avoid a total shutdown of oil production. With pleas from Mbeki and Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, Bashir ordered the release of four tankers of oil. Reports are that Kiir was ready to agree to a compromise proposed by Mbeki, but after receiving a phone call, abruptly changed his mind, and rejected the AU proposal. No agreement was reached, and all the oil wells have ceased production.

Some suggest that the phone call to Kiir came from a representative of the United States. According to sources, both Winter and Prendergast, who have been backing South Sudan against Khartoum for decades, are now advising the SPLM that it would be best for South Sudan not to pay for the transport of their oil through Sudan, even if it means destroying its own economy. Susan Rice, who functions like a drone missile targeting Khartoum, was indoctrinated in British colonial policies towards Africa during her stint at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar. There are also indications of increased U.S. military support to South Sudan, including establishing a new military base there for operations in East Africa and beyond.

Who Benefits?

Alex de Waal, a U.S. specialist on Sudan, who has been involved in the country since the 1980s, wrote in the *New York Times* on Jan. 24 titled "South Sudan's Doomsday Machine," that South Sudan will have to be compensated with $650 million a month to make up for the loss of oil revenues. Will Washington foot the bill?

The government of South Sudan has signed a memorandum of understanding with Kenya to build a 2,000-km pipeline to a new port on the Kenyan coast for export of oil, but estimates are that this will take to 2-3 years to construct, and cost $3-4 billion. The loss of billions of dollars in oil revenues, plus the cost for a new pipeline would severely impact the people of South Sudan, who live in the most underdeveloped nation on the planet, and are struggling just to survive. Tribes are ravaging each other's land and stealing each other's cattle, while the World Food Program says it will have to supply food to 2.7 million South Sudanese this year (total population: 8.3 million). Not immediately investing all possible resources in building up the economy would create conditions that could lead to rebellions against the government.

Another consequence of the oil shutdown is the effect on China. Sudan and South Sudan accounted for 5% of China's crude oil imports in 2011, its seventh-largest supplier. China, the largest investor in South Sudan, is now seeking new sources of oil to meet its needs. To restart the flow of oil, if and when production resumes, will take weeks, possibly months, and some speculate that this interim could provide the opportunity for China to be pushed out, or its position weakened, with Western oil companies moving into South Sudan's oil fields. This, while China is already a target of the Obama Administration and London for a new confrontation with the West.

Any true friend or concerned nation would encourage Khartoum and Juba to work together for the development of their two countries, to serve the interests of all the Sudanese people. Anyone who would oppose this is not to be trusted.

The U.S. actors, following a British script, who feign loyalty to South Sudan, but have another agenda, fit well the part of Iago in Shakespeare's *Othello*. Hopefully, responsible patriots in South Sudan will study Shakespeare's play, to avoid Othello's fate: committing their nation to suicide.

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International Intelligence

Germany's Anti-Bailout President Hounded Out

Feb. 17—Yet another prominent casualty in the war between the imperial "governance" forces and the national constitutions in Europe occurred today, with the resignation of German President Christian Wulff. Wulff faces a legal investigation of his private financial affairs, announced yesterday by the Hanover district court. The announcement came after two months of an intense witchhunt by the mainstream media, proclaiming one suspected misdeed after another. He said in his farewell press conference that he decided to resign because the case would absorb his energies to a large extent now, and Germany needs a strong President at this time of great international challenges, a person who would be able to invest all his energies into the defense of the German state and society.

Wulff has repeatedly stated that the European Union's super-bailouts of the banks pose serious national constitutional questions. It has often been rumored that Wulff might not put his signature on the next round of planned legislation to secure the bailouts. This is also the reason that Helga Zepp-LaRouche several weeks ago called on Wulff to stay in office, in spite of the scandal-mongering (see *EIR*, Jan. 27).

Wulff, an elected official, was harassed by the bloodhounds of the same mainstream press who are also putting out heavy propaganda for the hyperinflationary bailout of the euro, slamming critics with charges of backwardness, chauvinism, and the like.

