

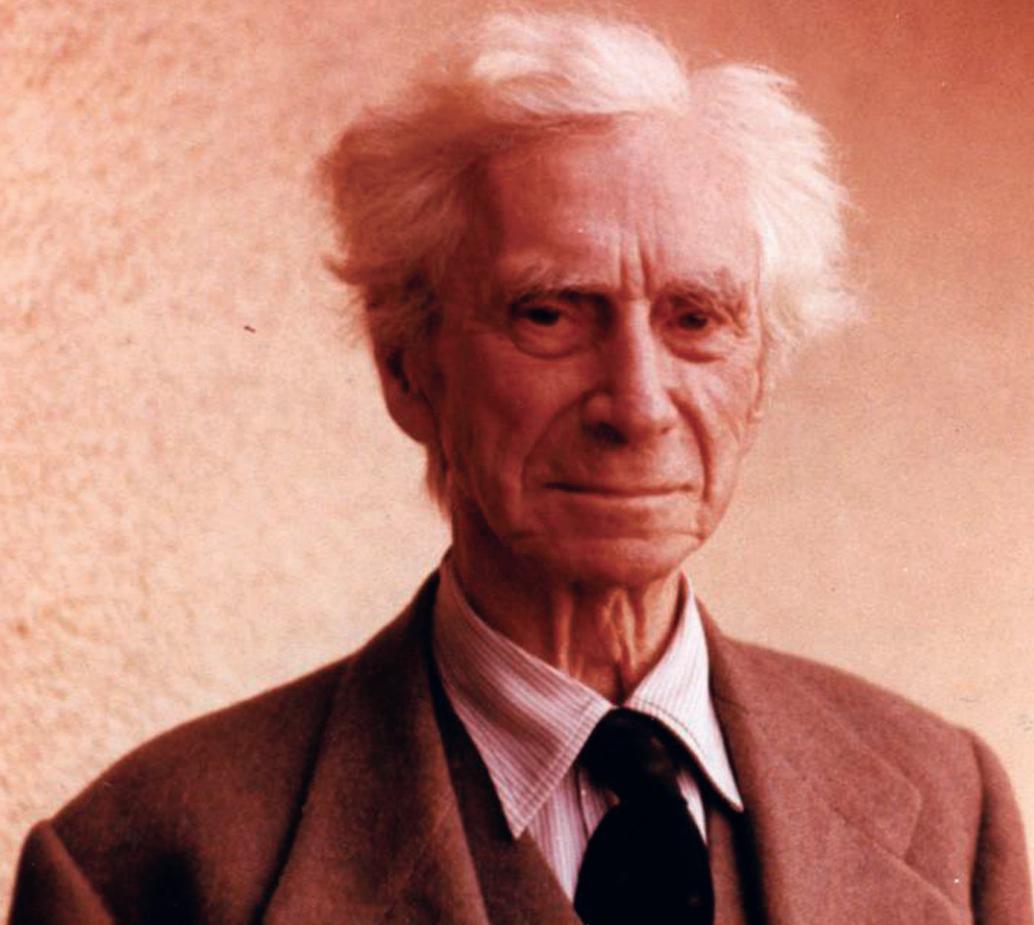
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From the Editors

As we go to print, it would appear that mankind is going to make it into April without a thermonuclear confrontation—but only a fool would be reassured. The British Empire, driven into desperation by its utter bankruptcy, maintains a strong grip on the Presidency of the United States, and is pushing forward its war agenda, putting the whole world on the very edge of disaster. We have entered the “bail-in” phase which threatens the Empire’s own survival—and they will mass-kill to try to preserve their power.

Thus, the timeliness of our *Feature* this issue, Lyndon LaRouche’s “The Satan Still Operating from Inside Bertrand Russell’s Corpse.” LaRouche has crafted a scientific paper which directs our attention to the root of mankind’s current disaster—the British imperial, Zeusian method, epitomized by Bertrand Russell and the current Queen. It is that method which leads Americans to submit to stooges like Barack Obama, and to fail at making the crucial scientific breakthroughs required to take man into the future. LaRouche takes the refutation of Russell by mathematician Kurt Gödel and drives it to the necessary conclusion in *physical economy*—which takes mankind into his proper role in Space.

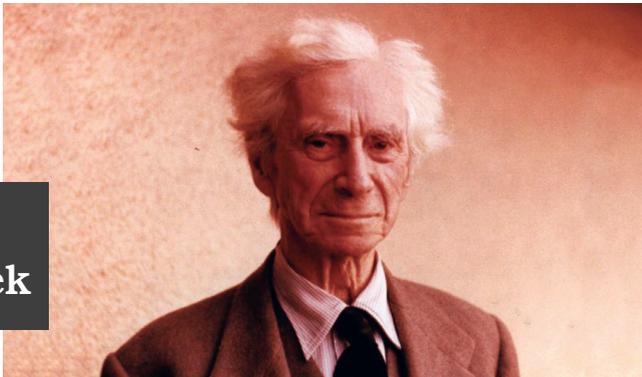
This issue contains two additional features of crucial importance at this time. First, the full text of Russian President Putin’s March 18 address, which gives an object lesson in sane historical and strategic thinking—unlike that from the Rumpelstiltskin-like Obama. This is not an “applause-line” show, but a serious presentation that all concerned Americans should pay attention to. The second, is our coverage of the Keshia Rogers for Senate campaign in Texas, which is taking national leadership in the fight to both remove Obama from office, and destroy the Empire’s longstanding fifth column within the U.S.—Wall Street.

Eliminating the British Empire is *the* issue, and the consequences of not doing so are updated in our coverage of the Western drought, the European theater of strategic conflict, and the Malaysian airline “mystery,” which LaRouche has identified as marking a shift by the Empire to new assaults in the Eurasian region.

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A REFERENCE TO MY TUESDAY REMARKS:¹

The Satan Still Operating from Inside Bertrand Russell's Corpse

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

March 19, 2014

The British Empire's trial policy which had ended, approximately during mid-week, in seeking to bluff Russia's President Putin, has failed in the effort to carry out the mission assigned implicitly by the British Empire. U.S. President Obama, who (perhaps, now, only temporarily) has been lately showing more and more of the qualities of an imitation of the mentality of Adolf Hitler-in-the-bunker. Obama's current reactions are about the same as in Hitler's rage-ball behaviorisms, earlier. He is now on the edge of readiness to be toppled, perhaps into prison for his own, actual crimes, crimes which, in fact, he has committed at increasing rates, especially since the beginning of his present, second term in office.

Obama is now operating fully in overt viola-

tion of the U.S. Constitution, and were likely, on that account, to end up, not only impeached, but also even in Federal prison for cause of the sheer, fascist-like offenses against the Constitution of our United States, or, perhaps, like Adolf Hitler, a defeated-Hitler-style suicide.

Nonetheless, Obama's crimes, this far, to the present date, have not yet shown the even far more monstrous crimes, which he is now fighting to add to the probable, and crucial, new phases of his intentions for his immediately intended repertoire: global thermonuclear warfare. This behavior of his, has been launched in his role as a lackey operating on behalf of the Empire of the current "British Imperial Queen prototype" (actually, currently in historical fact) the imperial Elizabeth II:² a globally coordinated, intended planetary, thermonuclear warfare throughout our planet, generally. Obama's frenzied rage, at this present time, is a reflection of his intention (and that Queen's) to take a presently leading hand in organizing a threatened, global thermonuclear war, now. Hence, what have been Obama's ostensible fits of apparent

1. Edited by the author himself, for the purposes of the necessary great precision respecting the intention inhering in drafting given for what have been the finally edited version containing the author's own corrections. Any changes, even minor, sometimes, a single comma, in the editing of the text of such a composition, might, sometimes, as here, cause misreadings of the essential argument presented to the reader. Laymen might miss the point which only the relevant scientist would "catch": with no harm to either.

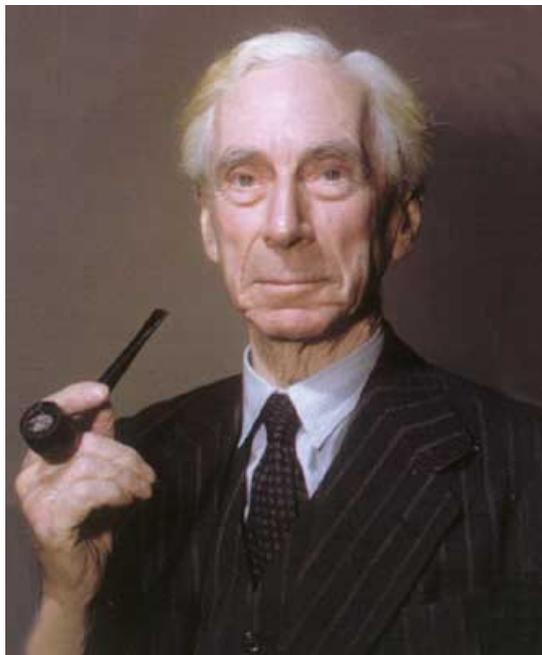
2. The de facto successor of the original, also ill-tempered Queen Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth I, of Shakespeare's time.

insanity embodied in the expression of his fulminating, anti-constitutional, “rage-ball fits” against the Democratic Party leadership in the U.S. Senate (in particular), and their own present co-thinkers generally.

Actually, Obama is justly categorized, as being about as much clinically insane, now, as Adolf Hitler preceding his own last days in the Bunker, that, thus, in the same sense as Obama’s presently converging, recurring Adolf Hitler-like fits, his association with certifiably evil, witch-like, pro-fascist-leading personalities within his entourage, and his affinity to the kindred influence of former Vice-President and chronic rage-ball, “dirty” Dick Cheney, whose behavior Obama echoes, otherwise.³

However, for the purposes of historical clarity respecting current events, all of Obama’s malfeasances, must also be classed, most emphatically, as being, actually, echoes of the Satanic-like intentions of the truly most evil man of the Twentieth Century, the British Empire’s Bertrand Russell.

I emphasize the particular case of Bertrand Russell’s overt roles, comparing those prior to World War I, and, his “acting-dictator and war-maker” role since the World War I armistice phase. Since that later time, Russell has been actually worse than Hitler, in terms of their respective spans of life, as the relatively greater force of the globally evil influence he had come to exert, so, over the trans-Atlantic region and



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beyond, as following the opening and close of what is now on record as World War I. We must consider, also, his uniquely leading role in pre-shaping the current vast moral crimes of the present British Empress over a great part of the planet now, which have existed to continue the earlier, murderous rages of the English Queen Elizabeth I, and also the presently British imperial Empress Elizabeth II (and the latter’s actively complicit consort).

The former of those two Queens is to be frankly distinguished as the respectively English Queen, earlier, and her implicit successor, the present Empress of Genocide, the latter a monster presently committed, openly, to reduce

the human population of our planet, from somewhat less than a totality of seven billions living human persons, to either one billion, or significantly less.

That is the current British Empress’s guiding goal for practice: a goal which her flunky, President Barack Obama, shares in full: that in both intention and in the trends of his practice. The effusions of her policy, and those of her flunky, President Barack Obama, converge precisely to that, so declared, effect, by them both.

Among the contributing factors which have played a key role of influence in the corruption of the Twentieth and Twenty-first centuries’ progress, has been the influence, on the subject of mathematics and formal science generally, by the leading, wicked, Twentieth Century’s influences on modern mathematical physics, of the pair of the pseudo-scientists, David Hilbert and Bertrand Russell, the notable enemies of the brutally persecuted Kurt Gödel.

3. The apparent source, and clearly an accomplice, of the virtually criminal hoax of denying the virtually entire, *de facto* guilt of the British monarchy and Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar, to the United States at that Bush-Cheney time.

I. The Ideological Roots of Such Evils

The facts to which I have referred in my prefatory remarks, above, are to be considered very seriously, as essentially, symptoms of the actual motivation of the relevant historical process itself, rather than merely the effect of the effects of that process.⁴ To “get at” the actual motivation: we must, first, understand the systemic fallacy inherent in any belief in sense-perception as such. Sense-perception is merely, very often, a useful, mere shadow of the reality of the actually efficient shadow cast by the underlying influence of a valid communication of an efficiently accurate statement, underlying, in turn, the expression of an underlying human intention, not that intention as such, in and of itself.

I recommend that we must open the mission here, with attention to the excellent, if uncompleted argument, against the criminality of Bertrand Russell, an argument also made against the particular, systemic fraud introduced, not merely by the blundering Hilbert, but by Russell, a fraud addressed with systemic excellence, by the scientist Kurt Gödel, in his 1931 “**On Formally undecidable propositions of Principia Mathematica and related systems I**” (1931),

4. The point of the distinction which I have just made here, is of the relatively greatest strategic importance at this present momentary interval of global crisis. The empirical features of any process actually in motion, and the future extension of that same process, are implicitly (systemically) contrary topics. Mankind is a species, which, by our inherently qualitative distinction from the characteristics of the lower categories of animal life, are such, that we are to be guided in action, and are enabled to be guided in our voluntary selection of our future destiny, by an active influence of an intimation of our future, amid our willfully changing of the course of human history willfully, not as lower form of life would do. All human discoveries by persons acting in the role of geniuses, are to be contrasted, categorically, to the cases of all-too-familiar, failures of those others to both understand that distinction, and to act in accord with that implications of that distinction. Those latter cases of failure, are the essential key, and usual cause for failure to have avoided the greatest crises of the human species—like our foolish Republican Party leaders, who, facing a virtual terminal crisis of the human species, wait, silly and credulous, devoting themselves to a future Republican Party victory, which, under their silly outlook on wishful greediness, would never come, as long as they were in charge. The U.S. failure, by Republicans, and others, to have dumped President Obama, is an example of the systemic stupidity shown by the plain fact of the failure to have dumped Obama from the Presidency, already.

and related writings on the same topical areas by Gödel himself. The considerations which I have just stated, in full, immediately above, in the opening of this report, are the most crucial factors in the shaping of the immediate, and foreseeably prospective future of the continued existence and progressive development of the human species.

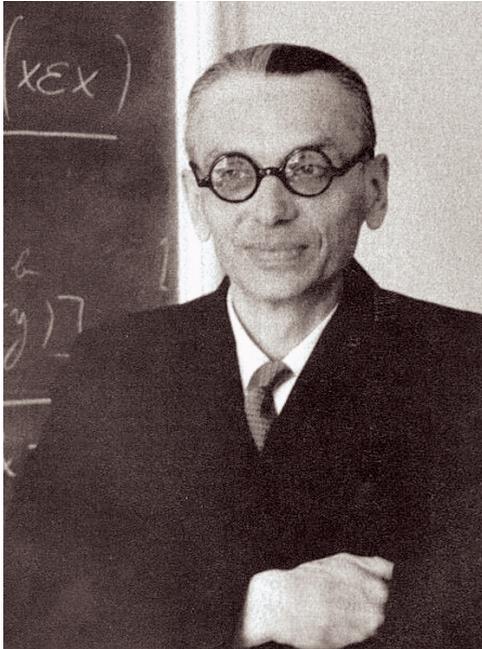
The outstanding, continuing importance for all modern science, since the publication of that Gödel’s 1931 rebuttal of the fraud which had been specifically launched, formally, at the 1900 A.D. Paris conference, and which still serves as the presently, radical-reductionist concoctions which had been fomented by the public work of the mere numerologist, David Hilbert. From my own present vantage-point, I would choose, here, to accept the systemically competent argument by Gödel, out of hand,⁵ preliminarily, as far as that went: as being an argument which is also a self-sufficient exposure of the actual fraud expressed as the essence of the specific Twentieth-Century hoaxes of Hilbert and Bertrand Russell combined.

The relatively merely foolish Hilbert, had turned out, in fact, to be the relatively stupid fool who, in the end, had merely opened the gates for what became the purposes of that sheer evil which are the more witting evil, characteristics of Russell’s entire, thoroughly pro-Satanically evil adult life. Russell, essentially, denied (as a chronic reductionist) the effectively actual existence of anyone’s actually living human life, and did so both systemically, and categorically. That was the result of his essentially, implicitly Zeusian thesis expressed throughout his adult public life, since his earliest, already vicious writings of the 1890s.

The positively relevant considerations to be noted here, pertain to Kurt Gödel’s relatively keystone-thesis in his own referenced work, and its outgrowths. For me, Gödel’s argument is, formally, thoroughly correct as to his exposure of an outright fraud by Hilbert and Russell, if, specifically, only formally, as that, specifically, insofar as Hilbert had presented this, on record.⁶ Although the formal aspects of Gödel’s argument, were

5. For as far as he actually goes.

6. I.e., the content of Volumes I and II of **Kurt Gödel Collected Works**, (1986), and from my discussions with relevant professionals associated with both Albert Einstein, and the persecuted, and gentle Gödel, who was brutally persecuted by the prevalent sheer mass of hate-filled reductionists of his time.



The scientist Kurt Gödel (left) exposed the “fraud expressed as the essence of the specific 20th-Century hoaxes” of the “mere numerologist” David Hilbert (below), and the satanic Bertrand Russell, combined.



aspect of my own successful, professional achievements as an economic forecaster over the 1956-2014 interval, that in a different field of science, a practice in which I have been notably engaged, successfully, my first breakthrough in economic-forecasting principles' application, a breakthrough which had obtained my relatively conclusive successes in forecasting since then: all of this, despite a related expression of displeasure by the FBI, since, about that time.

Since those of my earliest successes as a forecaster, with numerous successful, and often relatively unique records on this account, up through, still recent

merely formal mathematics in their emphasis, they were also those defended by a close friend, world-famous scientific associate, the great physicist, Albert Einstein, with whom Gödel had been, and is still being, rightly, closely associated, still, retrospectively, today, as shown in the context of their frequent encounters and walks at Princeton, and so on. His mathematics, as such, as such, was, for me, impeccable.⁷ That I could not match to the present day. It was his physics which had included that crucial element of error, which I introduce and address here.

However, while I do still, support Gödel's mathematical thesis against the reductionists, as formally true, for me, his thesis is far from being adequate for actually physical, rather than merely formally mathematical science as such, today. My own approach to the subject, as presented by me here, has sought out a more essential basis for the subject, in a contemporary requirement for physical science presently, rather than what an argument from the context of merely mathematical disciplines could adequately sustain, if science were to be defined satisfactorily for my purpose in writing here.⁸

Indeed, this needed distinction is the most crucial

times, I had also, in a non-unrelated way, a way which had often succeeded in a relatively very precisely stated and placed reference to many, of the most crucial, even relatively global effects of the post-World War II history, to the relatively present date.

The point to be expressed here, in that fashion, is that my successful such forecasts have borne directly on either the fate of a particular nation, or, of several, or more nations, such as my precisely accurate forecasts of the crash of the U.S. economy in 1971: forecasts which I had presented, publicly, as oncoming, since first presented as “within several years,” beginning 1958, approximately, that precisely as I had forewarned, later, during the Summer-Fall of 1971. Skipping over other relevant cases of my forecasting, there came my, 1980s' “Five-Year” forecast for the collapse of the Soviet economy, exactly on schedule as to year, and, and, later, a series of successful forecasts for the U.S.A., and, also, the trans-Atlantic sector (including the United States itself as such), since that time.⁹

9. All of these had been “on the records” of my association. In my part in creating the SDI, I had, with oversight by the intelligence services of the President Ronald Reagan administration, personally negotiated with a relevant Soviet diplomat assigned then to the Washington, D.C. diplomatic environment, an agreement to seek Soviet participation in the launching of the SDI, thus, returning the issues, then on behalf of President Reagan, to the agreement between President Franklin Roosevelt and Josef Stalin. SDI was never a war-intention policy, but a nuclear-

7. I rely here, chiefly on that specific point, on **Kurt Gödel, Kurt Gödel Collected Works, Vol. I and II**, Oxford, 1986.

8. See the concluding argument introduced below.

Emphatically, the making of these forecasts was never a matter of the immediate occurrence of the actual effect. However, insofar as accurate forecasting provides clinical qualities *of insight to the causes of systemic aberrations in the economic and related processes*, the existence of excellent forecasts which had been made for the relevant future, are among the most valuable, sometimes even strategically critical contributions, and, are, even often, consequences required for the actual prevention of disasters which had actually been voluntarily promoted by a broader practice of active incompetence, or simply ignorance by governments of nations, including, sometimes, our own. One among my favorite themes, on this account, has been the relevant cases of the history of grave failures of performance of the United States' economy actually caused by the widespread ignorance among Americans, even the U.S. Government itself; but, above all else, there has been a stubborn ignorance of, or, simply refusal to accept, the physical-scientific excellence of the method of forecasting associated with U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton (the greatest of the modern world's known record for principles of an actual scientific method of forecasting).¹⁰

I.e.: All nations which base the notion of economy on "money" are acting incompetently respecting relevant matters of actual principle: that specifically, respecting the prospect for that nation's economy. The systemic incompetence involved in the fraud of "money per se," is that which is, chiefly, the reason I have been repeatedly, almost inevitably right, when leading opinion throughout our general population, such as leading business interests, and, also, our government, have been seriously, or even more often, terribly wrong in the shaping of the nations' general eco-

warfare-prevention doctrine and agreement. It was the folly of a sudden replacement in direction of the Soviet Union's policy, which had foolishly prompted the then inevitable collapse of the Soviet System five years later. Every leading Russian official with whom I had had intimate dealings during my active discussions with those circles during the 1990s and beyond, knew the entire story, and this provided me, subsequently, with deep insights into the related case of the causes of the collapse of the Soviet System, and the consequences of the sundry blunders and achievements of Russia under extremely difficult circumstances.

10. Incompetent economists, and other would-be forecasters, rely, incompetently, on statistical forecasting (an habitual flop), or in denial that forecasts of the potential future can be competently made. My own experience over my career to date, have repeatedly demonstrated the professional incompetence of those attempted denials.

conomic policies, as, for the case of the United States, U.S. economic policies since the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy, a true heir of the principle of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (and of the widow of that President). In fact, virtually all the truly great stupidities and frauds of the U.S. government since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, have been a fruit of the elections of most of those later Presidents, with several notably rare exceptions. A careful and competent study of the relevant history, securely proves the case of my argument here. The difference is, that, for example, the "Dirty" Dick Cheney and Obama Presidencies, were not merely incompetent, but intentionally evil, and by no means paragons of the art of true fact.

"Money" can be intrinsically evil, whenever it follows the administration of a government conducted under the reign of fools, or, worse under virtual traitors, such as the Wall Street gang: the latter, most notably, being, this far, the three-plus terms of Presidential, recent, monstrously and malicious terms of incompetence (by a combination of malice, or simply pathetic incompetence) of Wall Street, in particular.

Thus, whereas, Kurt Gödel was both a genius, and often a companion of one among our republic's greatest scientific geniuses, Albert Einstein, the excellence of that pair's outstanding work as true scientific geniuses, were not the province of the systemic principles of current human society's present governments. A different aspect of physical science, rather than the predominant, popularized trends, must therefore, be called into play. That is my subject in science, for these, now following pages.

