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# EIR

## From the Managing Editor

In our *Feature*'s opening section, Lyndon LaRouche writes that the signs of an "overdue 'Watergate'-type experience" in Washington, following close upon the arrest of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, would appear to signify "that the Erinyes are gathering above the heads of those intended to become the doomed."

The Erinyes were three Greek goddesses of the underworld, who avenged crimes against the natural order. And indeed, reviewing this week's *EIR*, we see them hovering over the Trans-Atlantic world:

- The *Feature* lays out the process ongoing in the United States that could and should lead to the early impeachment of President Barack Obama. Obama's impeachable crimes are many, as *EIR* has documented, but his lying denial that the U.S. war against Libya is indeed a "war," and therefore requires Congressional authorization, is a lie as serious as the actions for which President Nixon was ousted from office. In fact, Obama's crimes are worse than those of Nixon, especially under conditions of economic crisis.

- The refusal of the Obama Administration to lift a finger, even as the Mississippi and Missouri Basin is being wiped out by floods, affects not only the U.S. food supply, but threatens starvation in nations that rely on our agricultural exports.

- Helga Zepp-LaRouche's Open Letter to German Citizens (*International*) sharply depicts the utter crisis of the Eurozone. Stubborn refusal of European governments to junk the British monetarist system (the euro), and to instead back efforts in the U.S. toward restoring a Glass-Steagall standard, signify that the time is running out for preventing a catastrophe. Other articles elaborate the picture in Italy (where 90% of voters rejected nuclear power in a referendum) and in Greece (which has its neck on the IMF/EU chopping block, but where the population is resisting).

Of particular interest also is our interview with an Egyptian citizen (*International*), who provides an eyewitness report on the challenges now facing the hopeful citizens of his country.

The *Strategy* feature offers two new pieces by LaRouche, "Victory or Hell" and "The True Human Mind"; and the *Science* section presents evidence that will drive the greenies crazy: 1) that the Earth is entering a period of global cooling, and 2) that the *E. coli* outbreak may have originated in the greenies' beloved biogas plants!



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by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

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*The outbreak of mixed, but converging developments of today may not turn out to have been the overdue “Watergate”-type experience of an outgoing President Barack Obama; but, for the moment, the signs accumulated today make it a likely set of events. That President’s violation of the “War Powers” Act is complemented by a converging set of resonant developments, which could—mind you, “could”—be the early undoing of that President’s incumbency. Not a moment too soon! It now appears that the count-down began with the arrest of Dominique Strauss-Kahn. It appears that the Erinyes are gathering above the heads of those intended to become the doomed.*

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During the years immediately following the close of World War II, a cult preaching the lunacy of “there are no conspiracies in history,” achieved a certain degree of approbation from chronically enraged numbers of post-World War II Liberalism. A fundamentalist quality of worship of belief in statistics replaced sanity as the official mood of those and subsequent times. Now, as in the breaking news of this present day, all trends have suddenly changed; the formerly presumed trends have been virtually wiped from the blackboard, where the sudden appearance of new, contrary trends has been given a certain kind of official birth.

This is not to say that what were formerly consid-

ered as trends had not existed; rather, simply said, the agenda had been, rather suddenly, changed. Statistics is, once again, exposed as the religion of dead souls.

In this moment of time, it were appropriate that we assist the perplexed in their recovering from the season of madness which prevalent devotees of statistics always live in. Suddenly, that madness is exposed as really having been, all the intervening time, as having been sometimes appropriately described as the demonic character of the Laplacean folly which that folly really always was.

The pivotal point on which the fraudulent picture of history, and of true physical science, is hung, is the failure of the believer in such, implicitly mathematical or kindred fatalistic follies. To wit: the developments which are marked by the coincidence of President Obama’s violation of the War Powers Act and the hopelessness of the economy of the “Euro” and related systems, have come to a breaking-point at which the apparent trend of world events throughout the trans-Atlantic sector, has suddenly ceased to exist in the form of even what were apparently a fungible proposition even among increasing numbers among the witless or mad.

Implicitly, what erupted as Dominique Strauss-Kahn’s removal from the action intended to be assigned to the IMF, has shown the truly witting, even the reluctant ones, that the gamble on another major round of “bail out” was an impossible dream, a nightmare beyond belief. Since that moment Strauss-Kahn had intended,

but was prevented, to board the plane, a certain likeness to a ticking clock on the international monetarist bomb, has been exhausting the remaining weeks, from behind the ominous situation developing behind the screens of wishful dreaming. Suddenly, during the recent several days preceding today's singular events, everything appears to have changed. It was already changing, even for those now suddenly overtaken by today's surprise.

There is a matter of deeper principle at issue here, now.

The error of Laplace, as my associate Sky Shields had emphasized a bit more than a week earlier, and as I had insisted repeatedly on the same point with a slightly different choice of argument, over the course of recent times. The essence of the matter, was that Laplace demanded the right to predetermine the future, when he had no competent conception of what that the future is. Laplace, like many other ostensibly leading mathematicians, and the virtually walking dead alike, had no conception of the way in which the universe changes itself, as through the action of the willfully creative powers of the human mind.

## How To Change the Future

The great, truthful mystery of it all lies within the expression of the creative powers variously attributed, uniquely, to both a universal Creator and to the potential of the individual human mind. Indeed, not only living processes, but the individual human mind embodies powers which are truly creative, which transform the moment of the past or present, alike, into a new quality of existence which had not existed before that time. Time is measured so, when it is assessed appropriately, and never in any contrary way.

Time is not what measures existence. It is the yardstick of change in realities which defines time. Time, when defined ontologically, is a physical, not an abstract reality. The measure of time is relative creativity treated as a universal physical principle characteristic of ontological change, of creativity so understood.

It is that attitude of practice in the universe which is, therefore, the only definition and measurement of time.

The urgent question, the most urgent question placed now immediately before us the living now, is the challenge of transforming a presently soon doomed civilization into one which is growing once again. We must, as President John F. Kennedy once spoke: We must do it because it is there.

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## Drumbeat Over Libya

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# Obama Faces His Watergate

by Jeffrey Steinberg and  
Edward Spannaus

June 20—Talk of Watergate and impeachment is again in the air in Washington, triggered by President Barack Obama's blatant and willful violation of the War Powers Resolution, and of the U.S. Constitution itself, with his Libyan War adventure. As Lyndon LaRouche has put it, Watergate II is in process.

It's not only Libya. Another potentially major vulnerability for Obama, is the disclosure that the Democratic National Committee held a meeting with top Wall Street campaign donors in the White House March 7, in possible violation of the prohibition against using government facilities for campaign fundraising. And, as *EIR* has reported ("Obama: Worse than Bush and Cheney," *EIR*, May 27, 2011), in addition to Obama's flaunting of the War Powers Resolution, he has also exceeded the abuses of the Bush-Cheney regime in the sphere of domestic surveillance targeting U.S. citizens, and in the arbitrary use of executive power.

Compounding the danger for the nation is the fact that over recent days, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Sen. Barbara Boxer, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi have all *defended* the President's unconstitutional behavior on Libya. In effect, they have made themselves complicit in Obama's offenses, which go to the heart of the nature of our republic. (See editorial.)

## The Beginning of the End...

On June 16, LaRouche observed that the bipartisan Congressional revolt against Obama's flagrant violation of the U.S. Constitution and the War Powers Act is just like the early moments of the Watergating of President Richard Nixon. "It is just the beginning, but the parallels to Watergate are unmistakable," LaRouche commented.

A senior U.S. intelligence source with close ties to the Obama White House was blunt: "President Obama is in violation of the War Powers Act and the Federal

Constitution. His argument that the U.S. military involvement in Libya is a ‘humanitarian intervention’ is an evasion. The United States, as of last week, had spent \$718 million on the Libya military operation. By next week, the amount will have passed \$1 billion.” He added that, without direct U.S. military involvement, NATO would be unable to carry out the Libya operations. “Seventy-five percent of all NATO operations involve U.S. capabilities. Without the U.S., the NATO military operation cannot be sustained.”

The source emphasized that the Obama White House arrogantly misread the situation in Congress, anticipating that a bipartisan non-binding resolution by Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and John Kerry (D-Mass.) would allow the President to bypass the War Powers Act requirements. But a June 5 *Washington Post* op-ed by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, put the fundamental Constitutional issues so squarely on the table, that McCain and Kerry withdrew their draft resolution of support for the Libya mission. That helped spark the bipartisan revolt that is now evident, seen in the passage of Rep. Brad Sherman’s (D-Calif.) amendment barring any funding of the Libya mission, and in the bipartisan Federal lawsuit against Obama, filed on June 15, to bar the President from continuing the Libya War, on the grounds that it violates Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which grants to Congress the sole authority to declare war.

LaRouche noted the irony that, while this was happening, the nation was marking the 40th anniversary of the leaking of the Pentagon Papers, revealing the extent of American involvement in Vietnam. “The Pentagon Papers were part of the early mosaic of Watergate, and Daniel Ellsberg was correct in saying that Nixon would have been jealous of President Obama’s seeming ability to get away with serious violations of the Constitution. But now, we have bipartisan action in the Congress to restore Constitutional rule. And that is, I believe, the beginning of the end for the Obama Presidency.”



Staff Sgt. Joy Pariente

*President Obama’s Libyan War adventure, in flagrant violation of the War Powers Act and the U.S. Constitution, has Washington buzzing about a new Watergate and impeachment. Obama is shown here in a photo-op with U.S. troops in Iraq.*

## Obama Gets the Go-Ahead

Under the U.S. Constitution, the President is Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, but only Congress can declare war. In the climate of Watergate, and in the wake of Nixon’s secret bombing of Cambodia, Congress passed the War Powers Resolution (WPR) in 1973, which requires the President to report to Congress within 48 hours upon the introduction of U.S. military forces into “hostilities,” and then requires the President to obtain Congressional authorization within 60 days, or else he must withdraw U.S. forces within 30 days after that.

Obama ordered U.S. forces into action, including airstrikes against Libyan targets, on March 19, and Obama submitted a report to Congress on March 21, explicitly pursuant to the WPR—which constitutes his admission of its relevance to the Libya operations.

On April 1, the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel (OLC)—charged with advising the President on the legality and constitutionality of proposed Executive actions—submitted a Memorandum Opinion entitled, “Authority to Use Military Force in Libya.”

The OLC opinion concluded that Obama was not required to seek prior Congressional approval of the Libya operation under the Constitution or the Resolu-

tion, while noting that the President had notified Congress within 48 hours as stipulated by the WPR. Coming as it did within two weeks of the commencement of military operations, the OLC memo did not address the question of the 60-day requirement for obtaining Congressional authorization to continue military involvement; notably, the memo was based on the premise that airstrikes would be limited in scope and duration, and on the understanding that “regime change is not an objective of the coalition’s military operations”—although since then, NATO’s repeated targeting of Qaddafi’s compound, and Obama’s explicit statements, have demonstrated that regime change, particularly through the killing of Qaddafi, is a central U.S. and NATO objective.

The OLC has traditionally taken a narrow view of the WPR, and an expansive view of Presidential power, and this opinion was no exception. The memo was signed by Caroline Klass, a career DoJ attorney who had served in the OLC during the Bush Administration, and who had received the Attorney General’s Award for Excellence in 2007 for her work on national security. All of which made it all the more surprising, when Klass and the OLC *later* advised Obama that he was indeed obligated under the WPR to seek Congressional authorization.

### **Institutional Shift**

But as May 21, the 60-day deadline approached, the White House made it clear that Obama would not seek Congressional approval, using the sophisticated arguments that NATO had taken over command of the operation, that the U.S. role was “limited,” and that the use of airstrikes without “boots on the ground” meant that U.S. forces were not involved in “hostilities.” A number of commentators noted that, by refusing to seek Congressional authorization, he was going further than any other President in defying the WPR. Although all previous Presidents had questioned the constitutionality of the WPR, all had, in fact, sought Congressional approval or authorization for significant military actions—exactly what Obama was refusing to do.

Obama drastically miscalculated. As the 60-day deadline came and went, resolutions were filed in Congress to cut off funding for the Libya War, and institutional voices—such as that of Senator Lugar—criticized Obama for not seeking Congressional authorization for the Libya operation.

Lugar, in an June 5 *Washington Post* op-ed, titled,

“The Obama Administration’s Dangerous Course on Libya,” warned Obama that he was in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

“The House of Representatives sent the Obama Administration a strong, bipartisan rebuke on Friday [June 3] for failing to make the case for war in Libya or seeking congressional authorization for military action,” Lugar wrote. “It is critical that the Administration understand the significance of this vote, abandon its plans for a nonbinding resolution in the Senate and proceed to seek the requisite debate and authorization for the use of military force, as I have advocated for nearly three months.

“The Founding Fathers gave Congress the power to declare war for good reason: It forces the President to present his case in detail to the American public, allows for a robust debate to examine that case and helps build broad political support to commit American blood and treasure overseas. Little of that has happened here,” Lugar continued. “Waging war is the most serious business our nation does. Obtaining Congressional approval for war is not simple. But because getting out of wars is so difficult, the Founders did not intend that getting into them should be easy. The President should take the lesson from the House vote, retract his endorsement of the Senate resolution and propose a joint resolution with the force of law...”

A well-informed Washington intelligence source said that Lugar’s intervention was very important, and led to the shift of about 40 votes in the Republican Party on June 13 to support and pass Sherman’s amendment in the House, forbidding the use of funds for military actions “in violation of the War Powers Act.”

The White House is afraid to go to Congress for authorization, the source emphasized, because Obama doesn’t want Administration officials to be “grilled” about the Libya operation, since he knows that many Democrats do not support his policy.

### **Senate Hearings Planned**

On June 17, Lugar issued a statement saying: “I have asked Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry to hold a hearing at which Administration officials will testify on the Constitutional basis on which the President is conducting military operations and the relationship of these operations to the requirements of the War Powers Resolution. Senator Kerry has agreed to hold such a hearing on June 28. In the meantime, I strongly urge the President to seek Congressional au-



thorization for the continuation of U.S. military operations in Libya.”

“The Administration’s position is both legally dubious and unwise,” Lugar also stated. “The United States is playing a central and indispensable role in military operations that have no end in sight. The Administration estimates that the cost of these operations will exceed \$1 billion by September.”

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) also had written to Kerry calling for hearings to “examine divergent definitions for ‘hostilities’ and how this term is used in the legal analysis for continued involvement in the military operations [in Libya] absent specific authorization from Congress.” Corker is co-author of a Joint Resolution with Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), which seeks from the Administration a detailed justification for the U.S. military activities in Libya, prohibits the introduction of U.S. ground forces there, and calls on Obama to request explicit authorization from Congress.

In introducing S.J. Res. 18, Webb emphasized that what is at stake, is “whether a President—any President—can unilaterally begin, and continue, a military campaign for reasons that he alone defines as meeting the demanding standards worthy of risking American lives and expending billions of dollars of our taxpayers’ money.”

In an interview with MSNBC June 9, Webb warned of the dangers of allowing the precedent to be set, in which a President can use the argument of “humanitarian crises” to justify military interventions. That is not how the U.S. government is supposed to work, he said. This sets “a very broad standard as a precedent, when we’re looking to the future of a President making a unilateral decision to use military force, and then not seeking at the appropriate time the approval of the Congress.”

### **Obama’s Bogus ‘NATO’ Claim**

Meanwhile, in a slap in the face to Congress, the White House submitted a 32-page memorandum to House Speaker John Boehner on June 15, filled with details about the alleged “humanitarian” reasons for the Libya intervention. Reference to the WPR is made only once, in which it is asserted that Obama does not need Congressional authorization under the Resolution because the action was taken under the authorization of a UN Security Council resolution which limits the scope of military operations, and that the U.S. is only playing a “supporting” role in the NATO coalition.

Obama’s claim that transfer of command of the Libya operation to NATO eliminated the applicability of the requirements of the War Powers Resolution, is a dishonest evasion, if not an outright lie. The way that transfer was done, in fact, makes the U.S. responsible for the entire NATO operation and all allied forces.

Section 8(c) of the WPR, codified as 50 U.S.C. 1547(c), provides: “For purposes of this joint resolution, the term ‘introduction of United States Armed Forces’ includes the assignment of members of such armed forces to command, coordinate, participate in the movement of, or accompany the regular or irregular military forces of any foreign country or government when such military forces are engaged, or there exists an imminent threat that such forces will become engaged, in hostilities.”

As Jack Goldsmith, OLC chief under the Bush Administration in 2003-04, has pointed out: “NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander ... is Admiral James G. Stavridis of the U.S. Navy. In other words, the officer in formal command of NATO military actions is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Other members of the U.S. Armed Forces presumably work up and down NATO’s chain of command. ... Basically the U.S. Armed Forces are doing most of the heavy lifting in the conflict short of pulling all the triggers, and the triggers that are being pulled by non-U.S. military forces are technically the responsibility of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. In this light, it is quite natural to conclude that the transfer of authority to NATO brings members of the U.S. armed forces into responsibility for all NATO attacks on Libya, not just the ones fired by U.S. Forces.”

### **Obama Overrides His Own Lawyers**

On June 17, the *New York Times* made the bombshell disclosure that Obama had overridden the advice of the OLC—which was supported by Attorney General Eric Holder—and also the recommendation of the Pentagon’s top lawyer, DoD General Counsel Jeh Johnson.

“Presidents have the legal authority to override the legal conclusions of the Office of Legal Counsel and to act in a manner that is contrary to its advice, but it is extraordinarily rare for that to happen,” wrote the *Times*’ Charlie Savage. “Under normal circumstances, the office’s interpretation of the law is legally binding on the executive branch.”

But not for this President. Instead of heeding the authoritative views of the OLC, Obama chose to accept



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*LaRouche compared the bipartisan Congressional revolt against Obama's high-handed dismissal of Congressional authority, to early moments of the Watergating of President Richard Nixon (shown here leaving the White House after resigning as President).*

the “advice” of his political crony, White House Counsel Robert Bauer, and of the State Department Legal Advisor Harold Koh—a leading proponent of “humanitarian intervention” and the “responsibility to protect,” a position also strongly held by two other top Obama insiders, advisor Samantha Power and Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice.

Obama’s disregard of the OLC’s legal advice, confirmed the report from intelligence sources, with which LaRouche concurs, that Obama’s violation of the requirements of the WPR and the Constitution itself was intentional and willful, not simply an amateurish blunder.

The question remains: Why would Obama pursue such a risky course of action? Yes, of course, there is his arrogance and his unbridled narcissism. But something more is also at play here: the British Empire-promoted push for “humanitarian interventions” in violation of the right of national sovereignty. As *EIR* exposed in its May 6 issue, “The British Empire Is Using ‘R2P’ To Destroy the U.S.,” the doctrine of “Responsibility to Protect,” or “R2P,” is nothing other than the promotion of perpetual warfare.

Soon after the release of the *Times* article, former OLC head Goldsmith wrote that he was not surprised about Bauer, since neither Bauer nor his office are expert in war powers, that he would not have expected

this from Koh, since, for a quarter-century, Koh has been the leading and most vocal critic of Presidential unilateralism in war. What happened? Goldsmith suggests two possibilities: first, that he is just faithfully serving his client Obama; or, more likely, that “Koh’s commitments to humanitarian intervention and the ‘responsibility to protect’ outweigh his commitment to his academic vision of presidential war powers.”

But ultimately, it is not Koh, nor Rice, nor Powers, who is responsible for this unconstitutional travesty. It is Obama himself who must be held to account, and removed from a position where he can do grave damage to the Constitution and the nation.

## The Watergate Parallel

The parallels of the case of Obama, to the Watergate process, are obvious.

Nixon was accused, in all three counts of the bill of impeachment brought against him, of acting “in a manner contrary to his trust as President and subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.” Specifically, he was accused of obstruction of justice, abuse of powers of his office, and violation of the Separation of Powers provision of the Constitution. Although with different overt acts, Barack Obama is guilty of all those abuses—and more.

Alexander Hamilton, in *Federalist* No. 65, explained the applicability in the following statement regarding impeachment in the Constitution: “The subjects of its jurisdiction are those offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust. They are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated *political*, as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself.”

