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From the Managing Editor

Last week, *EIR* showed how the darling of American populists (still today!), Andrew Jackson, working on behalf of our historic enemy, the British Empire, committed the spectacular treason of shutting down the Second Bank of the United States, setting in motion a process which led directly into the Civil War. This week, we look at one of the direct political heirs of Jackson and his accomplices: Paul Adolph Volcker.

In *Strategy*, you will find Lyndon LaRouche's "Paul Volcker Blurted It Out! What Is Whose Law?" in which LaRouche reveals that Volcker intends to bail out some \$2 trillion in worthless debt, while working overtime, with his servile acolyte Barack Obama, to prevent the adoption of the one measure, without which there can be no recovery from this depression: a revival of FDR's Glass-Steagall Act. In the documentation which follows—"Volcker Confesses to \$2 Trillion Swindle Against the American People," and "Paul Volcker's Criminal Record"—you will find the evidence of Volcker's sorry career as a traitor to the United States.

We then turn to the other man pictured on our cover: President Barack Obama, who, when he peers into the mirror, now sees an earlier President looking back at him: Richard Nixon. In "Watergate Process Advances; Get Obama Out by September!" (*National*), Nancy Spannaus reviews the case against Obama: From his assertion of Executive privilege in the Holder/Fast and Furious scandal, to the national security leaks pouring out of the Administration, to his anti-Constitutional violations against American citizens, the stench of Watergate is emanating from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

In *International*, we cover the phase-shift taking place in Syria, as President Assad gives a name to the crisis wracking his country: "War"; a slow-motion coup taking place in Pakistan; and Greek elections whose outcome does nothing to rescue the moribund euro. But further east, there are positive developments: See our coverage of China's space program.

Our *Feature* is Helga Zepp-LaRouche's keynote address to the BüSo party conference June 16: "Building the Europe of the Future," replete with beautiful new maps of the great development projects needed to bring about a global recovery.

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PAUL VOLCKER BLURTED IT OUT!¹

What Is Whose Law?

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Among his other qualities, virtually until the moment of his death, our republic's John Quincy Adams had been the greatest of American diplomats since Benjamin Franklin, and had remained as the former diplomat whose leadership had already established our republic as an efficient force from the Atlantic to Pacific coasts.

The treasonous British agents, led by U.S. President Andrew Jackson in his time, together with a cabal of British agents led and controlled by the already treason-saturated British agent and assassin, Aaron Burr, acted to destroy the Bank of the United States, and used that mechanism of treason which, in point of fact, created the process leading into the U.S. Civil War.

However, for some emotionally and otherwise confused observers, still today, it might have appeared to have been President John Quincy Adams who had caved in on his own 1828 re-election campaign. It might have appeared to any actually honest, but confused observer, that Adams had "failed" to destroy the pack of treasonous scoundrels, including Jackson himself, a

pack associated with the Aaron Burr who was the British monarchy's leading spy, and also the assassin of Alexander Hamilton. It had been Jackson's prominent henchman, the highly culpable Martin Van Buren, who was to be awarded official blame for bankrupting of the United States by Jackson's accomplices in the Panic of 1837 (but it had been British agent Aaron Burr, who had led in crafting that dirty deed).

Who? tell me, then: among all of those scoundrels of that Jackson gang, which among them must actually bear the principal burden of the blame?

However, once that much has been said, it was not only Jackson, but a pack of British agents, who organized the actually winning margin of votes for the wretched Jackson during Jackson's two terms as U.S. President. The dupes might be ridiculed for the combined, disastrous result of Jackson's two successive elections, and for what the aftermath of his wretched career had left behind for the United States.

Truth and "voter opinion," have often been opposing forces in history, as in the case of Jackson's own election, or the comparable case of President Barack Obama presently. That could not have become a relatively typical malpractice against our system of government, as that has occurred again during most recent U.S. Presidential elections since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, but for the continuing influence, still today, of the incompetence embodied in a misled public's credulous opinions.

1. In the course of publicized discussions now, Wall Street's Paul Volcker has uttered an up-to-date confession, blurring out the hard facts of his intention to suppress Glass-Steagall, and swindle the American people of about \$2 trillions' "worth" of presently worthless gambling debts. These largely worthless gambling debts are piled up in the hyper-inflated "bail-out system."



White House/Pete Souza

“Would you have done, willingly, what the U.S.’s Paul Volcker has done recently, in proclaiming a reported intention to ‘bail out’ about \$2 trillions of intrinsically worthless debt, thus looting and thus bankrupting the virtually the entirety of our nation?” LaRouche asks. President Obama did exactly that.

The Matter of Blame

What was wrong with those damnably fooled voters, then, or, to a large degree, now? However, that much said, who were actually the most guilty of those who are rightly to be blamed? Essentially, the blame belongs less to the actual, often foreign perpetrators of the treasonous schemes of Jackson’s gang, than to those of our citizens who should have known better. Actually, the evidence against Jackson and his accomplices was, and remains clear. Scoundrels abound, but who contributes the truly great crime of a tacit public consent? What had gone wrong with so many, damnably silly voters?

Naturally, it is true that those who actually organized the treasonous Jackson Presidency, were, and still are, necessarily, largely to be blamed. Nonetheless, no one has an actually affirmative quality of right to be “exonerated” for having acted stupidly, as large chunks of our nation’s electorate have frequently done, especially since President Kennedy had also been eliminated, one from among a long list of assassinated Presidents. Who, then, is to be blamed for the frequently deadly errors often inherent in usually long-ranging popular opinion, or the

not-infrequent practice of an incumbent government’s own silly error in going along with the crafting of what has been frequently an intentionally malicious scheme crafted from within the leadership of our nation’s government; the root of the evil lies in the systemic error inhering in some expedient sorts of perversion of law-making as such.²

The Jacksonian perversion drew all varieties of such faults into itself.

There is, usually, nothing accidental in such cases of persistently recurring falsehoods as the “Big Lie” of the Jackson candidacy; but, usually, the intended financial lies are used to influence prevalent popular opinion in a more vicious way, even a putatively educated public opinion, as had happened, not inevitably, but repeatably, in past times.

Such abominations as those are typified, among similar types of cases of errant commitments, by such devices as the fraudulent teaching of what was never true, as in Euclidean geometry, still today, or the deliberately, systemically fraudulent opinions in Newton’s concoctions,

even among many trained, and otherwise only presumably reliable scientists. Instances of such evidence present significant clues to that kind of a broadly ignorant popular opinion which has been pre-shaped, and used to craft what is customarily referenced as public, or, often, “pubic” opinion and practice of nations.³

Now let us be concrete.

2. To speak frankly of the essential facts of the current U.S. election-campaign, neither current, putative Presidential candidacy is fit to be elected. The current President, Barack Obama is the relatively most evil by a long stretch. The plausible Republican candidate is a disaster for the nation in his own right. The only presently visible hope for the nation is to impeach Obama almost immediately, to save the nation from absolute destruction, and defeat the currently plausible Republican candidate. Such an option is very real, and could rescue civilization generally at this juncture, if the will were there to bring the arrangement about.

3. A fire which occurred in the celebrated Library of Alexandria, had destroyed the section of that famous Library devoted to the leading knowledge of geometry at that time. Thus, influential figures associated with such as Aristotle and Euclid were enabled to put across what had been earlier correctly known to be fraudulent in scientific opinion respecting geometry. That foolishness tends to prevail in both low- and high-ranking educational institutions of the world, still to the present day.

The Crookedness of Paul Volcker

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Volcker has acted in the avowed intention to do just that, so, and has publicly declared his intention to do such as that: adding to the significance of the fact that the Glass-Steagall Law, which would, in fact, rescue the U.S. population from the greatest depression in modern U.S. history, should not be re-enacted, if the wretched Volcker had his way. All the most essential features of evidence exposing Paul Volcker's complicity in this despicable matter, clearly exist, although some of the fine details remain to be pinned down more exactly. Volcker must be recognized, as having been implicitly treasonous in effect against the U.S. citizenry, in a not very well-concealed intention during a span of recent months; only the most glaring evils of his scheme had been waiting for their frank public exposure, by his open profession of malice against mankind a short time ago.

Take the similar example of the most recent, and absolutely worst among the most recent U.S. Presidential elections;⁴ and, then throw in the still earlier, highly relevant case of the pathetic character of the Presidential incumbency of the George H.W. Bush who was virtually sent home to stay, as soon as his first term was up; that is to say little concerning the actions of Democratic President Bill Clinton's wretched, Republican successor in the Presidency, whose own incumbency has been, chiefly, a by-product of the purely malicious attempted impeachment of President Clinton himself.⁵

4. Two terms of George W. Bush, Jr., and one of Barack Obama. Obama has been the most worst.

5. The impeachment effort launched against President Clinton, occurred in response to the President's intention to introduce an urgently needed economic reform against the kind of virtual racketeering en-



Library of Congress

It was the treasonous Aaron Burr's (right) personal role the shaping of the Andrew Jackson Presidency (1829-37), which led to the evils of the Jackson Administration and its residues in today's American "populist" movements.



All that much said and considered so far; now return to consider the core of the matter which I had already presented to you here in the opening of this report. The principal facts are now stated here, as below.

From Burr, to Hell

It was actually, and very plainly, Aaron Burr's personal role in directing of the backing of the Andrew Jackson Presidency of 1829-1837 itself, which led in shaping of the inherent evils of both the Jackson administration and its continuing faction, up through its own continued, implicitly treasonous intentions against our Federal Constitution.

That evil which is embedded in a truthful recollection of the President Jackson administration, had resonated since a time prior to its beginning, to far beyond its end. The same treasonous Burr was not only flagrantly a British agent, of a noxious quality much like that of Britain's Tony Blair, but also an active enemy of our United States all the way through and beyond the conspiracy which involved the murder of Alexander Hamilton, and which had also led in organizing what became both the 1837 Panic and the economic ruin and

gagement in Russian national finances which had been patched together by London and Wall Street cabals. Without the effects of the attempted impeachment of President Clinton, the present U.S. crisis would not have been set into motion through the wicked Gramm-Leach-Bliley law now defended by a Paul Volcker remembered from the days of Jimmy Carter Administration notoriety.

demoralization which dominated the nation up to the outbreak of the Civil War. It has been the legacy of what was to become the Confederacy, which has been the root of that continuing evil, up to the close of that Obama administration which has, itself, nurtured the root of that evil which had been the Jackson Presidency. It was an evil crafted in a manner like that employed on behalf of the candidacy and Presidential incumbency of today's would-be "new Emperor Nero," the Obama who is the unnatural outcome of such so-called populist traditions.

Such is the dupery inhering in "the Jacksonian Tradition!"

In a Nation's History

What Shakespeare's Casca had said to Brutus, could be said of Jackson, and of Obama, however evil they were in their own right in whatever has passed for their "real life." Casca said: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings."

That could be said of notable U.S. Presidents, of which the virtual "Emperor Nero," Obama, has been only the worst among the true "underlings." In the latter case, we must include charges against a comparable British underling, such as the referenced case of Tony Blair, who had sent the U.S. military to a fraudulently launched, and mass-murderously prolonged war in Iraq, all done on the authority of nothing as much as Blair's (more or less chronic) outright lying.

Aha! There we have the common essence of both Jackson and Obama, and of the Emperor Nero, alike!

Speaking generally: as a Shakespeare would have understood, it had been Jackson, himself, who had copied the part of Casca into the 1828 U.S. election. It was the crime of treason-in-fact which had won "the proverbial day" for the breed of Andrew Jackson. It is that treasonous tradition which has been actually the prized proof of nothing so much as what has become our republic's, chiefly British-Monarchy directed, habituated, and also generally stupid follies, as then, and as now. A related kind of folly has been more or less chronic during most of those recent times, a folly which brought our great republic into the humiliation represented by the ruinous, merely allegedly successful forms of virtually treasonous qualities of certain allegedly "successful" Presidential elections.

The time is overdue for taking time to think through a bit more quietly and profoundly than recently; we must now act on the urgently needed reforms.

When we take those currently proceeding concerns into account, must we not suggest some actually mysterious cause for the doubtful origins arising in matters respecting our nation's system of lawful justice? Then, where we had causes for systemic public error to have been uncovered, so, often, as this kind of error has actually occurred, how have such faults been, apparently, so wonderfully concealed from the virtually self-blinded eyes and ears of a vast number of our citizens, that despite all evidence "in plain sight"? Shall we say that, perhaps, it has been that they are blindly innocent, and

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could not have foreseen the stinking ditches into which they themselves have been prone to roam so idly? Not at all: for such misguided political leaders, the relevant comment is: "Go along, to get along."

Perhaps (and much more than merely that) some improvements in the defining of the practice of the application of an otherwise truly well-intended constitutional law, were long overdue.

The original U.S. Constitution with its then-intended purpose, had not been the source of our nation's errors; it was the sly misuse done in the name of so-called "popular opinion" which customarily did the dirties; it was an opinion of a variety of often curious origins, which was induced to supply what could have been described as the "popular intention" of the given law, or what has been identified recently as what is named "spin," which has been the outstanding work of the pranksters-in-fact in this matter. When you permit "spin," you have destroyed the very principle of not only the law, but honest law-making, and, in fact, "honest anything."

It has been the usual shame of our republic, that most persons in the U.S.A. (and other locations) who show little, or, even no competent knowledge of our republic's constitutional foundations, have often been the collective author of a great part of our republic's cruellest moral failures.

Law should not be a matter of merely maintaining order among what life often merely appears to define as a restive, if also more or less witless variety of “human cattle.” Law within and among nations, must have a specifically intended basis for providing the effective advancement of the human species. Those facts are clear when mankind is considered as a species which is distinct from all known lower forms of life; there must be true scientific advancement, as much as moral, rather than what has been too often the management of public behavior among managed sorts of the popular opinion among those whose actions verge on those of virtual “human cattle.”

That which is named as individual human “freedom,” must be understood to signify an advancement in the competence and efficient moral and scientific power of each of the successive generations of mankind. That means a rise to an increase of the power of the human mind within the universe, rather than the frequent downward drift into emphasis on British proposals for the culling of the foolish human herd, or for the corrupting effect of a show of respect for the passion of the intrinsically “amoral” anarchist. Not only the existence, but the upward transformation of the succession of the individuals, is an obligation of society; but, to what kind of a process of evolving organization of society, shall both the society and the individual be obliged to adhere?

There should be a well-defined intention which unifies the actual duty of society and the role of its individual member, as our republic’s founding predecessors, among such as the Winthrops, Mathers, and Benjamin Franklin, had indicated such a requirement. What is the properly guiding purpose of that desirable bond? What is the definable purpose of that existence of the individual, which both society and the individual must serve in union of a common purpose? Avoiding collisions is desirable; but, in what selected sort of condition of a planet, or our Solar system, or beyond, must this occur?

Aaron Burr and his dirty tool, President Andrew Jackson, are presently long dead. The principal features of their offences against society will, in one fashion, or another, ultimately come under the obligation to suffer the effects of what their evil deeds have done to their posterity. The point is, that that criminality itself lives on, still today, as the evil of the relevant opponents of the Glass-Steagall law demands that it be so, still, presently, now.

I. Whose Law Is Your Law?

A couple of generations ago, a certain popular sport, identified as automobile “wreck’m races,” supplied an image of a model for a widespread tendency for recklessness. First, create the catastrophe, and then, lament the act, but with only crocodile tears for the victims whom they had conspired to lead into misery. The reckless rate of rising forms of misused taxation, with deeply reduced per-capita popular earnings, have changed things; which is to say have lately made them ever increasingly worse, that in some continually altered manner and direction.

As a matter of physical-economic facts, the U.S. physical economy has been in a net long-ranging decline since the combination of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the practically decade-long, worse-than-useless U.S. war in Indo-China. The long-ranging potential for the now-threatened ultimate doom of our now rapidly collapsing U.S. economy, has now reached an end, in one sense or the other: unless we change that long-ranging post-Kennedy Presidency’s long-term direction now.

Let us try to make sense of an experience lived in that crazy-quilt world of today. Consider an emblematic sort of relevant case.

I can point with relative satisfaction to one case which some among my own collaborators and I have presented on behalf of the account of one among the great discoveries which have been made, that respecting the true nature of the human species. That case is one which was presented, in successive effects, by Arthur Nikisch, in first approximation, and, then, a full-throated practice of what had been Nikisch’s own intention as it has flourished in the conclusions presented for practice by Nikisch’s properly defined successor, Wilhelm Furtwängler. I try to make proper use of what my associates and I have discovered and developed on our own account, especially respecting the lessons adduced from examples akin to the discoveries of Furtwängler, and to his outlook; I must also now consider what I have dared, and also the others associated with our cause in this matter, must have been enabled to discover, rediscover, or copy entirely on our own account, because he, or she, and relevant others have prompted me to seek what I would not have dared to uncover but for the inspiration prompted by examples from those rare and great geniuses on whose influence we have relied with good reason.

Admittedly, my own generation, its forebears and



"The great musical artist is intrinsically a true revolutionary from within his own artistic government. The cases of Arthur Nikisch (above) and Wilhelm Furtwängler (right) are excellent demonstrations of this."



sition and performance of the combination of music with the process of living of human life.

It was that Bach who emphasized the conception of basing composition explicitly on the oncoming (i.e., future) development within the body of the composition in progress, as in his collections of preludes and fugues. This replaced being confined to the present; instead we should have pursued the influence of the future instant, as being the appropriate moment of action for changing the present, enjoying thus the actually accessible future moment, not limited by the present, as providing a moment to have been achieved some moment ahead.

The creative human individual is one whose present action will have occurred, literally, a

moment ahead of the moment it is experienced! Thinking ahead!

It was precisely this outlook respecting those creative powers of the imagination, which has been the root-source of my relatively unique, factually established competence and success as a forecaster in the field of a science of political economy, a subject which is to be noted in respect to the leading subject-matters to be taken into account here.

That very principle, as presented so by Johann Sebastian Bach, as in his **Preludes and Fugues**, as by the followers of Bach in this matter, is the essentially underlying principle of all properly acceptable forms of Classical musical composition. That view of Bach's work, notably as appreciated on a consequent, crucial point by Arthur Nikisch and Wilhelm Furtwängler, successively, is also the properly required basis, in the conception of the future action within the domain of the "almost now," for both competent economic forecasting, for all true artistic creativity, and scientific progress and related progress in general.

The Future: In Music & in Science

The relevant work of the original author of the needed conception of a principle of science in music,

some contemporaries, were not the best models of achievements of the type which I have admired the most on this account. Of those who influenced me, the most were the exceptions of even their own generation and professional circles.

So, those observations and their reservations once stated, let us now apply this same principle of musical creativity to the need to cure the problematic features of the contemporary opinion and public practice in what I respect as a true and proper notion of public law. The leading issue is the science-related development of the creative powers of the human mind of the individual members of our society.

You might, therefore, wish to ask: What, then, is my argument in defense of proposing the considerations which I have come to associate with the successive phases of progress by Nikisch and Furtwängler respecting the principles of musical composition and performance?

The particular, and crucially important factors to be considered on this account, have had their principal origin in the development of the systematic work of Johann Sebastian Bach's introduction of the provable nature of "the future": the future as the essential vantage-point of upward direction of change of the compo-

Arthur Nikisch, and his follower Wilhelm Furtwängler, is not “merely” a matter of music in the customary sense. It goes directly to the most profound, and most rarely understood principles of universal physical science as such. From the vantage-point of situating Arthur Nikisch’s and Wilhelm Furtwängler’s work in music as such, the discovery in music refers to a universal quality of a universal physical principle of science, which is, in no competent respect, limited to musical phenomena as such. Classical musical composition, as this is actually demonstrated by the success of Nikisch’s and Furtwängler’s experimental discoveries in music, is manifestly expressions of universal physical laws, through discoveries which supply a crucial quality of correction to previously established notions of physical principles generally.

The principle to which I have just referred here, is definable as an escape from the systemic errors of presumption which inhere in a notion of physical science which corresponds to customary notions of the nature of the actual basis of the “structure” of the universality of customary standards of experimental physics. The only claimed authority which is supplied to buttress a contrary opinion, is a stubborn refusal to investigate the relevant, specifically indicated evidence.

Life Enters

The continued survival and progress of the people of this planet, depends upon overcoming the resistance to progress, a resistance caused by a conventional sort of error which must be corrected by aid of steady improvements in educational programs and programs of improved health and welfare. Otherwise, failure to move forward with such progress limits the generally approved experimental approaches to a certain presumed consistency of the notion of principles of experimental evidence which delimits the domain of specific definition of “matter” or its likeness to conventional notions of sense-perception, even when more sophisticated experimental designs are included. A related difficulty has been explored by certain experimentalists who have gone, in studies of life-as-such, beyond the general methods which had been adopted earlier by a leading world scientific genius of the Twentieth Century, V.I. Vernadsky.

A systemically related, and more than somewhat notorious issue of physical-scientific method, arose in a crude error committed by the dupes of Vernadsky’s most vicious scientific opponent of that time, Alexan-

der I. Oparin. The point of this matter, is, that once we enter the domain of a principle of life as such, and human mental life most emphatically, science has entered a domain generally far beyond the cruder domain of non-living processes, as the great Max Planck came to recognize the lessons to be learned from Wolfgang Köhler on the subject of the differences encountered in seeking to compare the mentality of apes with the case of the human mind (i.e., the Gestalt psychology lesson).

Now, that much said, having placed the point which I have just introduced here, now in the broader perspective than musical composition as such: Now view the matter from the standpoint of such distinctive accomplishments, as by a formally original specialist in physical-economic forecasting, as I have become such. This is not, of course, limited to economic forecasting as I do. All competent expressions of science, are essentially expressions of processes which are congruent with physical-economic forecasting of a quality which rejects a mere financial-accounting method’s inherently systemic error. This emphasis must be especially strong, respecting scientific incompetence in both economics and other human behavior generally.

Now, the Core of the Revolution

When that investigation is carried into the domain of Nikisch and Furtwängler, the prospect of a revolution in the customary practice of physical science confronts us.

We must then add to these just stated considerations, the subject of the inherently systemic defects intrinsic to the employment of the statistical basis for physical-scientific and other investigations. This prompts us, if we are responsible in treating the matter, with a general warning presented by Bernhard Riemann in the concluding, third section of his celebrated habilitation dissertation. This, in turn, impels us to do a turnabout into the domain of Nicholas of Cusa, and, thence, into implications of the crucial work of Cusa’s great student, Johannes Kepler (i.e., *vicarious hypothesis*) as that was done in the crucial aspects of Kepler’s uniquely original discovery of the principle of gravitation.

Thus, there exists a profound concurrence among elements of physical scientific progress in matters of principle, that as in Classical artistic composition, or, in physical-economic forecasting. All of these both represent, and are all valid expressions of science in general. The essential distinction of honest man from both beasts and foolish people, is the action of bringing a

Riemann's Crucial Insight

From Bernhard Riemann's habilitation dissertation, On the Hypotheses Which Lie at the Foundations of Geometry, translated by Henry S. White, in David Eugene Smith, ed., A Source Book in Mathematics (New York: Dover Publications, 1959):

It is well known that geometry presupposes not only the concept of space but also the first fundamental notions for constructions in space as given in advance. It gives only nominal definitions for them, while the essential means of determining them appear in the form of axioms. The relation of these presuppositions is left in the dark; one sees neither whether and in how far their connection is necessary, nor *a priori* whether it is possible.

