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From the Managing Editor

It may strike you that a number of our headlines this week are punctuated with question marks. This reflects the fact that we are in a period of rapid changes, and what happens next depends on certain incalculable individual actions. But, that's where we (and you) come in.

Our cover celebrates the signing of the July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence of the American colonies from the British Empire. The Founding Fathers could not predict the outcome of the struggle they were initiating: There were many fearsome battles yet to be waged, and many troubling questions to be answered. But the Founders heroically persevered—and won. But we have not yet rid ourselves of that enemy, as our cover story suggests: "Is the U.S. Finally Ready To Overthrow British Banking?" The predator bankers have come out in their own name—in this case to crush the growing support for Glass-Steagall. Read about the dramatic confrontation in Delaware, and the history of the Anglophile Morgan family: "What in Hell Is JPMorgan Chase?" Lyndon LaRouche's view of the matter is clear: "For a long period of time, even during the course of this year to date, the opposition to what JPMorgan represents was considered a loser. That has changed, and that is the crucial change. . . ."

America's historic enemy also comes under attack in the *Feature*: "Defeat London's Biofuels Genocide Policy Now!" followed by a discussion on The LaRouche Show, "NAWAPA XXI-Plus Is Not Optional, as Starvation Stalks Mexico, Americas."

International covers the deepening of the crisis in Syria as Obama begins to arm the "rebels" (read: jihadists), in "Military Steps Provoke Russia as U.S. Resistance Grows"; the election outcome in Iran looks positive, but brings more questions: "Elections Bring Change in Iran: Will the United States Change?" In *Economics*, we cover the bankruptcy of Detroit, and the breakout in Italy for Glass-Steagall. The *National* lead asks: "The NSA: Is It American, or British?" Our *Science* feature is "Operation Buzzkill: The Empire Targets Mars."

We will skip next week's issue (July 5), and resume July 12. In the meantime, please check larouchepub.com for updates, including today's crucial posting, "LaRouche: Only Preemptive Bankruptcy Action vs. the British Can Save the U.S.A.



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CONFRONTATION IN DELAWARE

Is the U.S. Finally Ready To Overthrow British Banking?

by Nancy Spannaus

June 24—With the emergence of the best known face of British banking in America, JPMorgan Chase, to fight in its own name against the reinstitution of Glass-Steagall banking separation, the battle for reviving that vital FDR measure has undergone a crucial change. What is clear is that the British bankers are now on the defensive against an accelerating trend toward Glass-Steagall.

American statesman Lyndon LaRouche drove this point home in his weekly Friday webcast June 21. Commenting on the June 20 appearance of a JPMorgan Chase lobbyist at a hearing on a Delaware Senate Memorial to Congress on Glass-Steagall, where the lobbyist literally threatened the Senators against taking what he called the "inadvisable" action of passing the resolution, LaRouche said: "For a long period of time, even during the course of this year to date, the opposition to what JPMorgan represents was considered a loser. That has changed, and that is the crucial change. That JPMorgan came out with all full fists and so forth to show this thing, indicates that they are frightened. And because we *do* have, in the U.S. population, to the surprise of many members of the Congress, an accelerating trend toward Glass-Steagall."

What JPMorgan realizes, LaRouche continued, is that the entire global financial system is "hopelessly bankrupt." They could never pay the gambling debts incurred, which go into the quadrillions of dollars. "They never intended to. What they intend is obviously a dictatorship."

And they recognize that Glass-Steagall, which stems from the Hamiltonian tradition of the American credit system, represents a killer blow against their system.

LaRouche concluded this way:

"If we do not get Glass-Steagall now, if we do not pass Glass-Steagall *now*, the United States will be destroyed, because it will be a victim of a dictatorship which had to cancel quadrillions of dollars of debt that it could never pay, and never *intended* to pay. So when JPMorgan comes in, considering what they know about their business, one would have to say that, unless they've suddenly gone stupid and lost the idea of what their *intentions* are, they're finished. But if we don't get in Glass-Steagall, *we're finished, too*. And if we win, if we get Glass-Steagall, JPMorgan and banks like it will never again appear on the surface of this planet.

"So the job is: *Get this thing through fast.* The American people are ready for it, they need it, it's the only hope we have. We have to create more employment. We have to create income-producing employment for the nation. We have to go back to the principle of Alexander Hamilton, and that's our system; we're going back to it. And we can promise the people of this nation, that if Glass-Steagall is put through now, considering the kind of temperament the nation has to have, in order to get Glass-Steagall through, we're going to



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Prescott Bush (left), founder of the Bush political dynasty, got his start as a managing partner in Brown Brother Harriman, whose Union Banking Corp. was seized by the U.S. Government for financing the Nazis. Bush's Wall Street contemporary, J.P. Morgan, Jr., funded Italian Fascist leader Mussolini, and bankrolled an attempted military coup against FDR.

have the greatest recovery that mankind has ever known."

Control in Congress?

Not surprisingly, during the same week that JPMorgan Chase's flunky was deployed to try to kill Glass-Steagall in Delaware, the very same line he uttered was being circulated on Capitol Hill: "Glass-Steagall will never be passed, so don't waste your time." Congressmen and Senators were telling LaRouchePAC organizers that "sources on the Financial Services Committee" were declaring the issue dead, and they shouldn't even bother to add their names to the bill.

This was obviously a lie. Sixty-seven Congressmen have signed on to H.R. 129, the "Return to Prudent Banking Act" in the House, and, against massive intimidation efforts, a companion bill, S. 985, has been introduced into the U.S. Senate by Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). Constituents from around the nation, including local bankers and legislators, are firing off letters to their Congressmen and Senators, which emphasize the urgent need for Glass-Steagall. At the same time, prominent international figures are sending appeals to Congress on how important the restoration of banking separation is to the survival of their countries.

Of particular note is the fact that the drumbeat for Glass-Steagall continues from London, notably from City of London investment counsellor Liam Halligan, who writes a weekly column in the *Daily Telegraph*. Halligan wrote columns on June 1 and June 23, in which he stressed the urgent need for a "geniune 'Glass-Steagall' separation of investment and commercial banking," in light of what he considers the inevitable next financial catastrophe.

That catastrophe is hardly far from the minds of those in Congress, who are acutely aware of the gyrating instability of the current financial markets. While it is clear that they are under intense blackmail pressure from the Administration—as the latest revelations about surveillance of Congress by the NSA underscores—the weakening of those government institutions by the massive exposure campaign is also palpable.

JPMorgan Chase, like Nebuchadnezzar, apparently saw the handwriting on the wall, and decided to act.

Fascist Bankers, Morgan and Bush

While Morgan, with its legacy from British merchant banker George Peabody in the 19th Century, and Aaron Burr, founder of the Bank of Manhattan (which

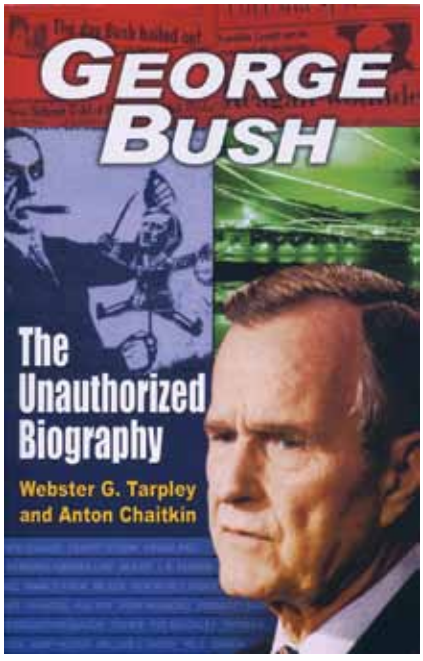
became Chase Manhattan), in the 18th Century, is certainly the *primus inter pares* of the London-centered banks on Wall Street, it has the company of others with a similar pedigree. Among them is the vaunted Brown Brothers Harriman, which was one of the launching pads for the premier political family pushing a fascist takeover of the United States for the British, the Bush family.

Like J.P. Morgan, Jr., who famously arranged a $100 million loan to Mussolini, and bankrolled a plot to carry out a military coup against President Franklin Roosevelt, Brown Brothers Harriman provided the crucial funds for Adolf Hitler, which permitted him to get into the Chancellorship, and build up his war machine. In fact, in 1942, the U.S. government ordered the seizure of the assets of the Union Banking Corporation, which was dominated by E. Roland Harriman, and in which Prescott Bush was a shareholder, for aiding the Thyssen family in its Nazi endeavors. It's no exaggeration to say these Wall Street bankers had Hitler pedigrees.

The key managing partner of Brown Brothers Harriman was none other than Prescott Bush, the founder of the Bush political dynasty which brought the U.S. under the thumb of the two Presidents who have played critical role in destroying the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush and George Walker Bush.[1]

The political legacy of the Bushes is absolutely coherent with grandfather Prescott's sponsorship of the German Nazis. They have been funders and promoters of eugenics, the British depopulation policy. In the 1970s, George H.W. Bush was the leading proponent in the U.S. Congress of Malthusian population reduction. He was involved behind-the-scenes in the drafting of National Security Study Memorandum 200 (NSSM 200) which set country-by-country targets for population reduction. Bush went berserk against President Reagan and LaRouche over the March 23, 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), and the moment he got into the White House, he demanded that LaRouche be thrown in jail, with no prospect of release.

As for George W. Bush, while no one would overestimate his intelligence, the content of the policies of his two terms, carried out with the more consciously evil Dick Cheney, coincides with that of his father and grandfather. Two long genocidal, nation-killing wars; the massive spread of industry-killing environmental policies; and the virtual overthrow of the U.S. Constitution by police-state measures all attest to "W"'s loyalties to British, not American values.



The political legacy of the Bushes is absolutely coherent with grandfather Prescott's sponsorship of the German Nazis. This 1992 book published by EIR, tells the full story (available at larouchepub.com).

As this magazine and the LaRouche movement have documented in depth, the current policies of the Obama Administration are simply the extension of those put in place by agents of the Queen before him—notably the two Bush Presidents, and the roving representative of that Queen, Tony Blair. Indeed, as Lyndon LaRouche stressed in his June 21 webcast, it is time to put a spotlight on those Bushes, who have played such a crucial role in carrying out the Queen's intent to destroy the American Republic—including George H.W.'s role in the attempt to destroy LaRouche and his movement, specifically because they were putting together the policies that would finish off the British Empire.

What JPMorgan Chase, the Bush political dynasty, and others of this Wall Street ilk understand, from their own evil standpoint, is what LaRouche has emphasized: Glass-Steagall will *wipe out* their ill-gotten gains and their power over the United States. That's why JPMorgan Chase sent its lobbyist into the Delaware Senate to try to intimidate the State Senators from signing onto the *winning* cause—Glass-Steagall. And that's why these bankers have to be politically destroyed now.

1. See Webster G. Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin, *George Bush: the Unauthorized Biography*, EIR, 1992.

JPMorgan Smoked Out in Delaware, Lies About Glass-Steagall

by Steve Komm

June 20—A dramatic confrontation occurred today at the Delaware State Senate, in the nationwide battle for Glass-Steagall, as the mega-bankers' lobby emerged from the shadows.

The weekly meeting of the State Senate Banking Committee had listed three bills for discussion, the last of which was State Senate Resolution No. 8, in support of the Congressional resolution H.R. 129 to restore Glass-Steagall. The chairman announced at the beginning that this was not an official session, because they lacked a quorum (only two of the seven members were there, the others being tied up with other committees), but they would take testimony on the bills. The testimony on the first two bills was heard, and those interested in them left the room, leaving six or seven men at the back of the room. Meanwhile, the chief sponsor of the pro-Glass-Steagall bill, Sen. Bruce Ennis (D), came in from another meeting.

Senator Ennis briefly introduced his resolution, saying that Glass-Steagall had worked for 66 years, but was repealed by Congress in 1999, under pressure from the big banks, which wanted to make riskier investments. "We all know what happened next," he said, describing the crash, the bailouts since 2008, and the new plans for bail-ins, from Cyprus to America. Millions have lost their jobs, factories have been closed. He cited the support from national unions and experts, and prominent Delaware local officials, for restoring Glass-Steagall.

The bill is co-sponsored by 10 of the 21 state senators. The six Democratic sponsors include the current Majority Whip and former Majority Leader.

A local activist spoke briefly after Ennis, in support of the urgency of passing the resolution, saying she had been active on this issue for years.

Then the fireworks started.

A representative of the Mid-Atlantic Financial Services Association told the Senators that it would be unwise to pass this resolution, and that they should table it for extensive further discussion of the many factors leading to the crisis of 2008. He cited the large role of financial services in Delaware's economy.

Then the lobbyist for JPMorgan Chase came forward, to tell the senators "it would be *very inadvisable* for Delaware, of all states, to pass this resolution at this time." He said that JPMorgan Chase has created 26,000 jobs in Delaware, and contributes greatly to the state's economy.

Then came the first whopper: "Similar resolutions have been introduced in 17 states, but only passed in 3," he said. Clearly, since JPMorgan Chase is closely following the pro-Glass-Steagall resolutions (the up-to-date figure is that resolutions have been introduced in 22 states, and passed so far in 4).

As soon as he was done, the activist spoke up: "I strongly resent the banks using this tactic of intimidation. You sound threatening to me." The JPMorgan man shot back, "We banks in Delaware don't threaten anyone. We try to work with everyone."

Senator Ennis responded, "The banks in Delaware don't threaten. It's the ones elsewhere that do, that we have to rein in with Glass-Steagall." He then said, "This isn't me, this is the GAO, a government agency, that says the banks were bailed out for $16 trillion—others say it was more." The Morgan man jumped in with his next whopper: "That was the TARP [Troubled Asset Relief Program]. That was all repaid with interest. It was one of the best investments the U.S. ever made."

Ennis replied, "The millions of factory workers who lost their jobs and the millions of homeowners who lost their homes, were never bailed out." He then described the huge amounts of bank deposits seized in Cyprus from accounts belonging to grocery stores, colleges, churches, etc., to "bail in" the bankrupt banks.

When a Republican state senator claimed that Glass-Steagall would never be restored, and wouldn't work, Ennis replied, "No matter what happens with this resolution, if there is a bail-in in Delaware, remember: On June 19, Senator Ennis warned you!"

Not one of the half-dozen bank lobbyists (whom observers said looked like a group of vultures) said one word to refute him on the plans of their own banks for bail-ins!

What in Hell Is JPMorgan Chase?

by Nancy Spannaus

June 24—The very name JPMorgan Chase encapsulates the legacy of British banking in America. On the one side, there's JPMorgan, which is essentially the American arm of a British bank founded by Americans in London in the early 19th Century. On the other, there's the offspring of Manhattan Bank (best known as Chase Manhattan), an institution chartered in 1799 by Aaron Burr, on the basis of a fraudulent claim that the company would supply New York City with fresh water.

Lest anyone think this legacy is not alive and well at JPMorgan Chase, now headed by the in-your-face Jamie Dimon, note the following: In the anteroom outside Dimon's office, there is displayed the brace of pistols with which traitor Aaron Burr assassinated the founder of the American System of economics, Alexander Hamilton.

Origins and Evolution

In 1835, Massachusetts-born George Peabody founded a merchant bank in London, George Peabody & Co., which grew into the top American banking house in London (and reportedly helped NM Rothschild with its U.S. investments). In 1854, the American, Junius Spencer Morgan (1813-1890), joined the bank, which then became Peabody, Morgan & Co. Peabody retired in 1864, and the bank became J.S. Morgan & Co.

Junius's son J. (John) Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913) joined his father's bank. Then he returned to the U.S. in 1857, to work for the American representative of J.S. Morgan & Co., Duncan, Sherman & Co. In 1871, J.P. Morgan founded an American bank in partnership with Anthony Drexel of Philadelphia, called Drexel, Morgan & Co. In 1895, Drexel, Morgan became JP Morgan & Co. When Junius Morgan died in 1890, son J.P. Morgan (1867-1943) took control of J.S. Morgan & Co. (which was renamed Morgan Grenfell in 1910). After his death, J.P. Morgan, Jr. (also known as "Jack") took over.

The Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 forced the bank to split its commercial- and investment-banking arms. JP Morgan & Co. became a commercial bank, and in 1935, spun off its investment banking arm as Morgan Stanley, run by JP Morgan partners Henry S. Morgan (a grandson of J. Pierpont) and Henry Stanley. Morgan Stanley became the premier white-shoe investment bank on Wall Street.

In 1959, JP Morgan merged with the much larger but less powerful Guaranty Trust Company of New York to form Morgan Guaranty Trust. Circa 1969, the bank formed a bank holding company, JP Morgan & Co., to own Morgan Guaranty Trust.

In 2000, JP Morgan was acquired by Chase Manhattan Bank, which itself was the name adopted by Chemical Bank after it acquired Chase (Chemical had earlier acquired Manufacturers Hannover). After the merger, the combined bank adopted the name JPMorgan Chase & Co.

In 2004, JPMC acquired Bank One of Chicago, a large super-regional bank, which at the time was headed by Jamie Dimon, the former protégé of Rothschild/Lazard operative Sandy Weill. Dimon is now the CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co.



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In the anteroom outside Jamie Dimon's JPMorgan Chase office, are displayed the pistols (shown in the photo) used by Aaron Burr to assassinate Alexander Hamilton.

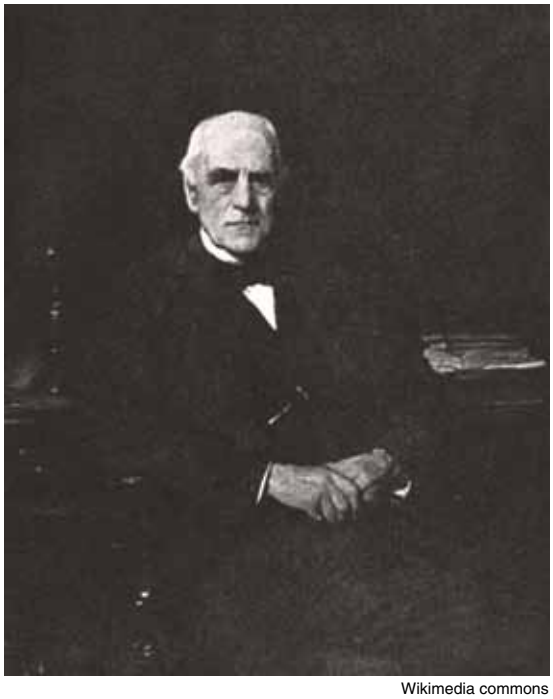
Destroying the American System

The three generations of Morgans and their bank became the leading British agents in the United States, and appear to have been tasked with the destruction of the American System.

The bank came to control a nest of corporate interests, including General

Electric and U.S. Steel, railroads, and others. J.P. Morgan, Sr. was a key player in the British operation known as the Panic of 1907, after which the British consolidated their hold over American finance. The Panic of 1907, and the orchestrated financial warfare panics which preceded it, led to the formation in 1913 of the Federal Reserve System—in which the Morgan interests played a big role. J.P. Morgan, Sr. died that year, and was replaced at the helm by his son.

During this early period of the 20th Century, the Morgan empire gained partial ownership and/or considerable control over American industry, including GE, US Steel, International Harvester, AT&T, American Bridge, and a host of railroads including the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Northern Pacific. In general, it would appear that Morgan and his cohorts ran financial warfare which bankrupted large sections of American industry and rail, took the firms over, and built them into market-dominating/competition-choking conglomerates.



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Junius Spencer Morgan (1813-90), founder of the Morgan banking family.

Of course, the Morgans never gave up their international role, and close British ties. In his introduction to his book *The House of Morgan, An American Banking Dynasty and the Rise of Modern Finance,* author Ron Chernow puts it this way: "The bank's ties abroad, especially those with the British Crown, gave it an ambiguous character and raised questions about its national loyalties. The old Morgan partners were financial ambassadors whose daily business was often closely intertwined with affairs of state. Even today [1990—ed.], J.P. Morgan and Company is probably closer to the world's central banks that any other bank."

At the same time, the Morgan bank cultivated ties within the political parties in the U.S., most notably, Democrats Al Smith, Democratic Party chairman John Jakob Raskob, and John W. Davis, Morgan's lawyer. This crew within the Democratic Party did its utmost to prevent Franklin Delano Roosevelt's nomination in 1932, and, when that failed and he was elected, were part of a conspiracy to organize a military coup d'état against FDR, through Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler. The plot failed when Butler blew the whistle, and took his story to the news media and the Congress.[1]

Morgan did not give up, of course. He felt especially embittered by his treatment by Ferdinand Pecora, the prosecutor who mercilessly went after him—with the encouragement of FDR—during hearings into banking corruption in the Spring of 1933, exposing his failure to pay income taxes, and his fleecing of the public to the benefit of his friends. While Pecora's exposure did not send Morgan to jail, it treated him with the proper contempt. An angry Morgan said Pecora had "the manners of a prosecuting attorney who is trying to convict a horse thief." Totally appropriate, of course.

Financial Speculation

After the death of FDR, and then the assassination of Kennedy, the road for a more dominant role for British-style banking was increasingly open.