It is not ruled out that Germany, which has to elect a new President within 30 days, may get a non-party technocrat in the post, a German variant of the same process of governance, bypassing the constitution and democratic procedures, which has already imposed pro-euro technocratic regimes in Greece and Italy, and led to change of governments in Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and Belgium. The abrupt change in the Presidency of Germany could also be a prelude to the fall of Chancellor Angela Merkel's government, way ahead of the next scheduled national elections in Autumn 2013.

Pope: Stop Banking-Media Cabal That Lords over Man

Feb. 16—Speaking recently to seminarians in Rome yesterday, Pope Benedict XVI blasted "the power of evil in finance and in the media, two major powers which in themselves are good, but can be so abused as to become often the contrary of the real intentions."

The Pope said, "The power of appearance, an appearance that replaces reality itself, becomes more and more powerful, and man does not see reality any more." In the end,"the virtual world becomes truer and stronger." Instead, "We want no appearance, but truth, and this gives us real freedom."

"Today we see how the world of finance can dominate man. Possessing and appearing dominate the world and enslave it," because "the world of finance is no longer an instrument to promote the welfare and the life of man, but becomes a power that oppresses him, like worshipping in Mammon the false divinity that dominates the world."

Observers describe the Pontiff's statements as a reaction to recent media stories involving some Cardinals accusing others of plotting to kill the Pope. If that is true, Benedict has raised the stakes in connecting evil media campaigns to the financial powers that are destroying the world, and implicitly calling for finance to become "an instrument to promote the welfare and life of man."

Amnesty Int'l: Libya Is Sinking into Chaotic Hell

Feb. 16—Amnesty International, under the proprietorship of Her Britannic Majesty's MI-6, was part of the "humanitarian interventionist" gaggle which screamed for American and European support of the Libyan insurgency against the Qaddafi regime in early 2011.

Having accomplished the destruction of the Qaddafi government and family on behalf of opposition forces, including al-Qaeda affiliates among others, Amnesty International finds itself simply shocked, that Libyan society is descending into murderous chaos. A report issued yesterday charges that much of Libya is now ruled by militias with more power than the central government, and that the militias "are largely out of control," and committing war crimes. Amnesty reports that militias have targetted African migrants and refugees, and forced the displacement of entire communities; detainees say they were bound and tortured during interrogation.

Argentina: Brits Violate S. Atlantic Nuclear Treaty

Feb. 10—Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman delivered his government's official protest denouncing Britain's militarization of the South Atlantic, which includes the deployment of a submarine armed with nuclear weapons, as well as of the ultramodern *HMS Dauntless* destroyer.

Speaking at the UN, Timerman showed pictures of the submarine *Vanguard*, capable of transporting nuclear weapons, and warned that "Argentina will not accept the existence of nuclear weapons in a Latin American zone of influence. The information Argentina possesses is that [the U.K.] has introduced nuclear weapons into the South Atlantic, and it isn't the first time." This action is a violation of the 1967 Tlatelolco Treaty, which prohibits nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, he warned.

Britain's Ambassador to the UN, Lyall Grant, effectively confirmed Argentina's accusation, when he stated today that "It is well known that … as part of our overall defensive posture, there are submarines on patrol all around the world at any time."

LT. COL. DANIEL DAVIS

Officer Risks Career: 'I Knew Too Much To Remain Silent'

by Carl Osgood

Feb. 20—Army Lt. Col. Daniel Davis, in a scathing 84-page report entitled "Dereliction of Duty II: Senior Military Leaders' Loss of Integrity Wounds Afghan War Effort," takes apart, with meticulous documentation, and from his own experiences, the lies of senior military officers and defense officials that are being used to mischaracterize the war in Afghanistan as some kind of success, when the reality is that it's anything but. He not only names names, but takes on the largest icon of the war, Gen. David Petraeus (ret.), a virtual super-hero among some military and neocon circles, who believe that Petraeus snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in Iraq in 2007.