From Euclid to Legendre, to name the most renowned of modern writers on geometry, this darkness has been lifted neither by the mathematicians nor by the philosophers who have labored upon it. The reason of this lay perhaps in the fact that the general concept of multiply extended magnitudes, in which spatial magnitudes are comprehended, has not been elaborated at all. Accordingly I have proposed to myself at first the problem of constructing the concept of a multiply extended magnitude out of general notions of quantity...

[In conclusion:] This path leads out into the domain of another science, into the realm of physics, into which the nature of this present occasion forbids us to penetrate.



called “physical science.” The first class of such needed corrections of customary methods is typified by the demonstration, by both Nikisch and Furtwängler, of the existence of an efficient agency in human mental life, which rules as if “between the cracks” of those higher cognitive powers of the human mind, powers which are expressed with strict experimental precision in the work of both these musicians.

There has been a third consideration to similar effect, the methods of Johann Sebastian Bach as expressed for the worthy experimentalist in Bach's understanding of the adducible principle permeating the motive for Bach's sets of compositions of preludes and fugues, a knowledge which is properly considered a natural human right of the population. This, Bach's argument, brings the subject-matter into direct relationship to my relatively and also uniquely successful professional practice as an economist, since the late Summer of 1954. That is the crucial issue; the name of that issue, is the active function of

discoverable sort of impending future reality into the form of an intelligible expression of being. There, as in my own experience in forecasting, lies the essential distinction of both man from beasts, and from the functions assigned to the unfortunate, those who are content to be merely financial accountants.

The typical, essential incompetence of the reductionists generally, now comes prominently into play. Specifically, the assumptions of “elementary” physics which are adduced as consistent with the traditions of statistical methods derived from the notions of sense-certainty, “deeply color” ordinary statistically relevant methods, and, thus, stand outside a presumed experimental method of the customary sort.

There are two aspects of the work of Nikisch and Furtwängler, the which go most directly to the solution for the tendency for erroneous assumption in most so-

“the future” within the presently *oncoming* action.

All competent science depends upon that function of the future whose active function is limited to some human beings. I am highly familiar with this fact, as being the characteristic of my professional focus on knowing events whose probability lies within the domain of future time. I mean, by that, that persons who use “current date” are lacking in true competence in their attempts at a formal effort to deliver a forecast; those who rely on statistical forecasting are intrinsically incompetent in their work. A few examples are a minimal requirement at this point.

What You Owe to the Future

Now, for a moment, let us wander here as if in a public garden. Seek a point from which to begin to bring the kind of order which we must now bring to

bear. Now, consider the proper meaning of the word “law” as it should be experienced here.

There can be no denial of the reality that the very notion of “law” by and among today’s individual nations, presents a difficult challenge to the imagination. This is clearly so for those who would consider themselves as being qualified to hold court over the management of society’s rules of behavior within a society, as today: rules of behavior which are defined as marked by their inherent conflict with notions which they label as “scientific principle.”

One suggested approach, which I emphatically do not recommend for those seeking order, has been a certain necessary part of the alleged “benefits” of the merely minimizing of conflict among the respective cultures and sub-cultures; that is the notion that there must be an arbitrary sort of minimization of inherent differences in the practices among cultures, a notion which has not been a particularly successful arrangement in actual history thus far.

Systemic problems should not be compromised, but remedied according to true principles of reason: too many governments are compromised far too much already on that account.

Now, conflict is conflict, and one effort to rule it out arbitrarily, is approximately as bad as another. The notion of imposing “rules under which all must play,” is inherently vicious, and even more likely to promote homicide on a massive scale than any other. The fear of the awfulness which conflict might engender, could be regarded as the intention of introducing a “cooling off” of sources of bitter religious, or comparable hatreds; but, history does not proffer good performance-records on that account, either. The simple fact of the matter is, that there is no substitute for what might be fairly described as serious attention to the appropriate principles of what is properly to be recognized under the abused name of “humanism” combined with justice.

We Live in a Terrifying World

As the close of the Nineteenth Century approached, the 1890 ouster of Germany’s great peace-shaper, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, opened up the planet for what became known as “The First World War,” but has been actually the ebb and flow of an expanding and worsening state of actually continuing world homicidal conflict from the beginning of the 1890s up through the present date. The outbreak of what has been, actually, a permanent state of off-on world warfare since that time,

coincided with weapons systems beyond the earlier imagination, and, early on, became not only the setting for the greatest increase in man’s power, beginning with nuclear fission; we have entered, in the closing moments of what was the nominal end of the Second World War, into the age of nuclear fission through thermonuclear warfare and beyond. War as we have known it since the founding of the British Empire, is no longer an actual option for any part of this planet.

This does not require suppression of nuclear fission and higher orders such as thermonuclear fusion and matter-anti-matter systems. It requires that we proceed with the great increase in useful power, on which the continued existence of the human species, in fact, absolutely depends: cancelling nuclear power and hoping for human survival are a contradiction in terms. Thus, this means a change in the modes of required cooperation without loss of the principle of the sovereignty of each nation under the indispensable preconditions of accelerating rises in what is to be identified as accelerating energy-flux-densities of a power and scale needed to meet the new conditions now naturally in progress from changes in the position our Solar system within its progress through the reigning galaxy.

With these, great powerful weapons, we shall be equipped with indispensable forms of great powerful technologies which will now become rapidly the means needed to cope with the new difficulties the Solar and Galactic weather-systems will present. War, as we have known it, must become extinct among nations; more urgent challenges will, of a perfectly natural sort of necessity become the central, natural, and mutual concern of the nations of the Twenty-first Century and beyond.

The true law is the commitment to *the great changes which must happen*, if the mission which is the security of our human species, and the successful continuation and improvement of its ranks, is not to fail.

By “serious humanism,” I mean that law of tolerance which is implicit in the nature of nothing less than both the uniquely successful existence and launching of the scientific progress, and its correlatives supplied by the human species as such. The challenge is: where might we begin to locate this excellent point of departure?

There are, in fact, certain well-defined elements of evidence on this matter. That much said, let us, as a community of sovereign “earthling nations,” now get down to business. Take the following considerations,

for example, keeping my references, made above, within the implicit bounds of the great principle of Wilhelm Furtwängler which is being kept in the background of this present phase of the discussion. Provided we do not descend into bestiality, as some nations today have been deluded into considering as an option, the new technologies we develop for the sake of humanity, will bring about a shift in mankind's outlook, from people confined to Earth, to nations cooperating in managing the Solar system, and beyond.

That provisional example means the following. Look briefly, now, to the roots of such perspectives which came into being during the course of "Old Europe's Golden Renaissance."

Science vs. Sense-Perception

The precise distinction of a modern science which was introduced to practice by such notables as the Fifteenth Century's leading scientific geniuses, Filippo Brunelleschi and Nicholas of Cusa, had introduced concepts which, while echoing the best directions of the thoughts of the greatest among then known ancient scientists, represent policies for action which featured an implicit yearning to reach still, presently beyond any of those which have been actually, presently known to mankind. Two points are to be emphasized in this present chapter of the report.

The best achievements known to us from ancient, into modern physical and related science, have the commonly underlying feature, of implicitly rejecting the commonplace notion of "mere sense-perception:" doing this by means of the adoption of new principles which had urged their influence upon the leading intellects of science and related matters during the often overlapping lifetimes of Brunelleschi, Nicholas of Cusa, and the latter pair's immediate students and later students and followers.

Now, we have said enough of our seeming to wander among the gardens. Come down to the business immediately at hand.

That tendency for scientific progress during the span of what we identify conventionally as modern European science of the great European Renaissance and its outcome as its presently contemporary kin, has been in a state of what is most favorably described as notions which reach beyond the confines of mere sense-perception as such. Such conceptions are familiar in a fragmentary way; this can be shown in terms of the very concept of "fire," if and when that is used to present a

characteristic practice unique to mankind distinct from all among other known living creatures.

This brings us to the needed approach to the subject of **music as such**.

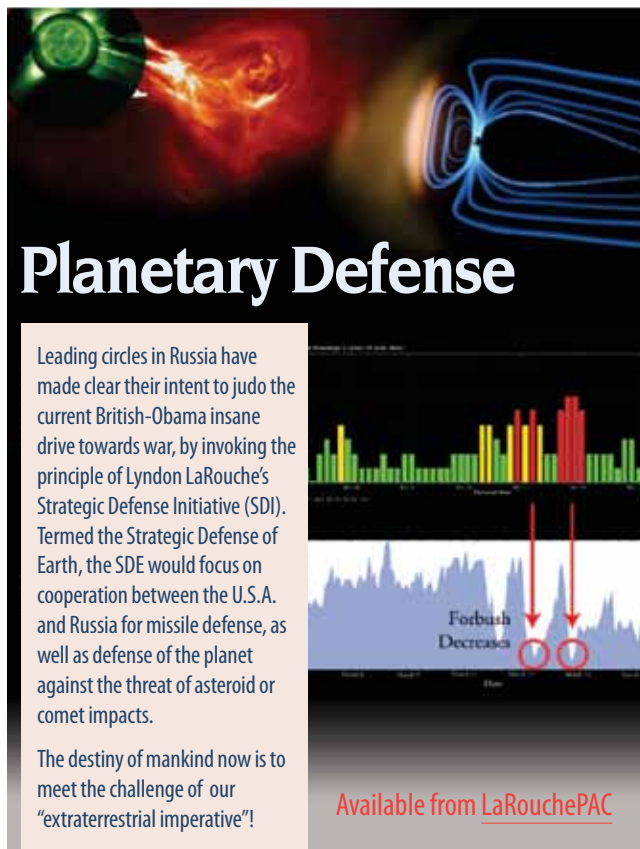
'Between the Notes'

Indeed, all that we know appropriately as being efficiently truly Classical physical science, reflects conceptions of that type which I have just referenced above.

These should be very well knowable to us as the essential principles required for Classical artistic composition, such as, uniquely, for actually Classical musical composition. However, our insight into such matters, requires comprehensible forms of access, forms which correspond to experiences in respect to the notion of Classical artistic composition and principles of physical science, which address concepts whose very natures locate their identity as if in between Classical artistic composition and essential principles of physical science.

I restate that point as follows.

While great musical composition does have elements of its characteristics which can be regarded as



Planetary Defense

Leading circles in Russia have made clear their intent to judo the current British-Obama insane drive towards war, by invoking the principle of Lyndon LaRouche's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Termed the Strategic Defense of Earth, the SDE would focus on cooperation between the U.S.A. and Russia for missile defense, as well as defense of the planet against the threat of asteroid or comet impacts.

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products of a specifically musical tradition, all truly great movements in musical composition are often more a breaking-free of precedents, than a product of refinements; the great musical artist is intrinsically a true revolutionary from within his own artistic government. The cases of Arthur Nikisch and Furtwängler are excellent demonstrations of this.

Watch me carefully from this point, onwards. I am up to something which you must discover.

For example: The relevant aspects of the creative work of Johann Sebastian Bach, and the opening of new dimensions bearing on Bach's unique initiatives, as by Arthur Nikisch, and Wilhelm Furtwängler, have a peculiarly distinct place in the study of such conceptions. In those instances, the congruent interdependence of the human mind's action, both to produce an underlying effect, and to comprehend that experienced effect itself, form a contrast which coincides in a uniquely wonderful, accessible mode.

That same modality defines both the essential subject and the relevant means of "experimental action," on which the intended effect is moved to emerge, as the expression of a pre-sensed precursor of a goal yet to be heard.

Now, prepare yourself for an approaching revolution in what might appear to some to be just about everything.

II. The Necessary Discovery

I now have two principal goals set before me, goals which I have yet to identify explicitly here. Be alert for surprises.

First: Musicians and their Times.

In this matter, I have been fortunate personally, to have come to be associated with a notable few, and relevant access to their work, a few found among the ex-



Johann Sebastian Bach introduced "the provable nature of 'the future': the future as the essential vantage-point of upward direction of change of the composition and performance of the combination of music with the process of living of human life." Portrait by J.E. Rentsch, the Elder (1715).

amples typical of the greatest musicians of my time. The advantage of this relationship between the great artist as either, or both composer-in-mode and the inspired audience and enabled amateur, seizes our emotions in precisely the mode of the arm of the workman and the creativity which guides the generation of the accomplished artistic work. My sense of the debt which is my obligation to the great artists, including some notable contemporary ones whom I have known personally, is enormous.

What I present here is not exactly confined to Classical musical composition in a narrowly defined sense. Music, when rooted in both Classical poetry and the power of true metaphor, is a proper model of creativity. In that respect, musical composition is the most accessible approach to Classical artistic composition and its relatives, which

is available to the human experience, and there are very strong reasons for this fact.

Yet, in my experience of many decades this far, the fact that the music per se is directly the subject of the action, prompts powers of insight which, while they may be expressed, lack that wonderful immediacy of the power to express the proximate idea of music as such, as in no other way.

This limitation to which I have just referred, is not a fault of Classical artistic composition more generally. Rather, those arts necessarily contain the opportunity for a dramatic-like expression of the pure germ of the musical essence in itself. It is music addressed to a musical mission within society.

Thus, we are appropriately guided to seek out the efficient expression of the appropriately relevant passion of music, as being a power to shape human action to a musical-subject-driven purpose, and as a medium of expression presented with the added advantage of a chosen mode of reference. All of this which I have outlined here, thus far, corresponds to what I have recognized in the Classical repertoire generally: the hand

moves; it must do something in the universe we experience. Music can not be truly music unless it is a specific mode of action; as action, it is located for expression in a medium. Classical musical composition, is the nearest to the essence of artistic composition on this account. The other modes within the bounds of Classical composition, are the effects which create means and subjects which lend substance to the intrinsic quality of the essential principle of art; without such essence, we could not imagine ourselves to exist, or others to have existed. It is the role of a sense of motion which encompasses, but is not limited to sense-perceived notions of motion.

Art so defined, presents mankind in its essence, with work waiting to act for the realization of an intention for which the gentle, yet irresistible power, of musical artistic composition permits expression. Music expressed is passion as such; it moves when the motion of the clock appears to stand still.

This far, in writing on this matter here, I have focused on music as such. That was not my essential intention; music so conceived, is the essence of the actual expression of the notion of an underlying, impassioned intention. It is therefore required, as being its own image, as Classical poetry also does this, as the principle of true metaphor does this. No more, and no less, but always essential. Music, so conceived, is us, our soul.

The Human Soul

It is important to realize, that the principle of music as I have barely outlined the case here, is an apprehension of the presence of the beauty of the human soul. Viewing the future ahead of mankind, it is not inappropriate to nurture or borrow mankind's cultures. Putting the point in Christian and like "models" of cultures, those objects which we regard as sense-perceptions, are not the actual "us," but, rather, express a point of principle which we encounter as a prescience of ourself, as in **I Corinthians** 12-13. We are never "flesh as such." True music also teaches us that. In great art, we are as if "lifted up," as with a prescience of our own immortality, to such effect that the song within us, if it is beautiful, takes over the mortal existence of the musician, as if the flesh were almost not necessary at that moment.

Do not take this lightly. Of necessity, humanity will be managing the Solar system, and that progress should be expected to unfold with the development of bases on our Moon from which, within about a generation, ther-

monuclear-fusion impelled, manned vehicles should be travelling betwixt Moon and Mars within about a week for each "commuting." This prospect is very real; the effect will include a change in outlook of the quality of a shift from managing operations within the planet, to the management of regions within the Solar system. The immediate prospect for man's management of the Solar system, is presently projected as being within the

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means of matter-anti-matter systems capable of a certain degree of capacity for management of our Solar system internally.

At the very outset that such a pattern of man's development of the management of our Solar system begins in earnest, the human species' self-conscious sense of identity will undergo a rapid evolution. Nations will still exist, but the human individual will think in terms of living within the Solar system, rather than within the planet.

I am not projecting "a wild and woolly" populating of planets. I am projecting the development of extended operating systems, within the Solar system, which are largely as we say "management systems" which must be developed in depth, chiefly as in the approximate form of "management and security systems," such as those now required at an increasing rate, to protect planets from large rocks and comets, a risk factor which we now expect to become an increasing responsibility in the periods ahead. Let us say, "management systems," and understand what that term means.

At the same time, to appreciate adequately what I have just laid out, compare the so-called "energy-flux density" of nuclear and higher orders of systems of power which have opened to us with the transition to



NASA

The shift into managing the Solar System, “will naturally transform mankind’s view of itself, as managing more and more of the Solar System’s planetary areas from their exterior, rather than within the territory and skies of planet Earth.” Shown: Earth and its Moon, as seen from Mars.

systems of power vastly more powerful than anything conceived a century or so earlier.

That change will keep us all very busy. Yet, it also implies something more of a practical nature. Compare the standard life-span of the human individual with the expansion of the range of operations by mankind within the range of the Solar system. Longevity as we have known it will transform mankind’s reach and outlook, and will, thus, shift the “demographic” span of individual human experience accordingly. Family ties will become much more significant under those conditions.

This shift, into the managing of the interior of the Solar system, and the like, will naturally transform mankind’s view of itself, as managing more and more of the Solar system’s planetary areas from their exterior, rather than within the territory and skies of planet Earth.

This effect could not be brought forward in any way except as the exploratory discovery of, first Arthur Nikisch, and, then, Wilhelm Furtwängler, have clarified what is fairly identified as the discoverable nature of the

absolute principle of true Classical artistic composition and its performance goals, seeks out the realization of the intended effect.

On this account, the music in accord with those considerations which I have indicated here thus far, is in itself an expression of a yearning toward immortality, a notion of “immortality” which is inseparable from what we may identify as the immortality which subsumes the notion of a sense of the ordinary flesh. We live as incarnate beings which seem to come and go, but which, in our passing, we may express as a mission, a purpose for living and having lived, which allows us to consider a moment of mortal life as an expression of another presence, an efficient quality of presence, which is the attributed confinement of human mortality within a prescience of personal immortality, as my earlier reference to the passage from the Apostle Paul indicates this.

It is those specific qualities of passions, which partake of an immortal meaning of the actions performed within the confines of a mortality. If we have not achieved that sense of our mission in existence, it is almost as if we had never lived at all. There is no need for pawing the dirt in the stable on this account;

the expression of the principle is implicitly exact, as the work of Furtwängler has demonstrated this in actually heard practice.

Thus, to conclude this special aspect of the matter I have placed here before at least some among you, which is the efficiently practical mode of access of the mortal personality to a corresponding universality which we, perhaps, explain to ourselves, as what shall have been our mortal self. Hence, the miraculous power of what Bach, Arthur Nikisch, and Wilhelm Furtwängler, represent, successively, as Wilhelm Furtwängler carries this forward to a certain relative state of perfection of the essential conception which emphasizes this explicitly, in pointing our attention to the essential, implicitly immortal substance of our incarnate existence, and as I shall present a physical principle which supports all the essential features of what I am writing here.

The trouble which all serious efforts to understand the successive accomplishments of Nikisch and Furtwängler encounter takes us far beyond the notion of music as a form of entertainment. What is occurring in

the process leading through such modern sources as Filippo Brunelleschi, Nicholas of Cusa, Johannes Kepler, into the fundamental scientific discoveries of Johann Sebastian Bach and his greatest heirs, is to be considered, with the relatively greatest emphasis, not as a development within music regarded as “entertainment.” It is, in fact, to be recognized as being, probably, as I shall insist here, the greatest breakthrough in modern physical science. This is actually the essential feature of what the work of Wilhelm Furtwängler actually made clear.

I explain what may be a shocking fact for many: What is the human mind, actually?

The great curse of mankind, down through as much as we presently know as “the ages,” has been the imprisonment of the minds of human individuals within their adopted submission to the reign of merely sense-perception. This is actually the significance of what Wilhelm Furtwängler has accomplished for all mankind.

The relevant, cruelly stubborn problem, has been a prevalent sense of impotence which arises in physical science as usually conceived, when we are confronted with the stubborn absurdity of attempting to adduce the physical principles of physical science from what is merely sense-perception.

The evidence proving the ultimate absurdity of reliance on sense-perception as such, would be beyond doubt, if society generally were capable of telling itself that it has recognized a reliable quality of superior principle of experience which could lead mankind to a method which supersedes what is merely sense-perception. The point which I now make with emphasis, is that Wilhelm Furtwängler had implicitly “broken through” that customary barrier. I now proffer, next, a summary explanation of my argument. My view on this matter will probably turn out to have been the most important of my life’s work this far. Curiously, but, perhaps, not really surprising in the end, is that the principle of my discovery presented here, is, after all, elementary. Nikisch and Furtwängler had actually made the crucial first step of that deep-rooted, and fundamental scientific discovery.

Considering the auspices, I think it appropriate to proceed directly to the kernel of the argument which identifies my personal discovery. The relevant core of the argument runs as follows. The relevant subject is “the commonly desperate search for the ultimate infinitesimal.” It is those musicians and the like who

have failed to grasp this point correctly, who have failed to grasp the entire point which I emphasize here and now.

The Irony of the Infinitesimal

If we continue along a pathway of a search for the absolute infinitesimal, the effort to partition physical space-time into “sufficiently small” portions, is clearly the pathway to epistemological absurdities. The hopeless paradox invoked along that pathway becomes quickly obvious (if not in time, on principle). The “purely infinitesimal dot” does not exist in this universe.

For example: Bertrand Russell’s dupe, Alexander I. Oparin, was obviously a credulous fool sucked into an imaginary “very deep space” filled with nothing at all, as were the Bertrand Russell-fabricated fanatics Norbert Wiener and John von Neumann, who each were expelled from Göttingen for the same ontologically excellent reasons, but at different times. Von Neumann’s was the most disgusting of the two cases, most dramatically, and that for exemplary motives. The foolish “pure mathematics” argument were clearly an extension of the same delusion adduced for Euclidean geometry.

Rather than proceeding from the fanatical extremes of the imaginary perfect infinitesimal, as the silly Oparin did, in seeking to define a mechanical ontology for a principle of “life,” what should have been obvious, is the utter nonsense of seeking to adduce the allegedly infinite from the presumably axiomatic basis of the allegedly infinitesimal: a wild-eyed fantasy if there ever were one. The reductionist premises his argument on that which he has presumed arbitrarily. For our practical purposes, the universe exists in the primarily very, very large, as Albert Einstein’s finite, but unbounded universe, prescribes. Whereas, the axiomatic presumption of the reductionist, is his own conviction, that in such matters, he himself actually claims, even insists, to know nothing of what he is talking about, as in the case of Bertrand Russell’s fool Alexander I. Oparin.

Rather than toying with the fantasies of the dupes of the infinitely evil, self-created Bertrand Russell and his poor dupe Oparin, or the similar John von Neumann, we must rely on the physical-experimental evidence chosen by the Nikisch and Furtwängler who have successfully freed the human imagination from the grip of an axiomatically empty space of mere sense-perceptions.



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“Enjoy the prospect of foreseeing the future which lives within your anticipation, and never forget whence you have come, back in those bitter days when that brutish thug Andrew Jackson had been a name with which to reckon. Think about that, and enjoy a hearty laugh.” Here, Lyndon LaRouche with his friend, the celebrated lead violinist of the Amadeus Quartet, Norbert Brainin (1923-2005), in December 1987.

Now let us restate the preceding, illustrative points from a fresh, and, greatly superior approach.

III. Science Versus Sense-Perception

The most vicious of the popular errors inherent in the customary practice of physical and related science, is the existing, wide, almost universal dependence of “physical science” on what is identified as the notion of an axiomatic role of sense-perception as a standard for measurements. The practical reasons for using such a mode, need not be argued strenuously here. It is when that mode is mistaken for anything more than a convenience, that for lack of a better means and method, that some harsh warning signals must be introduced and applied. There is no *self-evident* quality of truthfulness in reliance upon sense-perception as a standard for measurements, or otherwise.

