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From the Managing Editor

“Franklin Roosevelt would have jumped out of his wheelchair and been down here running this thing...” Thus spoke the well-known Democratic strategist James Carville, contrasting President Obama’s treasonous neglect of what now appears to be the worst man-made disaster in American history, with the approach that FDR would have taken. That FDR’s name would be uttered at this time, reflects the profound impact of the decades-long organizing of the LaRouche movement, to revive FDR’s commitment to the general welfare, and his leadership in overcoming the Great Depression, especially the enactment of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.

LaRouche, as usual, is more blunt and unequivocal than most: As he writes in “On the Urgent Ouster of President Barack Obama: Our Editorial Policy” (*Feature*): “[T]he intention of President Obama’s policy of practice ... has been to rapidly ruin our United States of America’s sovereign independence, that for the pleasure of the present, imperial British monarchy.”

Throughout this short, but closely-packed issue, we continue to provide the ammunition for the mass-strike process, which, each day, moves closer to ensuring that Obama takes early retirement, one way or another.

In *Economics*, we outline the precise measures that must be taken in the Gulf—which have been rejected by the not-long-for-this-world Obama Administration—including expropriation of BP by the U.S. government, in “Get the Brits Out of Our Gulf; Send Obama to the Queen!” (p. 12). In *National*, we look at the mass-strike process itself, in “The Awakening of a Great People” (p. 24), which reports on the LaRouche Youth Movement’s three outstanding Congressional campaigns, in Houston, San Francisco, and Boston, which are providing the needed leadership, including in the form of Classical culture, to the otherwise angry, but unfocussed citizens, whose main objective at this point is to “throw the bums out!”

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ON THE URGENT OUSTER OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA:

Our Editorial Policy

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

May 27, 2010

Considering the relevant, stubbornly recurring patterns of evidence accumulated since the Obama Presidency's monstrous, Hitler-like health-care scheme was prominently reported in April 2009.

It should be our present conclusion, now, that, over the course of the interval since his January 2009 inauguration as U.S. President, it has now been shown by President Barack Obama's behavior, that the effect of his variously enacted and actually established policies, is, as a matter of fact, more and more, that of an agent of a British empire working to destroy our United States, as his behavior in the matter of the scandalous case of British Petroleum illustrates the point.

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In this case, the only reasonable conclusion must be, that his poisonous dosages of his victim, our U.S.A., are rather large, and that the effect has become the evidence that the intention of President Obama's policy of practice in this matter has been to rapidly ruin our United States of America's sovereign independence,

that for the pleasure of the present, imperial British monarchy.

Such is that incumbent President's monstrous policy, a policy being continued currently by means of actions which are currently reducing our republic, step by step, to a captive piece of shattered wreckage, through measures including the following three categories:

- a.) By usurious and related policies of induced ruin of both our nation's sovereignty and general welfare;
- b.) By use of included means of implicitly treasonous policies which are shown to have been launched as a matter of concerted action by the British Empire under Queen Elizabeth II; and
- c.) By the complicity of that monarchy's reign's current puppet-in-fact, a more and more "Emperor Nero-like," U.S. President Barack Obama.

Thus, the Obama Presidency's challenge to the proper conscience of all of the fully witting patriots of our own republic, is one which goes far beyond what might be considered as merely sufficient grounds for "impeachment-in-fact" of a certain, errant incumbent of the U.S. Presidency: President Barack Obama.

Obama's continued holding of that office, including



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The Nero-like President Obama has carried out implicitly treasonous policies against the United States, under the direction of the British Monarchy's Queen Elizabeth II. The Obamas are shown here with the Queen at Buckingham Palace on April Fools Day 2009.

his ruinous influence over the institutions of the Federal Government in general, has now shown us a pattern of his behavior which, in credible, practical effect, constitutes an immediate threat to the continued existence of our sovereign constitutional republic, and also to the general welfare of the peoples of our planet as a whole.

It is to be emphasized, on this account, that as in Afghanistan, today, the present British Queen and President Barack Obama share the coloring of a declared commitment to the fully witting promotion of a mass-murderous production in support of an international traffic in illicit drugs. In fact of conspicuous practice, the Queen does push dope—globally!

Therefore, our own currently recommended policy must be, chiefly, the following remedial measures:

- 1.) **We must now promptly un-elect an implicitly treasonous president Barack Obama, for ruining our nation's sovereignty for the benefit of a foreign imperial power, the British imperial monarchy.**
- 2.) **We must adopt the energetic proposal for a certain, crucial positive measure: a four-**

power, new, virtually global initiative, that by the initiative of no less than the U.S.A., Russia, China, India, and other willing sovereigns, thus initiating the relaunching of the world's real economy on a global scale, through ending the reign-in-fact of the British Empire of Queen Elizabeth II over matters bearing on the vital, sovereign interests of both the U.S.A. and of other nations. That is a goal to be made achievable through *establishing a global Glass-Steagall standard* of a benefit shared among willing sovereign nations, a goal effected through the intended, *relatively global establishment of a fixed-exchange-rate credit system* whose benefits are to be shared among all willing nations who become party to such an agreement.

- 3.) **We must establish an economic-development policy for our planet's peoples**, one premised upon an included commitment to a science-driver program for mankind's future, to be gained through aid of the realization of space-colonization goals.

An Urgent Lesson in Economics!

I. The Roots of the Evil of That British Empire Which We Must Act To Remedy on the Behalf of All Nations and Their Peoples

It had been well said by the celebrated scholar George Santayana, that: “those who refuse to remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Unfortunately, although the name of “history” is still in the dictionaries, the practice of knowledge of actual history, as distinct from academically flavored anecdotes, has been virtually banned, increasingly, from our public memory, since the assassination of essential political truths by the so-called “Warren Commission.”

Santayana was correct.

There is a qualitative distinction between the parades of merely, “ostensibly academic” anecdotes which pass for “history” in most of academic and like places today, and, the contrary option, that of discovering the actual long-ranging dynamic of real history.

For example:

During approximately the Seventh Century B.C., the sovereign maritime powers of Egypt, the Etruscans, and the Ionian seafarers based in the western coast of Anatolia, had joined in a naval alliance for defense against the Mediterranean maritime forces centered in the city of Tyre. The relevant pattern of that maritime conflict in the Mediterranean region had not begun then; but, it expressed a pattern which is notable, still today, as being continued through the time of what were called the Punic Wars, and beyond.

The imperial maritime power of Tyre itself, had been broken, later, through the leadership of Alexander the Great in bringing about the process of destruction of what is commonly referred to as the Persian Empire of that time. This latter accomplishment had occurred during a time that an Athens-centered alliance of the sea peoples known popularly today as “the ancient Greeks” had, previously, defeated the maritime forces of the Persian empire, but, had, themselves, then fallen prey to the folly of the imperialist schemes of fratricidal warfare which had been arranged for them as that perennially evil, monetarist, Delphi Apollo cult’s orchestration of the Peloponnesian War.

In modern times, the British Empire, which fol-

lowed the model of the Delphi Apollo cult’s orchestration of the Peloponnesian War in such matters as this, has also gained and maintained its imperial power, similarly, beginning with that pattern known as that Eighteenth-century “Seven Years War” which has been since repeated, again, in the British orchestration of the Napoleonic wars, and, again, of all other major warfare in the trans-Atlantic world, including two so-called “world wars,” the prolonged “cold war” of 1946-1989, the prolonged Indo-China war, and beyond, up to the present day in the British drug-trafficking center called Afghanistan.

In the real history of the world, Napoleon Bonaparte was a British agent in effect, whether he recognized that fact or not. Virtually all the major wars of the world since the so-called “Seven Years War,” such as the Napoleonic wars, were organized as wars by the British empire as implementations of the same methods expressed in the British luring of its intended victims of continental Europe into fighting silly wars which accomplished the effect of clearing the decks of the world for the establishment of the British empire of that time as an enterprise of a private company known as the British East India Company. This was the same British scheme which was the cause of the launching of the fight for freedom against the British East India Company and its traitorous accomplices among us, which led us fatefully to the necessity of fighting our War of Independence against a British empire which, in fact, remains the chief enemy of our own and many other nations still today.

Santayana’s warning was right again, and yet again, up through the royal British dope-pushers luring a foolish, British-controlled Obama government of the United States, into the lunacy of its war in a world opium capital called Afghanistan presently!

Similarly, from the time of the death of Macedon’s Alexander the Great, through the time of the agreement reached on the Isle of Capri between, on the one side, the party of the Octavian who would become known as Augustus Caesar and, on the other, the party of the priests of the Cult of Mithra, the established powers of the three maritime, religious powers of Rome, Egypt, and Mithra, dominating the Mediterranean, were assimilated into a form of the imposition of a greater power known as the Roman Empire.

Hence, from that time onward, until the victory of the United States in securing its freedom in fact from



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LaRouche's proposal for a Four Power alliance (U.S., China, India, Russia) envisions the relaunching of the world's economy on a global scale, through ending the reign of the British Empire over the sovereign interests of both U.S.A. and of other nations.

the tyranny of British Empire, at Yorktown, the imperial leading maritime power of the world, which had been formerly based in the Mediterranean, is to be recognized presently in the expression of a power which had passed, repeatedly, through a succession of particular expressions of a continuing, imperial maritime power which has been modeled on the monetarist policies of such as the representatives of the Delphi cult of Apollo.

Such was the case of the Roman Empire figure of the Plutarch who was the last triumphant imperialist priest of that Delphi Cult of Apollo which was a great political power within the ruling circles of the Roman empire itself. Such is the true past of the world's only true, monetarist empire of today, as expressed in the so-called British Empire in both its associated British Commonwealth and its Wall Street, the Boston Vault, and Chicago arms.

In the same imperialist tradition, since the onset of the decline of the Second Roman Empire, also known as the Byzantine Empire, approximately 1000 A.D.,

then with the rise of the power of the usurious power which came to be formed around the creation of the City of Venice, until the victory at Yorktown: the trans-Atlantic world had been long dominated, for much more than a thousand years, by a succession of *European imperial monetarist maritime powers* modeled upon a succession of the Delphic system. The emergence of the British empire in the February 1763 Peace of Paris, is typical of that legacy.

Thus, what is happening world-wide at this present moment, is a now global breakdown-crisis of that British fag-end of what had emerged out of the Delphic legacy of the Peloponnesian War and ancient Roman imperialism, an imperialism which has emerged out of the continuity of more than 3,000 years of European history which, as I have just emphasized here, is a continuity expressed in such forms as the ancient Mediterranean-centered maritime imperialism of what had once been a triumphant imperial Rome. The last reigning relic of that imperial tradition today, is the presently disintegrating British model of what is continued, still

today, as the ancient European monetarist form of maritime imperialist system.

Such is the key, to be found in history, for reaching a competent understanding of the roots of the present, terrible, global economic breakdown-crisis under way for civilization as a whole.