As the importance of industry declined and the rape of finance grew, JPM was a major player. One of its key goals was to eliminate the hated Glass-Steagall restriction, and in December 1984, JPMorgan circulated an internal pamphlet, prepared by a team of in-house economists led by William C. Dudley. The pamphlet, "Rethinking Glass Steagall," was a call for an offensive to break the Glass-Steagall Act, and return to the pre-FDR era of unbridled financier cartelization. At the time, Alan Greenspan was a JPMorgan director, and he would go on to be the single most important player in the take-

1. See Jeffrey Steinberg, "FDR's 1932 Victory Over London's Wall Street Fascists," *EIR*, April 4, 2008.



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The Morgan bank today: JPMorgan Chase & Co. When Morgan and Chase Manhattan merged in 2000, the new bank became the second-largest bank in the world by assets, with total assets today of $2.509 trillion.

down of Glass-Steagall.

As chairman of the Fed, beginning in 1987, Greenspan testified publicly for dismantling Glass-Steagall, and began to loosen its protection, until it was repealed in almost all its features in 1999, with the passage of Gramm-Leach-Bliley.

With the repeal, JPMorgan quickly became a major force in the derivatives market, not only selling them, but also developing new types of derivatives and giving political protection to the scheme. When the LaRouche movement launched its campaign against derivatives in 1993, Morgan's Mark Brickell, in his capacity as an executive of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA), led the defense of derivatives in Congress (and also bought 25 copies of the derivatives pamphlet, "Tax Derivatives Speculation, Pop the Financial Bubble, Rebuild the World Economy," which was published by the LaRouche movement's newspaper *The New Federalist*). Despite sympathy for the LaRouche position on the part of Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.), chair of the House Banking Committee, Morgan and associated forces were able to save their derivatives gamble.

When Brooksley Born of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission dared question the deregulation of derivatives in 1998, Fed chairman Greenspan and Treasury's Robert Rubin and Larry Summers rose up against her, while Brickell and the ISDA led the lobbying in Congress, threatening to move the business to London if the government interfered.

In 1994—the same year the Morgan-founded Bankers Trust, seen as the shining light in the derivatives market, basically blew up, a crisis that was hidden behind revelations that it had been cheating its counterparties—Morgan banker and British subject Blythe Masters led the team that developed the credit default swap (CDS). A few years later, Masters and her team started the era of securitization, by creating a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to buy some $10 billion of the banks loans. The deal, called BISTRO, became the basis for synthetic collateralized debt obligations (CDOs).

Bailouts Over $1 Trillion!

In March 2008, as the financial crisis was growing, the Fed gave JPMC some $29 billion to take over Bear Stearns. When the crisis exploded in September 2008, JPMorgan Chase got a $25 billion cash injection from the TARP, and during the period from Dec. 1, 2007 through July 21, 2010, took $391 billion in loans from the Fed's emergency bailout facilities, and an additional $319 billion through its ownership of Bear Stearns. According to the GAO report on its audit of the Fed, JPMorgan Chase got a total of $1.269 trillion.

That's a lot of money for a bank which loudly claimed that it did not need a bailout.

Morgan was the second-largest derivatives bank in the nation when it was acquired by market leader Chase Manhattan ($9 trillion and $14 trillion, respectively, at the time of the merger). Combined, the bank became the clear market leader, peaking at a whopping $99.2 trillion in the second quarter of 2008. As of the end of 2012, the bank had reduced that exposure to a mere $69.5 trillion!

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Defeat London's Biofuels Genocide Policy Now!

by Marcia Baker and Cynthia Rush

June 22—The Anglo-Dutch Empire's food-for-fuel policy, in the face of severely diminished global grain harvests and reserves, is causing at least 250,000 deaths a year, and afflicting millions more with disease and disability.

This kill rate is a conservative estimate, based on extrapolating from careful calculations done in 2011, using World Health Organization and World Bank data, by Indur M. Goklany, whose article, "Could Biofuel Policies Increase Death and Disease in Developing Countries?" appeared in the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* (Vol. 16, No. 1, Spring 2011). A press release on the article was headlined, "Biofuels May Kill 200,000 Per Year in the Third World." (Dr. Goklany is a climate researcher, not a physician.)

Goklany's conclusions underscore what *EIR* has long asserted: The food-for-fuel policy is one whose purpose is to kill people by reducing the food supply.

Over recent years, a widening swath of other groupings—from meat producers, to chain restaurants, and humanitarian organizations—have also begun to campaign against the biofuels mandate. A bill currently before the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 1461) seeks to eliminate the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), and is the subject of a grassroots campaign launched June 20 by the National Council of Chain Restaurants called "Feed Food Fairness: Take RFS Off the Menu."

The U.S. mandate for biofuels currently uses up approximately 40% of the national corn crop, and the mandate is scheduled to *increase* in the near future. At the same time, the financial sharks and cartels funding this business have diverted millions of acres of land in developing nations from food production into fuel—literally taking food out of the mouths of the people most vulnerable to starvation.

The interview done on *EIR*'s "The LaRouche Show" Internet radio program on June 15 (published below) reviews some of the sordid details of the destruction this process has created in Central America.

The Only Appropriate Word is Genocide

Goklany did his study in opposition to the erroneous greenie assertion that global warming will kill people, if the world continues using fossil fuels, and doesn't switch to "renewables," such as biofuels. Not true, said Goklany. Biofuels are the killers. He then looked at mortality and morbidity from overall impoverishment, in particular from lack of food.

In brief, Goklany's method combined the following elements:

1. World Health Organization studies "suggest that



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Dubya Bush gave the ethanol policy its first big boost, and Obama has continued it.

for every one million people living in absolute poverty in developing countries, there are annually at least 5,270 deaths and 183,000 Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) lost to disease."

2. The World Bank estimated that more than 35 million people were pushed into poverty between 2004 and 2010, because of the burden of high food prices, and economic dislocation associated with the increase in biofuel production over those six years.

3. Therefore, these two conditions together "lead to at least 192,000 excess deaths per year, plus disease resulting in the loss of 6.7 million disability-adjusted life-years (DALYS) per year," concluded Goklany. His article presents details of the first- and second-order factors involved in debilitation and death (malnutrition, infection, sanitation, etc.).

In the two and a half years since this study, the 2010 high rate of U.S. corn-for-ethanol has continued, and worldwide, other forms of biofuels have increased, including cane-sugar gasohol and oil-crop biodiesel.

The volume of U.S. corn going into biofuels, since Obama took office in 2009, has risen 35%, from 94 million tons in 2008, to 127 mt in 2011.

A conservative linear extrapolation shows that today's international death rate from biofuels is in the range of 250,000 people a year.

Look to Bush and London

While the Obama Administration holds the responsibility for refusing to lift the biofuels mandate, in the face of the worsening situation for farmers and eaters, the initiation of this policy came from one of the key tools of the genocidal London financial oligarchy, the Bush family.

In 2006-07 the G.W. Bush Administration launched a campaign to impose ethanol production on Central and South America—they called it "the ethanol revolution"—taking land out of food production on behalf of Wall Street and London speculators, killing hundreds of thousands through starvation, malnutrition, and disease.

The key legislative parts of this process were enacted in 2005 and 2007, where, for the first time, an ethanol mandate was established, in the Energy Policy Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act, respectively. Grain farmers were roped into this immoral scheme with the promise of secure markets and high prices, while consumers were told the policy was "environmentally friendly." In fact, the policy went together with a downgrading of the energy intensity platform of the U.S. (and world) economy, especially the starvation of vital nuclear energy.

The drive for ethanol was in fact a centerpiece of George W. Bush's policy toward Ibero-America, assisted by his brother, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who set up the Inter-American Ethanol Commission (IEC) in December of 2006 to coordinate the "investment" side of this murderous plan. Working with the State Department, IEC drew in some of the worst of the Anglo-Dutch Empire's financial predators, including Royal Dutch Shell, George Soros, the mega food cartels—Cargill, Bunge, ADM, and others—and an array of offshore private equity and hedge funds, all slobbering over the thought of making a killing, and killing people, through biofuel expansion in the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

In early March 2007 "W" launched a five-nation ethanol tour, hitting Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico, but singling out B razil, with whose President, Inacio Lula da Silva, he signed a "strategic alliance" based on ethanol. The maleable Lula, whose head Bush and his handlers filled with thoughts of transforming Brazil into the "Saudi Arabia of biofuels," bought into the scam wholeheartedly. He immediately embraced the idea of "helping" Central American and Caribbean nations develop their ethanol and biofuel industries as the vehicle for their "economic development."

The Bush crowd encouraged their allied financial predators, including enthusiastic Brazilian sugarcane and related biofuel investors, to target impoverished Guatemala as the location for major ethanol and biofuel production for export to the United States, but Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras were also on the list. To move the ethanol agenda forward more aggressively, Jeb Bush helped create a continental Bioenergy Alliance in early 2008, whose members included the leading ethanol producers of the Americas. They organized several "road shows" around the region, and waxed ecstatic about ethanol prospects in Central America.

Alberto Moreno, head of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), made the bank an integral part of the Bush offensive, echoing Jeb's rosy prediction that, where the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) had failed to materialize, future Ibero-American "integration" and anti-poverty and job-creation programs would be forged by ethanol. Jeb's IEC was a major sponsor of the First Biofuels Congress of the Americas, held May 11, 2007 in Buenos Aires, at which none other than über-greenie Al Gore was the featured speaker.

Regional integration? By April of 2008, food riots swept across the Caribbean and Central America, provoked by widespread food scarcity and soaring prices that put basic staples out of the reach of the poor. Famine loomed, and many heads of state expressed the fear that social unrest provoked by hunger would affect their ability to govern. Desperate governments met in emergency session to grapple with the destruction of food-producing capabilities, wrought by years of globalization and free-trade policies that forced them to produce crops such as sugarcane and African palm for export, while reducing food production for domestic consumption.

The regional conference of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which took place in Brasilia on April 14, 2008, erupted in a fierce backlash against Bush's (and Lula's) biofuels offensive, as delegate after delegate rose to denounce plans to divert food crops into biofuels production, a diversion which special UN representative Jean Ziegler called "a crime against humanity."

The Bush ethanol drive continued seamlessly into the Obama Administration, resulting today in levels of starvation and misery in Central America and the Caribbean far worse than in 2008. Starving Guatemala, the Bush Administration's ethanol showcase, has the highest rate of child malnutrition in the Western hemisphere—50% of all children under the age of five—while the Queen's stooge Obama is busy killing off Americans by allowing 40% of the U.S. corn crop to be used for ethanol production. (See interview.)

Congressional Motion

In mid-April a bipartisan foursome of Representatives Jim Costa (D-Calif.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), and Steve Womack (R-Ark.) introduced two pieces of legislation in an attempt to slow or halt the diversion of food to fuel now underway through the Renewable Fuel Standard.

One bill, the "RFS Reform Act," would prevent the expansion of the ethanol mandate; the second is the "RFS Elimination Act," which is to "give relief to livestock and food producers as well as consumers" by restoring a "free market" instead of Federally backed biofuels. The bills are numbered H.R. 1462 and H.R. 1461 repectively.

Costa said at an April 10 press conference, "The debate is over; the Renewable Fuel Standard as we know it is not sustainable. I have heard just this week from Foster Farms, poultry producers in my district [California's San Joaquin Valley], that their price of doing business has jumped by over $250 million annually in the last five years because of skyrocketing corn prices. Putting food into our fuel tanks is hurting dairymen and women, livestock producers, consumers, and businesses across the nation. We can't afford this. It's time for real, wholesale change."

On June 21, the National Council of Chain Restaurants launched a grassroots coalition effort behind the RFS Elimination Act. It's an idea whose time has come, and whose delay would lead to many more deaths.

NAWAPA XXI-Plus Is Not Optional, as Starvation Stalks Mexico, Americas

EIR Ibero-American specialist Cynthia Rush was interviewed on The LaRouche Show, a weekly Internet radio program (http://www.larouchepub.com/radio/index.html), by host Marcia Merry Baker on June 15. What follows is an edited transcript of their discussion.

Baker: Cynthia has an overview of developments in Mexico, and Central and South America, regarding food and water, but also the related political developments.

What we have confronting us is a growing horror of malnutrition, hunger, and death toll in the Americas. At the same time, we appreciate that some of the most beautiful agroclimatic potentials are here—in South America, in the Caribbean, and here in North America. And we have a history of many projects; but right now, we have an emergency situation, because there have been deliberate policies to deplete and ruin land, water, and food-producing regions, and this is for reasons of intent emanating out of the financial, commodity, and power networks that are best called the Empire, the British Empire, the Anglo-Dutch Empire.



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Cynthia Rush was interviewed on The LaRouche Show June 15.

There are names of the famous commodity companies, everything from Royal Dutch Shell to Unilever involved, names of operatives—you know some of them, like George Soros, but I also include the philanthropo-fascist Bill Gates. Many names like this.

It's this network that's operating on behalf of the royalist imperial interests to literally force depopulation in the world.

This kind of holdover from continuities of empires in the past, whether it's the Roman Empire or the Venetians who ruled the Mediterranean, and decided who would eat and who wouldn't eat during the 1300s—this kind of thing is what we're facing here. And we'll get into that in specific with reports by Cynthia on different aspects of this picture.

Cynthia, do you want to begin by giving us the dimensions of, when it comes to the means of existence of food, the crisis situation in Central America, parts of South America, the Caribbean?

Mexico: Severe Drought

Rush: Well, what I would like to do first is give kind of an overview, starting with Mexico, because, of course, it's not only on our border, but the area of that nation that is most affected by drought—northern and north-central Mexico—are part of what we call the Great American Desert, which, of course, includes the areas most affected by the drought in the southwestern United States and western Canada. So, there's a real premium, as you said, on building the kind of great infrastructure projects—the North American Water and Power Alliance, NAWAPA, and some specific infrastructure projects in Mexico that would connect with NAWAPA.

To address the magnitude of this crisis, if you look at Mexico right now, you have a situation where of 32 states, 21 are affected by severe drought. We're talking about approximately 48 million people living in that region, out of Mexico's total population of 115 million. You have had a dramatic decline in agricultural production, obviously; a dramatic kill-off of the national cattle herd, either dying of starvation or being sold off because farmers can't afford to feed their animals, and the United States has actually purchased large quantities of Mexican cattle.

Some Mexican political activists and representatives of the farming and peasant sector have warned that Mexico now faces a national security threat, because it's estimated there could be a 20% drop in agri-

cultural production this year; and this comes on top of last year, in which agricultural production had already dropped by 40%.

Compared to 30 years ago, when Mexico was about 80% self-sufficient in food production, today it has to import 40-50% of the food it needs for national consumption.

Baker: I think in the 1960s, they were exporters of grain, anyway.

Rush: Yes, exporters of both corn and wheat.

I've seen estimates of as high as 60% of the national territory that is now affected by the drought; and you have a process also of desertification, where the land is being completely dried out, where there's no vegetation, so you can't grow anything or retain moisture.



Coordinación de Material Gráfico

President José López Portillo created the Mexican Food System in the early 1980s, which ensured that, by 1985, Mexico was largely food self-sufficient. Here, he leads a rally in support of the nationalization of the banks, Sept. 3, 1982.

One figure I saw recently, also from northern Mexican farmers, is that 5 million hectares, which translates into a little over 12 million acres, have been taken out of food production, grains specifically, in that part of Mexico.

Baker: That would be like taking out the production of the entire state of Iowa in the United States.

Rush: We have the situation where last year, Mexico had to import 50% of the wheat that it needs for national food consumption, 25% of its corn, and 70% of rice, because these crops are no longer being produced in the country.

López Portillo Brought Food Self-Sufficiency

If you go back to the mid-1970s, Mexico was about 80% food self-sufficient, and up until the period of the José López Portillo presidency, which ended in 1982, you had a number of structures, agencies, state-run entities, that were put in place decades earlier to protect the producer, the farmer, and the citizens—to make sure that they would have access to cheap and nutritious food and that farmers could make a reasonable profit.

Baker: Yes, I remember one—Conasupo [National Company of Popular Subsistence].

Rush: Yes, right.

Baker: And I think they would deal with orderly import of milk powder, which had a special role in the Mexican diet.

Rush: I think also they handled marketing, to offer fair prices to producers.

López Portillo created what was called the Mexican Food System (SAM) in the early 1980s, which established specific goals for increasing food production, and bringing more land under cultivation, so that by 1985, Mexico could once again become largely food self-sufficient.

Baker: And he also had a nuclear power development program—it was integral to the idea that you'd have enough power so that you could organize what you would need to improve the soils or to reorganize water supplies. He had a certain number of power plants he proposed, right?

Rush: Yes, I think eight was the number planned. Of course, that's now been pretty much abandoned.

Baker: There's just one.

Rush: Yes, the one in Laguna Verde is the only one. And of course, people may remember that Lyndon LaRouche was a key ally of López Portillo, who met with him personally a couple of times, and that was really emblematic of, as LaRouche constantly reiterates, an alliance between sovereign nation-states, between leaders who are committed to the same policy outlook of mutual self-interest of their nations, and promoting the development programs required.

After 1982—the successor to López Portillo was a neoliberal monetarist, as were all subsequent Presidents—that nationalist tradition was completely

crushed, and all of the mechanisms that had been created to defend the general welfare, were dismantled. One example was the 1994 enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, which led to the complete destruction of Mexican agriculture, because all protective tariffs were eliminated, and the country was flooded with cheap U.S. food, and Mexican farmers who produced corn, wheat, and rice could simply not compete with that.

This was also the case throughout Central America. That's the way Haiti's rice-producing capacity was completely wiped out; Haiti had also been 80% self-sufficient in rice production up through the 1980s, and it was actually under Bill Clinton's administration that American rice flooded Haiti, such that today Haiti has to import 80% of its rice for national consumption, and half of its food. So this is really the kind of insanity which for all these nations has resulted in unbelievable rates of death, malnutrition, starvation—especially among children, which, if that's not addressed immediately, there will be no future generations.

Baker: Mass depopulation.

Rush: Absolutely.

Baker: And to your chronology, it was January 1995, but then on a world scale, came the World Trade Organization, so the same process became very severe.

Don't Mess with 'Mother Nature'

Rush: Just last week, we put out in *EIR*[1] a package on Mexico, looking toward what is the programmatic approach that is required immediately, including the necessary defeat of this green fascism, environmentalism, which is unfortunately very prevalent in Mexico today, still, even though there's been a change in government. And the new President, Peña Nieto, has indicated some determination to change policy, agricultural policy, in particular, to provide more credit, to address the hunger and drought, etc. But fundamentally, there is no significant change in the overall economic and political policy framework that has created this devastation in the first place.

Baker: When you mentioned "green": This whole time, in addition to the borderless trade that was imposed, there was this evil outlook imposed, saying that you shouldn't even intervene to reorganize and upgrade water, to move it from where it's prevalent, which is pretty much southern Mexico, and off the slopes of the Sierra Madre, because that would be in violation of "Mother Earth."

Rush: Yes. We had the case in the previous Felipe Calderón administration of this character we identified at the time as an agent of the genocidal Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) of Prince Philip. This individual, José Luis Luege Tamargo, was the head of the National Water Commission in Mexico, and he was completely opposed to development of water infrastructure, or moving of water anywhere. The philosophy was, manage your austerity, manage your scarcity, have more "efficient" use of resources, but don't tamper with Mother Nature.

From what I've seen so far, that outlook remains in place. The new head of the National Water Commission, who otherwise seems to be fairly competent, is saying that water rationing will now be necessary. So they're stuck in this outlook.

Baker: That resources are fixed, as opposed to something you develop.

Rush: Yes.

Baker: You've been stressing that we have millions, in effect, in the Americas now currently without enough food.

Rush: Yes. Let me mention parts of Central America, and, as we were discussing earlier, looking back five years ago, almost to the month, April of 2008, Central America was in an absolutely dire food emergency. Regional agricultural and other government officials were meeting almost weekly, to try to figure out what to do, because there had been such a destruction of their ability to produce food and people were starving and dying.

Baker: It was called a world food shock at the time, too.

The Biofuels Hoax

Rush: Right, there were food riots in several countries—Egypt was one of them, and Haiti, and throughout Central America. And, that situation coincided with a huge push toward the production of biofuels in Central and South America at the time. Of course, as we know here in the U.S., we're taking 40% of our corn crop and putting it into ethanol production.

There was a drive under the George W. Bush Administration for ethanol production in Central and South America, which supposedly was going to be the basis for consolidating a new development revolution.

1. Cynthia R. Rush, "Mexico's Drought Demands NAWAPA-Plus Infrastructure Projects," *EIR,* June 14, 2013.



Mexican farmers have been forced to turn their corn crops over to the biofuel mega-cartels, instead of producing for food for their families and communities.

Ethanol was going to be the basis for ending poverty, and creating jobs!

Well, that didn't happen. Bush did a junket himself, to five or six countries in Central and South America, with special targetting of Brazil to pull them into this. In all of these Central American countries which once had been—let's say, 30 years ago, they were pretty much able to produce corn and wheat, for their own domestic consumption—maybe 80%. But you started to get the same phenomenon I mentioned in Mexico with NAFTA. There were similar agreements rammed through, like the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which began to flood these countries with cheap corn, wheat, and rice, which wiped out domestic producers and farmers, so they were forced to import corn, for example.

That was in mid-2006, into 2007 and 2008.

Baker: You're talking about Guatemala?

Rush: Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, pretty much all of them.

But at the point where you started getting the drive for biofuels, and the demand for corn went up, you also saw a consequent rise in the price of corn, so these countries were starting to have to pay much more money for imported corn, which took a huge toll in terms of poor farmers, peasants who were subsistence farmers, who were producing a little bit of food, mostly for their families, and maybe selling some on the side, to make some money.