However, even before the point that we are obliged to recognize the qualitatively, deep functional differences innate to the work of Arthur Nikisch and Wilhelm Furtwängler, there are gross margins of systemic error inherent in any attempted reliance on “sense-perceptions,” particularly as assumed standards of measurements, as, for example, such cases from V.I. Vernadsky

et al., in the matter of ordinary chemistry and bio-chemistry.

On top of all that, there is absolutely no decent confidence available for defining principled coherence between sense-perception as such and physical principles defined with the notion of an independence of sense-perception. Samples include the scandalous frauds of such as Bertrand Russell, or of his dupe A.I. Oparin, on the subjects of physics and living processes, and the related, Oparin-like, far-distantly-living infinitesimals, proposed for the statistical fantasies of the late, mad John v. Neumann, as relevant illustrations. In many aspects, those fellows share the root-basis of the intrinsically reductionist, wild-eyed, oligarchical fallacies of Aristotle and Euclid.

There is a great Solar system and a great Galaxy out there to be understood and treated. The changes are vast, and rapid, and they are very large. Prepare to enjoy the change. For us, thus, true civilization has only begun to begin. The humiliations which the young United States had endured, must be recognized as a fading image of a world which is already soon passed. Enjoy the prospect of foreseeing the future which lives within your anticipation, and never forget whence you have come from, back in those bitter days when that brutish thug Andrew Jackson had been a name with which to reckon. Think about that, and enjoy a hearty laugh.

Volcker Confesses to \$2 Trillion Swindle Against the American People

June 19—*EIR* has learned that former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker is conducting a call-up campaign against the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, arguing that the provisions of the Volcker Rule are sufficient because, unlike Glass-Steagall, they would not “punish” the bankers by demanding that they take responsibility for the more than \$2 trillion in still-outstanding gambling losses. Under a full return to the FDR Glass-Steagall Act, taxpayers would be freed from responsibility for covering the gambling debts of Wall Street, which amount to trillions of dollars that Volcker wants the American people to cover.

Lyndon LaRouche, who has led the campaign to reinstate Glass-Steagall since the collapse of the trans-Atlantic financial and monetary system beginning in the Summer of 2007, sharply denounced the “Volcker attempt to swindle the American people out of \$2 trillion-plus,” recalling that as chairman of the Federal Reserve in the late 1970s and ’80s, Volcker presided over the takedown of the U.S. economy by driving interest rates up over 20%, bankrupting countless farms and businesses.

Volcker’s efforts to kill Glass-Steagall, which has been reintroduced into the House of Representatives by Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) as H.R. 1489, with over 65 co-sponsors, were first made public by Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Tex.), during a recent district town hall meeting, at which he told constituents that he would not support Glass-Steagall and H.R. 1489, because he had spoken with Volcker, who told him that it was unnecessary because the Volcker Rule was sufficient.

It has been further confirmed by top Democratic Party sources that Volcker’s calls to pro-Glass-Steagall economists and politicians are part of a larger effort by the Obama White House to push back against Glass-Steagall. For months, the Obama White House and Treasury Department had refrained from making any comments on Glass-Steagall, due to the broad and growing public support for a return to the FDR-era separation of commercial banks from the speculators. But, following the recent admissions by JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon that the bank had lost billions of

dollars on speculative bets on the survival of the euro, support among members of Congress, state legislators, and other elected officials for an immediate return to Glass-Steagall has skyrocketed.

Now, the Obama White House, along with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, is on a desperate drive to kill the Glass-Steagall initiative. The Volcker Rule, from the outset, LaRouche has warned, has been nothing but an Obama and City of London weapon to blunt support for the only viable option for dealing with the trans-Atlantic bankruptcy: immediate reinstatement of Glass-Steagall in the United States, and full bank separation in Europe.

“Volcker has made a big mistake,” LaRouche commented today. “He has accused me and all of those supporting the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall of trying to ‘punish Wall Street.’ In reality, Volcker is telling the American people that they once again have to cover Wall Street’s gambling losses with their hard-earned tax dollars. This is a swindle that no sane American is going to tolerate. Furthermore, the entire trans-Atlantic financial system is hopelessly bankrupt and cannot be saved under any circumstances. Volcker’s renewed efforts to kill the only viable alternative to more bailouts, is going to lead to a global hyperinflationary blow-out worse than what happened in Weimar Germany in late 1923. This time it will happen on a global scale, starting in the United States and Europe.”

Paul Volcker’s Criminal Record

June 27—The very banker-thug upon whom Obama is relying to stop the momentum building to restore Glass-Steagall, is the very one who bears enormous responsibility for the collapse of the U.S. economy over the past 40 years, on behalf of the London and Wall Street banking establishments.

Paul Adolph Volcker’s infamous government

career began in the 1960s, where, after an education at Princeton, Harvard, and the London School of Economics, and an apprenticeship at David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank, he entered the Kennedy Treasury Department. He left in 1964, to return to Chase.

From 1969 to 1974, Volcker served as Under-Secretary of the Treasury for International Monetary Affairs. There his known crimes began.

Breaking Up Bretton Woods

First, he directed the staff work at the Treasury in preparation for Nixon's fateful decision to junk the fixed-exchange-rate system and the Bretton Woods system in August 1971—which paved the way for globalization and the shutdown of U.S. industry. According to Treasury Secretary John Connally, in a 1980s interview with *EIR*, Volcker was one of three people who lobbied him to take that action—the others being George Shultz and Henry Kissinger.

Wrecking the U.S. Economy

In 1979, Jimmy Carter appointed Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve, putting him in a position to implement the policy of “controlled disintegration” which the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) had promoted in its “Project 1980s.” Immediately Volcker, an “inflation hawk,” began to jack up interest rates until the prime lending rate for U.S. banks hit 21.5% at the end of 1980. This triggered a murderous collapse of U.S. industry and agriculture, with the output of key U.S. manufacturing industries falling in the range of 50%.

There was a mass outcry at the mayhem that resulted from Volcker's measures, in which the LaRouche movement played a prominent role, with memorials passed against him in state legislatures, and rallies hanging him in effigy, among other things.

A few months after his appointment, Volcker went to Warwick University in England to announce his policy in broader terms. He said he considered titling his speech after CFR economist Fred Hirsch's last dicta: “A controlled disintegration in the world economy is a legitimate object for the 1980s.” Volcker then went on to outline his commitment to replacing the Bretton Woods system, which was based on agreements among sovereign nations, with a supranational authority, specifically, at that time the IMF, to “manage integration”—i.e., an emerging dictatorship.



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A rally in San Francisco's financial district in December 1980 hanged Paul Volcker in effigy.

Deregulation

The Volcker economic massacre was accompanied by his direct push for banking deregulation, in which he explicitly attacked Franklin Roosevelt's banking reforms as an impediment to transforming the U.S. into a “post-industrial economy.” His Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980 began the repeal of Glass-Steagall on interest rate regulations. The 1982 Garn-St Germain Act moved to destroy the Savings and Loans through further deregulation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency allowed the national banks to expand into what had previously been illegal—derivatives.

Volcker, who approved and testified for all these measures as head of the Fed, thus played a direct role in creating the speculative bubble which popped in the 1987 market crash. At that point, Volcker was replaced at the Fed by Alan Greenspan.

Volcker was rewarded by being made chairman of Wall Street's Wolfenson & Co. Wolfenson, by the way,

formed a joint entity with Jacob Rothschild—of Inter-Alpha Group fame—in 1992, of which Volcker was also the chair.

More Public Destruction

With this record, you might think that Volcker would be washed up for good. But no; after bouncing around chairing various commissions and so on for two decades, he emerged as one of candidate Barack Obama's controllers in the 2008 Presidential campaign. After he endorsed Obama, the newly inaugurated Nero appointed him to head his "Economic Recovery Advisory Board" in February 2009.

Not long after his appointment, Volcker began to take a high-profile role in apparent conflict with the rest of the Obama hyperinflationary-bailout team of Geithner and Bernanke, excoriating the loose money policy as threatening inflation, and even attacking "bailouts" for such entities as AIG, and the banks' speculative "excesses." While his language strongly mimicked that of Glass-Steagall supporters, Volcker was explicit on numerous occasions—including testimony to the Congressional Joint Economic Committee in March 2009, and a London trip in May 2010—in declaring that he was *not* in favor of reinstating Glass-Steagall.

Rather, he provided "cover" for the Obama Administration, which was being pressured heavily by a bipartisan group of Senators in 2010 to restore Glass-Steagall (specifically led by Arizona Republican John McCain and Washington Democratic Maria Cantwell), by proposing the so-called "Volcker Rule," an alleged ban on proprietary trading by banks, with so many loopholes and "hedges" that its first draft was 268 pages—and it still has not been finished.

As has become increasingly clear to those who didn't see it before, the Volcker Rule is nothing but a weapon against Glass-Steagall. Indeed, even in 2010, Volcker personally played a role in killing Sen. Blanche Lincoln's amendment to the Financial Reform Act, that would have banned, or severely restricted, derivatives.

Volcker's official role in the Obama Administration ended in early 2011, when the Economic Advisory Board lapsed. In recent months, Adolph Volcker has been hyperactive in his drive to kill the LaRouche-led movement to restore FDR's Glass-Steagall Act, and instead to promote Obama's "Volcker Rule" as the alternative.

As Crain's *New York Business* reported in early June: "In the past month alone, Mr. Volcker has testified before the U.S. Senate and met with political leaders in

Europe and China. He has met privately over the past several months with every major financial regulator in Washington," and it listed a number of speaking engagements as well. Additionally, LaRouchePAC's sources report that Volcker has been conducting a one-man phone bank, calling pro-Glass-Steagall economists and politicians, including ones working for Glass-Steagall directly with LaRouche's movement.

A New Wall Street Front

Simultaneous with Volcker's taking up an assignment from Obama to try to derail the movement for re-introducing Glass-Steagall, the Pew Charitable Trusts unveiled a "Systemic Risk Council," with Paul Volcker in second billing as "senior advisor," as part of the same effort. It made its public debut in Washington on June 18.

The Trust is a fund representing the fortune of the Pew family, the founding family of Sun Oil (Sunoco). In the 1930s, the Pew family was one of the major funders of the American Liberty League, a fascist organization centered around the Morgan interests and linked to European fascist movements, which organized for a fascist putsch against FDR soon after his election—as was famously exposed by Gen. Smedley Butler.

They have not improved since: In the recent period, Pew has funded the anglophile American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation. In 1985, Pew funded the start-up of the British-American Project for the Successor Generation (later called simply the British-American Project) for the purpose of subordinating American intelligence and foreign-policy specialists to the British. A large number of Tony Blair's first Cabinet members came from the BAP.

The ostensible purpose of the "Systemic Risk Council" is to improve banking regulations and avert "another financial crisis." Its real purpose is to crush the movement for Glass-Steagall, but it would be quite useless for that purpose without the protective camouflage of some of the good names Pew has hired on for the effort, many of whom have supported Glass-Steagall or otherwise played some positive role in the recent period. These include its chair, former FDIC chair Sheila Bair, former CFTC chair Brooksley Born, Simon Johnson of MIT, and even former Citicorp and Citibank chairman John Reed, who fought successfully to kill Glass-Steagall in 1999, but has more recently repented of his error and called for bringing it back.

Watergate Process Advances; Get Obama Out by September!

by Nancy Spannaus

June 25—The swarm of scandals surrounding this Presidency makes it indisputable: A Watergate process is well underway. With the looming Congressional vote on contempt against Attorney General Eric Holder, the bipartisan uproar and pending investigation over Obama's national security leaks, and the judicial move to nullify part of the Administration's legislation permitting unlimited detention of American citizens (National Defense Authorization Act/NDAA), President Barack Obama is increasingly under attack from almost every side.

The smell of the Nixon Watergate precedent is permeating the process. As in the case of Nixon, it is not actually his Constitutional crimes around which a consensus is developing to get this President out of office, but the series of missteps and coverups, and general incompetence in which he has been caught. But, given the broad hatred of what this President has done, and not done, during his term in office, this is enough to provide the political basis to remove him.

Urgent as this matter is, given the killer nature of the British puppet President, who could go so far as to take us into nuclear war, it must be combined with the prospect of a viable alternative, to avoid the prospect of chaos. In a presentation June 23, Lyndon LaRouche outlined the requirements:

"Now, the alternative is, since the Republican process doesn't work—Mitt Romney is a real problematic creature and will do *nothing* of the type that is necessary under this condition—therefore, we need a new

candidate to replace Obama, as a leading candidate. We don't want this to go on too long, because now you're going into a process on a countdown to certain steps of the proceedings leading to the choosing of the Presidential candidates, and to the decisions that have to be made going into an election.

"So therefore, we have to get essentially, a Democratic-flagged alternative to Obama. We have to have *Obama out*, in order to bring that forth as the new candidate. It has to be done as a cooperative operation, with a leading section of the Republican constituencies, as well as the Democratic. We've got to get a new Presidency, going in a different direction, in place more or less immediately. Immediately, in the sense of the decisions on the nomination of the alternative, the intended alternative, by agreement, to a President, who will be nominally a Democratic candidate, who will be in place, soon. So therefore, this bum has to be rushed out of office."

Nixon's Ghost

No particular event evoked the image of Obama as the embattled Nixon more clearly than President Obama's invoking of Executive privilege in the Fast and Furious case, the infamous gun-walking case which resulted in the death of at least one government agent by Mexican drug-lords using a U.S.-supplied weapon, about which Attorney General Holder has been withholding documents subpoenaed by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. This, de-



The smell of Watergate now hangs over the Obama White House: Attorney General Holder is charged with contempt of Congress for lying to the House Oversight Committee investigating Fast and Furious. Holder is shown here being grilled by the committee June 7.

spite the fact that the Attorney General has been forced to admit that the Justice Department *lied* to Congress about the gun-walking operation.

The first question to be raised in the face of Executive privilege, of course, is: What is being covered up?

About a week ago, it appeared that Holder was moving to comply with the Committee request, which had been pared down from the original version. On June 15, the Attorney General indicated his desire to work out a deal to hand over a selection of the additional documents, and staffers from the Congressional committee were dispatched to the Justice Department to try to work out the details. In pursuance of an alleged deal, Holder requested a meeting with chairman Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), who had mooted postponing the June 20 committee vote on the contempt citation in return for the documents. To Issa's apparent surprise, Holder showed up empty-handed!

Holder did make an offer, according to Issa. He said that he would provide certain documents "on the condition" that the committee would not pursue the matter further. This "offer" was declined.

So the hearing proceeded, at which point the Attorney General announced, on the basis of a letter from an Assistant AG, that President Obama had invoked Executive privilege over the documents in question. Unlike many other cases of such invocation, there was

no specific itemization or grounds given for the withholding. Under these circumstances, the committee decided to consider the claim of privilege invalid, and voted the Attorney General in contempt of Congress. The question now goes to the floor of the House of Representatives, where Issa still believes it will get Democratic as well as Republican votes.

Under conditions where Holder is held in contempt, Obama's protections for his crimes are considerably weakened.

On what basis did the President declare Executive privilege? Did he do it to protect himself, or to protect his Attorney General and his staff? These questions are being raised by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), who has consistently pursued this issue with the Obama Administration, as

he pursued questionable practices previously with the Bush Administration. The President's action puts him directly in the center of the investigation for the first time—and like Nixon, that could be a fatal mistake.

Laughed Out of the Box

The White House press briefing of June 21 is highly indicative of the shift in mood that the President's behavior has helped to create. The White House press corps openly laughed at Press Secretary Jay Carney's statement on President Obama's assertion of Executive privilege. Here is a partial transcript:

Carney: "This is entirely about principle, it has nothing to do... (LAUGHTER)."

The questions from the press corps clearly made Carney feel squeamish as he tried to stick to his talking points, undoubtedly scripted by Obama re-election campaign honcho David Axelrod. Here's a sample of the exchanges:

- "The documents being blocked through executive privilege, any of them to or from individuals in the White House or are they all internal DOJ documents?"

Carney: "I don't have a way to characterize the documents in question here. I can tell you that long ago the administration provided documentation about specific questions regarding officials at the White House and the national security staff..."



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White House Press Secretary Jay Carney (back to camera, with President Obama) was literally laughed out of the press room when he asserted that Obama's invoking of Executive privilege to cover up the Administration's role in the Fast and Furious scheme was "entirely about principle."

- "In early 2011, the Justice Department wrote a letter to Congress in which they said something that was not true.... They said that ATF had nothing to do with guns going over into Mexico. That wasn't true and it took them until December 2011 to take that back. Is there not a legitimate investigative and oversight responsibility to find out what the Department of Justice knew when they were giving false information to Congress?"

- "The family of Brian Terry, the slain border patrol agent, at his murder scene, at least two of these guns were found, they disagree with your characterization about these investigations...."

- "Can you say categorically that there is no—there has been no cover-up?"

Carney: "Absolutely."

- "You kept saying that the Attorney General de-

serves credit for ending the operation. Does he not deserve some blame for the fact that this gun-running operation resulted in a federal agent being killed on his watch?"

- "You've also given the attorney general credit here for turning over, I think you at one point said every page to Congress, 7,600 pages.... I think the number is something like 70-80,000 pages. So how can you say every page has been turned over if Congress has gotten about 10 percent of it?"

- "What is covered by what the president is claiming executive privilege on beyond the broad protecting.... How broad is the scope? I mean, what does it cover?"

- "On this question of how far the privilege goes, traditionally privilege has involved with the—interactions with the White House and the White House staff or national security. In this case, it seems to go beyond that."

- "How far would the president go in standing by Eric Holder in the midst of all this?"

Carney: "I don't—I'm not sure what that means."

The 'Issues'

The Fast and Furious confrontation is only one among many that are pending between Congress, the national security apparatus, and the judiciary, against the Obama Administration. In virtually every case, what is contested is not the actually Hitlerian character of this President's policies—ranging from his Health Care act (based on the "lives not worthy to be lived" policy of the Hitler regime); to his aggressive war crime by unconstitutionally going to war against Libya; to his arrogation to himself of the power to determine the life or death of American citizens, among other police-state measures; to his criminal policy of bailout of the predator Wall Street and British banks at the expense of the American people. Rather, it is a question of procedures and missteps, for which he is now beginning to be called on the carpet.

The same was true in the Nixon case, LaRouche recently emphasized. While leading policy circles are aware of the Constitutional, principled issues, the broader population in the political parties, Congress, and elsewhere is driven by an emotional revulsion against the President. They are tired of being used in his personal power games; they hate what he has done to the economy, or allowed to happen; they are desperately tired of these grinding wars. People just want him

out of there. But the vehicle for moving to oust the bum is something else altogether.

It were better, of course, if the American people could be rallied behind the Constitutional principles at stake, including that of Glass-Steagall and national banking. Tragically, our country has undergone a process of corruption, and toleration of corruption, which has left our population ignorant of those principles, by and large, except when they overlap their direct personal interest. That process can be traced directly to our British imperial enemy, with no agent more destructive than Aaron Burr's puppet President Andrew Jackson, who destroyed the tradition of national banking on the basis of a blatant scam.

As the political leadership of a newly revived American System, the LaRouche movement is determined to educate the population again, around these principles, as well as their programmatic offshoots. But the first steps to saving the nation have to be taken *now*.

The Alternative

There is a minimum consensus that must be reached among patriots of both parties, in order to avoid the current disaster—both in terms of the Presidential choice, and the existential economic and strategic crises.

First, an agreement upon removing Obama from office—by threat of impeachment, as with Nixon, or application of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment; or a full revolt at the September Democratic Convention—it has to be done.

Second, there must be cooperation to prevent the process Obama has pressed, on British instigation, of provoking a confrontation with Russia and China. That kind of cooperation, featuring the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been effective since the Fall of 2011, but we are not out of the woods yet, as the drive toward a “regime change” war in Syria, directly counter to Russian and Chinese insistence, makes clear.

Impelling the British financial empire toward that confrontation is the ongoing financial-economic breakdown crisis, which puts their world dominance on the line. The first step to ending that genocidal dominance is the third element of the essential consensus—ramming through the re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall law. There is already an impressive consensus in favor of reimposing Glass-Steagall within the United States, from among widely different layers, including bankers, labor unions, and even Congress.

All these elements of the consensus underscore

what we said at the beginning: American *cannot* face a choice of Obama or Romney in November. Obama has to be removed now, so that a viable alternative can be found to defeat a Romney—who has embraced similar disastrous policies.

Hits ‘Kill, Not Capture’ Policy

Obama Killer Drones Scored by UN Official

by Carl Osgood

June 25—Anyone who still doubts the Nazi-like character of the Obama Administration needs to examine, closely, how the U.S. killer-drone program operates in Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, and other places. The Administration, using the CIA and the military's Joint Special Operations Command, carries out targeted killings in countries with which it is not officially at war, using Reaper and predator drone aircraft, without any sort of accountability or oversight or even any explanation of the legal basis for this campaign.

Among its victims have been at least three American citizens, killed in Yemen, whom the Administration claimed were terrorist facilitators, without ever providing evidence of its claims, never mind any due process for the victims. The White House has refused to officially acknowledge the program, despite Congressional inquiries and Freedom of Information Act lawsuits.

However, leaks known to have come from the White House bragged about how the perverse President takes personal responsibility for choosing targets and directing strikes.

Lyndon LaRouche minced no words in describing what the drone program is on June 23. “You know, when the people in the United States know they have a Hitler running the U.S. government, which is what they have—this drone business and similar processes, done personally by the dictator, *der Führer*—that is a big issue! That any one of you, anyone out there, can suddenly disappear—then it reminds me of a case in Germany, where the town, which was a quiet town, and there's a big smokestack in a wooded area around that

town, and occasionally great billows of smoke were coming out of that smokestack. And life went on otherwise. And millions of people were killed, in the course of that, and the warfare, just because people didn't notice what the smokestacks had meant, back then.

"And that's the same thing that's going on in the United States, under *der Führer*, now! And people who are less old than I am—there's only a million or fewer other people still around doing things—but we remember; and other people get the smell, which tells them what we remember."

Obama Violates Human Rights

This brutal, targeted killing by the Obama Administration, with little regard for civilian casualties, has damaged the United States in more ways than one. Not only has the policy backfired in places like Pakistan and Yemen, where the killings have turned the local populations against the U.S., and increased sympathy for the enemies we're supposed to be fighting, but it has also damaged our credibility in international fora. How can the U.S. claim to be concerned about human rights violations when it ignores human rights principles in its operations in other countries?

By former President Jimmy Carter's count, as published in an op-ed in the June 24 *New York Times*, the Obama Administration's counter-terrorism policy violates at least 10 of the 30 articles of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the one against "cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment."

The killer-drone campaign has been the target of investigation by the UN Human Rights Council for some years, and the subject of a report, released last week by Christof Heyns, the UN's Special Rapporteur for Extrajudicial Killings, Summary and Arbitrary Executions. Heyns' report noted that his predecessor had raised concerns about the program in 2008, but that the U.S. has done nothing to bring about improved transparency and accountability of the program since that time.

Heyns said that the program not only threatens 60 years of international law, but that *some attacks may even constitute war crimes*. "Are we to accept major changes to the international legal system which has been in existence since World War II and survived nuclear threats?" he asked. Some states, he said, "find targeted killings immensely attractive. Others may do so in the future. Current targeting practices weaken the rule of law. Killings may be lawful in an armed conflict [such as in Afghanistan], but many targeted killings



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Christof Heyns, UN Special Rapporteur for Extrajudicial Killings, Summary and Arbitrary Executions.

take place far from areas recognized as being an armed conflict." He added that there have been reports of secondary drone strikes on rescuers helping the injured from the first drone strike, and if these reports are true, "those further attacks are a war crime."