Of course, Nixon resigned in order to prevent the impeachment process from going ahead. He could see that the Establishment had made a decision. As the process proceeds, Obama could well do the same—or be submitted to a measure which was not available in Nixon’s time, Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

But there is no denying that Watergate is in the air.

# The Drumbeat For Watergate II

*While the criticism of President Obama's disregard for the U.S. Constitution's commitment to the general welfare of the U.S. population, and its right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, not to mention civil liberties, has been increasingly intense from April 2009 on, it is only with the launching of the war against Libya that Obama's lawlessness has initiated a process parallel to that of Watergate, the scandal that drove President Richard Nixon from office in 1973. The highlights of that process are chronicled here:*

## March 2011

**March 19:** President Obama announces, from Brazil, the launch of Operation Odyssey Dawn, which commences with bombings of Libya. He calls it a limited operation to prevent massacres of civilians.

**March 21:** Explicitly citing the authority and requirement of the War Powers Resolution, Obama sends a formal notification to Congress of U.S. participation in what he calls "an international effort authorized by the United Nations Security Council and undertaken with the support of European allies and Arab partners, to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe and address the threat posed to international peace and security by the crisis in Libya.

"These strikes will be limited in their nature, duration, and scope," he wrote.

**March 21:** Sen. James Webb (D-Va.) tells MSNBC, "This isn't the way that our system is supposed to work."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) tells *Raw Story* that Obama's failure to consult Congress on the Libya operation "would appear on its face to be an impeachable offense."

**March 25:** Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) in, an article in the *New Amsterdam News*, says the President or Vice President should call a special session of Congress to discuss the Libya operation.

## April 2011

**April 1:** The Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel issues an opinion under the title, "Authority to Use Military Force in Libya," which includes a lengthy discussion of the application of the War Powers Resolution; it concludes that, "Prior congressional approval was not constitutionally required to use military force in the limited operations under consideration." The opinion was premised on the explicit understanding that the operation would be limited in scope and duration, and that regime change was not an objective of the military operations.

**April 8:** Bruce Fein, a former Reagan Administration Department of Justice official, and now chairman of American Freedom Agenda, issues a 15-page Article of Impeachment against the President, saying that "Barack Hussein Obama has mocked the rule of law, endangered the very existence of the Republic and the liberties of the people, and perpetrated an impeachable high crime and misdemeanor" in launching war on Libya without approval from the Congress.

Fein was involved in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, and also in the effort to impeach George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. He says that Obama has been "more bold than any other president," in failing to secure Congressional approval for the Libya attacks. "If he can wipe out the war powers authorization, why can't he wipe out Congress's authority to spend?" asks Fein, adding, "If we're going to be a government of laws, and not descend into empire, this is Caesar crossing the Rubicon."

## May 2011

**May 20:** Obama seeks a Senate resolution that would approve the Libya mission. Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) are tasked with this effort.

**May 23:** Kucinich, with 11 cosponsors, introduces House Concurrent Resolution 51, which, "pursuant to Section 5(c) of the War Powers Act" (WPA), calls for removal of U.S. Armed Forces from Libya.

## June 2011

**June 3:** Resolution 51 wins 148 votes, but is defeated 264 to 148.

On the same day, a weaker Resolution by House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) passes, "declaring that the President shall not deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of units and members of the United States

Armed Forces on the ground in Libya, and for other purposes.” The Resolution also demands that the Administration transmit to the House of Representatives, in no more than 14 days (i.e., by June 17), “a report describing in detail United States security interests and objectives” in Libya, including justification for not seeking Congressional authorization.

**June 5:** Senior Republican Sen. Richard Lugar (Ind.) pens an op-ed in the *Washington Post* which criticizes the President for not consulting with Congress, and concludes: “The Founding Fathers gave Congress the power to declare war for good reason: It forces the president to present his case in detail to the American public, allows for a robust debate to examine that case and helps build broad political support to commit American blood and treasure overseas. Little of that has happened here.”

**June 8:** Senators Webb and Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) introduce Joint Resolution 18, which would prohibit deployment of U.S. troops on the ground in Libya or the awarding of any contracts to private security contractors for on-the-ground activity; require the Administration to request authorization from Congress for the continuation of U.S. involvement in ongoing NATO activities in Libya; and require the Administration to provide, within 14 days, detailed answers to 21 specific questions on the justification for U.S. military operations in Libya.

**June 13:** The House of Representatives passes an amendment to a Defense Appropriations bill, barring Obama from spending any of the money for the war on Libya. The vote was 248-163. Introduced by Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.), the amendment states: “None of the funds made available by this act may be used in contravention of the War Powers Resolution.”

**June 15:** President Obama sends a 32-page report to Congress filled with details about the alleged “humanitarian” reasons for the Libya intervention. In one paragraph, the memo asserts that Obama does not need Congressional authorization under the WPA, because the action was taken under the authorization of a UN Security Council resolution which limits the scope of military operations, and that the U.S. is only playing a “supporting” role for the NATO coalition.

**June 15:** A bipartisan group of House members files a suit against Obama, seeking injunctive and declaratory relief to protect the plaintiffs and the country from 1) the policy that a President may unilaterally go to war in Libya and other countries without a declaration of war from Congress, as required by Article I, Section 8,

Clause 11 of the United States Constitution; 2) the policy that a President may commit the United States to a war under the authority of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in violation of the express conditions of the North Atlantic Treaty ratified by Congress; 3) the policy that a President may commit the United States to a war under the authority of the United Nations without authorization from Congress; 4) from the use of previously appropriated funds by Congress for an unconstitutional and unauthorized war in Libya or other countries; and 5) from the violation of the War Powers Resolution as a result of the Obama Administration’s established policy that the President does not require congressional authorization for the use of military force in wars like the one in Libya.

**June 15:** In an interview given to CNN on the 40th anniversary of the release of the Pentagon Papers, Daniel Ellsberg releases a broadside against Obama, arguing that today, all of the crimes that Richard Nixon committed against him (Ellsberg), have now been legalized, and are being carried out by Obama. Ellsberg also points out that Obama is violating “Article I, section 8 of the Constitution,” which “for the first time in constitutional history, put the decision to go to war (beyond repelling sudden attacks) exclusively in the hands of Congress, not the President.”

**June 16:** Lugar, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issues a statement saying: “I have asked Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry to hold a hearing at which Administration officials will testify on the Constitutional basis on which the President is conducting military operations and the relationship of these operations to the requirements of the War Powers Resolution. Senator Kerry has agreed to hold such a hearing on June 28. In the meantime, I strongly urge the President to seek Congressional authorization for the continuation of U.S. military operations in Libya.”

“The Administration’s position is both legally dubious and unwise,” Lugar also states.

**June 17-18** The *New York Times* discloses that Obama had rejected the views of top lawyers at the Justice and Defense Departments—including the Office of Legal Counsel, charged with providing legal advice to the President—in deciding that he had authority to continue U.S. military action in Libya without Congressional authorization. Obama instead went with the contrary opinions of the White House and State Department’s legal counsels.



# Greece, Like Strauss-Kahn's Maid, Resists IMF Rapists

by Dean Andromidas

June 18—The great edifice of the Euro Empire appears to be crumbling before the mass strike now sweeping Greece. Hundreds of thousands of Greeks have taken to the streets to demonstrate they can no longer tolerate brutalization for the sake of a mountain of unpayable debt. The paralyzed Greek government is unable to implement the austerity plans required before yet another EU bailout can be implemented, to prop up the hopelessly bankrupt euro financial system.

The Greek government's own paralysis is mirrored 17 times over by the paralysis of the 17 nations that make up the Eurozone. After losing their bailout ring-leader, former International Monetary Fund director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, they are unable to agree on a policy to save the doomed Eurozone. While the Euro-gang squabbles over unworkable schemes ranging from "voluntary haircuts" for private creditors to wet dreams of a giant new bailout fund of EU1.5 trillion, the only solution available is the restoration of a Glass-Steagall standard in the United States, and its extension to Europe.

## Fear of Contagion

It is not Greece that is bankrupt, but the euro system, that monster created by the City of London's Inter-Alpha Group of banks, which crashed along with the U.S. banking system in 2008 and was bailed out by the governments of the United States and Europe. The

looming default of Greece exposes the failure of the EU110 billion bailout put together in 2010; in turn, a Greek default will immediately lead to the collapse the EU100 billion Irish bailout and the yet-to-be approved EU85 billion Portuguese bailout. But the greatest fear is a collapse of Spain, whose economy is larger than all the others put together. Its national banking system, led by the Inter-Alpha Group's Banco Santander, and its regional savings banks, which are buried under a mountain of worthless mortgage debt, are hopelessly bankrupt. Since the banks of each of these countries hold most of their respective nations' debt, a sovereign debt default will collapse the national banking systems.

The June 6 figures from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) reveal that the banking systems of France, Germany, and the U.K. will be hit hard when Greece defaults, since French banks hold EU53 billion of Greek private and public debt, German banks hold EU39 billion, and British banks more than EU13 billion.

Fragile Portuguese banks hold more than EU10 billion in Greek debt, the loss of which would could trigger a banking crisis there. France holds EU27 billion in Portuguese debt, Germany EU36.5 billion, and Great Britain more than EU24 billion. But it is Spain that is most threatened, with EU85 billion of Portuguese public and private debt.



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*With the arrest of IMF director Dominique Strauss-Kahn (above) last month for sexual assault, the troika of financial powers trying to squeeze more blood out of bankrupt Greece is in trouble. Greek Prime Minister Papandreou is trying follow the troika's orders to impose more austerity, but the population is resisting, as seen in the photos at left.*

As for Spain's own debt, this gets us into very big numbers, with German banks holding EU181 billion, French banks EU141 billion, British banks EU112 billion, and Dutch banks EU77 billion. Portuguese banks hold EU25 billion worth of Spanish debt.

One now has to include the European Central Bank itself, which holds EU49 billion of Greek sovereign debt, along with that of Portugal and Ireland, for a total of nearly EU100 billion. On top of this, it has extended emergency short-term loans to the banking systems of these countries, plus Spain, for a total of nearly EU400 billion. Then there is the so-called "non-standard" short-term lending to the Eurozone banking system as whole, which runs into the hundreds of billions.

All these figures are little more than a guess at the real magnitude of the problem. The debt constitutes a giant financial balloon of derivatives of all shapes and sizes.

## Crushing Greece

Like the usurers of the Babylonian Empire, the "troika" of the European Union, European Central Bank, and International Monetary Fund has devised a

program of brutal austerity, in a desperate attempt to save themselves. The bailouts, including the EU110 billion Greek bailout package and the EU750 billion European Financial Stability Fund, are a replay of the 1881 International Debt Commission that was imposed on Egypt by the "Great Powers," which made it a "protectorate" of the British Empire.

Unlike that earlier Debt Commission, which at least made the pretense of investing funds into projects inside Egypt—even if they were to benefit the imperial powers—today's bailouts only suck money out of their victims to pay their creditors. This is done through the instrumentality known as the "Memorandum," whereby Greece, Ireland, and Portugal ceded sovereignty over their economies to the troika.

In the case of Greece, it first slashed the salaries of the 750,000 public-sector workers by 20%; government pensions were cut by 15%, and the age of retirement was increased. Various taxes were increased, and cuts were made to social benefits, education, and the health-care system. These cuts have devastated the living standards of Greece, which was already among the poorer nations in the European Union. In this first phase, the economy shrank by 5.5%; unemployment increased by 40% over the last year and has now

reached 16.2%, with youth unemployment no less than 42%. For the first time since World War II, impoverished Greeks can be seen picking through garbage cans. Even though the deficit was cut by 5 percentage points, this was not deemed sufficient by the troika's team, which reviews the progress of the Memorandum each quarter.

The troika's June quarterly review determined that not only was the Memorandum not working, but that Greece will need a new bailout. Thus a new Memorandum was drafted, demanding even more cuts; it now has to be passed by the Greek Parliament. The new four-year program includes additional cuts of EU6.4 billion this year and EU30 billion by 2015, elimination of 150,000 jobs in the 750,000-person public sector by 2015, a freeze on pension costs, an additional EU4 billion cut in social benefits over the next four years, a EU3 billion cut in social welfare, plus increases in the value added tax, property taxes, and a "solidarity tax" on all those earning over EU8,000 annually. Among the draconian labor "reforms," salaries of 18- to 25-year-olds will be cut by 20%, to below the minimum wage.

Then, EU50 billion will be raised by privatization of state assets, to be overseen by an agency whose decisions will be irreversible and which will include "observers" nominated by the Eurozone states.

These draconian measures will be taken out of the hands of Greek elected officials, and turned over to the European Commission and IMF technocrats, who will supervise tax collection as well as the "reforms."



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*People of all walks of life are joining the Greek demonstrations, correctly fearing that they have no future under the present system. The police have used tear gas, stun grenades, and batons to repress demonstrators—but recently even retired police and soldiers have been joining the demonstrators.*



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While Greece began this process a year ago, with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 110%, the ratio now stands at 165%! The troika does not see this as a problem, because it has identified EU300 billion of public assets, including Greek islands, which can be sold off.

### The 'Indignants' of Syntagma

On May 25, a few days after IMF director Strauss-Kahn was arrested on charges of

attempting to rape a hotel chambermaid, another of his victims began to resist: the people of Greece. Taking up the challenged posed to them by "Los Indignados" (the Indignants) protesters in Spain, thousands of Greek youth took to the squares of the major



cities of Greece, especially Syntagma Square in Athens, where the Parliament is located. Thus, the mass-strike movement was born, calling itself the Indignants of Syntagma (in Athens) and the Movement of the Indignants (nationally).

Tens of thousands have gathered every night since May 25, including a 500,000-person demonstration on June 5. Their banners read: “Poverty is the worst violence,” “Bread, education, liberty: We want our life, we want our happiness, we want our dignity, so out with the thieves and out with the IMF,” “The European Union does not solve the problem, it *is* the problem,” and “The maid resisted, so will we.” On June 11, the Movement of the Indignants joined in support of a 24-hour general strike, culminating in a 100,000-person demonstration in Syntagma Square.

Just as the Spanish Indignants had galvanized the Greeks into action, the latter are now challenging the French and Italians with banners reading, respectively: “Be quiet! The French are sleeping! They are dreaming of ’68—shhh!” and “Be quiet, we might wake the Italians.”

With the troika taking away their jobs, their future, even the nation itself, the youth have been joined by people of all ages and walks of life, including retired police and military personnel, whose presence has had a powerful impact on the riot police deployed there, who have been ordered to repress their old comrades.

Most extraordinary has been the presence of Greek Orthodox priests and monks by the hundreds, both in clerical dress and civilian clothes. The Church has always tried to stay politically neutral, but its presence represents a decision by the Church to support the people and give them comfort by its presence, as one Greek participant of these demonstrations told *EIR*. Bishops Anthimos of Thessaloniki and Ambrosios of Kalavryta and Aigialeia have voiced support for the new movement. The latter said in a statement, “Let us all go out into the squares, let us all be indignant citizens. Greece is losing itself, it is sinking—soon we will be foreigners in our own home. So rise up! Get off your couches, leave the bars and the cafés behind and go out onto the streets for a peaceful demonstration. Stay there for a few days and stage a peaceful revolution.”

Kalavryta is the birthplace of the 1821 Revolution, when the Greek flag was raised for the first time above the Agia Lavra Monastery.

## Papandreou’s Dead Government Walking

The self-organization of the Greek population in its protest against the brutal policies forced upon it contrasts sharply with the disarray of the Greek political class and the European political leaders who are forcing this policy on Greece.

On June 15, in the face of 100,000 demonstrators who surrounded the Parliament and a 24-hour general strike by the trade union federation, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou took a series of desperate political maneuvers to save his government long enough to pass the revised EU Memorandum through Parliament. Under orders from Brussels, he first sought to form a unity government with the opposition New Democracy, who would agree only if he departed from the scene and the Memorandum were renegotiated. Refusing this proposition after consulting with his controllers in Brussels, Papandreou settled for a Cabinet reshuffle to placate the rebellion in his own Pan Hellenic Socialist Party, after three members of his parliamentary caucus resigned from the party.

Papandreou must now force the revised Memorandum through Parliament by the end of June. With only a 5-seat majority in the 300-seat Parliament and a party that is cracking up, it is not at all assured of passage. But as one source who has been on the scene in Syntagma Square told *EIR*, there *is* no Greek government. The chairs in the Cabinet and Parliament may have bodies sitting in them, but they have no support whatsoever from the Greek population. Any government that supports the bailout will face that same rage.

If the Memorandum vote fails, Papandreou would go into the political wilderness, but the far bigger losers will be the Eurogang, since without a Greek government backing of the Memorandum there can be no bailout.

## A Vision of the Future

The hope for Greece lies in a future that will be defined by a fundamental reform of the international financial system following the restoration of Glass-Steagall in the United States. Greece could then have an important role in a global drive for economic development. With its strategic position in the eastern Mediterranean, and being well endowed with potentially superb natural harbors, it can serve as a bridge eastward and southward to Southwest Asia, North Africa, and even the Far East, via the Suez Canal—and northwards to Central and Eastern Europe and Russia.



# Italians Vote in ‘Democratic’ Coup Against Nuclear Energy

by Claudio Celani

The result of the Italian referendum on nuclear power, which took place on June 12-13, in the aftermath of Japan’s Fukushima crisis, was predictable. The “Yes” to repealing the government plan to build ten nuclear power stations in the next 15 years won with an overwhelming 90%. To be fair, it must be said that all those who would vote “No” stayed home, in the attempt to quash the referendum for insufficient voter turnout. However, this time, the 50% quorum was easily reached and surpassed with a solid 57% turnout, making this the first referendum in recent years to be successful.

A fair assessment of the vote is therefore, that, counting all voters who did not go to the polls, but intended to vote “No,” the margin of the “Yes” votes would be not much higher than 52-53%. Nevertheless, 26 million “Yes” voters means that a major section of center-right voters shifted to the anti-nuclear camp. As soon as the result was made known, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi announced that Italy must now “go towards renewable energies.” The next day, Industry Minister Paolo Romani announced a national energy conference to define a nuclear-free policy, centered on “renewables.”

For the next five years, according to law, no Italian government can introduce a nuclear energy policy. Italians had previously voted in a nuclear referendum in 1987, in the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster, to shut down all existing nuclear power stations. It took over 20 years before the issue could be reintroduced.

“Popular referenda,” as they are called, are often not an expression of democratic freedom, but of its opposite. Their original function was to ask voters to decide on fundamental and clear questions, such as Constitutional changes and similar issues. But no referendum was called on the introduction of the euro currency, or on the supranational Lisbon Treaty. Instead, in the past, Italians have been called to vote almost every year on

single issues, or on issues on which a specific competence was required. At a certain point, Italians understood that and, since 1995, quashed each and every referendum by not going to vote.

This time, unfortunately, the Fukushima crisis and the general economic and political crisis supplied the oligarchy with the background to launch a successful coup. The popular rage because of the economic crisis, aggravated by the EU austerity policies, and the participation of the Italian government in the insane NATO war against Lybia, were the two major factors that shifted support away from the government coalition. However, rage makes one blind, and referendum promoters were easily able to induce irrational fears of nuclear energy with a massive Goebbels-like propaganda campaign.

## Referendum on Berlusconi

Besides nuclear energy, Italians were called to vote on three other issues: two issues concerning water privatization and one issue concerning Berlusconi’s custom-made immunity law. All four votes showed the identical pattern: over 90% “Yes” (i.e., abrogation of existing laws). Taken in itself, the vote on the three issues expresses a deep dissatisfaction of a majority of Italians for free-market policies and for Berlusconi’s conduct with respect to his judicial problems (a UN report has accused him of “acting above the law,” to fend off corruption investigations), as well as his famously libertine lifestyle.

But since the vote was not a rational one, but rather, one dictated by rage, the same voters behaved insanely, and decided to dump not only Berlusconi, but Prometheus as well. Once the party is over, the voters will likely wake up with a hangover.