The report, "Dereliction of Duty II," by Army Lt. Col. Daniel Davis (above), meticulously documents the lies of senior military officiers and defense officials that have been used to misrepresent the war in Afghanistan as a success, when it has been anything but.

Davis demonstrates that the truth in Iraq is quite different from legend, but that the legend is doing us great damage in Afghanistan. Davis knows, by telling these unvarnished truths, that he has sacrificed his career. "Why write this report when you know you're going to get flamed by the Army brass?" is the question that many have asked of him, he writes. "Honestly, after all I've seen over the past decade and a half, I felt a moral obligation to do so. I believe that with knowledge

comes responsibility; I knew too much to remain silent."

Davis has not only confronted us with the reality on the ground in Afghanistan, a reality that contradicts the official pronouncements about the war, but has also challenged members of Congress: Do you have the guts to put the future of the nation ahead of your own political career?

Davis's critique first emerged on Feb. 5, in an article he authored for the *Armed Forces Journal*, and a profile of him in the *New York Times* that appeared the same day. By his own account, Davis was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010, as part of the Rapid Equipping Force, an acquisition task force set up to bypass the Army's normal bureaucratic channels to get soldiers in the field what they need as quickly as possible. In the course of that assignment, he traveled over 9,000 miles, interviewed more than 250 soldiers, from 19-year-old privates up to two-star generals, as well as Afghan soldiers, police, and others, and walked patrols in some of Afghanistan's most dangerous districts. What he saw and was told was at such variance with the official statements from Petraeus, who was the U.S./NATO Commander in Afghanistan until last July, and others, that he felt compelled to do something about it.

So, after conferring with his pastor, he wrote two reports, one classified, one not, took them to four members of Congress, briefed a dozen staff members, spoke to a reporter for the *New York Times*, and sent his reports to the Department of Defense Inspector General. Only then, did he inform his chain of command what he was doing. Davis had no intention of releasing his unclassified report without screening it through the Army's public affairs office, but it was leaked on Feb. 10 by *Rolling Stone* magazine, making it available to a much wider audience.

If the Army has not yet acted against him, it's likely because he has generated sympathy for his views on Capitol Hill. "For Col. Davis to go out on a limb and help us understand what's happening on the ground, I have the greatest admiration for him," Rep. Walter Jones (R-S.C.) told the *New York Times*' Scott Shane. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Colo.) called him a valuable witness because his extensive travels and mid-level rank gave him access to a wide range of soldiers. And Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta suggesting that he set up an independent panel to review the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan, citing Davis's report, along with a very pessimistic National Intelligence Estimate that was leaked to the press last month.

On Feb. 16, *The Hill* reported that Davis had briefed five members of Congress, Reps. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Jim McDermott (D-Wash.), Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.), and Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.), at their invitation, on the situation in Afghanistan.

The title that Davis chose for his unclassified report is itself significant. It refers to the 1997 book *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lies that Led to Vietnam,* by then-Army Major H.R. McMaster, who is now a brigadier general. McMaster's book created quite a stir at the time because he had taken on an icon of an earlier time, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who played a key role in the lies that he writes about.

Debunking Counterinsurgency Theory

Davis's "Dereliction of Duty II" is not simply an indictment of those leaders of the U.S. military for the deception they have engaged in with respect to what is actually happening in Afghanistan. It is, in fact, a direct challenge to the undermining of the institution of the U.S. military that has been underway since the Vietnam era. He goes so far as to quote Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who compared the statements of U.S. military leaders concerning conditions on the ground in Afghanistan, with the infamous "five o'clock follies" of Gen. William Westmoreland in Vietnam.

In other words, the claims of "progress" are so at variance with the realities on the ground that you can't trust any official statements that come out of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters, or from the military and civilian leadership at the Pentagon.

