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From the Managing Editor

In the tradition established by President Franklin Roosevelt in his famous “Fireside Chats,” Lyndon LaRouche delivered the sixth in his series of Friday webcasts—this, the first post-election such address, to speak personally, and directly, to the American people concerning the most urgent matters facing the nation (see *Feature*). While FDR spoke to a nation overcome with fear and pessimism, one which had been plunged into the gravest economic depression in its history, and which would soon face the prospect of world war, today’s American citizens seem largely stupefied and oblivious to the twin specters of economic catastrophe and global war that confront them. But, as LaRouche notes in his webcast address, the residents of New York and New Jersey, in particular, do not have the luxury of wearing the blinders that inhibit the vision of their fellow citizens. That ugly picture is amply and shockingly presented in *Economics*, where Marcia Merry Baker updates the ongoing, criminal unraveling of life there.

We also update the two major crises facing the nation and world at this precarious moment in history: The danger of global war is reviewed in *International*: “British Out To Detonate Middle East Explosion,” by Jeffrey Steinberg, exposes the role of President Obama’s evil British twin, Prime Minister David Cameron, in fueling the illegal regime-change war against Syria’s President Assad; in *National*, Paul Gallagher takes on Obama’s self-declared “mandate” to impose Greek-style austerity in the U.S., while LaRouche, in a “Policy Message: Hyperinflation Now Strikes!” reviews the “new, very grave danger about to strike the trans-Atlantic regions,” following the Presidential elections. There are also updates on Benghazi-gate; drug legalization moves; and the electoral breakthrough in the Texas Congressional race accomplished by Kesha Rogers.

In “China Is Completing the Greatest Water Project in World History,” Mary Burdman reports on the near-completion of the “greatest water project ever built by mankind” (*Economics*).

And, rounding out the issue, is Lyndon LaRouche’s “The Ancient Roots of Chronic Modern War. . . On a Subject of Ancient Antiquity” (*Strategy*), in which he invokes “an echo of the legendary, but nonetheless actual destruction of Troy,” as a cautionary tale for our time.



A photograph of a boatyard. In the foreground, a wooden boat is on the water, with a bicycle leaning against its side. Other boats are visible in the background, and a large yellow building is situated on a hill in the distance. The sky is blue, and the trees are bare, suggesting a cool season.

FEMA/Sharon Karr

Lyndon LaRouche's first post-election Friday webcast: "What's important about this presentation today, and about the presentations that will be made in the coming weeks, on the same schedule, is, not that we're going to qualify what *has* happened—I've already just said that. We're going to qualify what is *about* to happen.... What will happen in the United States is typified by what happened in New York City, but also the adjoining regions of that section, where people are still dying of the errors made by, in particular, the Obama Administration...."

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The Post-Election Prospects: Your Options Now

Lyndon LaRouche gave this webcast presentation Nov. 9, as part of his ongoing series of Friday evening webcasts, and his first following the Nov. 6 Presidential election. The event was moderated by LaRouchePAC editor Matthew Ogden, and a dialogue with viewers and listeners follows the keynote address, in which LPAC's Leandra Bernstein and Jason Ross joined the discussion. The complete webcast is archived at <http://larouchepac.com/webcasts2012>.

We've come into a point where the Obama Administration, and the outgoing, or not successful, Republican candidate, and Obama, have had the same rotten, stupid policy—which, unless they change that, is what they will do. But I do not discount the possibility of their changing their line, under the current conditions.

What's going to happen is, that both parties, in going into the final period of the campaign, have committed themselves to a program of supporting business interests, or the equivalent of business interests, at the expense of the rest of the economy. Now when we consider the fact that actual productive work has collapsed to a minimum in the U.S. economy, that people may be employed but they're employed with make-work, not really productive work—and that's a key problem. And with a business oriented-only kind of thing, it means that a terrible thing will happen to the U.S. economy and its people, if either of these were to be elected.

Now, one has been chosen—Obama—to be the next

President of the United States, as well as the present one. And that would be a catastrophe, considering the fact that Europe already is in a process approaching breakdown, a general breakdown crisis of western and central Europe, as a result of hyperinflation, already in progress there. It hasn't reached the full hyperinflation, but it's bad.