Small producers couldn't afford to pay for corn, either to eat or to use for animal feed; and then you also had gigantic pressure from agribusiness, cartels, financial speculators, predators, George Soros's friends in the private equity funds, the guys who are based in the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong and other such locations, jumping into these countries, demanding that biofuels be produced. More and more land—what little corn, let's say, was being produced—was being gobbled up, in fact, by these larger operations.

Baker: Converted into neo-plantations for sugarcane, ethanol, and I guess you're saying palm was introduced for biodiesel.

Rush: African palm, sugar, also, large sugarcane plantations. A lot of farmers were being pressured to sell their land to these large outfits—Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland, Bunge—the big cartels are involved in this.

You had the price of commodities going up tremendously, worldwide, as a result of this phenomenon, and people unable to afford to buy food.

I can mention the case of Guatemala, which is really quite astounding, where according to one researcher for a local non-profit who's really looked into this phenomenon, "the average Guatemalan is now hungrier because of biofuels development."

This country is actually a decent-sized country.

Baker: I think there are 15 million people…

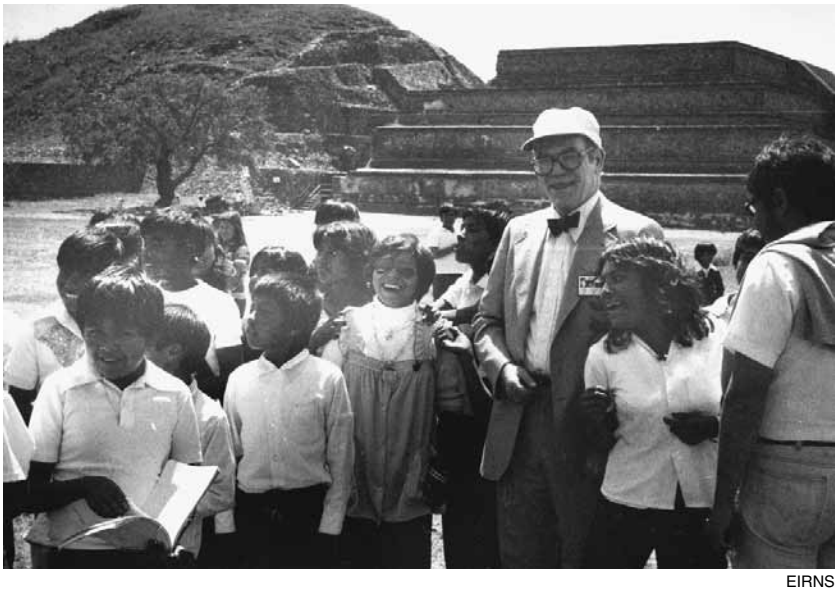
Rush: It has good land, but an incredibly impoverished population; it has *the* highest rate of child malnutrition in the Western hemisphere: 50% of all children under the age of five, which is higher even than Haiti. When you get into the really poor indigenous populations, the malnutrition rate goes up to 80% of children under age five.

So, you could go country by country, you combine that situation with the drought. There's been a very severe drought in parts of Central America, in Guatemala. Panama just had a devastating drought. Honduras—70% of land under cultivation was affected by drought over the past nine to ten months, affecting food and cattle production. So, this is just absolute devastation, and there's absolutely nothing that can address this, other than what Lyndon LaRouche and his associates have put forward, in terms of the kind of infrastructure—urgently needed infrastructure—and if we're going wipe out Wall Street, and these financial vultures who prey on populations, in order to have their gigantic biofuel profit, then we have to have Glass-Steagall. It's the only possible solution.

Haiti: A Case of Deliberate Genocide

Baker: Let me ask you to take one special feature of all of this, which you were involved in bringing out at the time. You take a place like Haiti, which you said, in the past—it has a glorious past as being a friend of the new American Republic. But let's take the recent past.

In 2010, there was the earthquake there, and knowing that already this process was going on, this dumping of rice, free trade, was impoverishing them deliberately. But then came the earthquake. So the question was called: We should change policy here; and people went to the White House and said, we should change the policy in the sense that, we should move the stricken people to higher ground, and let's intervene with infrastructure so you have sanitation in Port au Prince, and you have electricity. You have the means to protect these people.



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Lyndon LaRouche visited Mexico several times in the late '70s and early '80s. Here, he is seen in front of the pyramids in Teotihuacán, in September 1979.

The only reason I'm throwing this in here is, it's about President Obama's reaction; but in the 1950s, I think it was under President Eisenhower, there had been a watershed development with an electric dam, the means to irrigate, and so forth. But, this particular case of Haiti after 2010 is grounds for impeachment for Obama, LaRouche and we said at the time. Would you address that?

Rush: Well, Haiti is just a deliberate case of genocide, precisely because what LaRouche proposed at the time—and you were involved in putting together the program that we published, for immediate emergency Army Corps of Engineer involvement, a military mobilization that would have been required to build housing, etc. And that wasn't done. We had the subsequent outbreak of cholera.

Baker: Within, I think, eight months.

Rush: In October of 2010, following the January earthquake. The official figure of deaths from cholera is something like 8,000 people, but the danger is not eradicated in any way.

The UN's World Food Programme just put out the figure, that two out of three Haitians are starving. There's no food; and keep in mind, billions of dollars were pledged, supposedly, to rebuild Haiti. They called it "Building Back Better." The basis of that reconstruction program is, what? Building luxury hotels—that's your job creation. Building slave-labor textile assembly plants.

Baker: Oh, yes, the garment industry—cheap labor to undercut Bangladesh.

Rush: Yes. Some of these predators pulled out of Nicaragua and Honduras because those countries were considered to be *too expensive*—labor costs were too high—and they moved to Haiti! And unfortunately, Bill and Hillary Clinton have pushed this thing to the hilt. A huge new textile assembly "industry" built on the northern coast—this is supposed to provide jobs and infrastructure.

Baker: To service the cruise ships. They do have set-aside ports for the cruise ships.

Rush: Yes. I don't even think the wage [for the assembly plants] is $1 a day, maybe 90 cents a day. This is just slave labor. And we put out our own proposal for how you could increase food production. Nuclear energy—why not? And any number of projects that could very quickly provide jobs, training, and education—universities were wiped out with the earthquake.

So, this is just a catastrophe, and if you look back, not only was Haiti crucial in U.S. history—Alexander Hamilton had input into the writing of the Haitian Constitution, and there was actually a very important collaborative relationship there. The Haitian Revolution of 1804 was the second revolution in the Western Hemisphere (the first being the American Revolution); and of

course, it was by a black population and nation, which the British and French imperialists weren't too happy about.

Franklin Roosevelt had a very interesting relationship with Haiti, and through the Good Neighbor policy, established mechanisms that helped Haiti to produce food. So that's something that is really signficant to keep in mind when we're looking at the current situation. In 1934, FDR proposed setting up CCC [Civilian Conservation Corps]-style camps in Haiti to provide job training, among other things—a very different approach from the genocide we see today.



National Archives

President Franklin Roosevelt had a close relationship with Mexico, as evidenced by his Good Neighbor policy. He is shown here with Mexican President Avila Camacho in Monterey, April 20, 1943.

Baker: You mentioned the garment industry. This is called "Building Back Better," but it's a neo-British East India Company, if there ever was one, and the one particular agriculture-related thing is Obama's USAID, which specialized in giving contracts for partnerships, such as to Coca Cola, to build a facility in Haiti, and several other places where local mangoes could be grown, the pulp concentrated, and the mango pulp shipped to the United States, so that you could buy your health-food drinks, of mango-pineapple juice from Haiti. This was motivated.

This is actually the leading edge of USAID-Bill Gates policy for Africa and everything else: private partnerships with Coca Cola and others.

So it's a genocidal food policy.

Now, with that in mind, do you want at this point to describe the general outline of the North American Water and Power Alliance sister projects, what's involved in moving water from where it is in southern Mexico, northward?

Rush: Well, there are two basic projects which, like NAWAPA, have been on the shelf for a number of years.

Baker: Particularly from the 1960s, probably.

Rush: About the same time as NAWAPA. You have the PLHINO, which is the North West Hydraulic Plan, and then you have Northern Gulf Hydraulic Plan, which is called the PLHIGON. We've written about these extensively (see footnote 1).

FDR's 'Good Neighbor Policy'

Rush: I mentioned [Franklin] Roosevelt earlier, and his relationshinp to Mexico. There's this really wonderful example from 1940, because of course, Roosevelt had a close relationship with Mexico, and there were many enemies of Mexico within the United States, who sought to blow up the U.S.-Mexican relationship, especially after Mexico nationalized its oil industry in 1938. But Roosevelt handled it in a very, very astute way, always thinking of what our nations had in common, and how can we work on that.

In 1940, right after Roosevelt was nominated to run for his third term, he chose Henry Wallace as his Vice President.

Baker: He had been Agriculture Secretary for a couple of terms.

Rush: Right. Henry Wallace took a trip to Mexico. He went to Mexico, being an agronomist, wasn't he?

Baker: Yes, he was a specialist in corn. Of course, he was thrilled because Mexico is the home of the origin of corn.

Rush: So he went to Mexico, and I believe he was there for about a month, and he travelled all around, because he wanted to investigate what was happening with corn yields, different breeds of corn, and wheat also. He was welcomed so warmly by the Mexican farmers, because he visited every different kind of farm—subsistence farms, larger industrial farms, experimental stations—and he was genuinely concerned and interested in how Mexico might increase its yields and productivity, of both corn and beans, traditional staples of the Mexican diet. And he went through the Rockefeller Foundation to get funding.



FDR's Agriculture Secretary and later, Vice President, Henry Wallace (center) visited Mexico in 1940, where he worked with farmers to improve their productivity, especially in corn, including by bringing in the Nobel Laureate agronomist Dr. Norman Borlaug (the two are shown here inspecting crops).

Baker: The problem is that most of the money resources were so tied up in the war effort that he had to seek some other source of funding.

Rush: So he ended up creating an experimental station outside of Mexico City, which began operating in 1943, after the Rockefeller Foundation and the Mexican government agreed to set up the Mexican Agricultural Program (MAP). He brought in Dr. Norman Borlaug, among other U.S. scientists, whom we associate with the successful Green Revolution. And Borlaug worked on increasing yields for corn, looking first at how you might create rust-resistant wheat. He then moved beyond that to determine how to increase yields of other crops, and 20 years after the MAP began operating, Mexico went from becoming a wheat importer to an exporter; corn production doubled and wheat production increased fivefold.

Nota bene: Borlaug's "Green Revolution" is not to be confused with the Queen's green fascism. This program represented a wonderful collaborative effort, and Wallace so endeared himself to the Mexicans because of his approach, which was based on the idea of, how can we work together to figure out this problem, and help you increase your corn and wheat production and yields in order to feed people?

I wanted to read from a letter that Franklin Roosevelt received in 1940, following his reelection, from Mexico's then-President Lázaro Cárdenas, who was just about to leave office, congratulating him. Cárdenas said in his letter, "By being re-elected, Mr. President, you give us hope that the policies of reciprocal respect may be consolidated as a lasting kind of relationship, between countries whose proximity requires cordiality." He talks about "the motives of justice" which Roosevelt was committed to, and expresses the confidence that "your government's policies will be reaffirmed in the direction of an attitude of justice toward the American nations."

He ended by saying, "I firmly believe that your policy will do away with the vestiges of international mistrust which are still evident among the nations of our continent, whose political and economic solidarity requires, without doubt, the strengthening of ties of good understanding and friendship."

And Roosevelt responded, saying that it was his "profound conviction that … the people of this country [the U.S.] expressed their approval of that policy of inter-American solidarity and cooperation, in which you and I so firmly believe, and which is so essential to improve the welfare of the peoples and the nations of America." And he said, "I know that these policies can only be successful when they are based on a sincere respect for the rights inherent in national independence and sovereignty, and on an equally sincere desire to carry out the obligations of same."

The Artibonite Valley and the Darién Gap

Baker: And there might be other examples, during the war, and in other parts of South America, but even at other times—I think I mentioned Haiti, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did a project, under Eisenhower, I think…

Rush: Yes, that was the Péligre Dam, which is located on the Artibonite River.

Baker: Right, yes. It's the largest, longest river—Haiti is half an island nation, and small…

Rush: Right, and the Artibonite Valley is actually Haiti's breadbasket—it's the most fertile land, and interestingly, the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IICA) that Wallace set up in 1942, based in Costa Rica, was involved in 1952 in devising a development program for the Artibonite Valley, from the standpoint of how not only to increase food production, but going beyond that, creating new educational and technical facilities to train agronomists and raise the educational and skill level of the population.

When the Péligre Dam construction got underway in 1953, observers referred to its location as the "Valley

FIGURE 1
The Pan American Highway and Darién Gap



of Hope," because of the enthusiasm it generated among local residents and its potential for creating jobs, expanding food and other commodity production, controlling floods and soil erosion, and raising living standards through an expanding tax base. In the March 10, 1953 edition of *The New York Times*, reporter Herbert Matthews referred to the project as the "TVA of Haiti," a smaller version of Roosevelt's Tennessee Valley Authority.

One other project—and this really is taking things to the level of the global land-bridge development that we've talked about: Three years ago, we put out the proposal for what's called the Darién Gap, the 60-mile piece of rainforest or marshland between Colombia and Panama (**Figure 1**).[2]

Baker: The isthmus.

Rush: Yes, the isthmus which is kind of a no-man's land because it's completely uninhabitable, except for the narco-terrorists of the the Colombian FARC—the cocaine cartel that has made it their territory. They operate there. This is an area also which the WWF has proclaimed to be a biosphere reserve.

Baker: Untouchable by humans?

Rush: Yes, so of course there can be no development. But, we put forward a program on how to bridge the Darién Gap, through railroad construction—our friend Hal Cooper also has some interesting proposals for this—bridging the Darién Gap, but seeing it also as a key piece of what would be a hemispheric plan for infrastructure development, railroads, the Pan American Railroad, which our President McKinley had proposed, and was a key aspect of his continental development perspective. The railroad only goes *to* the Darién Gap; it never got further than that. The Pan American Highway goes to the Darién Gap and then continues—stops, and then continues further down.

But the point is, if you built the tunnel under the Bering Strait, you could have a connection to all of North America, and also into Europe. In North America, Central America, this could then connect into key infrastructure projects: the north-south corridors in South America that include the Venezuelan and Colombian plains that are very fertile, like the Great Plains of the United States.

Baker: Yes, one part was a great cattle region—is that the idea?

Rush: Yes. And then there's the Brazilian *cerrado* area. You could vastly increase food production in the heartland of South America, which would obviously have a huge impact. You've got the agricultural producers of Argentina, grains—unfortunately, today, they're also producing gigantic amounts of soybeans, which have replaced wheat as their main export item.

So, the perspective that I just outlined is a crucial aspect, that obviously connects into the whole NAWAPA perspective as well.

Baker: Well, I think that takes us back around to where we started: that there's no reason for the scale of this disaster. It's horrifying that we've reached the end of the line, in terms of taking of human life, which is the goal behind these financial networks and operations that have brought us to this point. And so, it's going to be one way or another, and we know what we're committed to.

2. See Dennis Small, "NAWAPA: Bridging the Darién Gap," *EIR*, Aug. 20, 2010.

OBAMA'S ARMING OF SYRIAN REBELS

Military Steps Provoke Russia As U.S. Resistance Grows

by Jeffrey Steinberg

June 24—President Obama, in a desperate drive to save his Presidency and create the conditions for the trans-Atlantic bankers' dictatorship demanded by his British masters, is recklessly moving the world closer to general war. In the past week alone, he announced that the U.S. would provide weapons to the rebels in Syria, and he called for an overhaul of U.S. strategic nuclear policy, which Russian President Vladimir Putin instantly rejected as an attempt to prepare for a first strike on Russia. There is also mounting resistance to Obama's war drive within the top echelons of the U.S. military and within Congress, putting the issue of impeachment on the table.

Meanwhile, Paulo Pinheiro, the head of the UN Human Rights Commission's inquiry into charges of chemical weapons use in Syria (Obama's "red line" for supplying weapons to the rebels), told reporters on June 22, "We are not able to say who has used chemical agents or chemical weapons and we are very worried about the chain of custody of the substances." The Commission's report earlier this month had noted that "allegations have been received concerning the use of chemical weapons by both parties."

At the G8 summit in Northern Ireland on June 17-18, Obama's decision to arm the Syrian rebels made his bilateral meeting with Putin a chilly affair. Both leaders agreed to continue to work together to hold a Geneva II summit seeking a political solution to the Syrian crisis, but acknowledged sharp differences over how to accomplish that vital goal. Putin told Western reporters at the G8: "One does not really need to support the people who not only kill their enemies, but open up their bodies, eat their intestines in front of the public and cameras. Are these the people you want to support? Are they the ones you want to supply with weapons?"

Putin repeated the attacks on the arming of the rebels during the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum two days ago, making it clear that the Russian supply of weapons to the Syrian government was totally in line with international law—given that the Assad government is the legitimate government of a sovereign country—while the arming of the rebels seeking Assad's overthrow is a violation of international law. "It is hard for me to imagine why anyone would supply arms to those armed opposition groups in Syria, whose composition is not fully clear to us," he said. "If the United States and the U.S. Secretary of State recognize one of the key Syrian opposition organizations, Jabhat al-Nusra, as a terrorist group and officially recognize its connections to al-Qaeda, how can they supply arms to that opposition? Where will these arms eventually end up? What will be their role? We still do not have answers to these questions. And when we ask our partners these questions, they also cannot answer."

Opposition in Washington

Obama's escalation against Syria has also caused increased concern among some Members of Congress. On June 20, a bipartisan group of four U.S. Senators—Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Chris Murphy (D-Ct.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), and Mike Lee (R-Ut.) introduced legislation

prohibiting any U.S. government agency from arming the Syrian rebels. The bill demands that the White House explicitly receive Congressional approval before any support other than humanitarian aid could be provided to the rebels.

In interviews with MSNBC, Udall and Lee yesterday reiterated that the President has no authority to arm the Syrian rebels without first obtaining Congressional approval, under Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution, which gives Congress the sole authority to declare war. The Senate action is parallel to a concurrent resolution, H.C.R.-3, introduced into the House in January 2013 by Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), under which any President bypassing Congressional authority by going to war without explicit authorization would face impeachment.

During the week-long deliberations on the Syria crisis preceding the announcement of arms supplies, Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reportedly lambasted Secretary of State John Kerry for his proposal to carry out limited bombing of the Syrian Air Force. Dempsey warned that any such actions would draw the U.S. fully into the conflict, with grave strategic consequences.

Dempsey's warnings were echoed in a June 19 op-ed by 22-term Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), published in *USA Today* under the title "Obama's Syria Plan Has Many Dangers." Rangel wrote of his own deep skepticism about Obama's escalation, adding, "As the United States takes on an expanded role in this volatile regional conflict, we should reflect on the lessons we have learned from the past decade of war and carefully consider how and why we wage war." Rangel ended with a call for the United States to reinstate the draft, and a warning that the Obama actions against Syria, if not countered by Congress, would contribute to the "slow erosion of our democratic principles."

Nuclear Weapons Policy

Even as President Obama was moving to illegally draw the United States deeper into the Syrian quagmire, which has spread into neighboring Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq, and Jordan, the President also used the occasion of his visit to Berlin on June 19 to announce a new U.S. nuclear weapons policy. While couching his remarks in a call for nuclear arms reduction by the United States and Russia, the speech was accompanied by the release, back in Washington, of a new Department of Defense report to Congress that called for the U.S. to develop a new generation of counter-strike weapons—both nuclear and conventional—to defeat potential adversaries. Russia and China clearly recognized the new policy as a direct threat to the precarious thermonuclear weapons balance between both nations and the United States.

On June 19, President Putin raised the issue, highlighting the dangers of nations developing precision non-nuclear weapons that could be used in a conventional first strike to knock out even nuclear weapons capabilities. "There has been increasing talk among military analysts," he warned, "about the theoretical possibility of a first disarming strike, even against nuclear powers." He went on to attack the U.S. plans for deploying a European ballistic missile defense system. "We know, too, that the United States is continuing work on its strategic missile defense system. This project is undergoing some reconfiguration in terms of time and geography, and we welcome these steps our American partners are taking. But at the same time, no one has renounced the program and it is still going ahead. The question is only one of time: which component of the missile defense system will be deployed and when."

"We cannot accept a situation that would put the strategic deterrent system out of balance and make our nuclear forces less effective," he said. "This is why developing our space and air defenses will remain a priority area of our military development plans."

The same threat has also been highlighted with regard to China. In the past two weeks, two studies—by George Washington University and the Carnegie Endowment—have questioned the logic behind the Obama Administration's "Asia pivot" and the military doctrine of Air-Sea Battle [see article in this section].

The strategic dimension of this threat to both Russia and China takes on urgency in the context of the escalation against Syria, which will pit the United States directly against both Russia and China, which have rejected the doctrine, first stated by Tony Blair in 1999, that the world has entered a post-Westphalian era, in which national sovereignty is no longer sacrosanct, and regimes can be overthrown by foreign military intervention.

The danger represented by this was clearly stated by noted American commentator Paul Craig Roberts, who, in a June 17 column, warned, "If Syria falls, Russia and China know that Iran is next," and that after Iran, "they are next." He continued, "There is no other explanation for Washington surrounding Russia with missile bases and surrounding China with naval and air bases. Both Russia and China are now preparing for the war that they see as inevitable."