Contrary to popular history, it is not events which drive the processes of history; it is the processes of history which drive events.

II. The Doom of the British Empire

What can be competently identified as “modern history” began within the opening decades of Europe’s Fifteenth Century. This continuing process of modern history’s principal, subsumed phases of development, which came to include Pacific and Indian Oceans cultures as already the European, is divided in respect to the principally controlling forces chiefly responsible for its successive phases of effects, as, approximately, among, first, the Fifteenth-century European Renaissance; second, the Sixteenth-century phase of the combined effects of the religious warfare of 1492-1648, and of the initial Habsburg-dominated colonization of post-Christopher Columbus Central and South America; third, the French- and English-speaking Seventeenth-and-Eighteenth-centuries’ development of the transformed quality of predominantly English-speaking European civilization which was planted in North America; and, fourth, that great existential, global conflict centered in the conflict which has been continued between the United States of America and the British Empire throughout the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries—and now into the Twenty-First Century.

There had been, admittedly, relatively powerful earlier cultures in the trans-Pacific and related regions during ancient times preceding the consequences of the Fifteenth-century rise of modern Europe out of the process leading into the Fifteenth-century founding of modern European development through the rate of increase of regional productive power, per capita and per square kilometer, which had left the continents of Africa and Asia behind until the time that the impact of the development of the cultural forces specific to the culture of European science and technology was being assimilated by other continents. This later breakthrough into

the domain of the admittedly still limited, modern technological progress of Asia and Africa came as a by-product of the same initiative projected by Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa which launched the modern European discovery of and developments within the Americas.

This distinctive significance of the development of modern Europe since the impetus of the great ecumenical Council of Florence, is properly understood as an echo of the revolutionary changes under Charlemagne, and such later initiatives on which the launching of the European Fifteenth-century Renaissance would depend, as typified otherwise by the exemplary role of Dante Alighieri and his tradition.

Looking more deeply into the general history of mankind’s known civilizations, the pattern of once-rising and fallen civilizations and their cultures, has had the function of a testing of mankind’s capacity to purge itself of those cultural habits which had been the chief causes of great failures of entire civilizations which have, so to speak, “cleared the decks” of past history of failed experiments in culture and statecraft. The same logic poses the warning, that either we free European civilization of the disease represented by the present British empire, or European civilization is already plunging the planet as a whole into a great, genocidal catastrophe of numerous generations’ duration.

The British empire and its economic-policy and related influence, is, therefore, speaking scientifically, not a culture, but the political-cultural equivalent of an awesomely evil, venereal disease, which produces nothing as much as the foulest effects in morals and economy wherever its cultural infection spreads

So, Cato said: Carthage is to be destroyed!

The common distinction of those novel developments within this history which have emerged since the onset of Europe’s Fifteenth Century, has been, chiefly, the turn of the official language of administration of the western part of European society, away from the Latin which dominated the long reign of the western part of the Roman Empire and its medieval successors, and into the modern European reform of national language cultures, which was developed through the promotion of the literate development of popular languages, as through the initiatives of the refinement of, most notably Dante Alighieri, the reform launched in favor of what has been identified, in pejorative terms, as “the vulgate.”



Naples National Archaeological Museum

From the time of the death of Alexander the Great (left), until the agreement reached between the party of Augustus Caesar (below) and the party of the priests of the Cult of Mithra (below left), the three established maritime, religious powers—Rome, Egypt, and Mithra—dominated the Mediterranean, and were later assimilated into a greater power, known as the Roman Empire.



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This development of literate forms of popular languages, as by the initiative of Dante Alighieri, earlier, and Dante's call for the introduction of the modern sovereign nation-state, in his series entitled **De Monarchia**, posed an issue which provided a setting for the later revolution, by Nicholas of Cusa, which was the launching of modern European science and modern, post-feudal forms of national economies. The great ecumenical Council of Florence consolidated these great advances which are to be usefully identi-

fied as the birth of modern trans-Atlantic Classical scientific and artistic culture. The concept of the modern sovereign nation-state republic was realized in Nicholas of Cusa's **Concordancia Catholica**, while the principle of modern science was introduced to the world in Cusa's later **De Docta Ignorantia**. All competent traces of modern physical science since A.D.1440 are traced from **De Docta Ignorantia** through such avowed followers of Cusa as Luca Pacioli, Leonardo da Vinci, and the Johannes Kepler



*The Florentine statesman and poet Dante Alighieri's great epic poem, the *Commedia* (ca. 1300), created the first literate, popular language, as the basis for the creation of the modern sovereign nation-state.*

who prompted the work of such as, most notably, Gottfried Leibniz and his successors through such celebrated figures as Abraham Kästner, Carl F. Gauss, Lejeune Dirichlet, and Bernhard Riemann.

This cultural revolution was not an uncontested set of changes. The Classical revolution signaled by the great ecumenical Council of Florence, was a contested advancement in the human social condition, an advance opposed with increasing force from a Venice which, now, once more, dominates the monetarist systems of the Mediterranean and beyond, as monetarism had ruled the economies of the Mediterranean world since prior to the emergence of a Classical Greek mode of maritime-based culture. The force of Venice which resisted the birth of modern science and also the impact of the great ecumenical Council of Florence and such figures of that Council as Nicholas of Cusa, had also sought to destroy both modern civilization's Classical art, and science-oriented economy, a resistance, promoted by Venice, which came to be centered in the medieval relics of the legacy of the Habsburg imperial dynasty. The latter were the relics which have continued to dominate, recurrently, most of the

Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking regions of South and Central America, with what have been, speaking historically, relatively brief exceptions, since that time, up to the present date.

World civilization is now being tested; either we rid it of that venereal-like disease which is British reigning ideology and its spread, or entire nations and cultures of the planet will, once more, die now, as similar purges of similar forms of corruption have, in their own past times, reigned too long to be tolerated by the Creator. Do not blame God. That is not theology; that is living history, once more, today.

That was the warning of Aeschylus, especially in his **Prometheus** trilogy. Nations must use nuclear and thermonuclear fire, for example, or be doomed!

Santayana was right.

III. In Defense of Mankind

The universe itself is creative, or, as I read Albert Einstein's comment on the great, unique act of genius known as Johannes Kepler's unique discovery of the universal principle of gravitation, the universe is always finite, but never bounded.

The great Russian Academician V.I. Vernadsky's central achievement is to be summarized as his contribution to the notion that all aspects of the universe are creative, which is to say anti-entropic, whether the lithosphere, the biosphere, or the noösphere, but, that, among all of these, only the human mind is actually, *willfully* creative.

As we see ourselves as Earthlings, we can not say that only what we might recognize as human beings are the only form in which our specifically human qualities of cognitive creativity, as in Classical art and science, are to be found in our relatively very large, as also finite universe. After all, the manner in which we imagine the form of that we see as ourselves in terms of "external" sense-perception, is not the actual form in which our personalities actually exist; but, we can be certain that the creative power which distinguishes us from all other kinds of known living beings, is in the likeness of the notion of a Creator, but excepting errant solipsists, since



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“As we see ourselves as Earthlings, we can not say that only what we might recognize as human beings are the only form in which our specifically human qualities of cognitive creativity, as in Classical art and science, is to be found in our relatively very large, as also finite universe.” Shown: “Baby at Play,” by Thomas Eakins (1876).

the principle of willful creativity exists manifestly in the known expressions of the universe, we can be content with the thought that if any different species of willfully creative beings exists “out there,” their intended role converges on that great principle which our given nature has assigned to us to play, if, and we might assume that, we are playing the role on behalf of the future which is intended for us by our very own given design.

One of the great misfortunes which European cultures have wreaked upon themselves, is our presently prolonged toleration of that essential form of evil which the great Aeschylus attributed to the nature of the servants of the evil Olympian Zeus of Aeschylus’ own **Prometheus** trilogy. Here, precisely, as in the figure of that Olympian Zeus, lies the essential evil of the household of Prince Philip’s British royal house, the truly satanic, Hitler-like evil also represented by figures such as Bertrand Russell and his followers. Here lies the essential principle of tragedy which permeates the known dramas of Aeschylus. That evil—the evil expressed by Prince Philip’s advocacy of the World Wildlife Fund, is the essence of the great sin against the Creator which the very existence of that

House of Windsor represents in the world at large today. Embrace such policies, and the civilization which continued to do so today, will surely leave the company of all humanity, and that now soon, for reason of its being another manifestation of the great crime against the Creator which has doomed the satanic-like arrogance of regimes and cultures in the likeness of what Prince Philip represents, and also his associate, President Barack Obama, unless Obama either suddenly changes his ways, or is removed by the lawfully willful action of our citizenry.

The citizens of our United States will remove Obama from the Presidency, that he might enjoy a long life of cruel disgrace, now; but, we must admit, only if the citizens will now, thus enable themselves to free civilization at large from the great wave of destruction which Obama’s submission to his British imperial master would bring upon our world, and ourselves, now. For Obama himself, we must say: “Resign and report, now, or prepare yourself to enjoy a safely long and healthy life in the ever-loving embrace of infamy. That fate might seem like Hell to you, but, be assured, as Dante Alighieri might say, ‘it would be only just.’”

Get the Brits Out of Our Gulf; Send Obama to the Queen!

by Laurence Hecht

May 30—Emergency expropriation of BP, government takeover of the well-closure and cleanup effort, and the arrest and indictment of CEO Tony Hayward and other top officers of the British company, are the immediate emergency actions required in response to the ongoing crisis in the Gulf of Mexico. However, unless President Obama is gotten out of the way immediately, no solution to this or any other aspect of the crisis now threatening civilization is possible.

BP is running a criminal operation within the borders of the United States, corrupting institutions of government, running their own fleets and contract police forces, and employing local populations as their virtual slaves. Any reasonably educated American patriot can immediately recognize in BP, the earlier model of the British East India Company, and thus recognize, almost instinctively, the face of the enemy.

The proper role for BP vessels, equipment, and personnel is that of a commandeered vessel, as in wartime, directed under the emergency authority of a competent government agency, acting in the U.S. national interest, not that of a foreign corporation serving a foreign power.

The failure of the Obama Administration to take action against BP is simply further evidence that this President is a bought-and-paid-for asset of the British imperial interests intent on wrecking our nation, who must go now. As Lyndon LaRouche put it today: “It is just one more indication of why he must be immedi-

ately removed from office. If you want to save the nation, get him out of there. People who are not moving to get him out of office are not real.” LaRouche suggested that the best solution would be to “take the President, put him in a basket tied up in a pink ribbon, and leave him on the doorstep of Buckingham Palace.” The attached message could read “Merry Christmas. He’s all yours—Greetings from Chicago.”