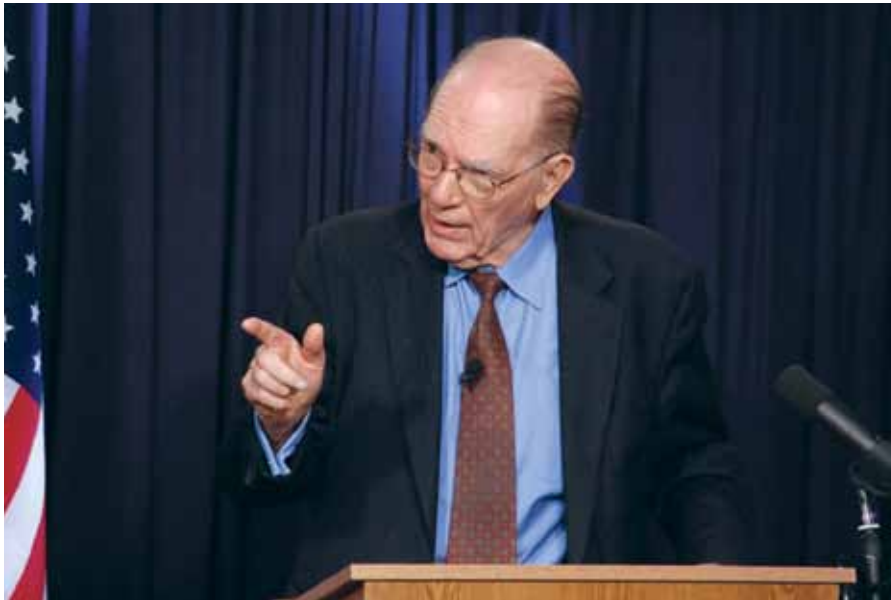
For example, Spain is almost out of business. Portugal is in distress. Italy is in jeopardy. And Greece is being murdered. And these are only typical of what's happening in Europe right now.

Now, what will happen in the United States is typified by what happened in New York City, but also the adjoining regions of that section, where people are still dying of the errors made by, in particular, the Obama Administration. Because what's happening is that the losses of life, and losses of conditions of life, in the New York City and adjoining areas, as in New Jersey and so forth, that these conditions are genocidal conditions. And the Obama Administration, which has just been reconfirmed, is committed to an austerity program under which there will be no effective relief for the New York City, as it had existed before, or the nearby New Jersey area, under the present times.

So that's where we are. We're in a catastrophe.

Obama: Blair's Puppet

Now, what's important about this presentation today, and about the presentations that will be made in



EIRNS/Stuart Lewis

Lyndon LaRouche addresses the webcast on Nov. 9, 2012. Both Obama and Romney have “the same rotten, stupid policy,” he said. “But I do not discount the possibility of their changing their line, under the current condition.”

a different form, but the same thing in the coming weeks, on the same schedule, is, not that we’re going to qualify what *has* happened—I’ve already just said that. We’re going to qualify what is *about* to happen. And that’s one of my specialties, in determining what is about to happen in the economy, which is something that neither the President, nor his recent rival, have any competence in dealing with.

And that’s the issue.

So, what we’re dealing with is Obama, who is actually a puppet of Tony Blair, the British Tony Blair. It was Blair that ushered Obama into the Presidency, as his protégé. It’s Blair who has been continually advising Obama on his policies; and it’s Blair who is the chief architect of the worst things that are happening in the entire trans-Atlantic community.

For example: You may recall that there was a case that came up, where Blair was key in it, where he insisted that there were secret weapons in Iraq, which were going to be deployed. And therefore, that the United States, and other powers in Europe, had to start a second war in Iraq. I was involved in that, with British officials in certain capacities, in discussing this matter, and we determined that there was no justification, in terms of these superweapons, that Iraq was going to start such a war. And Iraq never *did* start such a war, in fact. And the war went on and on and on, and not only

did it destroy Iraq, into the time of the Obama Administration, not only did it do that, but it created the situation for the entire blowup of the Middle East itself, including what happened in North Africa.

So, this is the man. Now, this fellow is a very significant figure, representing the British Empire, and believe me, friends, the British Empire still exists. For example, did you ever hear of the Saudi-British empire, the Saudi-American-British empire, which gave you 9/11, the first 9/11? And gave you a second one, in part, in what you’ve just seen in North Africa, and it’s continuing now.