Heyns has put the questions of accountability and transparency to the Obama Administration's representatives, but is not satisfied with the response. "I don't think we have a full answer to the legal framework and we certainly don't have the answer to the accountability issues," he told reporters on June 20. "How are these decisions taken?" he asked. "Also the effect on citizens, civilians, how are these decisions taken in the first place and the numbers that are involved and also the effect in terms of accountability when civilians are also killed? The standards, also if one looks at the recent newspaper reports that came out, how are the direct participants in hostilities, how are they identified, the legitimate targets as opposed to the civilians? Is it simply everybody who's around someone who's considered to be a legitimate target—those things are very worrying and certainly those are things that I will follow up on."

The U.S. response to Heyns' report was to say that most of the issues of concern are outside the purview of the Human Rights Council, and besides, the rationale and legal basis for the program has already been articulated, in public speeches by Deputy National Security Advisor John O. Brennan at Harvard Law School on Sept. 16, 2011, and at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars on April 30, 2012; by Attorney General Eric Holder at Northwestern University

School of Law on March 5, 2012; and by Department of Defense General Counsel Jeh Johnson at Yale Law School on February 22, 2012.

Heyns ridiculed the U.S. argument that the drone killings are a legitimate response to 9/11. "It's difficult to see how any killings carried out in 2012 can be justified as in response to events in 2001," he said. "Some states seem to want to invent new laws to justify new practices."

Obama Sets Killer Precedent

The Human Rights Council session opened on June 19 with Heyns presenting his written report, which followed up from the report of his predecessor in 2008, which had taken notice of the lack of a legal framework for drone killings and the lack of transparency into the policy behind them. "The Special Rapporteur reiterates his predecessor's recommendation that the [U.S.] Government specify bases for *decisions to kill rather than capture 'human targets'* and whether the State in which the killing takes place has given consent," Heyns wrote (emphasis added).

"It should also specify procedural safeguards in place to ensure in advance that targeted killings comply with international law, as well as the measures taken after such killing to ensure that its legal and factual analysis is accurate." Heyns concludes that he "is seriously concerned that the practice of targeted killing could set a dangerous precedent, in that any government could, under the cover of counter-terrorism imperatives, decide to target and kill an individual on the territory of any state if it considers that said individual constitutes a threat."

The figures Heyns reported were astounding.

Citing the Pakistan Human Rights Commission, Heyns said U.S. drone strikes killed at least 957 people in Pakistan in 2010 alone. Thousands have been killed in 300 drone strikes there since 2004, 20% of whom are believed to be civilians.

"Although figures vary widely with regard to drone attack estimates, all studies concur on one important point: there has been a dramatic increase in their use over the past three years. While these attacks are directed at individuals believed to be leaders or active members of al Qaeda or the Taliban, in the context of armed conflict, in other instances, civilians have allegedly also perished in the attacks in regions where it is unclear whether there was an armed conflict or not," Heyns said. Human rights law requires that every effort be made to arrest a suspect, in line with the "principles

of necessity and proportionality on the use of force." There had been no official or satisfactory response to demands issued by Heyns' predecessor, Heyns wrote.

Heyns' predecessor, New York University law professor Philip Alston, was also sharply critical of the U.S. killer drone program. In a September 2011 report after he left the UN, Alston wrote that the use of targeted killings by the Obama Administration "represents a fundamental regression in the evolution of both international law and United States domestic law." Until 9/11, the trend on both international law and U.S. law had been away from targeted killings and assassinations, a trend reversed by the George W. Bush Administration and, even more aggressively, by the Obama Administration. The complete lack of transparency and accountability of the program, Alston concluded, "means that the United States cannot possibly satisfy its obligations under international law for its use of lethal force" thereby undermining international law and setting precedents "which will inevitably come back to haunt the United States before long, when invoked by other states with highly problematic agendas."

'The Public Does Not Have a Right To Know'

Not only did the Obama Administration representatives in Geneva refuse to provide satisfactory answers to Heyns' questions, but back home, the Administration made clear that it has no intention of clarifying the legal basis for the killer-drone program, nor releasing any other pertinent information to the American public regarding the program. In response to an ACLU/*New York Times* lawsuit, government lawyers told a Federal judge in New York on June 21 that: "Whether or not the CIA has the authority to be, or is in fact, directly involved in targeted lethal operations remains classified." Furthermore, "Even to describe the numbers and details of most of these documents [that the suit seeks] would reveal information that could damage the governments counter-terrorism efforts."

ACLU deputy legal director Jameel Jaffer ridiculed the government's argument, noting that the drone program is an open secret and that the Administration has boasted about it to reporters. "The public is entitled to know more about the legal authority the administration is claiming and the war the administration is using it for," Jaffer said in a statement. The ACLU is calling on Obama to reveal more information "about the process by which individuals, including American citizens, are added to government kill lists."

Syrian President Tells New Cabinet: We Are at War

by Jeffrey Steinberg

June 26—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, addressing his newly installed Cabinet today, delivered a chilling warning, that the country is at war. His stark comments came as foreign-armed and -financed rebels, including mercenaries, carried out armed attacks on Republican Guard buildings on the outskirts of Damascus, and the Turkish government issued new military rules of engagement, following the shooting down of a Turkish surveillance jet over Syrian territorial waters last week.

This morning, the Turkish government discussed the matter with NATO ambassadors in Brussels. While NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that NATO is not interested in military action against Syria, the action by Ankara could be a prelude to direct NATO intervention.

Addressing Parliament today, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed that Turkey would retaliate for the shoot-down, and warned that any Syrian troop buildup near the Turkish border would be considered a threat to Turkey and could trigger military action. The danger of a border war between NATO member Turkey and Syria can not be ruled out, despite statements from Turkish officials that they are not interested in a direct conflict.

Special UN and Arab League envoy Kofi Annan is still working on a Contact Group meeting in Geneva for June 30, and he continues to insist that Iran should be a member of the group, a proposal that has been supported by Russia and even by the Arab League. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov indicated that he would be prepared to attend such a meeting, which is seen as a

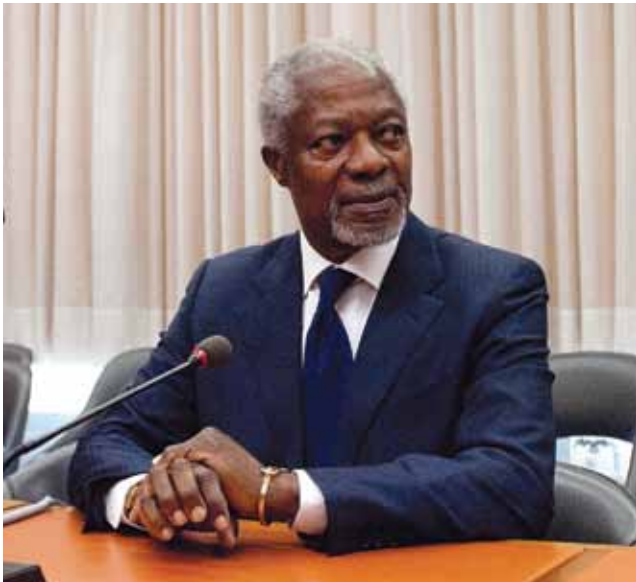
last opportunity to revive the ceasefire and negotiations envisioned in the Annan Plan. China has offered to host the Geneva meeting, reinforcing its alignment with Russia in blocking any UN Security Council endorsement of a Libya-style regime-change invasion of Syria.

The stumbling block to the Annan Plan and the proposed Contact Group remains the fact that Britain, France, the Obama Administration, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Qatar are all hell-bent on regime change in Damascus, and are all involved in a coordinated arming of the opposition, which includes al-Qaeda and neo-Salafi fanatics.

The Saudi Role

In recent days, many prominent news agencies have detailed the role of Saudi Arabia and Qatar in bankrolling the armed Syrian opposition, which is being further reinforced by the arrival of Salafist mercenaries from as far away as Tunisia. Sunni tribes in northern Lebanon and Iraq have been smuggling foreign fighters and heavy weapons into Syria, in what amounts to the biggest clandestine invasion since the Afghanistan mujahideen of the 1980s.

The *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post* have all reported on the arrival of teams of CIA officers in Turkey, to coordinate the flow of arms to the insurgents. The CIA presence is complicated by the fact that the Agency is assigned to not only manage the flow of arms, but to prevent sophisticated weapons like rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank



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UN-Arab League Envoy Kofi Annan is working to pull together a Contact Group meeting on the Syria crisis in Geneva June 30.

weapons from getting into the hands of the radical Salafists and al-Qaeda fighters. The Salafist insurgents are being sponsored by Saudi Arabia, which is committed to converting Syria into a Sunni Islamist state.

According to a senior U.S. intelligence source, an irony of the Syria fiasco is that the U.S. finds itself allied with the Muslim Brotherhood, which is viewed as the “moderates” among the armed anti-Assad forces.

Robert Baer, a retired CIA officer who worked in the Middle East for decades, noted in a recent published interview that the U.S. had dropped all contacts with the Syrian opposition in the mid-1980s, after the Hafez al-Assad regime had wiped out the Muslim Brotherhood and accused the U.S. of backing the overthrow plot at that time. The U.S., Baer warned, has had no ties to Syrian opposition forces for more than 20 years, and this is no time to be playing catch-up.

Putin Holds the Line

Russian President Vladimir Putin wrapped up a visit to the Middle East today, traveling from Israel, to Bethlehem in the West Bank, and then on to Jordan. Putin met with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

In Israel, he delivered a strong message: that it would not be in Israel’s interest to launch military actions against either Syria or Iran. According to senior U.S. intelligence sources, Putin has a great deal of influence in Israel, given that there are now over 1 million Russian

emigrés living in Israel. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman is of Moldovan origin, and has close ties to the Russian President. The Russian voter bloc is crucial to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s political survival.

Despite Putin’s warnings, however, in the aftermath of the Moscow meeting between the P5+1 (UN Permanent Five plus Germany) and Iran, the drumbeat for a U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran has resumed, even though technical meetings between EU and Iranian experts are scheduled to begin next week, and are expected to lead to another round of P5+1/Iran negotiations sometime over the Summer.

According to a U.S.-based Israeli intelligence source, there is a growing convergence between Netanyahu and President Barack Obama over the possible political benefits of a late Summer military strike against Iran’s nuclear facilities. Such a military strike, the source reported, could target Iran’s nuclear enrichment facilities at Natanz and Fordo, and also hit targets in Syria and Lebanon.

As Lyndon LaRouche has been warning since the October 2011 assassination of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, any military action by the U.S. and NATO against Iran and/or Syria would lead to a direct confrontation with Russia and China, one that would lead to thermonuclear war and the potential extinction of life on Earth. It is for that reason that any kind of general war, at this moment, is totally insane.

Putin and the entire Russian military and political leadership have made it clear that they will not repeat the mistake Russia made regarding Libya, when both Russia and China abstained from a UN Security Council vote authorizing “humanitarian intervention” to protect the population of the Benghazi region against Qaddafi’s forces. Instead, they saw NATO and the U.S. overthrow the regime and assassinate the head of state. Russia and China have both made it clear that any such “humanitarian” pretext for foreign invasion and regime change can lead to general war and the use of thermonuclear weapons.

Putin’s war-avoidance efforts have been buttressed by the fact that the U.S. military, led by Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, is equally committed to avoiding any new military confrontations. Dempsey has announced that he has invited his Russian counterpart, Gen. Nikolai Makarov, to meet with him in Washington in mid-July. The issue of war avoidance will be high on their agenda—if the Syrian and Iranian situations have not already blown up before that date.

Pakistan Crisis Could Benefit Obama Administration: A Coup in Slow-Mo?

by Ramtanu Maitra

June 23—*For a country all too familiar with military takeovers under one pretext or another, it was enough to set alarm bells ringing: Television anchorman Farukh Pitaifi reflected the exasperation of many when he tweeted: “Bhai, takeover kar lo” (“You might as well take over”).*

On June 19, an already stumbling Pakistan was thrown into another crisis when its home-grown missile, the Supreme Court, evidently in alliance with the once-all-powerful military, struck Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani. The Court demanded and obtained his immediate dismissal on a contempt of court charge. After a couple of days of horse-trading by the diverse and highly confused political forces that constitute the government, Pakistan’s National Assembly elected former Water and Power Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf as the new Prime Minister on June 22. As of today, the new Cabinet has yet to be announced.

The latest crisis centers around the charge of contempt of court against Gilani. However, seemingly the real target of the Court, and, in essence, of the military, is President Asif Ali Zardari. If that is indeed what the Pakistani military is shooting for, the incoming prime minister is not standing on secure ground. It is likely that he will be forced by the judicial/military combination to make the choice: “Give us the head of Zardari on a platter, or else, you will be history.”

It is also a certainty that the Zardari government, whose relationship with the United States is presently at its worst ever, will get no help from Washington. In fact, Washington, whose bonhomie with the Pakistani military is now a thing of the past, would like to see Zardari go, for its own geostrategic reasons. It will not embrace Pakistan’s military rule with open arms, unlike in days of yore; instead, a military takeover will be considered as the best of a bad bargain. Moreover, Washington believes that it holds the trump card on Pakistan’s much-weakened, and presently hostile, mil-

itary. That trump card is the military hardware that Washington supplies and Rawalpindi (military headquarters) pines for to remain “professional” and powerful.

In return, the Obama Administration, which has swallowed hook, line, and sinker the British policy to keep the regional countries suspicious of each other, would not like to see Pakistan develop interdependent relations with Russia, India, or Iran—three important nations in the region. Such a role for Pakistan would be “geostrategically” unacceptable to the Obama Administration.

And, in fact, because of the tense relations between Washington and Islamabad over the last few years, President Zardari’s government has been moving in that direction. A Pakistani military takeover, or a takeover which would put the World Bank-IMF-trained technocrats in power under the military’s shadow, would nip that initiative in the bud. That, no doubt, would please Washington, London, and Riyadh.

Military-Judiciary Nexus

The dirty powerplay that has become the hallmark of Pakistan’s establishment was in full display during the 48 hours that lapsed between Gilani’s dismissal and Ashraf’s election. On June 21, President Zardari and his coalition partners had selected as Prime Minister, Makhdoom Shahabuddin, who had served as Minister of Finance during the Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) government from 1993 to 1996, under the assassinated Pakistani Premier Benazir Bhutto; he is now Minister for Textiles. Things changed dramatically within 24 hours when the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), headed by Maj.-Gen. Shakeel Hussain, and a federal executive bureau of the Government of Pakistan, issued warrants for Shahabuddin’s arrest on the day he filed his nomination paper for the prime ministership. Again, the brass knuckles of the military were out in the open to convey the knuckle-owner’s message.



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Pakistani Prime Minister Gilani (right) was sacked on orders of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Chaudhry (left), in an apparent alliance with the all-powerful military; but the real target is President Zardari.

Gilani's dismissal was no surprise since the Supreme Court, under Chief Justice Iftikhar Ahmed Chaudhry, had earlier convicted the premier of contempt of court. On June 19, a three-judge panel, headed by Chaudhry, disqualified Gilani as prime minister and as a member of the lower house based on the earlier conviction. Although some experts said the judge's dismissal of Gilani was legally contentious, the PPP responded meekly, and party secretary general Qamar Zaman Kaira urged supporters to show "patience and restraint," indicating that the government did not want a head-on clash with the Supreme Court.

What exactly transpired behind the scenes is unclear, and the jury is out on who told the Chief Justice to pull the trigger at this juncture. What is available for the consumption of the Pakistani people is that Chaudhry and Zardari had been at loggerheads since 2009, when Zardari opposed Chaudhry's reinstatement as Chief Justice. They have engaged in proxy combat through the courts ever since; indeed, Gilani's dismissal stemmed directly from his refusal to heed court orders to pursue a corruption inquiry against the President.

Briefly, the contempt of court charge emanates from a case filed in 1998 against Benazir Bhutto and her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, now President of Pakistan. In 1998, Nawaz Sharif, whose political career is owed fully

to the Pakistani military, was re-elected as prime minister; he initiated the case in Switzerland which accused Benazir and Zardari of embezzlement of \$60 million in kick-backs and the deposit of the funds in Swiss bank accounts. In August 2003, both Benazir and Zardari were found guilty of the scam. However, the penalties—a \$100,000 fine, and the order that they return some \$2 million to the government—were suspended on appeal. In 2009, soon after his reinstatement, Chief Justice Chaudhry ordered the Swiss case reopened. In

2011, the Supreme Court ordered Prime Minister Gilani to send a letter to Swiss authorities to reopen the graft case against the head of state. However, Gilani did not comply with Court's orders because he was of the view that Zardari enjoyed immunity as head of state.

Get Gilani, To Get Zardari

It is evident that Gilani crossed swords with Chaudhry over the issue that brought him down, but years before that he became a target of the Pakistani military. In February 2001, when Pakistan was under the military rule of Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who later became Washington's most prized "ally" in its vague "war on terror," Gilani was arrested by the military police functioning under the military-controlled National Accountability Bureau (NAB)—an anti-corruption agency set up by the military government in 1999. The charge was that he had, along with other politicians, misused his authority while he was Speaker of the National Assembly in 1993-97. He was convicted by an anti-corruption court headed by an active-duty military officer appointed by General Musharraf, and spent nearly six years in prison.

Although Musharraf left the country, and remains in-self-imposed exile in Britain, Gilani remained a target of Pakistan's military brass. When Gilani became

Pakistan's prime minister in March 2008, after the PPP took power in the post-Musharraf era, the development did not please Rawalpindi. Gilani continued to challenge the unconstitutional power that the Pakistani military had exercised over the years and which it now took for granted. As prime minister, Gilani accused Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, and the then-head of Pakistan's principal intelligence agency, ISI, Lt. Gen. Ahmad Shuja Pasha, of acting unconstitutionally when they expressed their disapproval of the government.

The rift became more evident last January when Gilani sacked Defense Secretary Gen. Khalid Naeem Lodhi (ret.), a confidant of Kayani. Gilani accused Lodhi, who acted as the liaison between the military and the government, of "gross misconduct and illegal action" and of "creating misunderstanding between the state institutions."

Following his dismissal on June 19 from the prime ministerial post, on June 23, Gilani moved his residence to the sixth floor of the President House where he has been allotted three rooms for himself and his family. Sources told the *Express Tribune*, a Pakistani news daily associated with the *International Herald Tribune*, that security reasons are behind this decision.

Since the target of both the Pakistani military and of Washington is President Zardari, it would be foolish to believe that removal of Gilani from the prime ministership will satisfy the antagonists. The prime objective at this point for the military is to prevent the Zardari government from completing its five-year term and to hold elections next February.

It has already been reported that the newly appointed Prime Minister Ashraf has himself a number of counts against him. In an op-ed with the Indian news daily, *The Hindu*, Anita Joshua pointed out that it is amply clear that the PPP is determined not to write to the Swiss authorities to reopen graft cases against President Zardari. "Among the first tasks awaiting the new man in would be the Supreme Court order asking that the letter be sent. Or go the Gilani way."

Why the Coup Is on a Slow Track

There was a time, not far back, when the military would order the 111th brigade, or the Triple-1 brigade, to roll the tanks into Islamabad from Rawalpindi whenever it had serious differences with the civilian government. In those days, beyond securing tacit support

from the U.S.-U.K.-Saudi clients of Pakistan's military, the people also would welcome the military removal of ineffective, corruption-laced civilian governments.

But those halcyon days of the Pakistani military are history. Although it serves the Saudis without a whimper, its image in Pakistan is that of an outfit out to satisfy the much-hated United States and other Western nations. Its "go-along, get-along" policy to support the U.S. and NATO in the so-called "war on terror" had led the military to killing thousands of Pakistanis and rendering many other thousands homeless.

These killings, carried out by the Pakistani military over the last five years, in particular, did not satisfy Washington or Brussels, which wanted even more killings. In addition, Rawalpindi quietly allowed the Americans to base their drones at the Shamsi airbase in Balochistan, to target whomever Washington chose to target. This did not go down well in Pakistan, where the Islamic jihadis have grown massively, and Pakistani military ranks are now infested with the British-controlled Hizb ut-Tahrir caliphate-seekers. Those Shamsi-based drones have killed many Pakistanis, and the people have become angry realizing that their "protectors" were a part of this deadly game.

Even today, the protectors of Pakistan's sovereignty can do little more than express indignation from time to time as the Obama Administration continues to shout from the rooftops that the drone-fired missile attacks will not only continue, but will increase until such time as the terrorists, such as the Haqqani group, which allegedly operates from Pakistan and is protected by its security apparatus, are altogether eliminated. Washington says clearly that taking such measures is necessary to enhance security for the American people.

Under the circumstances, when the majority of the Pakistani people cannot decide whether they hate their military or the U.S./NATO troops more, it is well nigh impossible for the military to organize the fifers and drummers, and the Triple-1 brigade, to get the tanks rolled into Islamabad and take President Zardari prisoner. Nonetheless, the military, sulking after a series of humiliations at home and abroad, is not only watching from the sidelines, but using the civilian institutions to cut each other up, and hand the morsels over to Rawalpindi.

Chief Justice Chaudhry's ongoing role against the

civilian government on behalf of the military is not unprecedented; it has been a characteristic of Pakistan's judiciary. In the past, the Supreme Court has hanged one elected prime minister—Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto on trumped-up charges by a military ruler—and sentenced another—Nawaz Sharif—to life imprisonment. “It has also mastered the art of selective justice. The same supreme court that has been sitting on an ISI corruption case for 15 years, the same judiciary that can't look a retired general in the eye or force a serving colonel to appear in court, feels it perfectly constitutional to send a unanimously elected prime minister home,” wrote Mohammed Hanif, in the guardian.co.uk June 22.

So, once again talk about a coup is heard in Pakistan. “In Islamabad's drawing rooms, it is being speculated that a government of technocrats backed by the army will soon be installed through a soft coup. . . . Another theory is that the judiciary-executive tussle will result in the announcement of early elections and when the assemblies are dismissed, names in the aforementioned list will be adjusted in the caretaker cabinet, which in time, will be granted two to three years of extension,” according to Farrukh Khan Pitafi, writing in the *Express Tribune* June 23.

What Will the Obama Administration Do?

To answer the above question in one word: Nothing. In fact, it is likely that Washington was kept abreast of developments vis-à-vis the Supreme Court's decision by its allies in Pakistan. Washington's technical team, negotiating for 45 days with the Pakistani authorities for the reopening of the supply lines that had been used to bring a significant portion of the basic necessities for the 150,000 foreign troops engaged, now for almost 11 years, in the “war on terror,” was pulled out on June 11. No real explanation was given for the pull-out. All that was said is that the team would be back, whenever.

No doubt, Washington will wait and watch expectantly. U.S.-Pakistan relations hit a nadir during Zardari's Presidency and Gilani's prime ministership. Washington may choose to claim that the duo was responsible for this downturn, but in reality, it was the



Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khar visited Moscow in February, where she met with Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov (shown here). Moscow is playing a pro-active role in stabilizing Pakistan, and in the process, Afghanistan and Central Asia as well.

duplicitous transactional relations—tit for tat—that Washington has maintained over the last six decades with Rawalpindi, and not Islamabad, that have led to this situation. It is evident to the Obama Administration that when the military gets hold of the reins of Pakistan's fragmented power structure, things will not be any better. But there are reasons to believe the Obama Administration would still like to see the back of the Zardari government. And, this is why.