Making the tragedy bitter, the day after the Italian vote, Japanese Industry Minister Banri Kaieda was asked for a comment on the referendum, and said that in



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*Italians voted in a referendum against nuclear power; like their German neighbors, they were whipped into a state of anti-nuclear hysteria by the eco-fanatics and the media following the Fukushima crisis. Here, Italian Greenpeace kooks campaign for the referendum.*

Japan, nuclear energy “will remain one of the four pillars of the national energy policy.” Kaieda’s statements were broadly covered in Italy, and a few media used it as a lesson in common sense.

The Italian population has been duped into supporting a coup organized by the anglophile faction, most visibly represented by financier Carlo De Benedetti, a Rothschild associate. The referendum was organized by the IDV (Italia dei Valori) party, founded and led by Antonio Di Pietro, who is part of the stable owned by De Benedetti, whose agenda is to deindustrialize Italy. The fact that De Benedetti owns the largest company providing “renewable” energies, Sorgenia, is only a predicate of a larger and older behavior of the species. De Benedetti also owns the Espresso/Repubblica publishing house, which is a “market-maker” for the entire media sector—including some sectors of Berlusconi’s own media empire.

De Benedetti’s populist assets are now set to win hegemony in the opposition, as a consequence of local elections in May. This was the first political blow suffered by the current government, since it was formed in 2008, with two major cities, Milan and Naples, surprisingly passing over to the opposition. This was also organized as a coup. For instance, in Milan, both candidates running in the primaries for the Democratic Party were in-house candidates of the De Benedetti family: architect Stefano Boeri, brother of economist Tito Boeri who is the director of the Rodolfo De Benedetti founda-

tion; and Giuliano Pisapia, the legal attorney of the De Benedettis.

### Naples’ Political Garbage

In Naples, radical populist Luigi De Magistris won a “surprise” victory based on his “law and order” image. De Magistris made headlines as a prosecutor in southern Italy, with a series of investigations of politicians. Then, as his investigations failed to generate trials, he entered Di Pietro’s IDV party and was elected to the European Parliament. The voters of Naples, where the fight against organized crime is the top priority, saw him as a potential “cleaner” and voted overwhelmingly for him.

However, De Magistris’s radical environmentalist position against the construction of modern incinerators to solve Naples’ garbage problem is suspiciously favoring that very organized crime, the “Camorra,” which controls the garbage system, and is opposing incinerators. De Magistris, like Pisapia in Milan, pushes De Benedetti’s green agenda.

Now, the anglophile oligarchy wants to exploit the momentum created by the local elections and by the referenda to install a national government that implements such an agenda on a national scale, independently from who sits in the driver’s seat. It could be a Berlusconi-turned-green, like Germany’s Angela Merkel, or, if it is decided that his days are numbered, it could be someone else. Gianfranco Fini, the former Berlusconi ally and chairman of the House of Deputies, wrote an article saying that Berlusconi must be replaced by another figure expressing the same political coalition, but adopting the “blood and tears” austerity program laid out by outgoing central banker and future ECB chairman Mario Draghi. In other words, Italy must be sacrificed to save the derivatives bubble built on the euro.

It is not difficult to see how the anglophile oligarchy is manipulating political processes in Italy similar to the situation in Germany, where the government has adopted the WBGU New Dark Age agenda. Similar to Germany, the Italian population is supporting the tyrant because its morale has been broken by decades of economic, political, and cultural warfare. However, this can change if that same population realizes that its manipulators can be defeated, as the LaRouche movement intends, through the Glass-Steagall fight in the United States and in Europe.

# Missouri River Floods Hit Food Supply; Obama/Vilsack to Farmers: No Aid

by Marcia Merry Baker

June 20—The Missouri River, for two-thirds of its 2,341-mile course, is now in full flood, with high-water conditions projected to last until at least mid-August. The river runs through the heart of the northern High Plains, one of the richest farm regions of the world. The river basin covers most of the U.S. Spring wheat belt, where wet and cold have severely retarded or ruined crops (**Figure 1**). More than 35% of the U.S. corn harvest is produced in the five-state region here (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota, and North Dakota). The toll on farm fields is vast, diminishing this year's wheat, corn, soybeans, canola, barley, and other crops, and devastating livestock operations. The flooding also disrupts transportation and food processing.

This crop season's damage in the Missouri Basin, added to the agriculture losses from Spring flooding in the rest of the Mississippi and Ohio Basin, constitutes an automatic hit to the world food supply, given the export share of basic grains produced in the United States.

Yet the latest Obama snub to the population—meaning, all those who eat food—comes from Obama's Agriculture Secretary, Tom Vilsack, who toured the flood zone in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, June 16-17, and said nothing can be done. He told farmers, Washington is cutting disaster aid: "I'm having my department budget cut by 13% today, and after talking with members of Congress yesterday, I would say chances are slim that more money will be made available for disaster or [agriculture] insurance programs."

This was capped off by Obama's chummy golf game June 18, with the "opposition" leader John Boehner (R-Ohio), Speaker of the House, whose party likewise is saying: There's no money. We can't do anything.

In apparent contrast, obligatory statements of concern were issued last week by Congressional figures from the flood states, who visited several of their deluged counties, including Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Neb.), Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Rep. Joanne Emerson (R-Mo.) and others. But they display two dismal reflex reactions when it comes to policy: 1) blame-game criti-

cism of the Army Corps of Engineers; and 2) pin-head agreement on budget cuts in Washington, for agriculture, food aid, and disaster relief.

What's busting up this immorality is the national drive to reinstate the Franklin Roosevelt-era Glass-Steagall banking law, under whose principle and practices, credits can be issued for both emergency measures and longer-term agro-industrial development. The immediate necessity is for food price controls, to ban the wild commodity speculation—a hallmark of the expiring monetarist system, falsely blamed on "weather"—and to secure the functioning of farm and food supply lines.

## Scale of Damage to Agriculture

There are 2 million or more agricultural acres affected in the Missouri Basin as a whole, some from standing water, some from saturated ground, and/or unseasonably cold temperatures. The Iowa Farm Bureau estimates that 150,000 acres of Iowa farm fields will be under water, and the crops drowned, as a direct consequence of the Missouri River system flooding. (The state has 24 million acres under cultivation, in fields draining either to the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.)

On June 30, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is to release a farmer survey-based estimate of crop losses. But unless that report blatantly lies, it will only verify what can be inferred from this year's weather map.

The pattern shows that the Missouri Basin agriculture disaster comes at the same time as extreme weather and farm losses in the Ohio Valley, the Lower Mississippi River flooding, and the fierce drought in the South. This makes the Missouri Basin flooding both a national and international food supply crisis.

Look at the continental cornbelt, in particular, which extends from Ohio in the East, all the way westward through Nebraska. Both East and West have significant crop problems. Corn planting in Ohio, for the week ended June 12, was only 57% done, compared to an av-

FIGURE 1  
Missouri River Basin



erage of 97% by this date, according to the USDA *Crop Progress*. And the condition of the seeded fields in Ohio remains far worse than last year.

Back in the Missouri Basin, the Spring wheat belt was devastated in Montana and North Dakota.

Added to the drastic impacts on grain, livestock operations are badly affected throughout the region. Some farmers have lost animals outright to floods. All farmers face high feed costs, re-location costs, and many have damaged or destroyed farm buildings.

### Flood Control Lacking; High Water Persists

The *Bismarck Tribune*, the daily paper of the flooded capital of North Dakota, located directly on the Missouri River, ran an article June 19 in which Clay Jenkinson, a professor at Dickinson State University and Bismarck State College, identified the scale of the crisis: "The simple fact is that this is a gargantuan (I almost wrote titanic) water year in the Missouri-Mississippi basin, from Dillon, Montana, to Memphis and New Orleans.

"The Corps of Engineers is desperately trying to maintain control of one of the biggest water episodes on the fourth longest river in the world, the 10th most powerful, a clogged and waterlogged drainage basin that collects the runoff of all or part of 31 states and two Canadian provinces. The Missouri-Mississippi basin embraces fully 41 percent of the continental United States.

It's on the rampage this year. The Corps is doing everything to minimize the damage from Helena and Bozeman [Montana] to New Orleans, a distance of 3,709 miles. It's a long war on many fronts, and there is going to be some collateral damage, including here in North Dakota."

Two features of extreme weather phenomena are involved in the Missouri River Basin flooding: 1) the melt-off of the very heavy snowpack in the Rockies; and 2) persistent rains in the Missouri watershed. The National Weather Service warns of more rainstorms ahead.

The focus at present is on the mid-Missouri, which is now in its 14th day of flooding. Going from north to south, where the Missouri River comes down through South Dakota, thence proceeding southward as the

border between Nebraska and Iowa, the river is three feet above flood stage at Sioux City, Iowa/South Sioux City, Nebraska; then it rises to four feet above flood stage in Omaha, Nebraska/Council Bluffs, Iowa, and then farther south; where the river enters the state of Missouri, it is eight feet above flood level, near Hamburg, Iowa. Here, the main levee gave way June 13, and the town (most of its 1,100 residents have evacuated), is now protected by a secondary levee, built in haste just this past week by National Guard and Army Corps of Engineers troops.

In general, the high water level of the Missouri will be about three feet above flood stage for weeks, with local fluctuations. In the second half of June, the flood stage will be reached on its southernmost course through the state of Missouri. For example, June 22 is the target date for when its level will be above flood stage in the state capital at Jefferson City, according to the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Only the Upper Missouri River flood-control system has major flood-control structures. There are six main-stem dams from Montana to South Dakota, but none in the stretch down to St. Louis, where the Missouri joins the Mississippi. Below the southernmost Gavins Point Dam (near Yankton, S.D.), flood control depends only on non-systematic levees, many built by the Army Corps



of Engineers, but often dependent on localities for their upkeep, and often neglected for want of resources.

All the upper six dam reservoirs are swollen full; the Corps is monitoring the rate of flow of the water release at each installation daily. There is a balancing act between holding water back to protect localities downstream, and the need to release it because the impoundments are too full. For example, at the Garrison Dam in North Dakota, the lake level on June 12 was 1,853.3 feet, and the top of the dam's spillway gates is 1,854 feet! The dam has far exceeded the volume of water it released in the past, and shortly will be at 230% of its former record amount of water released!

### Localities Scramble

On June 14, the Gavins Point Dam was releasing water at the huge rate of 150,000 cubic feet per second. The feared consequence of this, downstream at the chokepoint of Sioux City (where the Big Sioux River

joins the Missouri), was expected to be very high flood waters. This, fortunately, did not happen, for two main reasons: First, the river is scouring its own channel in this stretch, which allows for carrying off greater volumes of water. (This also increases the siltload downstream, for which the Army Corps has not been given funding for dredging!)

Secondly, the levee break near Hamburg is allowing so much water to escape throughout the countryside, that the back-up is lessened up-river. In effect, Omaha and Sioux City gained at the expense of Hamburg.

Thus, there is a kind of each-against-all mode in play, because there is no system-wide capability for water management. The Pick-Sloan 1940s Missouri River Basin Project was never completed, especially in the Lower Missouri.<sup>1</sup> "We are kind of pushing the water

1. For more on the Pick-Sloan Plan, see *EIR*, June 10, 2011 (<http://www.larouchepub.com>).

## Innovative Technique To Hold Back Flood Waters

This scene, at Covington Golf Course, in South Sioux City, Neb., shows the construction of a flood wall June 15, against Missouri River water, using 4-foot-high Styrofoam forms for the concrete, devised by LiteForm Technologies. Here, the concrete fill-process is taking place amidst the flood waters; after 16 hours of pumping, the protected side was dry, and the new levee defended against the flood on the other side. The wall structures have pick holes, so that when water recedes, the levee can be dismantled by machinery lifting out the sections, as easily as removing highway bollards.

Pat Boeshart, CEO of LiteForm, based in Sioux City, innovated the technology and

founded the firm in 1986; he has constructed building foundations all over the nation, but now is working flat-out on local flood walls. The forms are built offsite. The levee can be erected in a day.

Earlier in June, the town of South Sioux City had two temporary levees built, one by the Army Corps of Engineers, and the secondary one, which is a 2,500-ft.-dike, by the LiteForm Styrofoam/concrete method. It was done in seven hours, for a total cost of \$24,000.



Boeshart, LiteForm Technologies



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

*On June 14, the Gavins Point Dam Spillway (shown here) was releasing water at the huge rate of 150,000 cubic feet per second. The feared consequence of this, downstream at the chokepoint of Sioux City (where the Big Sioux River joins the Missouri), was expected to be very high flood waters. This, fortunately, did not happen.*

around, to protect ourselves and hurt someone else,” is the way one Sioux City emergency levee-builder critiqued the situation.

Local sites are scrambling to put in flood protection, site-by-site, for power plants, food-processing facilities, schools, prisons, water-treatment plants, hotels, government buildings, etc. Work teams are in action from the National Guard, church and community volunteers, prison inmates, etc.

Flood damage to key links in the Plains roadway system is creating havoc for supply lines for towns, factories, and food processing. Interstate 29, which runs north-south east of the Missouri River, from Canada to Kansas City, Mo., is interrupted in at least two places, one near Council Bluffs, and the other in northwest Missouri. Brenda Neville, president of the Iowa Motor Truck Association, representing 700 companies, said that the disruption of this corridor is having a “dramatic impact.” The detours are costly. The Iowa Department of Transportation has warned that sections of I-29 might be closed for two months. The state has set up a motor vehicle hotline, to attempt to redirect road traffic.

## Get Serious: Glass-Steagall

On June 14, an additional funding measure—an eye-dropper amount of \$1 billion—for the Army Corps of Engineers, was passed by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, “to repair damage caused by recent storms and floods and to prepare for future disaster events” on the Missouri/Mississippi. Although the measure has more hurdles to pass, its approval came as a kind of admission of reality, in the midst of the budget-cutting insanity.

Likewise, internationally, there is a re-argued faint toward reality. In the countdown to this week’s Paris meeting of the agriculture ministers of the Group of 20, there are statements issuing forth about the need to curb food speculation, and slap commodity-exchange players on the wrist.

Get serious. The only hope to carry out urgent short- and long-term emergency measures for farming and the food supply, lies with the mobilization to reinstate the Glass Steagall law in the United

States. The Federal government can issue the credits, grants, and programs to restore and secure farming, farm communities, and provide for the food supply.

Immediately required, are price controls all along the food chain. As it is, the weekly USDA *Crop Progress* reports merely serve as the occasion for a speculative binge in agro-commodities on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Meantime, people are hurting. There are now 40.6 million Americans on domestic food relief, more than ever in history. They receive a minimal food stipend from the Agriculture Department’s SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), whose funding Obama and his loyal opposition plan to cut.

People are buying and eating less. In April, U.S. meat consumption was 6% less than April 2010, and the lowest in 10 years. Beef and pork were 8% less this April, than last.

Prices are climbing, and set for take-off. Grocery shoppers paid 4% more for a basket of 16 basic food items in May, compared with February, according to a quarterly poll taken by the American Farm Bureau, which tracks 72 shoppers in 30 cities. Year over year, the increase was more than 8%.

OPEN LETTER TO GERMANY'S CITIZENS

## An Appeal to a Nation On the Brink of Collapse

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

*Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo), issued this statement on June 17. It was translated from German and subheads have been added.*

Dear Citizens,

I am addressing this open letter to you, because our country's very existence is under threat. Our country's people sense this or know it outright, but neither our government nor any other institution is saying it openly, and consequently they are offering no way out for meeting this threat. In particular, Chancellor Merkel has set out on a course which, in view of the imminent collapse of the world financial system, the euro included, will very soon result in economic, political, and social catastrophe. Currently, neither in Berlin nor in Brussels is any kind of political proposal on the table which would have the slightest chance of rescuing Germany and Europe from plunging into poverty and social chaos. Why, therefore, should we proceed on the course which the Merkel government and the EU is proposing?

Fortunately, this policy is neither without alternative, nor is it irreversible. There exists a completely different, realistic way, one which in coming weeks will become evident to every German. In the United States Congress, there is growing support for a bill which provides for the introduction of a two-tier banking system, a Glass-Steagall standard, in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, as the only way to end the casino econ-

omy without undue harm to the American people. Similar legislation is currently being prepared on a bipartisan basis in the U.S. Senate, and it has the support of leading U.S. trade unions such as the AFL-CIO, as well as industry associations and many other organizations. If I were Germany's Chancellor, I would put a two-tier banking system and related measures immediately onto the agenda, and I would see to it that this reorganization is implemented here.

### Collapse of the Transatlantic Region

Let's first look at where we stand. We are in the absolute, acute final phase of the collapse of the transatlantic region's global financial system. Almost four years ago, in late July 2007, more than 30 years of systematic deregulation of the banking sector—to the detriment of the real economy and to the benefit of the speculators' casino economy—caused a global financial crisis, triggered by the collapse of the U.S. secondary mortgage market. Four years have passed since then, and during those four years, the G20 governments have done nothing to halt the gambling; instead, they have used a series of so-called bailout packages in the United States and Europe to transform private gambling debts into state debts, leading, in turn, to the imminent bankruptcy of many nations, and the looming collapse of the entire world financial system.

The EU110 billion bailout package for Greece, which was forced through a year ago by means of vari-





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*Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses the party congress of the BÜSo, Jan. 29, 2011. The BÜSo, she says, is the only party in Germany that proceeds from the standpoint of truth and the common good.*

ous tricks, was tied to austerity measures of such brutality that, predictably, the Greek economy has suffered a massive breakdown, with the corresponding shrinkage of tax revenues, while unemployment has soared to over 16%, and to over 42% among young people, and the standard of living has gone down by 25%. And now Greece needs yet another bailout package—there's talk of a total of EU172 billion—which would increase Greece's total indebtedness by around EU300 billion. But how will Greece ever be able to pay back this money, while its economy has been ruined by a remake of Brüning's austerity policies?

When the British daily the *Guardian* writes that Greece realistically needs a write-off of 70% of its debt, whereas the rating agencies insist that even a 5% write-off would result in the systemic collapse of the entire world financial system, it's obvious that the whole system is hopelessly bankrupt. Greek insolvency would bankrupt the banks of Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Belgium, France, and the European Central Bank (ECB) itself—i.e., the entire Eurozone.

### **The EU: A Supranational Dictatorship**

And thus it was clear from the very outset, that the European Monetary Union would not work, because

you simply cannot force countries with such diverse economic structures, and diverse languages and cultures, into a common monetary and economic corset. I am on the record saying, right at the start: The purpose of introducing the euro was never to provide for positive economic development of the member-countries of the Eurozone. Rather, the euro was Germany's price for obtaining Mitterrand's, Thatcher's, and Bush's acceptance of German reunification. For geopolitical reasons, especially Germany and Russia were to be kept down economically; Europe's nations were to be deprived of their sovereignty and subjugated under a British Empire-oriented European Union.

Starting with the Maastricht Treaty and continued through the Lisbon Treaty, this supranational dictatorship's grip was progressively strengthened, while an increasingly bloated Brussels bureaucracy attempted—via its completely counterproductive, frequently absurd guidelines—to utterly undermine member-states' sovereignty. We can only thank the German Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe for the fact that, with its so-called Lisbon Ruling, Europe cannot become a federal state unless the German population exerts its right under Article 146 of Germany's Basic Law to hold a plebiscite on a new constitution.

As was clear from the outset, the era of the European Monetary Union has simply led to the weakening of Germany's domestic market and of real wages, while the economic booms in the so-called catch-up nations have turned out to be mere bubbles—such as the real estate bubble in Spain—which, when they burst, led to the present debt crisis. Any attempt to maintain the euro system, which has turned into one big “bad bank”—the ECB included—would not only transform Europe into a mere transfer union, whereby German taxpayers would foot most of the bill at the expense of Germany's social-welfare system, but also a rapid succession of bailout packages along the lines of the U.S. Federal Reserve's Quantitative Easing III, IV, V, VI, etc. would very quickly lead to a hyperinflationary explosion similar to Germany in 1923, but now in the entire transatlantic region.

Moreover, claims that the supranational structure of the EU was necessary to secure peace in Europe, so that conflicts between nations could not erupt as in the past, have predictably turned out to be mere self-serving propaganda. The opposite, in fact, is the case: In Greece and Spain, hundreds of thousands have poured onto the streets with banners depicting the symbol of the EU with a swastika superimposed; Angela Merkel is being de-

picted as a neo-colonial despot; formerly good relations between Greeks, Spaniards, etc. and Germans have long been supplanted by deep mutual bitterness, whereby each side believes that the other is living at their expense. The imposition of the euro from above, without a popular vote in a single member country, has undermined peace in Europe, and dangerously so.