Elections Bring Change in Iran: Will the United States Change?

by Hussein Askary

June 21—Iranian moderate candidate Hassan Rouhani won an outright majority of the votes (more than 50%) in the Iranian presidential election on June 14, and was declared President-elect of the Islamic Republic of Iran, making a second round of voting unnecessary. The elections were held in a calm atmosphere, and there have been no challenges to the result from conservative candidates. In the last elections in 2009, the second round between reformist Mir-Hossein Musavi and President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad led to tensions and eventually to riots and destabilizations, including operations backed and run by British intelligence, that threatened the whole nation.

Of the 35,458,000 valid votes, Rouhani won 18,613,000. He ran against five other contenders, mostly conservatives, the strongest being the governor of Tehran, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, who received 6,077,000 votes. The others were Saeed Jalili (Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator); Mohsen Rezaei (former Commander of the Iranian Army); Ali Akbar Velayati (former foreign minister, and reportedly the closest to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei); and Mohammad Gharazi (independent reformist).

All the opponents were reported by the Iranian News Agency (IRNA) to have congratulated Rouhani for his victory, wished him success, and "offered to help him build the nation." The contenders stated that "the real winner was the Iranian people."

According to the report of the Interior Ministry, 50,483,192 people were eligible to vote in the presidential elections. The turnout was 72.7%.

Supreme Leader Khamenei gave Rouhani his official blessings, while giving credit to the Iranian people and the Iranian system for the victory. He said that "the enthusiastic participation of people in the presidential elections on Friday was a brilliant test of Iranians' determination and an increasing political growth and people's insistence on religious democracy." He added: "Faithful Iranians in yesterday's elections showed their huge capacity in facing wisely the psychological war of hegemonic powers." He stressed that "the real winner of yesterday's election was the Iranian nation."

More assuring that Rouhani's victory will not be challenged, was a public message of congratulations from the chairman of the Assembly of Experts, Ayatollah Mohammad-Reza Mahdavi-Kani, sent to Rouhani on June 16. The Ayatollah also congratulated the Iranian nation on "creating a political epic on June 14." He further wished success to Rouhani and his future government.

It was that Assembly which excluded the other reformist candidate, Hashemi Rafsanjani, and many other candidates from the elections. It is the second most powerful conservative (unelected) institution after the Supreme Leader Khamenei.

Majlis (parliament) Speaker Ali Larijani also issued congratulations to Rouhani, saying the new President "can rely on people's high turnout in the Friday election in order to solve the existing problems in the country, including unemployment and rising prices." He said the Majlis will heartily cooperate with the new government to meet the nation's demands.

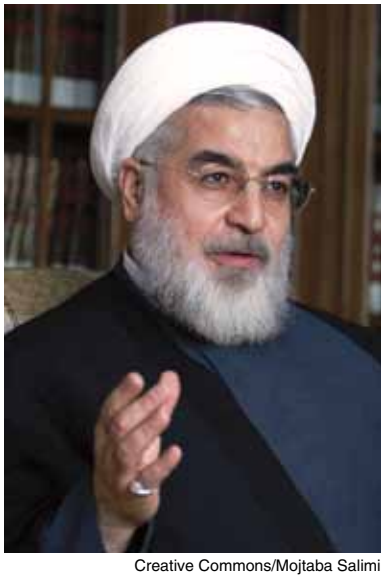
There were no signs of disturbances in the streets of Tehran or other major cities. Hundreds of supporters of Rouhani gathered outside his campaign headquarters in Tehran, shouting slogans of victory, but were politely asked by the police to leave the premises, as such gatherings require permission.

A Potential Game-Changer

While it is not clear yet what kinds of disagreements will emerge between the President and his conservative rivals in the near future, as happened with former reformist President Mohammad Khatami, it is ultimately the U.S. and European policy towards Iran, and the

British ability to manipulate the United States and to sow discord in the region, that will determine what direction this President will take.

Rouhani is no outsider to the institutions of the government and revolution in Iran. He is a Mujtahid in Islamic Shi'a theology (a very high rank in the clergy). He has been a member of the Assembly of Experts since 1999, member of the Expediency Council (headed by Rafsanjani) since 1991, and most importantly, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council for 16 years under Presidents Rafsanjani (1989-97) and Khatami (1997-2005). During the second term of Khatami's presidency, Rouhani served as the chief nuclear negotiator with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the West from 2003 to 2005. He is an inside witness to the sabotage of these talks by the George W. Bush and Tony Blair governments. Rouhani wrote a book on this subject and Iran's nuclear strategy in detail, titled *National Security and Nuclear Diplomacy*, published in October 2011 (in Farsi) by the Center for Strategic Research (CSR) in Tehran, of which he has been president until now. The CSR will be an important feature in President-elect Rouhani's coming government, especially his expected foreign policy.



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The landslide victory and high voter turnout for President-elect Hassan Rouhani signify that the Iranian people are longing for a real change in their economic conditions.

Among his credentials are a Master's degree in law and a Ph.D. in constitutional law from Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, which gives him insight and knowledge into Western thought processes and history.

Rouhani is supported by both Khatami's "green revolution," which demands a real reform and modernization of the political system of Iran to become a true constitutional republic, rather than staying in a hybrid state between elected institutions and non-elected theological institutions (without challenging the excessive power of the Supreme Leader), and by the Rafsanjani faction which is a more liberal, free-trade-oriented elite.

Shift from Ahmadinejad

The election of Rouhani, and by a landslide too, was a big surprise for all observers and even the Iranian people. All efforts by the Ahmedinejad government and conservative institutions were directed to exclude and discredit the reformist candidates. The fact that the vote went to the only moderate candidate, shows that even the pro-conservative people (mostly poor) are longing for a real change in economic conditions. President Ahmedinejad came to office with the promise of helping the poor and reforming the corruption of the merchant ("bazaar")-dominated economy, but achieved very little, as inflation soared, and the government was forced to push more austerity and remove state subsidies for food and fuel. Of course, these conditions were imposed by U.S. and European economic sanctions, but Ahmedinejad's provocative tone and often insane statements against Israel and the West, made things worse in the eyes of the Iranian people.

An American expert on Iran noted to *EIR* that when a serious rift developed between President Ahmadinejad and the Supreme Leader Khamenei, Rafsanjani clearly sided with Khamenei. An understanding was reached between the two that, while Rafsanjani was himself eliminated from the list of approved Presidential candidates, Khamenei would not block the Rafsanjani-backed candidate Rouhani. A combination of forces gelled behind Rouhani, contributing to the landslide victory. The clergy, worried that the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was amassing too much power and was on the verge of challenging clerical rule, was fully behind Rouhani, the only cleric on the ballot. The conservative Principalist Faction had three candidates, and the votes were split among them. The bazaar also turnedin support of Rouhani.

So, it was an across-the-board victory and it has profound implications. In his first post-election press conference, Rouhani clearly distinguished himself from Ahmadinejad, declaring that Iran would seek a fresh start in foreign relations, including with the United States. He laid out the criteria for a major improvement in Iranian-American relations, including an end to U.S. interference into the internal affairs of Iran, and a recognition of Iran's legitimate rights under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Trita Parsi, the head of the National Iranian-American Council and a strong advocate of normalization of relations between Washington and Tehran, noted that Rouhani has never been associated with the reformist



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Supporters of Rouhani rally in Tehran on June 13, the day before the election.

camp, but is an experienced moderate who has the potential to unite the country around urgently needed economic recovery.

Rouhani has recently focused on the economic issues. In recent public remarks, he said that his priority is to combat unemployment and the effects of the economic sanctions imposed on Iran. One interesting sign of his thinking about the impact of large-scale infrastructure, is his campaign's promotion of a major project to replenish the drying saltwater Uromia Lake by building a canal from the Caspian Sea. Supporters of Rouhani recently sent this campaign website to this author (http://www.urmiacampaign.com/), seeking public support and claiming that this would be one of the first large-scale economic projects Rouhani would undertake if elected President.

Rouhani is also a supporter of nuclear power and technology, although he stated recently that building new nuclear plants "should not come at the expense of the economy and the well-being of the population," a somewhat populist statement which seeks to indicate that he is more focused on alleviating the current economic difficulties of the people than on future plans.

U.S. and British Policy

As stated above, the direction in which Washington moves—either with the British Empire for a World War III starting in Southwest Asia and Syria specifically, or with Russia to find a peaceful way out of the current tragedy, to a world order based on peace through economic development—will determine the policies of every government in the region, including Iran. From 1997 to 2005, the West had everything they could possibly hope for from Iran, in the person of a great President (ranked as a philosopher), Khatami, who initiated a "Dialogue of Civilizations" and was open to every possible American diplomatic move that preserved for Iran its sovereignty and independence. But that did not prevent the British from sabotaging every move he made. With the 9/11/2001 Anglo-Saudi assault on the United States, and the following wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, every initiative Khatami had worked for was dismantled.

Britain's Tony Blair did not wait long after Rouhani's election to rave against Iran and call for war on both Iran and its ally Syria. Blair, who spoke on June 19 at the annual Presidential Conference in Jerusalem, echoing threats by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the day before, said, according to the *New Scotsman*: "Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions and export of terrorism round the region are a threat. We must be determined to confront and overcome that threat." He raved: "Those who truly hold the power in Iran must know of our determination and feel its vigor.... Of course, any choice involving military action is fraught. No one wants it. But a nuclear armed Iran is the worst choice and we shouldn't make it."

Blair attacked those in the West who are trying to avoid war, stating: "Undoubtedly the predominant emotion in the West today is to stay out of Syria; indeed to stay out of the region's politics.... But as every day that passes shows, the cost of staying out may be paid in a higher price later. [We] should understand: The window of opportunity will be open for only a short period of time. We must go through it together. If not, the window will close and could close forever. Time is not our friend. This is urgent. This is now."

Blair and Netanyahu's arguments are meant to tell policymakers in the U.S. especially, and the West generally, that there is nothing new in the Iranian situation,

as "those who truly hold the power" are not the President, his people, nor the millions who voted for him.

It is important for the Iranian leaders and people not to respond in knee-jerk fashion to such provocations, as did President Ahmedinejad in recent years.

Iran's Foreign Policy

Even before Rouhani is inaugurated on Aug. 14, two issues will dominate the foreign policy discussion in Iran: dialogue with the U.S., and economic cooperation as a means for establishing peace and stability in Iran's neighboring regions.

While former President Ahmedinejad emphatically refused a dialogue with the United States, the Supreme Leader left the issue contingent on the U.S. respecting Iran's rights, although he maintained a very skeptical tone about the possibility that the U.S. would ever do that. However, the institution of the presidency and its foreign policy branch will have the freedom to pursue this avenue.



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Dr. Mahmoud Vaezi in his office in the Center for Strategic Research in Tehran. He is reportedly the first candidate for the post of Foreign Minister in President-elect Hassan Rouhani's government.

One key spokesman for the Rouhani foreign policy, and the foremost candidate for the post of foreign minister, is Dr. Mahmoud Vaezi, director of the CSR under Rouhani, who also led Rouhani's presidential campaign's foreign policy team. Dr. Vaezi is longtime foreign policy expert and was the official envoy of President Rafsanjani and mediator in the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict in the 1990s. He has been, since 1999, an advisor on foreign policy to the Expediency Council of Iran, also headed by Rafsanjani. He has had a team of both seasoned and younger diplomats working with him at the CSR on Iran's foreign policy, especially in relation to Europe and United States. His acquaintance with the United States comes partially from his years as a young man earning his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Sacramento State University, and his Master's in electrical engineering at San Jose State University, both in California. He was also a Ph.D. candidate in telecommunications/engineering at Louisiana State University.

For Vaezi, two issues are clear: Iran's disputes with the United States and the West generally can only be solved through a direct dialogue/negotiations with the U.S. Administration, a dialogue conforming to Iran's legitimate national interests, and not a foreign agenda. The other issue is to develop Iran's economy and make restore its role as a leading nation in the region, an indispensable partner in regional trade and cooperation, and a key source of energy.

Vaezi made the first point very clear in a televised debate with Ali Baqeri, the foreign policy advisor to conservative candidate Said Jalili. According to Iranian English-language Press TV, Baqeri first pointed to Rouhani's statements that, instead of negotiating with the EU, Iran would be better off hammering things out with the U.S., as the "sheriff." "Once we admit that there is a sheriff, we expect them to give us our share, so we would no longer try to gain our rights. Cooperation with Western and European countries was conducted within this framework at that time, where different negotiations were held in Tehran, Brussels, and Paris. The end result of that cooperative trend was the fact that we accepted and gave them all they demanded."

Baqeri asserted that instead of following the international community, the country needs to work toward achieving its rights on its own.

In reply, Vaezi said that the task for the country is not to pursue its "share," but its rights in the international system. "Here it is clear that Mr. Jalili's outlook is an extension of Ahmadinejad's," he said. "This sort of foreign policy is of a contestant category that is at loggerheads with everyone. Such a foreign policy will surely fail to uphold our national interests and security. We adopted an extremist approach and quarreled with different countries, and that reminds us of the Taliban's policy. When it rose to power, Taliban adopted the same approach. It is even likely that they are somehow guided by the Taliban. This is a defective policy."

He also criticized the Ahmadinejad Administration's outlook toward Israel: "Mentioning the Holocaust makes Israel appear mistreated. That was the foreign policy which brought us economic sanctions, five UN resolutions, and two statements." He stressed that "as long as this policy prevails, neither the nuclear issue nor the country's economic problems will be solved."

Vaezi asserted, "What is important to us in nuclear negotiations is the outcome. Diplomacy will not progress with slogans, it is rather result-bound."

A 20-Year Economic Vision

The Iranian leadership adopted in 2002 a 20-year economic Vision Plan, which was approved by the Expediency Council. The plan envisions independent economic development based on making Iran a developed nation by 2025, and a leading economic, scientific, and technological power in the region through increased investments in scientific and technological research, especially in agricultural, biotechnological, nuclear, IT technology, space science, and similar frontier fields. The proportion of R&D in GDP is to increase from 1% to 5%. The focus will be oriented toward the education and employment of the very young population of Iran.

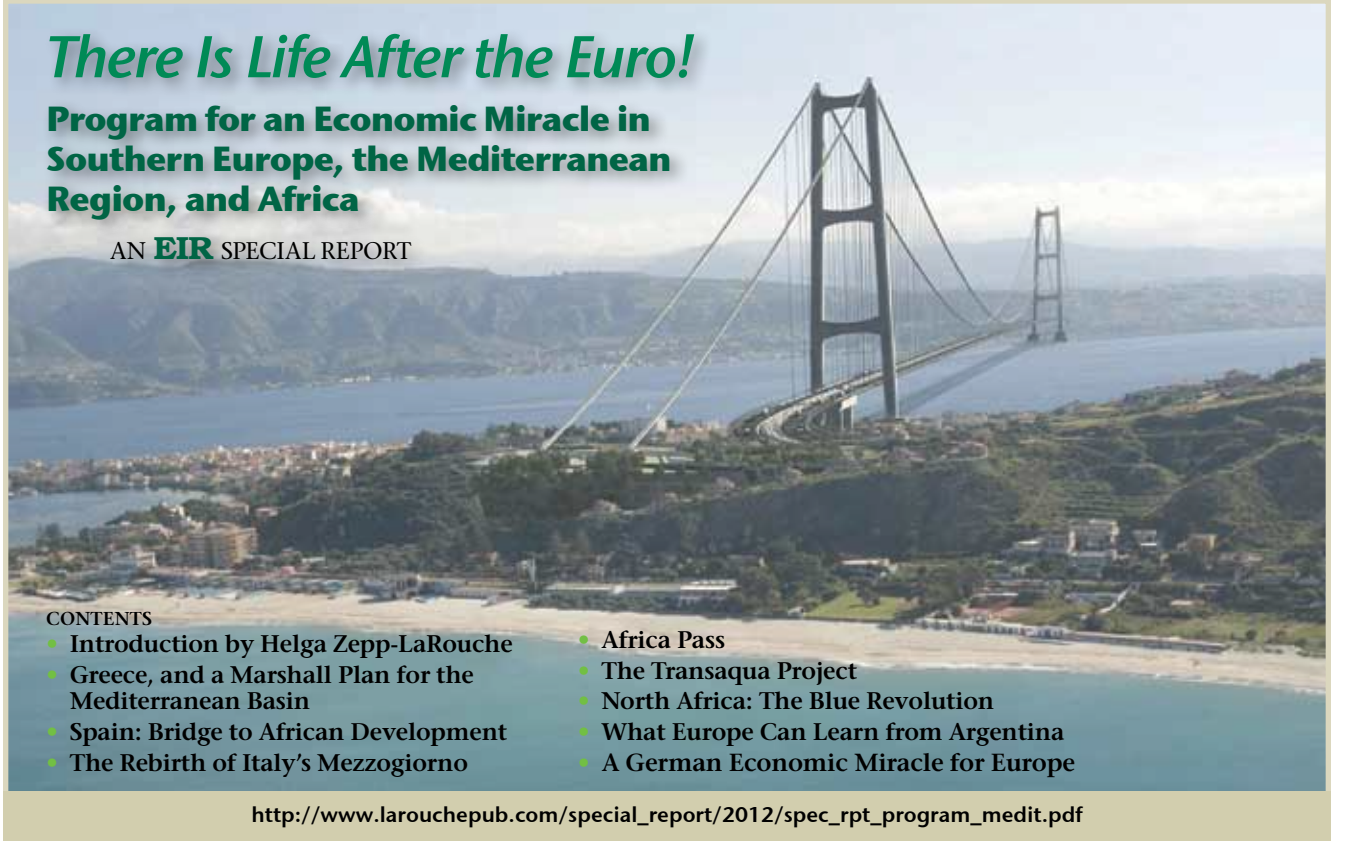
Unfortunately, because of the very harsh economic sanctions imposed on Iran by the UN Security Council, the United States, and Europe, in addition to the destabilization of the whole Southwest Asia region through the Afghanistan war, the invasion of Iraq, and currently the war on Syria, these plans were not implemented fully.

However, Iran has nevertheless managed, especially in the field of large-scale infrastructure and the transcontinental transportation sector, to make for itself a key position in trade between Asia, Europe, and Africa. (See "Iran a Bridge Among Continents," *EIR*, April 5, 2013; and "The Persian Gulf: Peace and Construction or War and Destruction," *EIR*, May 10, 2013.

Despite its fierce sense of independence, it is clear that Iran cannot exist in isolation, and that it cannot progress without reliance on other nations' scientific and technological achievements, a fact which was admitted even by Ayatollah Khamenei in a speech regarding the 20-Year Vision Plan.

Dr. Vaezi is one of the people who constructively oriented Iran's foreign policy toward this development plan and drafted the key component of it. In his strategic paper published in March 2009 (available in English on the website of the CSR) "Iran's Constructive Foreign Policy under the 20-Year Vision Plan," he detailed how the foreign policy of Iran should be steered to comply with and aid the plan.

"The present article," he writes, "investigates the necessity of providing internal conditions; the develop-



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ment of the country is dependent upon providing suitable international conditions through interactional and constructive orientation. The development of a country depends on the creation of an environment without any tension in foreign relations and with profitable global facilities like high technology and international financial facilities, as much as possible, as well as a foreign policy that is based on constructive interaction with the world, as it is in 'The 20-Year Vision Plan' document. This document can provide a suitable environment by creating balanced relations without any tension and moving toward creating trust, security, and peace, so that foreign investment and new technologies may develop the country."

Dr. Vaezi also argues for matching utterances of the policy with the aims of the nation, rather than achieving rhetorical effects and gaining populist sympathy: "As a country that makes developmental progress its main goal in the next 20 years, Iran needs a constructive foreign policy to make the required infrastructure for the country's development in this light. On this route, in the first instance, the progress of development should be treated as one of the main priorities in both the words and attitude of foreign policy, in a way that it often is not."

Vaezi lists 15 objectives of Iran's new foreign policy, all of which are relevant; however, we take objective number 9 as representative of the general approach:

"9. The necessity of interaction with the world economy for the realization of development: Since, in the new world, realization of development on national levels, through constructive interaction with the world economy, is easier and quicker, every government that has adopted development as a necessity and an end of its foreign policy, should make a constructive and active interaction with elements of global economy."

Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR* have long emphasized the key concept of "peace through economic development," especially with regard to the war-torn, but strategically important areas of the world. In Iran, it seems that this concept has met a matured host.

These presidential elections and a definite positive shift in Iran's outlook has to be met with openness and trust from the United States specifically, and the West generally. Diplomacy and the pursuit of happiness of every nation lies in the realization that the "benefit of the other," and scientific and cultural progress, are the universal language that should be spoken by all nations and peoples.

Leading U.S. Institutions Warn

'Air-Sea Battle' Is a Plan for War on China

by Michael Billington

June 20—Over recent weeks, several leading analysts and institutions in Washington have released studies which directly challenge the operative U.S. war-fighting doctrine under the Obama Administration, known as Air-Sea Battle (ASB), demonstrating that the very existence of the doctrine threatens to bring the United States into a confrontation with China which would lead, perhaps quickly, into a thermonuclear war. While Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both in his practice and in his public presentations, has made abundantly clear that confrontation with China is neither necessary nor wise, and that he would continue building ties between the two nations, and between their military forces, the fact remains that the Air-Sea Battle doctrine has been put in place and is influencing policy decisions which, in the words of one leading analyst, have "no good outcome."

EIR has consistently warned of the danger and insanity of the ASB doctrine,[1] tracing its origin to the work of Andrew Marshall—the 91-year-old director of the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment, who has, for the past 20 years, been painting China as the military threat of the future—and of his kindergarten of think-tankers, notably Andrew Krepinevich, now the head of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, who is largely responsible for formulating the ASB doctrine.