How did this situation come about? How is it that the leadership of the U.S. military is engaged in such delusion and deception and, perhaps, even outright lying, to claim that the strategy is working, when it clearly is not? What are the consequences for American troops in Afghanistan, for Afghans, and for the future course of America in the world? Davis attempts, with his 84-page report, to answer these questions.

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While Gen. David Petraeus (ret.), now CIA Director, became a super-hero in the minds of some in Washington, for his "counterinsurgency" strategy in Iraq, Davis's exposé sets the record straight.

The first target of Davis's report is the counterinsurgency doctrine that is being employed in Afghanistan. The man most closely identified with that doctrine is Petraeus, now director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. As is well known, Petraeus oversaw the development of the counterinsurgency doctrine manual at the Army's Combined Armed Center in 2004. That doctrine derives from two historical sources: the U.S. experience in Vietnam, where the so-called CORDS (Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support) program has been deemed a success by military historians; and the Anglo-French experience of the 1950s and '60s, especially the British campaign in Malaya.

However, it is not the case that American officers came across the British Malayan experience just while doing their research. It was explicitly pushed on the U.S. Army by the British themselves. Maj. Gen. Jonathon Riley, formerly the senior British officer assigned to U.S. Central Command, during a panel discussion at the annual Association of the U.S. Army conference in October 2006, indicated as much. He invoked the image of the 1950s British campaign in Malaya "as the textbook example of counterinsurgency," and suggested that that may be the model for the future.

British success in Malaya has been attributed to two things, Riley said: British experience in imperial policing, and the development of concepts and techniques for waging limited war. Riley cited the 1966 book by Sir Robert Thompson, *Defeating Communist Insurgency, Experiences from Malaya and Vietnam*, which enshrined Malaya as the "touchstone" of British expertise in counterinsurgency methods, and said, "Now that the Cold War is over, perhaps the long view may give us a different perspective, although I think [Thompson]'s wrong to dismiss imperial policing, which one can characterize as expeditionary campaign to seize the territory followed by counterinsurgency to keep it."

Petraeus incorporated these British theories (along with certain French theories with which he was also enamored) into U.S. counterinsurgency doctrine, and then took that doctrine to Iraq in 2007 as leader of the Iraq "surge." The outcome over the next two years made Petraeus an icon of almost god-like proportions in certain circles in Washington. But did the doctrine actually work as advertised? Davis proves in spades that the surge had little to do with the turnaround in Iraq in 2007; rather, it was the Sunni insurgency's break with al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) that did it.

AQI originally showed up as an ally of the Sunnis who were fighting the U.S. occupation, but it was so brutal towards the Sunnis that they eventually had no choice but to side with U.S. forces in order to get rid of this menace. Davis credits Petraeus with recognizing the significance of the Sunni Awakening that had actually begun in Anbar Province months before the first surge troops arrived. But he then quotes a number of U.S. commanders and former Iraqi insurgents to the effect that had the Sunni/al-Qaeda break never occurred, the surge and its accompanying strategy of "protecting the population" would have had little effect on the level of violence there.

The story that was told back in Washington, however, was that it was Petraeus's "brilliant generalship"

that "won the war" in Iraq, a narrative that became so hegemonic, nobody could counter it. The failure to properly understand what had happened in Iraq meant that when it was time for the Obama Administration to make some decisions about its future policy in Afghanistan, the Petraeus template became the strategy. The problem is, there is no al-Qaeda anymore in Afghanistan, and there's no "Awakening" movement to take a large portion of the fighters away from attacks on U.S. troops. As Davis documents, the civilian casualties have risen to their highest levels since the war began, and U.S. casualties rise and fall with the numbers of U.S. troops engaged on the ground, unlike what happened in Iraq. And yet the happy talk continues, as Davis thoroughly documents.

What may be the most important aspect of this part of the story, however, is left unsaid by Davis. He notes that AQI's attacks on Shi'ite civilians inflamed sectarian tensions in Iraq, and its brutal treatment of the Sunnis alienated the Sunni insurgency. Left implied is that AQI, by its actions, prevented the Sunni and Shi'a resistance to the U.S. occupation from uniting, a strategy which bears the hallmarks the classical British method of controlling subject peoples by dividing them, and setting them against each other.