And thus, the second argument—namely, that a united Europe must exist under the EU so that Europe can hold its own, with growing influence, vis-à-vis the other great world powers—has led into absurdity, because a Europe forced into unity in which member-states are at each other's throats, along with a collapsing Eurozone which is just about to do away entirely with its high-technology sector, is not going to impress China, India, Russia, or the United States.

### The Anti-Nuclear Hysteria

Which brings us to the Merkel government's second unforgivable mistake: Her utterly irrational, undemocratic, and quite probably unconstitutional decision to renounce all nuclear power, in the absence of any economical and secure alternative energy supply for Germany as a highly developed industrial nation, is grounds enough to look around for the earliest possible replacement for the Chancellor. For if Merkel's autocratic decree were actually implemented, Germany would suffer hideous damage economically, politically, and socially. Contrary to the assurances of Cabinet ministers who might have degrees in education, theology, and law, but who haven't the faintest idea of physical economy and natural science, rising energy costs will in fact lead to the near-term de-industrialization of Germany—and even this energy won't be secure: We'll have blackouts and brownouts which will ruin industrial plants, and which, if we get a big freeze in the Winter, will destroy the plumbing of many residential dwellings.

We can only join with France's former Education Minister, Claude Allègre, who said that this exit from nuclear energy reflects a "teutonic tendency of yielding to panic and irrational fears," and that this is the most stupid decision this government has ever made. But



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*An anti-nuclear demonstration in Berlin, May 28, 2011. The German population has been thoroughly brainwashed on the issue of nuclear power, and Chancellor Merkel (who, as a physicist, knows better) has opportunistically chosen to follow, rather than lead, popular opinion.*

also, even official statements by government representatives from China, India, Japan, and many other countries, have commented on the Merkel government's incomprehensible ecological and scientific frivolousness. And soon enough, reactions will be even more violent from Germany's European neighbors, which will have to share the burden of increased prices.

The WBGU's paper "Social Contract for a Great Transformation,"<sup>1</sup> upon which Germany's exit from nuclear power is based, proposes nothing less than a worldwide eco-dictatorship, which is to impose the total "de-carbonization" of the world energy sector—i.e., not just renunciation of nuclear energy, but of all fossil fuels as well. But since a world economy based only on the energy flux-density of solar and wind energy can only support a maximum of 2-3 billion human beings on the planet, this proposal quite concretely aims at reducing the world population by 5-6 billion people. Coming from Germany only 66 years after the end of the Holocaust, such a proposal is truly monstrous, all

1. The German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), which is headed by Dr. Hans Joachim (John) Schellnhuber, on April 6 issued a report titled *World in Transition: A Social Contract for Sustainability*. Schellnhuber is a climate advisor to Chancellor Merkel. See Helga Zepp-LaRouche, "No to Global Gleichschaltung: Make June 17 the Day of German Resistance," *EIR*, May 6, 2011; and several articles in *EIR*, May 13, 2011.

the more so because no one, either here or abroad, dares to state this openly. It would also be an urgent task for experts in constitutional law to investigate whether it is even permissible to propose a world dictatorship that so blatantly violates the principles embedded in our Basic Law, and also whether the promotion of such ideas is even unconstitutional.

The coming public outcry, which is only very hesitantly getting under way now, has something to do with the fact that most people, at least in Germany, are firmly convinced that “you can’t do anything about it, anyway”—i.e., at least for the moment they have decided to go along with the idea that Europe will live under the dictatorship of an empire, since that’s the practical implication of that statement. These connections are in fact not hidden at all, since Merkel’s prompter Hans-Joachim Schellnhuber loses no opportunity to boast this intention with his honorary title CBE, Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The fact that Schellnhuber was personally awarded that title by Queen Elizabeth II, and that he accepted it, speaks volumes.

The fact can no longer be denied, that the imperial policy implemented following the 1989-91 collapse of Communism, via the so-called reform policy toward the former Soviet nations, and via imposition of the euro and the Maastricht EU dictatorship, has largely ruined the affected states. The time has come to state this openly: that the utopian idea that Europe can only hold its own against other growing great powers by itself becoming an Empire, has failed, and has to be buried.

At a time when, each week, hundreds of young people in Africa risk their lives to flee from hunger, sickness, and hopelessness, boarding small fishing boats in order to reach Europe, while almost 50% of Spanish youth are unemployed, 42% in Greece, 40% in Portugal, 30% in Italy, and all of these young people see no prospects for the future within the current system, then it is high time that we view this EU system of Maastricht through Lisbon as a failed model.

## **The Alternative**

It is of vital significance for the survival of Western civilization, that we in Europe and the United States define a new perspective, one which is rooted in the best traditions of our history and our culture. For the United States, this is the tradition of the American Revolution, from which arose the concept of a credit system, as opposed to a monetarist system. And ever since Chancellor

Bismarck’s industrial and social reforms, Germany’s identity has been that of a modern industrial nation, in which the state is obligated to provide for the general welfare, thereby enabling citizens to enjoy a high standard of living and good social support systems, because a high rate of scientific and technological progress continually increases the economy’s productivity. It is precisely this identity which we must re-invigorate.

Indeed, we can emphasize, in the spirit of Chancellor Adenauer and President de Gaulle, the spirit of Europe—not a Europe of supranational structures, but rather a Europe of the Fatherlands, of sovereign republics, which, however, are all united by a common mission in the world and common tasks. And one of these tasks could be to bring the African continent into the 21st Century, by means of a comprehensive infrastructure and development plan. Instead of setting up border guard posts to prevent refugees from entering Europe, we can use a Marshall Plan for Africa to create the living conditions there which people need in order to lead a life with dignity in their own homeland.

If we credibly demonstrate that we are really serious about ending the casino economy, and that we are really striving for a new, just world economic order, then it will also be possible to inspire the youth who have no prospects for the future, and who are now imprisoned in a decadent and misanthropic youth culture, with the same determination to rebuild and the pioneering spirit that made possible postwar reconstruction and the German Economic Miracle.

There is no doubt that our citizens have suffered considerable harm, especially in the past 20 years, having lived under what they perceive—correctly—to be a dictatorship. (One can literally hear the indignant outcry of some readers: “But we live in a democracy!”) But why then is the most frequently uttered dictum of Germans today: “There’s nothing you can do anyway”? Obviously people have become resigned to the fact that they are living in a political system that denies them individual participation in political life. And what would that be, if not a dictatorship?

This system is not only defined by the EU bureaucracy, but also by the way the party system functions in Germany. Ordinary voters have no influence on the parties’ nomination of candidates; the candidates in turn orient themselves toward the party leadership’s expectations of them, so as to get nominated; and the party leaders are primarily or exclusively focused on staying in power, meaning they will do nothing that would get





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*BüSo activists in Potsdam organize against the EU bailouts of the bankers and for a two-tier banking system, on the model of FDR's Glass-Steagall standard, May 2010.*

them into trouble with the financial oligarchy and its instruments, such as the controlled media.

There is an unspoken code within the Establishment, as to which rules one has to follow, if one wants to “belong.” As we all know, the talk shows always broadcast a rotation of the same talking heads. If a “political consensus” is then decreed from the top, which is “irreversible,” and to which there is “no alternative,” is it then so surprising that most people in our country have been saying, up to now, that absolutely nothing can be accomplished politically?

The reason, for example, that I did not join any of the established parties—something that has been repeatedly proposed to me over the years—is precisely this dynamic: It would have been impossible for me to develop the ideas, analyses, and programs that I was and still am convinced are necessary. Instead, the BüSo came into existence as a truly independent party, committed exclusively to the truth and the common good. I campaigned as a candidate for Chancellor in 1976, 2005, and 2009, not because I thought I would win the election, but because it was important to me to offer the German population a real alternative. The price for this independence was that for many years, they kept me personally and the BüSo in

general out of the arena of public discourse.

But this is now changing abruptly. The collapse of the global financial system and the euro confirms all my forecasts of the past 20 years. If the United States pushes through the two-tier banking system, the Glass-Steagall standard, in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, thus putting an end to the greed and profit-maximization of the speculator-driven casino economy, then the European nations will be offered the chance to do the same thing.

If the banking sector returns to the service of industry, and enough credit is generated by a new credit system that there can be investment in the real economy, with high energy flux-density and full and productive employment, then the social wealth will exist once again that will allow us to afford good health care for all citizens. Then we can place human creativity at the center of the economy, as the only source of value creation, rather than taking university courses aimed to meet the requirements of the casino economy.

The hopes linked to the great opportunity of 1989 and Germany's reunification have, for the geostrategic reasons already mentioned, not been fulfilled either in the West or in the East. Now that another system, namely that of globalization, is coming to an end, we have a great historic opportunity for a new start. This time we have to use it to give the citizens of our country the opportunity to engage actively, as citizens of a nation-state, for things that were once taken for granted in Germany, such as a state committed to the common good, and an economic order in which it is again self-evident, that life should be even better for future generations than our own.

I am not Chancellor, but I think about Germany as if I were. And until we have someone in that office again, who devotes his or her energy to the welfare of the German people, increasing their benefits, and keeping them from harm, then I will continue to do so.

I am writing to you, dear citizens, first, so you know that there is a way out of this crisis, and second, with the request that you help me to realize also in Germany this alternative, which the two-tier banking system presents. If enough people become active and work with me, proving that we “very well can do something,” then I think that we can turn Germany back in the right direction.

# The Key to Egypt's Future Is The American Economic System

*The driving force of the 2011 revolution in Egypt is the global mass strike of the youth generation, in reaction to the collapse of the monetarist financial empire that has brought humanity to ruin. In the following interview, a leading player in the Egyptian revolution that began with mass demonstrations in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Jan. 25, 2011, provides his unique and personal insights to **EIR's** Michele Steinberg. This individual responded, by e-mail from Egypt on June 10, to **EIR's** questions, on condition of anonymity, due to his active participation in the ongoing events in Egypt. While he, himself, is from an older generation, he has been a critical advisor to leading figures within the January 25th Movement, the youth-led movement that has repeatedly turned out millions of Egyptian citizens onto the streets of Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, and other cities and towns, in peaceful*

*demands for a secular, democratic, and modern nation-state.*

**EIR:** On May 27, millions of people in different cities of Egypt peacefully demonstrated once again to make sure that the old corrupt ways don't prevail, and to show unity in the face of the violence that erupted between Muslims and the Coptic Christians. What was special about those demonstrations, and why are people still inspired to turn out in a mass-strike process?

**Egyptian:** May 27 was an important day in the revolutionary process that started in Egypt on Jan. 25. It showed the strength of the youth grouping, since it was one of the days of the largest protests throughout the country, and since it was opposed by the Islamic organizations. This process, chaotic as it is, boils down to three main forces: the military, the democratic groups,



*"May 27 was an important day in the revolutionary process that started in Egypt on Jan. 25. It showed the strength of the youth grouping, since it was one of the days of the largest protests throughout the country, and since it was opposed by the Islamic organizations," the Egyptian source said. Shown: Tahrir Square, Cairo, May 27, 2011.*



and the Islamic organizations, mainly the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) and several groups of the Salafis.

The political fight is intense. The ideal of the majority of the youth is a secular country that respects the rights of all its citizens alike, and allows a degree of checks and balances to oversee the performance of the bureaucracy, and to guarantee the rule of the law and the ability of the population to accept, refuse, and propose these laws.

The military is toying with the idea of keeping power in its hands; the Muslim Brothers are planning for a President from their members, and for a majority in the parliament; and the Salafis are building up their bases in different places, and dreaming of a Saudi-like religious police and the rule of Sharia.

The major hurdle [for them], however, is the urban middle class, which has a strong belief in democratic values. Yet it would be misleading completely to reduce the difference to the ideological sphere. There is the decisive factor of the degree of economic development and the presence of—or lack of—a national unifying project where the population believes in its achievability....

This last element requires leadership, and unfortunately, there is none as of today. By the word “leadership,” I mean new, inspiring ideas, and the vehicles to convey them to the population, and start a constructive national debate about them. Without that, the debate will remain in the tight ring of “Islam or no Islam.” This formulation of the current debate is doomed from the start, as I believe, as a Muslim, that Islam is a religion of progress.

The current phase of the revolutionary process is pregnant with different and contradictory outcomes. But it is almost certain in my mind, that without the proper leadership and platform that reshapes the debate, we will not reach the right outcome, by which I mean, a political equation that guarantees the peaceful coexistence and balance between the different political trends, and at the same time, keeps itself open to further progress in its structure.

The reason why, is that I believe that the current situation is indeed very transitional in nature, and could develop in a positive direction, but only if there is a



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*“Important firms which were built with the sweat of a generation of Egyptians were soon turned into the bank accounts of a gang of investors, international banks, and corrupt officials.” For Egypt to recover, it will need tremendous amounts of energy. This Soviet-supplied Inshas Nuclear Research Center in Cairo represents the type of energy required to provide Egypt with the power to fuel an economic recovery.*

comprehensive economic plan to change the topography of the field.

## The Economic Debate

**EIR:** Since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak, Egypt has been asking for debt forgiveness from the IMF and from the United States, and the answer has been, essentially, pay your debt! What is the importance of a debt moratorium? At the same time, the transitional government has been seeking investment from private interests such as the Arab oil producers, China, Japan, Russia, etc., with little positive result.

There are important historical precedents from the American Revolution, specifically the U.S. Constitution and the National Bank of the United States, set up by America’s first Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton, who truly understood that the British had to be defeated a second time through real economic development. Are these precedents widely known, and how could these shape the future in Egypt?

**Egyptian:** The issue of debt forgiveness is not the essential issue to be debated now in Egypt. In fact, the debate is centered on the more comprehensive issue of what is the economic course that Egypt should take. The debate started with loud and very confident aca-



demics defending the continuation of the “inevitable” free market and free trade, as if they are religious decrees issued from above.

The picture has changed now, with a fierce debate, where I and some of my friends introduced Alexander Hamilton and the credit system to the discussion. The funny thing is, that we received some help from some wings of unexpected forces, like the Muslim Brothers and the leftists.

The objection of the MBs to a free banking and credit system was based on the prevention of usury. These guys did not remain long with us, as some academics proved the hypocrisy of their position by detailing the system of Islamic usury adopted by the British-made Islamic banks. This “Kosher” system is called *Murabea*. *Murabea* means essentially sharing the profits. There is only one catch: These profits are presupposed at a specific rate (be it 15% or 16% annually) and are added in advance to the sum of the loan.

Now, the debate is going on still, particularly around the issue of Egypt’s relations with the IMF and the World Bank. We are fortunate, because the suspicion among the population toward these two institutions was already abundant before the fight began. The circulating theme of the academics is that the U.S. and Western Europe need to develop Egypt into a real capitalist society, to turn it into a new born tiger, à la the Asian Tigers, therefore, we should all wait for the coming blessings of globalization, which has become, in their minds, a metaphysical force.

Why does the West feel obliged to develop Egypt? Simply because it needs stability in the Middle East and particularly in Egypt, where one-fourth of all Arabs live. The West needs secure and stable energy supplies, and that means a secure and stable region.

But such a goal cannot be obtained with Egypt having unemployment rates of over 35%, and a flood of newcomers to the labor market every year! I do not disagree with their premises, but I certainly oppose their conclusions, which boil down to proposing that we dress up sexy, with full make-up, and wait for the new Pasha to come and pick us over all the others lined up and showing larger parts of their skin, as I commented at a long lecture that was given in Cairo in defense of globalizing Egypt.

The IMF is offering us loans of about \$4.5 billion, and the World Bank is looking at an additional \$2 bil-

lion, and the European Union, up to \$40 billion over ten years. *But the early installments will go mostly to cover the deficit in our budget and repay interest on previous loans.*

In return, Egypt has not prepared a national development plan that could preserve our national interests in face of the infamous conditionalities of the international financial institutions. The academics are not much help. They do not debate even the basic interests of the Egyptians that should be preserved and protected under the new wave of investments that they talk about with large smiles.

When we raised the Indian model of relations with the world markets as an example we can learn from, they dismissed it right away, under the pretext of the particularities of each country, and without talking in any specific terms about the particularities of Egypt, or our bitter previous experience with the IMF.

The economic system in Egypt has a long history of a state role. It is not an alien concept. We are proposing a national development bank, owned by the government, that guarantees a flow of subsidized credits to accomplish specific national projects. An example of these projects is, turning the urban artisanal sector into concentrated clusters where higher-level machinery is used in cooperatives owned by the artisans themselves. We raised bluntly the need for protectionist measures, in spite of the academics’ intensive effort to turn the word protectionism into an obscene word.

Another measure is to carry out major projects like Dr. Farouk El-Baz’s development corridor. A third is to finance the small start-ups. A fourth is to enhance Egypt’s productive capacity of fertilizers and veterinary medications. A fifth is the construction of one major nuclear reactor in Dhabaa on the North Coast, which is a site prepared some 30 years ago for a reactor that never happened—for reasons that nobody exactly knows.

## Death by Privatization

As for our experience with the IMF, there is a lot to say. The privatization process was indeed scandalous by any reasonable measures. Some of the privatized firms were closed once they were sold to foreign or Egyptian investors, in order to sell their properties to real-estate developers. The sale usually brought a hefty profit, part of which used to go to the government of-

ficials who authorized the no-bid sale in the first place.

The government of Atef Ubaid (1999-2004), who presided over the process of selling Egypt, accomplished the mission and received high marks in all the

The Government Accountability Authority, an official arm, established to oversee the government performance, formed in the 1960s, issued a famous report stating bluntly that Egypt had not seen any prime minister as corrupt as Ubaid for a long time. (It was Ubaid who would later organize the transfer of the wealth of the Mubaraks and their cronies abroad, during the Egyptian uprising of Jan. 25.)

Twenty-seven textile factories were closed and sold to real-estate developers. The contract of selling the Bank of Alexandria was the subject of many complaints in Egypt at the time, but it was already signed. To make things worse, the government accepted to pay the compensation of the sacked workers, and for training the remaining labor force in these firms, and to pay the previous debts of the sold firms. The end result was that the net gain of the privatization process was almost nonexistent. What were left are thousands of workers without work (450,000), and new areas of luxurious villas built where we were building our country.

And I hope we will give no place to looters working on the basis of “f\*\*k and run.” We have been f\*\*ked for so long now, and it is high time to stop for the sake of a prosperous and stable Middle East.

**QIR:** Who killed Egypt's dream? In the early 1980s, there were plans for nuclear power, for making Egypt a breadbasket for Africa and the Middle East; it was food self-sufficient at the time, full of promise. How did this dream get lost, and how did this betrayal



*Following the famous exchange of letters between President John F. Kennedy and President Gamal Abdel Nasser, there were negotiations between the two countries to build a chain of nuclear reactors. But the project was shelved when the 1967 Arab-Israeli War erupted.*

relate to the Egyptian revolution that is still going on?

**Egyptian:** I do not know who was directly responsible for killing the dream. I met Dr. Maher Abaza (see box) in Paris, in either late 1982 or early 1983, and he told me that “they crushed it.” By “it,” he was referring to his project to build a chain of nuclear power stations in Egypt. I pressed him to elaborate, but he did not want to do so.

What is certain, is that the U.S. offered to build several reactors in the 1970s, and the offer ended with serious negotiations to build a small 5-megawatt preliminary reactor, but it was fiercely opposed by Israel, for whatever reason, and the program never happened. I also believe that there were negotiations with the U.S. to build a chain of reactors during the 1960s, after the famous exchange of letters between President John F. Kennedy and President Gamal Abdel Nasser. But later, the project was shelved when the 1967 [Arab-Israeli] War erupted, and was followed with a period of tension in the relations between the two countries.

In 1992, Egypt revived the nuclear project, and signed a deal with Argentina to build a 22-MW reactor, but George H.W. Bush’s Administration made it clear to Cairo that the project was a no-go. Many conditions were put forward (and in fact, all met), but problems remained particularly in financing.