Criminal Negligence

Sufficient evidence to indict BP CEO Tony Hayward and other top officials for criminally negligent homicide in the April 20 death of 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig is already in the public record. Evidence gathered as a result of an emergency takeover of BP by the U.S. government may lead to more serious charges, not excluding the possibility of acts of sabotage by personnel of BP, or higher ranking officials of the relevant foreign government. The protection of such evidence is one among the compelling reasons for the immediacy of such emergency action.

The testimony of the chief electronics technician of the sunken oil rig, Mike Williams, in a May 16 CBS “60 Minutes” interview, was already sufficient to open a homicide investigation. Since then, Williams’ assertions have been corroborated and supplemented by testimony from relevant personnel and outside experts. Williams, one of the last men off the rig, who survived by jumping ten stories into the water and swimming through burn-

ing oil, had asserted the following points:

- BP had been putting pressure on the drilling crew for several weeks before the accident occurred to make up for time lost after the failure of a first drilling effort which was pursued with too much speed.
- BP overrode the decision of the Transocean drilling rig captain, and ordered premature removal of drilling mud from the well, allowing the gas to escape, which caused the explosion.
- BP ignored evidence of a damaged rubber annular, which was crucial to correctly measuring pressure at the wellhead, and to containment in case of explosion.
- BP failed to replace one of two electrical controllers, known to be damaged, on the submerged blow-out protector.

Subsequently, at hearings by the Minerals Management Service and U.S. Coast Guard in New Orleans, the evidence of BP criminal negligence was further documented. In addition to the points already made by Williams, it was also noted that:

- BP skipped a quality test of the cement around the pipe, despite warnings from cement contractor Halliburton.
- Halliburton specialists also warned BP, in an April 18 report, that if BP didn't use more centering devices, the well would likely have a severe gas-flow problem. Halliburton recommended installation of 21 such devices, but BP decided to install only 6.
- Jimmy Harrell, a manager for Transocean, who was in charge of the rig, testified in New Orleans, that he had had disagreements with BP officials on the rig before the explosion, and expressed concern that BP did not plan to conduct a pressure test before sealing the well.

According to other testimony on the same subject, at a meeting 11 hours before the blowout, Transocean's crew leaders, including Harrell, strongly objected to a decision by BP's top representative Donald Vidrine, over how to remove heavy drilling fluid, which acts as a damper on the oil and gas pressure, and to replace it with lighter seawater. The rig's primary driller, Dewey Revette, and another worker also disagreed with BP.



Tony Hayward: There is ample evidence for indictment on charges of criminally negligent homicide.

BP p.l.c.

from BP colleagues.

It is also to be noted that BP officials were never held accountable for their criminal negligence in a 2005 explosion at the Texas City refinery which killed 15 workers and injured more than 170 others. Investigation showed that equipment at the site of the fire in the 50-year-old plant was rusted and unsafe, monitoring devices were improperly maintained, and, instead of a safety culture, plant operations were characterized by sloppiness and employee discontent. Despite a book-length report by an independent panel of experts, BP got away with fines and a slap on the wrist. Ironically, the bad publicity led to the replacement of former CEO Lord Browne with the present occupant, Tony Hayward.¹

Were BP not a protected asset of a President and Congress in the hands of the same British interest which rammed through a Nazi-like health-care bill, and a sell-out of the Glass-Steagall protections against financial

- Congress released a memorandum on May 25 showing that BP's internal investigation indicated that there were warning signs immediately before the explosion that gas was bubbling into the well, a sign of a potential blow-out.

- Drilling experts also testified in hearings before Congress the previous week, that BP chose not to use a second layer of pipe, known as liner, a more expensive, but safer procedure.

Almost a year ago, on June 22, BP engineers expressed concerns that the metal casing the company wanted to use might collapse under high pressure, according to BP internal documents. The company went ahead with the casing after getting special permission

1. Lord Browne's removal occurred in typically British fashion. His denial of a longstanding relationship with a young Canadian, contracted though the gay escort website Suited and Booted, served as the convenient pretext to force him out. Nine days after his May 1, 2007 resignation from BP, Browne was forced to resign his position as non-executive director of Goldman Sachs. Hayward now enjoys among his perks, a membership in the Bilderberg Society and World Economic Forum at Davos.

looters, the criminal indictment of Hayward and other BP officials would already have been served.

Energy Policy

Most errors relating to evaluation of the present situation can be avoided by understanding that BP is not primarily an energy company, but an asset of the British imperial interest, carrying out the stated policy of reduction of the world's population from the present 6.8 billion to 2 billion or below. Once the power behind that unspeakably criminal intention is overthrown—as it now appears we may have it in our power as a nation to accomplish—we shall still face the physical economic problem, the inherited legacy of a half-century-long policy of suppression of the application of science to the betterment of the common interests of mankind. The relevance of the oil question to that problem is best viewed in terms first employed nearly a century ago, by Russian Academician and founder of the science of biogeochemistry, Vladimir Vernadsky.

Vernadsky defined three domains of universal action corresponding to the non-living, living, and cognitive processes, also cognate with the terms lithosphere, biosphere, and noosphere. Mankind, which, as Vernadsky noted, has become a geological force, presently depends for its existence upon the mining of concentrated deposits of minerals, which are mostly the remains of dead organisms, or the result of the action of ancient living organisms upon the lithosphere. The exhaustion of the richest deposits requires that we apply higher powers of technology, generally of higher energy flux density and intellectual content, to the tapping of remaining ores.

The point is illustrated, for the case of oil, by the requirement to drill deeper to find deposits such as those under the Gulf. Theoretically, it is no longer necessary that we depend upon ancient deposits of oil, as the requirements for liquid and gaseous fuels can be met by nuclear-generated hydrogen and hydrogen-based syn-fuels, development of electric vehicles, and development of a national maglev rail grid.

However, the willful sabotage of nuclear development, by that same British interest behind BP and the environmental movement which it sponsors, has meant that it will be 10 to 20 years before replacement of crude oil-based fuels can become a significant economic factor. In the meantime, the urgent immediate requirements for economic development to save an imperiled humanity, which include the buildup to a production ca-

pability of at least 6,000 nuclear plants within the next generation, will require an increase in demands upon presently dwindling oil resources. That will mean the need for deeper, and thus potentially more dangerous, offshore drilling in the immediate future. It can be accomplished under proper scientific guidance, removed from the control of the empire's looting operations.

Without minimizing the damage to local industries and beaches, there is no need to give credence to environmentalist disaster-mongering about the ultimate catastrophe, and calls for an end to offshore drilling. We do not defend looting by BP or any oil plunderer. We defend the right of the human species to exploit the necessary resources to advance its mission to go forth and have dominion over the Earth, the Solar System, and the Galaxy.

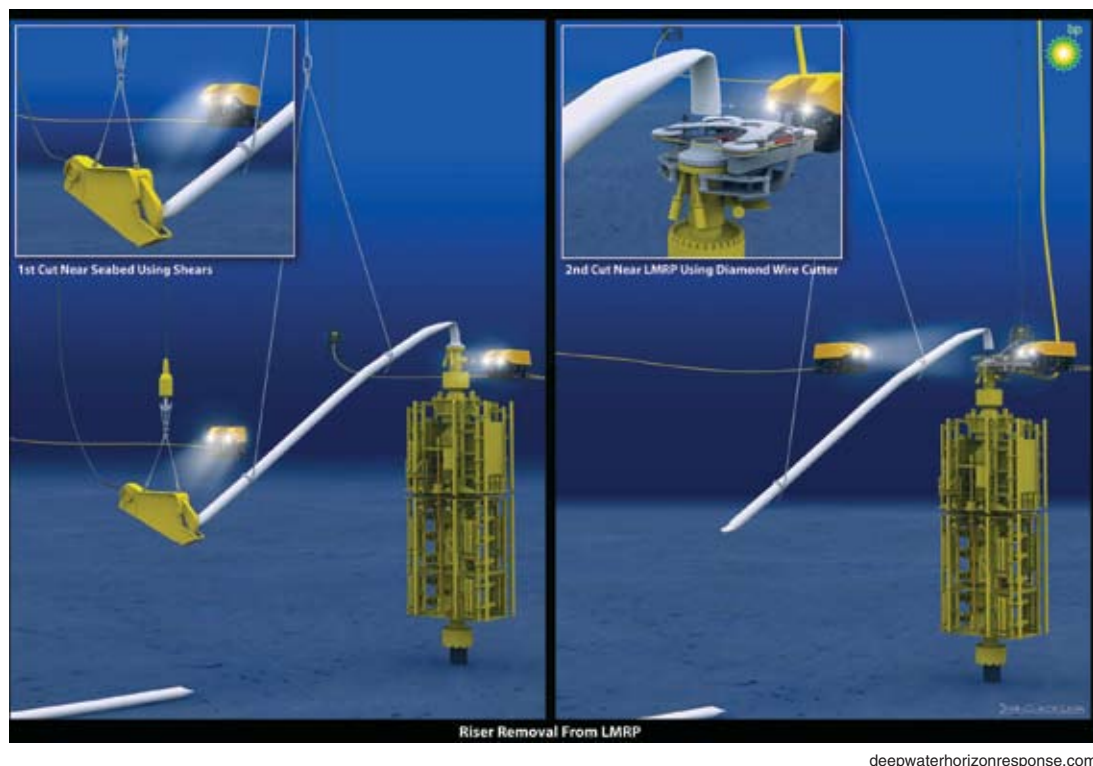
The World Wildlife Fund and Greenpeace are the same thing as BP—branches of the British imperial power intent upon reducing human population and progress. The environmentalist proposals to ban offshore or deepwater drilling must be understood as nothing more than the implementation of a global genocide policy which is their *raison d'être*. The need to carry out a scientifically controlled deepwater drilling program is one of the compelling reasons why the United States must assert its sovereign national power to bring criminal operations such as BP under control.

Can the Hole Be Closed?

As of this writing, BP has conceded failure with the "top kill" measures, and is preparing for the next fallback option, the installation of a new cap on the blow-out preventer which covers the wellhead. "Top kill" refers to the high-pressure pumping of heavy drilling fluid ("mud") down the well to counteract the upward pressure of oil and gas. As in nearly all aspects of the effort, BP had said one thing and done another. Early, on Thursday, May 27, BP and Coast Guard Commander Thad Stevens created the impression that the top kill was working. Later that day, BP officials revealed that the pumping had stopped the night before, when it became evident that much of the drilling fluid was not going down the well, but escaping out holes in the damaged blowout preventer which caps the well.

At the present, viewing of the live video feed from BP's remotely operated undersea vehicle shows a huge plume of oil and gas rising from the damaged wellhead. Experts point to the danger that the pumping of the heavy mud may have caused more damage, and could

FIGURE 1

Lower Marine Riser Package

Following the failure of the top kill procedure, BP's current fallback option is to attempt to seal the leaking wellhead with a device called the Lower Marine Riser Package, which will fit over the outlet of the damaged blowout preventer. Leaks in the blowout preventer will not be closed. Some experts have suggested that there may be a second hole, miles away from the drilling site, that blew out in the explosion.

possibly cause another blowout.