The subject of the underlying, fundamental principles of an actually, specially human-biological examination and applications of the processes of physical-economic conditions for enhanced trends in human-social reproduction. *Kurt Gödel was right in his argument against the accomplices of Bertrand Russell, et al., as such; but, Kurt Gödel had not actually addressed the truly human aspect of that process, as such, itself.*

Nonetheless, that qualifying consideration, while truthful in its own right, does not diminish Gödel's actual achievement, not at all. It simply signifies, that the needed proof for the effect of Gödel's relative success, in his charges against the follies of Hilbert, Russell, et al., must now take into account something which he had, persistently, overlooked. He had neglected the

actually physical, rather than a merely formal-mathematical consideration.¹¹

Thus, this obliges us, now to emulate the model utterance, for science generally, of the concluding sentence of Bernhard Riemann's famous **Habilitation Dissertation**: "This [the conclusion of the Habilitation dissertation] leads us, thence, into the domain of another domain of science, into the domain of physical science, which the auspices of today's proceedings do not permit."¹² This time, the processes of the human mind's uniquely noëtic powers.

II. The Ontology of Economy

The crucial, physical fact concerning the human species, in all relevant respects, has been the failure to recognize (at the least, not adequately), an intended hoax which has been widely adopted from among the presently working majorities of the credulous. I mean: the hoax otherwise known by the name of vir-

11. E.g., the factor: that the human species is mis-acting willfully, without adequate regard for the actually "bio-physical" context of the uniqueness overlooked in the course of the customary misappropriation responsible for the most common, and also profound misconceptions of the nature of mankind as such.

12. **Über die Hypothesen, welche der Geometrie zu Grunde liegen** (1867). Few scientists, even still presently, appear to have recognized the richness of Riemann's closing touch of irony, as notable for me from either during my experiences of the 1970s and early 1980s, or, still presently. There exist, actually, no congruences of the two distinct categories of (merely) ostensibly related notions: e.g., the same stupidity of some scientists, still presently, who have not yet abandoned entirely the poisonous influence of the model of such as the purely intellectual fraud of Euclidean Geometry, and of the related Classroom and laboratory refuse of Aristotelean, ontological reductionism. E.g., the worship of souls which exist, but, therefore, remain unknown, in fact, to those misguided, but self-alleged believers in "the existing system." Importantly, those misguided, but usually intimidated folk, tend, therefore, to miss the point, for example, of **I. Corinthians 13**: the misapprehension of the work of Apostle Paul, and others of his time, is effectively an offshoot of the strong influence of the Zeusian tradition of the practice of servitude, including the element of systemic oppression inherent in seeking even the permission to continue to live under the Emperor's terms. This is most notably expressed by the existence of both the persecution of Christians and Jews by the Roman Empire then, and the copy of the Roman Empire, that in the guise of the British Empire, and its continuing legacy, presently. We, who have enjoyed providing an indispensable insolence with respect to the arrogance of pure reductionist evil, know the price we pay for what we do, and we smile, if, faintly on that account; but some among us must enjoy the courage to defy the virtual evil tolerated among the dutifully terrified worshippers of the virtual Satans of their times.

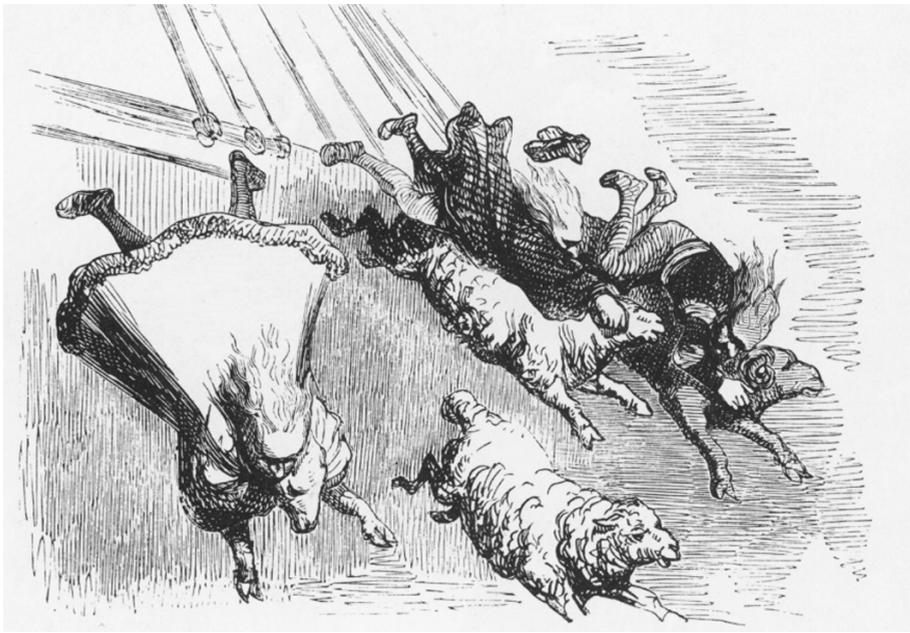
tually, intellectually blind, sense-perception *per se*. It is only, if and when we acknowledge that particular truth concerning commonplace errors, that we are both enabled and qualified to address the actually essential nature of the systematically common frauds of David Hilbert and Bertrand Russell,¹³ that we are to be properly impelled, more or less adequately, to recognize the converging evil of the representation of them both.

The leading root of the fallacy of sense-perception, lies in the appearance of a lack of generally available competence to be met in the commonplace means required for recognizing the intrinsic absurdity of sense-perception as such. The actual solution for that still widespread intellectual incompetence to be seen among the generality of the human population, is the reliance on the merely putative authority of what is sometimes named, more, or less, as "sense-certainty." The fact of that matter, is that most among humanity has, this far, customarily overlooked, the efficient means of proof of the fact, that the notion of sense-certainty as such, has always been no less evil than mere stupidity, but, also, frequently enough, used as a means for turning actually human personalities into turning many otherwise, seemingly humanoid folk, practically, into what were, in fact, political, or even scientific sheep.

The remedy for such widely spread, infectious incompetencies of the virtually Zeusian, "human sheep," lies in proofs of *evidence to be recognized as existing only beyond mere sense-perception, as in the universe* (the Solar System most immediately) outside the Earth's human *mere sense-perception environments*, presently. The fault lies not in the universe, but in the follies of human errant confidence in *mere sense-perception per se*. I have recently taken the advantage of certain foundations of the highest level of competence in the study of those foundations of human science which pertain directly to the means and methods of what has been traditionally regarded, unfortunately, as the Earth-bound limits of mankind's Earthly science.¹⁴

13. Hilbert's hoax was technical, and also absurd; the essentially similar hoax-in-fact, this time by Bertrand Russell, was explicitly homicidal in frankly outspoken intention. Their arguments were otherwise, convergent in character, and intentionally identical in their formal implications.

14. See text below.



“Humanity has customarily overlooked the efficient means of proof of the fact, that the notion of sense-certainty as such, has always been no less evil than mere stupidity, but, also, frequently enough, a means for turning actually human personalities into what were, in fact, political or scientific sheep.” Shown: Gustave Doré’s illustration of the sheep of Panurge, from François Rabelais’ “Gargantua and Pantagruel.”

The Actual Foundations of Today’s Physical Science:

Henceforth, now, there are two sets of experimental evidence respecting well-known principles of a physical science, presently premised, as by the triad of scientists whose work is to be traced from roots of discovery made in the Golden Renaissance, in order of appearance, by the great scientists: (1) Filippo Brunelleschi, for physics in the small; (2) Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, for the physics of the very large; and, (3) the discovery of the resolving of the underlying, universal physical principle (not an attempted mere deductive view of the Solar System), and beyond, by Johannes Kepler. All competent physical science since that triadic achievement, itself, had been rooted in its already given foundations, and has been implicitly defined for all competent practice of science, since, by the triad of that Brunelleschi, Cusa, Kepler, principle: that, up to a certain, later, crucial point in the progress of modern physical science.

In recent centuries, especially in matters of science, the new quality of effects has emerged around the pioneering role of, most notably, Carl Friedrich Gauss, Bernhard Riemann, and, crucially, of the pair of (1) Max Planck (echoing the role of Brunelleschi); the combined

roles of Max Planck (the small); and, (2) Albert Einstein (the large), and, then, the approximation of a still wanted third, completing statement proffered, but not yet attained principle (comparable in effect) to the precedent of Kepler’s unique element: in respect to treatment of the principle of life-per-se, by the (3) accomplishments of V.I. Vernadsky. Kepler’s role was, thus echoed, in goodly useful approximations, but without completion, by the implications of the universal scientific figure of Vernadsky, implications which require a more exact conclusion.

These two cases, which I have just identified here, so far, afford us a merely approximate, but, nonetheless, most highly relevant, present, access to searching out a quality of principle (the

principle of life-per-se), which will no longer be confined, presently, to Earth-bound, mere sense-perception as such.

The old mathematical physics, while still part of an increasingly limited scale of useful practice presently, awaits the urgent needed for realization of the implications of the history of the Solar System itself, as implicitly to be defined by the relationship of my first and second hypothesis pertaining to the combined relationship to be understood as the contradictory meanings of the Earth habitat with respect to that of the outer parts of the Solar space, from which human practical understanding of the actual universe has been generally excluded by the influence of sense-perception, as such, heretofore.¹⁵

The latter considerations, just identified, therefore, bring us closer to solving the fault in the efforts of such as the practical application of a properly refined physics of Earthly relations to the higher order, and, also, the higher authority of the physics of a full supra-Earthly

15. The fact of the matter is, that sense-perception is not reality; it is, merely, at its very best effort, merely a distorted shadow cast in an uncertain light. As a matter of contrasts, competent science can, and must stand outside mere sense-perceptual experience as such: as I have done in the stated thesis on which the entirety of my report hangs, absolutely.

space-time, which could enable us to integrate the two, much more adequately.

Under that desired achievement, we are then, prospectively enabled, to translate the excellent formal argument, but ontologically limited, by Kurt Gödel, into the actually applicably physical terms of a true modern physical science as such, as I have done in the several, immediately preceding paragraphs, here.

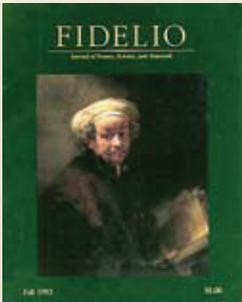
This, notably, is in the nature of an increasingly urgent venture into the practically human action, more generally, into space, and respecting space's implications for Earthlings, than we have been enabled heretofore. This perspective, might, therefore, be regarded as the practical approach to expressing the intention of the late Kurt Gödel, to the effects of its greatest potential contribution to the current state of mankind. I am certain, that the late Albert Einstein and Kurt Gödel would have agreed, alike.

A Closing Note on Forecasting:

Forecasting should never have become, by any means, a kind of witchcraft, nor the like. Rather, it has such an exceptionally high degree of significance for

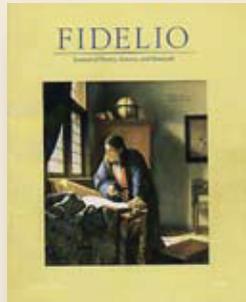
the entirety of even an entire society's actual future, that the lack of that ability, on which I, for one, rely professionally, must be sustained by future progress. Without that, there is cause for implicit damage to society, and, the particular risk of serious psychological damage to the mind of the human individual.¹⁶ The principle involved in that determination, is specifically identical in nature, to the faculty for discovering original principles of physical science: the principle of Promethean Fire, to be precise. All truly great scientists and truly great Classical artists, alike, have been specifically creative on that same account. It is the cases of those who have been injured by their surrender of that natural birthright of the human individual mind, which fosters the great errors to human life, through the often intrinsic fallacy of merely common opinion.

16. The practice of teaching-down to the classroom student, who is intellectually bludgeoned into submission to belief in what is taught, is among the typical cases for the majority of the young members of society, in the United States, and elsewhere, still presently, and in much worse effects, than before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

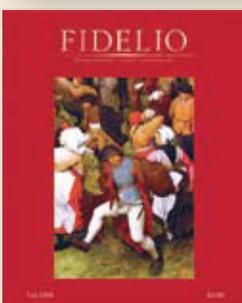


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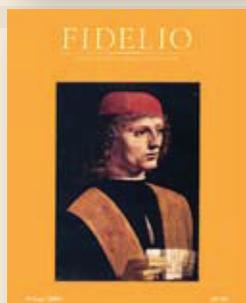


From the first issue, dated Winter 1992, featuring Lyndon LaRouche on "The Science of Music: The Solution to Plato's Paradox of 'The One and the Many,'" to the final issue of Spring/Summer 2006, a "Symposium on Edgar Allan Poe and the Spirit of the American Revolution," *Fidelio* magazine gave voice to the Schiller Institute's intention to create a new Golden Renaissance.



The title of the magazine, is taken from Beethoven's great opera, which celebrates the struggle for political freedom over tyranny. *Fidelio* was founded at the time that LaRouche and several of his close associates were unjustly imprisoned, as was the opera's Florestan, whose character was based on the American Revolutionary hero, the French General, Marquis de Lafayette.

Each issue of *Fidelio*, throughout its 14-year lifespan, remained faithful to its initial commitment, and offered original writings by LaRouche and his associates, on matters of, what the poet Percy Byssche Shelley identified as, "profound and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature."



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Brunelleschi-Cusa-Kepler: The Foundations of Modern Science

In a discussion with LaRouchePAC's Megan Beets and Jason Ross, during the March 19 Weekly Report/The New Paradigm for Mankind (www.larouchepac.com), Lyndon LaRouche was asked about his unique ability to forecast events, and how to help people understand this process. The following excerpt from that discussion serves to elaborate on a crucial point in LaRouche's above article.

Lyndon LaRouche: ...[L]et's take the thesis, which I have, on the succession of Brunelleschi, Cusa, and Kepler, because that's the key to understanding what the idiocy is, of most science today, Particularly talk science. And what we have, mostly, in the world today is not science, but talk science. They gossip about things. They don't really know anything, but they've learned how to gossip. So they're like the chickens, not quite as dumb as the chickens, but they behave like the chickens. They gather around, they share their opinions, "brahk, brahk, brahk, brahk..." and so forth. And they go at it!

And I'm not really ridiculing people: I'm saying they're stupid! They don't need to be stupid, but they decided to accept stupidity.

Okay, so let's look at these two cases: All right, what did [Filippo] Brunelleschi [1377-1446] prove? Brunelleschi proved the falseness of the straight line, of the existence of the straight line in the small. That was his great achievement. He extrapolated from

the understanding that you can not use arbitrary predetermined lines in any way, to determine how processes work.

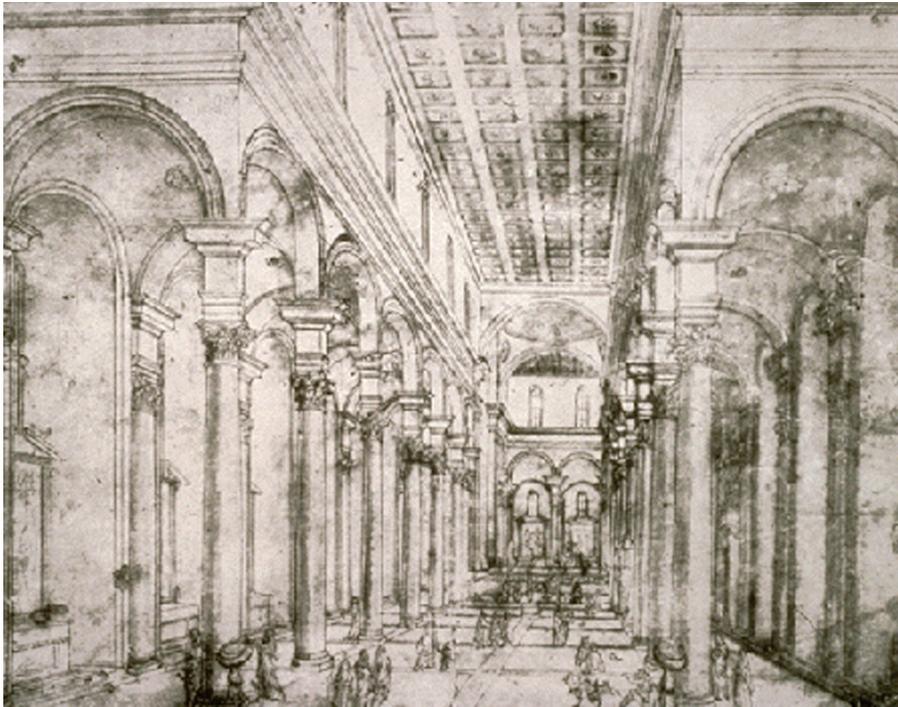
All right. Now, Brunelleschi intersects Cusa [1401-64] at a very specific point, which is shortly before the death of Brunelleschi. He made a fundamental difference. He went to the top. He took the whole, and examined the whole, and he examined it from a social standpoint of the whole. Now, that left us two things: Instead of saying you have a straight line and a dot—forget the dots and the straight lines, or the crooked lines, or specific, arbitrary lines; just forget them.

Let's look at this whole thing differently. Let's say we have three points of knowledge, which lead into this span of two centuries, within two centuries, which defines the foundation of all competent physical science. The first is Brunelleschi on construction, in which he



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"You're always working on what is called a discovery, a discovery of principle," LaRouche said. "And what the whole system, of real science is, is based on the notion of principles. We call these 'universal physical principles.' They are created by the human mind's recognition of how the universe is composed!" Here (l-r): Jason Ross, LaRouche, Megan Beets.



Brunelleschi's invention of linear perspective made possible the portrayal of a three-dimensional universe on a two-dimensional surface; he then superceded that discovery, with his development of a general theory of curvature. Shown (above left), Brunelleschi's perspective design for the interior of Santo Spirito church (Florence, 1440s), and a photo of the church interior, below. Brunelleschi's portrait (detail) by Masaccio (1420s).



goes outside construction and says, there's a principle of nature: Forget all these drawings, forget all these measurements, let's look for *principle*. And he went into the principle of the small. He said "small is wrong." He did, through a number of experiments with light and everything similar to that, and they came to the point of curvature: There is no such thing as straight line, there is only curvature. There are no points, there is only curvature.

So he developed a general theory of curvature, and he tried to measure it: curvature, as a standard of measurement. What did he came up with? Well! He came

up with a whole new architecture, but more: He took the simple thing of a simple, hanging chain [catenary—ed.], the hanging-chain model. Just a fine-grained chain, very fine grain, which would get very close to what you're looking for. He said, these are the natural relations of our experience in nature, the hanging chain, which has nothing to do with any curve that the previous so-called authorities had ever discovered.

So, he went through this, and through his work on light, vision, and so forth; he went through the whole process. He went through acoustics, went through every dimension he could possibly look at, and came out with solutions. But this was only looking at it from the standpoint of the criticism of the small, the denial of straight lines. And the fact that these unstraight

lines, need not be chaotic unstraight lines, they're not arbitrary ones.

So therefore, he had the general idea of a new conception of curvature as a principle of action! Not just as curvature, but a *principle of action*. Because that's what you do with a hanging-chain bridge; you're just taking this hanging-chain bridge, and people used to walk across these things. So it's a process, it's not a thing.

A Universal System

Well, now you go to the other end: Cusa. And Cusa is in the large. And you compare this to what was done by Max Planck as against Einstein: Planck went to the very small, Einstein went to the very large—and we have not fulfilled Einstein's design yet! We only have an approximation; people are looking for it.

Okay, now, you have two cases in the Renaissance; and you have the other now, in the 1890s. This now embraces the entirety of all modern science, essentially! We have some things that have happened since then, but this defines something which is a universal system spanning these centuries.

Now, take another step. Well, then, we haven't solved the problem, but then came [Johannes] Kepler [1571-1630] as a follower, implicitly of Brunelleschi, and specifically of Cusa—very explicit about it. He solved the problem. So a third, a solution! But Kepler's solution, depended upon both the implications of what Brunelleschi had done, which enabled Cusa to make his decision. But solution was not yet reached. The solution was done, by Kepler.

So all competent modern science, depends upon the reference to Kepler, in terms of Brunelleschi and Cusa. Anyone who eliminates any one of these three—Brunelleschi, Cusa, or Kepler—all as one group, is an incompetent in science, intrinsically.

Now take the next step, and now you take [Bernhard] Riemann, in the middle. Riemann was the person who, following Gauss, but independently of Gauss, but also part of Gauss, made the great criticism of getting freed of the system of mathematical physics, which existed before. Gauss made the great accomplishment of freeing mathematics and science, from the previous system, entirely. But he didn't solve the problem. He defined the problem without solving it.

Now, you come with what Riemann did: Riemann went the next step, and he did it—essentially it was his thesis; it was published as his habilitation dissertation.

That thesis opened up the whole question, clearly where Gauss had left it. And there were a lot of other people who did work in the same direction, but Riemann was the one who succeeded.

Now, you come along, you come to another point; you come to the 1890s. Now you come to our new leaders, Planck and Einstein. Now, what's the solution? Well, it hasn't been defined yet.

That's my project.

Vernadsky and the Principle of Life

Jason Ross: And the other thing we get, after Planck and Einstein, is the potential to take their work from another perspective, based on the insights of Vernadsky.

LaRouche: Now, this is really the key answer, but it's not a completed answer. It's not a completed answer in the sense that Kepler did, earlier.

Now, what he did, Vernadsky attacked—essentially, he attacked everything the British system produced, by saying that the whole system is based on the principle of life. And his question was, how do we put this into the form of the question of the principle of *human life*, as opposed to life in general? That question has not been settled, and that's what fascinates me, because that's the key to what the principle of mankind is.

So therefore, you have this history, where you find this triadic element, which is what you require as a minimum in logic and mathematics. If you don't have a threefold manifold, you don't have an empirical basis for the mind to work on. But they have to be principles, they can not be theorems. . . .

Vernadsky was crucial, and does represent a point of reference for the future of humanity now. And he does open the gates to begin to understand man in a better degree, which was what his intention was. I mean, after all, he lived out a pretty full life, under tough conditions! So he did a pretty good job of it all.

But this leads to something more: It leads to the fact, first of all, the result of this process is, that the educational process, properly conducted, means that you have immortality of all the people who have participated in the process. That if they follow the track of the process, then they each have made a contribution which is permanent, and so therefore, the human personality, unlike in the animal personality, is potentially immortal. Because, the ability of human beings, to take the

product of what their mind has generated, to transmit that as a foundation point, or launching point for future generations.

And everyone who is a true scientist, in principle, thinks that way. You always think about what foundation you're creating for the next, coming generations. You're always working on what is called a discovery, a discovery of principle. And what the whole system of real science is; it's based on the notion of principles. We call these "universal *physical* principles." They are created by the human mind's recognition of how the universe is composed! In which there are no dots or straight lines ever found.