Egypt was one of the first countries to allocate resources to nuclear power, as was obvious with the establishment of the Nuclear Energy Administration in 1955. We had the first research reactor in the region (2 MW) from Russia that began in the 1950s, and went online in 1960 in Anchass, near Cairo. It was later upgraded and is still working today.

But this whole issue of nuclear power should be placed in the context of the overall aspiration to develop and industrialize the country. I simply do not believe that we were ever given the chance to do that during the 1960s, and did not have the determination later on, when the country was opened to the so-called international financial institutions. The turning point in the progress towards industrialization was the June 1967 War. That war was not about Israel and Palestine and the security of the maritime passages in the Red Sea, as it is commonly said. It was, in my view, about the role of Egypt in the region, viewed in the context of the Cold War.

In any case, it ended all industrialization aspirations, and in fact, it ended Nasser’s regime.

As for Dr. Wali’s efforts in land reclamation (see box), you will have to deal with the issue on social bases, not merely economic bases. By that I mean that turning the desert into green land is positive in itself, but it would mean little to the population of the country if it were done in the framework which Dr. Wali had



adopted, that is, giving large plots of land to a few investors and companies. The land was turned green by planting fruit trees exclusively for export to Europe. The seeds come from Europe, and the fruit is sent to Europe; then the money is deposited in European banks. All this was taking place in a tube that connects the importer and the exporter, with no result to the larger population.

This description is indeed over-simplified, I admit. Wheat and other crops were planted on some of the reclaimed land, and there was some degree of benefit to the larger population. But at the end of the day, these new ranches were far from the picture drawn outside. The new land used minimum labor, but this could have been much more positive to the overall economy if it were regulated.

The agriculture problem in Egypt requires a separate space to discuss, as it should be seen on different levels. The credit system, the irrigation technology, the availability of energy and transportation systems, and the type of ownership that exists now in the valley (which is based on owning small plots of land, hence preventing mass agriculture)—all these are issues to be looked at. But briefly, I think that while Dr. Wali's efforts were a positive step, it was emptied of any meaningful content with the fever of free trade and free market.

## The March Dialogue

*Less than a month after the ouster of President Mubarak, reports surfaced that Saudi forces were pouring huge amounts of money into Egypt, to build up Islamic fundamentalism in order to destabilize the country and to attempt to prevent a true republican direction for Egypt. The Saudi funding is especially directed to the Egyptian Salafis, who have been identified in violence against the Coptic Christians. Asked about these developments in March 2011, here is the reply:*

**Egyptian:** Under the category of fundamentalist organizations in Egypt, there are two main groups: the Muslim Brotherhood and the Salafi Group. The MB has been going through many internal pressures. On generational bases, it is divided into layers.

The first is the elders, who are now most of the members of the leading bodies. These are the guys who lived through the years of *Mehna*, i.e., the Tribulation of the '60s. They are generally conservative and emphasize the Islamization of society versus participating in the political life of Egypt.

The second layer is what is usually described as the '70s generation. These constitute the middle cadre of the organization (though some of them reached a higher rank). They are usually educated, adopt a mixture of the old doctrine of the organization, and a more open view.

## Who Killed the Egyptian Dream?

The two interviews excerpted here were published by *EIR*, Jan. 25, 1983. The first quote is from Maher Abaza, Egypt's then-Minister of Electricity, from an interview with *EIR*, conducted in Cairo, Dec. 17, 1982:

"At the end of the century, hydropower will be the source of 10-15% of energy; 10-15% will be gas-powered stations; 15% will be coal-powered stations; and 15% will be diesel-powered stations. The rest, which is 40%, we expect to be nuclear power stations. We do not want to have all our

eggs in one basket."

Youssef Wali, Egypt's Agriculture Minister at the time, was asked about Egypt's plans for reclaiming the desert, and helping Sudan and all of Africa to develop agriculturally and into a "new Japan":

"That's right. It is along the same lines that your magazine has written in its recent cover story: 'Egypt's Fight To Become the Japan of the Middle East.' I agree with that concept. It is a very smart approach to take. We have to fight, though, to become the new Japan. It is not an easy game. Our transformation into a new Japan will not be served to us on a golden platter. We will have to work hard; we must be organized; we will have to avoid mismanagement, to avoid corruption, to avoid miscommunication, to become the Japan of the Middle East. I agree 100% with your vision."

They are active in professional unions (lawyers, engineers, doctors, etc.), and more popular than the traditional figures in the leadership.

A third layer was in the making before the recent uprising and gained many new members during and after the uprising. These newcomers are still not fully indoctrinated; they are now making a lot of noise about the undemocratic nature of the MB's organizational structure.

The other main Islamist group (the Salafis) is usually underestimated, but it is effective, and extremely backward. The Salafis did not participate in the uprising. Sheikh Ahmed Farid, one of the most prominent leaders of the group, explained this position by saying that democracy is un-Islamic, and it is also un-Islamic for boys and girls to demonstrate together. The group believes that Egyptian Copts should pay *Jizya* (an additional capitation tax paid by non-Muslims who live in Muslim societies). This group worked closely with the secret police (State Security) during the years of Mubarak, in order to confront the MBs.

The Salafis believe that the MBs are degrading Islam by working in politics. Some voices tend to dismiss the possibility of this group achieving a good rate of growth in the next few years. While this possibility depends mainly on what will happen in general, and in the economic sphere in particular, I think that this group should not be underestimated at all, especially in poor areas. As the road ahead will certainly go through many bumps and twists, a general atmosphere of heavy oppression and economic crisis may very well lead to a speedy advance of this group among desperate segments of the population.

The group is relatively small compared to the MBs; nonetheless, they are very active now among the bottom layers of the society, with some participation of disillusioned ex-members of the Muslim Brotherhood.

There are several other factors that contribute to the uncertainty, such as the remains of the National Democratic Party (NDP) of Mubarak and his businessmen thugs. Their operations room was divided into two parts. The Shafiq government, which was forced out shortly after the Jan. 25 protests, and the State Security forces, which collapsed after protesters burned their offices, and the new government had to freeze their activities.

These initial blows greatly weakened this camp, but it would be a big mistake to disregard this group. They

have been built up for over 30 years, and they exist in villages, administration, media, universities, and everywhere else. They are preparing to run in the next Parliamentary elections. If these elections are held in three or four months, they may win a good portion of the next Parliament. This is why some very influential figures call now for postponing the elections to perhaps next year.

The Supreme Military Council (SMC), which runs the country now, does not want to remain in power for long. These 19 generals have two objectives: to preserve the interests of the military in any future regime, and to hand the country to a regime that can provide stability. The interests of the military will be preserved in any new regime for the foreseeable future. But the second objective is a bit tricky. Stability can be achieved through a combination of a representative political structure which allows political forces to exercise their rights and implement the rule of law and a comprehensive development plan.

Egyptians now have a good idea about the political system they want, but the economic development plan is still subject to debate....

### **The Fight Has Just Begun**

What will happen next? The situation is very fluid. But what will happen will be certainly better than what was happening. Things are moving towards a Turkish model. But any model will be meaningless without comprehensive economic development in Egypt.

As for the fear that is being marketed in the international media that the MBs are coming, I will just say that they have always been there. They were very active, side-by-side with the Mubarak regime. This regime was unsustainable. Any other similar regime will be unsustainable as well. It is foolish to put the choice in the narrow equation of either another Mubarak or the MBs. Mubarak did not stop the growth of the organization.

The fight in Egypt has just begun. In similar fights during the '40s, the MBs always lost. They will eventually lose this time as well. It will take time, but this is the only way to defeat their line of thinking. But this fight will be miserably lost if its contents are debates and speeches. The only content that can play the decisive role in defeating all these backward ideas is a vast economic development in this corner of the world.

# Toward a Mass Mobilization To Restore Glass-Steagall

by Nancy Spannaus

June 21—In the weeks running up to the final vote on the Declaration of Independence back in 1776, the citizens of the American colonies held hundreds of town hall meetings, established new legislative bodies, and passed hundreds of resolutions demanding that their representatives in the Continental Congress act. While today's mobilization among our citizenry for restoring Glass-Steagall, which has been introduced into the House of Representatives as H.R. 1489, has not yet reached that level of intensity, that is the direction where it is headed, and not a moment too soon.

Lyndon LaRouche and his political action committee, LPAC, have been organizing full-bore for the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall since the Fall of 2008, and the results of that intensive activity are beginning to show. As it has become increasingly clear that President Obama, the top layers of his Democratic Party, and their budget-slashing Republican partners, offer nothing but accelerating rates of depression and death to the U.S. population, the natural leaders within our nation have gone into action around the only solution on the table, the Glass-Steagall cancellation of the bailout casino, as a means to revive national credit and real economic progress.

The town hall meetings, union meetings, house meetings, political party meetings, and city council meetings which have been addressed by LPAC activists on Glass-Steagall in recent weeks, are too numerous to recount. While only two city councils—those of Eliza-

beth and Newton, N.J.—have actually passed resolutions for Glass-Steagall, dozens of others have been briefed, some of which have resolutions formally pending. At the same time, state legislators and local union officials are making innumerable phone calls, and sending letters, to their Congressmen, demanding immediate action.

In the halls of Congress, this chorus of pro-Glass-Steagall voices is definitely being heard, but by and large, Congress is dragging its feet. Leaders in the Senate, who fought long and hard last year for Glass-Steagall, have not yet introduced a companion bill to Rep. Marcy Kaptur's (D-Ohio) H.R. 1489. Seventeen Representatives have signed on as cosponsors to H.R. 1489—but many more have promised, and not yet delivered. The question is being dramatically posed: Will Congress be toadies for the British puppets in the Obama Administration, or will lawmakers follow through on their Constitutional oath, and reinstate Glass-Steagall?

## Labor in the Lead

By far the most powerful, and grassroots, institution to throw its weight behind Glass-Steagall, in the form of H.R. 1489, is the labor movement. The bill has been endorsed by the International Association of Machinists, and, according to a resolution passed by the New Jersey State Convention of the AFL-CIO on June 14, by the national AFL-CIO as well. According to the New





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*Diane Sare, the LaRouche Democrat running for Congress in New Jersey, attended this Trenton labor rally of public sector workers in support of collective bargaining June 20, and briefed the attentive crowd on Glass-Steagall.*

Jersey resolution, which we published in our last issue, Glass-Steagall is the key to restoring a money and banking system that functions in the “public interest.” In stating their support for Kaptur’s bill, the resolution “urges members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to cosponsor and vote for this bill which will restore the protections of the Glass-Steagall Act.”

LPAC members and supporters immediately went into action, taking the New Jersey resolution to other unionists, and union organizations, around the country. In numerous cases, the unionists agreed to immediately take the resolution to their Central Labor Councils for endorsement. Among known endorsements is the Greater Louisville Building and Construction Trades Council, which acted June 16.

Indicative of the response of the labor rank-and-file was the reception given to Diane Sare, one of the six-person Congressional slate initiated by LPAC, on June 20. Upon stopping by the state Machinists convention being held in York, Pa., Sare was immediately asked to address the crowd of 200 unionists.

After a very respectful introduction, Diane identified herself as a member of the LaRouche slate, mentioned that she had been at the rally in Trenton in support of collective bargaining, and then gave a briefing on Glass-Steagall. Some applauded immediately upon hearing that Kaptur had introduced legislation to rein-

state it. The crowd was extremely attentive, leaning forward as Sare reported that the arrest of former IMF director Dominique Strauss-Kahn was set up to sink the next big bailout, and coincided with the rejection of Fed chairman Ben Bernanke’s QE3, making it urgent that Glass-Steagall be brought back by July. When Sare said it would be a “\$17 trillion charge-back to Wall Street,” the room erupted into applause.

### Even Democrats Are Cracking

It is no secret that the remaining core of the trade union movement is totally disgusted with President Obama, given what he has *not* done on the economy, in particular. But the Obama machine does have a stronger grip on the Democratic Party apparatus,

especially as it gears up for the next major sop to the President’s narcissistic ego, his campaign for re-election.

LPAC members have taken their own resolution for Glass-Steagall to many Democratic Party clubs, many of which have been traditionally hostile to LaRouche. From the reports of the response, it is clear that the resistance to LaRouche’s ideas is cracking.

Take the Seattle area, for example, a bastion of liberalism, where the proverbial “freakout factor” about LPAC’s famous mustache poster of Obama, has been very strong. LPAC organizers, led by Congressional candidate Dave Christie, have been attending a number of legislative district meetings, demanding that Congress break with bureaucratic protocol, and immediately pass an emergency resolution of support for H.R. 1489. While none of these resolutions have actually passed, a number of them are still on the agenda.

The following report, from June 21, reflects the character of the change in the environment around this issue, and LaRouche:

“Dave and Siri hit a Democratic legislative district, which was notorious for calling the cops immediately on us years ago, just for stepping into the building. Last night, they nearly passed a Glass-Steagall resolution, until a woman interjected. at the last minute, warning that this was LaRouche-initiated. Interestingly, the chair said that what they were voting on said nothing

about LaRouche, but was for Glass-Steagall. ‘Please don’t confuse the two, even if the LaRouche group is advocating Glass-Steagall.’ After she ranted on about the Obama-stache, people grew nervous, even though the mustache had been a topic of side discussions through the evening (one woman saying she didn’t like the mustache, but did acknowledge that Hitler invaded nations like Obama is doing in Libya), and decided to table it until next month’s meeting.

“The woman who put the resolution forward was a retired banker for Washington Mutual, who had lost her pension in the demise of WaMu. She gave an impassioned speech on Glass-Steagall, and how she had cried in ’99 when it was repealed. There were others who also spoke on behalf of the resolution, including the vice chair who commented that [Democratic Rep.] Adam Smith would have voted to repeal Glass-Steagall, to which the treasurer commented that ‘maybe we should repeal Adam Smith.’ After the meeting, the vice chair ran up to Dave, saying that the Dems and LaRouche should begin a new relationship, especially about Glass-Steagall.”

### Not a Partisan Issue

Many Republicans are being activated to fight for Glass-Steagall as well, often from the financial services sector. They are joined by members of the so-called Tea Party movement, who remember the roots of that movement in the anti-bailout ferment of 2008. LPAC organizers have sorted the wheat from the chaff, by telling these self-proclaimed Tea Party members that there is no way they can prove their anti-bailout credentials, without supporting Glass-Steagall. (This goes for the Ron Paul types as well.) In western Kentucky, LaRouche organizers have established an organizing committee for Glass-Steagall that includes both trade unionists and Tea Party members—and they are leaving no stone unturned in organizing their fellow-citizens, and confronting their Congressmen.

The following report, filed June 19 by LPAC organizers in the Northeast, gives a lively idea of how Republicans and Democrats alike are having their axioms challenged in the Glass-Steagall fight.

“On Glass-Steagall there were many people coming over to the table, or announcing that they made a point of coming to the table specifically to support Glass-Steagall. This included all sides of the political spectrum, in some ways that were quite amusing.

“At Franklin Park, a conservative waxed eloquently

about separating commercial from investment banks, and why Glass-Steagall was essential when we showed him the bill, and discussed our mobilization, but, when he heard the sponsor was Marcy Kaptur (a Democrat) he went ballistic, saying he would never support anything introduced by that bitch (!), and of course it was quite a quandary, because it was the very bill he was promoting!

“At another site in a wealthy area of New Jersey, New Vernon, a radical economist (Jeffersonian) went over each endorser, name by name, saying ‘Impossible!’ before each: ‘It’s impossible [for instance] that this bill could be endorsed by Maxine Waters,’ and each co-sponsor, one by one. He had refused to give money, but went to his car and brought back a contribution on this question, shocked and amazed.”

### But Will It Work?

This in-depth educational process of the public has a very definite, immediate target, of course: the passage of Glass-Steagall in the Congress within the few weeks ahead. The question is whether this aroused population can “burn the tailfeathers” of the Congress sufficiently to get this urgent measure in place, *before* a major blow-out of the bankrupt system.

Over the last two weeks, only three more Democrats have signed on as cosponsors—Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), Jan Shakowsky (D-ILL), and Peter Visclosky (D-Ind.). (See [www.larouchepac.com](http://www.larouchepac.com) for the full list.) In the Senate, there are still only promissory notes, although they are interesting ones.

In response to a question from *EIR*’s Bill Jones at a Washington conference June 20, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), who joined with Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) in 2010 to promote restoring Glass-Steagall, said he would again be cosponsoring a bill to restore Glass-Steagall in the Senate. He said he thought the House bill would pass, but the Senate bill would not. “That’s just the way it is,” he mused. He thanked the questioner for the interest in the subject, and stressed that he thought the repeal of Glass-Steagall was one of the biggest mistakes Congress ever made.

Here the problem the American people face is writ large. Even those who agree on Glass-Steagall, don’t have the “fire-in-the-belly” to fight for it. That fire is going to have to come from a mass movement dedicated to putting itself totally on the line to ram Glass-Steagall through. Just as our forefathers did with the American Declaration of Independence.

## THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FLANK: Victory or Hell

By Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

June 13, 2011

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*The ancient Roman army was destroyed by Hannibal through his double-flanking operation. A greatly superior force of the Austrians was defeated in their well-designed copy of Hannibal's defeat of the Roman military, a copy of which was successfully accomplished by defeat of the superior mass of Austrian forces by a lesser force directed by Frederick the Great, at Leuthen. The principle in both exemplary cases was secured not through military forces as such, but by the principle of strategies which inheres in the human mind, not the nominal strength of the troops as such. The issue in such cases, is not forces as such, but the superior principle which the mind of the commander and his forces have brought to bear. War is best won by other means.*

*A crucial example of this principle was demonstrated by the advice of the General Douglas MacArthur who advised President John F. Kennedy not to permit a protracted U.S. land-war in Asia; Kennedy agreed, and Kennedy was assassinated because he opposed a war which the British conceived as a means to ruin Britain's most capable rival, our United States. By means of the assassination of Kennedy, the war proceeded, and the United States has been ruined to great British satisfaction, ever since. Such matters are essentially expressions of the battles of the mind, as*

*certain U.S. Presidents have served the British imperial intentions ever since the assassinations of President Kennedy and his brother Robert.*

*In a similar fashion, the United States has been ruined by aid of Presidents such as Barack Obama, whose essential loyalties have been expressed in his impassioned ties to the British imperial Queen.*

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The only proper issue in fighting a war, is that there is no alternative. Considering the risk, and the costs of entering a state of warfare, it were better that it never need be fought at all. If necessary, develop the capabilities needed to defeat an enemy whose predatory intentions might not be deterred by lesser means of restraint; in such matters, as chess masters have asserted, the threat is more powerful than the attack.

As Chancellor Bismarck had warned, Germany must not support the Austro-Hungarian empire in a new Balkan war, since such an Austrian attack on the weaker Balkan force would provoke a massive deployment of Russian forces against the Austro-Hungarian empire. If Germany were stupid enough not to blackmail the Austrian Kaiser into backing off from Austria's London-directed Balkan war, London need only eliminate Chancellor Bismarck from office, to insure that the British geopolitical warfare on the continent of Europe would bring about the ruin of war-soaked continental Europe. Bismarck was discharged





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*"The United States has been ruined by aid of Presidents such as Barack Obama, whose essential loyalties have been expressed in his impassioned ties to the British imperial Queen," LaRouche writes. Here, the traitor President toasts the head of America's historic enemy, the British Empire.*

by British Royal family hands, and World War I, and the premises for World War II, were, so to speak, "in the bag." The British monarchy's backing of the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany, secured the virtual inevitability of World War II and of the consequences of that war.

Notably, as former Chancellor Bismarck had warned from his place of forced retirement, the then foreseeably inevitable World War I, and also the overthrow of Russia's Czar, were chiefly the British reaction to the victory of the United States under President Abraham Lincoln over the British intelligence-diplomatic services' operations in launching the British-backed Civil War in the United States. There were two principal motives of the British imperial monarchy's 1890-1917 campaign to wreck the set of nations of continental Europe through a war conceived as a grand strategy in the likeness of the British victory in its orchestration of the so-called "Seven Years War." Bismarck, in his pre-World War I forced retirement, stated exactly that point.