This role of Marshall and Krepinevich in creating and implementing this doctrine was noted by Amitai Etzioni, a professor of international affairs at George Washington University, in a paper, titled "Who Authorized Preparations for War with China?," published in the current issue of the Yale *Journal of International Affairs*, On July 10, a forum under the same name as

1. For example, see Carl Osgood, "Obama's Asia Pivot *Is* Aimed at China," *EIR*, May 3, 2013.



Carnegie Endowment

Michael Swaine: Anyone who thinks China will just throw up its arms and say "game's up—we give up," is crazy. "There is no good outcome for this," Swaine concluded.

Etzioni's paper is scheduled to take place at the Segur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies, and the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, featuring Etzioni, together with former U.S. Ambassador to China Stapleton Roy—perhaps the most senior of American diplomats—and National Defense University senior fellow T.X. Hammes. The issue of ASB leading to war is clearly being taken quite seriously.

"The Pentagon has concluded that the time has come to prepare for war with China," Etzioni writes, noting that the Pentagon has adopted the policy as part of its 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review. He calls this a "momentous conclusion" that "will shape the United States' defense systems, force posture and overall strategy for dealing with the economically and militarily resurgent China." He warns that this "may well lead to an arms race with China, which could culminate in a nuclear war."

Etzioni points out, as have other critics, that ASB's purpose is to defeat China, and that this is a "long cry from containment or any other strategies that were seriously considered in the context of confronting the USSR after it acquired nuclear arms." The Cold War, Etzioni notes, was characterized by mutual deterrence, and was structured around a series of red lines that each side knew they were not to cross. "In contrast, ASB requires that the United States be able to take the war to the mainland with the goal of defeating China, which quite likely would require striking first," he writes. "Such a strategy is nothing short of a hegemonic intervention." He quotes Joshua Rovner of the U.S. Naval War College, who said that deep inland strikes could be mistakenly perceived by the Chinese as preemptive attempts to take out its nuclear weapons, thus cornering them into "a terrible use-it-or-lose-it dilemma." That is, ASB is prone to lead to nuclear war.

A 13-page unclassified report by the Air-Sea Battle Office within the Pentagon, titled "Air-Sea Battle—Service Collaboration to Address Anti-Access and Area Denial Challenges," acknowledges that the doctrine is not a strategy, but a battle plan to counter an adversary which has the potential to prevent access (using the now ubiquitous acronym A2/AD, for Anti-Access/Area Denial) to some or all of the U.S. military capacities—air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace. The report describes in simple, but hair-raising terms, how to use the full array of U.S. military power to take out all aspects of this adversary's A2/AD capacities, at sea and on land. While not naming China, the constant refrain of the "China threat" being trumpeted by the governments and the media in the U.S. and Europe, repeating ad nauseum that China is developing dangerous A2/AD capacities, removes any doubt of the intended target of this U.S. military doctrine.

Carnegie's Warning

The second major intervention against this madness was made by a team of nine analysts at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in May, in a study titled "China's Military and the U.S.-Japan Alliance in 2030: A Strategic Net Assessment." The project was headed by Michael Swaine, a former RAND analyst, who spoke on aspects of the report at a a Sigur Center forum on June 18, on "Japan as a Global Power." Swaine said that, if you ask Pentagon or other government officials what the ASB policy actually is, you get a different answer from each one. The Japanese and the Chinese, he said, are asking, "What *is* this," questioning if it really is a plan for a preemptive strike on China, as it appears to be. Some in Japan support this, he said, and want to prepare Japan to block China's access to the Pacific by fortifying the Ryukyu

Islands. Anyone who thinks China will just throw up its arms and say "game's up—we give up," he said, is crazy, concluding: "There is no good outcome for this."

Swaine also emphasized that the U.S. presumption that it has the right and the necessity to have absolute domination and military superiority over the entire Pacific, right up to the 12-mile territorial limit of China, and that China's efforts to establish its own security in the East China Sea and the South China Sea translates into a threat to the United States and its allies, is simply false. China is emerging as a major power, as everyone recognizes, and therefore, has serious security concerns in its immediate neighborhood.

Here it is important to recall that General Dempsey, in a speech to the Carnegie Endowment in May of 2012, engaged in a masterly war-avoidance intervention regarding precisely this issue of dealing with China's rise. Dempsey warned the West not to get caught in the "Thucydides trap." This trap, he said, "goes something like this: It was Athenian fear of a rising Sparta that made war inevitable. Well, I think that one of my jobs as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and as an advisor to our senior leaders, is to help avoid a Thucydides trap. We don't want the fear of an emerging China to make war inevitable. So, we're going to avoid the Thucydides trap."

Also, as Etzioni points out in his paper, former JCS vice chairman Gen. James Cartwright stated in 2012 that "Air-Sea Battle is demonizing China. That's not in anybody's interest."

The Carnegie report makes the following points regarding the Air-Sea Battle doctrine:

"Many Chinese defense analysts are increasingly concerned that the United States will adopt (or has already adopted) the goal of acquiring all the elements of a so-called Air-Sea Battle (ASB) operational military concept, designed to neutralize China's A2/AD type capabilities, using bomber strikes at tactical inland C4ISR [Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance—ed.] targets, along with precision-guided munitions, stealth, cyber, and other capabilities.... Although still largely undefined, the ASB concept would ostensibly involve a networked, domain-integrated, deep-strike-oriented force structure designed to disrupt, destroy, and defeat all relevant Chinese A2/AD-type capabilities, encompassing both offshore weapons systems and supporting onshore assets....

"Such doctrines could fuel a level of Chinese hostility and distrust that would make efforts at establishing credible, inclusive multilateral security assurances virtually meaningless. Indeed, a likely mid- to high-capacity China would almost certainly respond to the military aspects of this strategy by developing more potent, and escalatory, countermeasures.... This robust approach could also empower hardline leaders in Beijing, who could more easily rationalize their arguments for adopting a more assertive approach toward Japan and the region by pointing to evidence that the alliance is being utilized in an effort to contain and encircle the PRC."

U.S.-China Relations

The June 7-8 Summit in California between President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping was generally successful, with the two sides finding common ground on a desire to de-nuclearize the Korean Peninsula, setting up regular 2+2 talks between the military and foreign ministers/secretaries, and other important issues. Of course, any intentions by Obama's team to bash China at the summit, for alleged Chinese cyber warfare against the U.S., as trumpeted in the press for weeks leading into the conference, were neutered in the days leading up to the summit, by the exposure of massive U.S. surveillance and cyber-spying.

Nonetheless, the Air-Sea Battle doctrine is in place, and, as Etzioni argues, as military acquisition decisions are increasingly shaped by the ASB doctrine, and the force structure is shifted in that direction, it becomes increasingly locked in. Etzioni makes the mistake of covering for President Obama, arguing that he appears to be oblivious to the existence of the ASB doctrine, despite his role as Commander in Chief. To support this argument, Etzioni foolishly claims that the so-called Pivot (Rebalancing) of U.S. military and economic power to the Asia-Pacific is not related to the Air-Sea Battle plan against China.

In fact, as Lyndon LaRouche noted in response to these recent institutional attacks on the ASB policy, as the world becomes increasingly aware of, and alarmed by, the madness of Obama's war policies, both in Southwest and East Asia, the more rapidly he is being discredited, and thus, subject to removal from office.

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Queen's Demand: The 'Final Solution' To Shi'ite Problem

by Tony Papert

June 18—The British-controlled Muslim Brotherhood a/k/a "Murder Brotherhood" which is tyrannizing Egypt, was joined on June 13 by Saudi and other bloodthirsty crazies, in summoning forth jihad against Shi'ites, Syria, Lebanese Hezbollah, and Iran. The setting was a carefully orchestrated so-called "Syria Solidarity Week" in Cairo. "Muslim scholars"—rabble-rousing TV preachers like Yusuf al-Qaradawi, spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood—supposedly representing 70 religious organizations, launched the call for "jihad with mind, money, weapons—all forms of jihad."

Their declaration says, "The blatant aggression occurring in the land of Sham [Syria] should be considered a declared war of the Iranian regime, Hezbollah, and their sectarian allies against Islam and Muslims generally." This means, to begin with, that Shi'ites are not Muslims. Indeed, there were calls for banning all Shi'ites from the Hajj (the Muslim pilgimmage to Mecca).

One of these "scholars," the Egyptian Dr. Safwat Hijazai, called for forming military brigades under the banner of the World Union of Muslim Scholars. To which a knowlegeable commentator said, "This means taking the conflict to the Muslim world, and encouraging thousands to volunteer." Al-Qaradawi has similarly called for Muslims to go to fight in Syria, and a top advisor to Egypt's puppet-President Mohamed Morsi, Khaled El-Qazzaz, reportedly said that Egyptians are free to go to Syria to fight its government.

On June 14, a leading Sunni cleric from Saudi Arabia, Mohammed al-Afifi, preached at an ancient Cairo mosque, calling for jihad in Syria "in every way possible." Some worshippers waved Syrian rebel flags, and dozens of men gathered outside to chant their support for bringing down President Assad.

At the high point of this "Solidarity Week" on June 15, Morsi appeared before a hysterical crowd of 20,000 Muslim Brotherhood fanatics, waving an Egyptian flag and one used by the Syrian rebels. It should be noted here that one point of emphasis of the Brotherhood is always on the exact slogans which will be screamed over and over at such events, in order for them to be impressed on the minds of their mostly illiterate followers. The chants the Brotherhood's Supreme Guide, Mohamed Badie, chose for this rally were, "From the free revolutionaries of Egypt: We will stamp on you, Bashar!" and "Sunni blood is not cheap!"

Genocide

It was at this rally that Morsi broke diplomatic relations with Syria and announced the closing of its embassy and the expulsion of its diplomats. He also urged Western powers to impose a no-fly zone over Syria. More to the point, he raved that Syria was the target of "a campaign of extermination and planned ethnic cleansing, fed by regional and international states," meaning Iran. "The Egyptian people support the struggle of the Syrian people, materially and morally, and Egypt, its nation, leadership . . . and army, will not abandon the Syrian people until it achieves its rights and dignity." (See http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/.)

At the same time, nationwide demonstrations have been called for June 30, to demand Morsi's resignation, and early presidential elections. The leadership has been the youth movement Tamarrod ("Rebel"), which will have collected more signatures demanding Morsi's resignation than the 13.2 million Egyptians who narrowly elected him President one year ago. Virtually all opposition parties and organizations are supporting these demonstrations; the Brotherhood and its satellites have vowed to attack them.

Street-corner speculation would conclude that Morsi is sending Egyptian youth to their deaths in Syria in order to deflect from this gigantic movement to get rid of him, but that ignores the facts of the case. Morsi is only a nominal President (like Obama in that respect), who has been brainwashed into unconditional obedience to every word from the Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood; but the Brotherhood was created by the British Empire, and is controlled by its Empress, Elizabeth II.

The objective of the jihad call for which Morsi is a mere megaphone, is in pursuit of her stated goal to reduce the world's population from its present 7 billion, to less than one. As Lyndon LaRouche has said, its purpose is genocide, and if the jihad is once allowed to begin, it will continue for decades.

BANKRUPTCY LOOMS

As Detroit Goes, So Goes the Nation

by Bill Roberts

June 22—The looming bankruptcy of the City of Detroit marks an inflection point in a process of deliberate destruction of a city which once served as the hub of the American System of Political Economy. On June 14, state-appointed emergency financial manager Kevyn Orr announced a default on a $34 million payment to creditors, and said there would be a moratorium on principal and interest payments on $2.5 billion in unsecured debt, proposing a 10 cents on the dollar write-down. The city's total debt is nearly $17 billion.

Orr's "Proposal for Creditors" includes the outright theft of the pensions and health care of the city's 30,000 retired employees, on the basis that the means of existence earned by these workers over years of work is mere "unsecured" debt. This baldly violates Michigan's Constitution, which specifies that "the accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby" (Sec. 24). Orr's proposal asserts that some $3.5 billion of contractual pension benefits and 99.6% of the city's health care, life insurance, and death benefit plans are unfunded. Therefore, "there must be significant cuts in accrued, vested pension amounts for both active and currently retired persons."

On June 17, Orr's spokeman, Bill Nowling, announced that the emergency manager would meet with representatives of retirees and unions to discuss Orr's blackmail that either they "voluntarily" accept cuts, or Orr will file for bankruptcy in Federal court, which Orr believes will "trump state law." Nowling's chilling formulation: "The goal is to come up with a number in the pension fund that we think is correct and that the city can afford to pay and to adjust the benefits accordingly."

Origins of the Collapse

The collapse of Detroit, the once great industrial engine for the nation, is the fruit of a general decades-long policy, not started but certainly accelerated under the Obama Administration. In the 1950s, during its peak, Detroit was the fourth-largest city in the United States, with a population of 1.8 million people, 300,000 of whom were employed in manufacturing. The post-World War II policy shift away from the FDR legacy of large-scale investment in internal improvements and productive machine-tool capacity culminated in a net decline by 1967-68 in basic economic infrastructure for the nation.

As the former engine of what had been that process of continual economic growth during the FDR years, Detroit has experienced decade after decade of population loss, on the order of hundreds of thousands per decade. By the 2010 census, the population had collapsed to 714,000, with only about 28,000 employed in manufacturing, an official unemployment rate of 25%, and a poverty rate of nearly twice that.

The Economic Recovery Act, proposed in 2005 by



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All that remains of Detroit's Fisher Body 21 plant—a name that once evoked top-of-the-line auto-body construction. There are now 70,000 abandoned buildings in Detroit, and about one third of the city's 140 square miles is vacant or derelict.

LaRouchePAC, with support by labor and civic leaders, would have retooled unused plant floor space and equipment of the auto sector for the production of critically needed domestic economic infrastructure. Congress and the Bush White House, under pressure from Wall Street, rejected this proposal, to the detriment of the entire nation. Michigan subsequently became the only state in the union to actually lose population during the 2000-10 interval.

The 2009 bailout of the Big 3 automakers, set into motion with the blessing of President Obama, mostly bailed out the creditors and auto loan financing operations of the auto companies, while replacing well-paid autoworkers (many of whom took buyouts) with a smaller workforce earning only half the hourly wages of the previous workers. While the Big 3 were financially propped up, largely at taxpayer expense, the ability to generate wealth, the productive capacity of the auto companies, was largely dismantled and sold for scrap metal. This further collapse in wages and employment in a city with already staggering poverty, led to further population flight and revenue collapse. The city's current $1.1 billion a year in tax revenue is less than half of Boston's $2.4 billion, with the same population.

Budget cuts to police and fire departments, made to meet debt payments, have increasingly left Detroit residents for dead. The police force has been cut back to such an extent that now 90% of all reported crimes go unsolved. A recent study of violent crime revealed that Detroit is home to 3 out of the 10 most violent neighborhoods in the country. The murder rate is 11 times higher than in New York City.

What Detroit is now facing is emblematic of what virtually every major American city now faces: a downward spiral of joblessness, impossible debt obligations, and murderous austerity. Detroit is only a more dramatic example of what other regions can soon expect, if a top-down *national* economic recovery plan, beginning with the re-implementation of the 1933 Glass-Steagall Law and a return to a system of Hamiltonian credit, is not soon implemented.

As with the "Troika's" (European Commission, IMF, European Central Bank) financial dictatorship over Greece, bone-crushing austerity measures such as wage reductions to public workers and contracted health and emergency services only lead to further contraction of the economy, leading to larger deficits. The realization of this obvious fact will not deter these emergency financial managers or their masters in Wall Street and London, whose insistence on fatal budget cuts comes from an allegiance to an ancient monetary-imperial system, in opposition to the Preamble of the United States Constitution which values the general welfare, the creative development of the human species.

What Detroit needs is what the nation needs: a full-scale recovery organized through a return to a system of National Banking, modeled on the first and second National Banks of the United States. Under a revival of the Glass-Steagall standard and a system of Federal credit, the issuance of credit will be tied to activities necessary for meeting the long-term physical needs of the nation. At the top of that list is infrastructure for expanded food production and abundant water supply for the entire population, such as would be made possible by the NAWAPA XXI project. An industrial expansion including virtually every key sector must be organized to meet the vast material and equipment requirements for such a massive undertaking.

Will Italy Be First To Reinstate FDR's Glass-Steagall Principle?

by Claudio Celani

The nation of Italy, which has, like other Southern European countries, come under the diktat of the financial imperialist Troika (IMF, European Central Bank, European Commission), has become the first among those nations to move toward adoping the singular solution: a Glass-Steagall-style banking separation between those banks which will serve the national interest for productive credit, and those banks engaging in speculation, which have been responsible for the financial-economic collapse beginning in 2007-08.

Thanks to the activity by LaRouche's movement in Italy, Movisol (International Movement for Civil Rights-Solidarity), legislative initiatives based on Glass-Steagall have been introduced at several levels: in both houses of Parliament, in local and regional administrations, and at the grassroots level.

Soon after the new Parliament was seated, on March 22, members of the Chamber of Deputies, led by Lega Nord member Davide Caparini, introduced a Glass-Steagall bill. The text follows the template of a bill prepared by Movisol, and introduced by Sen. Oskar Peterlini in 2012, but not brought to the floor in the last session.

Then, on March 28, former Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti introduced his own bill in the Senate. Tremonti had introduced the same bill in the previous session of Parliament.

On April 16, a second Glass-Steagall draft bill, C. 762, was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies, by four members of the Democratic Party caucus, led by Marco Di Lello.



Former Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti introduced a Glass-Steagall bill into the Italian Senate on March 28, which memorializes FDR's 1933 Act.

Di Lello's bill calls for "Separation between retail and trading banking activities," noting that this idea is not new: "In the New Deal, such a reform (The Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 that prescribed a strict separation between commercial banks and investment banks) had been adopted as an answer to the big crisis of 1929 and was effective for about 70 years. . . ."

The earlier Caparini bill calls on the government "to establish the separation between commercial banks and investment banks, protecting financial activities involving deposits and credit related to the real economy, from those linked to investment and speculation on the national and international financial markets." It says that "The Government shall adopt, within twelve months of the entry into effect of this law . . . one or more legislative decrees containing rules for the separation of commercial banks and investment banks, prohibiting banks that accept deposits or other funds with the obligation of return, from carrying out any activities linked to the trading of securities in general."

Caparini's initiative developed out of a public event in the northern Italian town of Brescia in November 2012, where he shared the podium with Movisol chairwoman Liliana Gorini. During that conference, Caparini felt strong pressure from the rank and file to act on Glass-Steagall, instead of just limiting himself to such populist single issues as "keep taxes in the North," or same-sex marriage. Since then, hundreds of listeners to the radio show "Che Aria Tira," which has frequently invited both Gorini and Movisol secretary-





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Davide Caparini (left) and Marco Di Lello have each introduced Glass-Steagall-style bills into the Italian Chamber of Deputies, based on the template prepared by the LaRouche movement in Italy, Movisol.

general Andrew Spannaus to discuss Glass-Steagall and other LaRouche proposals, sent letters to their member of parliament, mayor, or trade union, demanding they introduce a Glass-Steagall bill into parliament. Similar letters were sent also by readers of the Movisol website and Gorini's Facebook page.

Tremonti Memorializes FDR

Tremonti's bill, introduced in the Senate only six days after the Caparini draft in the House, is identical to the text that Tremonti had previously introduced in the House of Deputies. The measure recognizes its debt to President Franklin Roosevelt's 1933 law, as the following excerpts from the introduction show:

"Two centuries ago, Thomas Jefferson said: 'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies' (1816). Today, the situation is more or less the same, and so the time has come to put the State above finance, and finance below the State; to set a limit to the excessive power of finance. To finally do this, means to put an end to a twenty-year cycle of unnatural supremacy of particular interests over general interests, it means 'driving the money-changers from the Temple,' breaking the spell of power still exercised by the high priests of money.

"To do this means that it is only the State that issues money in the name of the people. It means that credit is for development and not for speculation. It means separating 'the wheat from the chaff,' what is productive from what is speculative, as happened for centuries. It means beginning to defend and stabilize public budgets, and in general, to begin a different economic and social system, which is not only more ethical, but also more effective than the monetarist system that is currently coming down and unfortunately, is taking us with it—if we don't resist, if we don't react, if we don't change. . . .

"Even in the worst case scenario that we could imagine for politics, it is still true that, no matter how controversial a policy may seem, a controversial policy is still better than invincible finance. . . .

"In some cases, it is necessary to make the banks that are, or call themselves systemic, less systemic, or not systemic at all: Reduce their size, split them up, weaken them, because the time has come for the separation of banks that collect deposits and capital, and invest them at their own risk, in large industries, small enterprises, for families, communities, and youth; from the banks that gamble, that privatize their winnings, and socialize their losses. In this manner, they also produce a result that is contrary to any form of capitalist efficiency, as debatable as it may be. So banks must return to their role, to be considered and treated as an infrastructure at the service of the economy and society; not the other way around.

"In other cases, banks must be nationalized, before their ruin makes it necessary to do so later, potentially at the public's expense.

"First, we repeat, we must separate 'the wheat from the chaff,' the good from the bad; open and force the opening of the accounts; impose voluntary or compulsory audits of how much of the one and the other there is in each bank, and in each large financial entity, more in general. Specifically, the healthy assets and liabilities must be separated from the toxic ones, that are to be sequestered. There are various techniques available for such a sequester, that are both ancient and very modern at the same time: from a sabbatical to a moratorium, to a bad bank. It is clear however, that in any event, the enormous toxic financial mass that still exists in the so-called system must be spread over the longest periods possible and saddled on the speculators, or just written off. A gambler cannot simply leave the table and have someone else take his place to pay for his losses. The one who loses a bet must be forced to pay!