And that's where most of the idiots are. They all are looking for mathematical points of deduction or construction. With no idea of creating *new ideas*, which had never been known to mankind before, or have been lost, and had to be recovered. And that's what you do, in repairing society: You try to get people to rediscover what their ancestors had lost; you try to intersect them with that experience, and have them move from that standpoint. And then, tell them: Don't worry about it, you can now reexamine yourself, on the basis of what you're going to, through this experience. And that's what you really do, when you educate a child into adulthood in science, is you give them an idea, at any one or two points in their life, and one of these or several of these points will define their development.

And what will happen is, that there's one development which is crucial, there has to be a second development which is crucial, and preferably a third. And if they go through an experience where they've had this kind discovery of universal principles, within their own mental processes, they now will tend to have a secure identity, as a potential scientific thinker.

The Immortality of the Human Mind

And everything really has to be based on these kinds of conceptions. And if you take these two—I mean, there are earlier ones. Obviously, Plato poses that same kind of question. How did he think it out? But the essential thing is, the human mind, in this respect, is immortal. The creative intellect, that perpetuates and advances the development of the human mind as a universal principle of mind, exists in cooperation with the existence of the human brain, but is outside and beyond the human brain. Once it's created, the

human brain that created it, is no longer needed. Except that the memory of that brain's action is very valuable to people to try to understand what they've discovered.

Therefore, that gives them an edge, of saying, well, we discovered this, we discovered this, we discovered this. So now we can take the history as we know it, and we take this, and we say, wait a minute—this is the way the evolution of our mind is working, especially, and we call that principle. And when people come to a universal physical principle, a universal physical principle, as defined by a mathematical physics, properly, is always of that nature. We call it a principle.

And take the case of Brunelleschi: a principle! Cusa: a principle! Kepler: a principle! These are not mathematical entities.

The same thing is true with Planck, with Einstein, and with the concept of life, which is brought to a certain maturity by the work of Vernadsky. These are all matters of principle.

And if you know this kind of thing—and only if you do!—if you don't think this way, you can't know the future. Because you haven't got the experience to be able to judge what the future is going to be, because when you *know* the future, and discover it in this way, then you *know* it. Because you have a knowledge of what knowledge was up to that time. You may have some blanks, but you know what knowledge is, and you know what the *future* is! Because you know where you're going, and you know where you *don't know* where you're going, too. Which is also, equally important.

So therefore, the human beings go through this kind of tri-point relationship. You have to have the contradictions, which gives you dimensionality to your knowledge; and what the tri-point means—it's dimensionality. You have one point, you have another point, and a third one; and this characteristic gives you direction. The order of the points, and the points are not just arbitrary, they're ordered: so, ordered points, in a series on a question, on things which correspond to universal principles, these are the way in which you know the future. You don't know it perfectly, but you know the future as you are capable of knowing it.

That's all I can do, either. I don't think anybody can do it any better than that. That's the way the human mind works, successfully.

ON THE BRINK OF WORLD WAR III

Why Is the U.S. Modernizing Its Nuclear Weapons?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

March 21—There is not the slightest reason why Germany, or any other nation, should agree to sanctions against Russia, because these are directed as much against our fundamental self-interest, as they are part of a highly dangerous escalation spiral, at the end of which could be the annihilation of human civilization by a global thermonuclear war. If this disaster is to be averted, we must immediately place on the agenda an international order of peace, in which all nations will work together for the common aims of mankind.

What led the EU Heads of State and Government now, in great haste, to sign a partial EU Association Agreement with “Yats,” the Ukrainian interim Prime Minister by the grace of Victoria Nuland? A regime that includes four ministers from the ultra-nationalist Svoboda party (vice-prime minister, defense minister, minister of agrarian policy and food, and minister of ecology and natural resources; where the head of the Security and Defense Council is Andriy Parubiy (a co-founder of the Social-National Party, which later changed its name to Svoboda); and where the Attorney General, Gen. Oleh Makhnytsky, is a leading member of Svoboda?

Why has the EU made a pact with a government that came to power in a coup run by fascist stormtroopers, and simultaneously announced sanctions against Russia, which, in the view of renowned international and American constitutional law experts, such as John V. Whitbeck and Prof. Stephen Cohen, has adhered

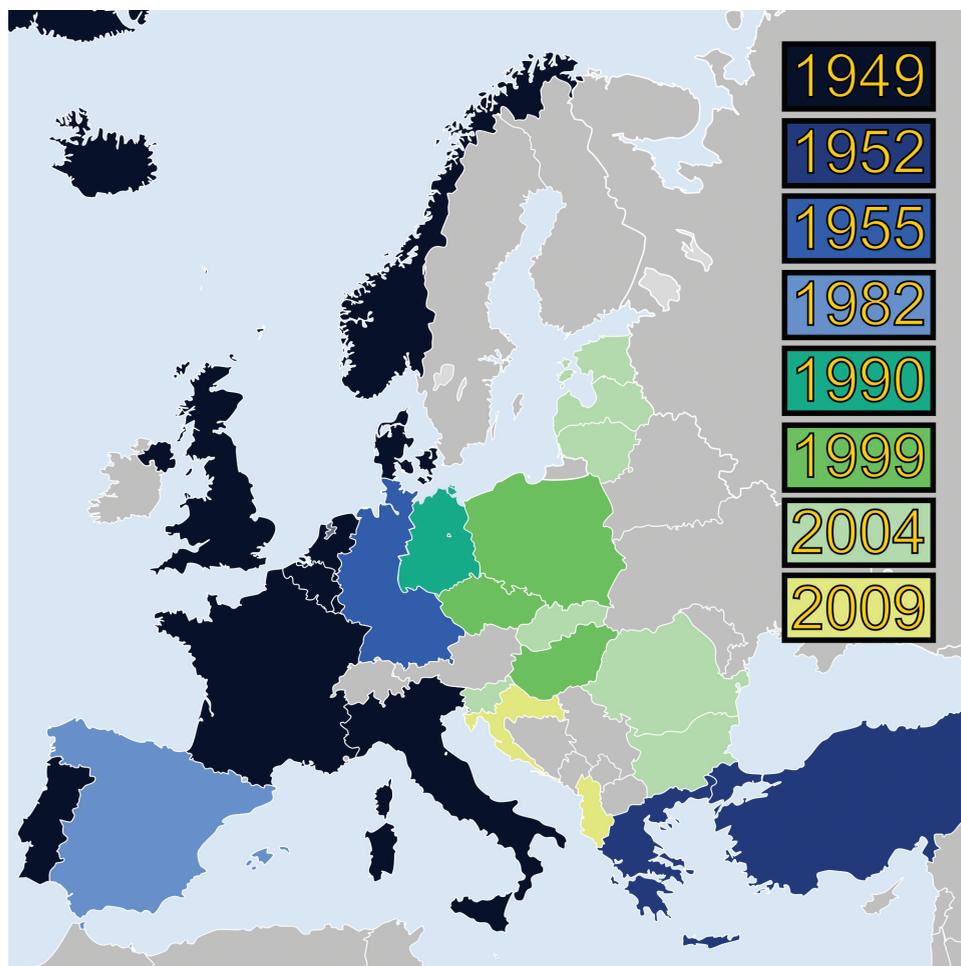
strictly to international law? This means that the EU is determined to hold to an imperial course against Russia, which will not, however, result in the hoped-for increase in power, but rather go straight to the atomic annihilation of Europe!

NATO’s Nuclear Escalation

The President of the Russian Academy of Geopolitical Problems, military scientist Dr. Konstantin Sivkov, on March 18, commented on the recent decision of NATO to modernize and beef up its tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, as a possible sign of preparation for war with Russia. By the end of the decade, the F-16 fighter aircraft and Tornados of five NATO countries are to be replaced by F-35 Joint Strike Fighters capable of delivering B61-12 class nuclear bombs. This would apply to countries that were previously considered to be non-nuclear, namely Belgium, the Netherlands, Turkey, Germany, and Italy.

Hans M. Kristenson, author of the Federation of American Scientists Strategic Security Blog, had on Feb. 28 very strongly suggested that the enhancement of the B61-12 bombs is a violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and of the Obama Administration’s own promises. Under the pretext of a life-extension program, a new nuclear capacity would be created that does not exist in current versions of the bomb. Under the program, the upgraded bomb gets a new tail-kit assembly that substantially improves its ac-

FIGURE 1
NATO's Eastward Expansion



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curacy, from 110-180 meters down to perhaps as little as 30 meters, and also gives the bomb the ability to glide to its target, which features make deployment options possible with significantly less radioactive fallout.

Kristenson emphasizes that the B61-12 bombs would be able to cover the entire range of military missions for non-guided bombs, from the lowest explosive force of the B61-4 (0.3 kilotons) to the 1,200 kiloton B83-1 and the B61-11 bunker-busters. “That’s quite an achievement for a weapon that just a few years ago was described simply as a refurbishment of four old B61s,” Kristenson wrote on Oct. 30, 2013. “Now the B61-12 has become the all-in-one nuclear bomb on steroids, spanning the full spectrum of gravity bomb missions anywhere.” But why create these capacities, he asked, which do not correspond at all to the security interests of Europe?

Dr. Sivkov argues that the failure of the American strategy [cutting off Russia from its strategically important access to the Black Sea by a pro-Western coup in Ukraine, and thus rendering Russia defenseless—HZZ] may lead to a more radical policy, a direct military attack on Russia. “In this context, increasing the potential of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe is perfectly understandable,” he writes: “It is about the attainment of superiority in these weapons over Russia.” If the U.S. succeeds in this goal, then an aggressive NATO war will become possible, and Russia’s ability to retaliate against European territory will be limited, and out of fear of a U.S. strategic counterstrike, it would refrain from using nuclear weapons. The modernization of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe should therefore be seen, he writes, “as a sign of the preparation of the United States for war against Russia.”

Utopian Insanity

The utopian idea that a nuclear war could be “winnable,” by a further development of smart-weapons systems, permeates all aspects of NATO and U.S. doctrines, all of which aim to eliminate air defenses, to destroy command-and-control functions, and thus to eliminate the second-strike capacity. This is the basis of the U.S. missile defense system in Eastern Europe; it is the basis for the “Prompt Global Strike” doctrine, as well as the Air-Sea Battle doctrine against China.

In the *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, the official journal of the U.S. Air Force, the authors Keir Lieber and Daryl Press had already announced the end of the Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) doctrine of NATO in the Spring of 2013, and put forward the theory that

nuclear wars are winnable. Various critics of this delusion have pointed out that all these doctrines lead to a race to a first strike on both sides, and massively increase the danger of war.

These utopian war doctrines are an expression of the fact that Great Britain and the United States, after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, instead of taking the opportunity to establish a real peace policy, decided to rule as a world empire, based on the Anglo-American special relationship. This is the context for the continuous eastward expansion of NATO and the EU, as well as the systematic strategy of encirclement of Russia and China.

In the meantime, some strategic analysts are saying that this is where the current crisis started, and it is also the reason that Russia was never offered participation in security alliances, and that the various Russian offers have been ignored. The European Monetary Union—as the price for German reunification—and the EU treaties, from Maastricht to Lisbon, have transformed the EU into a junior partner of the Anglo-American Empire.

The acute reason for war results from the imminent collapse of the trans-Atlantic financial system. Neither the British monarchy and its power base, the City of London, nor the Bush-Obama continuum and its power base, Wall Street, can tolerate the idea that their system would break down, while Asian and Eurasian countries—China, India, Russia—develop themselves economically. This is the old geopolitical impulse of Halford Mackinder, Alfred Milner, Karl Haushofer and Co.—the conviction that dominance of the Eurasian “heartland” would threaten the power of the Atlantic “rimland”—and which led to the First World War.

The Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM), recently adopted by the EU—i.e., the step-by-step plan for a European Banking Union and the so-called Cyprus model of bail-in, means the end of the European financial system. Because if this bail-in mechanism is used, the hopelessly bankrupt financial system will implode, just as when a cable breaks in an elevator on the 70th floor of a skyscraper, and the car plummet down without brakes.

One must understand this concept of empire and its geopolitical motivation, which are intended to achieve the capitulation and, if necessary, military destruction of Russia and China, in order to understand the strategic situation. Germany’s intensive economic ties to both countries are a thorn in the side of the Empire, and

economic sanctions are therefore the best way to ruin this cooperation, to the detriment of both sides.

An Existential Question for Germany

This geostrategic confrontation with Russia and China, against the potential of their cooperation with the industrial nation of Germany, has been an historical continuity since Otto von Bismarck; that was the reason for his dismissal as Chancellor in 1890, and for the chess moves that set the course for the outbreak of World War I. In an effort to overcome the isolation and economic devastation imposed on Germany by the Versailles Treaty, German Foreign Minister Walther Rathenau negotiated the Rapallo Treaty with the Soviet Union in 1922, for extensive economic cooperation; he and the others who had signed the Treaty were murdered within a year. The well-documented financial support for Hitler by the head of the Bank of England, Montagu Norman, and by Wall Street banker Prescott Bush, had the same basic reason: It was known that Hitler would go to war with Russia. The entry of Germany into the corset of the EU’s Maastricht Treaty had the stated purpose of preventing Germany’s economic cooperation with Russia and Eurasia, which would have prevented the geopolitical defeat of Russia during the Yeltsin years.

The existential question we face in Germany today is: Have we learned anything from history, or are we going to be, for the third time, the victims of the geopolitics of the British Empire, of which Wall Street has historically been only an appendage?

If we do not want to admit that, by a spiraling escalation of economic sanctions which will ruin us, and a military policy which will make Germany the theater of a nuclear war, and if we go, like lambs to the slaughter, to our own demise, then Germany must propose a peace policy.

There is a way out, however, if important representatives of industry, social organizations, and other thinking people would propose replacing the casino economy with a two-tier banking system in the tradition of Glass-Steagall, establishing a credit system with Eurasian nations for the construction of the World Land-Bridge, and cooperating on behalf of the common aims of mankind.

Are we intelligent enough to embrace this alternative?

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A Clear-Eyed View of The Ukrainian Crisis

by Col. Richard H. Black (ret.)

Virginia State Senator Black (13th Dist.) issued the following statement on March 13.

Instead of blustery rhetoric comparing Russian President Vladimir Putin with Hitler, the West should let the parties to the Ukrainian crisis resolve their future in a practical fashion that restores regional stability.

The Crimea has long ties with Russia. Until 1954, it was Russian territory. Its people are largely Russian, and its naval bases have long supported the Russian fleet. In most respects, its ties and loyalties toward Russia are stronger than to Ukraine. For all practical purposes, it is now under Russian control and occupation. It is unrealistic to expect that Russia will ever return Crimea to Ukraine.

Ukraine is deeply divided into an eastern side, populated by Russians, and a western side whose people speak Ukrainian and whose culture is less compatible with that of Russia.

Russia has legitimate concerns with the threatening eastward expansion of NATO and the European Union. They view that as threatening, because it leaves them an insufficient security buffer against the West. Russia has painful memories of the massive WW II invasion from the west in 1941. Likewise, western Ukraine borders Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania, all of which harbor lingering apprehension of Russia, dating back to the brutal Soviet occupation. Those western countries need a buffer against Russia just as Russia wants a buffer against the West. To the extent that we get involved at all, our objective should be to encourage an east-west division of Ukraine that fosters regional stability—not military dominance.

Ukraine is deeply corrupt and dysfunctional. Half of its wealth is held by a handful of oligarchs who sap the economy for their advantage. The nation is bankrupt and fiscally irresponsible. Perhaps as a more cohesive and unified nation, western Ukrainians could work through their problems with the aid of the EU. Like-

wise, Russians in eastern Ukraine would be more likely to thrive under the tutelage of their brothers in the Russian Federation. Dividing the eastern and western parts of Ukraine could provide stable security buffers between the forces of East and West.

It's time the United States embraced Ronald Reagan's realpolitik and abandoned its romance with rebels on every continent. By siding with the Ukrainian rebels, the West helped transform ordinary street demonstrations into violent upheavals—with protestors in Kiev hurling flaming gasoline bombs and firing rifles at authorities. It is hypocritical to condemn the armed response by the government. Nations simply must act to restore domestic tranquility in the face of armed uprisings.

The revolutionaries in Kiev have ousted the elected President, but theirs is hardly a democratically elected government. It was installed by a mob at gunpoint. One of their first acts was to pass a repressive law eliminating Russian as Ukraine's second language. That law was harshly offensive and its enactment further inflamed Ukraine's large Russian-speaking population.

President Putin was not the one who destabilized the Ukrainian government. Today's crisis was not of his making. When Kiev elected to accept Russia's more generous financial aid package instead of the EU's, NATO powers encouraged uprisings in Kiev. The ensuing street violence has backfired on the West. The rebels' armed takeover triggered a predictable response by Russia, resulting in the near-certain annexation of the Crimea.

Having blundered into a hornet's nest, the West should lower its reflexive anti-Russian rhetoric. Over time, Ukraine's citizens should decide which parts of Ukraine should peacefully join Russia and which should remain tied to Kiev. Reasonable national borders can follow, dividing the Ukraine into east and west.

Sending U.S. warships to the Black Sea is foolhardy and senseless. Scrambling Turkish fighter jets to shadow Russian aircraft over the Black Sea is even more risky. We do not need to erect hair triggers near the Russian borders. Whatever we do, we need to rein in the bombastic rhetoric and provocative actions that might trigger yet another distant, unproductive war—in a place where Russia has legitimate vital interests and we have none.

Malaysian Flight 370: Asian 9/11 Copycat?

During the weekly LaRouchePAC webcast March 21, Lyndon LaRouche was asked by host Matthew Ogden about the recent disappearance of the Malaysian Airlines flight MH370.

Ogden: You have said that the unsolved mystery of the Malaysian Air flight MH370 must be treated as a probable 9/11 copycat for Asia. Now, I want to review some of the indicators that our intelligence has pulled together on this case, and just lay out the subject matter here.

Over the course of this week, even as the investigation officially has been diverted into the South Indian Ocean, you've had a number of reports that have strongly indicated that in fact, the plane was hijacked. And possibly flown into Taliban-controlled western Pakistan, where it is feared that the plane may be being weaponized to be used in an attack on some chosen target.

On March 17, House Homeland Security Committee Michael McCaul said, "The other possible theory that we're looking at, is that it could have landed somewhere, filled with explosives, and then been sent somewhere to cause some great damage." Along the same lines, an intelligence service called LIGNET, which stands for the Langley Intelligence Group Network, which consists of former CIA officers, among others, cites Boeing sources saying that Malaysian flight 370 is in Pakistan.

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Tom McInerney has echoed this theory, stating, "My concern is . . . if this airplane could be used as a bearer of a weapon of mass destruction, or even conventional munitions that could be used to attack an aircraft carrier, Israel, or another one of our allies." And in fact, CNN reported this week that Israel's aviation security operations center is on heightened alert, following suspicions that MH370 could have been hijacked, and they have increased their monitoring of approaching aircraft due to what they call "the possible threat of a rogue passenger jet being used to crash into the country."

Now, it should be noted that Malaysia has been a

center of al-Qaeda activity. Two of the 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, went to an al-Qaeda summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in January of 2000, for the purpose of plotting the original 9/11 attacks. This week, the London *Telegraph* reported that on March 4, Saajid Mohammad Badat, an al-Qaeda informer, told a New York court, in the trial of Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, who was bin Laden's son-in-law, that he personally knew of four to five Malaysian men—one of whom was a pilot—who had been planning to perform a hijacking similar to 9/11. Two of the men who boarded the plane used stolen European passports that they had reportedly purchased from a Thailand-based organized crime ring, which traffics in stolen documents.

And the day after MH370 disappeared, a previously unknown group, calling itself the Chinese Martyrs Brigade, released a statement saying, "You kill one of our clan, we kill 100 of you as payback." And according to the statement, it was a response to the Chinese government for its persecution of the Uighurs, who have links to the al-Qaeda-affiliated group Jamaa Islamiya, which has a presence in Malaysia.

Finally, the pilot—Captain Zaharie Ahmad Shah—is known to be a close supporter, and a relative, in fact, of Anwar Ibrahim, who is the opposition leader in Malaysia with ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. Immediately prior to the departure of flight MH370, the pilot attended a court hearing at which Ibrahim was being sentenced to five years in prison. The pilot's daughter and her boyfriend both attended the International Islamic University of Malaysia, which is a center for the Muslim Brotherhood, and which is funded by the Saudis. And in fact, Anwar Ibrahim was the president of this university in the 1980s. He also founded the International Institute of Islamic Thought—IIIT—right here in Herndon, Va., which was raided by the FBI in March of 2002 because it was suspected of ties to al-Qaeda and the original 9/11 attack.

And just to add to the hijacking theory, before the copilot signed off en route to Beijing, the aircraft's transponder was switched off from the cockpit. The plane then made a U-turn, and headed west in a diversion which was programmed into the aircraft at least 12 minutes before the copilot signed off. And one theory is that MH370 avoided radar in India by shadowing another plane—Singapore Airlines Flight 68. This [Singapore] flight proceeded across the Andaman Sea into the Bay of Bengal, and into India's airspace, across India, Paki-



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“The mistake that is being made,” LaRouche said, in reference to the missing Malaysian Airliner, “is the attempt to find a local event which might correspond, in effect, to something like this that had already gone before. That is not the case.” The center of control, he said, is the Queen of England, her tool Obama, and Dirty Dick Cheney. Shown: a helicopter searches for wreckage of the aircraft.

stan, Afghanistan, and finally Turkmenistan before proceeding across Europe to Spain. The Singapore Airlines Flight 68 would not have detected MH370 because its transponder had been turned off. And both planes would have shown up as a single blip on the radar with only the transponder information of the Singapore Airlines plane lighting up the air traffic control and military radar screens.

So, the question is, in your view, what is the purpose of such a 9/11 operation at this time? What is its relationship to the British drive for World War III? And why is it apparently being covered up by Obama?

Actual Strategic Intelligence

LaRouche: Ah! Because Obama is complicit. And I can prove it. I can prove it to anyone who knows intelligence, actual strategic intelligence.

First of all, the mistake that is being made, is the attempt to find a local event which might correspond in effect to something like this that had already gone before. That is not the case. What we’re looking at now, when you take the complexities of this—and known el-

ements who are participant in this complexity—you know exactly what it is, or at least I know what it is, exactly.

Now I got on this case early in this week, actually from Sunday on through Monday, and made my contacts with relevant circles in Washington, and we had one of our leading people in our staff following up this issue, and we’re compiling and coordinating that information with his information and the information he gets from other sources.

Now, the thing you have to do, is take a *global*, not a regional, but a *global map*. And you have to look at a map of thermonuclear warfare, as I have defined the intention heretofore. So in that part, there is no mystery, whatsoever.

And when you think about this, what is the center of control of this series of attacks? The Queen of England. She is the bitch, who is at the center of all of this terror. Obama is one of her chief subagents in this process, always has been. Cheney is also implicated in this process.