It is essential to understand that the British empire is an empire, an empire which is not essentially premised on colonies as such, but on the ability of its diplomats, associated intelligence services, and both witting and witless British allies and accomplices to orchestrate wars fought at great expense to the regions of the world of concern at that time. In the case of the

British Empire's orchestration of the first and second "World Wars," the pivotal issue was the combined effect of the establishment of the U.S. transcontinental railway system, and the echo of the same quality of intention within not only continental Europe, but the extension into Asia: hence, Britain's avowedly "geopolitical intentions."

Essentially, that pattern has been continued, from the reign and rampage of the New Venetian Party's representative, William of Orange, in Britain, through much more than two so-called "World Wars," in the British monarchy's steering of the imminently terminal state of general economic collapse of the United States and of many other nations, a collapse which is entering its terminal phase under the direction of the current British monarchy. If not stopped now, within as short a time as weeks, or as long as a few months, the entirety of the planet will be

plunged into the most monstrous orgy of death and other ruin in known history.

Thus, at the present moment, everything depends upon the immediate re-enactment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1933 Glass-Steagall legislation. There is broad-based and deeply rooted desire in the United States population to have the current U.S. President, Barack Obama, tossed peremptorily out of that office, on grounds contained within the U.S. Twenty-Fifth Constitutional Amendment; the grounds is provided by clear evidence of a mental instability in this current President, which is located within the provisions of that Amendment. Obama is a repeatedly avowed agent-in-fact of an alien power, the current British monarchy.

This occurs within a presently oncoming general breakdown-crisis of the economies of the trans-Atlantic region generally. An accelerating plunge in the physical output and wealth of the U.S.A., per capita, and per square kilometer, in which the U.S. economy is profoundly bankrupt in both financial and physical terms of per-capita assets and per-square-kilometer physical incomes, has created a condition throughout the trans-Atlantic regions, including the interior of Europe, which is now at the brink of an explosive physical-economic implosion which, if permitted would be the end of trans-Atlantic civilization, a breakdown comparable in characteristics of

form to what was done to Weimar Germany in 1923, this time on a trans-Atlantic scale, rather than a single nation.

The only action which could be taken to avert such a plunge into a prolonged “new dark age” of the planet, would depend upon a certain initiating action from and by the United States: the re-installation of the 1933 Glass-Steagall law, with the exact terms specified during the 1930s decade under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. If that is done, then there must be a second action: a return to the protective economic measures used for the U.S., partly in response to World War II, then, but required as purely an economic recovery action now: price and related controls to prevent an active threat of a runaway inflation. The intention would be to return the United States, and partner-nations to the traditional agro-industrial intention of the United States which was elaborated in detail by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton: the intention which had been established as the essentially strategic implications of the U.S. Federal Constitution.

Europe, which we are compelled to assist in the same measures of relief in our own U.S. interest, would need to get out of its particular form of current mess, by adopting a credit system comparable to Glass-Steagall’s intentions and effects. The proper objective of such a rebuilding of economic policy, is to establish a fixed-exchange-rate credit system among nations, with a view to facilitating globally extended cooperation in long-term, capital-intensive modes of upward leaps in physical productivity throughout the planet.

We must recognize, at the same time, history does not exist on what many identify, symbolically as a flat plane. That brings us here to the particular intention of making clear why we require a return to a system of what are, respectively, sovereign nation states.

### **Cows, Horses, Chickens & Pigs**

The notion of a “one world” society, means what would be, inevitably, a world empire of the worst possible quality. It would mean a world-dictatorship of an entrenched and entire form of tyranny which would be, in respect to all of its objectionable aspects, a form of imperial grip and mass-murderous proclivities, called “governance,” comparable to, but probably worse than the Roman Empire at its ugliest. Today, it is chiefly the United States, China, and India, which

are the chief, still-standing ramparts from which the threat of an inherently pro-genocidal “green” tyranny is already seeking to rule the world.

To secure a practicable form of understanding of this challenge to even the merely continued existence of some degree of human standards of human life on this planet, we must examine the case for the principle of the sovereign nation-states system. That system implicitly defines a specific quality of human interest on which present efforts to defend an actually human quality of human existence now depend.

What, in brief, is the difference between the human being and the edible features of cows, pigs, chickens, and the like? The answer is: nothing but those creative powers of reason, powers which are lacking in every other form of life presently known to us. It is, in short, those noëtic powers specific to the human individual, the power to make revolutionary developments of progress in the general condition of mankind, and that universally if we choose to adopt that standard of practice.

The creative powers of reason specific to the human species, are customarily found in the Classical artistic expressions of composition, although not the prevalent standard of art practiced among populations since the 1950 European adoption of the existentialist doctrine of the Congress for Cultural Freedom. It is the development of the creative powers of the individual, and the sharing of the qualities and fruits of those specific kinds of powers, which provide the essential development of personal character of the human individual. The Classical function of metaphor in both art and the creation of the discoveries of what are truly universal physical principles defines the truly human form of biological prototype as Russian Academician V.I. Vernadsky did with the advent of his development of the concept of a Noösphere.

Our war for today, is a war of defense of the principle which separates the truly human individual from the lower forms of life. Creativity, as I have referenced that conception here, and in other published locations, is the true standard of humanity, the quality which expresses the essential distinction of man from vegetable and beast.

Therefore, defend the true nature of mankind, while we are still able to do so. The time is short, and the opportunity brief. Act now, without fear-driven capitulations to the evil which is seeking to close in upon us presently.

# The True Human Mind

By Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

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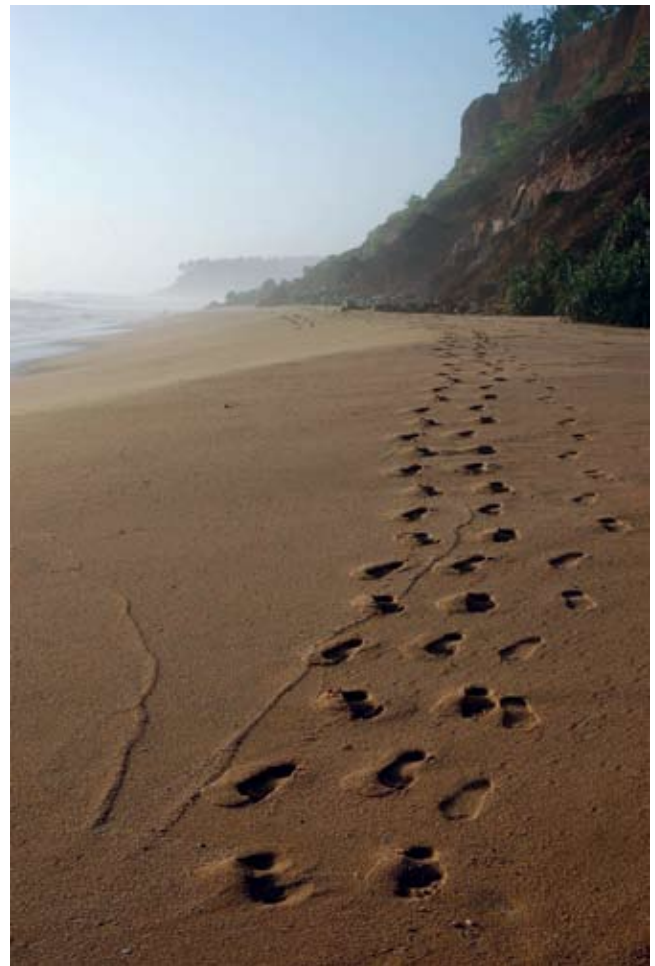
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*An associate from “The Basement Team” responded to my writing on this subject, with related written materials, and with comment by her, on the subject of the actual human mind (as distinct from the brain), presenting me with relevant excerpts from what Max Planck had already reported on this subject, as from his “The Meaning and Limits of Exact Science.” Planck’s writing on that subject, can not be separated from his exchanges with Wolfgang Köhler on the higher psychology of the human mind.*

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It has been my long-standing judgment on the subject of Classical artistic composition, that that principle of metaphor which underlies that principle of human creativity on which scientific creativity depends, demands that we must not presume that sense-perceptions give us an image of the actually observed subject-matter; but, rather, such perceptions are, so to speak, virtually “shadows” which had been cast by a relevant object. I have, therefore, often suggested, that if we are observing the footprints being left behind by the steps of a walking man, we must imagine the creature which is making that pattern, as, in some sense, as if they had been made by a “creature” invisible to the footprints as such. That “creature,” once having been introduced by that presumption, proceeds with the following “vicarious hypothesis,” that “something” is generating and leaving that trail of footprints, but, we can not presume that a willfully acting human species, can be treated as only a finite object, or series of objects; therefore, we can not presume automatically, that the trail of footprints, and also that which has created the footprints, are ontologically equivalent images in a functional sense. After all, the experiencing of the attributed image of each of the pair, is only a phenomenon. Could a mere phenomenon be the cause of those phenomena?

The fact that the time has long since passed when a competent practice of physical science, or related matters, could tolerate a notion of “sense-certainty” premised on the evidence of five built-in qualities of sense-perception, should not be a laughing-stock among serious scientists. Mankind today has access to a grow-



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*“If we are observing the footprints being left behind by the steps of a walking man, we must imagine the creature which is making that pattern, as, in some sense, as if they had been made by a ‘creature’ invisible to the footprints as such.”*



ing mass of modes of perception, a mass which out-guns, by a far reach, the five delivered in the package with the newborn infant.

Sense certainty still exists as now, even in otherwise civilized cultures, but the native five senses, or prosthetic substitutes for some of them, are now merely the instruments by aid of which a vast and growing panoply of “synthetic senses” has been acquired, to serve as augmentations of the power of the human individual and his, or her society. It should be clear, even from this evidence itself, that the “original” five senses, or some replacement devices among them, are a highly necessary, if monstrously deficient means in the struggle for the continued existence of our human species, and on account of the increasingly difficult challenges which we must master if our human species is to survive.

### ***On the Subject of Music***

For example, Sky Shields has recently been engaged in exploring the notion of time as being an ontological, rather than merely a formal, categorical issue. He is currently in the process of, first, treating the distinction between a mere series of notes (with time-notations for each note being performed), and sensing of the principle of Bachian counterpoint which defines the principled character *of the effect of* a performed Bach fugue on its audience, respectively.

That is to emphasize, that a Bach fugue is not itself, ontologically, a set of a series of notes. It is, rather, the effect of a species of process which orders the proper performance and auditing of the notes, not as a mathematically ordered series of tones as such, but which is, ontologically, the music, as actual music is distinguished from the bare score itself. The notes, as purported discrete objects, and the music, as a process, are not to be heard in the same ordering of musical existences as a score’s merely formal sequence of particles of any kind. The difference may be recognized as a distinction in the notion of “meaning” of the process, rather than a sequence of discrete objects. In other words, competence requires Wilhelm Furtwängler’s notion of “performing between the notes.”

The point in which I, together with Sky, and with our associates in this project, are engaged in our respective parallel missions on this account, are, for example, that we are each using intrinsically ironical references for the purpose of showing the relevant subject at issue, as through reference to such crucial examples. It is our

shared intention to clarify the difference in meaning, in ontological terms, contrasting the principled paradox, posed by contrasting “clock time,” as a notion of metro-nome time-as-such; with the passage of time which must be ordered as the existence of the ontological existence, as emphasized by Furtwängler, of a special kind of physically defined, enunciated process in time, rather than “clock time” as such.

### ***Max Planck & Albert Einstein***

This bears on the question which we, and others, know as a concern expressed by both Max Planck and his associate Wolfgang Köhler, in respect to their then ongoing dialogues respecting such matters. This is the same issue which defines the difference between the concept of the quantum by Planck, and the contrary meaning assigned to the “quantum” by such reductionist opponents of Planck and Albert Einstein, as those who followed the intent of those most evil figures of the Twentieth Century, those who were led by Bertrand Russell and his devotees.<sup>1</sup> The relevance of that work of Planck and Einstein deserves to be chosen as the context of this report here and now.

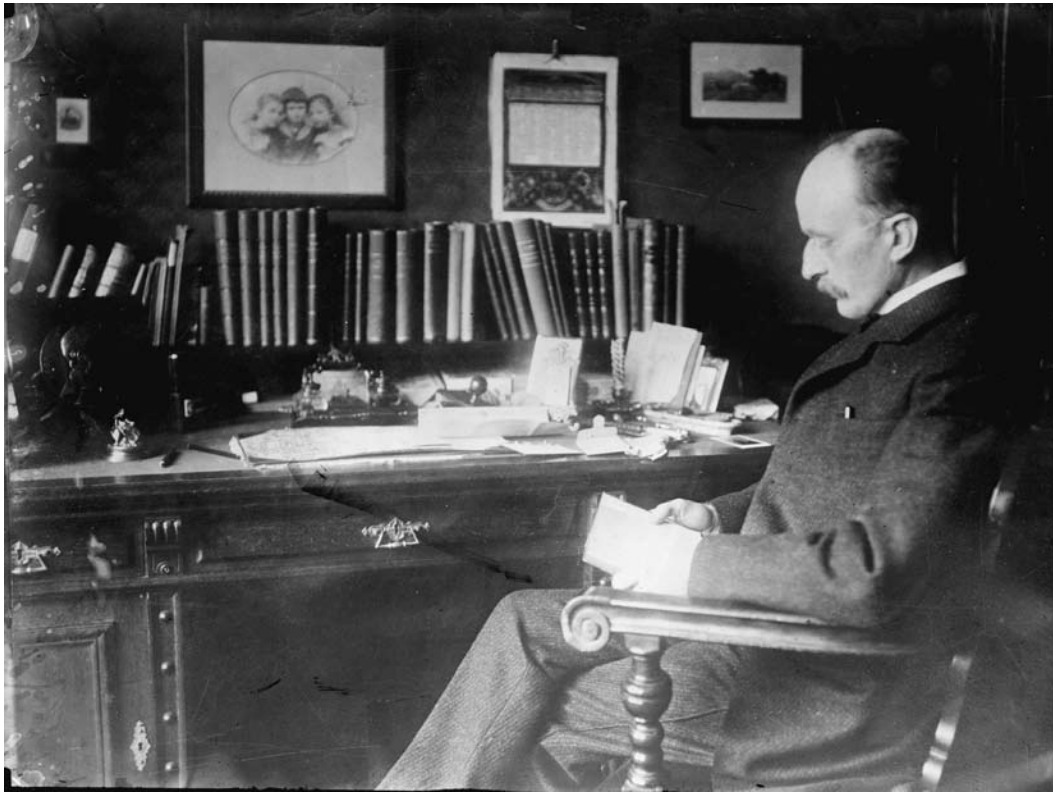
Actually, as I have emphasized in earlier communications, time as such does not exist as an independent conception. Time is something adduced, primarily, from the imputable tempo inherent in a physical process, whereas measurable “time” is measurable in fact only as a product of the relative relationships expressed as a comparison of rates of respective physical processes as such, as Academician Vernadsky and his circles had noted.

There is a well-established precedent for treatment of such frauds against science as that of Mach and Russell respectively, as in the specific case of the attacks on the discovery, by Johannes Kepler, of the principle of universal gravitation. Theirs is a notion of time, as Sky has emphasized, associated with the reductionist follies of both the silly, but vicious Isaac Newton, and the well known image of the ontologically desperate Pierre-Simon Laplace.

Despite that pair of Newton and Laplace, the

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1. During the interval of Germany’s engagement with “World War I,” Albert Einstein witnessed a raging attack on Planck launched by the German and Austrian reductionist followers of the reductionist Ernst Mach. Later that attack on Planck by the Machians, was echoed against Einstein himself, this time by those devotees of Bertrand Russell, during the interval of the 1920s Solvay conferences, as later, to the present date.



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*Max Planck (shown here) and his scientific allies, Albert Einstein and Wolfgang Köhler, waged epistemological war against their reductionist opponents, Bertrand Russell and his devotees. The issue: the reductionists' "clock time," vs. the passage of time ordered as ontological existence.*

method employed by Kepler for the only authentic, original discovery of the principle of gravitation has, despite all that particular confusion, remained a principled type of relevant precedent, in which the essence of that type of paradox employed for the discovery of gravitation by Kepler, is implicitly resolved. The values are variable in terms of comparisons of rates; time is an expression of a physical process, rather than a Euclidean-like, independently self-standing notion of time *per se*. It is as Vernadsky et al. adduced; it can only be the universe which sets the clock of time, not the other way around. The evidence to this effect is fairly defined as elementary.

For example:

Kepler's notable solution for the mystery of the planetary orbits generally, contrasts two respectively distinct categories of phenomena, both as being locatable in the contrast of those two ontological categories of sense-perceptible coincidences called sight and harmonics. The result of that, was the defining of the principle of gravitation by the ontological paradox of two types of phenomena employed to define, thus, a universal principle which is neither of the two, but, which is the expressed product of their ontologically

ironical coincidence. Stated otherwise, two respectively exclusive categories of shadows, in this way, define a principle which, in this instance, defines a quality of universal physical principle, as in Kepler's uniquely original discovery of the principle of gravitation.

Kepler's solution, which is an expressed and literal outgrowth of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa's founding of a system of modern science, as in Cusa's **De Docta Ignorantia** (1440), had been the notable reference-point for identifying the systemical difference between the common follies shared by the reigning bodies of official opinion among the Roman and medieval cultures, and that scientific revolution which is the foundation of all competent modern science, the foundation which is to be drawn from the Florentine revolution associated with Brunelleschi's employment of the catenary as a universal physical principle, rather than merely another curve. This choice being that used instead of being merely another form, represents a choice of solution for an ontological paradox, which included the direction of Brunelleschi's discovery, and, also, the related case of the world-outlook of the great Renaissance figure of Nicholas of Cusa.

This case, when considered in the light of reference to the great Classical Greek and Egyptian cultures typified by the figures of such as Plato's figure of Solon, and of the advocates of such as Archytas, Plato, and Eratosthenes, touches more or less boldly on the systemic distinction which separates the conflicting notions of sense-certainty from actual reason.

### **Now Add Vernadsky**

The most significant modern exposition respecting the essence of such ontological distinctions, especially since Gottfried Leibniz, has been, later, expressed in terms measured in consequences by Bernhard Riemann, that as Riemann's revolutionary achievements have followers such as Planck, Einstein, and Academician V.I. Vernadsky.

Those three latter figures, who are the leading intellectual giants of science since approximately the turn of the 20th Century, are most distinguished for the outstanding importance of their share in a combined, seminal, various and combined role. I mean their role in their putting aside what had become the more popular assumptions of the generality of academics of their time, by having been the followers of the crucially subsuming discovery of principle which is embedded in the unique features of the work of Bernhard Riemann.

That much said, here so far, when considered against a background setting from which I proceed now, has led to the relevant further developments associated with the outcome of Riemann's own discoveries.

That much said, here so far, on the account of that background setting from which I proceed here now, I resume, afresh, the now familiar theme found earlier among my published writings on the subject of the systemic, ontological nature and functions of the same human mind, as to be found in the impact of the discoveries of Bernhard Riemann on such as, again, Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and Wolfgang Köhler, in particular.



*Academician V.I. Vernadsky (shown here), along with Planck and Einstein, were the leading intellectual giants of the 20th Century, a stature achieved by their devotion to the discovery of principle embedded in the unique features of the work of Bernhard Riemann.*

This is a subject which has, already, become, lately, a subject of increasingly frequent attention among such as the members of our "Basement Team."

### **What Is the Human Mind?**

As I have already emphasized above, the commonplace, but wrong presumption is, that the human knowledge of the universe, as "from the top down," is confined to the agency-like role presumably assigned to five distinct qualities called "human sense perception." The relatively most evident flaw in that view, is that it is a view accessible to what might have been classified, much earlier, as decently educated persons and the like, but, which is, unfortunately, an expression of the fact that that sort of folk represent, in the main, those associated with persons still victim to the popular presumption of such as the dupes of actually black magic specialist Newton, the deluded notion that "sense-perception is sense-certainty."