BP will now attempt to place a new cap, known as the Lower Marine Riser Package (**Figure 1**), at the point where the original riser pipe, damaged by the explosion, connects to the top of the blowout preventer. Such a procedure has never been attempted before under 5,000 feet of water. If successful, it remains a partial fix, because an unknown amount of gas and oil will continue to escape from damaged parts of the blowout preventer below the cap.

BP's ultimate fallback solution is two relief wells with an earliest scheduled completion date of August. However, to complete the relief wells, drillers must intersect the existing pipe casing at a depth of 18,000 feet. Because some of the run is horizontal, the task amounts to hitting an invisible, 7.5-inch wide target through 5,000 feet of water and about 20,000 feet of rock.

It is possible that the overall evaluation of the undersea situation put out by BP is wrong, either due to ignorance or willful misdirection. A former energy advisor to President George W. Bush, Matt Simmons, suggests that the hole BP is trying to close may not be the main source of oil escaping into the Gulf. He and

another independent oil expert appeared on MSNBC last week, suggesting that a collapse of the casing deep in the well may have permitted the release of high-pressure gas and oil, which found its way to the surface through natural fissures, and blew out a hole miles away from the drilling site. Simmons calls for putting BP out of the picture, and bringing in the Navy to work with consultants to evaluate the true situation. He also suggests that an explosive device might ultimately be required to close the underground cavities, citing Soviet use of small nuclear charges to seal runaway gas wells.

Whether these are self-serving proposals, or legitimate suggestions, this and other independent evaluations must be sorted through—not by BP—but by an agency of the U.S. government given emergency powers to act in the sovereign interest of the United States. Expropriate BP, indict its deserving officers, and take over the seal-off and cleanup efforts, and we will be well on our way to resolving this and other problems caused by our British enemy. But to do that, we must first send Obama back to the Queen.

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BP Oil Spill Disaster: Democrats Turn on Obama

In the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday, President Obama’s treasonous malfeasance in the handling of BP’s Gulf Coast oil spill, provoked a round of acrimonious condemnation of the President from a wide range of Democrats. Here is a sampling.

Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu (to *Politico*, May 27): “The President has not been as visible as he should have been on this, and he’s going to pay a political price for it.”

Democratic Strategist James Carville, (to CNN’s Campbell Brown, May 27): “I know I’m not a Harvard law ... guy, professor of law at the University of Chicago. People down here [on the Gulf Coast] know what they’re seeing. It seems the President is madder at his critics than he is at BP...”

(To CNN’s John King, May 27): “BP is not the equal of the United States government. This President needs to tell BP ‘I’m your daddy, I’m in charge, you’re going to do what we say. You’re a multinational company that is greedy, and you may be guilty of criminal activity.’ It’s time that we understand, BP does not wish this thing well. They have been negligent. They need to whip out their checkbook and start moving into action and the President needs to push them.”

(To CNN’s Anderson Cooper, May 27): “I think they actually believe that BP has some kind of a good motivation here. They’re naive! BP is trying to save money, save everything they can. ... They won’t tell us anything, and oddly enough, the government seems to be going along with it! Somebody has got to, like shake them and say, ‘These people don’t wish you well! They’re going to take you down!’...”

“I’m as good a Democrat as most people, and I think this administration has done some good things. They are risking everything by this ‘go along with BP’ strategy they have that seems like, lackadaisical on this....



Good Morning America videograb

[T]hey seem like they’re inconvenienced by this; this is some giant thing getting in their way and somehow or another, if you let BP handle it, it’ll all go away. It’s not going away. It’s growing out there. It is a disaster of the first magnitude, and they’ve got to go to Plan B....

“Franklin Roosevelt would have jumped out of his wheelchair and been down here running this thing.... He could be commandeering tankers and making BP bring tankers in and clean this up. They could be deploying people to the coast right now. He could be with the Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard ... doing something about these regulations.

‘Not Worth Spit’

California Rep. George Miller (to the House Natural Resources Committee hearing, May 26): “These assurances [from Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who was testifying before the committee—ed.] aren’t worth spit. They’re made all of the time, and if you read the internal documents, as I’m going back through the history, the companies refuse to buy the equipment.”

(To the same committee hearing, May 27): “BP has a history of cost-cutting. They have a history of workers dying on the job. They have a history of failing to maintain their equipment that has led to environmental disasters. What were seeing in the Gulf of Mexico and along the coast today is just the latest example of BP playing Russian roulette with the lives of their workers, our precious environment, and local economies—all in the name of increasing profit at what is already one of the most profitable corporations in the world.”

Florida Sen. Bill Nelson (to CNN, May 26): “If this thing is not fixed today, the President doesn’t have any choice and he better go in and completely take over, perhaps with the military in charge. The military has an apparatus, the organization by which it can bring together the civilian agencies of government and get this thing done.”

Louisiana Rep. Charlie Melancon (who represents six coastal parishes most threatened by the spill, broke down in tears while presenting testimony May 27 to the Energy and Commerce Committee hearing): “Having flown over this disaster, I can tell you it’s greater than anyone can ever imagine. My constituents are watching a slow-motion tragedy unfold in front of them. Our culture is threatened, our coastal economy is threatened, and everything I know and love is at risk.”

Herd on the Street by Les Swift

Shoot the Queen Down BP's Hole

If anything can plug the leak, it's the supremely constipated British Monarchy, which has blocked progress for centuries.

Nothing on this Earth is more culturally and scientifically constipated than the British Monarchy, which continues to live in a medieval fantasy world, as if it were still the 1400s. This “lords and peasants” outlook was obvious in the circumstances surrounding Queen Elizabeast’s recent appearance before Parliament to demand the imposition of yet further severe austerity upon her already battered and impoverished subjects.

Picture it: The Queen—wearing her crown of incredible jewels, traveling in an extravagant gilded coach, appropriately drawn by geldings, and accompanied by a huge entourage of peacocky footmen, bag-men, totem carriers, and other sycophants—journeys from her lavish palace to Parliament, to complain that the commoners are living beyond their means, and must be made to cut back!

Does the Queen propose to give up some of her many palaces, or sell off some of her jewels, to reduce the burden upon her subjects? No way. *She’s* not the problem; the *Monarchy* is not the problem, the *commoners* are the problem! If the commoners have to cut back on such extravagances as food, shelter, education, and health care, so that the imperial parasite class can continue to live in the luxury to which it has become addicted, so be it.

Some have suggested that the Queen lives in such a fantasy bubble that she really does not comprehend the world outside her palace walls. Others have suggested that the weight of all the precious metals and jewels in

her crown, has compressed her brain into the size of a small peanut.

We suspect that both are true, but that the whole truth is more ominous: The Queen doesn’t give a damn about humanity, and views us all as a herd of cattle to be culled when the Royals deem convenient. The old bitch just isn’t human, in several crucial respects, and her feckless consort, Prince Philip, is even worse. No wonder Prince Charles turned out to be such a basket case.

If you’ve never watched the Royal Family at work, you ought to take a few moments. It’s easy to do, since they even have their own “channel” on YouTube, right alongside all the videos of other crazy people. It reminds me a bit of those nature shows, in which you see various animals in their natural—or in this case, decidedly unnatural—habitats. The images are carefully crafted, portraying a regal monarch in all her glory, selflessly serving her devoted subjects.

To the Brits, mired in the swamp of centuries of stilted tradition, it might seem to be an effective public relations gimmick, but when I watch it, I can’t help bursting out laughing. What a pack of pathetic, deluded fools, determined to live in a world that should no longer exist—and never should have. But I also get angry, because the British Empire is using its enormous political and financial power to force the rest of us to live in that world with them as their slaves.

However, behind all the silly pomp and ignominy, lies real evil. The empire is like a plantation, where the peo-

ple in the Big House live lavish lives, paid for by the brutal labor and lives of their slaves. At the core of the empire, is organized crime: the dope trade, the arms trade, the looting of raw materials from the nations of the world, and the looting of those nations and their people through financial scams in manipulated markets and Ponzi schemes like the derivatives markets. It is the heart of darkness.

If this description sounds familiar, it is because it is increasingly a description of the United States, where the divide between a small handful of super-rich parasites, and the rest of us, becomes more obvious each day. We have the very rich—the bankers, the markets, and imperial stooges like Peter G. Peterson and Michael Bloomberg—lecturing us on fiscal responsibility, even while they deploy hordes of lobbyists to Washington to fight for tax breaks, and the further takedown of our already captured regulatory apparatus. These parasites may be American by birth, but they are British in their corruption.

Laughing at their pathetic, posturing silliness is a good first step, but we must also recognize and defeat the palpable evil of an empire drenched in the blood of the world. We must stop the Brutish Empire from imposing global fascism and genocide.

That is, in fact, what the United States was founded to do, and it remains our mission. Our job is to lead the world out of darkness into a new Renaissance, into a higher level of civilization, a post-imperial world where the progress of humanity is paramount.

With all that in mind, we suggest that the Queen and Royal Family be shot down BP’s hole, in a Royal Flush. As psychologically constipated as they are, they should make a great seal, and it would give them a chance to finally do something useful for humanity.

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THERE IS A LIMIT TO A TYRANT'S POWER!

The Global Mass-Strike Process Grows

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

May 30—What does the escalating mass strike in the United States, against the Obama Administration's policies in the interest of London and Wall Street, have in common with German taxpayers' rage against the EU diktat and the forced "EU750 billion rescue package," and the increased debate about the failure of the euro? The common denominator is the population's growing realization that enough is enough; that representatives of the financial interests have gone too far this time; that the politicians are taking their orders from those same people; and that citizens must and can defend their own interests!

The mass strike that exploded in the United States last August, against the Obama Administration's life-shortening health policy, by means of which, whole categories of patients would no longer be "prioritized," has entered a qualitatively new phase. The process has continuously assumed new forms since then, the more the economic situation of the people deteriorated, and the more blatant the "bailout" for Wall Street became. Polls show that 78% of the population wanted the Senate to introduce the Glass-Steagall standard—i.e., a banking system in which invest-



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The Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) campaigns for a global Glass-Steagall system, in Potsdam, Germany, May 14. The sign in the foreground reads: "The truth behind the bailout: EU5 trillion in toxic wastepaper is stashed in the EU banking system. A Glass-Steagall is the solution."

ment banking and commercial banking are separated by law—and to ban speculation in derivatives; therefore, people were all the more enraged at the cowardice of the Senators who succumbed instead to the massive pressure from the White House, and passed a financial

reform bill that leaves loopholes as big as barn doors for the speculators.