Now, just think of one thing that’s very important

about Cheney: the cover-up of 9/11. There was never a legitimate reason for the cover-up of 9/11. Young Bush didn't have the guts or brains to even understand that. This was Dick Cheney, "Dirty Dick" Cheney—very, very Dirty Dick Cheney, and a certain lady who is also a fascist proponent. And Cheney is essentially a fascist. Obama is implicitly a fascist. And when he broke from the Constitution of the United States, by trying to pass through as Presidential decrees, which *defied* the rights of the Congress, he defined himself as an enemy of the United States, because he's in complicity with enemies of the United States.

Enemy of the United States number one: 9/11. Who was the author? The principal two authors were primarily, in the financing and overall arranging of 9/11, the British monarchy, the British empire. The Saudis are part of the British empire. The Saudi forces then, through their people, orchestrated 9/11. For example, the Ambassador to the United States of Saudi Arabia, who was a key instrumentalist inside the United States, was orchestrating the organization of the 9/11 attacks.

And Cheney was fully implicated in the whole thing, fully witting. And nonetheless, they went along, when Cheney was in control of the President of the United States at that time, Cheney went along with, and put through this 9/11 agreement, which was a fraudulent one. Okay, who did this? Well, it was done; the British did it. The British Empire did it.

Now, we've seen recently, just last week, we've seen an attack against Russia. And I've told people: You guys are idiots. This is not a local issue in Europe. It is not an issue between Russia and the other nations in Europe; that has nothing to do with it as such. You've got a bunch of Nazis, who the British and others have put into place, with support of Obama, who's supporting outright Nazis, which are known to the United States as *being* Nazis! That is, they are a continuation of the original organization of the Nazi killer operation, the SS. This was the Ukrainian SS, the Ukrainian branch of the Nazi SS. And it's a continuous organization. There were deaths in the organization from old age and so forth, but the organization as such has never been broken.

So this Nazi organization was supported by the British, the British monarchy, and by President Obama. That, too, is a crime. A crime against the United States, again, by the Bush Administration, specifically Cheney: 9/11. 9/11 was a fraud against the United States, and a

homicidal fraud against the United States in general. All right, the same thing has happened now in terms of the attempted operation, which didn't succeed, in Russia. They couldn't bluff Russia.

Now let's look at the two ends. How is the world composed strategically? By two territories, the trans-Atlantic territory, and the Eurasian territory. Now, in between the two territories, right inserted in there, is what? The Saudi-centered operation which started with the two Chechen wars, in the south section of Russia, on the south flank of Russia. Where was the attack point, in terms of what Obama did, and the British did? They went to the same thing. The Chechen pivot was used. The Chechen pivot is the pivot to the both radical and heathen, of all kinds of heathen, the most evil Saudi forces, and Saudi-centered force.

Now an Attack from the East

So there's an Islamic force of a certain characteristic, which is key to the same figure who organized 9/11; who was a trainee of the British Empire, who had his entire career as a pilot, in the service of the British Empire, had all of his achievements given to him by the British Empire; including the organization of the funding, that is, the actual funding, and the actual deployment of the 9/11 operation against the United States. All right, so now you've got this thing which still goes through the Chechen-centered "itch," to the Uighurs. And you have all in between, in the extreme radically racist evil, pure evil, section of Islam. You have a factor of it in Turkey. You have factors of it in various parts of the Islamic world.

And so therefore, what you're getting is, the British Empire is sitting in the middle, it's playing with two sides. It's playing with the side that plays to the West, and the side that plays to the East. So now, they didn't succeed in the flanking operation against Western Europe, against Russia, from the West. Now they're going to an attack from the East, which means that the full panoply of the Saudi system and all its attachments is now going for an attack against *the East*. The purpose of the attack is to bring both features of the attack together in a single operation.

The operation therefore *depends* entirely on the ability of the British empire, to break the opposition to Obama inside the United States. And every patriot of the United States, who has the guts and brains to know it, is going to impeach Obama immediately. And these are the warning signs.

In Memoriam

A Life in Defense of German Republicanism

Germany has lost an extraordinary man in Robert Becker, who passed away on March 10. All his life he was a staunch and uncompromising fighter for freedom, democracy, and human rights. Born in 1916, his political commitment began as a teenager in the turmoil of the Weimar Republic, which, since its founding in 1919, had to defend itself against formidable enemies of the far right as well as the far left. Becker came to political maturity in the Reichsbanner Schwarz-Rot-Gold, a mass organization of defenders of the republic which is unfortunately little mentioned today. The group energetically opposed the Nazis' anti-Semitism, and there were many German Jews among its members, making it a particular target for the Nazis.

The experiences of this time, and the consequences for him of the National Socialist seizure of power—he spent years as a soldier and as a Soviet prisoner of war—made Becker determined in his resolution that the Federal Republic, founded in 1949, would under no circumstances fail as its Weimar predecessor had done.

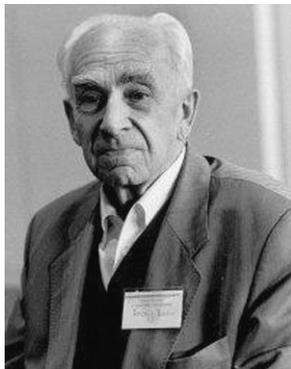
He spoke at hundreds of events all across the Federal Republic to raise political awareness, and worked as a publicist against new Pied Pipers, who sought to draw Germans away from republicanism. His close companion during the 1950s was Franz Hron, a Sudentenland-born republican fighter, who upheld his ideals in the Federal Republic at that time.

Reactivating the Reichsbanner Schwarz-Rot-Gold

Both Becker and Hron were instrumental in the re-establishment of the Reichsbanner Schwarz-Rot-Gold at the end of the turbulent 1960s, with the aim of defending the Federal Republic against the threatened “march through the institutions” by the '68ers. A contribution was also made by Robert Kempner, a German-born prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, whose legal

proceeding in Braunschweig to deport Hitler in the late 1920s as a foreign extremist was unfortunately unsuccessful. Becker wrote an article about Kempner which was published by *Neue Solidarität*, the weekly newspaper of the LaRouche movement in Germany, in 2013 (issue No. 33).

While a member of the reactivated Reichsbanner, Becker also wrote for the re-founded magazine *Illustrierten Republikanischen Zeitschrift (IRZ)* [*Illustrated Republican Journal*], and this was the basis for his contact with the LaRouche movement at the beginning of the 1980s. In 1984, Becker and Hron were present at the creation of the Schiller Institute in Wiesbaden, and Hron headed the German delegation, with the Reichsbanner's black-red-gold flag, at the founding conference of the American Schiller Institute in July of the same year. Becker and Hron were often speakers at events of the Institute in Germany. They joined the Institute in battling the left-green as well as the right-wing varieties of anti-Americanism in



Robert Becker
(1916-2014)

Europe, asserting the opposing concept, that of German-American friendship returning to the original spirit of the young United States and its supporters in Germany such as Friedrich Schiller.

Although unable to make public appearances during the '90s while caring for his sick wife, he wrote articles for *Neue Solidarität*, drawing upon the rich archive of the *IRZ*. After his wife's death, he continued to campaign politically, with personal support from Anna Hron, widow of his longtime friend Franz. Both continued to participate in events of the Schiller Institute, such as the Schiller Festival in Frankfurt in the Fall of 2012, from which Becker is still remembered for his fervent plea for a republican spirit, infused with Classical culture.

The text of his book, *Der Wahrheit die Ehre! Das Reichsbanner Schwarz-Rot-Gold, die vergessene Judenschutztruppe der Weimarer Republik* [*Homage to the Truth! The Reichsbanner Black-Red-Gold, the Forgotten Jewish Protection Force of the Weimar Republic*] (2000), can be purchased on CD at the *Neue Solidarität* website, <http://www.solidaritaet.com/buecher/politik/>.

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Putin Lays Out Strategic Import of Crimea Annexation

by Susan Welsh

March 22—We publish in this section the full text of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s March 18 speech to the two chambers of the Russian parliament and other dignitaries, including leaders of Crimea who the week before, had announced their intention to declare independence from Ukraine, pending the results of a referendum. After Putin’s speech, they signed a treaty incorporating Crimea into the Russian Federation.

On March 16, the populations of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the administratively distinct City of Sevastopol had voted overwhelmingly to apply to join the Russian Federation. The returns in those referenda were, respectively, 96.77% with a turnout of 83.1%, and 95.60% with a turnout of 89.5%.

Our principal reason for publishing the full speech is that Americans, in particular, are utterly in the dark about what the man actually says and said. U.S. mainstream press coverage has been overwhelmingly along the lines of “Is Putin Like Hitler?” or “Putin Threatens New Cold War.” This speech was a well-reasoned and statesman-like overview of Russian foreign and strategic policy, yet American readers are given only snippets, embedded in overwhelmingly negative spin.

There are few exceptions to what Henry Kissinger described, in a *Washington Post* op-ed on March 5, as “the demonization of Vladimir Putin.” Although this magazine does not usually find itself in agreement with Kissinger, we concur that for the West, “this is not a policy; it is an alibi for the absence of one.” And Ste-

phen F. Cohen, a highly respected historian of Russia and the Soviet Union who comes more from the left of the political spectrum, summed it up in a Jan. 30 interview with DemocracyNow.org: “I think that the vilification of Putin in this country, demonization, is the worst press coverage by the American media of Russia that I’ve seen in my 40 years of studying Russia and contributing to the media.”

Historical Ties

Let’s analyze a few of Putin’s key points.

First, he emphasizes the historical importance of Crimea as a part of Russia, which is indisputably the case. (He notes the peculiar historical circumstances under which the two were separated, first in 1954 by Nikita Khrushchov while the USSR still existed as one country, and then when the borders of the post-Soviet countries were drawn up after 1991.)

What about Ukraine? Also indisputably, that country has been torn by opposing views toward Russia since before Ukraine ever existed as a nation-state. Divisions along linguistic and religious lines led to hideous bloodletting in previous centuries, in which no one party was exclusively to blame. Putin was at pains to thank Ukrainian soldiers in Crimea for the fact that they behaved very responsibly, that no blood was shed.

But he also castigated the “Maidan” leaders of the Feb. 22 coup in Ukraine for the country’s current polarization. “Do not believe those who want you to fear



Russian Presidential Press and Information Service

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks in the Kremlin on March 18. His message came across loud and clear, but Washington is not listening.

Russia,” he said, addressing Ukrainians, “shouting that other regions will follow Crimea. We do not want to divide Ukraine; we do not need that. As for Crimea, it was and remains a Russian, Ukrainian, and Crimean-Tatar land.” It will continue to be a home to all the peoples living there, he said, but, “What it will never be and do is follow in Bandera’s footsteps!”—a reference to Stepan Bandera, the ultra-nationalist Ukrainian Nazi collaborator whose forces waged partisan war against the Soviet Union, from Hitler’s invasion in 1941 until as late as 1956.

While these accusations against the Banderites are routinely dismissed as “Russian propaganda” by U.S. pundits who know nothing about history, the evidence is there for anyone who bothers to look into it. Bandera’s heirs are still alive and well in Ukraine today, in the Svoboda party (with its several Cabinet positions), the Right Sector paramilitaries, and others. Their anti-Semitic and anti-Russian ravings are there for all to see, as *EIR* has documented over the last months.

Yet despite the Banderite legacy, Russia and Ukraine have been linked by geography, history, and culture for centuries.

Many outstanding Ukrainian thinkers, such as Academician Vladimir Vernadsky (1863-1945) and Prof. Taras Muranivsky (1935-2000, leader of the Schiller Institute in Moscow), coupled their passion for Ukraine’s identity as a nation-state, with a profound commitment to Ukrainian-Russian collaboration on

ideas of importance for both nations and all mankind.

NATO’s Eastward Expansion

Putin’s second main point was NATO’s eastward expansion since the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1990-91, and Russia’s keen sense that it was betrayed by those Western leaders who had promised, again and again, that this would not happen. This, too, is pooh-poohed (if mentioned at all) by our talking heads. Is what Putin says true?

The German *Spiegel Online*, on Nov. 26, 2009, published an article based on newly declassified German documents, which makes it abundantly clear that such assurances were given to then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov, although they were never put in writing. A few examples

from this and other sources:

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, Feb. 9, 1990, speech in the Kremlin: There will be “no extension of NATO’s jurisdiction for forces of NATO one inch to the east,” provided Moscow agrees to the NATO membership of a unified Germany.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Feb. 10, 1990: “We are aware that NATO membership raises complicated questions. For us, however, one thing is certain: NATO will not expand to the east.”

When these promises were broken, in one country after another, would you not perhaps expect that Russia would think it was being encircled? And wouldn’t it be right?

A May 2, 1998 article by *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, provided a useful view, when he reported on the reaction of George Kennan—one of the figures who launched the original Cold War—to the recent Senate vote on the inclusion of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary in NATO: “I think it is the beginning of a new Cold War,” said the 94-year-old Kennan. “I think the Russians will gradually react quite adversely and it will affect their policies. I think it is a tragic mistake. There was no reason for this whatsoever. No one was threatening anybody else. This expansion would make the Founding Fathers of this country turn over in their graves. We have signed up to protect a whole series

of countries, even though we have neither the resources nor the intention to do so in any serious way.”

Kennan added, after discussing how poorly Russian history is understood in the West, “Of course there is going to be a bad reaction from Russia, and then [the NATO expanders] will say that we always told you that is how the Russians are—but this is just wrong.”

International Law

The third major theme of Putin’s remarks concerns international law. Did Russia “invade” Crimea? Did it violate international law? He says not.

On the question of invasion, no less a personage than CIA Director John Brennan told a senior lawmaker on Feb. 28 that a 1997 treaty between Russia and Ukraine allows up to 25,000 Russia troops in the Crimea region, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on March 3. “The number of Russian troops that have surged into Ukraine in recent days remains well below that threshold, Brennan said, according to U.S. officials who declined to be named. . . .”

In his insistence that Russia did not violate international law, Putin discusses at some length the precedent

of Kosova, quoting from UN documents and an official statement from the U.S. government to the International Court. The point here is that international law does not prohibit declarations of independence, such as that issued by Crimea, even if they violate domestic legislation.

Yet in the *Washington Post*, the daily newspaper read by most of our officials in the nation’s capital, Will Englund had the following to say about Putin’s speech: “In a speech to a joint session of the Russian parliament, he compared the move to the independence declaration of Kosova in 2008 and the reunification of Germany in 1990—but, in reality, this is the first time that one European nation has seized territory from another since the end of World War II.”

At least some European observers understand that Russian actions have not been about “seizing territory.” The stated intention of Western-backed, coup-installed Ukrainian government officials on ending the autonomous status of Crimea (with its heavily Russian-ethnic population and the headquarters of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet) had to remind Moscow of the actions of then-Georgian President Michael Saakashvili in 2008, when he attacked the autonomous region of South Ossetia and Russian peacekeepers who were stationed there. This Georgian attack, as German expert on Russia Alexander Rahr emphasized in his book *Putin nach Putin* (2008), was a kind of wake-up call to the Kremlin leadership, and their response was predictably harsh.

“Russia clearly drew a red line to the West; much like the West did 50 years ago in the Cuba Crisis,” he said in an interview to the *Caucasian Review of International Affairs* (August 2008). “Russia is not going to accept a further expansion of NATO in the heartland of the post-Soviet territories, which are regarded as specific and historic zones of influence of Russia.”

The developments of the past four months around Ukraine and Crimea are of the same coloration.

A ‘Mirror’ of the Broader Crisis

Finally, Putin stressed the broader strategic context of the Ukraine crisis. “Like a mirror, the situation in Ukraine reflects what is going on and what has been happening in the world over the past several decades,” he said. “We understand what is happening; we understand that these actions were aimed against Ukraine and Russia and against Eurasian integration. And all this while Russia strived to engage in dialogue with our colleagues in the West.”

GENOCIDE

RUSSIA AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER

Russia in the 1990s: “The rate of annual population loss has been more than double the rate of loss during the period of Stalinist repression and mass famine in the first half of the 1930s . . . There has been nothing like this in the thousand-year history of Russia.”
—Sergei Glazyev

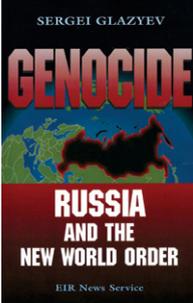
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Putin Explains Russian-Crimean Reunification

President Vladimir Putin addressed the two chambers of the Russian parliament and other dignitaries at the Kremlin on March 18, 2014. This official transcript has been slightly edited for clarity; emphasis, subheads, and footnotes have been added.

Federation Council members, State Duma deputies, good afternoon. Representatives of the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol are here among us, citizens of Russia, residents of Crimea and Sevastopol!

Dear friends, we have gathered here today in connection with an issue that is of vital, historic significance to all of us. A referendum was held in Crimea on March 16 in full compliance with democratic procedures and international norms.

More than 82% of the electorate took part in the vote. Over 96% of them spoke out in favor of reuniting with Russia. These numbers speak for themselves.

To understand the reason behind such a choice it is enough to know the history of Crimea and what Russia and Crimea have always meant for each other.

Everything in Crimea speaks of our shared history and pride. This is the location of ancient Khersones, where Saint Prince Vladimir¹ was baptized. His spiritual feat of adopting Orthodoxy predetermined the overall basis of the culture, civilization, and human values that unite the peoples of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. The graves of Russian soldiers whose bravery brought Crimea into the Russian empire are also in Crimea.² This is also Sevastopol—a legendary city with an outstanding history, a fortress that serves as the birthplace of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet. Crimea is Balaklava and Kerch, Malakhov Kurgan and Sapun Ridge. Each one of these places is dear to our hearts, symbolizing Russian military glory and outstanding valor.

1. Prince Vladimir (958-1050), the Prince of Novgorod, converted from paganism to Orthodox Christianity in 988, and ruled Kievan Rus from 980 until his death.

2. During the Crimean War (1853-1856).



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Statue of Saint Prince Vladimir in Sevastopol, Crimea. “Everything in Crimea speaks of our shared history and pride,” Putin said.

Crimea is a unique blend of different peoples’ cultures and traditions. This makes it similar to Russia as a whole, where not a single ethnic group has been lost over the centuries. Russians and Ukrainians, Crimean Tatars and people of other ethnic groups have lived side by side in Crimea, retaining their own identity, traditions, languages and faith.

Incidentally, the total population of the Crimean Peninsula today is 2.2 million people, of whom almost 1.5 million are Russians, 350,000 are Ukrainians who predominantly consider Russian their native language, and about 290,000-300,000 are Crimean Tatars, who, as the referendum has shown, also lean towards Russia.

True, there was a time when Crimean Tatars were treated unfairly,³ just as a number of other peoples in the USSR. There is only one thing I can say here: millions of people of various ethnicities suffered during those repressions, and primarily Russians.

Crimean Tatars returned to their homeland. I believe we should make all the necessary political and legislative decisions to finalize the rehabilitation of Crimean Tatars, restore them in their rights and clear their good name.

We have great respect for people of all the ethnic groups living in Crimea. This is their common home, their motherland, and it would be right—I know the local population supports this—for Crimea to have three equal national languages: Russian, Ukrainian and Tatar.

Colleagues,

In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an inseparable part of Russia. This firm conviction is based on truth and justice and was passed from generation to generation, over time, under any circumstances, despite all the dramatic changes our country went through during the entire 20th century.

After the revolution, the Bolsheviks, for a number of reasons—let God be their judge—added large sections of the historical South of Russia to the Republic of Ukraine. This was done with no consideration for the ethnic make-up of the population, and today these areas form the southeast of Ukraine. Then, in 1954, a decision was made to transfer the Crimean Region to Ukraine, along with Sevastopol, despite the fact that it was a federal city. This was the personal initiative of the Communist Party head Nikita Khrushchov. What stood behind this decision of his—a desire to win the support of the Ukrainian political establishment or to atone for the mass repressions of the 1930s in Ukraine—is for historians to figure out.

What matters now is that this decision was made in clear violation of the constitutional norms that were in place even then. The decision was made behind the scenes. Naturally, in a totalitarian state nobody bothered

3. In May 1944, the entire population of the Crimean Tatars was deported to Central Asia by Joseph Stalin's Soviet government. An estimated 46% of them died from hunger and disease. They were rehabilitated in 1967, but were banned from legally returning to Crimea until the 1980s.



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The packed audience in the Kremlin responded to Putin's speech with ovations, laughter, and sometimes tears.

to ask the citizens of Crimea and Sevastopol. They were faced with the fact. People, of course, wondered why all of a sudden Crimea became part of Ukraine. *But on the whole—and we must state this clearly, we all know it—this decision was treated as a formality of sorts because the territory was transferred within the boundaries of a single state. Back then, it was impossible to imagine that Ukraine and Russia might split up and become two separate states. However, this has happened.*

After the Collapse of the USSR

Unfortunately, what seemed impossible became a reality. The USSR fell apart. Things developed so swiftly that few people realized how truly dramatic those events and their consequences would be. Many people both in Russia and in Ukraine, as well as in other republics hoped that the Commonwealth of Independent States that was created at the time would become the new common form of statehood. They were told that there would be a single currency, a single economic space, joint armed forces; however, all this remained empty promises, and the big country was gone. It was only when Crimea ended up as part of a different country that Russia realized that it was not simply robbed, it was plundered.

At the same time, we have to admit that by launching the sovereignty parade,⁴ Russia itself aided in the col-

4. In August 1990, a year before the breakup of the Soviet Union, then-Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Soviet

lapse of the Soviet Union. And as this collapse was legalized, everyone forgot about Crimea and Sevastopol—the main base of the Black Sea Fleet. Millions of people went to bed in one country and awoke in different ones, overnight becoming ethnic minorities in former Union republics, while the Russian nation became one of the biggest, if not the biggest ethnic group in the world to be divided by borders.

Now, many years later, I heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes. This is hard to disagree with.

And what about the Russian state? What about Russia? It humbly accepted the situation. This country was going through such hard times then that realistically it was incapable of protecting its interests. However, the people could not reconcile themselves to this outrageous historical injustice. All these years, citizens and many public figures came back to this issue, saying that Crimea is historically Russian land and Sevastopol is a Russian city. Yes, we all knew this in our hearts and minds, but we had to proceed from the existing reality and build our good-neighborly relations with independent Ukraine on a new basis. Meanwhile, our relations with Ukraine, with the fraternal Ukrainian people have always been and will remain of foremost importance for us.

Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR) Boris Yeltsin, the future first President of post-Soviet Russia, advised autonomous republics (AR) within the RSFSR: “Take as much sovereignty as you can swallow.” The increased autonomy granted to the AR at that time, in a power struggle that involved competing legal changes made by the USSR and the RSFSR, came back to haunt Russia. In the 1990s, some AR set up their own foreign ministries and passed laws contradicting federal laws, while insurgents in other AR, such as Chechnya, invoked the 1990 decisions as grounds for secession.