Traditionally, Pakistan has been aligned with the United States, and India with Russia. But the mistrust developed between the U.S. and Pakistan during the last few years, notably under the Obama Administration, is bringing about a shift, with great strategic implications for the region, should it continue and be consolidated. It has become evident that Pakistan is making an effort to improve relations with both Russia and India, both of which have responded positively.

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

It is significant that in the midst of such instability, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar visited Moscow recently and concluded a number of agreements there. It also indicates an understanding in Moscow of the importance of playing a pro-active role in stabilizing Pakistan, and in the process, Afghanistan and Central Asia as well. Moreover, President Putin has expressed his desire to visit Pakistan. When that visit

occurs, it would be the first such visit by a Russian President to Pakistan.

It is of equal relevance to note in this context that the deterioration of U.S.-Pakistani military relations has given a boost to Pakistan-India relations, a development that is important for regional stability. One of the highlights was the April 8-9 “unofficial” visit by President Zardari to India, and his one-on-one meeting with Premier Manmohan Singh. Reports indicate that during their talks, Zardari argued that an improvement in economic ties between the two countries should not be held hostage to the various irritants, and cited the Sino-India template to drive home his argument.

The two have promised to throw open their economies to each other by the end of the year, and have already liberalized some commercial ties. A new border depot for trade was inaugurated recently. India’s Commerce Minister Anand Sharma, who visited Pakistan recently, said that investment “can form the basis for building political trust.”

In recent months, Pakistan has drastically reduced the number of Indian products barred from the country, and said it will eliminate the bans completely by the end of the year. Islamabad also said it planned to grant

India most-favored-nation trade status, which would reduce tariffs on Indian imports. New Delhi gave that status to Pakistan in 1996. New Delhi said in May it would lift the ban on Pakistani investments inside India, held a Pakistani trade fair in the capital, and is talking about exporting electricity and petroleum to the energy-starved country. Both countries’ central banks are exploring opening branches across the border.

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

Russian investors have also expressed interest in the Thar coal project. This is quite an ambitious project for Pakistan, and will involve developing a large energy complex, to produce 6,000 MW of coal-based power, and will bring about gasification and production of liquid fuel from coal. Moscow has also shown interest in the Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline project, and has indicated to Islamabad that it wants Gazprom, the world’s largest gas company, to have a role in the project. Pakistan has conveyed that it would welcome such Russian participation. Foreign Minister Khar was told by her Russian counterpart that Moscow is also interested in participation in Pakistan’s railroads, agriculture, and metallurgy.

The two countries have also been discussing the possibility of developing rail links from Pakistan to Iran and other areas in Central Asia. Russia had shown some interest in Pakistan’s desire to develop rail links to Central Asia from Gwadar Port, located on the Makran coast in southwest Baluchistan, close to the Strait of Hormuz.


These developments are of great importance to Pakistan, an economically depressed nation. It would also benefit the region as a whole were this 175-million-person nation, caught in a vortex of instability, and virtually isolated for decades, to become integrated with its neighbors.

In Washington, however, these developments are eyed with suspicion and unease. It is not unlikely that the Obama Administration, unconcerned about the welfare of Pakistan’s people, will welcome those in Pakistan who will adopt unconstitutional means whenever necessary to maintain the status quo.

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A Pyrrhic Victory for Pro-Bailout Parties; Time To Leave the Euro

by Dean Andromidas

The “victory” of the pro-bailout parties in the June 17 Greek elections will not save the euro. The pathetic leaders of Euroland might have slept a little less fearfully upon hearing the news that center-right New Democracy (ND) narrowly defeated the left-wing anti-memorandum party Syriza. Nonetheless, the jubilation in the markets on the following Monday didn’t last out the morning. By noon, Spain’s benchmark 10-year bond yields shot up above 7%, fueling fears that Spain and Italy will be next in line for a mega-billion-euro bailout.

The elections will prove to be a Pyrrhic victory for the pro-bailout parties, in view of the fact that more than 55% of the population voted against the bailout and the brutal austerity demands attached to the so-called “memorandum of understanding” signed by the previous government. In a post-election statement, Syriza leader Alexis Tsipras once again slammed the current austerity policies of the EU while calling for a “Marshal Plan” for Europe.

If the new government continues to do the bidding of the EU leadership in Brussels, to “save the euro” and the British Empire’s Inter-Alpha banking system it was designed to serve, it will only be yet another government hated by the Greek people. It will control a parliamentary majority, but its legitimacy will erode as it continues to be besieged by demonstrations and strikes by the trade unions, other constituency groups, and the millions of youth who are suffering 55% unemployment.

In reality, the election represented an extraordinary result for the two major anti-memorandum parties: Syriza, also known as the Coalition of the Radical Left, and the nationalist Independent Greeks. Syriza, a coalition of more than a dozen groups, received more than 27% of the vote, or 71 seats in the Parliament, up from 4.5% and 13 seats in 2009. The

right-wing Independent Greeks won 20 seats. Led by former ND Deputy Panos Kammenos, the party was only formed a few weeks before the first-round May 6 elections.

But New Democracy will hold 129 seats; under the Greek Constitution, the party with the highest number of votes receives 50 extra seats in the 300-seat Parliament. ND actually won 79 seats, only 8 more than Syriza. The Pan Hellenic Socialist Party (Pasok), which won 44% of the vote in 2009, with almost 160 seats, collapsed to 12.5% of the vote and just 33 seats.

In announcing his party’s refusal to join a government not willing to repudiate the memorandum, Tsipras said Syriza will remain the core of the popular, anti-memorandum majority, and will continue to oppose austerity measures and the sell-off of state assets. He blamed the unprecedented attacks on his party, and the psychological terror exercised by the “unholy alliance” of the domestic and international political elite, for the party’s defeat.

In his post-election statement, Independent Greeks leader Kammenos called on his supporters to continue the fight against the “memorandum of national humiliation and economic impoverishment of the Greek people” with their “only weapons: the power of our souls, our passion for dignity, and our desire for a better tomorrow.”

New Government of Illusions

New Prime Minister Antonis Samaras put together a three-party coalition government that he claims will renegotiate the memorandum and conditions of the bailout, while doing everything possible to “stay in the euro.” Any renegotiation will be on the modalities of just *how* the Greek population is being crushed, which will continue to be dictated by the infamous

“Troika” of Greece’s creditors: the European Commission, European Central Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

Under the Troika’s “reforms,” the Greek economy has collapsed over the past three years, shrinking by 30%, wages cut by 25-50%, and official unemployment doubling to 23%—but in reality much higher, with tens of thousands of university graduates and other young people fleeing the country to seek jobs in Germany, Great Britain, France, or anywhere else. Almost 160,000 jobs have been lost in the construction industry during the crisis, declining from 400,000 people in 2008, to 242,000 currently, the lowest number since 1998.

The Troika’s “reform” of the national health system has led to outright genocide against the Greek people, with hospitals losing hundreds millions of euros in funding, leaving them with shortages of personnel, medicines, and equipment. The failure of the government to reimburse pharmacies has led to a massive shortage of medications. The situation is so severe, that the Medical Association of Athens appealed to the United Nations, declaring that “thousands of Greek patients are in a dramatic situation, and hospitals are currently unable to meet pharmaceutical care needs because of a default by one of the biggest insurers.... This problem is literally crippling our society, especially the elderly population. The situation is even more dramatic for tens of thousands of citizens who are battling with serious diseases such as cancer.”

A physician at the university hospital in the Athens suburb of Haidari, interviewed by Reuters, said there was a lack of basic examining room supplies, such as cotton, catheters, gloves, and examining table paper covering. “Sometimes we take a bed sheet instead and use it for several patients,” said a radiologist who specializes in cancer screening. Staff cuts have left physicians seeing as many as 40 patients in a shift, and many people are still unable to get treatment before it is too late to save them.



Greek’s new government, a coalition of the pro-bailout parties, has a very short life expectancy, if it continues to impose the Troika’s murderous austerity policy. The photo shows a recent mass demonstration against cuts to health-care. Inset: Alexis Tsipras, leader of the anti-bailout Syriza party.



While the coalition deal was sealed in the Parliament, across the street hundreds queued in a central Athens park for free vegetables. Cretan farmers handed out some 2,700 packages of produce, 10 kilos each, in cooperation with the capital’s municipal authorities.

The new government is a coalition led by New Democracy, and will include Pasok, led by Evangelos Venizelos, and Fotis Kouvelis of the Democratic Left. But fearing the wrath of the population, the two latter parties have opted to stay out of the Cabinet!

The most recent post of the new Finance Minister, Vassilis Rapanos, was as head of the private National Bank of Greece; a Canadian-trained economist, he served as an advisor to the government in its negotiations to join the euro. Non-party technocrats now head the Ministry of Environment and Energy, the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Their first task will be to implement another EU14.5 billion in budget

cuts over the next two years, which will begin with the first 11 billion to be slashed this year.

Greece Must Leave Euro's 'Deadly Embrace'

The debate over a real alternative for Greece is already taking place, but outside this government.

The 86-year-old Greek freedom fighter and composer Mikis Theodorakis has called on Greece to leave the “deadly embrace” of the Eurozone. In a post-election commentary posted on the website of his movement, “The Spark,” Theodorakis, wrote that as a result of these elections the “asphyxia which Greece has been suffering, with over 3,000 suicides and countless protests, will continue.” Therefore, the anti-memorandum parties and forces must seek a unity on the common goal to “rid the country from the shackles of the Memorandum, the Troika, the IMF and European banks....”

On the same website, on July 17, Theodorakis' fellow resistance fighter, Giorgios Kassimatis, professor emeritus of constitutional law at the University of Athens, penned an article on Greece's right to declare a debt moratorium: “Since ancient times it has been the principle under public international law that every state has an obligation to treat first the economic defense and basic survival needs of its people ... before it pays its debt or other financial obligations....” He added that while this principle was recognized under the Greek Constitution and international law, it is not recognized by the “colonial mentality of English private law,” which is why its creditors want Greece to put its debt obligations under English law.

Kassimatis then detailed the internationally recognized legal procedures which can be followed for Greece to suspend its debt payments and renegotiate its debt based on this principle. In fact, in 1936, Greece successfully suspended loan payments on a large foreign loan, after winning a decision of the international arbitration court where it was stated that “the primary duty” and “ultimate obligation” of the nation was to its own preservation.

On June 19, Syriza's Tsipras called for a “Marshall Plan” for Europe, in an interview the Russian online publication Ekho Planety. Under the headline “The Old World Needs a ‘Marshall Plan,’” Tsipras was quoted as saying: “The Eurozone is a chain with seventeen links. If one link breaks, things will be bad not only for it. The whole chain will be destroyed. And the destruction of the euro is not a joke.... Therefore we are saying to our

European partners: quit acting like ostriches; get your heads out of the sand. Admit your mistakes, change the direction of your policy; dump the austerity policies that are killing us. And we are prepared to discuss a common pathway and a common perspective. We want it to be one of stability.

“First of all Greece needs to abrogate the agreements signed by the previous, failed government. Of course we will respect international law and all agreements based on democratic procedures. But we propose a radical revision of the terms of issuing credit. There should be international monitoring. Our government and the creditors have to take into account the requirements for restructuring the entire Greek economy. The previous measures have simply killed it. The target of credits must be the economic development of the country.

“At the same time we shall combat the crisis on a European-wide level. We shall take part in developing solutions for the debt crisis, which has affected not Greece alone. Currently Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and Italy are in a difficult situation. Imagine: Italy's debt is 1.9 trillion euros, whereas that of Greece is 350 billion euros.

“We will push for the resources being allocated to Greece and other nations of southern Europe not to just evaporate, but to be invested. Today Europe needs a new ‘Marshall Plan,’ in order to stabilize the situation.”

‘An Economic Miracle in the Mediterranean’

While the debate in Greece is going in the right direction, the anti-memorandum forces must continue to tell the truth—that it is the euro and European policy that are bankrupt, and a danger to the people of Greece and all of Europe. The only policy that will work is a massive financial reform and creation of national credit systems based on a Glass-Steagall-style separation of banking institutions that serve the real economy, from those that are responsible for the unpayable, illegitimate, speculative debts, including the Greek national debt. Thus, credit institutions would be formed to implement the LaRouche movement's draft “Program for an Economic Miracle in South Europe, the Mediterranean Region, and Africa.”¹ This program is already circulating in Greece, and will soon be available in the Greek language.

1. See *EIR*, June 8, 2012.

First Chinese Crew Lives, Works in Space

by Marsha Freeman

June 23—The success of the June 16 launch of China's manned Shenzhou-9 spacecraft, and its docking with the orbiting Tiangong-1 space module two days later, has accomplished the next step in China's long-range plan to have astronauts live and work in space. Each of China's four manned space flights has qualitatively increased, through incremental steps, the capabilities required for its multi-decade manned space exploration program.

While much of the publicity during this mission has focused on China's first female astronaut, 33-year-old Liu Yang, what the mission has already demonstrated is that China can safely deliver a crew to an orbiting spacecraft, bring up supplies to the laboratory to enable long-term stays, and provide the environmental life support on board the laboratory for safe and productive missions.

What a contrast! While China methodically proceeds toward its ultimate goal of living and working on the Moon, the U.S. space program is suffering its fourth directionless year. While any space program will face temporary setbacks, not only is there now no American capability to even deliver astronauts to space, much less push the frontiers of exploration, there is also no *intention* on President Obama's part, to do so in the future.

The President's Science Advisor, population-reduction proponent John Holdren, arrogantly testified before Congress June 21, that the U.S. continues "to lead the world in space, although sometimes the contrary is asserted." He continued, "some people say China is overtaking [us]." He went on to say that what the Chinese are doing now, the U.S. did decades ago. What he neglected to say is that if current policies continue, what the Chinese will be doing in the future will make that lead a faint memory.

Although China's seemingly slow pace in manned space flight often frus-

trates outside observers, in Beijing's view, once they have successfully demonstrated a capability, there is no reason to repeat such missions. Each manned mission should entail a new challenge, as a milestone along a developmental pathway. And each mission should fly when it is ready. Shenzhou-9 is an important next step.

The Tiangong-1 'Target'

Chinese space engineers and designers describe the relatively small Tiangong-1 module as a "target": Its primary purpose is to demonstrate the ability to rendezvous and dock with Shenzhou capsules. The first test took place last November, when the unmanned Shenzhou-8 craft carried out an automatic docking via computer instructions from mission control on the ground. Automatic control will be the primary method of docking in the future, but the purpose of the manned Shenzhou-9 mission is to carry out a manual docking, as an available back-up, should the automatic mode fail.

In fact, the computer-controlled docking is more difficult, since if there is a crew on board, it can respond immediately, and with human intelligence, to an emergency. But China cautiously carried out the unmanned docking first, so as to create the least amount of risk to a crew.

The lesson of the importance of having a crew on board when spacecraft dock was learned in the late 1990s, when an unmanned Russian Progress cargo ship



The successful docking of the Shenzhou-9 spacecraft places China in the forefront of manned space exploration. Shown: the astronauts inside the Tiangong-1 module, June 18.

was testing a new automated docking procedure, and crashed into the Mir space station, depressurizing one laboratory module. Quick thinking and action by the crew saved the rest of the station. The manual docking during this Shenzhou-9 mission will make this capability available for any future contingency.

Although rendezvous and docking are a primary mission objective, Chinese planners have multiple tasks for the crew and module. As seen in extensive live coverage carried by China Central Television, Tiangong-1 is a spacious enough craft to accommodate sleep quarters for the crew, personal hygiene needs, exercise, and laboratory equipment for scientific experiments.

This crew will remain in orbit for more than ten days, twice as long as any previous Chinese manned mission. This longer stay gives Chinese scientists and medical doctors an opportunity to study the effects of microgravity on the astronauts.

According to manned space program spokeswoman Wu Ping, three aspects of space medicine will be investigated by the crew. One, is the real-time monitoring of the health of the astronauts during the mission. The second is to study the physiological effects of weightlessness, which will change over the course of their stay in microgravity. And the third is to examine the operational capabilities of the astronauts in this new environment, to see if any disorientation interferes with their performance. All of these aspects are vectored toward China's planned longer-duration stays in space. The inclusion of a woman in the Shenzhou-9 crew is seen by Chinese space planners as a necessary step toward the permanent settlement of space.

On June 23, on the fifth day of the docked mission, half of the ten planned space medicine experiments had been completed, including cardiovascular studies.

A Model for Developing Countries

For decades, both the Soviet, and especially the American, space programs were admired around the globe, and provided an opportunity for dozens of nations to participate in human space exploration.

Today, all of Russia's manned transport capacity is deployed to service the International Space Station (ISS), by default, thanks to the retirement of the Space Shuttle. In the future, nations eager to become spacefaring, will likely look to China.

On June 19, speaking to *Xinhua* after viewing the



China Manned Space Engineering

This drawing depicts the moments before the successful docking of the Tiangong-1 test module (right) with the Shenzhou-8, in the first rendezvous and docking of two Chinese spacecraft.

launch of the Shenzhou-9 mission, Dr. Mazlan Othman, a Malaysian astrophysicist and director of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs, reflected this view. She sees China's space program as including an opportunity for "great involvement of developing countries."

Dr. Othman added that the world "is waiting very anxiously for China's [future] space station to be completed," as this "will give another opportunity for international cooperation." "The world is watching China," she added.

In the future, she said, China's space station will offer the UN opportunities to conduct experiments, adding, "Medical research in space has benefit[ed] people on Earth, which can be improved further when we have the Chinese space station [around 2020]."

Dr. Othman also pointed out that by 2020, when China's space station is scheduled to be completed, it may be the only one in orbit, since currently, the agreement to extend the life of the ISS extends only to 2020.

During the Shenzhou-9 mission, the Chinese leadership again expressed its interest in international cooperation in space. If, in 2020, China has the only operating space station, there could be one nation, however, that will be left out in the cold—the United States. One might assume that "turnabout is fair play," and the Chinese might want to exclude the U.S. from its space station, as the U.S. has excluded China from the ISS. But, as it now stands, the U.S. may exclude itself, since under U.S. law, NASA is prohibited from *any* space cooperation with China.

In the future, China, with its international partners, could be leading the effort to explore space.

BUILDING THE EUROPE OF THE FUTURE

Common Development, Not a Debtors Union

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the national chair of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo), gave this speech to the annual conference of the party in Frankfurt am Main on June 16, 2012. While giving a strategic overview of the global situation, she also presented highlights of the EIR [special offprint](#) titled “There Is Life After the Euro! Program for an Economic Miracle in Southern Europe, the Mediterranean Region, and Africa,” which was also the Feature in EIR, June 8, 2012. The report is being translated into French, German, Spanish, and other languages.

The video of this speech (in German) is at the [Büso website](#).

Dear BüSo members, respected guests,

I think anyone who observes the world situation these days with an open mind will have the queasy feeling that humanity is in extremely serious danger. There are two principal problems that constitute an existential threat to humanity. On the one hand, the trans-Atlantic financial system is disintegrating, as we speak. It could even come to pieces this weekend. And the second point is the acute danger of war.

There is such panic on the financial markets that the top central banks are simply turning on the money spigots. Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that we must pump as much liquidity as



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche at the BüSo conference: The global situation is grim, but with the right policies and the right view of mankind, “we can proceed cheerfully to meet these challenges.”

necessary into the system, without limit!¹ Thus, if there is a risk of uncontrolled collapse somewhere, anywhere, money will simply be printed or created electronically.

Threat of Hyperinflation

The danger is that if you try to keep this absolutely bankrupt financial system going in such a way, then we are heading for a hyperinflationary explosion just like that in Germany in 1923, with the difference being that it will go much, much faster. Germany's 1923 hyperinflation actually lasted three and a half years, starting in 1919; but it was invisible until the Spring of 1923. Then, in just six months, prices rose to the point that people ended up having to bring their money to the baker's in wheelbarrows, before noon, when the value of the currency was reset.

And that was only in one country; this time we're talking about the whole Eurozone, the entire dollar sphere, which means not only the United States, because the dollar still plays an important role as a world reserve currency.

Today we are at the point at which the monetarist system, known as globalization or the British Empire—which of course does not mean England or Great Britain, but rather the whole combination of central banks, investment banks, hedge funds, holding companies, special purpose companies, insurance companies, and reinsurance companies, i.e., the entire financial structure that represents globalization—is more bankrupt, you might say, than the G.D.R was on Nov. 9, 1989.²

We predicted this collapse in 1990, by the way, when I warned that if people made the mistake of imposing on the bankrupt communist system the *de facto* equally bankrupt free-market system, this might delay the collapse for a couple of years, and some people might rake in enormous profits, but when the collapse came, it would be far worse than the collapse of communism. The danger is that the collapse of the present global financial system will not be as peaceful as the collapse of communism ultimately turned out to be, in that no major wars resulted from it.

The reason we are now in an acute danger of war

lies with the so-called Blair Doctrine, which former British Prime Minister Tony Blair first enunciated in Chicago in 1999, when he said, in effect, that international law is now *ad acta*³ and it is now legitimate to intervene militarily, under the pretext of humanitarian assistance, anywhere around the globe.

Blair's doctrine stands in complete contrast to Russian President Putin's so-called Putin Doctrine, according to which Russia accepts the standards of international law, the UN Charter, and the defense of national sovereignty. These two doctrines are clashing head-on now in Syria.

There is a solution to prevent the worst.

That is an immediate halt to all bailout packages for bankrupt banks, and an immediate implementation of a global two-tier banking system, a global Glass-Steagall standard in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The essential first step in Europe is to cancel all the EU treaties, from Maastricht to Lisbon, so that all European nations can recover sovereignty over their own currencies and economies; we must immediately introduce fixed exchange rates and agree upon a credit system for a reconstruction program that will create an economic miracle in Southern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Africa.

It is a happy coincidence—a blessing in disguise, so to speak—that our party's national convention is being held this very weekend, because I think that now people's illusions are gradually disappearing. Even in Germany, where the tendency to deny reality is particularly strong, people can see that this system is really at its end. We can use this meeting to call upon our members, all conference participants, as well as fraternal organizations in other European nations, America, and other parts of the world to carry out a huge mobilization for the program that I will present in detail. It will very much depend on this mobilization whether this historical era ends in tragedy, in chaos and possible war, or whether we can begin a new, optimistic epoch of mankind.

The Current Eurozone Situation

Let's review the situation first. The central banks have decided to turn on the money spigots without limit. This has been happening increasingly in recent weeks; for example, the weekly report of the New York Federal Reserve said that the European Central Bank

1. King said, "The Bank and the Treasury are working together on a 'funding-for-lending' scheme that would provide funding to banks for several years, at rates below current market rates." All footnotes are supplied by the editor.

2. A reference to communist East Germany when the Berlin Wall came down.

3. Latin: to the archives; on the shelf

[ECB] had tapped \$1.544 billion in currency swap credits from the Federal Reserve. The weekly rate had recently been only \$300-500 million. Since last September, there have been swap agreements, i.e., unlimited credit lines, from the Fed to the ECB, the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Swiss National Bank, and the Bank of Japan.

These central banks have agreed that everything must be done to prevent any further collapses, like that of Lehman Brothers in 2008, or that would trigger a chain reaction in which a bank deemed “too big to fail” infects other banks or leads to a sovereign bankruptcy, which would in turn be contagious; the banks will simply provide whatever liquidity is needed. Charles Evans, CEO of the Chicago Fed, said that “aggressive infusions” are required to make the economy “bullet-proof.” The International Institute of Finance [IIF], the organization of the 420 largest banks in the world, which for some time has participated in EU summits to make sure that the necessary “expertise” is available to the heads of state, wrote in an open letter to the G20 summit in Mexico that “the markets will be looking expectantly for evidence of a globally coordinated policy response targeted to revive growth prospects worldwide on a sustainable basis.”