The fallacy of exactly that presumption, properly indicated as faulty, has become well-known with an appropriate understanding, only, so far, among a mark-



edly limited ration of the total population, even a limited ration among what are classified as “well educated” folk of the trans-Atlantic societies. It is fair to say, that only a relatively small fraction, even from among those who are science graduates of prominent universities, appear today as having a clear grasp of these as being ontological issues. This is demonstrated by the fact that the quaint and silly doctrine of black-magic specialist Isaac Newton is parroted in academia still today.

That latter failing, among even most among what might be considered “well educated” persons and their strata, presently, is expressed in a very large degree, in the widespread addiction to reductionist axioms of the type of the modern British Liberalism. That Liberalism is rooted in the doctrines of a merely residual estimation of the quality of sense-certainty which is traceable to the original standpoint of Paolo Sarpi’s general innovation in his partial modification of the cult of Aristotle, and to the fruit of such types among Sarpi disciples, which is expressed in the model of modern British empiricist ideology generally.

The most vicious expression of that systemic form of mental failure by Sarpi, as, in a somewhat different mode by Aristotle and Euclid earlier, is expressed in modern times, in the form of the dogmas of Adam Smith and such rabid followers of Smith as the Jeremy Bentham who differs from Smith only in respect to Bentham’s added elements of rampant depravity, as those elements were supplied by the Bentham who had become Lord Shelburne’s notorious agent of the then newly founded British Foreign Office. The worst such, then yet to come, would be the Bertrand Russell whose depravity was so numbing in its virtually Satanic extremity, that the very idea of any morality at all, could not be decently mentioned in the case when the name of that Russell is being considered, when considered either in respect to social policies, or physical science.

As Adam Smith had already asserted, the only form of substitute for an (inherently misleading) estimate of the actually human morality which Smith had actually prescribed, was to be located entirely within the bounds of Smith’s general definition of an alleged limitation of human choices of behavior and belief, to choices in behavior and belief which lay strictly within the bounds of the controlling and guiding effects of the experiences of pleasure and pain.

Meanwhile, truth itself was already outlawed by Smith and by the likes of Bentham and Bertrand Russell, who sought to make depravity *per se* mandatory. There was no actual principle, or morality permitted within the notions of Bentham and Russell, or H.G. Wells. Pleasure and pain, as defined by such as them, were thus to be administered as a system of management prescribed for a cattle-farm called the domain of British “Liberalism,” a belief which has been an effect of those virtual slaughterhouses which have been not merely included, but featured, as in the practices of the British reign over the populations of Africa today.

There is no essential connection between a so-called Sarpian “principle” of British Liberalism, and what might be decently considered as either morality, or the actual cultivation of human reason. In the end, the virtual “cattle-farm” called the domain of British Liberalism, remains a standard which has been empowered, as at the bottom of the system, as to be seen in the case of the British policies of practice toward “black Africa” since the British navy was deployed in the Nineteenth-century Spanish trade in Africans captured, or simply murdered as slaves.

The actual human mind, today, is expressed as a process of development of an increased number of parameters each equivalent to the addition of universal physical principles.

This process of discovery of new, discovered, implicitly universal physical principles, has already greatly dwarfed the authority of the original set of “five which came in the box.” Consequently, as customary opinion based on the original five defines a reflected notion of the mind which considered those five as the outer boundaries of the powers of that mind, the accumulation of an increased repertoire of universal physical principles, or their equivalent as principles, shifts the individual’s belief in his or her own mind, to expanding, successively higher levels, up to the accumulated effect of the individual human mind which, consequently, considers an indefinitely expanding universe of mind as a process of unlimited up-reaching of that mind’s conception of itself.

As that occurs, those persons whose cultural outlook tends to be confined to something proximate to the “original five senses,” become already of the image of a relatively lower quality of species, a mind stuck in the mud of a superseded mentality.

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## I. What Is Bought and Sold on the Market for Ideas

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*Some ideas respecting economy, prior to resuming the theme with which this report was opened, and which are necessary to situate the subject-matter of this report.*

That much said thus far:

To understand science, one must, first, identify the political or kindred motives of those who have sought to define it. On that account, I devote this present chapter of the report to what I have prepared as, chiefly, a descriptive treatment of the subject of physical time from the standpoint of the introduction to the content of this present chapter of the report. To this end, science itself is all too often, and too widely degraded into the role of hod-carrier of such ostensibly irrelevant subjects as monetarism, or, as in the case at hand, the case of time defined as a solitary, independently principled matter of physical science.

Society today is, as all of us present here, in the circumstances of this discussion, here, today, should know: society today is presently up to its proverbially existentialist's neck, stuck into a virtual, existentialist political-economic and moral quicksand. This is most conspicuous for us today, with respect to the trans-Atlantic region presently. This apparent monetarist "preference" of this moment, is clearly motivated, on the side of Britain and also her pro-imperialist lackeys from sundry nations, as the effect which is motivated by the lust of monetarist London's certain yearnings. These yearnings include a determination, as by the British empire currently, to effect the destruction of both our United States and of those other nations of the region which might be inclined, as, for example, Greece, to take themselves out of the presently hyper-inflationary, political-economic and cultural quicksands of the present moments.

Yet, precisely because of that, the current state of trans-Atlantic affairs has become so obviously a death-trap for collected batches of entire nations, that the potential for a break-out from a virtual prison-camp of entire nations, should be considered, up to the present moment, as an implied present threat of the virtual end-game which would be a presently continuing plunge of our planet into a state of hopeless disasters. All hope that a rescue of the trans-Atlantic regions might be

made a reality, now depends upon the possibility of a revival of the 1933 Glass-Steagall law, a law which might be realized afresh through urgently needed actions taken during the immediate future.

Under such conditions as those under the tradition of ancient Babylon, or the world today, no subject-matter can be competently considered, including any topic of physical science, until the implications of the political and cultural environment in which any issue, including any matter of science, is currently situated, politically, are taken into account.

That point ought to be regarded as a "natural" part of an implicitly unnatural set of motives. Nonetheless, the fact of the matter is that, in real life, the political and cultural conditions of life can never be separated from their effects on science and sundry aspects of culture. All aspects of life are therefore situated in the practice of required scientific progress of societies and their physical economies; and all science is situated in the political and other features of social life, politically and otherwise. The evasion of that fact, is the price of folly.

Thus, the mental life of the peoples of nations has decayed, in past history, a decadence brought upon that people by its own consent to policies such as those which are, for the moment, hegemonic in the trans-Atlantic region over the recent decades.

The world as a whole now, actually, depends upon the quality of potential for mankind's physical and related progress which depends upon a sudden and sweeping overturning of what have been the long-term, presently deep-going trends downward throughout the trans-Atlantic regions. The remedy, therefore, is that reflected in a Glass-Steagall initiative put into action by the United States, but soon. In a world in which money buys the consciences even of some leading scientists, as also, similarly, officials and institutions of government and religion, a continued downward trend in respect to science, becomes what is doomed, in practice, to be treated, in return, as a corrupted subject of "natural" or other law.

From the vantage-point of the current possibility of the actual implementation of the Glass-Steagall legislation; the continued integrity of our own and other nations, now depends upon the willingness of the relevant forces within our United States of America. The crucial fact of the present moment, is that only this United States has the deeply rooted, constitutional notion of a credit system, rather than a monetarist system.

Therefore, the hope for Europe, in particular, depends upon both copying that credit-system's type of reform associated with such standards as the original U.S. Federal Constitution, and the integrating of the European nation-state system by that same principle. This is essential if we are to bring respectively sovereign systems into safety, that to be done by aid of the principles embedded within our own Federal Constitution, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt had intended

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that prospect for Europe and beyond, for as long as he had lived.

As in past history of civilization, the moral quality of a nation and its people, is congruent with its commitment to the quality of progress driven by a commitment to an increasingly capital-intensive emphasis on science-driver modes of physical-economic as much as cultural progress in a direction opposite to the trends which have tended to control the destiny of the trans-Atlantic world since the horrors of Summer and Autumn of 1968. To understand science, and its indispensable contribution of net progress in the relative power and conditions of life of the population, we must know who buys and promotes it, holds it back, and directs it into decadence, presently, this as considered not only on the markets of London and Wall Street and the Chicago exchange, but wherever choices among ideas are being traded, commercially, or otherwise.

The most proximate issue of science, is, therefore, the politics of a science of physical economy.

### ***The Principle of Physical Economy***

On this account, we must emphasize the fact, that there is an inherent fault in the presumption that economic systems actually exist in a manner which is properly to be distinguished from inclusion as a special case within the category of physical systems. Competent notions of the existence of economies have depended

upon the physical implications of the net effects of economic practice on nature otherwise, that rather than a monetarist orientation.

On this account, we have the essential relevance of the followers of Bernhard Riemann respecting mankind's dependency on the physical processes which are expressed in the form of economies, but which remain, nonetheless, as physical processes, rather than the merely financial accounting systems of monetarism. That is the crucial consideration.

The only essential difference to be considered in defining a notion of economy, is the voluntary aspect of the human species, as expressed by the accompanying, inherent distinction of the achievements (and failures) of human behavior, as mankind is distinguished, systematically, from lower forms of life.

It is only from this vantage-point, that the vicissitudes of a practiced mode in science can be isolated, as if chemically, from the set of forward- and upward-looking political and other considerations, considerations which are the context in which the practice of science, actual, or pretended, is situated.

It should be noted here, that in the history of economy, the common parameter of such indispensable progress is termed "increase of energy-flux density." Not the number of calories, but in the degree of concentration of heat-equivalent per capita, per square kilometer, and per cubic centimeter per unit of what is measurable in terms of the equivalents of measurable expressions of time. However, the power exerted, in effect, by mankind, when properly applied to anti-entropic effects, such as those of life, and in a still greater degree, in relevant human creativity, has effects many times greater.

Mankind's innate creative-mental potential is implicitly the most powerful force, relative to effects for the longer time. This potential, as I have said, is expressed in the relative optimism associated with elevation of mankind's outlook effected by means of increasing the number of "dimensions" added to the combined repertoire of "the original" and added dimensions qualified as universal physical or equivalent principles. However, the benefit is less the fact of more principles, than the dynamic represented by the continuing process of the rate of increasing their number, as the NASA effort illustrated the point into the early 1970s, and the cutting back of such programs has been correlated with the accelerating accumulation of pessimism, even acute defeatism, in the population.



## II. The Ontological Ironies of Progress

There are two leading characteristics of a form of physical-economic and related progress to be considered here. We encounter this fact of experience as we progress upward from the so-called “five” original senses packed into the box for the birth of the infant. Each advancement to higher orders of physical dimensionality of principled dimensions of physical-economic progress, leaves a gap represented by universal principles not yet discovered.

However, what we presently know as fact on that account is not the limit of our capacity for improved, implicitly ontological qualities of knowledge. The following argument is required.

There is the creative imagination to be considered. The effective rates of creative potential are located in the margin of the principled imagination. This, as I have frequently noted, corresponds to an estimated gap between what has been realized as an effective form of what has been discovered, on the one hand, and what is near the verge of discoverable, on the other. Here we enter the domain typified, in one case, by the concluding paragraph of Percy Bysshe Shelley’s **A Defence of Poetry**, the domain of the imagination, otherwise to be recognized as the domain of prescience.

It is that factor of prescience which defines the effective progress of the level of active intelligence of the member of society. The proper determination of the level of intelligence is not what the subject knows, but what he, or she can discover with a near-approximation of accuracy when confronted with the challenge of previously unknown questions, by a response which is near to what the human subject had never actually known before: often defined as an attempted measure of “I.Q.” The ratio of what is discovered in the process of testing, with respect to what the tested subject had already known, describes a fair indication of relative actual intelligence. With human beings, it is always only such creativity which actually expresses a meaningful estimate of relative levels of intelligence.

Animals must be, in general, tamed. Creatively inclined human individuals express creativity in the conquest of what they had not been trained to know. It is the challenge of discovery which is the real source of “fun

in human life.”

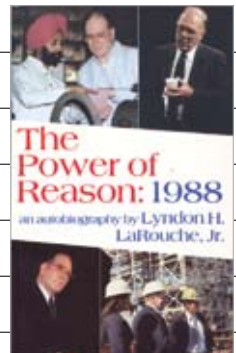
The most significant expression of the progress of society lies in that kind of process. Stagnation, in this aspect of the matter, portends the potential for decline of civilization, just as the most notable form of decline and collapse of a culture is that induced by a “zero growth” modality, as typified in the extreme by the so-called “greenies” and their likenesses presently.

Notably, the oligarchical principle, as traditionally associated in European culture with such influences as the Apollo-Dionysus Delphi cult, is typical of a long series of successive collapses of European and kindred cultures, which have been ordered in just that way advocated by the “green” movement in the trans-Atlantic regions presently. That is precisely the essential source of the presently accelerating physical-economic and moral collapse of the nations and the economies within the trans-Atlantic region.

Those tendencies are highly recommended as expressions of policies of the type which are most likely to become the cause for the self-inflicted extinction of the human species.

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# Studies Show Weakening Sun, Possible New Ice Age

by Laurence Hecht

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Three independent U.S. studies of solar activity arrive at the same conclusions put forth earlier by the Pulkovo Observatory in St. Petersburg, Russia:

- solar activity is declining;
- the current solar cycle, 24, which began in December 2009, is likely to be a weak one; and
- the following cycle, beginning around 2018 to

2020, may be so weak as to bring on a new Little Ice Age.

In the worst case, the developments could signal the beginning of a new period of reduced solar activity and extremely cold climate, like that in the period known to solar scientists as the Maunder Minimum, also known as the Little Ice Age, which lasted from approximately 1645 to 1715. Such has been the expectation of the Russian group led by Habibullo Abdussamatov of the Pulkovo Observatory, a possibility that is now being



*In the words of the National Solar Observatory report on weakening solar activity: "An immediate question is whether this slowdown presages a second Maunder Minimum, a 70-year period with virtually no sunspots between 1645 and 1715." An earlier period, 1550-1650, also saw extremely cold Winters, as shown in this painting (1608) by the Dutch artist Hendrick Avercamp (1585-1634).*

openly mooted by some of his American counterparts. To meet such an eventuality, a rapid mobilization of high technology capabilities, especially the energy-dense technologies of nuclear fission and fusion, is imperative for the survival of civilization.

The three new studies were announced in a press conference this week at the annual meeting of the Solar Physics Division of the American Astronomical Society in New Mexico, and summarized in an online report in *Astronomy* magazine attributed to the National Solar Observatory.

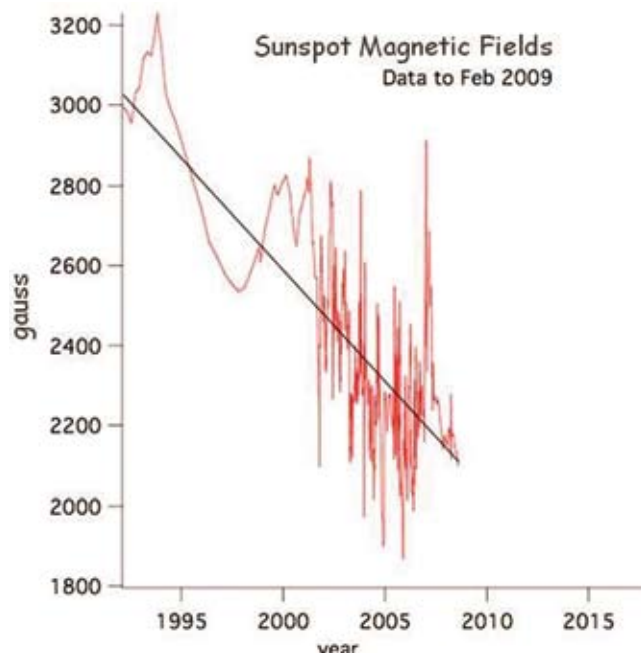
## How the Sun Is Changing

In one of the papers, Matthew Penn and William Livingston of the National Solar Observatory, examine the continuing decline in the magnetic field strength of sunspots (**Figure 1**), and predict that by the next 11-year solar cycle, magnetic fields erupting on the Sun will be so weak that few if any sunspots will be formed. The magnetic strength of a sunspot is determined by observing the changes, known as Zeeman splitting, of the spectral line of iron produced on the Sun. The distance between the split spectral lines is proportional to the magnetic field strength.

In 2006, the authors first reported a decline in field strength of sunspots which was independent of the normal sunspot cycle. Those measurements also revealed a threshold value of the magnetic field strength of about 1,500 gauss, below which, the dark spots on the face of the Sun are not observed. (The gauss is the unit of magnetic strength, roughly equal to that found in 1832, when Carl Gauss and Wilhelm Weber first measured the absolute value of the horizontal intensity of the Earth's magnetic force.) Followup papers by Penn and Livingston<sup>1</sup> generated a great deal of controversy by their implicit challenge to the global warming thesis.

In their new study, Penn and Livingston observe a decline in the magnetic strength of sunspots of about 50 gauss per year during Solar Cycle 23 (1996-2008) and continuing into Cycle 24, which began in December 2008. Extrapolating the trend leads to a disappearance of sunspot activity by some time around the end of the present decade. The study is based on examination of more than 13 years of data collected by the NSO's 62-

FIGURE 1



Livingston & Penn, *Eos*, July 2009

*The maximum sunspot field strength is plotted versus time, during the period from 1992 to February 2009; a 12-point running mean is shown, and a linear fit to the data is plotted. Apart from a few measurements, the linear trend has been seen to continue throughout this solar minimum.*

inch McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope at Kitt Peak, Arizona,

A very different sort of study, using data from the Global Oscillation Network Group (GONG), leads to similar conclusions about a declining Sun. GONG consists of six observing stations around the world which examine surface pulsations, similar to the seismic waves of earthquakes, caused by sound reverberating through the Sun. The 15-year-old group discovered the relationship of a phenomenon known as the solar torsional oscillation to the solar cycle. The oscillation is an east-west (zonal) flow of wind inside the gaseous Sun, which shows a regular change in latitude. The latitude at which the wind stream is found, presages the latitude of new spot formation in each cycle, and successfully predicted the delayed onset of the present Solar Cycle 24.

As cited in *Astronomy* magazine, Frank Hill, lead author of the paper presented by the GONG group, explains:

“We expected to see the start of the zonal flow for Cycle 25 by now, but we see no sign of it. This indicates

1. For example, Matthew J. Penn and William Livingston, “Long-term Evolution of Sunspot Magnetic Fields.” <http://www.probeinternational.org/Livingston-penn-2010.pdf>



that the start of Cycle 25 may be delayed to 2021 or 2022, or may not happen at all.”

A third study, led by Richard Altrrock, manager of the Air Force coronal research program, also indicates anomalous activity in the Sun.

Using four decades of observations with the Na-

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*The earth is no longer threatened by the catastrophic global warming forecast by some scientists; warming passed its peak in 1998-2005. . . . Consequently, we should fear a deep temperature drop, but not catastrophic global warming. Humanity must survive the serious economic, social, demographic and political consequences of a global temperature drop, which will directly affect the national interests of almost all countries and more than 80% of the population of the Earth.*

—Habibullo Abdussamatov (2008)

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tional Solar Observatory’s 16-inch telescope at Sunspot, N.M., Altrrock observed a slowing of the usual poleward movement of magnetic activity in the Sun’s corona. A new solar cycle is characterized by the appearance of sunspots at high latitudes in both hemispheres. These gradually move towards the solar equator over the course of the cycle. At the same time, remnants of the magnetic field lines from the old cycle are pushed upward to the poles, in a phenomenon called “the rush to the poles.” The ionized iron carried by the magnetism can be detected with a sensitive photometer.

This time, the rush to the poles is not occurring. According to Altrrock, as cited in *Astronomy* magazine:

“Cycle 24 started out late and slow and may not be strong enough to create a rush to the poles, indicating we’ll see a very weak solar maximum in 2013, if at all. If the rush to the poles fails to complete, this creates a tremendous dilemma for the theorists, as it would mean that Cycle 23’s magnetic field will not completely disappear from the polar regions (the rush to the poles accomplishes this feat). No one knows what the Sun will do in that case.”