FIGURE 1
Southwest Russia and Its Neighboring Countries



Sources: CIA Fact Book; Wikimedia Commons/Spiridon Ion Cepleanu; adapted by EIRNS

Today we can speak about it openly, and I would like to share with you some details of the negotiations that took place in the early 2000s. The then President of Ukraine Mr. Kuchma asked me to expedite the process of delimiting the Russian-Ukrainian border. At that time, the process was practically at a standstill. Russia seemed to have recognized Crimea as part of Ukraine, but there were no negotiations on delimiting the borders. Despite the complexity of the situation, I immediately issued instructions to Russian government agencies to speed up their work to document the borders, so that everyone had a clear understanding that by agreeing to delimit the border we admitted de facto and de jure that Crimea was Ukrainian territory, thereby closing the issue.

We accommodated Ukraine not only regarding Crimea, but also on such a complicated matter as the maritime boundary in the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait. What we proceeded from back then was that good

relations with Ukraine matter most for us and they should not fall hostage to deadlocked territorial disputes. However, we expected Ukraine to remain our good neighbor; we hoped that Russian citizens and Russian speakers in Ukraine, especially its southeast and Crimea, would live in a friendly, democratic and civilized state that would protect their rights in line with the norms of international law.

However, this is not how the situation developed. Time and time again attempts were made to deprive Russians of their historical memory, even of their language and to subject them to forced assimilation. Moreover, Russians, just like other citizens of Ukraine, are suffering from the constant political and state crisis that has been rocking the country for over 20 years.

The Maidan Protests

I understand why Ukrainian people wanted change. They have had enough of the authorities in power during the years of Ukraine's independence. Presidents, prime ministers, and parliamentarians changed, but their attitude to the country and its people remained the same. They milked the country, fought among themselves for power, assets, and cash flows and did not care much about the ordinary people. They did not wonder why it was that millions of Ukrainian citizens saw no prospects at home and went to other countries to work as day laborers. I would like to stress this: It was not some Silicon Valley they fled to, but to become day laborers. Last year alone, almost 3 million people found such jobs in Russia. According to some sources, in 2013 their earnings in Russia totaled over \$20 billion, which is about 12% of Ukraine's GDP.

I would like to reiterate that I understand those who came out on Maidan with peaceful slogans against corruption, inefficient state management, and poverty. The right to peaceful protest, democratic procedures, and elections exist for the sole purpose of replacing authorities that do not satisfy the people. However, those who stood behind the latest events in Ukraine had a different agenda: they were preparing yet another government takeover; they wanted to seize power and would stop short of nothing. They resorted to terror, murder, and riots. Nationalists, neo-Nazis, Russophobes, and anti-Semites executed this coup. They continue to set the



Two Svoboda thugs are shown on March 19 beating Aleksandr Panteleymonov, the interim head of the state TV channel, to force him to write a letter of resignation. Government agencies in Ukraine “are often controlled by the radicals,” Putin stressed.

tone in Ukraine to this day.

The new so-called authorities began by introducing a draft law to revise the language policy, which was a direct infringement on the rights of ethnic minorities. However, they were immediately “disciplined” by the foreign sponsors of these so-called politicians. One has to admit that the mentors of these current authorities are smart and know well what such attempts to build a purely Ukrainian state may lead to. The draft law was set aside, but clearly reserved for the future. Hardly any mention is made of this attempt now, probably on the presumption that people have a short memory. Nevertheless, *we can all clearly see the intentions of these ideological heirs of Bandera,⁵ Hitler's accomplice during World War II.*

It is also obvious that there is no legitimate executive authority in Ukraine now, nobody to talk to. Many government agencies have been taken over by the impostors, but they do not have any control in the country, while they themselves—and I would like to stress this—are often controlled by radicals. In some cases, you need a special permit from the militants on the Maidan to meet with certain ministers of the current government. This is not a joke—this is reality.

Those who opposed the coup were immediately

5. Stepan Bandera (1909-59) headed a Ukrainian independence movement, the OUN, which collaborated with the Nazis before and after the invasion of the Soviet Union and participated in the extermination of Jews and Poles in Ukraine. See [EIR](#), Feb 7, 2014.

threatened with repression. Naturally, the first in line here was Crimea, Russian-speaking Crimea. In view of this, the residents of Crimea and Sevastopol turned to Russia for help in defending their rights and lives, in preventing the events that were unfolding and are still underway in Kiev, Donetsk, Kharkov, and other Ukrainian cities.

Naturally, we could not leave this plea unheeded; we could not abandon Crimea and its residents in distress. This would have been betrayal on our part.

International Law

First, we had to help create conditions so that the residents of Crimea for the first time in history were able to peacefully express their free will regarding their own future. However, what do we hear from our colleagues in Western Europe and North America? They say we are violating norms of international law. Firstly, it's a good thing that they at least remember that there exists such a thing as international law—better late than never.

Secondly, and most importantly—what exactly are we violating? True, the President of the Russian Federation received permission from the Upper House of Parliament to use the Armed Forces in Ukraine. However, strictly speaking, nobody has acted on this permission yet. *Russia's Armed Forces never entered Crimea; they were there already in line with an international agreement. True, we did enhance our forces there; however—this is something I would like everyone to hear and know—we did not exceed the personnel limit of our Armed Forces in Crimea, which is set at 25,000, because there was no need to do so.*

Next. As it declared independence and decided to hold a referendum, the Supreme Council of Crimea referred to the United Nations Charter, which speaks of the right of nations to self-determination. Incidentally, I would like to remind you that when Ukraine seceded from the USSR it did exactly the same thing, almost word for word. Ukraine used this right, yet the residents of Crimea are denied it. Why is that?

The Kosovo Precedent

Moreover, the Crimean authorities referred to the well-known Kosovo precedent—a precedent our west-



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President Putin in June 2001, at the Pristina Airport in Kosovo, gives an award to a Russian peacekeeper. Two years before, a military showdown was narrowly averted between NATO and Russia over NATO's insistence on controlling the joint peacekeeping force. As Russian armored vehicles arrived on the scene, NATO Commander Gen. Wesley Clark ordered British and French troops to seize the airport by force. KFOR peacekeeping force commander Gen. Sir Michael Jackson refused to implement the order, saying, "I'm not going to have my soldiers be responsible for starting World War III." Several weeks later, Clark was advised by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff to "retire" early.

ern colleagues created with their own hands in a very similar situation, when they agreed that the unilateral separation of Kosovo from Serbia, exactly what Crimea is doing now, was legitimate and did not require any permission from the country's central authorities. *Pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 1 of the United Nations Charter, the UN International Court agreed with this approach and made the following comment in its ruling of July 22, 2010, and I quote: "No general prohibition may be inferred from the practice of the Security Council with regard to declarations of independence," and "General international law contains no prohibition on declarations of independence." Crystal clear, as they say.*

I do not like to resort to quotes, but in this case, I cannot help it. Here is a quote from another official document: the Written Statement of the United States America of April 17, 2009, submitted to the same UN International Court in connection with the hearings on Kosovo. Again, I quote: "Declarations of independence may, and often do, violate domestic legislation. However, this does not make them violations of international law." They wrote this, disseminated it all over the world, had everyone agree, and now they are outraged.

Over what? The actions of the Crimean people completely fit in with these instructions, as it were. For some reason, things that Kosovo Albanians (and we have full respect for them) were permitted to do, Russians, Ukrainians, and Crimean Tatars in Crimea are not allowed. Again, one wonders why.

We keep hearing from the United States and Western Europe that Kosovo is some special case. What makes it so special in the eyes of our colleagues? It turns out that it is the fact that the conflict in Kosovo resulted in so many human casualties. Is this a legal argument? The ruling of the International Court says nothing about this. This is not even double standards; this is amazing, primitive, blunt cynicism. One should not try so crudely to make everything suit one's own interests, calling the same thing white today and black tomorrow. According to this logic, we have to make sure every conflict leads to human losses.

I will state clearly—if the Crimean local self-defense units had not taken the situation under control, there could have been casualties as well. Fortunately this did not happen. *There was not a single armed confrontation in Crimea and no casualties. Why do you think this was so? The answer is simple: because it is very difficult, practically impossible to fight against the will of the people. Here I would like to thank the Ukrainian military—and this is 22,000 fully armed servicemen. I would like to thank those Ukrainian service members who refrained from bloodshed and did not smear their uniforms in blood.*

Other thoughts come to mind in this connection. They keep talking of some sort of Russian intervention in Crimea, some sort of aggression. This is strange to hear. I cannot recall a single case in history of an intervention without a single shot being fired and with no human casualties.

Deteriorating International Relations

Colleagues,

Like a mirror, the situation in Ukraine reflects what is going on and what has been happening in the world over the past several decades. After the dissolution of bipolarity on the planet, we no longer have stability. Key international institutions are not getting any stronger; on the contrary, in many cases, they are sadly deteriorating. Our western partners, led by the United States of America, prefer not to be guided by international law in their practical policies, but by the rule of the gun. They have come to believe in their exclusivity and ex-

ceptionalism, that they can decide the destinies of the world, that only they can ever be right. They act as they please: here and there, they use force against sovereign states, building coalitions based on the principle “If you are not with us, you are against us.” To make this aggression look legitimate, they force the necessary resolutions from international organisations, and if for some reason this does not work, they simply ignore the UN Security Council and the UN overall.

This happened in Yugoslavia; we remember 1999 very well. It was hard to believe, even seeing it with my own eyes, that at the end of the 20th century, one of Europe's capitals, Belgrade, was under missile attack for several weeks, and then came the real intervention. Was there a UN Security Council resolution on this matter, allowing for these actions? Nothing of the sort. And then, they hit Afghanistan, Iraq, and frankly violated the UN Security Council resolution on Libya, when instead of imposing the so-called no-fly zone over it they started bombing it too.

There was a whole series of controlled “color” revolutions. Clearly, the people in those nations, where these events took place, were sick of tyranny and poverty, of their lack of prospects; but these feelings were taken advantage of cynically. Standards were imposed on these nations that did not in any way correspond to their way of life, traditions, or these peoples' cultures. As a result, instead of democracy and freedom, there was chaos, outbreaks of violence and a series of upheavals. The Arab Spring turned into the Arab Winter.

A similar situation unfolded in Ukraine. In 2004, to push the desired candidate through at the presidential elections, they came up with a “third round” that was not stipulated by the law. It was absurd and a mockery of the Constitution. And now, they have thrown in an organized and well-equipped army of militants.

We understand what is happening; we understand that these actions were aimed against Ukraine and Russia and against Eurasian integration. And all this while Russia strived to engage in dialogue with our colleagues in the West. We are constantly proposing cooperation on all key issues; we want to strengthen our level of trust and for our relations to be equal, open, and fair. But we saw no reciprocal steps.

Lies and Betrayed Promises

On the contrary, they have lied to us many times, made decisions behind our backs, placed us before an accomplished fact. This happened with NATO's expan-

sion to the East, as well as the deployment of military infrastructure at our borders. They kept telling us the same thing: “Well, this does not concern you.” That’s easy to say.

It happened with the deployment of a missile defense system. In spite of all our apprehensions, the project is working and moving forward. It happened with the endless foot-dragging in the talks on visa issues, promises of fair competition and free access to global markets.

Today, we are being threatened with sanctions, but we already experience many restrictions, ones that are quite significant for us, our economy and our nation. For example, still during the times of the Cold War, the U.S. and subsequently other nations restricted a large list of technologies and equipment from being sold to the USSR, creating the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls list. Today, they have formally been eliminated, but only formally; and in reality, many restrictions are still in effect.

In short, we have every reason to assume that the infamous policy of containment, led in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, continues today. They are constantly trying to sweep us into a corner because we have an independent position, because we maintain it, and because we call things as they are and do not engage in hypocrisy. But there is a limit to everything. And with Ukraine, our western partners have crossed the line, conducting themselves outrageously, and acting irresponsibly and unprofessionally.

After all, they were fully aware that there are millions of Russians living in Ukraine and in Crimea. They must have really lacked political instinct and common sense not to foresee all the consequences of their actions. *Russia found itself in a position it could not retreat from. If you compress the spring all the way to its limit, it will snap back hard. You must always remember this.*

Russia’s Policy Now

Today, it is imperative to end this hysteria, to refute the rhetoric of the cold war and to accept the obvious fact: Russia is an independent, active participant in international affairs; like other countries, it has its own



“With Ukraine,” said Putin, “our western partners have crossed the line, conducting themselves outrageously, and acting irresponsibly and unprofessionally.” In this iconic image, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt hand out cookies to anti-government protesters in Kiev’s Maidan, February 2014.

national interests that need to be taken into account and respected.

At the same time, we are grateful to all those who understood our actions in Crimea; we are grateful to the people of China, whose leaders have always considered the situation in Ukraine and Crimea taking into account the full historical and political context, and greatly appreciate India’s reserve and objectivity.

Today, I would like to address the people of the United States of America, the people who, since the foundation of their nation and adoption of the Declaration of Independence, have been proud to hold freedom above all else. Isn’t the desire of Crimea’s residents to freely choose their fate such a value? Please understand us.

I believe that the Europeans, first and foremost, the Germans, will also understand me. Let me remind you that in the course of political consultations on the unification of East and West Germany, at the expert, though very high level, some nations that were then and are now Germany’s allies did not support the idea of unification. Our nation, however, unequivocally supported the sincere, unstoppable desire of the Germans for national unity. I am confident that you have not forgotten this, and I expect that the citizens of Germany will also support the aspiration of the Russians, of historical Russia, to restore unity.

I also want to address the people of Ukraine. I sincerely want you to understand us: we do not want to harm you in any way, or to hurt your national feelings. We have always respected the territorial integrity of the Ukrainian state, incidentally, unlike those who sacrificed Ukraine's unity for their political ambitions. They flaunt slogans about Ukraine's greatness, but they are the ones who did everything to divide the nation. Today's civil standoff is entirely on their conscience. I want you to hear me, my dear friends. Do not believe those who want you to fear Russia, shouting that other regions will follow Crimea. We do not want to divide Ukraine; we do not need that. As for Crimea, it was and remains a Russian, Ukrainian, and Crimean-Tatar land.

I repeat, just as it has been for centuries, it will be a home to all the peoples living there. What it will never be and do is follow in Bandera's footsteps!

Crimea is our common historical legacy and a very important factor in regional stability. And this strategic territory should be part of a strong and stable sovereignty, which today can only be Russian. Otherwise, dear friends (I am addressing both Ukraine and Russia), you and we—the Russians and the Ukrainians—could lose Crimea completely, and that could happen in the near historical perspective. Please think about it.

Let me note too that we have already heard declarations from Kiev about Ukraine soon joining NATO. What would this have meant for Crimea and Sevastopol in the future? It would have meant that NATO's navy would be right there in this city of Russia's military glory, and this would create not an illusory but a perfectly real threat to the whole of southern Russia. These are things that could have become reality were it not for the choice the Crimean people made, and I want to say thank you to them for this.

But let me say too that we are not opposed to cooperation with NATO, for this is certainly not the case. For all the internal processes within the organization, NATO remains a military alliance, and we are against



“The graves of Russian soldiers whose bravery brought Crimea into the Russian empire are in Crimea,” Putin said. This is a painting of the Sinop Battle during the Crimean War, November 1853, by Russian artist Ivan K. Aivazovsky, who lived in Crimea.

having a military alliance making itself at home right in our backyard or in our historic territory. I simply cannot imagine that we would travel to Sevastopol to visit NATO sailors. Of course, most of them are wonderful guys, but it would be better to have them come and visit us, be our guests, rather than the other way round.

Let me say quite frankly that it pains our hearts to see what is happening in Ukraine at the moment, to see the people's suffering and their uncertainty about how to get through today and what awaits them tomorrow. Our concerns are understandable, because we are not simply close neighbours but, as I have said many times already, we are one people. Kiev is the mother of Russian cities. Ancient Rus is our common source and we cannot live without each other.

Let me say one other thing too. *Millions of Russians and Russian-speaking people live in Ukraine and will continue to do so. Russia will always defend their interests using political, diplomatic and legal means. But it should be above all in Ukraine's own interest to ensure that these people's rights and interests are fully protected. This is the guarantee of Ukraine's state stability and territorial integrity.*

We want to be friends with Ukraine and we want Ukraine to be a strong, sovereign and self-sufficient country. Ukraine is one of our biggest partners, after all. We have many joint projects and I believe in their suc-

cess no matter what the current difficulties. Most importantly, we want peace and harmony to reign in Ukraine, and we are ready to work together with other countries to do everything possible to facilitate and support this. But as I said, only Ukraine's own people can put their own house in order.

Residents of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, the whole of Russia admired your courage, dignity and bravery. It was you who decided Crimea's future. We were closer than ever over these days, supporting each other. These were sincere feelings of solidarity. It is at historic turning points such as these that a nation demonstrates its maturity and strength of spirit. The Russian people showed this maturity and strength through their united support for their compatriots.

Russia's foreign policy position on this matter drew its firmness from the will of millions of our people, our national unity and the support of our country's main political and public forces. I want to thank everyone for this patriotic spirit, everyone without exception. Now, we need to continue and maintain this kind of consolidation so as to resolve the tasks our country faces on its road ahead.

Obviously, we will encounter external opposition, but this is a decision that we need to make for ourselves. Are we ready to consistently defend our national interests, or will we forever give in, retreat to who knows where? *Some Western politicians are already threatening us with not just sanctions, but also the prospect of increasingly serious problems on the domestic front. I would like to know what it is they have in mind exactly: action by a fifth column, this disparate bunch of "national traitors," or are they hoping to put us in a worsening social and economic situation so as to provoke public discontent?* We consider such statements irresponsible and clearly aggressive in tone, and we will respond to them accordingly. At the same time, we will never seek confrontation with our partners, whether in the East or the West, but on the contrary, will do everything we can to build civilized and good-neighborly relations as one is supposed to in the modern world.

Colleagues,

I understand the people of Crimea, who put the question in the clearest possible terms in the referendum: Should Crimea be with Ukraine or with Russia? We can be sure in saying that the authorities in Crimea and Sevastopol, the legislative authorities, when they formulated the question, set aside group and political interests and made the people's fundamental interests alone the

cornerstone of their work. The particular historic, population, political, and economic circumstances of Crimea would have made any other proposed option only temporary and fragile and would have inevitably led to further worsening of the situation there, which would have had disastrous effects on people's lives. The people of Crimea thus decided to put the question in firm and uncompromising form, with no gray areas. The referendum was fair and transparent, and the people of Crimea clearly and convincingly expressed their will and stated that they want to be with Russia.

Russia will also have to make a difficult decision now, taking into account the various domestic and external considerations. What do people here in Russia think? Here, as in any democratic country, people have different points of view, but I want to make the point that the absolute majority of our people clearly do support what is happening.

The most recent public opinion surveys conducted here in Russia show that 95% of people think that Russia should protect the interests of Russians and members of other ethnic groups living in Crimea—95% of our citizens. More than 83% think that Russia should do this even if it will complicate our relations with some other countries. A total of 86% of our people see Crimea as still being Russian territory and part of our country's lands. And one particularly important figure, which corresponds exactly with the result in Crimea's referendum: Almost 92% of our people support Crimea's reunification with Russia.

Thus we see that the overwhelming majority of people in Crimea and the absolute majority of the Russian Federation's people support the reunification of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol with Russia.

Now this is a matter for Russia's own political decision, and any decision here can be based only on the people's will, because the people are the ultimate source of all authority.

Members of the Federation Council, deputies of the State Duma, citizens of Russia, residents of Crimea and Sevastopol, today, in accordance with the people's will, I submit to the Federal Assembly a request to consider a Constitutional Law on the creation of two new constituent entities within the Russian Federation: the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, and to ratify the treaty on admitting to the Russian Federation Crimea and Sevastopol, which is already ready for signing. I stand assured of your support.

How NATO Has Moved with BMD Plans To Bring on Conflict with Russia

by Carl Osgood and Nancy Spannaus

March 23—What began as a plan, under President Ronald Reagan 31 years ago today, to “make nuclear missiles obsolete,” has been turned into a NATO/U.S. strategy to effectively encircle and disarm the major obstacles to the British Empire’s plan to dominate the world. Today that plan is called Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD), and it represents what the entire Russian leadership, military and political, have repeatedly identified as an existential threat to Russia’s national security.

This BMD deployment, as President Putin referenced in his March 18 speech to the Duma (see *Strategy* this issue), is part and parcel of the threat which Russia sees advancing with the Western-sponsored Nazi coup d’état in Ukraine. It totally gives the lie to the line that Russia is the “aggressor” in the current crisis. Rather, the crisis has been long in the making, put into effect, step by step, since the Cheney-Bush Administration, and now coming to a point where the Russians can no longer let it proceed without intolerable risk.

The European BMD system, as now being implemented by the Obama Administration, consists of the forward stationing of four Aegis BMD-capable destroyers in Rota, Spain, as well as two land-based BMD sites in Poland and Romania. The *USS Donald Cook*, the first of the four destroyers, arrived in February and is now on its first patrol as part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. The two installations in Poland and Romania will be based on the same Aegis radar and combat system as the ships, and will include 24 vertical launch cells for Standard interceptor missiles.

The Romanian installation is currently under construction and is planned to go into operation by the end of 2015, whereas the Polish site is scheduled to be completed in 2018. In comments on March 18, Lyndon LaRouche cited the active deployment of the *Donald Cook* as indicating that a change in NATO’s posture is underway, from an orientation to toward the Ukraine crisis, into one of general war.

Contrary to some Republican propaganda, Barack Obama’s Administration has refused every attempt by

the Russian government to avoid a confrontation over the BMD deployment. The administration has repeatedly, often rudely, refused to provide guarantees that the European BMD system is not aimed at Russia, while telling the Russians to “trust us,” that it is intended for defense against Iran and North Korea.

Indeed, there are few markers which more clearly point to the *intent* of Obama—in line with the strategy of his British masters—to bring on a thermonuclear confrontation which could destroy all mankind, and thus mandate his removal from office, than his BMD policy.

The following is a brief review of the highlights of Obama’s march on this road of provocation. Fuller details can be found in the archive of www.larouche.com, and in *EIR*’s 2012 Special Report *The British Global Showdown and How To Overcome It*.

2009: Following a review of the BMD system upon entering office, Obama settles on a revised system which focuses heavily on the Aegis BMD system, which would be based both on ships and on land bases in Romania and Poland.

November 2010: NATO adopts the U.S. plan at the Lisbon Summit.

Aug. 8, 2011: Russian Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin asks again why the U.S. will not give guarantees that its fleet with Aegis interceptor systems won’t be deployed against Russia.

Sept. 15, 2011: Turkey, a NATO member on Russia’s southern flank, signs an agreement with the U.S. to host a missile defense radar as part of the NATO BMD system.