"We must block the infection that originated in finance, and now, out of control, is spreading elsewhere.

"Many entities, sectors, banking and financial groupings must go through orderly bankruptcy procedures; for example, procedures based on the model of Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States. We cannot



Movisol is circulating a petition for a Legge di Iniziativa Popolare (Popular Legislative Initiative); once 50,000 certified signatures are submitted to the Parliament, it is required to discuss the measure.

pretend that everything will be saved, especially when experience tells us that when you try to save everything, you end up saving the worst parts.

"At the time of the New Deal, starting in 1933, first new rules were introduced and the banking and financial system was reorganized, isolating the system from parasitical activity, and then public monies were used for public investment, in infrastructure, to save families and industries.... Incidentally, it is important to remember that only the saving of the U.S. industrial apparatus, as carried out, made possible the defeat of the Nazis.

"Starting in 2008 however, the opposite took place: Public money was used predominantly to save banks and bankers; new rules were not made (quite the opposite); there are no serious, large-scale public investment projects for the industrial, physical, and manufacturing economy, or for infrastructure.

"The absolute priority now is survival (*primum vivere*). Abandon the model of the so-called 'universal bank,' that is the DNA of systemic banks, the launching pad for the disastrous global megabank. To do this it is necessary to introduce a new, updated version of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.

"In short, now as then, it is necessary to set up a firewall, to distinguish between ordinary banks and gambling banks, so that ordinary banks can no longer lend the money from their account holders to the gambling banks, or buy their structured products. This distinction can and must be made instantaneously, abrogating the new laws, introduced more or less everywhere in the nineties, and returning to the old laws from the thirties. This is exactly what needs to be done.

"It is true that enormous profits can be made by speculating with the money deposited in banks by ordinary account holders. This is exactly what needs to be prevented. The funds of ordinary account holders, first, and the taxpayers, second, must no longer be subject to this type of risk; a risk that is now expanding to public accounts, and moving up the stairway of the crisis, affecting the well-being and life of peoples."

The Grassroots Initiative

Unless there is a mass-movement in support of Glass-Steagall, it is unlikely that the Italian Parliament will examine any of the draft bills. Thus, Movisol is circulating a petition for a Legge di Iniziativa Popolare (LIP/Popular Legislative Initiative), which the Parliament will be forced to discuss if signed by at least 50,000 voters. The petition was initiated by a new organization, the Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale (National Liberation Committee, CLN), founded by four groups, including Movisol. On May 10, the LIP text was registered at the Italian Corte di Cassazione.

The CLN takes its name from the historical organization of the Italian resistance against Fascism, and is comprised of those networks, organizations, and civic groups which agree on four basic points, including, leaving the euro, and implementing a Glass-Steagall bank separation. The collection of signatures will begin with a "Week of Action" June 24-30 in numerous Italian cities, towns and villages.

Local Administrations

The debate on Glass-Steagall is also taking place among local and regional institutions. On May 17, the Regional Assembly of Tuscany approved a resolution calling for a "Banking and Legal Reform According to the Glass-Steagall Act." The resolution was introduced on May 10, by councilman Gabriele Chiurli and was approved by all ayes, with only one abstention.

Reporting on the vote, the local daily *Gonews* wrote that "The resolution recalls that the [Italian] 1993 Banking Act repealed the 1936 Banking Act which introduced the U.S. Glass-Steagall standard in Italy. Additionally, the 1992 Amato Act and the 1998 Draghi Act have allowed banks to drop specializations and become



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Italian MEPs Cristina Muscardini and Claudio Morganti have both raised the issue of Glass-Steagall on the floor of the European Parliament; on May 21, Morganti briefed the plenary session on the introduction of U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin's Glass-Steagall bill.

universal banks, i.e., doing everything including investment banking."

"Gabriele Chiurli, first signer of the resolution, made the point that the Glass-Steagall Act allowed the United States to come out of the 1929 crisis."

Motions in favor of a re-introduction of Glass-Steagall were filed in two more local administrations: the city councils of Alessandria (in Piedmont) and Olgiate Olona, a small town in Lombardy. The latter was introduced by councilwoman Giorgia Cantù, a member of the Lega Nord, and follower of Movisol, whereas the motion in Alessandria was introduced by councilman Marco Botta from "Fratelli d'Italia" (Brothers of Italy), a conservative splinter group from the Liberal Democratic Party, which elected several members to the national Parliament in the recent general elections.

European Parliament

At the European Parliament, Movisol's proposals have been picked up by Italian members Cristiana Muscardini, deputy chairwoman of the International Trade Committee, and by Independent Claudio Morganti. Muscardini has repeatedly challenged the EU Commission on Glass-Steagall in numerous questions, while Morganti has confronted ECB chairman Mario Draghi, and has often called for Glass-Steagall from the Parliament floor.

On May 21, Morganti briefed the plenary session on U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin's Glass-Steagall bill, introduced May 16, and called on European nations to follow the example. Morganti intervened in the debate on the so-called Banking Union reform, rejecting the scheme and calling instead for banking separation.

"In the last months in Italy," Morganti said, "we had the known case of the Monte dei Paschi bank: I doubt that a European supervisory mechanism would have been more effective—although it was surely impossible to make matters worse than that. At that time, Mario Draghi was at the Bank of Italy and he did nothing: I do not desire this to be repeated now in his new role at the ECB, because in that case, Europe as a whole would pay the consequences.

"I wonder what use and effectiveness the new European Banking Authority will have, because so far, it's been practically useless. It was just the umpteenth useless European agency. Maybe, bringing it again under the ECB has a logic.

"A large part of banking problems originates, in my view, from an error which I have often stressed in this room, and that is, from the wretched abrogation of banking separation modeled on the U.S. Glass-Steagall Act. Just last week, also in the United States Senate, a bill was filed [by Harkin—ed.], aimed at re-introducing Glass-Steagall, similar to the bill already filed in the House of Representatives.

"Europe should follow this path, because today we talk about a Banking Union, but maybe many more benefits would come from a Banking 'Separation.'"

Thanks to an amendment introduced by Morganti, the Economic Affairs Committee of the European Parliament voted up a draft resolution on June 18 which refers to Glass-Steagall in the introduction. The draft resolution asks the EU Commission to prepare a banking reform to separate commercial activities from investment bank activities.

The NSA: Is It American, or British?

by Edward Spannaus

June 24—Recent revelations, based on NSA documents disclosed by whistleblower Edward Snowden, showing the extent of collaboration between the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), and Her Majesty's General Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), raise again the question of British control over vital U.S. intelligence functions, and whether the British, as well as the NSA, are targetting U.S. citizens.

Taken together with the issue of Anglo-Dutch domination of the U.S. and global financial system, the more fundamental question to be posed, is whether the United States can claim to still be a sovereign nation, when it functions as a junior partner of the British imperial faction—"perfidous Albion"—which remains steadfast in its determination to destroy the United States as a constitutional republic.

And what does this say about those so-called U.S. presidents—specifically, George W. Bush and Barack Obama—who implement this imperial policy?

A secondary question is, how can there be any official oversight of such an operation, which is controlled, in large part, from abroad? On top of the fact that an estimated 70% of all U.S. intelligence is privatized, i.e., contracted out to private contractors such as Booz Allen Hamilton—and probably an even higher percentage for the NSA—the massive interconnections between NSA and GCHQ, and the fact that so much of NSA's data collection comes from, and goes to, GCHQ, makes a mockery of any claim that the NSA spying program is subject to strict Congressional and court oversight.

'Special Relationship'

Ten days before the London *Guardian* started publishing documents obtained from Snowden showing the vast scope of GCHQ telecommunications snooping and sharing with the NSA, the *Guardian's* Defence and Security Blog published a blockbuster piece by Richard Norton-Taylor and Nick Hopkins, titled "Intelligence-gathering by British state out of control." It begins:

"Among all the uncertainties and denials over the interception of communications by GCHQ and America's National Security Agency some things should be crystal clear.

"The bilateral relationship between GCHQ and the NSA is uniquely special. It is the core of the 'special relationship.' The two agencies are truly intertwined."

That statement in itself should immediately ring a bell with anyone who has read *EIR*'s chronology of the development of the Bush-Cheney-Obama surveillance dragnet in our June 14, 1013 issue. The third entry under "The British-U.S. Arrangement" noted the 1947 signing of the U.K.-U.S.A. Security Agreement (UKUSA), which, we noted, "represented President Harry Truman's treasonous policy of establishing an Anglo-American 'special relationship'—a repudiation of FDR's policy."[1]

1. *EIR*, June 14, 2013.



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Menwith Hill, in North Yorkshire, the NSA's largest listening post outside the U.S., consists of a satellite station for monitoring foreign military traffic, and is plugged into Britain's telecommunications network.

As Norton-Taylor and Hopkins explain: "There are NSA liaison officers assigned to GCHQ in Cheltenham, and GHQC officers at the NSA's headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland." They note that the "RAF base" known as Menwith Hill, in North Yorkshire, is the NSA's largest listening post outside the U.S., consisting of a satellite station for monitoring foreign military traffic, but also plugged into Britain's telecommunications network.

They cite a 1994 GCHQ staff manual which discussed the importance of GCHQ's contribution to the alliance with its partners, and stated: "This may entail on occasion the applying of UK resources to the meeting of US requirements." This, of course, has been going on for a long time: Norton-Taylor and Hopkins recall that in the late 1960s, GCHQ had cooperated in the illegal eavedropping on U.S. civil rights and anti-war activists. "With the help of a US-funded GCHQ listening station at Bude on North Cornwall, the two agencies did each other's dirty work, getting around their domestic laws by spying on each other's citizens."

Always ritualistically denied, this U.S.-British arrangement, using each other to spy on their own citizens, has been going on for decades. *EIR* reported some of the ways this worked, in an April 2000 report on the "Echelon" controversy.[2] One loophole, described by *Puzzle Palace* author James Bamford and others, works as follows:

> The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), passed in 1978, speaks of "acquisition," which is undefined in the statute. To fill this gap, the NSA has defined it as "interception by the National Security Agency through electronic means of a communication." Thus, information acquired by Britain's GCHQ, or one of the other UKUSA parties, and then passed to U.S. agencies, is *not* covered under the act.

We also noted that a U.S. Justice Department report in 1976 had reported that "CGHQ-acquired" data was given to the NSA for use in its MINARET program of U.S. domestic surveillance; this was then passed on to other U.S. agencies such as the FBI.

Norton-Taylor and Hopkins give another example of GCHQ cooperating with the NSA in a 2002-03 Bush Administration-Tony Blair "dirty tricks" campaign of

2. Patrick Radden Keefe, *Chatter: Dispatches from the Secret World of Global Eavesdropping* (2005).

bugging the homes and offices of UN diplomats from the "swing states," whose support was needed if the U.S. and Britain were to be able to ram through a UN Security Council resolution authorizing the invasion of Iraq. This was revealed by a GCHQ whistleblower named Katherine Gun, against whom criminal charges were brought, and later dropped, so that evidence of the illegal spying would not come out in a courtroom.

According to Bamford, the NSA tasked Britain and the other members of the UKUSA, or "Five Eyes" alliance—Canada, Australia, and New Zealand—with eavesdropping on the diplomats. (Under the post-war UKUSA agreement, the parties divided the world among themselves, at least for purposes of surveillance.)

Norton-Taylor and Hopkins make an obvious point

Senators Challenge Value of NSA Surveillance Programs

This statement was released on June 19, 2013.

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Mark Udall (D-Colo.) issued the following statement, responding to comments made by members of the Intelligence Community about the value of certain NSA surveillance programs. Both Senators sit on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"Over the past few days the Intelligence Community has made new assertions about the value of recently declassified NSA surveillance programs. In addition to the concerns that we have about the impact of large-scale collection on the civil liberties of ordinary Americans, we are also concerned that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Section 702 collection program (which allows collection of phone or internet communications, and involves the PRISM computer system) and the bulk phone records collection program operating under Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT ACT are being conflated in a way that exaggerates the value and usefulness of the bulk phone records collection program.

"Based on the evidence that we have seen, it appears that multiple terrorist plots have been disrupted at least in part because of information obtained under section 702 of FISA. However, it appears that the bulk phone records collection program under section 215 of the USA Patriot Act played little or no role in most of these disruptions. Saying that "these programs" have disrupted "dozens of potential terrorist plots" is misleading if the bulk phone records collection program is actually providing little or no unique value.

"The Intelligence Community notes that the massive collection of phone records under Section 215 has provided some relevant information in a few terrorism cases, but it is still unclear to us why agencies investigating terrorism do not simply obtain this information directly from phone companies using a regular court order. If the NSA is only reviewing those records that meet a "reasonable suspicion" standard, then there is no reason it shouldn't be able to get court orders for the records it actually needs. Making a few hundred of these requests per year would clearly not overwhelm the FISA Court. And the law already allows the government to issue emergency authorizations to get these records quickly in urgent circumstances. The NSA's five-year retention period for phone records is longer than the retention period used by some phone companies, but the NSA still has not provided us with any examples of instances where it relied on its bulk collection authority to review records that the relevant phone company no longer possessed.

"In fact, we have yet to see any evidence that the bulk phone records collection program has provided any otherwise unobtainable intelligence. It may be more convenient for the NSA to collect this data in bulk, rather than directing specific queries to the various phone companies, but in our judgment convenience alone does not justify the collection of the personal information of huge numbers of ordinary Americans if the same or more information can be obtained using less intrusive methods.

"If there is additional evidence for the usefulness of the bulk phone records collection program that we have not yet seen, we would welcome the opportunity to review it."

about oversight of GCHQ and NSA in Britain, which is equally valid for the U.S.: "Ministers and commissioners (former senior judges) appointed to monitor GCHQ's activities cannot possibly know the content or the quantity, of all the data the agency collects on a daily basis." (Which reminds us of what former NSA employee and whistleblower William Binney has said regarding Congressional oversight, that Congress is being given "techno-babble . . . even when they get briefings, they still don't understand.")



NSA Director Keith Alexander, who has lied repeatedly about even the existence of the NSA surveillance program, asked, during a June 2008 visit to Menwith Hill: "Why can't we collect all signals all the time? Sounds like a good summer project for Menwith."

Tempora: A Joint GCHQ-NSA Project

Further indication of the vast scope of "sensitive personal information" being obtained by GCHQ and shared with the NSA, came on June 21, as the *Guardian* published another round of stories, based on additional NSA documents disclosed by Edward Snowden.

In early June, the first set of Snowden documents showed that the NSA had obtained direct access to Internet data by tapping directly into the servers of Internet giants such as Microsoft, Google, Yahoo, etc., through a program identified as PRISM, which reportedly began in 2007 under the Bush-Cheney Administration.

Around the same time, in 2007, according to the *Guardian*, GCHQ launched a top-secret project called "Mastering the Internet," to determine how to better process the vast amounts of data it was collecting every day. As part of this, one experimental project was run out of the GCHQ station at Bude in Cornwall. (Bamford, in his 2008 book *The Shadow Factory*, says that the NSA actually helped to finance and build the Bude station in the 1960s.) By 2010, this was being referred to in official documents as a "joint GCHQ/NSA research initiative."

One of its core programs for storing and analyzing this data, is known as "Tempora." It processes up to 600 million "telephone events" a day, and 39 million gigabytes of Internet traffic. This includes, according to the *Guardian*, "voice recording, the content of emails"—in other words, *content* as well as metadata.

Another *Guardian* story published the same day shed some light on the source of all this data that the CGHQ and NSA are attempting to process. At some point, probably around 2007-08, GCHQ tapped into the trans-Atlantic fiber-optic cables that carry streams of telecommunications data from the U.S. to Europe. Under Tempora, all of this product is shared with the NSA.

Not only are there 300 analysts from GCHQ, and 250 from NSA, who are assigned to sift through the data, but, the *Guardian* reports, 850,000 NSA employees and private contractors with top-secret clearances, have access to the GCHQ database.

No wonder NSA Director Gen. Keith Alexander, during a June 2008 visit to Menwith Hill, was prompted to ask: "Why can't we collect all signals all the time? Sounds like a good summer project for Menwith."

Yes, this is the same Alexander, who, after having been caught lying about the very existence of these programs, has repeatedly declared, in his most solemn tone, that NSA cannot access the content of Americans' communications without a court order, and who assures us that NSA surveillance programs are subject to the most stringent oversight from all three branches of the

U.S. government. Not to mention President Obama's frequent claim, that "Nobody is listening to the content of people's phone calls."

U.K.: 'Worse Than the U.S.'

By 2010, two years into the program, the U.K. had regained its predominant position among the "Five Eyes" UKUSA alliance, able to boast that it had the "biggest Internet access" of the five partners, and that it was now producing "larger amounts of metadata than the NSA."

By 2011, GCHQ had attached taps to more than 200 Internet links, each carrying data at 10 gigabits a second. "This is a massive amount of data!" an internal GCHQ slide show gushed. In the Summer of 2011, GCHQ brought NSA analysts into the trials of the Tempora program at Bude, and in the Fall of 2011, the program was fully launched and shared with the NSA—with the implication that NSA was now relegated to the status of a junior partner to the British.

And for what purpose? It has little to do with catching terrorists: That little fairy tale is only designed for the gullible. The 1994 Intelligence Services Act, the current charter for GCHQ, mandates the agency to work "in the interests of national security, with particular reference to the defence and foreign policies of Her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom; in the interests of the economic well being of the United Kingdom; or in support of the prevention and detection of serious crime."

The "economic well being" clause of this mandate is clearly taken quite seriously. In mid-June, the *Guardian* revealed that the GCHQ—with the assistance of the NSA—was listening in on diplomats at the April 2009 meeting of the G20 group of nations, and again at a meeting of finance ministers five months later. GCHQ and NSA went so far as to set up a fake "Internet cafe" where they could eavesdrop on diplomats' discussions and e-mails. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown was reported to be interested in gathering intelligence on reactions to his plans to use public funds to bail out collapsing British banks.

Is this what the NSA is involved in, under the guise of detecting terrorism?

The *Guardian* reports that some of the Snowden documents indicate that key elements of the Tempora filtering process were designed by the NSA. And, it asks, why did the NSA not just attach probes to the North American end of the trans-Atlantic cables? "Instead, the NSA has exported its computer programs and 250 of its analysts to operate the system from the UK."

"Initial inquiries by the *Guardian* have failed to explain why this has happened, but US legislators are likely to want to check whether the NSA has sought to bypass legal or policy requirements which restrict its activity in the US. This will be particularly sensitive if it is confirmed that Tempora is also analysing internal U.S. traffic."

The *Guardian* also notes that its interviews with both a U.K. source, and with Snowden, raise a number of questions, including whether the Tempora program: "Allows the NSA to engage in bulk intercepts of internal US traffic which would be forbidden on its own territory."

The result of all this? "GCHQ and the NSA are consequently able to access and process vast quantities of communication between entirely innocent people," concludes the *Guardian.*

In disclosing the NSA documents pertaining to the GCHQ, Snowden told the *Guardian* that he wanted to show that, "It's not just a US problem. The UK has a huge dog in this fight. They are worse than the US."

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'Ich Bin ein Bail-iner'

Obama Not Welcomed In Germany, Ireland

June 19—President Obama's PR visit to Europe for the G8 Summit failed to boost his standing among the allies, or his sagging popularity at home. Not only did he, and his doppelgänger, British Prime Minister David Cameron, fail to force Russian President Vladimir Putin to change his policy on Syria, but Obama faced voluble hostility in both Germany and Ireland, including some in surprising places.

In Berlin, Obama's defense of his NSA spying on millions of Americans provoked a mild scolding from Chancellor Angela Merkel, who suggested that the U.S. take a more "balanced approach in its use of "modern technologies." While most German media slavishly applauded Obama, some were less impressed. The *Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung* wrote, "[T]here is disappointment at Obama personally," while the widely read weekly *Der Spiegel* lashed out against him under the headline "Obama's Soft Totalitarianism: Europe Must Protect Itself from America."

Chief editor Jakob Augstein wrote: "Those who believed that drone attacks in Pakistan or the camp at Guantanamo were merely regrettable events at the end of the world should stop to reflect. Those who still believed that the torture at Abu Ghraib or the waterboarding in CIA prisons had nothing to do with them, are now changing their views. Those who thought that we are on the good side and that it is others who are stomping all over human rights are now opening their eyes. A regime is ruling in the United States today that acts in totalitarian ways when it comes to its claim to total control. Soft totalitarianism is still totalitarianism."

Many Germans remember President Kennedy's visit to a divided Berlin in June 1963, when his words, "*Ich bin ein Berliner*," inspired the German people, and won their hearts. Obama's appearance in the same city 50 years later prompted one observer to suggest that the current U.S. President might have said, *"Ich bin ein Bail-iner."*

In Northern Ireland, where the G8 meeting took place June 17-18 at the posh Lough Erne golf resort, enthusiasm among the usually pro-American Irish was at a low point, despite an intense public relations campaign by the entire Obama family.

Republic of Ireland parliamentarian Clare Daly accused Prime Minister Enda Kenny of showcasing Ireland as "as a nation of pimps, prostituting ourselves in return for a pat on the head."