As *EIR Online* reported on Sept. 27, 2005, many in Iraq and the Arab world were already suspicious that the secret services of the U.S., Britain, and Israel were stoking the sectarian fires in Iraq. The same report noted that it was Anglo-American intelligence networks that set up what became al-Qaeda in the first place, under Osama bin Laden, during the Soviet war in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

Psywar Against the U.S. Public

Davis devotes considerable space to the "information operations" aspect of the Afghanistan War. He documents conclusively that the information being provided to the American public is based, not on any effort to be truthful, but on political considerations. He cites a 2006 article in *Military Review* that advocated changing Federal law so that "Military Information Operations" could be more effective, by defining acceptable activities "that organizations may perform to protect a key friendly center of gravity, to wit, U.S. national will." What has happened, is that the public affairs function, which, by definition, is supposed to merely inform the American public about military policies and activities, has become intertwined with the psychological operations function, which, by definition, targets foreign audiences to influence them to support U.S. military policies.

The author of the cited article, as well as another one that Davis cites, completely ignores the possibility that U.S. public support for the war in Iraq might have been falling because of events on the ground there. This is reminiscent of those historians of a conservative bent who blame the U.S. defeat in Vietnam on the news media and the anti-war movement, rather than on anything that was happening on the ground. Without characterizing it as such, Davis is actually describing the Goebbels propaganda method—repeat a lie often enough and people will accept it as the truth without question—as applied by the U.S. military.

Davis realizes that the deception didn't begin with, nor is it limited to the current wars. He describes his own involvement in two programs, the Advanced Warfighting Experiment (AWE) of 1997, and the Future Combat System (FCS) in 2003-07, to illustrate how the Army's modernization programs have been victims of the same problem. The AWE was supposed to demonstrate the efficacies of "digitization" of an entire Army division to increase its speed and lethality. The idea was that information technology would make the division so much more lethal that its force structure could be reduced, thereby making it lighter and more agile. The problem was that the experiment showed that the only thing that was accomplished was to reduce its combat power.

Similarly with the FCS, which was supposed to replace the array of different vehicles and systems in an Army brigade with a single family of vehicles and reconnaissance systems all tied together with a network. Neither program worked, but Army leaders (probably encouraged by the contractors who were making billions off these programs) hid the failures from Congress and the American public.

Perhaps what Davis doesn't realize is that these failures also proved that the whole Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) concept, which was the theory behind these programs, itself didn't work: the notion that new information age technologies, combined with new operating concepts, would give us perfect knowledge of the battlefield and make us unbeatable.

The driving force within the Pentagon behind this concept has been Andrew Marshall, the director of the Office of Net Assessment since 1973. He's an example of the permanent bureaucracy in the British

government that Franklin Roosevelt once complained about: "Governments come and governments go," Roosevelt was reported to have said, "but the permanent undersecretary is always there." Marshall has been the continuity of policy within the Pentagon on the RMA, and is also the force behind the Obama Administration's "Asia pivot." The RMA has been proven to be a failure several times since 1997, yet it remains the underlying concept for restructuring U.S. military forces.

From Afghanistan to Iran?

The wide gulf between what is happening on the ground in Afghanistan and what our top civilian and military leaders say about Afghanistan has serious domestic policy implications. Davis writes:

"If the American people do not demand their leaders be completely honest with them, we all forfeit the ability to determine our own destiny. If our acquiescence for a war decision is gained by some leader telling us a version of events that will result in our support, but that version is not in accordance with what really exists, how can we know whether war or supporting a war is really a good idea or not? Are the American people content to allow selected individuals, for reasons important to them, to decide when they are told the truth and when they are given fiction? When we tacitly know leaders don't tell the truth and yet do nothing about it, we effectively surrender control to our leaders and give them free reign to do as they see fit. Already we have gone far down this path and as a public have already relinquished considerable control that ought to reside in the people's hands."