Oct 5, 2011: U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announces the plan for forward base deployment of four BMD destroyers in Europe, starting in Rota, Spain in 2014.

Nov. 23, 2011: In an extraordinary address to the Russian nation, Russian President Dmitri Medvedev warns that if NATO goes ahead with its missile defense plans without taking account of Russia’s concerns, then



U.S. Navy photo

The USS Donald Cook, shown here shooting a Harpoon missile in 2009, has now been fitted with the Aegis BMD system, and is based at Rota, Spain.

Russia will station Iskander missiles in its Kaliningrad region (located between Poland and Lithuania), and otherwise, take retaliatory action.

Dec. 2, 2011: U.S. Ambassador to NATO Ivo Daalder dismisses Russia's concerns about the NATO missile defense plan and says that NATO will deploy its defenses "whether Russia likes it or not." He claims the reason is "a growing ballistic missile threat" from Iran.

Dec. 15, 2011: Romania gives its final approval for construction of a NATO BMD site on its territory.

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Feb. 3: Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin slams NATO's missile defense plans in a documentary aired ahead of the Munich Security Conference. "Today, neither Iran, nor North Korea poses a threat. . . . Today, it's missile defense that is certainly aimed at neutralizing Russia's nuclear missile potential," he says. He notes that the NATO radars to be installed near Russia's borders would shield the entire territory of European Russia, but that Washington officials "do not want to provide any guarantees" that their missile plans are not directed against Russia." Putin also notes that the U.S. is the only country to have dropped nuclear weapons on another country, as it did on Japan in 1945. "We cannot forget this, and we will always react to threats that would emerge near our borders," Putin says.

March 23: Russian President Medvedev warns in a speech in Moscow that NATO's missile defense plans will break existing nuclear parity with Russia and prompt it to retaliate. "No one has explained to me why we should believe that the new missile defense system in Europe isn't directed against us," Medvedev says, adding that the shield will "break the nuclear parity."

He adds, "By 2017-2018, we must be fully prepared, fully armed," referring to his earlier threat to aim missiles at the U.S.-led NATO missile shield if no agreement is reached, and that Russia isn't "shutting the door to dialogue" but warns that "time is running out."

March 30: The head of the NATO Liaison Office in Ukraine, Marchin Koziel, says that NATO is in talks

with Ukraine about Ukraine's participation in NATO's missile defense system. He notes that during the NATO summit in Lisbon, NATO heads agreed on the possibility of involving non-member countries—"third countries"—in the missile shield in Europe.

May 3: At a Missile Defense Conference in Moscow, Russian Chief of the General Staff Gen. Nikolai Makarov reiterates Medvedev's threat that if Moscow and the U.S. can't come to an agreement on missile defense, Russia will be prepared, if necessary, to destroy NATO missile defense installations by a *pre-emptive strike*. "A decision to use destructive force pre-emptively will be taken if the situation worsens," he said. (For more on this conference, where the Russians laid out the threat the BMD represents to Russia in detail, see the *EIR* archive.)

May 4: Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov reiterates Russia's offer to avoid a potential confrontation, by providing the Don-2 radar system as "part of the potential system which could be used against potential medium and long-range missile threats."

May 21: At the NATO summit in Chicago, NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen announces that the first elements of NATO's system are now operational. "In Lisbon, we agreed to create a NATO missile defense system. Today, in Chicago, we have declared that a re-

ality,” Rasmussen says. “We call this an Interim Capability.”

June 2: President Putin reiterates that he is willing to conduct a dialogue with the West on missile defense if Russia has guarantees that the system is not aimed at them. “We would like to receive military and technological guarantees fixed in legally binding documents,” Putin tells journalists after talks with his French counterpart François Hollande in Paris.

Aug. 20: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov warns: “Any unilateral and unlimited buildup of the missile capability by one state or a group of states would lead to the preservation of Cold War hangovers, damaging strategic stability in violation of all the OSCE members’ obligations not to strengthen their security at the expense of others.”

Sept. 28: Russia and the United States could still reach agreement on the missile defense issue, but time is running out, says Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov.

“When the implementation of the third and then fourth and subsequent stages of the phased adaptive approach on the [U.S.] global defense system begins, the situation could alter for us,” Ryabkov adds.

He reiterates Moscow’s demand for legally binding guarantees that U.S. and NATO missiles will not be aimed at Russia, warning that otherwise unspecified “compensatory” countermeasures will follow.

Oct. 7: U.S. and Spain reach agreement on the stationing of four U.S. missile defense destroyers at the U.S. base in Rota.

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March 13: U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announces that he is cancelling Phase IV of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) and its associated SM-3 Block IIB missile interceptor, so that the money can be used for the installation of 14 more Ground-Based Interceptors in Alaska.

March 18: Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov says there is no connection between Russia’s objections to the deployment of a U.S. missile defense system in Europe and Hagel’s announcement. Ryabkov tells the Russian daily *Kommersant*, “All aspects of strategic uncertainty related to the creation of a U.S. and NATO missile defense system remain. Therefore, our objections also remain.”

Oct. 24: After a meeting of the NATO-Russia Council, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu says

NATO is not considering Russia’s concerns. “We failed to work cooperatively on this issue and Russian concerns are not being [taken into account],” Shoigu tells a news conference. “Before studying missile defense projects, we want to have assurances that this U.S. missile defense system is not against Russia,” he adds.

Nov. 1: U.S. Acting Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Rose Gottemoeller, in a speech at an international conference on missile defense in Warsaw, claims that giving guarantees to Russia “could create limitations on our ability to develop and deploy future missile defense systems against regional ballistic missile threats such as those presented by Iran and North Korea.” She adds: “We have made clear that we cannot and will not accept limitations on our ability to defend ourselves, our allies, and our partners, including where we deploy our BMD-capable Aegis ships.”

Putin responds by dissolving the special task force focused on missile defense cooperation between Russia and the West.

Nov. 25: Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov comments during a trip to Rome, that now that a deal has been reached with Iran, there is no longer any reason for NATO’s BMD system.

Dec. 22: The lights are turned on for the first time in the new Aegis Ashore test facility at the Pacific Missile Range. The first SM-3 firing from the new facility is expected this coming spring.

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Jan. 31: The Aegis BMD-equipped destroyer *USS Donald Cook* departs Norfolk for Rota, where it will be permanently stationed as part of the European missile defense system. It is the first of four Aegis-equipped destroyers scheduled to be deployed through 2015.

Feb. 15: The Aegis Ashore installation in Moorestown, N.J. is being dismantled and packed up for shipment to Romania, where it will be the first of two land-based missile defense sites that will be part of the European missile defense system.

March 14: The *Donald Cook* departs Rota for its first mission in the Sixth Fleet area of operations since arriving in Spain on Feb. 11. While on patrol, “*Donald Cook* will perform numerous missions, including NATO missile defense, maritime security operations, bilateral and multilateral training exercises,” reports a Navy news release.

U.S. Western Water Crisis Means World Food Shortage

by Marcia Merry Baker and Patrick Ruckert

March 24—The California Farm Water Coalition on March 17 issued its latest estimate of Central Valley farmland going unplanted in 2014, due to lack of water, from 500,000 to 800,000 acres (323,749 hectares). This approaches one-third of the Central Valley agriculture area, which ranks among the world's most productive. This forced fallowing results from the cut-off of water allocations to the irrigation districts, under the severe water shortage in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River management systems.

The dramatic California situation is the front-end of the crisis unfolding throughout the Western states, concentrated in the High Plains and Southwest. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers watershed, in recent history, is the largest, in terms of volume of flow, of the three main watersheds of the drylands region—known historically as the “Great American Desert.” Now the flow, after three years of drought, is at a disaster level. The flow and storage in the other two river basins—the Colorado and the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo)—are likewise in crisis.

Meantime, decades of resorting to ever deeper groundwater have resulted in water shortages and major land subsidence.

No Short-Term Solution

The current crisis was decades in the making, at the least, and *cannot* be solved in the short term, although palliative measures in terms of more efficient water

usage will have to be taken. Scientists have recently reported that the lack of precipitation in the Western states is likely to be long-lasting, and even to get worse, as the recent decades have been an historically “wet” period in the region's history.

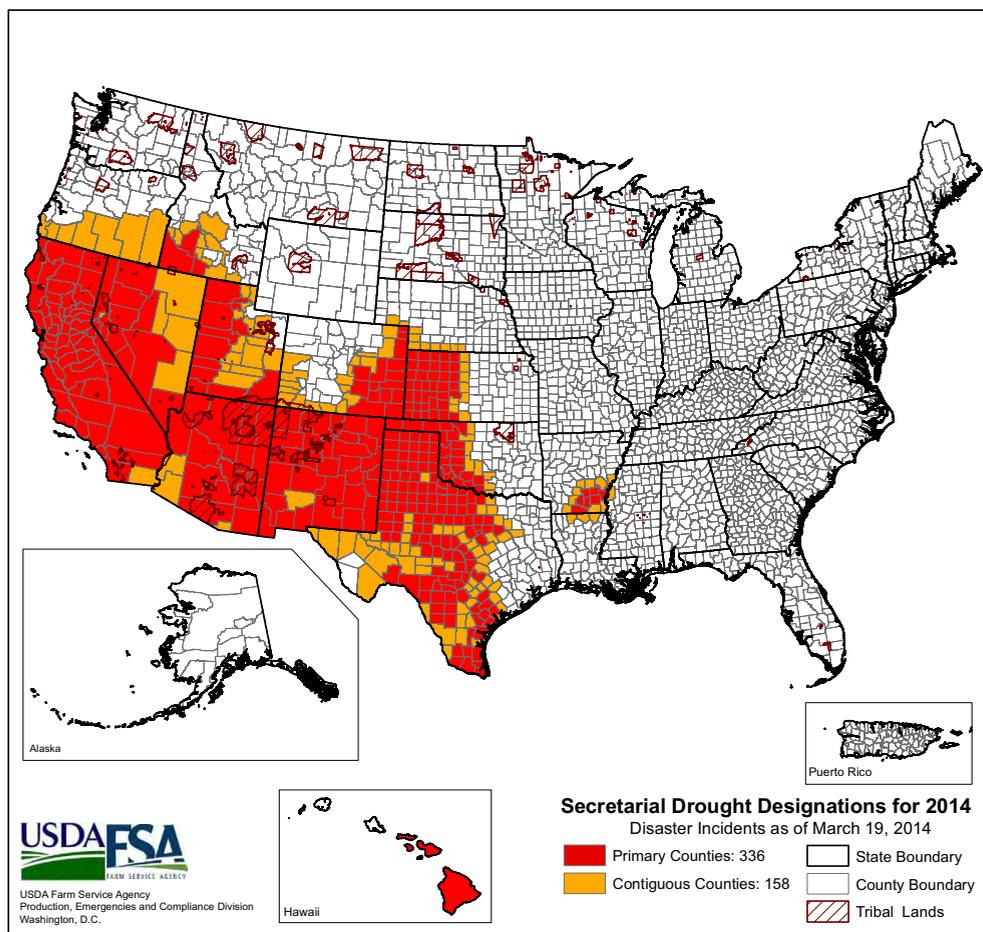
What is required is a whole new platform of economic development, specifically, a thermonuclear fusion-power economy. With the fusion platform, the United States can initiate not only the most efficient means of water desalination, allowing the use of sea water in place of scarce land water resources, but also have the power sources available for moving water from the water-rich area of the Northwest of the continent, into regions that are desperate for it.

The Scope of the Disaster

As of March 19, fully 494 counties were declared drought disaster counties by the U.S. Department of Agriculture; of these, 336 are primary disaster zones, and 158 contiguous counties (**Figure 1**). The crisis is an automatic hit on the U.S. food supply, and also internationally, because of decades of globalized “food sourcing.” All categories of food are affected. California alone accounts for nearly half of U.S. production of commercial fruits and vegetables, whose output will now be significantly down.

The trans-national food processors are turning to increased imports from water-short Mexico, China, and other cheap cost-of-production regions, to cater to those

FIGURE 1
2014 Secretarial Drought Designations* (All Drought)



* Secretarial Drought Designations refer to official announcements by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

in the American markets who can be expected to still have the means to pay the hyperinflated grocery prices, e.g., Metro Washington, D.C. The poor in the United States, Mexico, and everywhere else, be damned. Already, the U.S. is a net importer of fruits and vegetables (in money terms, and also in certain commodities), because of globalization, and now this is poised to increase, to the detriment of all nations involved (Figure 2).

Dozens of localities in California and Texas are in a countdown to when their water supply runs out completely. Residents will have to vacate, or otherwise commission convoys of water-tank trucks, if someone can pay the bill. California already has contingencies for an emergency trucking delivery system to a target list of places that will go dry.

What is immediately required is a radical break with the policies that created this disaster—the Wall Street lie that “there’s no money for infrastructure”; the green lie that “infrastructure harms the environment”; and the British imperial lie that “people overrun resources”—all of which serve the intent of genocide.

Leading the charge to break with this madness, are the combined Federal campaigns of two LaRouche Democratic candidates—Keshia Rogers for Senate in Texas, and Michael Steger for Congress in California (San Francisco). They call for a nation-building program of NAWAPA XXI (North American Water and Power Alliance), a crash nuclear-fission and thermonuclear-fusion power program, and short-term measures on the drought and other disasters, in line with that.

The Steger-Rogers team is calling for re-instating the Glass-Steagall law and a credit-based banking system; and—to be sure we’re all still alive—getting President Obama impeached, and the world pulled back from the edge of thermonuclear war. They will have a joint Western states town hall webcast event April 12, about their national program.

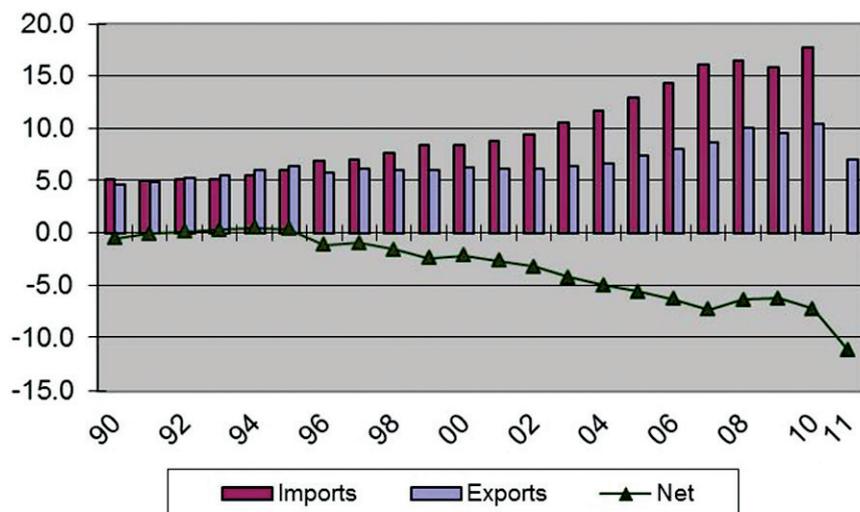
Food Losses; Worse To Come

The dimensions of U.S. food losses and worse to come are headline stories in media that deal with the farm-commodity and food-processing sectors, as the indicative reports below show, listed by food category.

In general, farm operations—whether mega-monopoly size, or the remaining few family farms—are being slammed by impossible conditions.

FIGURE 2

U.S. Fruit and Vegetable Trade (Excluding Nuts), 1990-2011



Source: Compiled by CRS from data in the U.S. International Trade Commission's Trade DataWeb database (version 2.8.4). It includes fresh and processed products.

In California, both the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project (Bureau of Reclamation)—the main sources of water for Central Valley farmers and 28 million people—have announced that in 2014 they will deliver *zero* water. Farmers will have to cut back, and, if they have the means, try to rely on pumping ground water, which is more and more difficult to do, or buying water at exorbitant prices, if any is to be found.

Water prices are skyrocketing. In 2013, the price was \$135 an acre-foot; by February of this year, the price rose to \$1,350 per af. There is no relief in sight. At least 20 communities in the state will run out of water very soon, and that number may rise sharply in the coming months. The snowpack in the Sierra Mountains, which normally increases over the Winter, instead has shrunk. It now measures only 15% of the volume considered normal in the recent past.

In Texas, farm operations have had to triage areas cultivated in the Rio Grande watershed, and the Colorado River (the Texas one, not the famous seven-state river of the same name). Reservoirs are way below levels to adequately supply crops. Many farmers have received notice of no irrigation water allocations at all for 2014.

Rice. In California's Central Valley, production from 150,000 acres of rice will be lost, as water deliveries to growers will be down 60%, and for some, 100%. Rice farming here, and in the Sacramento Valley, provides employment to 25,000 workers. In Texas, March

is the rice-planting season, and it is clear that production will be drastically reduced in the Lower Colorado River Basin, which has traditionally made Texas the fifth leading rice producer in the nation.

Fresh Produce. In Texas, the water shortage is forcing onion growers in the Rio Grande Valley to cut back significantly. Statewide, the onion output could be down at least 20%, estimates *The Packer* trade journal. Onions are ranked third in importance in the Valley, after sugar cane and citrus, in priorities for water allocation. Uncertainty hangs over all of it.

In California, the devastation is extensive. An estimated 200,000 acres of citrus trees will die, or be deliberately uprooted. The president of California Citrus Mutual, Joel Nelson, reckons this will wipe out 10,000 jobs and close 80 packing houses.

Seasonal row crops are being drastically cut back in area. Lettuce production this Spring and Fall in the San Joaquin Valley could drop up to 30% this year. Since California produces over 90% of U.S. strawberries, the supply crunch and price rise for this fruit will be dramatic. The same goes for other crops. Monterey County alone produces nearly half of all the fresh lettuce and broccoli consumed in the United States.

Nuts. California is a major world producer of nuts. With more than 800,000 acres of almond trees, the state accounts for more than 80% of world production, for example. Almonds are California's second-largest crop, after grapes. But now growers are triaging older—still productive—trees, to try to save scarce water and maintain their groves. Thousands of almond trees are being uprooted this Winter and Spring, as the water to maintain them doesn't exist. Almond trees produce harvestable crops for 25-30 years. Trees with less than five years to go, are being taken out. There's no guarantee of enough water for the remaining groves.

Reality Slams Congress

Congress has been slammed by the reality of the Western drought, which has blown apart their usual Capitol Hill b.s. "narratives" about the virtues of fiscal austerity, conservation, "market forces," river restora-

tion, and other lies and delusions. So far, a string of ineffective bills and proposals has come forward, including two House and two Senate bills. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, said she will introduce yet another bill in April, in a speech she gave March 20 at a water symposium in Palm Springs, titled, “Running Dry.”

In brief, in the House of Representatives on Feb. 5, HR 3964, the “Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act” was debated and passed (229-191). The bill is limited to lifting environmentalist regulations—a worthy plank, but not a policy for restoring the economy, resource-base, and future for the nation. The 68-page bill otherwise authorizes new dams on the Upper San Joaquin River (east of Fresno), and in Colusa County, by non-Federal funding; raises the Shasta Dam; and repeals the San Joaquin River restoration law.

In the Senate on Feb. 11, the 31-page “California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014” was introduced by Senators Boxer and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) (the House version was introduced by Rep. Jim Costa [D-Calif.]). The bill allows water officials the flexibility to relax environmental laws, to keep scarce water flowing.

All this just dramatizes the reality: *There is not enough water.* New water supplies must be created. This is the point of the August 2013 special report, “Nuclear Nawapa XXI (North American Water and Power Alliance),” issued by *21st Science & Technology* (<https://www.21stcenturysciencetech.com/>).

This programmatic outlook was grabbed up at the most recent water crisis rally on March 18 in the Central Valley. Candidate Michael Steger circulated the “Nuclear NAWAPA XXI” perspective among the 2,500 protestors jammed into the rodeo grounds at Firebaugh, near the San Joaquin River. Otherwise, many rally speakers could only rant at the do-nothings or save-the-smelt faction in the state, but offer no leadership to get out of the crisis.



White House Photo/Pete Souza

President Obama surveys the drought damage in California, Feb. 14, 2014. With him are Gov. Jerry Brown (left) and farmers Joe and Maria Del Bosque, in Los Banos. PR trips won't solve the problem, and Obama is standing in the way of the actual solutions.

Obama Killer Policy: Biofuels, Fracking

Where there is an unprecedented unity of focus, is anger at Obama. He visited the state on Feb. 14, to view the drought, then proclaimed a renewed greenie commitment to act against global warming! Otherwise, he announced a \$300 million sham aid plan. Well over a third of it comes from disaster aid already in the newly enacted five-year farm law, as well as various relief measures for livestock and other actions; and another \$60 million is for Summer food aid for the thousands of poor farm labor families, now made destitute by inaction on the U.S. economy.

Adding fuel to the fire, the Obama Administration is backing food-for-biofuels and water-for-fracking. At present, 40 to 45% of the U.S. corn harvest is processed for ethanol for the gas tank. The corn itself and the agricultural capacity behind its production, constitute a huge loss to the food chain.

Nearly half of oil and gas wells opened by hydraulic fracturing—fracking—in the United States and Canada are in areas of high water stress. Texas leads all states in the number of such wells, with over 9,000 opened in extremely water-short areas, and another 9,000 in locations prone to dryness.

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EU Bail-In Approved: We Are All Cypriots

by Claudio Celani

March 24—Last week, the European Union (EU) issued deadly sanctions against the citizens of its member-nations, which, unlike Russia, cannot defend themselves. By reaching a conclusive agreement on the Banking Union March 19, the EU Council, the EU Commission, and the EU Parliament have put a criminal machine in place, which is, by its own statute, aimed at stealing bank depositors' money, to keep zombie banks alive.

The fascist dictatorship over Europe, which has been the aim of the “Europeanization” pushed by the British financial oligarchy since at least 1992, is now a giant step closer to realization.

According to the compromise reached, the “second pillar” of the Banking Union, the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM), will be in place in 2014; two-fifths of the EU55 billion Single Resolution Fund can be used from the start, and 70% can be used after three years. The Fund will be financed by banks, but it has not been specified whether that financing will come solely from the 128 banks that are part of the Banking Union. This means that smaller banks could be called on to bail out larger banks.

The “first pillar” of the Banking Union, the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM), will be in place by November 2014.

The entire mechanism will be independent of national governments. The Council will be involved only upon decision of the Commission, and only if the Commission disagrees with decisions taken by the ECB and the SRM Board (more unlikely than that donkeys can fly).

This means a further abdication of national sovereignty by the 28 member-states of the EU, which already, according to the terms of the Maastricht and Lisbon Treaties, are denied control over their own budgets, the ability to protect and support their own industry, and the right to invest in long-term infrastructure projects.

The only obstacle remaining is that EU parliaments have to ratify the deal.