She described Obama as a "war criminal," having "just announced his decision to supply arms to the Syrian opposition, including the jihadists, fuelling the destabilization of that region, continuing to undermine secularism and knock back conditions for women."

Daly said: "This is the man who is in essence stalling the Geneva peace talks by trying to broker enhanced leverage for the Syrian opposition by giving them arms.... This is the man who has facilitated a 200% increase in the use of drones which have killed thousands of people, including hundreds of children."

Summing up the Irish sentiment was an "Open Letter to Barack Obama" in the Belfast *Irish News* by columnist Patrick Murphy, who began: "WELCOME to Belfast. Forgive us if we are not exactly overwhelmed by your arrival."



The popular German weekly Spiegel's take on Obama's dragnet surveillance of innocent Americans, published on the eve of the President's visit there.

Operation Buzzkill: The Empire Targets Mars

The fraud of the Mars One reality-TV campaign (win a one-way trip to Mars!) and The Apollo Space Academy, are being brought to you by the Anglo-Dutch empire. Benjamin Deniston reports.

June 2—If we contemplate the unique nature of the creative powers of the human mind, and juxtapose this to the absence of such creative capabilities in animal species, it is clear that mankind is uniquely destined to control the Solar System—even if the current cultural states of societies are far from expressing that reality the majority of the time. Truly leaving the surface of the Earth—mentally and culturally—and operating in the Solar System will require fundamental discoveries about the true nature and power of the human mind, and it will require that those discoveries be expressed throughout society, not only in scientific, but also cultural and artistic forms. Beneath the different expressions, there is a singular characteristic to the process of human society. For mankind to truly expand into space, it will require a maturation of the society as a unified process: a societal discovery and realization of what the human species is really all about.

For *this* reason, the banality and silliness of some of the now highly promoted populist campaigns for space tourism, and sending people directly to Mars, stink of something very, very rotten.

What should be a beautiful process is being portrayed as worse than a gimmick, appealing to the most degenerate levels of popular opinion. These "space campaigns" are contrary to the very principles of the future progress of mankind in space. Given this fact, it was not a surprise to find that these campaigns are being backed by the Anglo-Dutch imperial establishment.

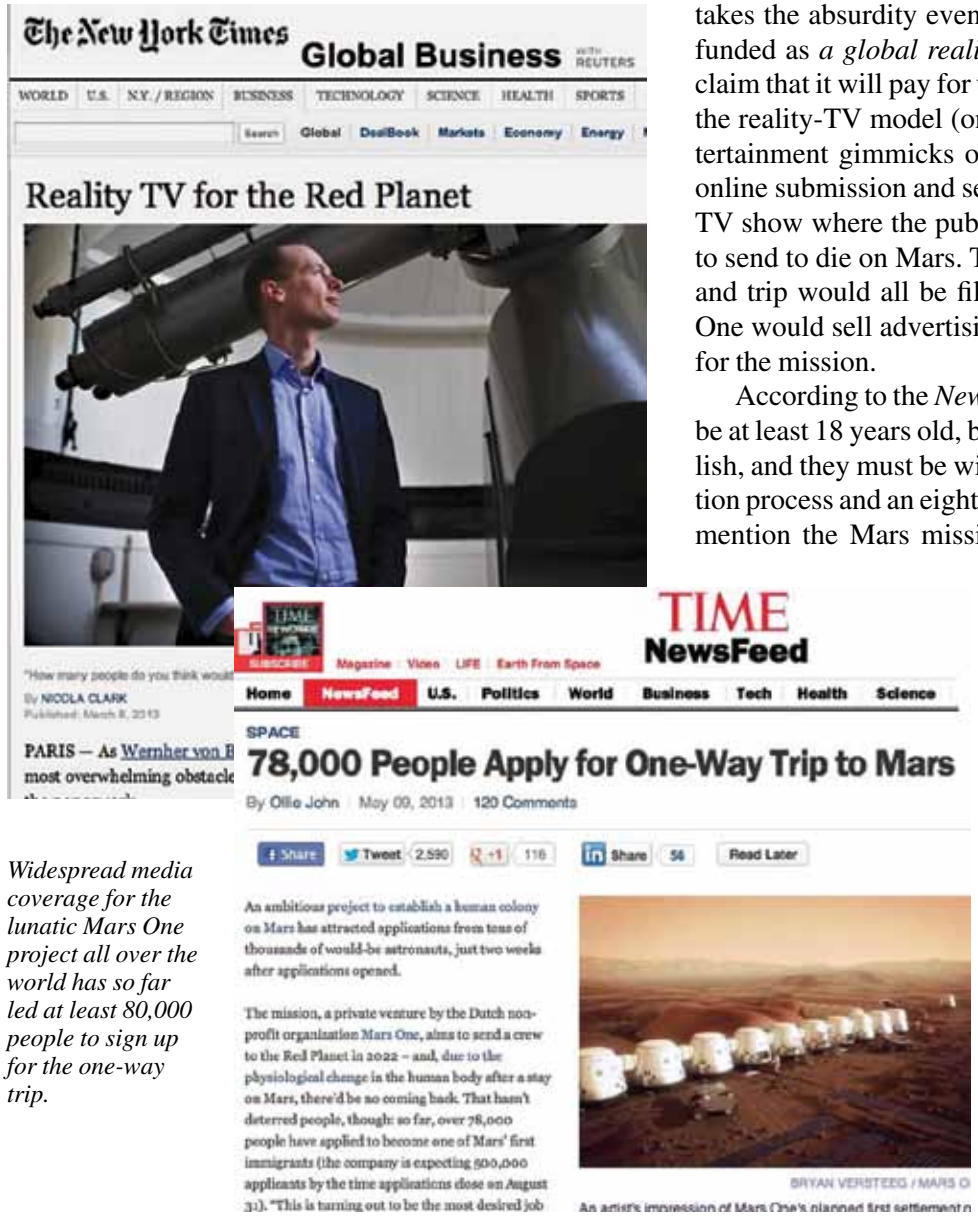
Specifically the Mars One initiative and the AXE Deodorant collaboration with Buzz Aldrin in the Apollo Space Academy, are more than just the joke ventures they appear to be on the surface, and play directly into the intentions of the top levels of the Anglo-Dutch empire. This includes the central roles of the Anglo-Dutch cartel Unilever and Royal Dutch Airlines, as well as the work of the World Wildlife Fund, Rabobank, and the Dutch government, even pointing to the Dutch royal family.

This is the imperial system which the Queen of England has declared is campaigning under the banner of the "environmentalist" movement for the reduction of the world population by 6 billion people—a genocide that would make Hitler look like an amateur.[1] This is the top of the operation, so let's see how it has excreted the bottom-level activity of Mars One and the Apollo Space Academy.

Mars One

The Mars One program was announced in June 2012 as a private initiative to send people on a one-way mission to Mars by 2023. Disregarding all the serious challenges and risks involved with sustaining human life for prolonged journeys in the zero-gravity and high-

1. For example, see "Behind London's War Drive: A Policy To Kill Billions," *EIR*, Nov. 18, 2011,.



Widespread media coverage for the lunatic Mars One project all over the world has so far led at least 80,000 people to sign up for the one-way trip.

radiation environment of space, the stated proposal is to utilize existing technologies to float people to Mars on a seven-month-long trip, hope they will be functional upon arrival, and then leave them there to attempt to eke out an existence for the rest of their lives.

While this is already, simply put, *nuts*, rejecting the fundamental principles of space development elaborated by past NASA teams,[2] the Mars One proposal takes the absurdity even further by claiming it will be funded as *a global reality-TV media event!* Mars One claim that it will pay for the mission by borrowing from the reality-TV model (one of the most exploitative entertainment gimmicks of past years), starting with an online submission and selection process, then a reality-TV show where the public can vote on who they want to send to die on Mars. The selection process, training, and trip would all be filmed as a TV show, and Mars One would sell advertising and television rights to pay for the mission.

According to the *New York Times*, "Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be physically fit and speak English, and they must be willing to live out the final selection process and an eight-year training program—not to mention the Mars mission itself—under the constant stare of a television camera."[3]

Despite being a ridiculous idea (and perhaps bordering on criminal if they ever got through with exploiting the suffering and early death of people for a reality-TV show), the mainstream media has promoted it all over the world, leading to nearly 80,000 applicants asking to go die on Mars, coming from 120 countries as of this writing. After a year of promotion, Mars One now claims to have two dozen sponsors putting money into the program. But how did it get started? Even a quick investigation reveals the green Anglo-Dutch structure behind the initiative.

Bas Lansdorp, CEO and Co-Founder

The founder is Bas Lansdorp, described as a 36-year-old Dutch entrepreneur. Lansdorp is not a scientist, and has no experience in designing space missions. In fact, the only thing that he can cite as any form of supposed credibility is his work with a Dutch wind-energy company called Ampyx. In 2011, he sold his share in Ampyx

2. For a discussion of the principle underlying mankind's expansion into space, see Lyndon LaRouche's groundbreaking paper, "What Was Actually Genius?: Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare," in this issue of *EIR*.

3. http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/09/business/ global/reality-tv-for-the-red-planet.html?_r=1&

to get the money to start Mars One. According to the *New York Times*, Lansdorp won't say how much money he made from the sale, but says it was enough to start Mars One and not to have to work for a number of years.

But what is Ampyx? For decades, the Anglo-Dutch empire has ensured that large amounts of money flow to these crazy green schemes—Obama's Department of Energy dumping half a billion dollars into the Solyndra failure is only one example. Often claiming justification in the fraudulent claims of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and associated propaganda outfits, large sums are directed to "sustainable" or "green" programs which claim to be protecting the Earth, but are in reality lowering the productive capability of society overall, working toward the Queen of England's Malthusian policy. Those that are ignorant of the genocidal intention toward which they are being played, are sucked in by financial bubbles in the name of green.

It appears that Lansdorp's Ampyx wind-power scheme is no exception. Their site reads:

"With the investments of Mainport Innovation Fund and Dutch Greentech Fund, we secured funding for our technology development. Maybe even more importantly, we can also count on the support of the investors backing these funds, giving us access to the aviation networks of KLM and Schiphol, the financing knowledge of Rabobank, the lobby power of Wereld Natuur Fonds (the Dutch branch of the WWF), and the resources of two top-100 universities in the world."

Thus Ampyx admits that its supporters are secretions of the Anglo-Dutch establishment, Royal Dutch Airlines (KML), Rabobank, and the WWF.

The **Mainport Innovation Fund** is supported by the Dutch government directly, with an EU8 million investment budget through the TechnoPartner Seed Capital Facility, run by the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs.[4] Their stated goal is to "invest venture capital in promising technology companies with breakthrough innovations that make the [aviation] sector more sustainable, safer, and more efficient."[5] Mainport is officially managed by the Netherlands' Rabobank, which is classified as one of the elite "globally systemic important financial institutions" (G-SIFIs), is currently the second largest bank in the Netherlands (following ING Group), and is described as a leader in "sustainability-oriented banking."

The green focus is extensive, including promotional campaigns offering the "Rabo climate mortgage," the "Rabo green savings account," and the "Rabocard credit card with climate compensation," which automatically analyzes how much CO_2 will be released as a result of your purchases (such as air travel), and then automatically pays a proportional amount of money to "projects run by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)" to compensate for your carbon footprint![6] Mainport can also count on the support of the Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM), which will come up again later.

The **Dutch Greentech Fund** is a similar operation in character, which was created by Rabobank, the World Wildlife Fund Netherlands' branch, and two universities. All four members of Greentech's management team are with Rabobank, and the manager and associate director also work for the Mainport Innovation Fund. According to their website, their "vision" is explicitly premised on the WWF's *2012 Living Planet Report*, which concludes with the ridiculous claim that human activity has destroyed "about one third of the natural health of our planet" and that human population growth and overconsumption are the top problems that must be rectified.[7] The Dutch Greentech Fund appears to be another Rabobank-WWF conduit to dump money into idiotic green programs which lower the productivity of a world facing mass suffering and death from underdevelopment. Ampyx Power is just one example (**Figure 1**).

So Bas Lansdorp, in selling his share of Ampyx, got his money to launch Mars One from these green fund scams back by the Dutch Government, the GSIFI Rabobank, Royal Dutch Airlines, and the WWF—i.e., the Anglo- Dutch empire.

That being the background to where Bas Lansdorp got the initial funding to launch Mars One, the figure heading the financial management of the project has another notable profile. As with Lansdorp, he is certainly not a scientist, nor has he had any experience managing space missions.

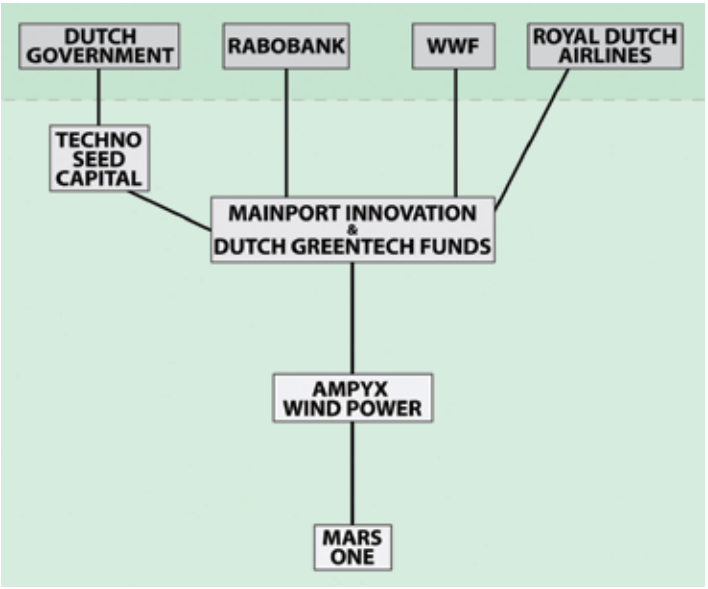
4. http://www.agentschapnl.nl/programmas-regelingen/mainport-innovation-fund

5. http://www.mainportinnovationfund.nl/en/vision

6. Discussing this agreement, "Johan van de Gronden, head of the WWF in the Netherlands, told Reuters reporters that the charity wanted to come up with a way to align consumer behaviours with a compensation mechanism." http://www.finextra.com/news/ fullstory.aspx?newsitemid=15904

7. http://wwf.panda.org/about_our_earth/all_publications/living_planet _report/2012_lpr/

FIGURE 1



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Eiso Vaandrager, Chief Financial Officer

Vaandrager is a "venture capitalist." In addition to running the finances of Mars One, he works for three green financial funds: **ewic**, a financial management group focused on funds investing in "sustainable" and "green" schemes; **e2 Cleantech1**, a green fund managed by ewic and supported by the Dutch government; and **Wermuth Asset Management**, a German fund totally focused on green investments. Vaandrager's work with Wermuth comes from the fact that Wermuth recently hired ewic and e2 Cleantech1 to participate in "the first ever international cleantech fund to focus on Russia:" the Europe-Tatarstan Cleantech Fund (TCTF). This targeting of Russia adds another interesting angle to the Anglo-Dutch imperial structure behind these programs. Start with a profile of each of these funds.

e2 Cleantech1: Created in 2007, e2 Cleantech1 is another fund for putting money into worthless green ventures. Its website reads, "e2 is founded by professional investors and clean technology experts who want to contribute to a reduction of CO_2 emission"—the CO_2 lie being a leading front in the depopulation agenda of the Anglo-Dutch empire, as the survival of millions, as in India and China for example, depends upon access to activities that emit CO_2. As with the Dutch Greentech Fund mentioned above, e2 Cleantech1 is supported by the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Dutch Government with an EU8 million investment budget and a EU4 million loan (through the same Technopartner Seed Capital Facility of the government).[8] Their team consists of a handful of veterans of green scams, and they list a half dozen investments, from geothermal power to electric scooters.

ewic: e2 Cleantech1 is managed by another Dutch operation, ewic, which dates back to 1991. Vaandrager also works for ewic, although it is not clear exactly when he got involved. The two founders of ewic[9] appear to have been part of the "privatization" schemes focused on looting Russia and the former Soviet bloc nations after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Much of this activity looks to be associated with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), as the two were involved in multiple operations that were supported by the EBRD. The EBRD's site says it "was established in 1991 when communism was crumbling in central and eastern Europe and ex-Soviet countries needed support to nurture a new private sector in a democratic environment."

According to the Wikipedia entry on the EBRD, "it works with publicly owned companies to support their privatization, as advocated by the WTO since the 1980's."[10] This was the activity that led to the horrific collapse in living standards across Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in the 1990s, including skyrocketing drug use, unemployment, and a drop in the life expectancy of Russian men from 65 to 58, over only a few years. Free-market propagandists attempted to justify this genocide under the banner of a "shock therapy" needed for the former communist nations' entry into the free-market system.

Honest people called it a disgusting spectacle of looting and destruction. The opportunity for productive cooperation between the former Soviet bloc nations and the Western powers was thrown in the gutter, and a policy of looting and destruction was instead pursued by the Anglo-Dutch empire.

The ewic website exposes itself as directly involved in these privatization operations that nearly destroyed Russia in the 1990s:

8. http://www.agentschapnl.nl/programmas-regelingen/e2cleantech-1-bv

9. Casper Heijsteeg and Michel Hendriks.

10. The Wikipedia reference cites the 1995 World Bank report, "State-Owned Enterprise Restructuring : Better Performance Through the Corporate Structure and Competition," by Russell Muir and Joseph Soba https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/ 10986/11649

"In the past, ewic has been active in the emerging market economies of Eastern Europe, with a focus on Russia, as a privatisation, corporate finance and business development advisor. Moreover, ewic has played an important part in the establishment of several regional development funds in Russia, sponsored by the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development."

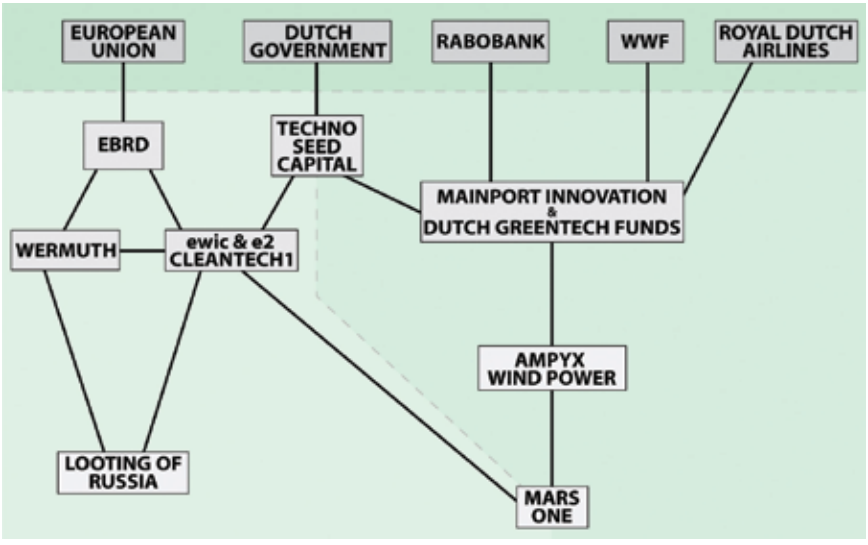
Wermuth Asset Management: The company's founder, Jochen Wermuth, is another green nut, who was an advisor to the Russian government "on the transition to a market economy during the immediate post-Soviet period," working on behalf of the European Union and the World Bank.[11] He is married to a Russian ecologist, has been a sponsor of Greenpeace since 1992, and started Wermuth Asset Management (WAM) in 1999, with the commitment to "sustainable investments."

The focus of the Wermuth—ewic—e2 Cleantech1 collaboration is their creation of the Europe-Tatarstan Cleantech Fund (TCTF), which targets one of the most economically developed regions in Russia, Tatarstan, which has the second-highest level of industrial production per square km in the nation, with a focus on oil production, machine-building, truck manufacturing, the aviation industry, chemical production, and more. Not a good place to screw up with all this privatization, green, and anti-CO_2 garbage.

These are the operations from which Mars One CFO Vaandrager comes. According to the backers of Mars One, apparently this is a profile that qualifies someone to handle the financing of the first-ever manned mission to Mars.

We put aside the operations targeted at looting Russia, and focus on the Anglo-Dutch connections. It is particularly interesting to see that the Dutch government is backing Vaandrager's e2 Cleantech1 fund, through the same program of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs which was also backing the funders of the Ampyx wind-power scheme (which gave Lansdorp the money to launch Mars One). These programs are being secreted as products of the higher institutional structures of the Anglo-Dutch empire (**Figure 2**).

FIGURE 2



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Before closing the picture on the Anglo-Dutch empire's infiltration of the space community, we will take a quick look at a third member of the Mars One team, the co-founder with Lansdorp, and chief technical officer, Arno Wielders. Wielders' role raises another important piece of the picture, shifting us temporarily away from the green financing of the empire, to the role of the Mars Society in designing and promoting the unworkable "off-the-shelf" manned Mars missions.