And then, there is Obama's "Katrina": Rather than immediately shifting government agencies into disaster response mode as soon as the explosion at the BP oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico became known, President Obama set the fox to guard the chicken coop, leaving the matter to BP, which caused the disaster in the first place. He did nothing for five weeks during the developing environmental catastrophe, which is now making landfall in five states and may possibly contaminate the entire East Coast. The combination of the financial reform law in the interest of Wall Street, and Obama's inability to take enforcement measures against the British oil multinational—which was allowed to fill out its own state inspection reports—and the elimination of the Moon-Mars program and dismissal of Jeff Hanley, the outspoken head of NASA's Constellation program—all this is fueling growing rage on the part of many Americans.

In the November mid-term elections, incumbent Congressmen will find it tough to be re-elected, no matter which party they belong to. The Obama Administration has completely lost the trust of the population, and every day that the oil leak continues to disgorge its destructive effluent, from a depth of 1,500 meters, the anger increases. New evidence surfaces every day of the criminal negligence on the part of BP, obviously the result of a reckless greed for profit that is now causing enormous damage to the people and nature of the region.

The Mass-Strike Process in Europe

In Europe, where the financial crisis has now spread to Spain as expected, and, because of the interdependence of the banks, to Great Britain as well, a similar mass-strike process has developed against the austerity measures, which are seen as deeply unjust, and which naturally affect only the weaker income groups, while the Ackermanns¹ keep their 25% profits. The trade unions in Greece, Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Ireland have called for strikes, and contrary to the tabloid press



Billionaire Spiro Latsis

reports that try to foment conflict, the Greek trade unionists are right when they say that the austerity program constitutes the most serious attacks on human rights since the military junta of 1967-74.

And what about the parties represented in the German Bundestag? After the *Financial Times* on April 29, *Bildzeitung* on April 30, and many other media in early May reported that a main

beneficiary of the mega-bailout package would be the Greek billionaire Spiro Latsis, whose EFG Eurobank manages about EU60 billion of Greek government and private bonds, still the Bundestag and the Bundesrat see no reason that the German taxpayers should not be burdened with about EU150 billion. The EFG Eurobank had conveniently moved its headquarters from Geneva to Luxembourg shortly before the end of the year, thereby reducing Switzerland's exposure to Greek bank debt by EU60 billion, and also making it easier for Eurobank, now located in EU member-state Luxembourg—Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker's tax haven—to get the benefit of the EU rescue parachute.

And none other than EU Commission President José Manuel Barroso—about whom there was talk, back in 2005, of a possible conflict of interest, because he had repeatedly vacationed aboard Latsis's yacht—put massive pressure on Chancellor Angela Merkel at the EU summit, to get her to give up her previous opposition to the mega-package. Latsis, by the way, was also host to Britain's Prince Charles. Charles' father Philip is a cousin of the Greek King Constantine, who has lived in London since he was deposed, and who is Prince William's godfather. Constantine, after being deposed, was given financial support by Latsis, in return for some favors—certainly a trifle for someone who, according *Forbes* magazine, has a personal fortune of more than EU11 billion and ranks number 60 on the list of the richest men in the world. Latsis belongs to the inner circle of the nobility, the financial oligarchy, and the profiteers of the system that is ruining billions of people.

German Parliament Caved In

The scandal is, that all these things had been widely publicized by the media *before* the vote on the "Law on

1. Josef Ackermann is the CEO of Deutsche Bank.

Monetary Union and Financial Stability,” i.e., the mechanism for transferring funds to Greece, and the parliamentarians thus knew perfectly well that by voting for the bill, they were ultimately financing the London-controlled banking system, with taxpayers’ money. The Lisbon Treaty, which had been in effect for not even half a year, is not worth the paper it was belatedly printed on. That’s how the EU was transformed, by rubber-stamp, into a liability and inflation community. And now, Citigroup chief economist Willem Buiter suggests that EU750 billion is not enough, that it should have been EU2,000 billion. Weimar 1923 sends greetings!

French Secretary of State for European Affairs Pierre Lellouche told the *Financial Times*, undiplomatically but precisely, that the adoption of the bailout was clearly a violation of EU Treaty’s “no bailout clause,” and a transfer to the EU of Article 5 of the NATO treaty, the collective defense clause, which had been applied to the Afghanistan War. “De facto, we have changed the Treaty,” he said.

This statement will not be missed by the German Constitutional Court’s judges in Karlsruhe. It’s outrageous: As the *Vienna Press* described it, a coup is taking place, and the Bundestag just waves it through! Even the Left Party does not reject the package on grounds of fundamental principles, but only because it involves social hardship for the Greek population!

Then, when the German government took minimal moves in self-defense by issuing a ban on short selling, initially only of bonds and credit default swaps (CDS), the City of London, in particular, reacted with fury, because they saw their only “industry”—that is, the hedge funds—threatened. Obama sent Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, who is under massive bombardment at home, to Europe, with the sole task of preventing the German government from putting measures like the ban on short selling and other re-regulation on the agenda of the upcoming G20 summit.

A Switch Back to the Deutschemark?

Meanwhile, a lively debate has broken out in the German media about how easy it would be for Germany to return to the D-Mark. The financial weekly *Wirtschaftswoche*, for example, wrote, in its latest issue: “What still sounded, just a few weeks ago, like a daredevil fantasy, has meanwhile moved into the realm of possibility—at least in the long term. The more the

EMU mutates into a debt, transfer, and inflation Union, and the Germans become the ultimate net contributors to this club, the greater is the domestic political pressure on the government in Berlin to withdraw from the euro club. Although this would provoke considerable political turmoil in the EU, withdrawal would be technically quite feasible.”

Wirtschaftswoche speaks aloud the open secret: Until the new D-Mark notes are printed, the euro notes that were previously printed in Germany can simply be used—they have an X at the beginning of the serial number. That is exactly what the BüSo² has been the only party proposing for a long time.

No ‘Normal’ Circumstances

The mass strike in the U.S., in various European countries, and other parts of the world, is the main driving force of the strategic situation today. It is not something that can be proclaimed, but rather the process, described by Rosa Luxemburg, that begins when the population has lost confidence in its elected or appointed representatives. Maybe not everybody understands all the aspects of the systemic crisis that is now unfolding worldwide, but something much more decisive is going on, namely, what the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley described in the last paragraph of his essay “A Defence of Poetry”: At such periods of tumult, “there is an accumulation of the power of communicating and receiving profound and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature.”

Whereas, most people, under “normal” conditions, would allow themselves to be made fools of by politicians and the media, now they suddenly realize that there is only one thing that counts, namely, whether the existing order allows them to live a fulfilled life, with human dignity. Then, the general feeling becomes, as Friedrich Schiller put it in his play *Wilhelm Tell*, before the swearing of the Rütli Oath:

“No, there is a limit to a tyrant’s power,
When the oppressed can find no justice,
When the burden grows unbearable—he reaches
With hopeful courage to the heavens
And seizes hither his eternal rights,
Whence they hang as inalienable
And indestructible as the stars themselves.”

2. The Civil Rights Solidarity Movement in Germany, the political party of which Zepp-LaRouche is the national chairwoman.

Russia Campaigns for U.S Cooperation In Fight Against Afghanistan Dope

by Rachel Douglas

May 28—Victor Ivanov, head of the Russian Federal Narcotics Control Service, is taking the point, in an escalating Russian campaign to secure effective international cooperation against the lethal flood of heroin from Afghanistan. In the latter half of May, Ivanov made a number of high-profile statements, putting the Obama Administration on the spot, for its non-action against the narcotics production and trafficking, centered in that occupied country. The interventions included Ivanov's appearance in a dramatic hour-long documentary, "Afghanistan Opium: Wind from the South," aired on First Channel national television May 17, in the context of preparations for a major international conference on Drug Production in Afghanistan: A Challenge to the International Community, to be held in Moscow June 9-10.

At the same time, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has emphasized Russia's demand for the UN to require foreign forces, in Afghanistan under its authorization, to destroy opium crops.

On May 23, Ivanov announced that he had just provided names and contact data for nine major Afghan and Central Asian traffickers to his U.S. counterpart, Gil Kerlikowske, in a short meeting between the two at Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow. "I handed him a list of nine ... people living in Afghanistan or elsewhere in Central Asia, and involved in drug trafficking," said Ivanov at a press conference, adding that Moscow was prepared to prosecute those traffickers. It was his fourth meeting with Kerlikowske in a year, Ivanov said, noting that he had earlier given the United States the names of about 25 other additional traffickers, and data on 175 drug labs in Afghanistan.

"To destroy these drug laboratories is the most



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Russia's drug-control chief Victor Ivanov (left) provided his U.S. counterpart Gil Kerlikowske (right) the names and contact data for nine major Afghan and Central Asian traffickers, as part of Russia's campaign to engage the U.S. in shutting down the Afghan drug trade.

urgent task, because these are already well-established cartels, with a stable hierarchy and structure, funding sources, and technological equipment to produce narcotics," Ivanov said. Insofar as Afghanistan currently accounts for 95% of world heroin output, Ivanov insisted that eradication at the source is far more effective than chasing down processed narcotics around the world.

Russian Today television also played up statements by Lavrov on May 24, as he prepared to meet UN Representative for Afghanistan Staffan de Mistura in Moscow. "The major reserve that should be put into action in Afghanistan in the struggle with drug trafficking is the destruction of not only drug laboratories and drug trafficking routes, but also direct opium production outlets," said Lavrov. "We cannot come to agree-



USMC/Lance Cpl. Matthew P. Troyer

The Russian death toll from Afghan heroin is 30,000 a year; 82 die from it every day. There are at least 2.5 million addicts. Shown: Afghan poppy farmers in Helmand Province survey their field, April 2010.

ment with some of our European colleagues on the destruction of drug crops.”

Lukewarm Response

From the Obama Administration’s very first days in office, Victor Ivanov has advocated joint efforts to wipe out Afghanistan’s dope production and rebuild the country’s infrastructure and industry, as a centerpiece of Russian-American cooperation (*EIR*, Feb. 6, 2009, “A Worthy Russian Proposal”). Both he and the Russian Foreign Ministry have repeatedly expressed disappointment at the lukewarm response.

On March 24 of this year, Ivanov renewed Moscow’s bid for cooperation, presenting a detailed proposal to the NATO-Russia Council meeting in Brussels, for wiping out Afghanistan opium production within five years, along with the related trafficking and money-laundering infrastructure. The very next day, Russia’s Foreign Ministry issued an official Commentary on the “Refusal by the U.S. Contingent Command to Destroy Opium Poppy Crops in Afghanistan.” It blasted the bogus argument that Afghan farmers have no alternative to growing dope, charging that this “actually means, if not directly, then certainly indirectly, conniving with drug producers. Such an attitude ignores the fact that thousands of people die from heroin made from this opium poppy, including in Afghanistan itself, where the

number of drug addicts has already reached 1 million,” of an estimated 2009 population of under 34 million.