Bail-In Comes First

The official narrative is that, in the case of a bank to be “resolved,” the bail-in tool will be used first. That means shareholders', bondholders', and depositors' money will be used (i.e., seized) to pay the debt. This method of saving bankrupt (and speculating) banks was pioneered in Cyprus, in the Spring of 2013, with predictably devastating results for the entire economy—from savers to small industry to employment—not just the touted big investors. This template was imposed by the EU, and is mirrored in U.S. banking legislation as well, specifically the Dodd-Frank atrocity rammed through Congress by Obama, Wall Street, et al., in a panic to prevent reinstatement of Glass-Steagall.

If the bail-in is not enough, the EU plan says, the fund will be accessed. A third option is for national governments to ask for a European Stability Mechanism (ESM) loan, which is notoriously conditioned to a Troika (IMF/ECB/European Commission) regime.

EU Commissioner Michel Barnier has characterized the agreement as “the most important step ... after the euro.” German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble reiterated his mantra that with the new mechanism, taxpayers won't have to pay any longer for bank rescues.

A Fraud

However, two things must be considered: First, in the case of an insolvency of a systemically relevant bank, the firepower of the new mechanism is insufficient. Not billions, but trillions of euros would be needed. This means that depositors *and* taxpayers will be pilloried.

Second, and more important, the new regulations reverse the principle of trust which is the pillar of any credit or financial system: that the law protects citizens' savings. This principle is included in most national constitutions. The text approved by the EU institutions asserts the primacy of “stability of the financial system” over all other interests, including protection of savings.

As we have previously reported, a provision in the regulation says that derivative contracts must be honored, if a default jeopardizes the “stability of the system.”

The EU has officially declared war on depositors, and by so doing, has laid the ground for the destruction of the system itself.

Rogers Goes for Victory In Texas Senate Runoff

by Harley Schlanger

March 24—With the impeachment of President Barack Obama becoming more likely each day, it is useful to look at the recent deployment of LaRouche Democrats Kesha Rogers and Michael Steger at the California Democratic Party convention, to gain some insight into the process.

At that convention, held in Los Angeles March 7-9, both Rogers, who had just forced a runoff for the Democratic Party nomination for U.S. Senate in Texas (*EIR*, March 7, 2014), and Steger, a candidate in the June 3 Democratic Party primary against Rep. Nancy Pelosi, intervened repeatedly, demanding that Obama be impeached for his anti-Constitutional actions, which have put the U.S. on a hair-trigger for thermonuclear war with Russia, and have devastated the U.S. economy, beyond even the disaster left by Bush and Cheney. Their interventions

were backed up by a team of LaRouche activists, who saturated the convention with a statement by Lyndon LaRouche demanding Obama's impeachment, and a



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Kesha Rogers is campaigning to end the horrendous drought in the U.S. Southwest by building NAWAPA. This poster is going up throughout the state to inform Texans that there is a ready solution to the crisis.

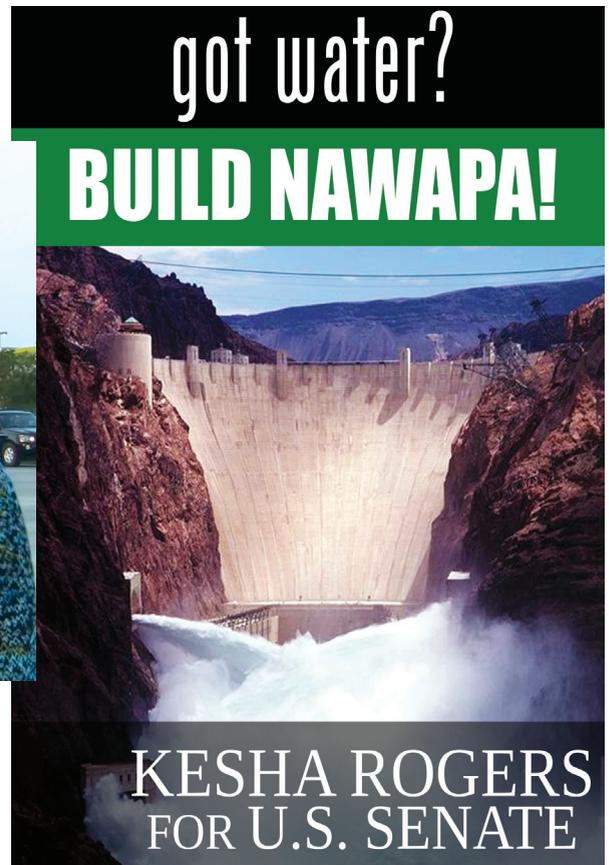
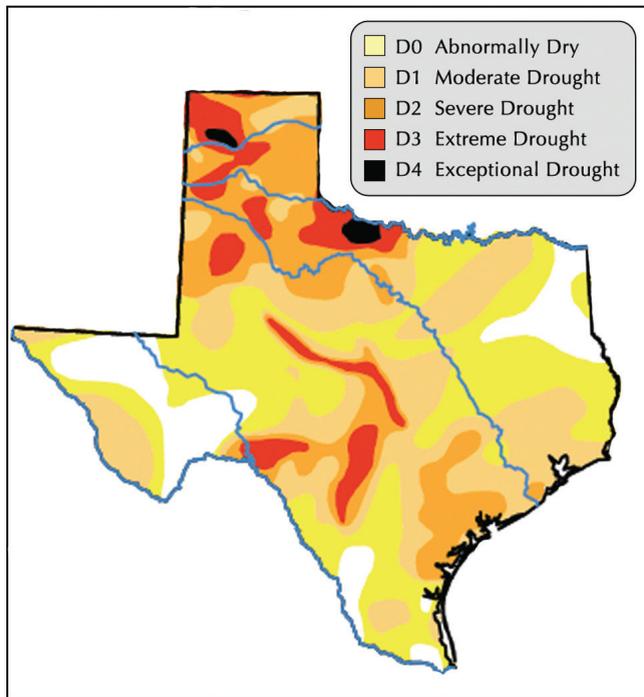


FIGURE 1
The Texas Drought



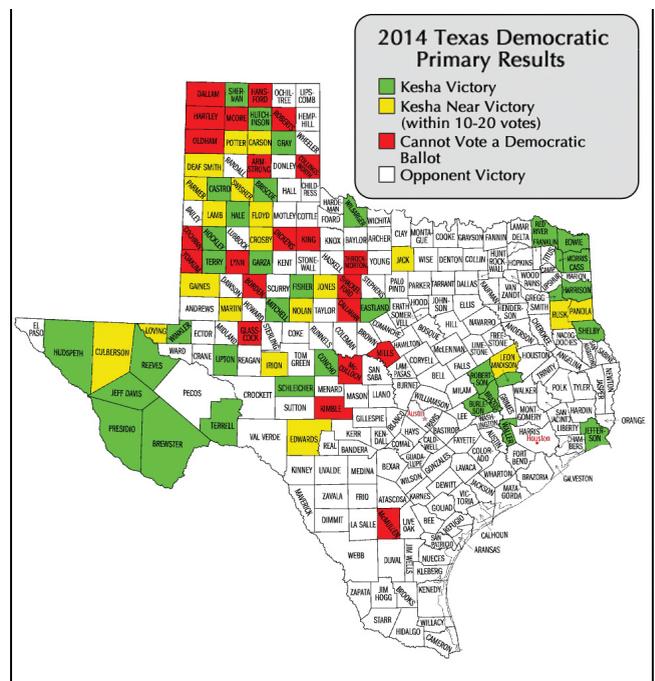
Kesha Rogers' votes coincided significantly with the hardest-hit drought regions in the state.

statement on the joint effort, by Rogers and Steger, to reverse the devastating drought hitting the U.S. West and Southwest, by moving to a thermonuclear fusion economy, beginning with the building of the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA).

In virtually every discussion with delegates, there was no disagreement on “issues.” Among these so-called issues, California Democrats strongly opposed the Obama-sponsored regime-change in Ukraine and threats against Russia; they agreed that Obama’s proposals to deal with the drought will make matters worse; they opposed the bailouts of Wall Street, and supported the restoration of Glass-Steagall banking regulation; they abhorred “Obamacare,” favoring a single-payer system; there was unanimous opposition to Obama’s drive to achieve “energy independence” by “fracking”; and they agreed that Obama’s vigorous support for his drone policy and Cheney’s NSA spying was unacceptable.

Yet, when the obvious solution, Obama’s impeachment, was raised, they would duck their heads and

FIGURE 2
2014 Texas Democratic Primary Results by County



shuffle away, mumbling about that being “over the top.”

Feinstein ‘Revelations’

This changed over the 48 hours of the convention, following Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s (D-Calif.) attack on the CIA for its unconstitutional intervention against the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, which she chairs, investigating Cheney’s torture policy, to protect the continuing cover-up—by the Obama Administration—of that policy.

Feinstein was followed quickly by California Rep. Adam Schiff, who spoke of “unconstitutional actions” by the Administration. One top California Democratic Party official said privately that Feinstein’s statement “blew the lid off” the protection of Obama, as others planned to step forward, to be heard on the matter. Even Nancy Pelosi announced her support for Feinstein.

It became evident that what LaRouche, Rogers, and Steger were saying on the urgency of removing Obama was no longer seen as “over the top.”

It has also become clear why LaRouche has insisted

that Rogers and Steger run their campaigns together. Texas and California are the two most populous states in the nation. And they are two of the most significant states when it comes to agricultural production; both have been hit hard by historic droughts, which threaten the U.S. food supply.

They are also key states politically, if there were to be a successful impeachment of Obama. Until recently, California Democrats, who overwhelmingly control the state politically, have been among the most subservient to Obama. Beyond the funds Obama has raised from Wall Street, Californians—especially from Silicon Valley and Hollywood—have been among the most generous in their support of Obama.

The shift among California Democrats, following their state convention and Feinstein's blast, indicates that Obama's overt protection of Dick Cheney, combined with his Cheney-style national security state, and "unitary executive" fascist overriding of the legislative branch, as well as his own war mongering, may have triggered the first steps among sane Democrats toward a recognition that Obama must go.

The Rogers Factor in Texas

As for Texas, Republican control over the state is as complete as the Democrats' is in California. Yet, for all the macho bluster against Obama from Republican elected officials in the Lone Star State, not one of them has had the guts to move for his impeachment.

That is why the Kesha Rogers' leadership is so important, and it is driving the desperate Obama operatives and Bush Republican leadership in Texas into a frenzy, to try to stop her from winning the Democratic Senate nomination, which will be decided in the May 27 runoff election.

Rogers' opponent, David Alameel, a millionaire corporate dentist, who until recently was a big-time contributor to Texas Republicans—including hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Republican incumbent Sen. John Cornyn, and to Greg Abbott, the GOP nominee for Governor—spent over \$3.5 million of his own money in the primary, not to mention untold amounts laundered into his coffers by various Obama fronts, such as "Turn Texas Blue" and the "Texas Future Project." Much of the money was spent to "identify activists," i.e., loyal hacks, who would slander Rogers, but do nothing to activate "unknown" voters, fearing that if

activated, they would vote for Rogers to impeach Obama!

In spite of outspending Rogers by 126:1 (!), Alameel failed to win 50% of the vote, thus requiring the runoff. Rogers came in second among a field of five. With the runoff two months away, the Obama stooges running Alameel's campaign have advised him to hide from Rogers, while they accelerate a barrage of attacks against her. When Alameel told a leading San Antonio Democrat he would not debate Rogers, because he is the "only real Democrat in the race," he had no response when his questioner brought up his past contributions to Republicans, and walked away with a red face, leaving many Democrats shaking their heads, as if to say, "Is this the best we can do?"

Rogers has been invited to march with Hispanic activists in this week's Cesar Chavez Day parade, while Alameel will be nowhere in sight.

Meanwhile, the Obama desperadoes tried to ram through anti-Rogers statements at the March 22 Senate District caucuses. While the final results are still unknown, the Obamatons were rebuffed in districts in Houston and El Paso, as some Democrats refuse to accept dictatorial orders coming down from "above," to slander Rogers.

Campaigning Strong

Rogers is ignoring the impotent slanders, knowing that the attacks on her for demanding Obama's impeachment actually bring voters to her support, as Obama's popularity in Texas ranks somewhere below rattlesnakes. She won Congressional primaries twice in the 22nd C.D. (Houston), in 2010 and 2012, beating party-backed loyalists, winning over 50% of the vote, based on campaigning to impeach Obama, and restore the America of John F. Kennedy, when Americans were still optimistic, driven by the commitment to scientific and technological progress.

Rogers won 45 counties in the March 4 Senatorial primary, with strong showings in areas where there are still blue-collar workers, such as Jefferson County (Beaumont) and Gregg County (Longview), as well as in counties hit hard by the drought (**Figures 1 and 2**). Given the loser mentality among Texas Democratic Party leaders, and the flight forward foolishness of campaign operatives who still believe in Obama, there is a very good chance that Rogers can win the May 27 primary.

Bringing Americans Back to The Constitutional Process

LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers was interviewed by EIR Editor Nancy Spannaus on March 23.

EIR: First, congratulations on your third electoral victory, this time forcing a runoff in the Texas Democratic Senate primary! This was a big one, since it's a lot harder to win a statewide race, i.e., for Senate, than a Congressional District. To what do you attribute your success?

Kesha Rogers: When I first announced my candidacy for the U.S. Senate, I declared that I would change the political discussion from the banal talking points and political hot-button issues to the essential policies needed to save the nation: namely, impeaching a treasonous President, and crushing Wall Street. This is what I made a focal point of my campaign a first step to establishing the needed solutions to restoring the physical-economic and scientific progress of our nation's future.

I owe the victory gained so far in my campaign, to a deep personal and moral commitment to tell the truth and act upon it to shape the future, regardless of whether it is popular. I am willing to go at odds with any authority, if that so-called authority is at odds with the real authority, which is natural law. People saw that in my own actions, and in the actions of my campaign team. We weren't going to be intimidated by anyone, we weren't backing down; what we said is true, and we didn't waste our time trying to get approval from anyone. Instead, we fought with our fellow Americans, to recruit them to develop within themselves that same devotion, that truth shall prevail over tyranny.

EIR: I understand that the runoff is May 27, al-



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though the Democratic Party, and probably others, are doing their best to ensure that no one even knows it's going to happen. Is it the only runoff race? How do you intend to get the word out?

Rogers: There are other runoffs in both parties, but my election is the only one that is defining the strategic agenda around impeaching Obama to avoid his intended thermonuclear confrontation with Russia, and launch a real physical-economic recovery with nationwide infrastructure projects like NAWAPA XXI. Otherwise, the Democratic runoff for Agriculture Commissioner is defined by a fight over legalizing marijuana, while the Republican runoff for Lt. Governor is between the GOP

and Tea Party candidates fighting over who is more "conservative."

It's important for people to know: If someone voted in the Republican primary, they can't vote in the Democratic runoff.¹ The Democratic Party hacks are doing everything they can to mobilize the few supporters they still have, to vote for my opponent. Yet, millions of eligible Texans did not vote at all on March 4. These are the people who will make the margin of difference in my victory.

My strategy is to go directly to them with the same principled message I had before, because nothing else will actually engage and recruit the American people back to the Constitutional process. We have silly Republicans who have no concern for the future of this state or the nation, who are not in the real world; they

1. Texas has open primaries, but in the run-off elections, cross-party voting is not permitted.

are refusing to impeach this President, trying to hold on to their worthless money, while the people starve and the nation collapses. They say no to impeachment: "We have an election to think about."

Democrats are stuck on the Bush plantation in Texas and need to be freed so that we can restore the true intentions of the party exemplified under Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy.

The Only Drought-Relief Program

EIR: It appears that the state Democratic Party has become even more insane than it was during the primary, since you forced a runoff vote. I suppose this might even help you! How do you see the prospects for the runoff?

Rogers: It's actually that their insanity is more publicly exposed. They saw that my message was getting real traction, and were forced to respond. People such as Texas Democratic Party chair Gilberto Hinojosa panicked, screamed publicly for help, and they all made fools of themselves. But consider this: In 2008, only three counties in Texas couldn't vote in the Democratic primary; in 2014, that ballooned up to 21 counties. This is because the county party structure is what coordinates balloting with the Secretary of State. If there's no county party, because it dissolved for lack of support, then there's no Democratic ballot in that county. The total number of votes in the Democratic primaries in Texas has dropped, due to the Wall Street control over the national and state party, which means that many counties no longer even have Democratic primaries.

I also won over 50% of the drought-stricken counties in which there were Democratic primaries, and came within 10-20 votes of winning another 20%. I doubt that is a coincidence, given that I'm the only candidate with a realistic drought-relief program. So, I think the prospects are good.

EIR: Both you and LaRouche California Congressional candidate Michael Steger have made the issue of the devastating drought hitting Texas and California, and threatening our food supply, a major focus of this leg of the campaign. What are your plans to move this forward, and could you give our readers a sense of the response you are getting to this campaign?

Rogers: On April 12, Michael and I are hosting a joint town hall meeting in San Antonio and San Francisco, which will also be broadcast live on Google Hangouts On Air (bit.ly/1miknk7), to force the issue of

the desperate conditions of drought, biofuels, and fracking, which are destroying our land, food, and water. We will pose the only reasonable solution to this emergency, the North American Water and Power Alliance/NAWAPA XXI, and the development of a fusion economy. This continental water-reclamation project will revitalize this scorched Earth, and bring it under the control of human progress, while fusion energy technologies will open the door for unlimited progress of human civilization.

Nobody should have to live at the mercy of drought, or environmentalism. I've been getting a lot of "Amens" from all kinds of farmers and ranchers, all over Texas. Some people say the Texas economy is booming because of the oil/gas industry, but our beef, dairy, wheat, cotton, sorghum, and corn production haven't recovered from 2011, and won't recover, until we build something of this magnitude. Some may get rich on shale gas, but nobody eats oil and gas for dinner.

People working on the production side of things know this; the fight is over getting them to vote a Democratic ballot, because they tend to associate "D" with the "Destruction" of Obama instead of the "Development" that Michael and I represent as LaRouche Democrats.

The FDR-JFK Tradition in Texas

EIR: To many people around the country, your forcing a runoff in this Senate race was extremely moralizing, and showed the ripeness of the country for the long-overdue impeachment of Obama. Are you getting the same response in Texas?

Rogers: There is a significant grouping within the Texas Democratic Party itself that understands the validity of what I am saying about Obama, and remember the strong FDR-JFK tradition within Texas. Making it into the runoff has had a very good effect on these layers, because they saw I was able to pull off a victory in the face some of the ugliest of personal attacks and libels, having no party support, and comparatively little money. I'm working with a growing number of these people behind the scenes, to broaden the reach of my message among Democrats.

At the same time, most Republicans in Texas (or their parents) used to be JFK-FDR Democrats, and shifted parties as Reagan did, but are disgusted by the fascist Bush family legacy. There are a number of these JFK Republicans who have announced their support of my candidacy, and are telling me that I'm the first Democrat they've ever voted for, and they did it for that reason.

Book Review

How FDR Defeated Teddy Roosevelt & Wall Street and Launched the New Deal

by Stuart Rosenblatt

Nothing to Fear: FDR's Inner Circle and the Hundred Days that Created Modern America

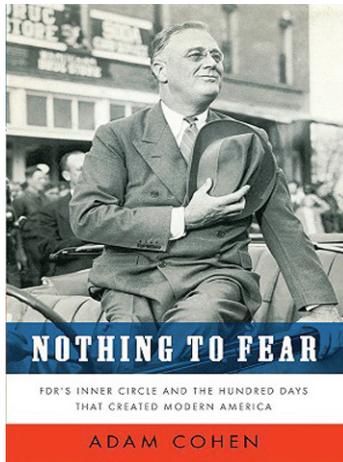
by Adam Cohen

New York: Penguin Books, 2009

When first published in 2009, in the midst of the financial crisis, Adam Cohen's *Nothing To Fear* was an important intervention into the effort to return the United States to the principles and policies of Franklin Roosevelt. With the passage of the disastrous Dodd-Frank Act, and the ongoing multi-trillion-dollar bailout of Wall Street, it is equally timely today. The trans-Atlantic world hovers at the brink of a chain-reaction financial disintegration and descent into protracted economic hell; only a return to the principles that directed the Roosevelt recovery can save the nation.

Cohen vividly depicts FDR's heroic Hundred Days Congressional session that rescued a nation devastated by economic collapse and the previous government's deliberate inaction. FDR's breakthrough charted a course based on the principles of the American System. Cohen insightfully labels FDR's first Hundred Days a "Third American Revolution," preceded by the original American Revolution of George Washington, and the second American Revolution of Abraham Lincoln, which created our "indivisible union." A fourth American Revolution, to end the reign of Wall Street, is urgently required today.

Cohen sets the Hundred Days against the background of the economic and political collapse that gripped the nation, from the end of the hapless Coolidge Administration, to the misery of the Depression-wracked Hoover



Presidency. Cohen repeatedly reminds the reader of the awful reality: 25% unemployment, near starvation wage levels for those lucky enough to find work, mass farm and urban foreclosures, crop prices that had fallen 50% or more, near revolution in farm and city communities, and landscapes dotted by Hooverville shantytowns.

As FDR stated in his First Inaugural Address, what was needed was "action, and action now," to address the crisis. In those Hundred Days, FDR applied the principles that had founded and developed the nation, especially its physical

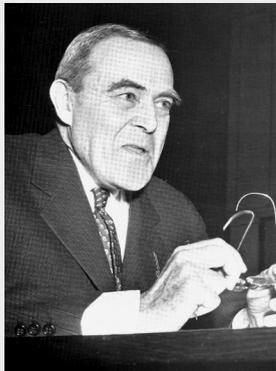
economy. It changed the nation's course from economic disintegration to rapid industrial expansion. And, it was a stinging, strategic defeat for Wall Street and its financier allies in Europe,

The financial establishment attacked the Administration from day one. Ironically, FDR's Wall Street opposition was led by the disciples of his (distant) cousin, former President Teddy Roosevelt! On the one side of this titanic battle were the Hyde Park Roosevelts (FDR), who were descended from the allies of Alexander Hamilton, and on the other, the Oyster Bay Roosevelts (TR). This latter, anglophile, treasonous wing of the family included the notorious Confederate intelligence officer James Bulloch, who trained Teddy Roosevelt. (Franklin's wife and political partner Eleanor was the niece of Teddy Roosevelt.)

The TR gang included FDR Budget Director Lewis Douglas, his ally from Bank of the Manhattan James Warburg, and their mutual cohort, FDR Under Secretary of the Treasury Dean Acheson. In the course of battle, a new anti-Wall Street leadership was forged around the Promethean figure of FDR. Counted among



*Wall Street insider **Jimmy Warburg** was a key member of the anti-FDR banking establishment.*



***Grenville Clark**, a darling of the New York Banking crowd, founded the anti-New Deal National Economy League, and co-wrote with Douglas the bankers' Economy Act.*

The Teddy Roosevelt Treason Faction

FDR's Wall Street opposition was led by the disciples of his cousin Theodore, scion of the Oyster Bay Roosevelts, the anglophile, treasonous wing of the family.