Mars Society Netherlands

The Mars Society was created through the initiative of Robert Zubrin, who made a name for himself in the early 1990s promoting his Mars Direct scheme, a plan to send people to Mars using off-the-shelf technology. With the general demoralization within NASA and aerospace created by decades of pullback and stagnation after the Apollo program ended,[12] Zubrin's proposal found support as an "el cheapo" alternative Mars

11. According to his biography provided on the Wermuth Asset Management website.

12. Another wave of existential demoralization was made inevitable with the blocking of the SDI proposal of Lyndon LaRouche, Dr. Edward Teller, and President Ronald Reagan, which would have been a science driver in the same tradition as Kennedy's Apollo program.

mission he claimed could be sold within the existing budgets of the time. By the time of his 2003 testimony to the U.S. Senate, Zubrin was claiming that the idea of nuclear propulsion was nothing but "pork," insisting that no new developments were needed, and that we should just send people to another world, tens of millions of miles away, with the systems we had available, and with no build-up of infrastructure to provide mankind a permanent foothold in space. Mars Direct was, and is, a foolish idea, distracting from serious space development programs (again see, Lyndon LaRouche, "What Was Actually Genius?: Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare," in this issue, for a presentation of the actual fundamental principle at issue). In the late 1990s, Zubrin created the Mars Society.

The Mars Society Netherlands branch, although no longer active, seems to have spun off some active folks.

The co-founder and chief technical officer of Mars One mentioned above, Arno Wielders, was also a co-founder of the Mars Society Netherlands in 1998.

The former Mars Society Netherlands president (and owner of the Mars Society Netherlands non-profit from 2000 to 2010), Artemis Westenberg, has moved on to co-found and direct a new company, Explore Mars, Inc. Created in 2010, Explore Mars, Inc. is dedicated to bringing humans to Mars in the next two decades, with its top advocates, such as Westenberg, focused on the off-the-shelf approach, claiming that any attempts to develop new systems would only delay efforts, and insisting that man can go to Mars with existing technologies, as in Zubrin's Mars Direct proposal.

Prior to co-founding Explore Mars, Inc. and running the Mars Society Netherlands, Westenberg was known in the Netherlands as "a nationally decorated feminist," having been delegated as a member of the Dutch government to attend the UN conference on the status of women, in Copenhagen in 1980. She has some business background with Thorn EMI Computer Software (1988-90) and with Honeywell, Inc., both large electronics and/or aerospace companies with defense-related work.

Explore Mars, Inc.'s Board of Advisors includes former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, which takes us away from Mars One and the Mars Society per se, and to the second of the populist space campaigns being investigated here, The Apollo Space Academy. Being another silly idea with a big marketing campaign, it is no surprise that this also leads us to the highest levels of the Anglo-Dutch establishment.

Buzz Aldrin and the Apollo Space Academy

Aldrin has been outspoken in his belief that NASA should not focus on going back to the Moon, but on sending people to Mars. Of the Moon he is idiotically saying, "been there, done that," a statement repeated by Obama in his attempt to justify tossing out the congressionally mandated lunar mission in favor of a manned asteroid mission that is going nowhere. So while Russia, China, Europe, India, and other nations are focusing on the Moon as the logical target for the permanent bases and infrastructure which would serve as mankind's outpost into exploring the entire Solar System, the United States under Obama stands alone in not collaborating on this much needed goal, dividing the space objectives of the world (put frankly, really screwing things up).

Aldrin appears to have sold his honor as the second man on the Moon for status as a pop-celebrity for hire. His press release for his new book states in the second sentence:

"Buzz Aldrin earned his place in the history books nearly 44 years ago by landing on the Moon with Neil Armstrong, becoming the first men to set foot on our nearest celestial neighbor. Today, he seems better known as a minor celebrity in pop culture, lending his name to advertising efforts like the space tourism contest by deodorant company Axe, dabbling in writing science fiction, or appearing on the reality TV show Dancing with the Stars. . . ."

According to the Internet Movie Database, Aldrin has five publicists/agents and the company Buzz Aldrin Enterprises. He began to increase his celebrity activity in 2005, and then further increased it in 2009, with a rap song with the drug- and gang-promoting rapper "Snoop Dog," appearances on "Dancing with the Stars," and more.

The first item listed in the description of his "minor celebrity" life, provided in the press release for his new book is: "lending his name to advertising efforts like the space tourism contest by deodorant company Axe."

The specific advertising campaign is the 2013 Apollo Space Academy contest. According to an article on Space.com:

"The men's personal care product company AXE has teamed up with famed moonwalker Buzz Aldrin to send 22 people into space, and make sure they smell nice doing it. The company today (Jan. 9) kicked off its

Why would astronaut Buzz Aldrin (inset), one of the first two men to walk on the Moon, join with a deodorant company to promote the sex-appeal of space travel? You'll have to ask him.





new AXE Apollo Space Academy, an online contest that promises to send 22 winners to the edge of space and back aboard a private spaceship. The winning space travelers will launch aboard a suborbital Lynx space plane built by the U.S. company XCOR Aerospace and operated by the tourism firm Space Expedition Curacao, AXE officials said."[13]

This marketing campaign appeals to the most banal aspects of popular culture. Why do Aldrin and AXE think people look up to astronauts? The largest commercial advertising archive, Coloribus, summed up the campaign as follows:

"Based on the insight that all girls love a hero, Axe is planning to turn regular guys into real-life legends by sending them into space with the Axe Apollo Space Academy."[14]

The advertisement campaign uses predominantly on sex-oriented ads, with a series of commercials promoting the idea that a guy should become an astronaut to "get the girls," because, as their motto states, when it comes to getting women, "nothing beats an astronaut." In their largest marketing campaign ever (covering more than 75 nations),[15] AXE has produced over a dozen commercials on this theme, portraying woman in swimsuits running after astronauts, etc. This included a commercial in the 2013 Superbowl, where it costs $4 million for a 30-second ad.

Given Aldrin's recent third divorce was followed by his dating a woman 31 years his younger, and his latest ex-wife accusing him of being a predator, it is not clear whether Aldrin himself sexed-up the AXE Apollo campaign, or if that was what drew him into the program in the first place.[16] Either way, Aldrin sold his name and face to launch the campaign, and features it prominently on his website.

AXE has produced other commercials picturing astronauts as being "cooler" than your favorite videogame character, athlete, poker player, and so on. This includes a March 2013 promotional in which a team of women dressed in tightly fitting "astronaut suits" are sent around a shopping mall in London, to take the pictures of random people, and then display their faces above a giant astronaut suit hanging in the center of the mall.

13. http://www.space.com/19199-axe-apollo-space-launch-contest.html
14. http://www.coloribus.com/adsarchive/tv-commercials/axe-apollo-space-academy-lifeguard-16581555/
15. http://www.spacexc.com/en/about-us/partners/
16. It is also a question why the Netherlands' nationally recognized feminist, Artemis Westenberg, would associate with Aldrin (as with their work on Explore Mars Inc.), given his easily identifiable profile.

As with Mars One, the point is not so much the seriousness of the program itself, but the effects and intention associated with the widespread marketing campaign (remember this is AXE's largest campaign ever launched).

Is this how mankind is going to create the renaissance it needs to realize its future as a creative force in the Solar System?

Although Aldrin has launched and supported the contest, the Apollo Space Academy and associated marketing campaign are not his operations, Aldrin is just a pop celebrity for hire.

The Space Expedition Corporation, Unilever, and KLM

AXE (or Lynx, the brand's name in the British Commonwealth) is owned by Unliever, one of the largest consumer goods cartels in the world, and at the heart of the Anglo-Dutch empire.[17] As part of an explosive exposé of the still existing and active structure of the Anglo-Dutch empire, *EIR*'s Oct. 28, 1994 article, "Prince Philip's Corporate SS," described Unilever as follows:

"**Unilever**—Owns vast plantations in Africa and the continent's largest trading company (United Africa Co.); key part of the world food cartel, particularly in fats and edible oils. Formed by the 1930s strategic merger of English Lever Brothers firm, which owned the West African heirs to the Royal Niger Co, with a Dutch company."

Today Unilever is heavily promoting the empire's genocidal green campaign, with a "sustainable living" feature as one of the top four items on their website, including an in-depth CO_2 reduction section. Unilever's current CEO, Paul Polman, is set to be the next chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

But the Apollo Space Academy is not being promoted by a company that just happens to be run by an Anglo-Dutch cartel. The Academy is just a promotional stunt for an the space-tourism campaign, which is backed by Unilever and Royal Dutch Airlines. The Space Expedition Corporation (SXC) is already selling tickets for 60-minute "space flights," which include five minutes of weightlessness, at just $100,000 per ticket (assuming they successfully complete and test the rocket plane). They are competing with Virgin Galactic and others in the race to develop the "space tourism industry," itself part of the propaganda campaign promoting the idea that the government's role is obsolete, and the free market is what will bring man into space.

Where is the money coming from? The SXC only has three partners for their space program: XCOR Aerospace, which is designing and building the actual space plane; Unilever, with its massive AXE marketing campaign; and Royal Dutch Airlines, whose "participation marks the serious character of the SXC project," according to the SXC website.[18]

With these being the structures behind the Apollo Space Academy, it should be recalled that Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) is also backing the green funds which spun off Mars One. KLM having their tentacles in both of the populist space operations investigated here is most fitting, as it directs us toward the Dutch monarchy itself. As of reports in the 1980s and 1990s, the royal family owned a large stake in KLM, and just recently, KLM summarized their close relationship. In honor of Willem-Alexander being crowned the new King of the Netherlands in April of this year, KLM launched a website dedicated to the event. There, they describe their relationship with the Dutch royals as follows:

"KLM has always had strong ties with the Dutch Royal Family. Queen Wilhelmina had already bestowed the predicate 'Royal' upon the airline on 12 September 1919, before KLM was officially established. It was truly extraordinary that the predicate was bestowed before the company was established. In principle, such honors are only bestowed on companies that have existed for more than 100 years. . . ."[19]

However, KLM forgot to mention a few important details. According to a 2007 BBC report, Dutch journalists had discovered documents indicating that following the end of World War II, KLM was participating in an illegal operation to fly Nazi war criminals out of

17. As an ironic side note: Unilever's site has a feature on their new promotional campaign of Dove soap, described as a "campaign committed to fostering self-esteem among women." This features a very touching video ad that they boast has reached "billions of women around the world," telling women they should be happier with their bodies, and challenging the social pressure placed on women associated with their sexuality. Unilever, which own Dove, also owns AXE, the deodorant brand that targets young males with the most degrading and objectifying portrayals of women as sexual objects.

18. http://www.spacexc.com/ en/about-us/partners/

19. http://crowning.klm.com/gb_en and https://crowning.klm.com/hk_en/page/about

Germany and into Argentina to escape prosecution. According to the BBC, "Dutch MPs, historians and Jewish groups have demanded an independent investigation into the reports first aired last week, particularly because a member of the Dutch royal family may have been involved."[20] BBC notes that the director of KLM at the time was Prince Bernhard, father of the recently abdicated Princess Beatrix, and grandfather of the new King of the Netherlands, Willem-Alexander.



The Anglo-Dutch Empire and the green movement: The co-founders of the World Wildlife Fund, the Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, meet in Amsterdam, 1967.

Today's Nazis Are Green

Utilizing KLM airlines to fly Nazi war criminals to freedom would be consistent with Bernhard's past as a former Nazi.[21] According to a 1976 *Newsweek* piece, testimony at the Nuremberg trials showed that Bernhard was part of a special Nazi SS intelligence unit in IG Farbenindustrie. Recall that IG Farben was where the Nazi concentration camp/slave-labor system was pioneered. When Bernhard later resigned from the SS to marry the future Queen Juliana, he signed his resignation, "Heil Hitler!" Hitler sent congratulations to their wedding.[22]

After the war and the public disgust following the revelations of the horrors of the concentration camps, Bernhard was a key figure in re-launching genocide under a new name: environmentalism. Bernhard was joined by the Duke of Edinburgh and Royal Consort to Queen Elizabeth of England, Prince Philip, who was himself trained in a Hitler Youth curriculum, and had high-ranking Nazis in his family. In 1961, Bernhard and Philip launched the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), with the collaboration of Julian Huxley, a longtime leader in the eugenics movement, and the president of the British Eugenics Society from 1959 to 1962.[23] Bernhard headed the WWF from 1962 to 1976, and Philip followed, from 1981 to 1996. The royal pair also founded the 1001 Club in 1971, a private grouping, initially hand-selected by Philip and Bernhard, in which members contributed to a fund that was used to bankroll WWF efforts. The membership has featured an impressive array of representatives of European royal houses, cartels, banking houses, British intelligence, organized crime, etc., your standard top-level environmentalist crowd.[24]

More recently, the strategic force of the Anglo-Dutch environmentalist movement came to a sharp focus around the December 2009, Copenhagen Climate

20. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/6635677.stm

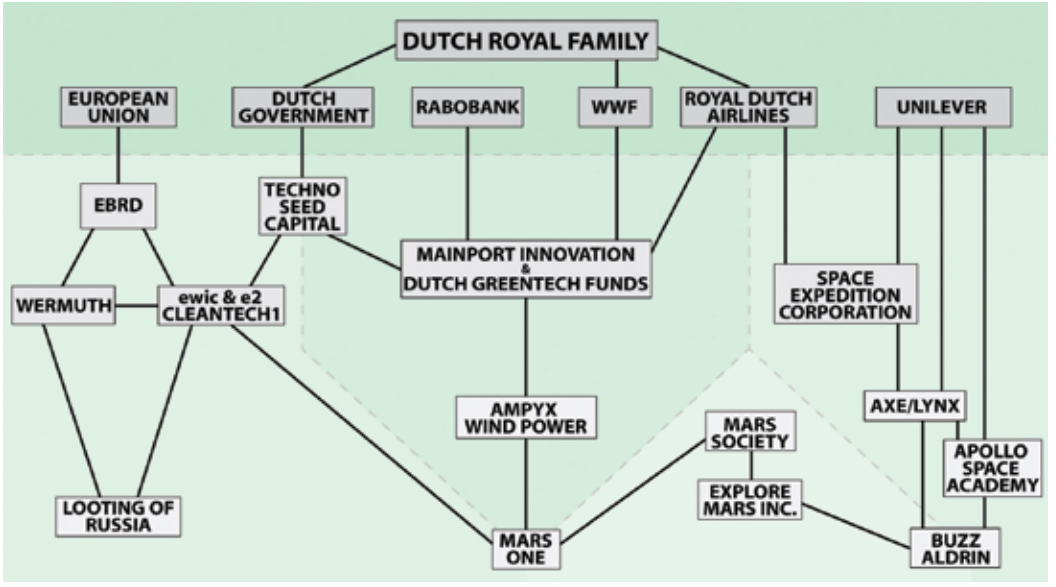
21. This was not isolated to Prince Bernhard. Nazism, and 1920s and 1930s fascism generally, were not simply supported by rogue elements of the Anglo-Dutch establishment: The empire created them. The case of George W. Bush's grandfather, Prescott Bush, working with Wall Street and London to bail out Hitler's party from near bankruptcy, enabling Hitler to rise to power, is just one illustrative example.

22. Scott Thompson, "The Nazi Roots of the House of Windsor," *EIR*, May 17, 1996.

23. Huxley stated the issue clearly in his 1946 writing on the founding of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, "UNESCO, Its Purpose and its Philosophy." Recognizing the mess Hitler had made for eugenics supporters, such as himself, Huxley wrote that since "any radical eugenic policy will be for many years politically and psychologically impossible, it will be important for UNESCO to see that the eugenic problem is examined with the greatest care, and that the public mind is informed of the issues at stake so that much that now is unthinkable may at least become thinkable." In 1946, Huxley became the first director-general of UNESCO. His 1961 co-founding of the WWF was the new cover to make racism, eugenics, and genocide "become thinkable" again.

24. Scott Thompson, "The '1001 Club': A Nature Trust," *EIR* Oct. 28, 1994.

FIGURE 3



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Summit, where the lie of CO_2-driven anthropogenic global warming was to be used to consolidate a new codification of imperial rule. The demand for CO_2 reduction was to lead to supranational agreements with legally binding authority to deny even basic economic existence to billions of people. The intended result of these and other green programs is genocide. The Queen of England, Prince Philip, and Prince Bernhard have presided over a policy of reducing the world's population from the present level of over 7 billion people to 1 billion or less—the greatest genocide ever conceived.

During the buildup to the Copenhagen Summit, it became clear that key nations were not going to completely give up their sovereignty to the empire, with China, India, South Africa, and Brazil signing a declaration that they would never accept legally binding CO_2 emission limits, and threatening a unified walkout at Copenhagen if there were an attempt to force such measures through. The empire's response was quite telling. In a rare spectacle, ten days before the opening of the Summit, the Queen and Philip used the Commonwealth heads of state meeting in Trinidad and Tobago, honoring the 60th anniversary of the Commonwealth, as a last-ditch attempt to rally support for the failing Copenhagen program.

Addressing the representatives of the 53 Commonwealth member-states, the Queen, in her keynote address, reminded the audience (and the world) of the Commonwealth's historical role as a defining force on the planet, and demanded support for their genocidal program, saying, "On this, the eve of the UN Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change, the Commonwealth has an opportunity to lead once more." To those cognizant of the strategic battle between national sovereignty and imperial rule playing out on the world scene, the message was clear. Such an overt call from the Queen was a spectacle rarely seen in public.

While the Copenhagen summit was a failure, the imperial genocide campaign is still active. The continued commitment of KLM, Unilever, and others to the green fascism doctrine demonstrates their continuation as components of the Anglo-Dutch imperial system (**Figure 3**). Their top-down involvement in the crazy space schemes indicates that these programs are more than just the silly jokes they appear to be.

Why?

Why would the Dutch government, the WWF, Unilever, Royal Dutch Airlines, Rabobank, and other arms of the Anglo-Dutch empire care about space exploration? This is the empire that is currently, right now, *today*, campaigning for the greatest genocide ever conceived. Is this about space, or are they more concerned with managing popular opinion, and imposing on society an oligarchical view of man as bestial, degenerate, and destroying the planet?

Understanding that the long-standing policy of the empire has been to induce cultural degeneration as a means to create a form of self-control of a population that doesn't know what their actual creative capabilities are, it is clear why a serious space program, committed to uplifting mankind as a creative—*anti-bestial*—force in the universe, is among the greatest fears of the Anglo-Dutch imperial system.

All true lovers of space exploration and mankind be warned: *Greenies will never green Mars!*

Editorial

The Fourth of July

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed. . . ."

To the British Empire, the 56 signers, and all other Americans, this assertion from the Declaration of Independence was a revolution in itself. By signing it, the delegates to the Continental Congress put their lives on the line, liable to be imprisoned or killed as traitors to the Empire, for the sake of universal principles. They also thereby committed themselves to organizing their fellow-citizens and supporters around the world, to rally to a war for the idea of man they had espoused.

That war took 7 years to win, but was not consolidated until 12 years later, when the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1788.

Yet, in a real sense, the principles behind the Declaration of Independence continue to be at the core of conflict within the U.S. population up to today. Americans differed, often vehemently, among themselves as to what kind of government were required to fulfill the aims to which they had dedicated themselves. Some of those disagreements were honest; others were deliberately fostered by agents of the British Empire itself, which was, and still is, determined that this unprecedented, noble experiment would fail.

Under our great American Presidents—Washington, John Quincy Adams, Lincoln, McKinley, and Franklin Roosevelt—enormous progress was made in creating the conditions for fulfilling these unalienable rights. A deep commitment to continuous improvement of the nation economically, morally, and intellectually, through a government based on the consent of the governed, informed all of these Administrations, and they produced physical and cultural capital that we are actually frittering away today. It should be no surprise that two of these Presidents were assassinated by British agents, while the others were subjected to character-assassination.

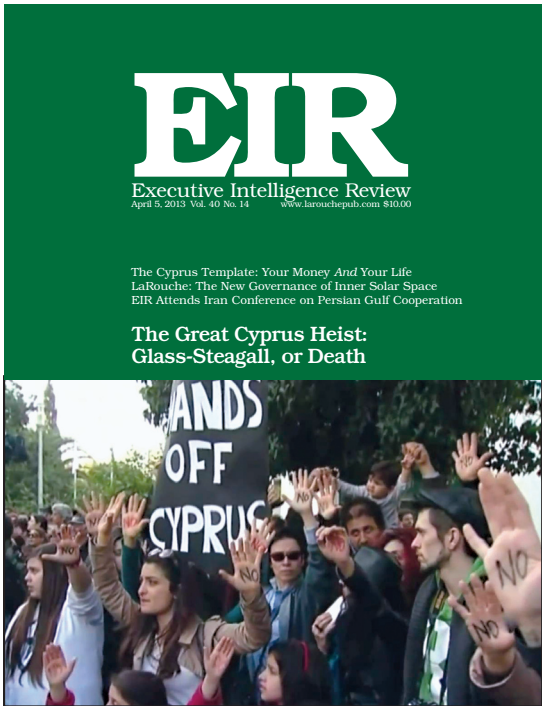
Today, it is the core commitment of that noble Declaration which is under assault by the British financial Empire. The right to life? That is to be subject to an economic calculus of whether society can afford to keep you alive, or not. The right to liberty? That depends upon decisions by secret courts and an all-listening government which decides whether you deserve it or not, or whether you represent a threat to its will. The right to the pursuit of happiness? That has been demeaned into animal-like pleasure-seeking for the moment, not the lasting happiness appropriate to thinking human beings who create and improve the future for their posterity.

This is no time for the mindless flag-waving so common on the Fourth of July. The depth of the principles upon which our nation was so "impractically" founded must be recaptured, or we face the very real threat that this nation will disintegrate, perhaps even disappear in thermonuclear war. Nor can we be satisfied with merely blaming our leaders for their failures. *Every* citizen of a republic has the responsibility to live up to the solemn Declaration made in 1776, to the best of his or her ability.

It's time for a revival of the real spirit of the American Revolution, a dedication to lifting up mankind in every nation, so all people can live up to their potential. Happy Fourth of July!

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