This is of course banker-speak, and it translates as: Governments should simply agree to print massive sums of money. In 2009, there was a \$1 trillion stimulus program, but this is completely inadequate today, the IIF wrote. Now we need much faster and many more of such injections.

The participants in the Bilderberg Conference, which took place near Washington’s Dulles Airport, then attended a meeting of the Atlantic Council, and we hear from reliable sources that Mr. Ackermann⁴ afterwards put out the line that evidently emerged from the Bilderberg Conference: We must simply wait until panic reaches the point that the politicians agree to the entire package; and we are at that point now.

There is great hysteria about the Greek election tomorrow [June 17], but it really does not matter which side wins, because from the standpoint of international banking circles, Greece’s withdrawal from the euro has long been taken for granted. But the situation will be totally changed, because if the leftist party wins, it will stop dealing with the EU Commission, thus will no

longer implement the austerity demands; if the conservative side wins [which it did], the catastrophic economic situation in Greece will turn into one of utter despair, and social problems will become so enormous that it will be clear to everyone that things cannot go on like this.

In the past week, the Spanish banks were once again quickly provided with EU100 billion, but it was quite clear that this amount would in no way suffice to rescue these banks—that would take about EU600-700 billion. But the EU did not want to escalate the Spanish crisis so close to the date of the Greek elections. Naturally, that paltry sum did not help, and there was a so-called negative reaction on the markets, because everyone knew that the only thing it accomplished was to put the Spanish government EU100 billion deeper in debt.

And so on June 13, the Moody’s rating agency downgraded the Spanish banks by three levels, to one level above junk, and 10-year yields immediately jumped to 7%. Previously 5% was considered the upper limit, beyond which it would be too expensive to refinance the debt.

When interest rates rise that high, it becomes clear at some point that the limit has been reached. Spain’s national debt can basically no longer be financed at 7%, so capital flight is underway.

In Italy, which has a national debt of EU1.9 trillion, 5-year yields have gone up to 5.3%. As this situation was coming to a head in the last few days before the Greek election, there were frantic trans-Atlantic phone calls and conference calls among Obama, Blair, Hollande, van Rompuy, and various other people, putting out the line that the markets’ negative reaction to the EU100 billion bailout for Spain shows that much more is needed.

Meanwhile, various new proposals were made. For example, that the ECB should immediately get a banking license so as to provide liquidity directly to the European banks, rather than to the governments; that financial union should go deeper, with the issuance of Eurobonds; and that the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) should be strengthened. The pressure on Germany grew tremendously: that Germany had to agree to “collectivization” of the debt, which means that the German taxpayer should sacrifice his life savings to pay off the gambling debts of all of Europe.

Even the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, not known for being pro-Roosevelt or oriented toward the real economy, came to the conclusion that neither the

4. Josef Ackermann, the Swiss banker who until recently was the CEO of Deutsche Bank.

construction of firewalls, nor the establishment of a Debt Union, nor German deposit insurance, nor a Bank Union, nor eurobonds, nor TARGET⁵ ersatz ECB loans would protect the euro countries from contagion. On the contrary, any expansion of common liability would lead to greater infection with the debt virus, until the last healthy debtor country could no longer bear the burden.

This is an admission that the system is at an end, and it does not matter which of these proposals is now on the table, because the problem will only get worse.

Hilmar Kopper, the former head of Deutsche Bank, felt compelled, to explain in *Bildzeitung* why he was opposed to the introduction of eurobonds. It sounds like a bad joke, but he said that the Social Democrats want the dutiful German taxpayers to be held liable for the funds that are pumped into countries from which the wealthy will then suck them out again.

Rainer Brüderle, the former German Economics Minister from the FDP [Free Democratic Party], said in a parliamentary debate the day before yesterday that if it were up to [Green party leader] Jürgen Trittin's new friends at the Bilderberg financial group (Trittin attended the Bilderberg meeting), the savings accounts of German grandmothers would be squandered to pay the gambling debts of foreign investment bankers. At the very least, Mr. Brüderle! He then talked about the policy of the "green-painted Schicki-Micki" [pretentiously chic] party, which Gregor Gysi [Left Party] immediately put forward to protect the Greens from Brüderle's vulgar remarks. So much for the Left Party and its comprehension of the situation.

The problem is that basically all the parties that are represented in parliament are for the euro and for the perpetuation of a system, a construct that is hopelessly defunct.

The only honest solution would be to admit that the euro is a failed experiment—an insight that even came to Alan Greenspan during the past week.

What's Wrong with Political Union

Mr. Kopper added, in the above-mentioned interview, that it is nonsense to claim that the euro was introduced solely for political reasons. But that is precisely

5. Through the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System (TARGET) the ECB provides interest-bearing loans to finance countries' current-account deficits; the volume of these loans is much larger than the official bailouts approved by parliaments.

the point! The euro was introduced—and we at the time vehemently opposed it—because the British (Margaret Thatcher), François Mitterrand, and the senior George Bush were determined to force the reunified Germany, for geostrategic reasons, into the corset of the EU and the Maastricht Treaty.

Jacques Attali, a former advisor to French President François Mitterrand, has since admitted in many interviews, and even in the biography he wrote about Mitterrand, that Mitterrand at that time had threatened Chancellor Kohl with war, if Germany was not prepared to give up the deutschmark as a price for reunification. Attali has also said in several interviews that the euro was deliberately created with a birth defect,⁶ so that under crisis conditions, the political union that was at that time impossible to achieve, might be accepted under conditions of panic.

That's the plan. The escalating crisis situation will be used to make Europe into a political union, a federated state, without any consultation with the populations of all the member countries. Prof. Dr. Hermann August Winkler wrote in the June 13 *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, under the headline "From a confederation of states to a federation": "It was the hope [when the euro was introduced], that monetary union would lead inevitably to the political unification of Europe." He then praised the "legendary European speech" by Joschka Fischer [Green party leader who was then the Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor—ed.] on May 12, 2000, calling for a European government, with genuine legislative and executive powers and founded on a constitutional treaty. (Fischer, among others in the European Council on Foreign Relations, works closely with George Soros.) In those days, the time for such a revolutionary step was not ripe, but the debt crisis has created a new situation, according to Winkler. It is forcing a new "finality debate," a broad public discourse about the objective and purpose of the process of European unification. There are several proposals on the table that would give greater powers to the Commission, which could then be a kind of European government.

Just imagine it: Do you want the EU Commission as a European government? I certainly do not!

And furthermore: A strong parliament with the right of legislative initiative and the right to elect the Com-

6. Namely, that a monetary union could not function without political union.

mission would come into existence, along with a second chamber, consisting of the Council of Heads of Government, and the European Court of Justice, as the supreme court. Professor Winkler makes the right point, that we can no longer avoid this debate, and we need a referendum under Article 146 of the Basic Law. Article 146 states that a new constitution may only be legitimized by a referendum.

That's exactly what we need right now. We need a thorough debate about what kind of Europe we want: Do we want a Europe of ossified bureaucrats whose policies wreck entire industrial sectors, who are transforming the EU into an imperial strike force, as Robert Cooper, the advisor to Lady Ashton⁷ has described in detail,⁸ or do we want a Europe with which people can identify and where they can choose the institutions themselves?

With the EU Commission, and if the ESM should ever come into existence, which is still the intention of the parties in the Bundestag this month, then we will be governed by bodies that are accountable to no one. The policies of these bodies have failed already. The euro and EU policy have not, as they have it inscribed on their banners, strengthened peace in Europe, but rather, if one looks today at the political landscape, one must realize that never since 1945 have the peoples of Europe been so divided and hostile toward one another as they are today. Germany has never been so hated.

The policy of the Troika [EC-ECB-IMF] is to reduce Greece to African conditions. The 77-year-old pensioner Dimitris Kristolas, a retired pharmacist who shot and killed himself a few weeks ago only 50 meters from



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The BüSo organizing in Berlin for a Glass-Steagall-style two-tier banking system ("Trennbankensystem"), Aug. 6, 2011. Stefan Tolksdorf (center) was campaigning for the parliament of the city-state.

the Greek Parliament, has become an emblem of the Greek resistance. There is an epidemic of suicides, and the mortality rate is rising. Three hundred vital drugs are unavailable in hospitals or from doctors.

And this is only Greece. Spain, Portugal, and Italy are headed in the same direction. More than 70 proprietors of small and medium-sized companies have killed themselves in Italy since the beginning of the year. Most of these people were involved in public works projects, but the state did not pay them, and sent the tax collectors after them instead. Seventy or more of these men took their own lives.

This is only a foretaste of what threatens us all, if the policies of the Troika, the International Institute of Finance, the Bilderbergers, et al. are carried out.

Hyperinflation, as all Germans know, is the most brutal form of expropriation of the population, and will certainly lead to social chaos and a collapse of civilization, as we have experienced before.

Go for Glass-Steagall

There is an alternative, and we must put this alternative in place of these bankrupt policies. That is our development program for an economic miracle in Southern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Africa. I will describe these projects in a moment. If we launch these projects, there is no reason why we cannot quickly

7. The EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

8. Cooper wrote in his 2003 book, *The Breaking of Nations: Order and Chaos in the 21st Century* (New York: Atlantic Monthly Press): "The most far-reaching form of imperial expansion is that of the European Union. . . . The post-modern European answer to threats is to extend the system of co-operative empire ever wider." See Mark Burdman, "Britain's Cooper Promotes Imperial EU," *EIR*, July 2, 2004, p. 10.

achieve optimism, economic growth, and full employment.

The first step must be a trans-Atlantic introduction of the two-tier banking system, the Glass-Steagall Act in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the 1930s, Roosevelt brought America out of the Depression within a few years, by the combination of the Pecora Commission, Glass-Steagall, the TVA, infrastructure programs, and the New Deal. Today, Rep. Marcy Kaptur has a bill [H.R. 1489] to this effect in the American Congress, with nearly 70 co-sponsors, and also supported by many institutions: trade unions, regional savings banks, mayors, city councils, the people who are among the hardest hit by the economic crisis.

This is the result of our own mobilization. Now in this crisis, in which the euro is coming undone and the crisis threatens to spread to the U.S. banks, the pressure is building especially on the House of Representatives and the Senate, where a similar bill is being prepared, to implement Glass-Steagall.

Glass-Steagall would separate the commercial banks from investment banks and place the commercial banks under state protection. The investment banks would no longer have access to the deposits of commercial banks and would have to put their books in order without bailouts. If they are insolvent, they would have to declare bankruptcy and shut down their operations. We would, however, no longer be held hostage by “too big to fail” and continued bailouts.

During the past week, there has been a surge of support for Glass-Steagall, not only among Democrats (for example, Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor under Clinton, supports it), but also among Republicans. Thomas Hoenig, [formerly] one of the 12 governors of the Federal Reserve and current chairman of the FDIC, expressed his support for Glass-Steagall, and has become the center of the mobilization for the Republicans.



Hyperinflation in Weimar Germany: Money was so worthless that these children are using bundles of cash as building blocks.

Also included are people like Joseph Stiglitz, and Prof. Luigi Zingales of the University of Chicago, who recently published an article in the *Financial Times* in which he describes how he went from being an opponent of Glass-Steagall to becoming a strong proponent: a member of his fraternity who converted.

We must simply abolish the “creative financial instruments” of the investment banks. This is of course the difficult psychological point, because many people wonder whether their certificates, structured financial products, and other securities would become worthless in such a reorganization. They will. This is a psychological barrier, but you have to make

quite rigorously clear that when it comes to hyperinflation, then everything is wiped out; all pension claims, all savings deposits as gone, just as they disappeared in 1923, when people thought they had 10,000 Reichsmarks saved for their retirement, but then a pound of bread cost 10,000 Reichsmarks.

There is a very simple pedagogical way to make it clear that money has no value in itself. The proof is that after November 1923, people used the currency notes, 1-trillion-mark notes, 1 billion-mark notes, for wallpaper, because that paper was the cheapest at that time. People who could no longer afford to have wallpaper used the currency notes to paper the walls.

Today, money does not even have the value of the paper it is printed on, but only pure virtual value, and pressing the “delete” button on the computer suffices to bring the whole nightmare to an end.

The first step is the two-tier system; then the immediate cancellation of the EU treaties from Maastricht to Lisbon. [Czech Republic President] Vaclav Klaus also raised this demand. And there is no reason that Europe should not work very well as it was before 1992. A Europe of the fatherlands, as de Gaulle called for, could work very well together, and much better on a multinational level to uphold common European goals. We do

not need a supranational bureaucracy, which has now made itself completely independent.

Return to National Currencies

The next step must be a return to national currencies. There are several studies, e.g., by Prof. Dirk Meier of Hamburg, but also from other financial institutions, that lay out how that could be done. One could, for example, over a long weekend, maybe Saturday to Wednesday, set up bank holidays, during which the account balances of individuals and companies would be assessed.

Then you would set up temporary capital and exchange controls, so there would not be wild inflows of euros from other countries. At the same time, the existing euros would be stamped with magnetic ink and it would be specified that these euros are now the new deutschemarks, new drachmas, or new francs. A decision by the Council of Europe, for example, could transfer monetary sovereignty back to the national governments. It would be necessary to pass new national currency laws, and the euro could continue to be used for some time as a unit of account between the central and National banks.

In all of this we can take advantage of the experience gained from the transition from the deutschemark to the euro, because that worked reasonably well.

National Banking

The next step would be for each country in Europe to establish its own National Bank. This would function just like the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Reconstruction Finance Agency) after the Second World War, which operated on the model of Roosevelt's Reconstruction Finance Corp. The National Banks would provide loans for well-defined projects that would be exclusively limited to building up the real economy. The projects should be guided by the principles of physical economy—i.e., based on scientific criteria.

One would have to completely say goodbye to Ackermann's idea of a 25% rate of profit in a month. This is a perverse idea. No one can honestly make 25% profit. Every entrepreneur, every farmer, knows that it is a preposterous idea that money makes money; these are air bubbles. Instead we must limit these loans to what creates real value.

The first principle has to be that the economy serves only the people. The economy needs to create the basis for expanded production and improved living condi-

tions from generation to generation.

The World Land-Bridge

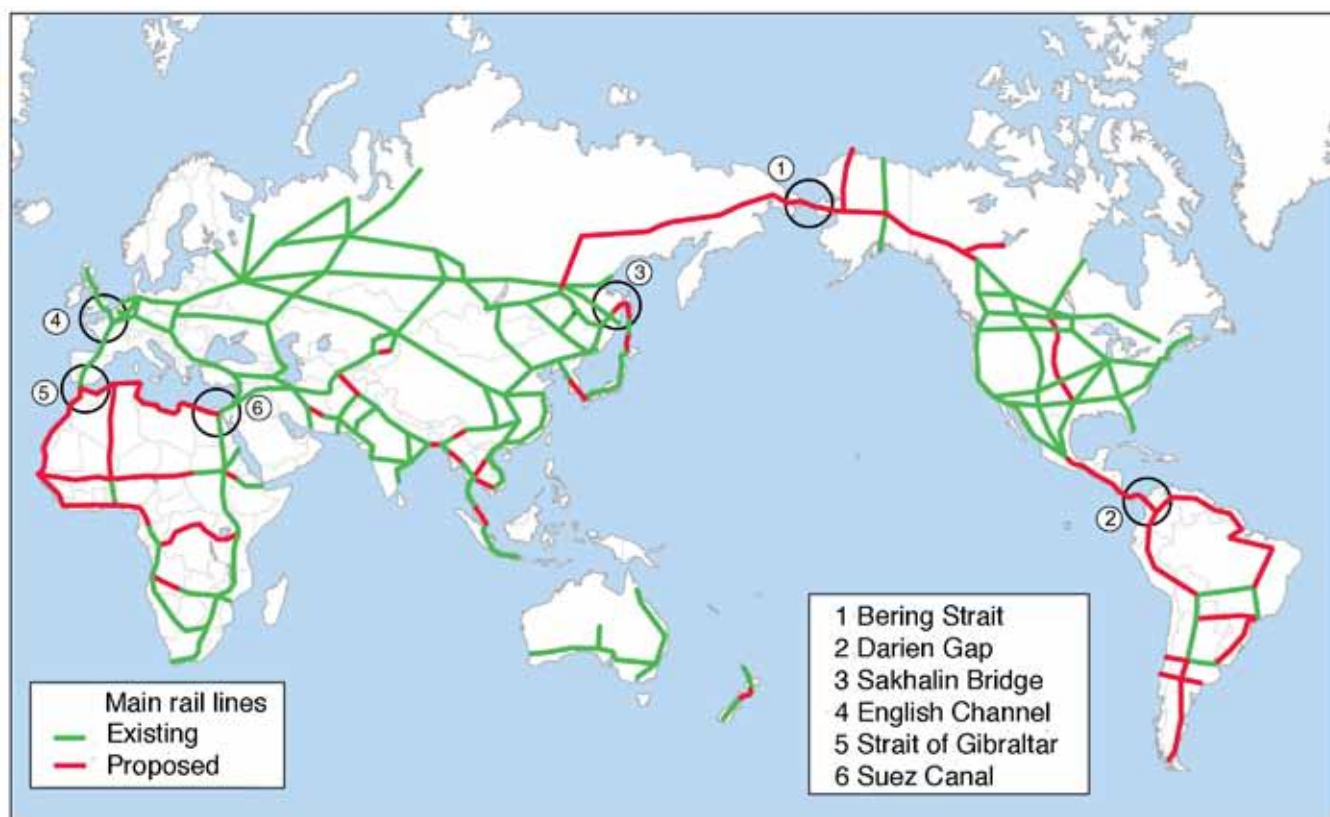
It has been said for some time now, that the present generation is the first in history not to assume that their children and grandchildren will be better off than the adults living today, but rather that they face a grim future. That is a symptom of a dying civilization, and it's simply unacceptable! There's not one single legitimate reason why the catastrophic underdevelopment in parts of Europe—which are meanwhile descending into African conditions—cannot be overcome for good by a development strategy in the course of one to two generations. Nor is there any reason why it shouldn't be possible to provide for life with dignity for all people in this region, and to build a real future for them.

If we survey the entire Mediterranean region and Africa, we're immediately struck by one thing: its glaring lack of infrastructure. And that is why it is absolutely necessary to begin a reconstruction program for developing that infrastructure. This has always been the prerequisite for any successful industrialization, as it was in Germany in the 19th Century, and in America, Russia, China, and any other nation on this planet.

The Europe-Mediterranean-Africa Program is a component of the extension of the World Land-Bridge (**Figure 1**), which also includes development corridors stretching from Chile at the southern-most tip of Latin America, through Central and North America. It also includes NAWAPA, the largest infrastructure project in history, which will take the huge quantities of water flowing unutilized into the ocean from Canada and Alaska, and divert it through an integrated system of canals and river diversions along the Rocky Mountains all the way into Mexico, thereby immediately creating 6 million new productive jobs.

I can assure you that in America we have launched a huge mobilization to get this NAWAPA project underway, in tandem with Glass-Steagall and the creation of a system of national credit. If we can divert these enormous quantities of water along the Rocky Mountains into areas that are either entirely desert or that have a serious water deficit, people could start up new farms there, and plant new forests. New precipitation patterns would develop, because these plants would emit moisture, forming clouds which would then rain this moisture back down. New cities could be built, requiring enormous quantities of concrete and steel; new maglev railways would have to be built, because of the great

FIGURE 1

World Land-Bridge

Source: EIR

inclines there that have to be traversed.

This project has already fired the imagination of many thousands of people: engineering firms, urban planners, and experts who have been involved with such projects in the past, but who are now experiencing how America is disintegrating. If you drive around Detroit, you see large parts of the city looking just like Dresden after the fire-bombing at the close of World War II. The windows in the factory buildings are long gone, and all boarded-up.

In Ohio's so-called auto manufacturing belt, catastrophic conditions prevail. And yet, there are still many highly trained workers there, who are simply waiting for such a project so that they can get a job and support themselves, and to give them a perspective for the future.

The NAWAPA plan is America's only chance of preventing the country from collapsing. It's a question of "To be, or not to be." NAWAPA will be complemented by a tunnel under the Bering Strait, connecting Alaska with Siberia—a project which President Putin has de-

clared an priority. Vladimir Yakunin, the head of the Russian Railways, has stated that the planning stage must be completed by 2015, after which it will take only a few years to bring it to reality.

On the Russian side of the Bering Strait, the Eurasian Land-Bridge will be further extended, in order to open up Russia's Arctic regions—which is extremely important for Europe and for Germany. Russia's Arctic regions possess every raw material, every element in Mendeleyev's Periodic Table—but they're underneath permafrost conditions.

Therefore, in order to access this abundance—which will be decisive for all of humanity, not just for Russia, for the coming 50 to 100 years—we must create the physical conditions for people to live under these permafrost conditions. With that in mind, the Russian government is planning to build an entirely self-contained new city, Umka, where 5,000 scientists and engineers will live. Inside the city will be vegetation which will replicate conditions existing, for example, on the International Space Station.

Developing the Arctic region is therefore an important step in the development of manned space flight and the colonization of the Moon and Mars, because we will learn how to survive under such extreme conditions.

The Eurasian Land-Bridge will then be connected, via development corridors, to the Iberian Peninsula, by means of a tunnel in the vicinity of the Strait of Gibraltar, going to Morocco (**Figure 2**), and the construction of the Strait of Messina Bridge and a tunnel to Tunisia (**Figure 3**). A development corridor through Egypt will then connect to the so-called Africa Pass (**Figures 4 and 5**), complemented by the Transaqua Project, which will go from the Congo to Lake Chad.

Now, of course, you're asking yourselves: How is this all going to get paid for, and who's going to do it all? My reply is to tell you that the underlying image of man which will make this plan possible, is not the oligarchical model, which degrades man, treating him as merely a burden to the environment, and claiming that the Earth can only sustain 1.5 billion people—as the Royal Society has just announced in its annual report—which begs the question of what is supposed to happen to the other 5.5 billion people currently living. Should they, perhaps, be killed off, as Sparta did with the Helots?

And that is, in fact, the current policy of the globalization advocates. I was once in Sudan, and I've seen how the people there live. Families there live off a single goat which they have tied up to a post somewhere. And that's what they live on.

That's *not* our idea of living (**Figure 7**)! On the contrary, we proceed from the premise that the cradle of civilization was probably in the region in Africa occupied by present-day Ethiopia, and that human beings spread out from there. And it was

FIGURE 2

Projected Tunnel Under the Strait of Gibraltar

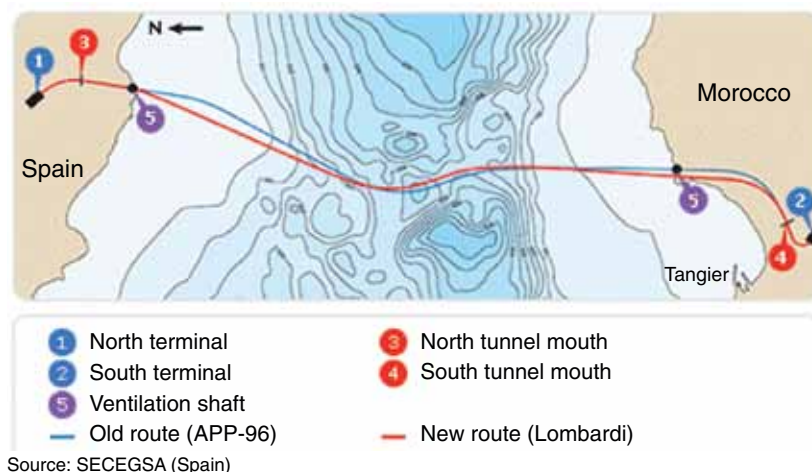


FIGURE 3

Italy: Messina Bridge and Tunnel to Tunisia



FIGURE 4

Artist's Depiction of the Africa Pass Project



FIGURE 5

Africa Pass: Canal from Eastern Congo to the Qattara Depression



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FIGURE 6



A woman at a work-for-food-and-cash site in Niger, where last fall's harvest was patchy and food prices are well above their 20-year average.