Davis has just described how we got into the Iraq War in the first place. It takes not only the deception and lies of the leadership of the country, but the corruption of the population to acquiesce in those lies. The exact same game is being played with respect to Iran, a war, that, if allowed to occur, would be far more devastating, indeed, civilization threatening, than anything we have seen up until now. Will the elected members of the Congress again "go along to get along" or will they put the fate of the nation ahead of their own political interests, and act to remove Obama from office in time to prevent this catastrophe from happening?

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Obama Tramples on JFK's Grave

Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy called on this nation to "commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth," President Barack Obama and a complicit Congress have all but rung the death knell for America's space program.

On Sept. 12, 1962, Kennedy spoke at Rice University, and reviewed the progress since his address to Congress the previous year, in which he first laid out his vision for space exploration. We present here excerpts from that 1962 speech, in the hope that they will inspire a new generation of Americans to take up the torch.

"...[M]an, in his quest for knowledge and progress, is determined and cannot be deterred. The exploration of space will go ahead, whether we join in it or not, and it is one of the great adventures of all time, and no nation which expects to be the leader of other nations can expect to stay behind in this race for space.

"Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of the industrial revolutions, the first waves of modern invention, and the first wave of nuclear power, and this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of space. We mean to be a part of it—we mean to lead it. For the eyes of the world now look into space, to the Moon and to the planets beyond, and we have vowed that we shall not see it governed by a hostile flag of conquest, but by a banner of freedom and peace....

"Yet the vows of this Nation can only be fulfilled if we in this Nation are first, and, therefore, we intend to be first. In short, our leadership in science and in industry, our hopes for peace and security, our obligations to ourselves as well as others, all require us to make this effort, to solve these mysteries, to solve them for the good of all men, and to become the world's leading space-faring nation.

"We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people. For space science, like nuclear science and all technology, has no conscience of its own. Whether it will become a force for good or ill depends on man, and only if the United States occupies a position of pre-eminence can we help decide whether this new ocean will be a sea of peace or a new terrifying theater of war. I do not say that we should or will go unprotected against the hostile misuse of space any more than we go unprotected against the hostile use of land or sea, but I do say that space can be explored and mastered without feeding the fires of war, without repeating the mistakes that man has made in extending his writ around this globe of ours.

"There is no strife, no prejudice, no national conflict in outer space as yet. Its hazards are hostile to us all. Its conquest deserves the best of all mankind, and its opportunity for peaceful cooperation may never come again. But why, some say, the Moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain. Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas? We choose to go to the Moon.

We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win...."

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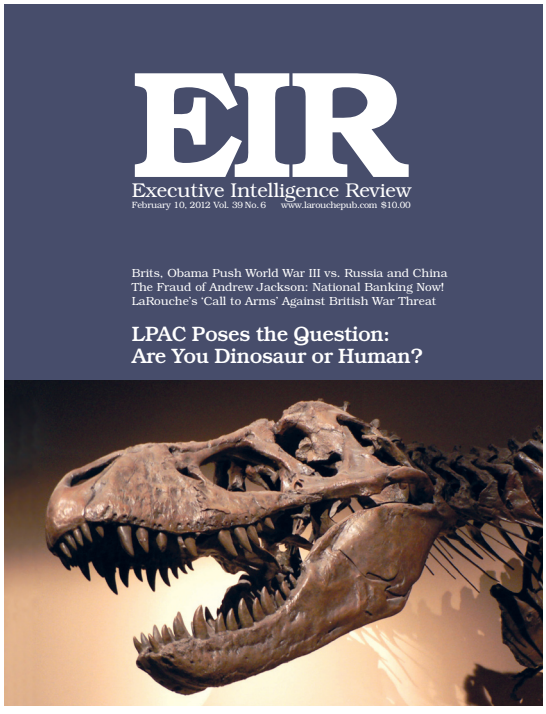

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