***Theodore Roosevelt**, posing in his "Rough Rider" get-up, spawned a nest of traitors, who were then defeated by FDR and his allies.*



*Budget Director **Lewis Douglas** was the Paul Ryan of his day, determined to balance the Federal budget while millions starved.*



*Treasury Under Secretary **Dean Acheson** plotted with Warburg and Douglas to keep the dollar pegged to gold, claiming that the President had no legal authority to set the gold price.*

his allies were his Labor Secretary, the first woman Cabinet member, Frances Perkins; Emergency Relief Administrator and Perkins friend Harry Hopkins; Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace; and Senators Robert Wagner (D-N.Y.), George Norris (R-Neb.), and Edward Costigan (D-Colo.).

Theodore Roosevelt's British Deployment Against FDR

During the 1932 Presidential campaign, the Wall Street banking syndicates were worried about Franklin Roosevelt's sympathy for what he termed the "Forgotten Man," and his support for a "New Deal" for the

downtrodden. But the banksters were even more frantic about Herbert Hoover's stubborn inability to address the Depression crisis and the threat of revolution. This forced many of them into FDR's camp. FDR, as the scion of one of America's most aristocratic families, was "one of them," or so they hoped, and the Democratic Party platform on which he campaigned, contained planks calling for a balanced budget and other financial orthodoxies. They were further relieved when the President-elect named Congressman Lewis Douglas as Budget Director. Douglas, a popular conservative Democrat, was an unabashed proponent of balanced budgets, limited

government, the gold standard, and free trade. These issues constituted the battleground upon which Wall Street would fight.

The war began even before the applause had died down following FDR's March 4, 1933 Inaugural Address attacking the "money changers who fled the temple." The Emergency Banking Act of March 9, directed in part by Wall Street enemy Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, put the banking system through a de facto bankruptcy reorganization. Wall Street immediately mobilized to crush the New Deal.

Roosevelt was of two minds in these heady days. He wanted to "wage war against the emergency," but, as Cohen writes, he also wanted to balance the budget. These two objectives were irreconcilable. Douglas moved quickly, with FDR's approval, to draft his signature legislation to balance the Federal budget. This legislation became Wall Street's rallying cry, and brought the apostles of Teddy Roosevelt into the fray. Dubbed the Economy Act, the legislation proposed massive cuts, slicing \$100 million in Federal wages and \$400 million in veterans' benefits—in total, a 15% cut in the budget. The cuts to the veterans' budget was 50%—in the middle of a depression!

TR's Plattsburg Movement

Cohen portrays the budget battle as a faction fight in FDR's Cabinet. While it is true that there was a battle within the Cabinet, Cohen fails to go deeper, to reveal the enemies of the New Deal among the Wall Street bankers and the disciples of Teddy Roosevelt, who orchestrated the attacks on FDR's program. The Economy Act was written by Douglas, a darling of the New York banking crowd, and Grenville Clark. Clark, along with Archibald Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt; former President Calvin Coolidge; William M. Bullitt, former Solicitor General under President William Howard Taft; and a host of Wall Street bankers, created the Economy League in 1932.

The leadership of the League traced its origins to the National Preparedness Movement of Teddy Roosevelt and his followers, founded in 1915, following the sinking of the *Lusitania* in the early stages of World War I. The Movement, which ran military training camps in Plattsburg, N.Y., was led by Clark, Henry Stimson, Elihu Root, and Gen. Leonard Wood, all TR worshippers. The Plattsburg effort was less about training and more about anglophile indoctrination; it became a driv-

ing force for U.S. intervention on the side of Great Britain in the First World War.

The "Plattsburg movement's" military training camps were attended by college students and "businessmen." Among the college crowd were Lewis Douglas, his Amherst College pal John J. McCloy,¹ TR's son Archibald Roosevelt, and his brothers. Archibald Bullloch Roosevelt was named for his great uncle, the aforementioned James Bulloch, the Confederate spy chief based out of London. Archie was also a crony of Preparedness organizer Jimmy Warburg, son of Federal Reserve Board architect Paul Warburg. Among their mutual close friends was Averell Harriman.

There was a second training camp for Wall Street bankers, businessmen, and lawyers. Led by Wall Street banker and lawyer Grenville Clark, this group counted in their number Clark's law partner Elihu Root, Jr.; Dean Acheson; Henry Stimson, also a law partner of Root; and a protégé of Teddy Roosevelt, Willard Straight, a J.P. Morgan banker and founder of the pro-war *New Republic* magazine; and Paul Cravath of the powerful law firm Cravath, Henderson and de Gersdorff. Cravath, Henderson represented Warburg's Kuhn Loeb banking operation, among other Wall Street bankers. A vicious racist, Root had been TR's Secretary of War and Secretary of State, and was the architect of America's imperial policy toward Ibero-America and the Philippines. Root's protégé Stimson idolized TR; he was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York by Teddy Roosevelt, and prosecuted the "trust-busting" cases for TR.

The camps were addressed by Gen. Leonard Wood, a co-founder of the Rough Riders with TR, Grenville Clark, and Teddy Roosevelt himself. Wood oversaw the functioning of the camps, and was a regular speaker. A close TR ally, Wood was a disgusting racist who preceded Stimson as Governor-General of the Philippines. Both men opposed independence for the Islands, labeling the inhabitants incapable of self-governance. Teddy spoke at the camps at least once, decked out in his Rough Riders uniform, and delivered a wild pro-British, anti-German stem-winder to the campers.

Seed money for the Plattsburg camps was provided by Wall Street fixer Bernard Baruch. Many of the an-

1. John J. McCloy (1895-1989), was a top member of the anglophile Wall Street elite; after the war, he ran the World Bank, was chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, and of the Council on Foreign Relations. He later served on the Warren Commission, which carried out the coverup of those responsible for the Kennedy assassination.

glophile oligarchs involved with Plattsburg would rule over the United States for much of the 20th Century. They were responsible for everything from the atomic bombing of Japan, to the cover-up of the Kennedy assassination, and the destruction of the U.S. economy.

Out of the Plattsburg movement came the National Economy League. Clark, who was a lifelong confidant of McCloy, founded the League and drafted the Economy Act with Douglas. Archie Roosevelt was a founding member, and Acheson was a leading proponent. Already a Wall Street insider, McCloy was at the center of the grouping. He was Douglas's brother-in-law and lifelong friend. Acheson, McCloy, and Douglas would go fly-fishing together regularly, and plot the destruction of FDR's New Deal. They would also consort with Jimmy Warburg. The Economy Act was their frontal assault on the Roosevelt Administration.

In his memo to Roosevelt on the Economy Act, Douglas stated, "The extremely onerous reductions will break many eggs, but they will balance the budget. They will insure a sound currency. They will lay the foundation for recovery." In a message to Congress, Douglas wrote, "Too often in recent history, liberal governments have been wrecked on rocks of loose fiscal policy" (Cohen, p. 100). Douglas was the Rep. Paul Ryan of his day, and unfortunately, too many members of the current Congress sound just like him.

Baruch echoed Douglas and urged passage of the bill. "With the monotony and persistence of old Cato, we should make one single and invariable dictum the theme of every discourse. Cut governmental spending—cut it as rations are cut in a siege" (Cohen, p. 85).

Riding a wave of popular support for FDR, and with backing from the President, the Economy Act passed the Congress, albeit with large Democratic defections; the gauntlet had been thrown down. Douglas would carry out the brutal cutbacks mandated by the bill throughout the Hundred Days. His budget axe fell especially hard on veterans, who had bravely fought in World War I, and were now forced to march again, this time, on Washington. Douglas also attacked the Agriculture Department and Henry Wallace, and the U.S. Army. This assault led to a head-to-head conflict with Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Douglas succeed in uniting his enemies against MacArthur and his allies. The Economy Act was the "budget sequestration" of the day, with the same backing of the Wall Street Establishment.

Pro-Growth New Dealers Counterattack

Unlike today, the Congress and Cabinet did not passively submit to Douglas and his agents. Passage of the Economy Act crystallized a determined opposition. Within days of passage, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins launched a campaign for large-scale relief and public works programs, to be funded by the Congress, to immediately address the crisis. Perkins had previously served in Gov. Franklin Roosevelt's Cabinet in Albany, N.Y., and agreed to be Labor Secretary only if she could pursue this agenda. She was joined by Harry Hopkins, the Work Relief Administrator under FDR in Albany; Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace; other Cabinet members; and a group of Congressmen. Perkins' old ally from New York, now Sen. Robert Wagner, introduced a \$2 billion public works bill and Senators Edward Costigan and Robert LaFollette introduced a \$5 billion public works bill.

Lewis Douglas immediately challenged all public works and relief spending. Like today's fiscal conservative ideologues, he argued that public works would increase the deficit and ruin the credit of the nation. He believed that wages, prices, sales, and production should drop to the bottom, and let a "natural recovery take place." Having none of it, Perkins believed that public works spending would stimulate the entire economy, spinning off many new jobs, and ultimately pay for itself. She and her colleagues were determined to act.

She also knew Franklin Roosevelt well, and in her memoirs, said that unlike other "politicians," FDR did not defer to "logic" to come to a decision. "He had to have feeling as well as thought. His emotions, his intuitive understanding, his imagination, his moral and traditional bias, his sense of right and wrong all entered into his thinking, and unless these flowed freely through his mind as he considered a subject, he was unlikely to come to any clear conclusion or even to a clear understanding. . . . His imagination and his sympathy entered into every subject he had to think about. . . . He rejected the 'practical' or moneymaking line of judgment on issues he had to decide. His question always was, 'will it work, will it do some good?' . . . If it did not ruin us financially, it did not seem to him important that it did not promote the immediate financial situation of particular groups."²

On March 15, Perkins, Wallace, Interior Secretary

2. Francis Perkins, *The Roosevelt I Knew*, 1946.



President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Coalition

FDR initially supported some of the fiscal conservative policies of the Wall Street predators, but was won over to the New Deal by his dedicated allies.



*FDR's ally in the U.S. Senate, **Robert Wagner** of New York, pushed through key New Deal legislation, including a \$3.3 billion public works bill.*



*FDR's Labor Secretary **Francis Perkins**, the first woman to hold a Cabinet post, was a passionate advocate for emergency relief and public works.*



*President **Franklin Roosevelt's** Hundred Days revolution rescued a devastated and demoralized nation.*

***Harry Hopkins** was FDR's Work Relief Administrator, whose actions put millions of Americans back to work.*

*Agriculture Secretary **Henry Wallace**, working with Perkins, produced the National Recovery Act.*



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Harold Ickes, and War Secretary George Dern sent a memo to Roosevelt calling for Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps, Emergency Relief programs, and Public Works. After conferring with these Cabinet members, FDR wasted no time, and held a press conference on March 17, 1933, calling for emergency relief and public works. Emergency relief would be the domain of Roosevelt's former New York State relief administrator Hopkins, who demanded an immediate \$500 million Federal outlay to the states. Roosevelt agreed, and this legislation was set into motion. It would evolve into a gigantic "work relief" program that

would put millions of Americans back to work within months.

FDR's jobs program, the CCC, was already in process. The President was now shifting away from the budget hawks, beginning to collaborate with the key New Dealers. Wall Street went berserk. On March 24, Street insider Jimmy Warburg met with FDR Brain Trust advisor Raymond Moley, who was then in the process of being recruited to support Wall Street. Warburg delivered a sharp message on behalf of his banker buddies: Halt all public works spending. Warburg told Moley that public works spending would do "irrepara-

ble damage” to the government’s credit, and put only a “small percentage” of the unemployed back to work! (What chutzpah!)

Roosevelt’s sympathies were with Perkins, Hopkins, et al., and he was rapidly being recruited to their perspective. He was on the verge of dumping Douglas’s budget balancing in favor of government spending and Federal credit for jobs and public works. His CCC program was an immediate success, so he quickly moved to another project, the Tennessee Valley Authority. On April 10, he sent a bill to Congress, outlining a massive government intervention to address the nation’s entire gamut of problems: unemployment, poverty, disease, power shortages, and farm crises, in a seven-state area. TVA would become the model infrastructure program for the world. It even included Federal control over power generation and transmission, something FDR had initiated with the St. Lawrence Seaway program in New York. This was a sharp blow to Wall Street and its energy cartels.

The War over Gold

While Douglas and the Economy League were waging war against the budget, Treasury Under Secretary Dean Acheson, Jimmy Warburg, an unpaid advisor to the President, and Douglas were fighting to keep the dollar pegged to gold “to fight inflation,” and march in sync with other European nations to maintain global “stability” and trade prices. Even though the British were themselves abandoning the gold standard, they were enforcing a rigid austerity program by adherence to a fixed gold price, and gold-exchange policy on other nations. Maintaining the gold standard and its resulting austerity was the flip side of domestic budget cutting.

Again, the mobilization by Wall Street was massive. From the very beginning of the administration, Roosevelt had considered taking the dollar off gold to inflate prices, especially commodity prices. This would allow, so the theory went, farmers to make ends meet. Farm prices had fallen some 50% during the collapse, and farmers were caught in a web of falling income and bankruptcy. The farm sector was engulfed in a violent, near revolutionary upheaval, after 1932.

Bernard Baruch was vociferous against removing the dollar from gold. “It would benefit one-fifth of the nation, he said ... ‘unemployed, debtor classes—incompetent, unwise people’” (Cohen, p. 142). Douglas fulminated that the induced inflation would push the

United States in the direction of Hitler’s Germany and “social disorder.”

Even more active was Acheson, who became acting Secretary of the Treasury when Woodin fell ill. Acheson said that FDR did not even have the legal authority to set the price of gold.

FDR refused to bend to Wall Street. Congress first passed the Wheeler Amendment to the Agriculture bill in early April, giving it the power to control the price of gold. FDR would not accede to Congress’s demand that it have the power to control the gold price; instead, he announced support for an amendment introduced by Oklahoma Sen. Elmer Thomas, that gave that power to the President. Under Thomas’s amendment, the President was given the authority to create inflation by expanding the currency supply, lowering the gold content of the dollar, or even coining silver (Cohen, p. 143).

On April 18, Roosevelt announced his decision to abandon the gold standard at a meeting with members of Congress, Woodin, Douglas, and others. Raymond Moley reported that “all hell broke loose in the room.” Douglas said it would “be the end of Western civilization,” and others howled in protest, but to no avail. FDR dictated policy to Wall Street and London, not the reverse.

Showdown with the Budget-Cutters

On April 14, 1933, with Perkins, Wallace, Hopkins, Ickes, and others urging him on, FDR moved to address working conditions and the crisis in industry. Four teams had drafted various bills. FDR had Perkins and Wallace work out a final package, which resulted in the National Recovery Act. While regulating many aspects of industry and labor, this bill also contained a “budget-busting” \$3.3 billion public works program. Douglas was aghast, and launched an all-out fight against the legislation. Under the guise of wanting to “study the proposals,” he repeatedly filibustered or sandbagged Cabinet meetings, much to the consternation of Perkins and her colleagues. Perkins suspected even more deviant tactics.

She discovered that while Douglas would “smile and smile, and be the devil”³ at Cabinet meetings, he was secretly meeting with FDR sometimes two or three times daily in his capacity as Budget Director. This cheap-imitation Iago was attempting to manipulate FDR to oppose all jobs and relief programs.

3. Ibid.

With Douglas and company holding up the works (so to speak), circumstances were approaching open revolution in the country. Desperate farmers facing bankruptcy were dragging judges off the bench and threatening to hang them. Veterans were protesting in Washington, and labor strife was growing. On April 24, the brawl in the Cabinet came to a head. FDR called a meeting on the industrial and public works legislation, known as the National Industrial Recovery Act. After an intense meeting with the Cabinet, FDR announced he supported the bill, including a compromise: a large, \$3.3 billion public works program inserted by Senator Wagner. Douglas immediately went behind the Cabinet members' backs to FDR, and began privately lobbying against the legislation.

As the complex NIRA bill made its way to Congress, Perkins discovered that the public works provision had been lifted from the bill. Douglas had succeeded in removing it from the final draft. He had created a second bill, which only dealt with public works, and intended to kill it later. On May 12, as the industrial recovery bill neared completion, an indignant Perkins approached Roosevelt about the public works provision. FDR said *he* had decided to create the second bill, but Perkins knew it had really been the work of Douglas. FDR invited her to meet with him the next day to sort things out.

Taking no chances, Perkins checked FDR's schedule and discovered that Douglas had scheduled a meeting that morning! She prepared well, brought in her staff, and called Wagner to put him on alert to expect a call from FDR to insert the public works provision. The meeting with FDR went as Perkins planned, and after FDR overruled Douglas, he got Wagner on the line. "Frances says that she thinks it's best, and I think it's the right thing, don't you Bob?," asked Roosevelt (Cohen, p. 242). That settled the matter, and Title II of the bill now contained the provision for a \$3.3 billion public works program. Ironically, Title II was ruled constitutional, while other sections of the bill were overturned by the High Court.

Cohen vividly describes much of the inner workings of this struggle, in which the Promethean efforts of Roosevelt and his close allies triumphed over the Wall Street thugs.

In her memoirs, Frances Perkins puts a final, ironic, touch on the battle with Douglas over the budget:

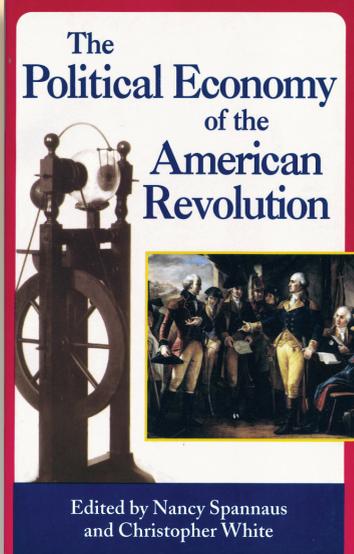
"Four years later, (1937), Jesse Jones, head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, found the answer

when he said at a cabinet meeting, 'Mr. President, at the depths of the depression the national income was \$42 billion. In 1934, it was \$49 billion, and in 1937 it was \$71 billion. If we can get the national income up to \$90 billion, and I see no reason why we shouldn't, we don't have to give another thought to the budget. It will balance without the slightest difficulty. Mr. President, what we have discovered is that the national income grows by economic movement. The taxing power of the government applied to those truly economic processes of buying and selling and hiring and manufacturing and paying wages and spending the wages will make for a taxable income sufficient to get us out of this hole without any damage to our program. If nothing unforeseen happens, Mr. President', and he was thinking of the war as a possibility, 'we shall be out of the woods.'"⁴

As the nation now hurtles toward war and economic disintegration, this lesson of courageous leadership against the tyrants of Wall Street must be learned by the current "gutless wonders" of our Federal government. The alternative is simply unthinkable.

4. Ibid.

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Editorial

Oust the Children of Satan!

Lyndon LaRouche hit the nail on the head in April of 2003, when he identified Vice President Dick Cheney as the sinister, bloodthirsty standard-bearer of a group of imperialist-fascist swine polluting top political layers in the United States. He dubbed the group, the “Children of Satan.” This was the cabal which systematically and nefariously, almost instinctively, did the bidding of the British Empire, to bring the United States into a permanent-war policy abroad, and anti-Constitutional dictatorship at home—a condition that is worsening by the day, and threatening nothing less than global war.

Indeed, Barack Obama is not only acting like a copy-cat of Cheney and his policies, but taking advantage of the cowardice of the Democratic Party to exacerbate them on almost every front.

Refresh your recollection on the evil “Dirty Dick” Cheney, the in-your-face creep the Democrats refused to impeach.

Under Bush I, he, as Defense Secretary, was responsible for including the doctrine of preventive war against any power that challenged U.S. supremacy in the 1992 Defense Planning Guidance—an act so egregious that it had to be softened in the final version. *But the intent never went away.* Cheney and his cohorts, who went on to control the Bush II Administration, and to dominate the think-tanks on which “Democrat” Obama relies, have never stopped pursuing the British imperial goal of crushing Russia, China, and any other so-called competitor.

Obama continues Cheney’s Afghan war.

Obama continues Cheney’s fracking policy.

Obama continues Cheney’s police-state policy, putting the heartless President of Vice to shame.

And now Obama continues Cheney’s policy

toward Russia—following precisely the prescriptions which Cheney himself has been putting forward in his recent appearances on TV.

Thus, it should surprise no one that one of the prominent on-the-scene operatives implementing the recent neo-Nazi coup in Ukraine was none other than the principal foreign policy advisor to Cheney, Victoria Nuland. Nuland’s credentials for that job likely included her marriage to neo-con Robert Kagan, but not only, as she has a strong anti-Russian orientation on her own.

One of the chief characteristics of Children of Satan, as LaRouchePAC pointed out in its series of mass pamphlets, is their fervid commitment to two principles: lying, and fascism. Their intellectual mentor, Leo Strauss, was an enthusiastic follower of Nazi philosophers Martin Heidegger and Carl Schmitt, and taught a method for achieving and holding political power through the “ignoble lie.” Forget truth, say the Straussian Children of Satan; politics is based on wielding power.

If that sounds Hitlerian, you’re right. It also aptly describes the method of the Cheney Administration, and the Obama abomination which has followed. In both cases, the political goals enunciated have *nothing* to do with the reality of the Administration’s policy—which is police-state, economic looting for the financiers, and war.

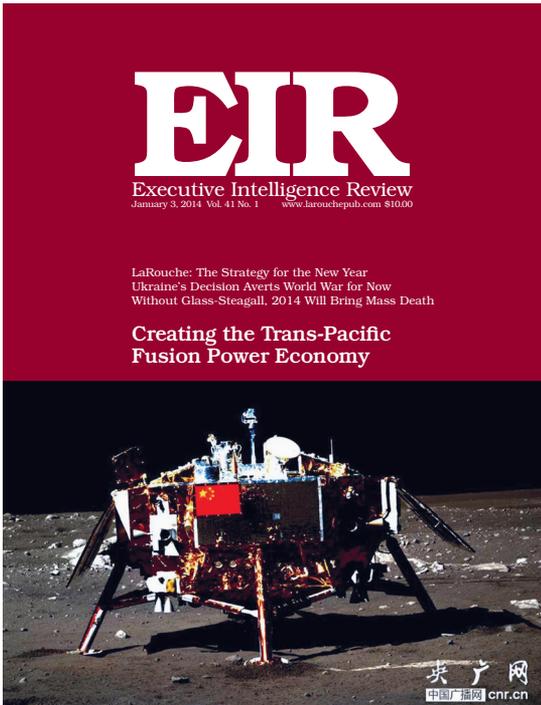
The American population failed miserably to deal with Cheney, despite his gleeful embrace of being a hate-object. Despite LaRouche’s demand he be impeached, Cheney survived politically, to spread his evil. Now, the task is to impeach Obama, before his Cheneyac policies lead us to extinction.

Oust the Children of Satan, before they send us all to Hell.

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