Egypt especially which played a decisive, key role in the birth of European culture.

The vision that we have for Greece's future is tempered not by current conditions, but rather by the contributions of Homer, Aeschylus and the other tragedians, Plato, and others: the idea that these great Greek philosophers, tragedians, and story-tellers marked the advent of man's self-consciousness as a being who is capable of having *ideas*.

That was by no means self-evident; most of our citizens have still not even gotten to the point of knowing that ideas exist, since ideas aren't practical, and aren't necessarily a part of their way of life. Yet this has been Greece's unique role and contribution, because previously, under the Babylonian priesthood, human beings were entirely in the thrall of prejudices, of mystical visions, and their concepts were vague and confused. But with Homer, Aeschylus, and Plato there arose, for the very first time, the idea that man is capable of having relevant

ideas which can lead to progress in science and culture—that man has the capacity to formulate increasingly appropriate hypotheses, or what Plato named the Hypothesis of the Higher Hypothesis. For the very first time, man became conscious that he, distinct from all other creatures, is a creative being.

And that is something that, once again, has to be our vision for Greece.

We proceed from an image of Italy that is stamped by the culture of the Etruscans and the culture of the Italian Renaissance, and for the Iberian Peninsula, from an image of Spain and Portugal stamped by Alfonso the Wise, the Andalusian Renaissance, Goya, and Cervantes.

Development of Greece

Back in 1990, when we responded to the collapse of the Soviet Union and the German Democratic Republic

FIGURE 7

Mediterranean Basin Great Infrastructure Projects



Source: EIRNS.

FIGURE 8

Balkan Countries: Existing and Proposed Waterways

Source: EIR.

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by proposing a “Productive Triangle,” we were pursuing the idea of development corridors extending through the Balkans to Greece and Turkey (**Figure 8**).

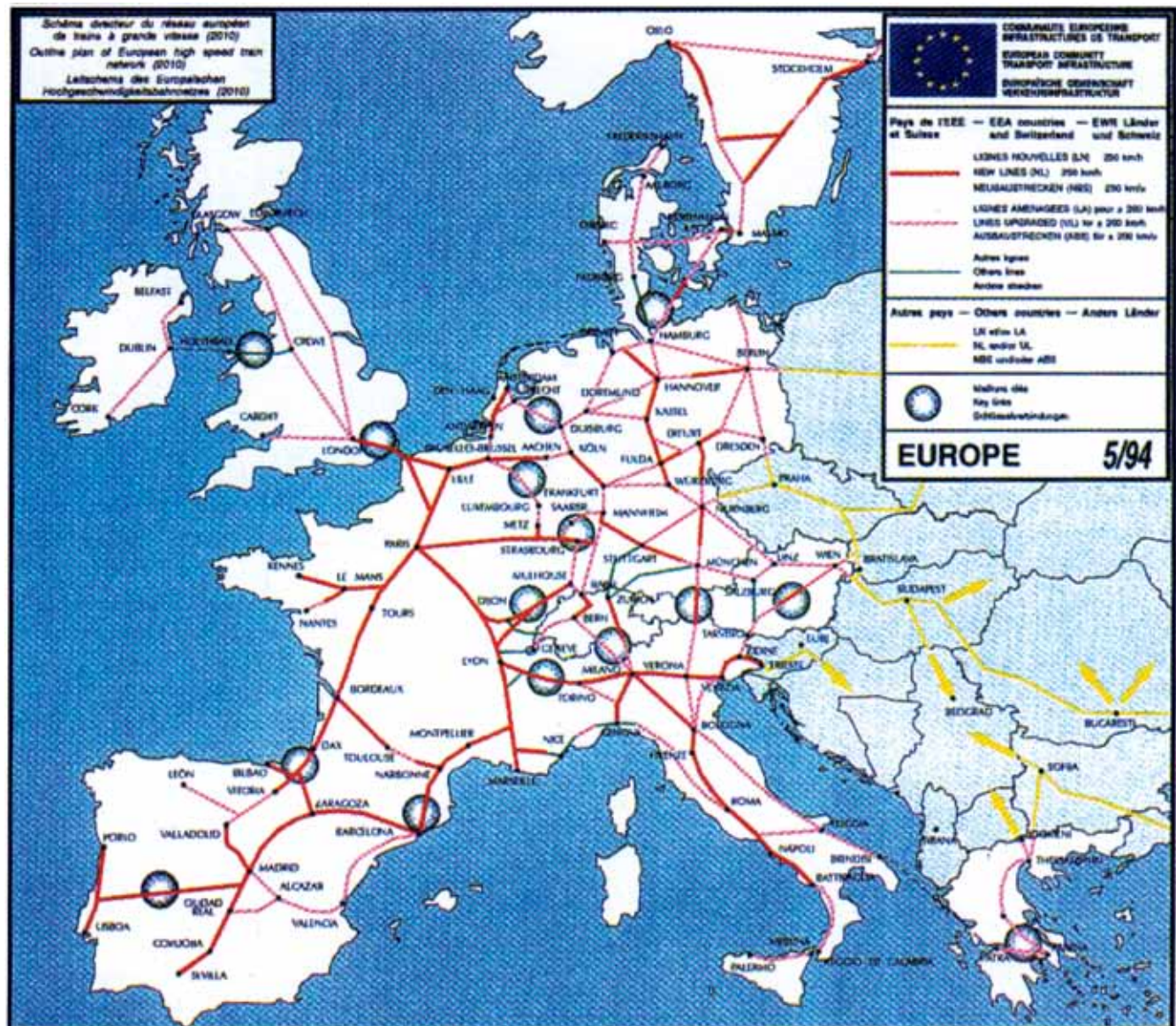
Unfortunately, that plan was never carried out. Jacques Delors’ 1994 map detailed many of the same ideas which we had in our Productive Triangle—but not the Balkan development corridors (**Figure 9**). That, of course, was the result of cynicism, since it was assumed that with its civil wars and NATO deployments, the Balkans would not develop—and today that is indeed the situation in many Balkan nations: economic

chaos and misery. Their infrastructure has been largely destroyed, their populations are shrinking, and development never took place.

Nevertheless, the task remains to push forward and develop infrastructure in the Balkans and in Greece: modern railways, roads, harbors, waterways, air transport, energy production and distribution, medical supplies, sanitation, clean drinking water, flood protection and irrigation systems, and protection against earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Greece has two main north-south axes (**Figure 10**):

FIGURE 9

1994 European Community Infrastructure

Source: EU.

the Adriatic Sea route in the west, and the Aegean corridor in the east, which goes through the ports of Thessaloniki and Vardar/Morava river corridor into the interior. With the extension of the World Land-Bridge, production and trade among Asia, Europe, and Africa would experience an enormous surge; and then we would have the same problem which Southern Asia is facing now, where the Strait of Malacca is completely overburdened, so that one of our old projects, the construction of a canal through the Isthmus of Kra, is once

again on the agenda. At this point, Japan, China, and the countries of South Asia are apparently deciding to move in this direction. Under the changed circumstances of the World Land-Bridge, Greece would become a hub for this increased trade activity.

Greece enjoys a very big advantage: It has the world's largest commercial shipping fleet, and therefore is also a valuable reservoir of skilled professionals in shipbuilding and shipping. It could thus become a hub which could connect to the west via the Rhine-

FIGURE 10

Greece and Trans-European Project 29



Source: EU.

Main-Danube Canal to the ports of Antwerp, Rotterdam, and Hamburg, and to the east via the Danube corridor to the Black Sea, and further onward to the Dnieper-Volga-Don Canal, and thence to the Caspian Sea into Central Asia, and finally into western Siberia. Toward South Asia, Greece would be connected to the Anatolian Peninsula via rail corridors that would lead via Iraq and Iran toward India. And thirdly, going from Greece via Turkey, Jordan, and the Sinai into North and East Africa, a connection would be created that would

run through the Suez Canal and the Strait of Gibraltar, thereby opening the way to the Indian Ocean, and to the Atlantic.

China has already recognized Greece's future role, and has signed long-term contracts for using the port of Piraeus, and is building various facilities there.

On the other hand, thanks to the Troika's policies, all rail connections beyond Greece's borders have been shut down, so that at present, it does not have a single rail connection into Europe or Asia. And even the *London Financial Times* is expressing concern that the EU's policies might possibly have geopolitical consequences, and that Greece might become more aware of its historical ties to Russia. Well, that's exactly what Greece is doing right now.

The policies of the EU and the World Trade Organization have led to the point that Greece now has to import 40% of its food, even though it has a so-called "Mediterranean agro-climate"—i.e., citrus fruits, olives, grapes, and of course all kinds of grains grow there easily. There are now Greek agronomists who have developed expertise in so-called precision farming, whereby fields are monitored via GPS, inspected with sensors that store data and make exact measurements of what combinations of fertilizer and irrigation are necessary, and what are the optimal times to till, sow, and harvest. That's

basically the same thing that astronomers were doing 3,000 years ago, when for the first time they used their observations of the planets' cyclical motions to create the preconditions for developing agriculture, because then they knew exactly when in the Spring they should sow, when they should harvest, and so forth.

The Iberian Peninsula

When we take a look at the Iberian Peninsula, we see that it has the highest unemployment rate in Europe:

an average of 24%, and over 50% unemployment among young people. Its economy has been totally skewed by over-emphasis on tourism. Now, tourism isn't useful for any country: It's useful for the international tourist agencies which reap big profits, but it leaves the country's real resources, namely the productivity of its labor force, virtually fallow. Anyone who goes to work in the bar of a big hotel complex, or as a chambermaid, is not going to be developing their labor power much, or their cognitive potential.

Second, the entire real estate sector has turned out to be nothing but a bubble.

And yet, just as with Greece, Spain can have a catalytic function at the intersection of diverse civilizations. That has often been the case in its past, for example during the reign of Alfonso the Wise. From 1252 to 1282, Castile's capital city, Toledo, was one of Europe's most important scientific centers, which helped to bring the influence of the Greek classics and the Arab Renaissance into Europe. It had famous astronomers, and a school for translators where scholars of the three monotheistic religions—Islam, Christianity, and Judaism—transcribed the most important texts and ideas into the languages of their respective cultures.

What shipbuilding is for Greece—namely one of its strengths that we can build on—the railway sector is for Spain. Few know that with its 2,600 kilometers of rail, Spain has the best-developed high-speed-rail network in all of Europe, and that worldwide it ranks second, only after China.

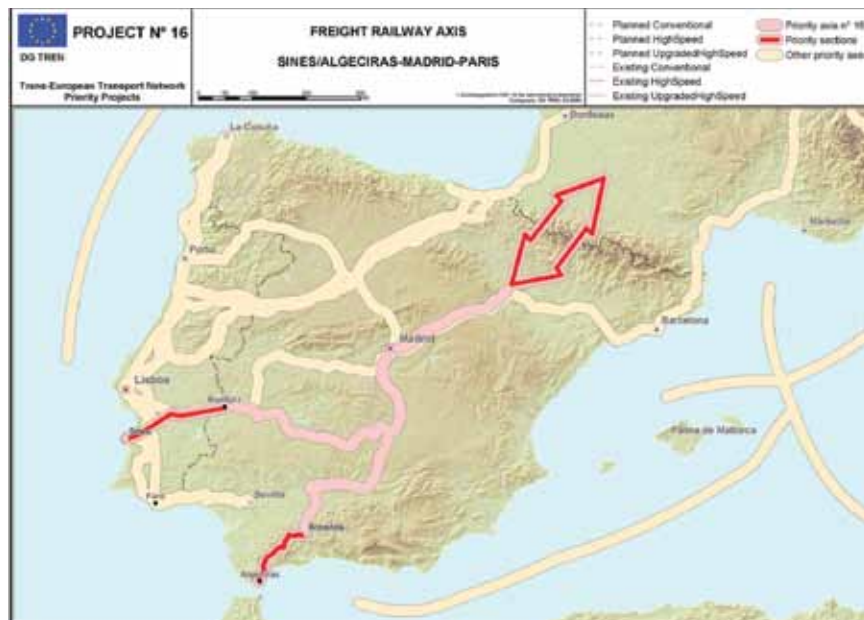
Spain is also a world leader in the development and production of new rail technology, and its government already has plans for another 10,000 km of high-speed railways (**Figure 11 and 12**)—which, of course, is impossible under the EU's current auster-

ity diktat.

Spain traditionally has a different rail gauge than most other European countries, which is probably the reason that Spanish firms have developed a technology

FIGURE 11

Spain and Portugal: High-Speed Freight Rail Lines (EU Project 16)



Source: EU

FIGURE 12

Spain and Portugal: High-Speed Rail Lines (EU Project 19)



Source: EU

whereby the axle length of existing rolling stock can be automatically altered as the train is moving (at 15 km/h)—which is also extremely important for accommodating to rail gauges in Eastern Europe.

Back in 1969, the internationally active firm Talgo developed such a technology for gauge-changing systems, and together with other Spanish firms such as Renfe, CAF, and AVE, they built and operated rail lines in Kazakstan, Argentina, and the United States, sold rail cars to Russia, and so forth.

An existing high-speed line already connects Spain with Berlin, Paris, and Perpignan, and a new rail tunnel under the Pyrenees is soon to be built, which would connect the French side with Barcelona and Madrid.

Spain must therefore assume a leading role in the planning, construction, and export of high-speed-railway lines into Africa, and it must expand the requisite supplier industries in the construction and steel sector, in metalworking, the electricity and electronics industries, and in telecommunications.

Many obvious projects, such as constructing a high-speed line from Madrid to Lisbon, are currently on ice, on orders from the Troika. Likewise with the four planned high-speed lines Vigo-Porto, Salamanca-Porto, Madrid-Huelva-Lisbon, and Seville-Huelva-Faro.

The southern-most point of Spain's railway network is Algeciras. From here, a new high-speed line should be built to Tarifa and Cadiz, because Tarifa will be the Spanish terminus of a tunnel, through which a high-speed railway will run underneath the Strait of Gibraltar to Tangier in Morocco (Figure 2), and thus will constitute the African leg of the World Land-Bridge.

This tunnel was first proposed in 1930, and a number of feasibility studies were made which explored various possibilities—for example, a fixed bridge over the Strait of Gibraltar, a floating bridge, or a floating tunnel moored to the sea floor. But all these variants turned out to be unfeasible, because of the great ocean depth, strong currents, and therefore great structural instability.

In 2003, an agreement was signed between Spain and Morocco for the construction of a fixed tunnel; the

FIGURE 13

Spain: Annual Rainfall and the National Hydrological Plan



Sources: INE (Spain); EIR

project design was contracted out to the state firms SECEGSA and SNED and the Swiss tunnel-building firm Lombardi. In 2009, Lombardi worked up a feasibility study and presented it to the EU, but because of the erupting financial crisis, nothing has happened since then.

The Lombardi plan came to the conclusion that the narrowest passage between the two continents, where the Strait of Gibraltar is only 14 km wide, is not suitable for a tunnel, because the ocean depth there is 900 meters. More suitable instead, is the route from Tarifa to Tangier in Morocco, where the depth is only 300 meters. Even so, this tunnel would be the world's deepest. It would be 40 km long, with two tunnels for passenger and freight traffic, and another supply tunnel in-between. It would take only 15 years to build. In comparison, the Chunnel between France and England is only 50 meters below sea level, and is 49 km long. The tunnel under the Bering Strait would be approximately 54 meters deep and 85 km long, but would be interrupted by islands, so that the longest single stretch of tunnel would be 35 km.

There are many additional projects for Spain (Figure 13), such as a river diversion project for the Ebro for irrigating the dry areas along the Mediterranean coastline; the construction of new, inherently safe,

fourth-generation nuclear plants; a new Euro-African space center on the Canary Islands, which is already underway; a new science city and launch pad for satellites, for which the Canary Islands are quite suitable, because they have lava ground formations very similar to the Moon's surface.

And then, research into the early detection of earthquakes must be expanded jointly by Greece, Italy, and many other countries. Just recently we once again keenly felt the need for this in Italy, because one of the reasons why Liliana Gorini can't be here today, is that she lives in this earthquake-prone area, and can't leave her home.

There has already been extensive research into the early detection of earthquakes, only the proposals have not been implemented yet—not to mention other projects for the defense of Earth, such as research into defense against asteroids which, because of the Earth's changing position in our galaxy, are moving toward us more aggressively.

Italy: The Tradition of Mattei

It is obvious that Italy must likewise have an identity as a bridgehead between Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. This is in the tradition of Enrico Mattei, who was a symbol for a development policy that was explicitly anti-colonialist, one oriented toward the actual development of the labor force in Africa and the Middle East.

FIGURE 14
Italy and the Trans-European Project No. 1

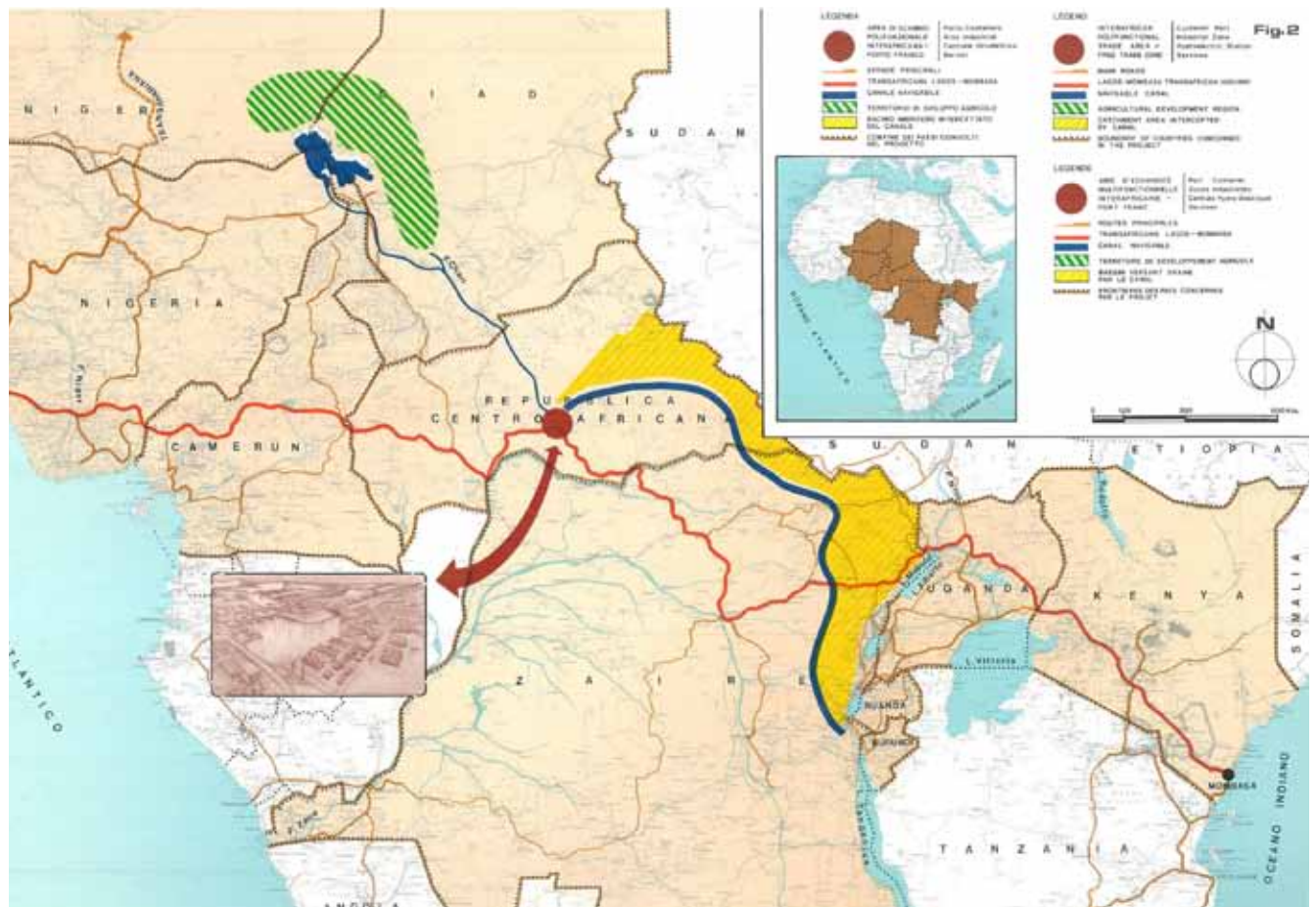


Source: EU

For Italy (Figure 14), the development of its south, the so-called Mezzogiorno, is an absolute necessity, along with the construction of a bridge over the Strait of Messina, where the southern tip of Italy's "boot" will be connected to Palermo in Sicily by the world's longest suspension bridge, 3.3 km in length. This in turn

FIGURE 15

The Transaqua Plan for Water Infrastructure Development



www.transaquaproject.com

The development of the Lake Chad basin is only part of the huge Transaqua project. Lake Chad is in the northwest on this map, straddling the borders of four countries, Niger, Chad, Central African Republic, and Nigeria.

will foster the formation of a new population center between Messina and Reggio di Calabria which, on the one side, will be connected to central and northern Italy by a high-speed-rail line, and on the other, via a tunnel from Sicily to Tunisia. The plan for this has already been drawn up by the Italian technology agency ENEA. This tunnel would involve spanning a distance of 155 km, whereby five separate tunnels would be built, connecting artificially created islands.

Obviously this program is linked with the development of the Maghreb, where Algerian and other engineers long ago worked out plans for the development of the schotts—that is, the depressions in the Maghreb region—so that agriculture there would be totally transformed.