On May 19, Lavrov returned to the Afghan dope plague, answering questions from members of the State Duma: “I fully support the need for tougher approaches to stopping the narcotics threat,” he said, “including the destruction of opium plantings in Afghanistan. We are seeking for the Afghan narcotics threat to be defined by the UN Security Council as a threat to world peace and security, in order for actions to be taken on the basis of Chapter VII of the UN Charter, which provides for sanctions and the use of force in cases of necessity. We also advocate

that the mandate of the international security force [ISAF] around the NATO contingents include the obligation to destroy opium poppy plantings, and we propose that landowners in Afghanistan who provide land for planting opium be listed by the UN Security Council as persons subject to UNSC sanctions, with all attendant consequences.”

Lavrov alluded to the tepid reaction to Ivanov’s Brussels intervention in March, saying, “We are working closely with the Russian Federal Narcotics Control Service. Its leader, V.P. Ivanov, was in Brussels a couple of months ago, speaking before the Russia-NATO Council. This topic has not been forgotten. It cannot, however, be solved in one swoop. We either have to slam the door, thus losing any possibility of influencing the situation, or we have to be a bit more patient, despite everything, although I fully share the alarm over the narcotics situation in Russia, especially because a great quantity of this vile stuff is coming in from our neighbors.”

On April 4, Lyndon LaRouche cited Barack Obama’s posture in the new Afghanistan Opium War, as a potential item in a bill of impeachment: “By refusing to go after the opium trade, which is the logistical and financial backbone of the Taliban insurgency, the Obama policy is giving those narco-insurgents a free hand to kill American soldiers.” LaRouche also called for the dismissal of Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. and

NATO commander in Afghanistan, who has overseen the disastrous Obama policy. (*EIR* cover story, April 9, 2010, “Obama’s Afghan Opium War: New Grounds for Impeachment.”)

‘Wind from the South’

In the First Channel documentary, Ivanov and expert commentator Yuri Krupnov, leader of Russia’s Development Movement, presented evidence of the devastation caused by Afghan opium production: 100,000 deaths annually, of which nearly one-third occur in Russia. The Russian death toll from Afghan heroin is 30,000 in a year: 82 people die from it every day. The country has at least 2.5 million drug addicts, with 80,000 young people trying heroin for the first time each year. The TV footage showed drug-intoxicated and dead young Russian heroin users.

“Afghanistan Opium: Wind from the South” repeatedly showed Obama Administration Afghanistan envoy Richard Holbrooke, while the documentary drew out at length the U.S. refusal to respond seriously to the Ivanov plan presented in March. To Holbrooke’s insistence that a serious war on drugs would be a distraction from the war on terrorism, the TV show counterposed Ivanov, citing UN anti-drug official Antonio Mario Costa, on \$60 billion as the price tag on Afghanistan’s narcotics business, while Krupnov emphasized that these funds rocket around the world by electronic transfer, being used to fund crime and terrorism.

First Channel also undercut Holbrooke’s argument that the Afghanistan opium poppy is “too large-scale” to destroy, reporting that, in reality, only 1.5% of the country’s arable land is involved, and only 6% of the population. European NATO members, involved in Afghanistan, are themselves losing 10,000 people annually to Afghan heroin, commented Krupnov; while Great Britain, a driving force within the foreign occupation, has near-Russian levels of Afghan heroin use. “Whom are they defending?” asked Krupnov.

Famous retired generals Leonid Ivashov and Makhmud Gareyev were interviewed on the strategic dimensions of the conflict in Central Asia, with Gareyev recalling the 1970s-80s scheme—it was Zbigniew Brzezinski’s project, above all—of using Afghanistan-based Islamic radicals against the Soviet Union.

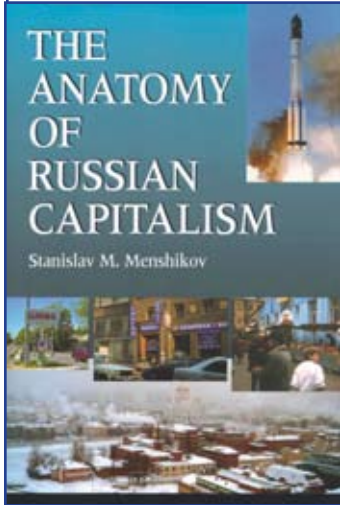
Diplomatic Agenda

On May 22, Ivanov was in Beijing for talks with Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Secu-

rity Meng Jianzhu. They agreed to step up anti-drug and other law enforcement cooperation, bilaterally, and through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The SCO foreign ministers, meeting May 22 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, announced that Afghanistan, including the narcotics business, will be high on the agenda at the June 10-11 Tashkent summit of the SCO.

In further remarks about his airport meeting with Kerlikowske, reported by RIA Novosti May 26, Ivanov noted that stated U.S. drug policy is to prioritize reducing demand, though social programs. Meanwhile, in Afghanistan, he said, “Until we liquidate narcotics production, there will be endless conflicts there.” This is why he “insists on destroying the opium poppy plantings and on classifying the Afghan heroin situation as a worldwide drug threat.”

Ivanov said that he hopes the June 9-10 forum in Moscow can “define international legal measures in the fight against the Afghan threat, for eradication of the poppy plantings, and the development of Afghanistan.”



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‘The Awakening of A Great People’

by Harley Schlanger

May 30—“I’ve never been political before, but I knew I had to be here.”

These words, spoken by a demonstrator to a local television reporter, outside a \$3,000-per-person fundraiser last week, at a ritzy hotel in San Francisco’s “[S]nob Hill” district, which “starred” President Barack Obama, have been repeated by a growing number of Americans across the nation. The mass-strike process, which Lyndon LaRouche first identified in the Summer of 2009, when angry Americans turned Congressional town hall meetings into demonstrations against Obama’s Nazi health-care policy, is evolving, and maturing into a “monster,” which is terrifying the once-complacent so-called political class.

While incumbent Congressmen and their media flaks initially tried to dismiss it as a momentary explosion, manipulated by Republican operatives against a Democratic administration, they are now praying it will disappear, as they see it gaining momentum, and increasing in ferocity, seemingly everywhere.

(As for this process being under the control of Republican operatives: Anyone who has ever heard the boring and unimpressive former U.S. Rep. Dick Arme (R-Tex.)—who is being given credit, by many in the media, as the organizer of the demonstrations—would know this is not possible. As we say in Texas, “That boy couldn’t organize a two-car funeral procession.”)

What seemed at first to be an inchoate, disorganized response, has forced its way onto everyone’s political radar screen, as its participants are no longer

content to merely demand explanations at town hall meetings. In San Francisco, in Trenton, in Phoenix, there are ever-larger demonstrations, with participants from across the political spectrum. And these people are increasingly marching into voting booths, as a “throw the bums out” mentality is becoming hegemonic.

The San Francisco demonstration may be indicative of where this process is heading, as the leadership provided there by the LaRouche Youth Movement’s (LYM) campaign of Summer Shields for Congress shows the potential for delivering a decisive blow to those who insist that there is no alternative to “globalization.” Prominent among the thousands of demonstrators were members of Shields’ campaign, with banners calling for the impeachment of Obama, and the famous photo of Obama, with a Hitler-style mustache.

Though the Shields campaign activists were not the only ones carrying signs calling for Obama’s impeachment, they were interviewed by local television reporters, and drew a response from the President himself. In his remarks to supporters, Obama tried to joke about his unpopularity, but came across as defensive, when he acknowledged that it has been a tough year for him, adding that there are even posters of him with a Hitler mustache!

With the President’s popularity ratings plummeting, and those of incumbent Congressmen collapsing to Cheneyesque levels, the mass strike can no longer be ignored, or dismissed.

The Scalps Are Piling Up

The number of incumbents whose scalps have been taken by this process grows each week, as the 2010 primary process unfolds. Despite attempts to spin it, there are two major characteristics that describe this process.

First, its victims have been incumbents from both parties: Three-term incumbent Sen. Bob Bennett, a Republican from Utah, was dumped at the state convention, at which he received less than 26% of the votes. His opponents used his support for, and continued defense of, the TARP bailout, as the reason for ditching him. West Virginia Rep. Alan Mollohan, a Democrat and 14-term incumbent, lost his primary by 12%. Voters there cited his vote for Obamacare, and support for cap-and-trade legislation, as the principal reasons for taking his scalp. And Sen. Arlen Specter, who switched parties to become a Democrat last year, was smashed by voters in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, where he ran with full support of President Obama.

Second, while voters may not agree on the solutions, they know what they don't want. For the most part, they don't want anything supported by the Obama Administration, as they see his administration as acting on behalf of private interests, such as Wall Street banks, and British Petroleum. In the three cases cited above, each incumbent supported the \$24 trillion-and-counting bailout of Wall Street/City of London speculators. Despite strenuous bipartisan efforts to defend the bailout—which was initiated in September 2008 by the Bush Administration, and escalated by the Obama Administration—there are few Americans who support it, and a vast majority rejects the line that it was necessary to “stabilize the financial system” first, before addressing “Main Street” problems, such as jobs and housing.

Further, as real unemployment, bankruptcy filings, and home foreclosures continue at post-Depression record levels, and as city, county, and state governments fall deeper into debt, with some considering bankruptcy, and as the Administration expands the bailouts, now adding the rescue of financial institutions holding worthless Eurozone debts to its list of new obligations, there is a growing awareness that none of the trillions committed by this government will do anything to relieve the suffering of an increasing number of Americans.

Though citizens may not know a “naked short” from Barney Frank's jock strap, any incumbent perceived to

be part of the Wall Street protection racket will face the ire of the voters.

Glass-Steagall ‘Litmus Test’

The recent mobilization by LaRouche PAC in support of legislation to reimpose Glass-Steagall standards on financial institutions thus fell on receptive ears among citizens from both parties, and independents. While the media attempted to black out the existence of the amendment sponsored by Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) to Sen. Chris Dodd's (D-Conn.) phony financial reform legislation, an amendment which would have restored Glass-Steagall, the three LYM members running for Congress—Kesha Rogers in Texas (who won the Democratic nomination), Rachel Brown in Boston, and Summer Shields in San Francisco—took the lead in a national mobilization to get it passed. Congressional offices reported being “flooded” with calls to support Cantwell-McCain, generated by the mobilization by LaRouche PAC, and organizers for the campaigns report strong backing for it in rallies in major cities, small towns, and even among some bankers in financial districts!

Yet, when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) shut off debate, with the full support of the White House and Wall Street lobbyists, defending their right to continue to speculate with their depositors' money, thus preventing Cantwell-McCain from being debated in the Senate, all but two Democratic Senators—Cantwell and Russ Feingold (Wisc.)—voted to back Reid. And four Republicans voted with Reid, including Scott Brown (Mass.), who was swept into office by the mass strike last January, when he campaigned as an opponent of the Washington, D.C.-Wall Street alliance, but went crawling to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) for an assurance that the Boston “Vault” financial institutions will continue to be protected. Brown's constituents, when briefed on his treachery, have responded with anger, with callers to local radio programs saying they will now work to defeat Brown, when he comes up for re-election.