## Threat of New Ice Age

In the words of the National Solar Observatory report: “An immediate question is whether this slow-down presages a second Maunder Minimum, a 70-year period with virtually no sunspots between 1645 and 1715.” As established by American astronomer John Eddy, that period coincided with a sharp drop in temperature, now known as the “Little Ice Age.”<sup>2</sup>

The serious threat of a decline in solar activity bringing on a new Little Ice Age had been raised earlier by Russian solar astronomer Habibullo Abdussamatov, director of the Space Research Laboratory of the Pulkovo Observatory in St. Petersburg. The work of Abdussamatov constitutes a fourth line of evidence that the Sun may be going into decline, and the climate into a profound cooling phase.

Among the ominous warning signs, Abdussamatov has pointed to the work of the St. Petersburg geophysicist Eugen Borisenkov, who showed in 1988, that solar minima of the Maunder type follow an approximately 200-year cycle, and have done so through 18 documentable epochs of deep minima for the past 7,500 years. In a 2004 paper,<sup>3</sup> Abdussamatov shows that a change in size of the solar radius follows the change in the Total Solar Irradiance (TSI) through the 11-year solar cycle. He cites the work of M.L. Sveshnikov, showing that the amplitude of the radius variations declines during periods of reduced solar activity. Abdussamatov has also noted the variation in the amplitude of changes in the TSI, from 1978 to 2008, showing an accelerating decline from Solar Cycle 21

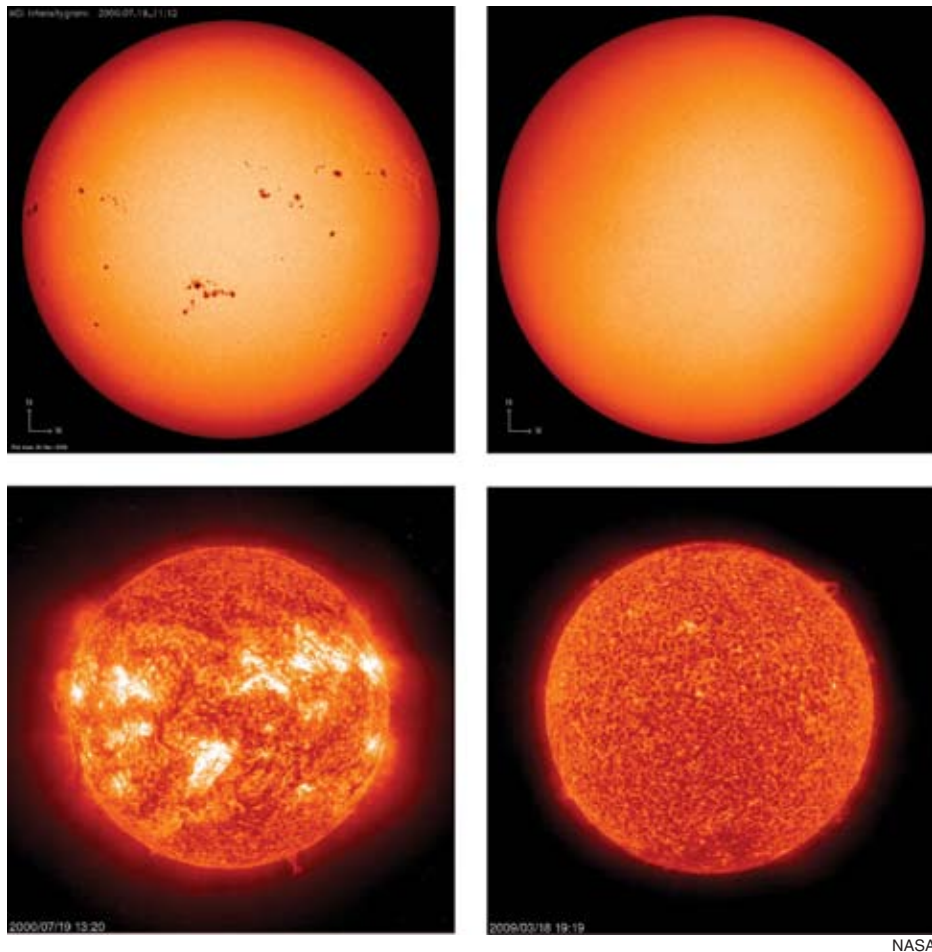
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2. A continual record of sunspot observations dates back to 1611, when Johann Goldsmid (Fabricius) in Holland, Christopher Scheiner in Germany, Thomas Harriot in England, and Galileo Galilei in Italy, all reported observations. In 1630, Scheiner published a compilation of two decades of observations, and astronomers throughout Europe continued daily observations. But from approximately 1645-1715, the level of sunspot activity declined drastically. The decline became known as the Maunder Minimum after the 19th-Century English astronomer who made a study of the latitude of sunspots and the magnetic cycle of the Sun.

A 1976 study by American astronomer John A. Eddy dispelled any doubts that the decline may have been due to a lack of observations. By examining carbon-14 tree ring data and other proxies for solar activity, Eddy showed that the decline was real, and coincided with an interval of extremely cold climate, also recorded in literature and art, such as in paintings of ice skating on the Thames.

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FIGURE 2



*These images from the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) spacecraft compare sunspots on the Sun's surface (top row) and ultraviolet light radiating from the solar atmosphere (bottom row) at the last solar maximum (2000, left column) and at the current solar minimum (2009, right column.) The sunspot images were captured by the Michelson Doppler Imager (MDI) using filtered visible light. On March 18, 2009, the face of the Sun was spotless.*

(1976-86) to the present. These changes in solar radius and TSI, he supposes to be indicators of the energetic activity of the Sun's core, the Sun being a variable star.

In a 2006 paper,<sup>4</sup> Abdussamatov had already forecast a delayed onset and reduced activity for the present Solar Cycle 24 (**Figure 2**). There, Abdussamatov proposed that the duration of the short-term solar

cycle, which has varied from 9 to 13.4 years, is determined by a parent, or secular, cycle of longer duration. Our understanding of the precise nature of the parent cycle is limited by the small number of reliably studied cycles (there have been only 13 such cycles). However, a trend of rise, maximum, and descent of the secular cycle could be noted in the periods from 1755 to 1810, 1810 to 1913, and 1913 to 2006, the year of publication. The 11-year cycles at the descending phase of the secular cycle showed a tendency to be longer than the cycles at the rising and maximum phases. On this basis, he had forecast a prolonged Cycle 23 lasting to July 2007. The cycle was prolonged, but by more than Abdussamatov had expected, not ending until December 2008.

In a 2008 paper,<sup>5</sup> Abdussamatov forecast severely reduced activity in Cycles 25 and 26:

"The earth is no longer threatened by the catastrophic global warming forecast by some scientists; warming passed its peak in 1998-2005, while the value of the TSI by July-September of last year

had already declined by 0.47 watts per square meter," Abdussamatov wrote. "Consequently, we should fear a deep temperature drop, but not catastrophic global warming. Humanity must survive the serious economic, social, demographic and political consequences of a global temperature drop, which will directly affect the national interests of almost all countries and more than 80% of the population of the Earth."

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## How Solar and Cosmic Activity Change Climate

The means by which a decline in solar activity causes severe cooling is now partially, but not yet completely, understood. The variation in the total energy output of the Sun comes to only about 0.1% of the Total Solar Irradiance, not enough to cause drastic heating or cooling by purely thermal means. However the links between the Sun and climate turn out to be more subtle and interesting.

As one example, the work of Danish atmospheric physicist Henrik Svensmark and his collaborators has shown that the secondary particles, produced when galactic cosmic rays collide with atmospheric gases, serve as condensation nuclei for the formation of low-level clouds, which, in turn, cool the Earth. The connection to solar activity is as follows.

American physicist Scott Forbush<sup>6</sup> had discovered in the 1930s that the flux of galactic cosmic rays (charged

particles, mostly hydrogen nuclei, coming from beyond our galaxy) was reduced during geomagnetic storms. In 1958, one of the early satellites developed by James Van Allen, first showed us the role of the Sun's charged particle output, known as the solar wind, in creating magnetic storms on Earth. (Prior to that, it was thought that geomagnetic storms originated in the Störmer current ring, about six Earth radii out into space.) Further work showed that the solar wind formed a sort of magnetic shield around the Solar System, known as the heliosphere. When the solar wind is stronger, more of the cosmic rays are deflected from striking Earth. In periods of reduced solar activity, more cosmic rays strike the Earth's atmosphere, producing the secondary particles which can help to form low-level clouds.

Another example of the interaction between solar activity and Earth's weather is known as the Wilcox effect. In 1974, John M. Wilcox and colleagues proposed that vorticity in the upper atmosphere, including that which might produce severe storms and hurricanes, was controlled by what is called magnetic sector boundary crossings. As the Sun spins on its 27-day rotation, the magnetic field of the solar wind takes on the rippled shape of a ballerina's tutu. As a result of the asymmetry between the Sun's rotational and magnetic axes, the North and South magnetic polarity of the solar wind can fall sometimes above, and sometimes below, the plane of the Earth's orbit. On a short-term but irregular period varying from less than a week to several weeks, the Earth crosses the sector boundary between North and South polarity. Wilcox et al.<sup>7</sup> showed that changes in the atmospheric vorticity were influenced by these sector boundary crossings.

More recently, P. Prikryl and his colleagues<sup>8</sup> have revisited the Wilcox effect, showing that the magnetic sector boundary crossings influenced the onset of severe extratropical storms in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Many other important interactions among the Sun, the galaxy, and meteorological and geophysical events on Earth remain unknown or still uninvestigated. The latest news from the Sun serves as a reminder that we ignore such investigation at our own peril.

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# E. Coli Epidemic Uncovers Massive Negligence in German Health System

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June 14—The epidemic of the new, very aggressive *E. coli* (EHEC) bacteria that started in the city of Hamburg in early May, was not the surprise it was made out to be in the media and by many experts. As the La-Rouche movement warned two years ago, in the context of the swine and avian flus, the creation of new epidemics is the necessary consequence of the worldwide destruction of health infrastructure and, the spread of hunger and poverty. However, today another factor has been added: The radical ecological shift in agriculture has had the effect of creating new breeding grounds for dangerous pathogens, of which the biogas plants, built in Germany by the hundreds, are only the leading example.

While the origin of the EHEC outbreak is not definitively resolved, the pathogen responsible for the severe conditions must have been created under ideal conditions. In fact, the pathogen is not the same *coli* bacterium that was responsible for earlier EHEC outbreaks in Japan and elsewhere; rather, what happened is, that two different pathogenic *E. coli* types cross-bred, producing a new, extremely aggressive bacterium (serotype O104:H4).

The first EHEC case, and also the first case of the life-threatening Hemolytic-uremic Syndrome (HUS) was reported to the German Robert Koch Institute, the central federal institution responsible for disease control and prevention, on May 1. Since then (as of June 8), a total of 2,648 persons have come down with HUS or EHEC, and 25 died.

Over a short timespan, it became obvious that the hospitals in northern Germany were completely overwhelmed by the rapidly rising number of severely sick patients. Most dangerous, and very difficult to treat, is HUS, which is caused by bacterial toxin. In most cases, patients need a “blood purification” (plasmapheresis), and immediate dialysis in the case of kidney failure, which can only be done under intensive care conditions.

Even though medical personnel and equipment were transferred from southern Germany into the treatment centers in the north, there was already an open discussion about triage—selective treatment of patients—the victims of which would have been primarily older patients.

An important breakthrough, however, came from scientists of the Beijing Genetic Institute, who announced on June 5 that they had successfully sequenced the genome of the bacterium. Several genes were identified that render the new bacterium resistant to eight different antibiotics, and lead to the production of large amounts of toxin that enters the bloodstream, causing HUS. In collaboration with specialists of the University Clinic of Hamburg Eppendorf, the Chinese had previously succeeded in isolating the two bacteria that had combined to form the new aggressive strain.

There was evidence of a similarity between one of these bacteria with a pathogen recently discovered in Africa. If that were confirmed, it would be underlined again that it was criminal negligence on part of the international community to let epidemics in Africa spread, because bacteria were provided ample time to mutate. At the time of the avian and swine flu epidemics two years ago, it was already feared that such a genetic recombination would occur.

## Will Green Kill You?

In searching for the origin of the EHEC outbreak, not only fresh vegetables like cucumbers, tomatoes, salad greens, and sprouts were targeted by health officials, but some experts raised suspicion of a very different type: Would it be possible that the dangerous germ was bred in a biogas plant? In biogas plants, liquid manure, dung, certain energy-rich plants like corn or rape, other natural garbage, and even slaughterhouse waste, are being fermented by aid of microbes at an ideal temperature of 38°C. The resulting gas is

then used for energy production.

In an article in *Welt am Sonntag*, Bern Schottdorf, founder of a large medical laboratory in Augsburg, was quoted as saying that he could very well imagine that biogas plants could contribute to the creation and spread of new EHEC varieties. “In these plants, bacteria cross-breed and fuse together,” he said. “What exactly happens there, is unexplored, by and large.” This unprecedented mixture of pathogens is then brought onto the fields. While it is necessary to purify the material for one hour at 70°C, it is doubtful whether all the pathogens are really killed by that process. Furthermore, there is little or no inspection of these plants.

Schottdorf thinks, therefore, “that all biogas plants in Germany must quickly be investigated for potential pathogens. Otherwise, there is the danger that in the future we will experience epidemics with known or new agents.”

Actually, in Internet blogs of the biogas lobby there is a discussion of how to avoid current regulations establishing hygienic requirements. In the blog “Biogas Community,” a farmer from Luneburg posed the question: “Do I eventually kill, by hygienization, biological processes, so that the result is little or no gas production in the storage depot?” The blog moderator replied: “That actually is no problem. I am heating my container with an external heat exchanger, in which the substrate is heated briefly to more than 60°C. My biology, however, is in excellent condition.” Another blogger added to that: “But then there would be no hygienization effect.”

Any eco-fanatic would of course deny vehemently such suspicion against biogas plants, where everything is “completely natural.” What is actually happening in the huge containers of these massively subsidized biogas plants, nobody really wants to know. These plants are a much more effective breeding ground for new pathogens than the creation of resistant strains caused by wrongly applying antibiotics, which also lead to recombinations and cross-overs in the patient’s system. However, a biogas reactor has no immune system, that could eliminate invading pathogens!

Organic farming, as a whole, represents a significant hygienic step backwards in food production, because fertilization with liquid manure, dung, and other “natural” products, rather than with chemical fertilizers, significantly raises the risk of spreading pathogens. For some time now, in agriculture, “chemicals” have been demonized, and allegedly “good” organic farming

hyped—the green mantra with which we have been brainwashed for decades. However, if it is confirmed that the dangerous EHEC bacterium originated from an organic farm in Lower Saxony, which eschews “artificial fertilizers” and genetic engineering, then there should be some fissures in the image of the idyllic world of organic farming. And isn’t it ironic, that the evil “chemistry,” of all things, in the form of modern drugs and suspicious “technologies,” as well as high-tech machines, would save patients who fell sick because of “bio”?

## Bacteriological War?

It is quite plausible, that the outbreak of EHEC corresponds, directly or indirectly, with the anti-human intentions of Lord Bertrand Russell and British Crown consort Prince Philip. Russell’s plans were expressed clearly in his 1951 book, *The Impact of Science on Society*: “At present the population of the world is increasing at about 58,000 per diem. War, so far, has had no very great effect on this increase, which continued throughout each of the world wars. . . . War has hitherto been disappointing in this respect . . . but perhaps bacteriological war may prove effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. The state of affairs might be unpleasant, but what of it?”

Prince Philip’s intent was most succinctly put during an interview with the Deutsche Presse Agentur in August 1988: “In the event I am reborn, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.”

Given the dominance which Prince Philip’s policy of genocide has over the international “environmentalist” movement, seated in the World Wildlife Fund and beyond, and which the City of London has over the bankrupt world financial system, now struggling to survive, it is clear that mass death of “excess” population is the policy of the British-dominated oligarchical elite. Can anyone confidently claim that the spread of deadly diseases is not the intended result of those powers?

The outbreak of EHEC clearly shows the urgency to immediately launch a worldwide crash Apollo-style program for medical research. Europe should take China as an example: The Beijing Genetics Institute has the world’s largest DNA-sequencing capability, with more than 180 machines and over 4,000 employees. Moreover, it has developed a test that can verify EHEC bacteria within two to three hours.

### *Why Obama White House Targets LaRouche*

Senior U.S. intelligence officials, along with leading figures within the Democratic Party, have warned that the Obama White House is in the process of launching a massive dirty operations campaign against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates. These warnings come in the context of the accelerating unraveling of the Obama Presidency, driven by his clearly impeachable conduct in evading Congress's exclusive Constitutional authority to declare war in the current Libya case.

What Obama's British controllers, if not he himself, know, is that, barring a successful massive police-state campaign against the growing opposition to his policies, the President faces almost inevitable impeachment and ouster. Thus, the motive for targeting the leadership of not only the opposition, but of the only alternative policies to the President: LaRouche and his movement.

Senior U.S. intelligence officials pointedly warned that the Obama White House and campaign organization are pressing for support in their efforts against LaRouche from leading political figures in the Democratic Party. It is only from that standpoint that you can understand why, over the end of last week, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Sen. Barbara Boxer, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi all came out publicly defending President Obama's flagrant violation of the U.S. Constitution, Article I Section 8, and the War Powers Act, knowing full well that the President had committed an impeachable offense.

Leading Democratic Party figures explained this bizarre behavior from the standpoint that the Democrats fear that the demise of President Obama will bring Lyndon LaRouche to the fore as the only serious political leader who dared speak the truth about Obama and his British controllers.

So, in effect, Reid, Boxer, and Pelosi fell on the sword, in defending the President's indefensible behavior on the Libya War, out of fear of LaRouche's emergence as a folk hero, and a leader of a movement for a revolutionary change in U.S. policy—beginning with the passage of the Glass-Steagall restoration, now pending before the House in H.R. 1489.

This act of near political suicide on the part of Reid, Boxer, and Pelosi was one of the first public signals that the White House has launched illegal operations against the LaRouche organization.

This is deadly serious business. Both the intelligence community and Democratic Party sources conveyed their reports out of a deep sense of patriotism, and out of the recognition that if the Office of the Presidency is deployed to suppress LaRouche's voice at this critical juncture, the United States is doomed, and the rest of civilization goes down as well.

The specter of an American *Ermächtigungsgesetz*, the Enabling Law that gave Hitler absolute power to discard the German Constitution, is unmistakable, to be ignored at our peril.

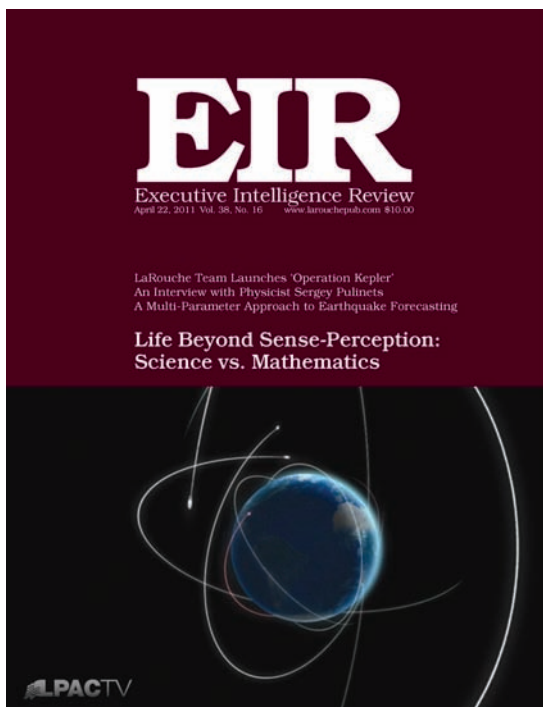
With the entire European Monetary Union on the verge of disintegration, with leading European governments on the edge of collapse, starting with the Merkel government in Germany, and with Wall Street bracing for the Trans-Atlantic financial tsunami to hit, LaRouche's demands for the immediate reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, before the July 4th celebrations, is gaining tremendous traction, with increasing institutional support from the labor movement, civil rights organizations, and others. It is precisely for this reason that the Obama White House and campaign team have embarked on a reckless and illegal campaign of dirty tricks and reprisals.



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