Urgent Development of Africa

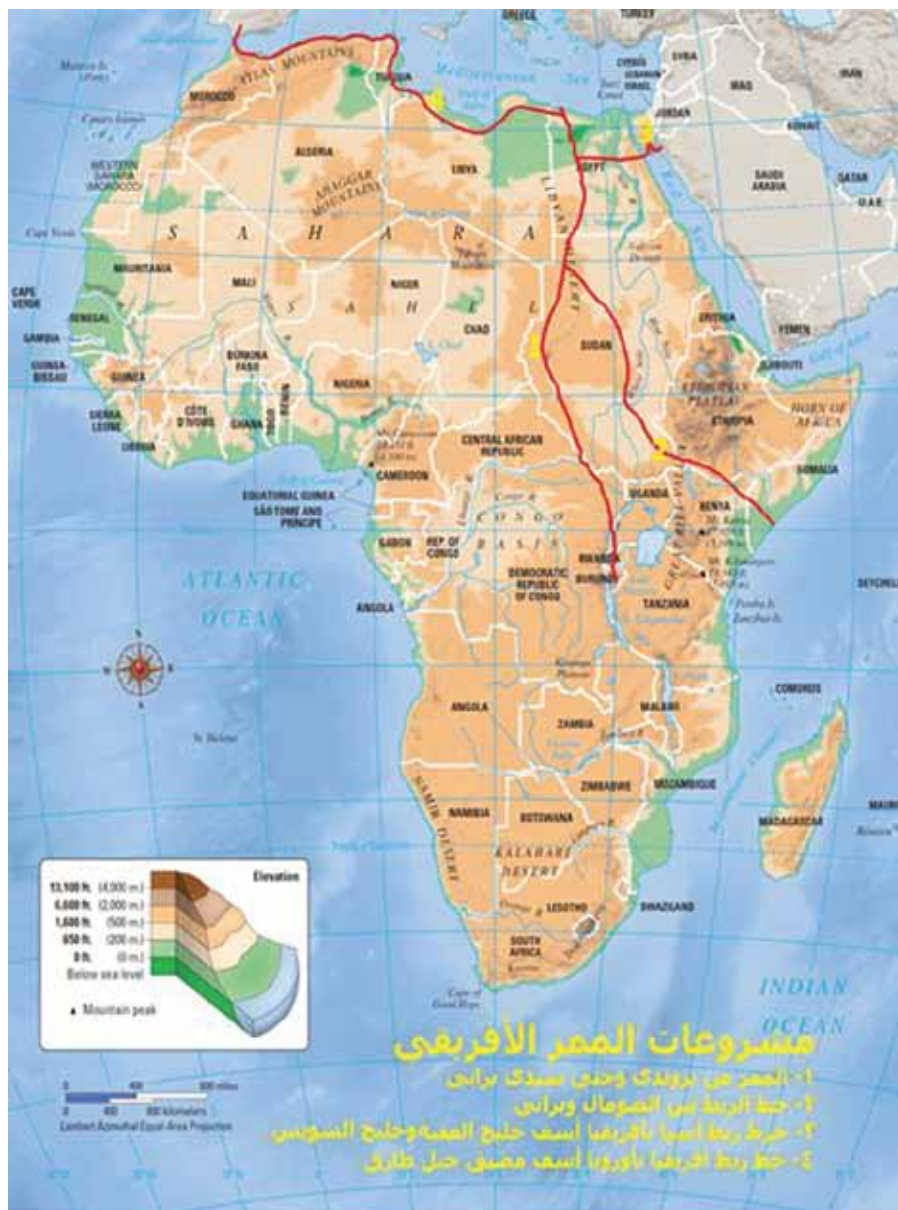
This program must be integrated into the Transaqua project (**Figure 15**), which I will not present any further here, since we have described it extensively at other conferences.⁹ That involves, first and foremost, directing the enormous volume of water of the Congo River through a river and canal system to Lake Chad, which today has shrunk to less than 10% of its original size. This would enable us to irrigate a large part of the Sahel; we could create enormous agricultural acreage there to feed the population.

The Transaqua project must now also be connected to the so-called “Africa Pass” program (Figure 4). When we decided to put out the Mediterranean-Africa

9. See also *EIR* [special offprint](#), p. 44].

FIGURE 16

Africa Pass: Four Phases of Transport Corridors



Source: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/aiman.rsheed>

Development Program, to our delight we were contacted by an Egyptian engineer, Aiman Rsheed, who in January 2011, immediately after the Egyptian Revolution, had presented his vision for the development of Egypt. In that, as you can easily see, he was inspired by our images of the World Land-Bridge. Where today there is total desert and not a blade of grass grows, it could look like this in a few years.

Africa Pass is a huge program for the development of the great human potential of nine African states, for

the development of agriculture in areas which today are nothing but desert.

The first phase of this program (Figure 16) would be the construction of a huge modern seaport in Sidi Barrani in northwest Egypt, near the border with Libya, which would be linked with both the high-speed highways of the Maghreb, and with the countries of the Great Lakes region (Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, and North Sudan), as one transport corridor. This network would then—as I said—be linked through the Maghreb with tunnels to Sicily and Spain, and thereby integrated into the World Land-Bridge.

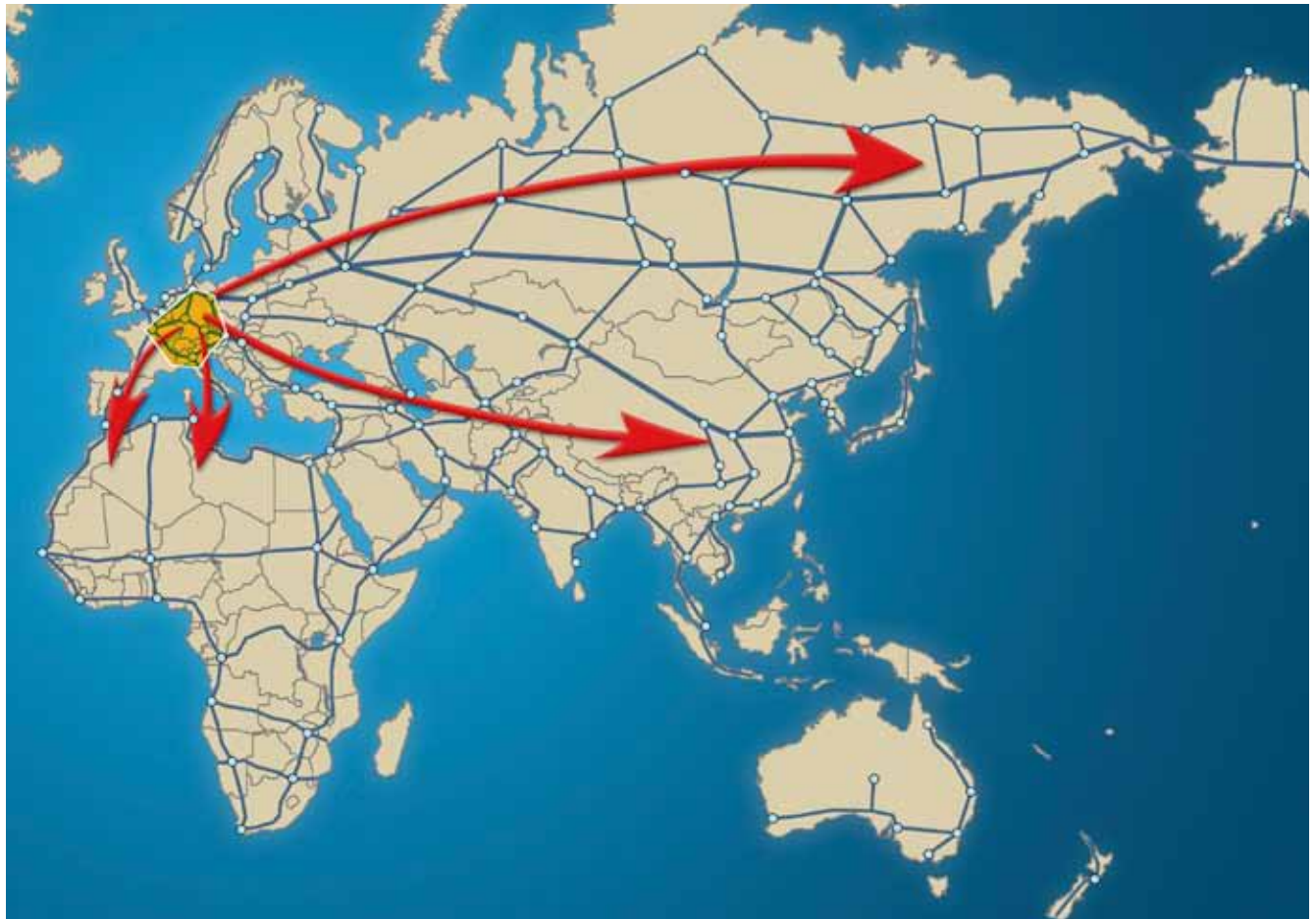
Along the Africa Pass corridor (Figure 5), five large new cities will be built at 250 km intervals, beginning with the Sidi Barrani port, where a modern container-handling site, industrial centers, and a large international airport will be built. Then it also makes total sense for a 40-meter-wide, 25-meter-deep irrigation canal to travel over 3,800 km, from the East Congo highlands all the way to Egypt. Thus, the Qattara Depression would be filled with freshwater from the Congo River. Seven hydroelectric plants are planned along this canal, utilizing the difference in altitude between

the south (1,500 meters above sea level) to the Qattara Depression (80 meters below sea level), for power production. The canal should also be built along with rail lines and highways, so that it can be used for ship transport.

Agricultural centers for food processing must also be set up. That is the key, because this region—the Sudans, Egypt, parts of the Sahel—have the most fertile soil in the world. We only need to get water there, nothing else, and we can have three or four crops per year.

FIGURE 17

Europe's Powerhouse Can Help Drive Global Development



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But we immediately need the appropriate infrastructure and food-processing centers, because otherwise the food would rot and be lost.

In the Qattara Depression alone, millions of hectares of arable land could be created, which would transform Egypt into a breadbasket. And there will be enormous hydrological effects from the great new freshwater lakes and new green areas: The climate would be moderated, the water cycle in the region would be raised due to increased rainfall, and the desert would be forced back bit by bit.

Nine African countries will be developed through this project, instead of remaining disaster areas, which you can see in pictures of the Sahel region, where dozens of millions of people die, without it even being reported. All you hear is: 20 million dead from hunger catastrophe in East Africa; another 20 million dead of

starvation in West Africa; and then you hear nothing more. Why not?

Instead, we could develop these countries and build modern agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy farming, and job-creating industries there.

As Egyptian engineer Rsheed said, Egypt has over 470,000 engineers today. Every year there are 20,000 high school graduates, and these people made the revolution, because they saw absolutely no future under the conditions of the previous Mubarak regime.

These people are the key not only to the transformation of Egypt, but for the beginning of actual development of Africa. This is the only perspective for the industrial nations and regions of Europe, the way we can secure our own sustainable future.

This pentagon (**Figure 17**) covers the areas we earlier named the Productive Triangle, but now we have

added Northern Italy and Switzerland. This is the powerhouse of Europe. Here we still find the greatest concentration of industrial capacity in the world. We must create a future where our interests as industrial nations and the interests of humanity coincide. We in Germany are indeed the world's export champions, but we also need to have a long-term perspective.

We should not complain that Africa is selling its raw materials to the Chinese, because the Chinese are doing what the Africans want the most, namely, real infrastructure development in return for raw materials. The Africans much prefer straightforward business dealings in the interests of both sides to sermons from the EU, in which there is a lot of talk about "good governance" and "human rights" and this and that, but at the end of the day, no development is achieved, but, to the contrary, IMF conditionalities block any development at all.

In the long term, we must therefore cooperate with Russia in the development of the raw materials in Siberia. The German small and medium-sized industries have a definite job to do in the development of infrastructure in Russia, Asia, Africa, and the Mediterranean. What we need are long-term, multilateral treaties of cooperation among sovereign governments, in which credit lines are designed over such a long term that the projects we've named here can be realized, the productivity of the labor forces involved will be raised, and in the long run, the purchasing power can emerge which these countries need in order to be economically viable.

We must rid ourselves of the idea of short-term profit, and switch to long-range economic development of the real economy.

Real infrastructure development and real technology transfer must and can begin immediately. This is the absolute moral test for Europe, on which the survival of Europe itself will also be decided.

To develop the Mediterranean, the Near East, and North and South Africa will give our nations not only a future-oriented, long-range economic perspective, but this is the actual alternative to the failed policy of the EU and the British Empire.

We have a choice: Either we form an alliance of sovereign states for an actual development perspective, or we will be drawn by the collapsing Empire into a war with Russia and China.

The Syrian Tinderbox

I would like to go into this danger again briefly, because it is very, very real. The most dangerous situation

at the moment is Syria. Whatever you hear in the media about Syria has nothing to do with what's actually happening on the ground, but very much to do with the Blair Doctrine.

Blair, in his famous 1999 speech, declared that international law had ceased to be valid—of course, he didn't say it outright, but *de facto*—and that military interventions throughout the world, under the pretext of humanitarian interventions, would henceforth be legitimate, starting immediately. This so-called Blair Doctrine was unfortunately adopted by the Obama Administration and is called "Responsibility to Protect." There is an institution there, the Atrocities Prevention Board, which is headed by Samantha Power, the wife of Cass Sunstein, a theorist of social engineering—i.e., how to change people's axiomatic belief structures through media campaigns, etc. This Board draws up lists of countries where human rights violations or anti-democratic acts are being committed, which can then be used as a pretext for intervening militarily.

That is precisely the case for Syria right now. This doctrine is the opposite of the so-called Putin Doctrine, which is explicitly committed to defense of national sovereignty and the UN Charter. Russian Prime Minister Medvedev, at a recent security conference in St. Petersburg, said that the violation of that doctrine could also lead to deployment of nuclear weapons. Chief of the General Staff Gen. Nikolai Makarov said the same thing in respect to the European missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic: that it could lead to deployment of nuclear weapons in Europe in a regional war.

There was an article in the English-language version of *Russia Today* about two weeks ago, which suggested that the situation in the Middle East, the Israeli threat to attack Iran, and the situation in Syria should be considered in the context of NATO's eastward expansion and the missile-defense shield in Poland and the Czech Republic. Maybe that is all part of a sinister plan. The article then pointed to the discrepancy between Obama's campaign promises and his acts.

The only reason this situation has not yet led to a world war, is that after the military strikes against Libya and the bestial murder of Qaddafi, it was not only Putin who made it absolutely clear that he would not accept any attack on Syria or Iran, but U.S. Chief of the Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey also stated repeatedly, in contrast to Obama, that Iran's government was rational, and it was possible to negotiate with them.

It is only because of Lyndon LaRouche, Putin, and Dempsey that the war danger has been postponed; but as I said, it has not gone away.

When my husband said for the first time, on April 9, 2009, that Obama had the psychological profile of the Emperor Nero, and when we then adorned a photograph with a certain addition, as you will remember, there was an outcry—including from members of our organization. People said that was really going too far, that he was, after all, President of the United States. In the meantime, LaRouche's assessment has been shown to have been right on the mark, and one can read the list of violations of the Constitution that Obama has committed in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and many other newspapers. Even in Europe, the message has gone out about the huge difference between Obama and the U.S. military.

The list of Obama's offenses, which has elicited relatively few comments until now, is long. *Der Spiegel*, at least, did mention that Obama decides personally, once a week, which terrorists are to be assassinated by drone attacks. The civilians who are murdered as "collateral damage" during the same attack are considered only people from Yemen or Pakistan, not worthy of comment by journalists.

U.S. military leaders have stepped on the brake, because they know what a thermonuclear war would mean. The military buildup in the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Mediterranean, since last Autumn, is more than enough to annihilate humanity. The Ohio class submarines, which are to all effects, stationed on the second line of defense in the Indian Ocean, are all equipped with strategic long-range missiles with nuclear warheads. Were even a faction of them to be deployed, a nuclear winter on Earth would ensue. Human life would be wiped out, vegetation would disappear, animals would not survive, and, as Kennedy once said, the people who died first in such a thermonuclear war would be the most fortunate, compared to those who continued to live for a while in such conditions.

In Syria, as we said, the situation is the most precarious. The Blair Doctrine is actually being played out there, and the media campaign is absolutely scandalous.

On the basis of many discussions we've had with experts from the Middle East, who have studied the situation in depth, there is no doubt about it: All the governments know that the problem is not the Assad gov-

ernment. There are many reports, including from Catholic nuns, Orthodox bishops, Alawites, and other religious leaders, which unanimously testify that ethnic cleansing could break out at any time if the Syrian Army is forced to retreat. They say that the people engaged in the insurgency are Libyan terrorists, mercenaries flown in from Libya, and al-Qaeda in Iraq members, who are financed by Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Although this is common knowledge, [talk show host] Anne Will asserted on her TV program that Assad was slaughtering children. This is black propaganda for the British Empire! We should not tolerate it any longer, because if there were a military intervention against Syria, it would lead to war with Russia; it would immediately expand to Lebanon, Hezbollah, Hamas, and of course to Iran, and a global war would be only a matter of time.

American patriotic forces are aware of this danger. This is why Republican Congressman Walter Jones submitted resolution H.R. 107, which states that if any President launches a war again without the consent of Congress, this would be grounds for impeachment.

The same principle was affirmed by Democratic Sen. James Webb, who is planning to introduce legislation requiring the President to seek Congressional approval before taking military action for so-called "humanitarian interventions."

Echoes of Watergate

The situation in America has almost reached Watergate proportions. There are several scandals in play, including the so-called "Fast and Furious" scandal involving arms shipments to Mexican drug traffickers, whereby the Executive branch, as with the Watergate affair, is trying to cover up the truth. Or the revelations about the so-called drone assassinations by Obama, which the press has reported. The Republicans demanded an investigation of how these revelations came about. It turned out to be part of Obama's campaign strategy, to present himself as a tough and strong President. But local anti-drug agents were endangered as a result. This will be further investigated. Obama also made the same mistake as Nixon, saying in a press statement that the White House had nothing to do with it. But the investigations are now leading directly to the senior staff in charge of Obama's campaign strategy. This could very quickly become his Watergate.

Thus we have a situation in which the fate of civi-

lization is hanging by a thread. On the one hand, there is this danger—the danger of war, of financial collapse—and on the other, an unprecedented mobilization for Glass-Steagall and NAWAPA [North American Water and Power Alliance]. In many European countries there are efforts underway to push through Glass-Steagall laws, such as the initiative of Sen. Oskar Peterlini in Italy, and many French economists who are thinking along these lines. The situation is similar in other countries.

We can say that it makes no difference

how the voting goes tomorrow in Greece: whether to exit from the euro immediately, or a little later—in any case, the financial system is hopelessly bankrupt. In this extraordinary, really unprecedented crisis of the human race, we have to get rid of the oligarchical system of the British Empire, and replace it with a Europe and a world alliance of sovereign republics that is based on a real construction program, with the idea that each person gets a job again and can earn a livelihood.

We need to expand the economic development program that I laid out, although of course I was only able to sketch its broad outlines. We will reach out to engineering firms, architects, urban planners, and others, asking them to help us to bring it about. That will only happen as a result of a broad mobilization of the population.

Stop the Culture of Globalization

Our program has to draw on the highest achievements of our culture: Greek antiquity, the Italian and Spanish Renaissances, the Ecole Polytechnique in France, and the German Classical period.

We must stop accepting the culture of globalization,



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"The current pop culture is so ugly and so degrading, that you have to call it a violation of human dignity." A soccer fan in Berlin, June 17.



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We must have a policy that would be acceptable in the eyes of the great humanists of history, Zepp-LaRouche said. Shown is a monument to the poets Goethe and Schiller (right), in Weimar, Germany.

which has now brought an existential crisis of civilization upon us. A society in which 10- to 12-year-old children take porn photos and send them out by cell phone, destroys these children for the rest of their lives. The youth culture is now mostly satanic, and the current pop culture is so ugly and so degrading, that you have to call it a violation of human dignity.

This must be replaced by a return to the humanistic view of man as the center of politics. We need policies that will allow everyone to develop his creative potential, because man's creativity is the most important resource, not only for the economy, but for society as a whole. We must have a policy that would be acceptable in the eyes of Plato, Philo of Alexandria, Augustine, Alfonso the Wise, Goya, Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Nicholas of Cusa, Joan of Arc, Madame Curie, Leibniz, and Friedrich Schiller—just to name a few: a policy that could withstand their scrutiny.

If we do that, and promote and bring to fruition our own creativity, there is absolutely no reason to be pessimistic; but we can proceed cheerfully to meet these challenges, knowing that we are bringing about a new era for mankind.

‘Tantamount to Treason’

You’ve seen that characterization before. It was precisely the one enunciated by Lyndon LaRouche in the Fall of 2008, when the outgoing Bush Administration, with the explicit blessing of Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama, rammed through the first massive taxpayer bailout of the debt-rotten banking system.

Since that time, trillions in support have gone to the banks—as the people and the real economy collapse. Now the European end of the system is leading the collapse, and the Obama Administration is at it again.

We publish here the bulk of the June 26 release by LaRouchePAC, calling for an all-out mobilization to stop this atrocity in its tracks. Join it now.

“Capitol Hill sources have confirmed that Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke are demanding that Congress prepare emergency legislation for yet another hyperinflationary bailout of the hopelessly bankrupt trans-Atlantic financial system. For the past week, the two men have been meeting secretly with leading Congressional Democrats and Republicans, demanding that they draft new legislation to bail out the banks on an even larger scale than after the 2008 collapse.

“According to several Congressional sources, Geithner and Bernanke have pledged that they will do everything in their power to flood European banks with bailout funds through the Federal Reserve, but they candidly admit that it may be impossible, and that Congressional action may be required. If the crisis hits, they warn, there must be legislation already prepared, because the speed and magnitude of the crisis may require extraordinary intervention to ‘save the system.’

“Lyndon LaRouche today denounced the Bernanke-Geithner efforts as ‘tantamount to trea-

son.’ ‘The current trans-Atlantic system cannot be saved,’ LaRouche warned. ‘The only option is the immediate reinstatement of the original FDR Glass Steagall Act. It must happen now!’ LaRouche warned that, as of June 28-29, the entire European financial system will explode. ‘Either Germany will hold firm and refuse to surrender the last vestiges of national sovereignty, or Europe will go into a hyperinflationary breakdown. It all hangs on Germany.’ German Chancellor Angela Merkel is under pressure from a swarm of British and Wall Street agents—from Geithner and Bernanke to George Soros—to agree to a German bailout of the entire euro system. ‘The reality is that the gambling debts of the European and Wall Street banks can never be paid. The only option is an orderly cancellation of all those trillions of dollars of gambling debts by reinstating Glass-Steagall.’

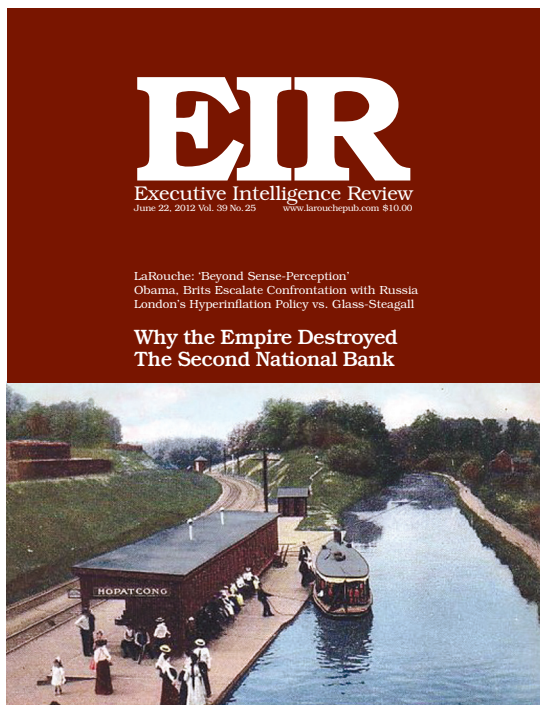
“Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) long ago introduced H.R. 1489 to reinstate Glass-Steagall. Her bill now has 69 co-sponsors from both parties. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker has been mobilized, on behalf of Geithner and Bernanke, to sabotage the passage of Glass-Steagall. . . . Now, Geithner and Bernanke are pushing for another even bigger taxpayers’ bailout of Wall Street and London’s gambling debts. . . .

“Lyndon LaRouche reiterated that the only option is Glass-Steagall. ‘Anyone who is not fighting for Glass-Steagall now is going to be judged a traitor to humanity. The only way to save the viable commercial banks is to end the bailouts and go back to Glass-Steagall. If Glass-Steagall is not passed into law now, we face the danger of total chaos, when the system comes crashing down. It could happen as early as the end of this week, as the European crisis reaches a break point.’”

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