As for the Republicans who voted against the Dodd bill, not one fought for the Constitutional principle of regulating banking and financial services, as embodied in Glass-Steagall, thus forfeiting the right to claim they stood against Wall Street.

Following the vote for Dodd's bill, which has been accurately characterized as a “piece of crap that only a Wall Street speculator could love,” the three LYM candidates joined LaRouche in vowing to continue the

fight for Glass-Steagall. LaRouche said that, without Glass-Steagall, the U.S. economy was finished, and there would be nothing to protect citizens of any nation from a chain-reaction crash, leaving mankind to face conditions worse than those during the New Dark Age of the 14th Century.

To make matters worse, Obama is now appealing to Republicans to join him in imposing bone-crushing austerity measures, to “cut the budget deficit.” With the social safety net in tatters, the drive to “save money” through cutting health care, privatizing Social Security, and eliminating every other New Deal and post-New Deal program designed to protect Americans, will dramatically increase the death rate, especially among the elderly, the sick, and the new poor, who were formerly part of the middle class.

In the worst financial/economic collapse in U.S. history, any Congressman who supports this call for budget cuts deserves to be put on trial, for supporting measures identical to those imposed by the Nazis, whose “useless eaters” policy was a model for Obama’s health-care legislation.

Jacobinism or the American System?

There is much more that could be said of other disastrous policies that are adding to the already white-hot anger driving the mass strike. The President’s protection of British Petroleum, in the threat coming from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, for example, has catalyzed even former Obama-lovers, such as Maureen Dowd of the *New York Times*, to ridicule him as devoid of emotions, like the Klingon, Dr. Spock, of “Star Trek” fame, but lacking Spock’s logical mind. In San Francisco, the demonstrators included self-described “leftist environmentalists” calling out the President, side-by-side with opponents of his lunatic cap-and-trade legislation.

And it did not escape notice that the 1,000th fatality among U.S. military personnel in Afghanistan occurred just prior to the Memorial Day weekend, when Americans honor those who died in wars. Obama’s retreat from his campaign promise to end the war is one more reason that the fury of the mass strike has turned against him.

What remains to be seen, is whether this mass-strike process can be elevated, to move beyond the sentiment of “Impeach ’em all,” to become a movement that enforces the Constitutional principles upon which our nation was founded.

Toward this end, LaRouche has just drafted a new

statement of principle, which takes up two main points, which must become the commitment of leaders of the mass strike, if we are to avoid a descent into such anarchy as the British were able to foster in 1789, by steering the legitimate mass-strike sentiments of the French population away from creating a Constitutional republic, modeled on the American System, imposing instead, the Jacobin Terror, and later, the Napoleonic dictatorship.

The first point is that President Obama must be “unelected”—impeached or convinced to resign—as the only way to enact a serious change. Obama, who has functioned as a puppet of London interests, opposes any policy change which would defend the interests of the United States, both for today, and for the future, and thus, would block any legislation—such as Glass-Steagall—which would impinge on the predatory requirements of his controllers.

The second point gets to issue of the “post-Obama era.” Dislike of Obama, though widespread, is not a solution, and will not prevent a Dark Age. To do this, LaRouche has offered two solutions: the adoption of Glass-Steagall globally, through a Four-Power agreement (U.S., Russia, India, China), to end the power of the British financial interests responsible for murderous “globalization,” and which presently control Obama and the Congress; and a commitment to science and technology, centered on space exploration, to lead the way to a productive future. These themes are the subject of a new LaRouche PAC video, “The New America,” which is available at www.larouchepac.com.

The mobilization for a “post-Obama era” is providing much-needed optimism to those who have decided they must get involved in politics. At a recent fundraiser for Rachel Brown, in New Bedford, Mass., which featured Classical music presented by her campaign workers, and at a town meeting near NASA’s LBJ Space Center sponsored by Kesha Rogers’ campaign, citizens, activated by this mass-strike process pledged to increase their activities in “educating the mass strike.”

For the mass strike to succeed in “the awakening of a great people to work a beneficial change in opinion or institution,” in the words of Percy Shelley (“A Defence of Poetry”), there is no alternative to adopting this optimistic course provided by LaRouche, and the candidates allied with him.

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Rachel Brown: 'Beginning of The End for Barney Frank'

BOSTON, May 27—Rachel Brown filed her nomination papers on May 27 with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be placed on the Democratic Party primary ballot, as a candidate for the 4th Congressional District, in the Sept. 14 primary. She was immediately certified for the ballot.

As she walked into office, she declared, “This is the beginning of the end for Barney Frank.” Below is an excerpt of her official statement of candidacy.

On behalf of the more than 4,000 registered Democratic Party and independent voters who signed my nomination papers, and the more than 600,000 citizens who live in the 4th Congressional District, who presently are misrepresented by their Congressman, Bailout Barney Frank, I am officially declaring my candidacy for the U.S. Congress.

When I announced my intention to run for Congress at a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 12, I made it clear that the main issue in the race would be Rep. Frank’s role as a wholly owned operative of the Wall Street and City of London banks, and their Boston-based “Vault” colleagues. His actions, from July 2007 up to that time, during which he served as a point-man in Congress for those interests, through his position as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, verged on treason, as he put the interests of foreign financial speculators ahead of those of the American people.

He richly deserves the name “Bailout Barney,” for the leading role he has played in every bailout of speculators from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to TARP. Instead of prosecuting the swindlers at Goldman Sachs, AIG, and the other thieving institutions, through a Pecora Commission-type investigation, as Lyndon LaRouche and I have advocated, Barney has conspired with Hank Paulson, Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve, Bush and Cheney, and then with President Obama and Tim Geithner, to give the swindlers more than \$24 trillion in bailouts—and the financial institutions are still not making loans, be-



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Rachel Brown files for Congress in Boston, May 26.

cause the system is bankrupt!...

As a result of the treachery of Barney, and his collaborators such as Dodd, Reid, and Speaker Pelosi, there is a growing mass strike in the U.S., which is already taking the scalps of incumbents in both parties....

I will use my campaign to rally patriots to complete the job, of not just throwing the bums out, but to bring back solutions modeled on those first introduced to our nation by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, by the Winthrops, the Mathers, Ben Franklin, John Adams, and his son, John Quincy Adams. These solutions include a return to Glass-Steagall principles, as well as national banking, with large infusions of credit to rebuild infrastructure and our industrial capacity, and fully fund a NASA mission to colonize Mars.

In the process, I will escalate the drive to impeach President Obama, who is a slavish puppet of the British financial interests tied to the British monarchy.

Our cause is just, and the time is ripe. Traitors beware: The tradition of the American Revolution is alive, and we will not tolerate treason in this region, where the seeds of liberty were first planted!

Congress Told Why We Must Save NASA

by Marsha Freeman

From the moment it was released to Congress on Feb. 2, the Obama Administration's proposal to end NASA's manned space exploration program has drawn opposition and outrage from elected officials, labor unions, astronauts, entire communities in Florida and Texas, the aerospace industry, and, increasingly, from concerned citizens. The stunning victory of LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers in the primary campaign in her Johnson Space Flight Center district in Houston earlier this Spring, demonstrated the understanding among the electorate, that to "Save NASA," it is necessary to "Impeach Obama."

Since then, while the Administration has tried to "compromise" on its proposed complete shutdown of NASA's Constellation program—which involves the development of the Orion spacecraft to replace the Space Shuttle, and the Ares series of rockets to take men to the space station, and then to the Moon—the Administration's transparent lies, and probably illegal attempted end-run around the laws passed by Congress to continue Constellation, have stiffened the resolve of many Members to save the nation's manned space exploration program. This was demonstrated during the third hearing on Capitol Hill on NASA's exploration program, which was convened by the full House Committee on Science and Technology on May 26.

The Administration has been repeatedly accused of illegally slowing down or cancelling Constellation contracts with industry, which is expressly forbidden in laws passed by Congress last year. Incredibly, while these charges are still under investigation by the General Accountability Office, at the request of 17 bipartisan Representatives, NASA announced on the day of the hearing that Constellation manager, Jeff Hanley, was being ousted from his job, and "kicked upstairs." Hanley was well known as an outspoken supporter of continuing the Constellation program, at odds with the Administration's anti-science ideologues who put the present proposal to-



LPAC videograph

Kesha Rogers' (center) stunning victory in the Democratic primary in the Texas C.D. that is home to the Johnson Space Flight Center, showed that voters are ready to "Save NASA" and "Impeach Obama."

gether. Immediately, Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee, joined by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.), fired off a letter to NASA Inspector General Paul Martin, requesting an investigation into Hanley's "reassignment."

During the questioning of NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, Members made clear they do not support the attempt to destroy NASA. Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn.) asked Bolden to give his assurance that "America will not be in a Third World category in spaceflight." Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.) told Bolden, "I don't intend to stand for" you "acting outside your authority" by telling companies to get ready to terminate contracts, which termination the Congress has not authorized. "By now, you've probably figured out this Committee is not with you," one Member told the Administrator.

Fed up with the complete disregard for the responsibility and authority of the legislative branch of government to help direct the nation's space programs, the Committee invited two men of impeccable credentials, and the respect and admiration of the entire nation and the world, to counter the anti-American space program being proposed by the White House.

The Astronauts Speak

Invited to testify were the first man to walk on the Moon, Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong; and the last man to do so, Apollo 17's Gene Cernan. Both men, along with

Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell, had sent a letter to President Obama in April, describing the Administration's proposal to end Constellation along with the goal to return to the Moon as a "slide to mediocrity," and "devastating," not only for space exploration, but to the future of the nation. At the March 26 House hearing, Cernan described the proposed program as a "mission to nowhere." Armstrong, in reply to questioning from a Committee Member, explained why mankind should return to the Moon. Responding directly to the stupid remark by Apollo 11 astronaut Bill Aldrin—that sending humans to the Moon was no longer necessary, since he'd already been there (a remark which has been repeated by President Obama to justify the cuts in the space program)—Armstrong said that he finds this viewpoint "mystifying." It would be as if "President Thomas Jefferson announced in 1808 that Americans 'need not go west of the Mississippi, [since] the Lewis and Clark expedition has already been there.'" More than 14 million square miles are yet unexplored on the Moon, Armstrong elaborated, with opportunities for science, extracting helium-3, prospecting for metals, and "meeting challenges not yet identified."



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Apollo 17 Astronaut Eugene Cernan described the proposed space program of the Obama Administration as "a mission to nowhere."

But more important than these potential material gains, he said, is the importance of the leadership the U.S. demonstrates, by exploring the unknown. He recounted a trip he and Cernan had made to the Middle East a couple of months ago, to visit U.S. troops. They were invited to speak at a university in Turkey, just two days after the resolution condemning Turkish genocide had passed in the U.S. Congress, and the Turkish Ambassador to the United States had been re-

called to Ankara. They were very wary of the reception they would receive. "The welcome was remarkable," Armstrong reported. Four to five times more people came to hear them speak than there were seats available. "Getting to the boundaries in human knowledge" transcends local or international events, he stated.

'Rethink What Is Possible'

The response of many Committee Members reflected the profound nature of the thoughts presented by the astronauts. "I've been very nonplussed about the space program," Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) said. "I took it for granted that space would be part of our country." She went on to recount how she and her family watched in awe as Neil Armstrong took that first step on to the lunar surface on July 20, 1969, recalling every detail of that extraordinary day, and the effect it had on her, and her children.

Rep. Alan Grayson (D-Fla.) thanked the astronauts for their inspiration, and the opportunity "to rethink what it is possible for human beings to do." "One thousand years from now, no one in this room will be remembered except for you," Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Tex.) told Armstrong.

Although the astronauts themselves proposed no solution to the existential threat to the space program posed by the disintegration of the global financial and economic system, they, and perhaps an increasing number of Congressmen, are realizing that ending America's manned space exploration program makes a mockery of continuing to think that we still live in what we have called the United States of America.



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President Obama's shutdown of the Constellation program, if allowed to stand, kills the possibility of human colonization of Mars and beyond. Shown, an artist's concept of the first human mission to Mars in 2019.

Now Is the Time To Be Bold, Innovative, Wise

Here are excerpts of the written testimony of Eugene A. Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17, before the Senate Committee of Commerce, Science and Transportation, on May 12.

... We have recently heard a lot of eloquent verbiage about the *exploration* of space—landing on an asteroid, circling Mars, and, at some time in the future perhaps, landing on the Red Planet. There is talk about a decision yet to come of building a large booster which might ultimately take us anywhere we want to go into the far reaches of the universe. There are, however, no details, no specific challenge, and no commitment as to where or specifically when this *exploration* might come to pass. ‘Hope is not a destination, nor is it a management tool...’

However, when one examines the FY2011 budget proposal, nowhere is there to be found one penny allocated to support space exploration. ... [N]owhere do we find any mention of the Human Exploration of Space and nowhere do we find a commitment in dollars to support this national endeavor. ...

In this proposed budget we find several billions of dollars allotted to developing commercial human access to low Earth orbit, based upon the assumptions and claims by those competing for this exclusive contract who say that they can achieve this goal in little more than three years, and that it can be done for something less than 5 billion dollars. (These are the same entrepreneurs who are over a year late delivering unmanned cargo to LEO [Low Earth Orbit]. ...)

I submit to this Committee and to the Congress that it will take the private sector as long as 10 years to access LEO safely and cost-effectively. ...

The President’s proposal suggests we develop ‘technology for the future.’ The technology we enjoy today, 40 years after Apollo, is technology that was developed from accepting a challenge and reaching for a goal. It was technology with a focus, with a mission. To simply put the best and the brightest in a room and tell them to develop breakthrough technology that could or might or

may be useful in the future is a naive proposition. Exploration drives *technology innovation—not the reverse*.

Also in the proposal is the *possibility* that *maybe*, at *some time*, *perhaps* as far down the road as 2015, the United States would decide to develop a heavy lift booster. ... Coincidentally, Constellation has a heavy lift booster, Ares V, not only on the drawing boards but in component test today. ...

Appropriately under the law, both Houses of the Congress of the United States with overwhelmingly bipartisan support, approved and agreed that Constellation should go forward. ...

It is unknown how much time and thought was put into the existing budget proposal for FY2011, or by whom this proposal was generated, but it is common knowledge that few if any of those government agencies referred to above [OMB, DOD, NASA] were asked to participate. ... This leads one to the conclusion that this proposal was most likely formulated in haste within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and/or the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), with little or no input from the NASA Administrator, Center Directors, or senior NASA management. ...

With the submission of FY2011 budget, either the Administration and the originators of this budget proposal are showing extreme naivete or, I can only conclude, they are willing to take accountability for a calculated plan to *dismantle* America’s leadership in the world of Human Space Exploration. In either case, this proposal is a *travesty* which flows against the grain of over 200 years of our history and, today, against the will of the majority of Americans. The space program has never been an entitlement, it’s an investment in the future—an investment in technology, jobs, world respect and leadership, and perhaps most importantly in the inspiration and education of our youth. Those best and brightest minds at NASA and throughout the multitudes of private contractors, large and small, did not join the team to design windmills, but to live their dreams of once again taking us where no man has gone before.

If we abdicate our leadership in space today, not only is human spaceflight and space exploration at risk, but I believe the future of this country and thus the future of our children and grandchildren as well. Now is the time for wiser heads in the Congress of the United States to prevail. Now is the time to overrule this Administration’s *pledge to mediocrity*. Now is the time to be *bold*, *innovative* and *wise* in how we invest in the future of America. ...

Obama's Cuts to NASA Program 'Devastating'

In an open letter dated April 13, America's most famous Apollo astronauts blasted President Obama's plan to terminate U.S. manned flights in space. Below is the excerpted text of the letter, signed by Neil Armstrong, Commander of Apollo 11; James Lovell, Commander of Apollo 13; and Eugene Cernan, Commander Apollo 17.

The United States entered into the challenge of space exploration under President Eisenhower's first term, however, it was the Soviet Union who excelled in those early years. Under the bold vision of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon, and with the overwhelming approval of the American people, we rapidly closed the gap in the final third of the 20th century, and became the world leader in space exploration.

America's space accomplishments earned the respect and admiration of the world. Science probes were unlocking the secrets of the cosmos; space technology was providing instantaneous worldwide communication; orbital sentinels were helping man understand the vagaries of nature. Above all else, the people around the world were inspired by the human exploration of space and the expanding of man's frontier. It suggested that what had been thought to be impossible was now within reach. Students were inspired to prepare themselves to be a part of this new age. No government program in modern history has been so effective in motivating the young to do what has never been done before....

As a result of the tragic loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003, it was concluded that our space policy required a new strategic vision. Extensive studies and analysis led to this new mandate: meet our existing commitments, return to our exploration roots, return to the moon, and prepare to venture further outward to the asteroids and to Mars. The program was named "Constellation." In the ensuing years, this plan was endorsed by two Presidents of different parties and approved by both Democratic and Republican Congresses....

The design and the production of the flight components and infrastructure to implement this vision was well underway. Detailed planning of all the major sectors of the program had begun. Enthusiasm within NASA and throughout the country was very high.

When President Obama recently released his budget for NASA, he proposed a slight increase in total funding, substantial research and technology development, an extension of the International Space Station operation until 2020, long range planning for a new but undefined heavy lift rocket and significant funding for the development of commercial access to low earth orbit.

Although some of these proposals have merit, the accompanying decision to cancel the Constellation program, its Ares 1 and Ares V rockets, and the Orion spacecraft, is devastating.

America's only path to low Earth orbit and the International Space Station will now be subject to an agreement with Russia to purchase space on their Soyuz (at a price of over 50 million dollars per seat with significant increases expected in the near future) until we have the capacity to provide transportation for ourselves. The availability of a commercial transport to orbit as envisioned in the President's proposal cannot be predicted with any certainty, but is likely to take substantially longer and be more expensive than we would hope.

It appears that we will have wasted our current \$10-plus billion investment in Constellation and, equally importantly, we will have lost the many years required to recreate the equivalent of what we will have discarded.

For the United States, the leading space-faring nation for nearly half a century, to be without carriage to low Earth orbit and with no human exploration capability to go beyond Earth orbit for an indeterminate time into the future, destines our nation to become one of second or even third rate stature. While the President's plan envisages humans traveling away from Earth and perhaps toward Mars at some time in the future, the lack of developed rockets and spacecraft will assure that ability will not be available for many years.

Without the skill and experience that actual spacecraft operation provides, the USA is far too likely to be on a long downhill slide to mediocrity. America must decide if it wishes to remain a leader in space. If it does, we should institute a program which will give us the very best chance of achieving that goal.

The New America

While the political class continues to prattle about the “recovery” and how “we’ve turned the corner,” most ordinary citizens, in the United States, and elsewhere, know better. They have basically given up on the current institutions of government—and are determined to get new ones, which will act to remedy the current disaster, for themselves and their posterity. The question then is, who has the correct vision for achieving that future? Who will provide the leadership?

There is, in fact, only one towering figure who has put forward that leadership on the international scene, and that is Lyndon LaRouche. He is the living embodiment of the American System of economics, in its full historical depth. LaRouche is determined to bring into being a “New America,” with the implementation of the Glass-Steagall principle and American System national banking—and thus create the conditions for a new cooperation among nation states globally, for unprecedented economic development.

The time is passed for listening to prophets of doom. The job now is to listen to, and act on, the policies of LaRouche. A good place to start is the latest LPAC video feature, “A New America.”

Hear what our sixth President, John Quincy Adams, cited in that film, had to say about the task before us:

“We are informed by the holy oracles of truth, that, at the creation of man, male and female, the Lord of the universe, their Maker, blessed them, and said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the Earth, and subdue it. To subdue the Earth was, therefore, one of the first duties assigned to man at his creation; and now, in his fallen condition, it remains among the most excellent of his occupations. To subdue the Earth is pre-eminently the purpose of this undertaking....

“I call upon you to join me in fervent supplication to Him from Whom this primitive injunction came, that He would follow with His blessing, this joint effort of our great community, to perform His will in the subjugation of the Earth for the improvement of the condition of man—that He would make it one of His chosen instruments for the preservation, prosperity, and perpetuity of our Union....”

This uniquely American view, of increasing mankind’s power over nature, led to the most rigorous infrastructure improvements of the time. President Abraham Lincoln, would step in 30 years later to complete the vision of John Quincy, of fully integrating the United States with the establishment of the Transcontinental Railroad, completed after the British assassinated Lincoln. President Franklin Roosevelt during his term, revived this tradition, but it died when he did.

The question from 1945 onward, has been: Who will take up that FDR American System tradition once again? The British, from their academics to their thugs, have done their damndest to try to pervert and wipe out the FDR tradition, and to convince the Americans—the vital center for any effective international combination to defeat their monetarist empire—that they cannot, and should not, return to that method of government. At this new period of breakdown for the British empire, they are determined to destroy the re-emergence of that FDR tradition.

But we are determined to bury their empire. To do so, we must re-raise the banner of FDR’s measures, as the unique means for reviving the United States as the “New America” which the world so vitally needs. But this time, it won’t come from Washington. It will be imposed *on* Washington, by a people determined to win their future, now.

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