So, this same Blair, Tony Blair, is guilty of a fraudulent creation of war involving the United States, and other forces, in a war which

was totally illegal, and based on a fraud. And this war, this fraud, which was orchestrated by Tony Blair, is the actual provenance under which Obama came into office. And that has been his character all the way through.

Now, technically, Obama is supposedly committed to an austerity budget. There’s no doubt he will try to do that. What will happen down the line may be different.

Now, this is the issue. This is the issue that’s going to carry into the coming weeks, and the coming years: That you cannot predict what’s going to happen on the basis of the past. And we’re in a period which is typical of that: You cannot forecast what the future of the United States or Europe is going to be, based on the past record.

Now the problem is that most forecasters, in the United States and elsewhere, on economic forecasting, have been failures. None of them has been competent in forecasting, actual forecasting. Because what they do, is they look at statistics, and take the statistical patterns which they read from the past, and apply those statistical patterns to forecast what they predict will be the future. That does not work. That would work on animals; it does not work on human beings.

The human species is entirely different than any other species which we know of existing in this universe. There may be something out there somewhere

that we don't know about, but no living species on this planet can be compared directly to people. The human species is the only species that has a voluntary capability to reshape the future, by making discoveries and decisions concerning discoveries, which could never be predicted on the basis of the past. It's the introduction of new principles, willful new principles, by mankind, which are responsible for the entire progress of the human species.

And it's that kind of, what we call creativity, which is unique to the human species, which is the only competent way in which we can have foresight of what the probable developments will be down the line.

We now have the defeated Republican candidate. We have Obama still in office, and renewed in office, if nothing happens to his career, and most people out there, including the so-called specialists, have, as usual, in my entire experience in forecasting, which goes back to the 1950s, in every case, including that case, exactly the opposite happened to what every statistical forecaster projected. In fact, in that case, in January or February of that year (1957), the auto industry collapsed, exactly on the date that I said it would collapse. And everyone among my rivals, in business of that time, the consulting business, was wrong. And I was right.

MacArthur Got It Right

Now, I'll give you another case of a guy who was right. It's rather interesting, because it's important to our case: Douglas MacArthur. Now, Douglas MacArthur was a young genius; his father was some kind of a genius, if you know about the history of his father's role in the Civil War. And Douglas became what he was; and he went into World War I for the U.S. in France, against Germany, in that period. And he was a genius. He rose from colonel to a high-ranking general in terms of esteem, in the short period of his career in France, because he always was able to outflank the German forces, who were more numerous than the forces at his disposal.

This came up later, and came up famously, in a later part of his career, after the brilliant work he did in organizing the defense of the Pacific Ocean, against Japan. Also at Inchon, in Korea—take the case of what he did there. And this was a case where he stood alone, against all his military colleagues, on making the decision to go into the Inchon inlet, in order to outflank the entire North Korean overrunning of virtually the entirety of what we call South Korea today. He was the only one



Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur in France, Nov. 3, 1918. His role in France during World War I, LaRouche states, was that of a genius, because he was always able to outflank the German forces, who were more numerous than the forces at his disposal.

that did it, and did it over the opposition of every one of his officers, and every other advisor. And he won.

So, therefore, Truman, at the first shot, had him thrown out of office, for that reason.

Then, what came into office at that time, in the same period, in a later phase of the Korean War, is that a man who had been trained under MacArthur, Eisenhower, began to campaign for the Presidency of the United States on withdrawing the U.S. forces out of the Korea War. And this continued.

Now it continued in such a form that, when we came to the late 1950s, the same thing happened; is that the bright people, including Charles de Gaulle, as well as others, great commanders, and men of *foresight* and *insight*, who have insight into the future, which is a natural potential of the human being, but unfortunately, because of the way our culture is run, we do not condition people to become creative. We condition them to learn how to behave as instructed, and that means that all forecasting, generally, most all forecasting, general forecasting, done by nations and groups within nations, most groups within nations, are flat wrong.

Because what they do is, they use statistical projec-

tions, based on recent past and earlier experience, and presume that statistics will show them exactly what the result is. And it never does.

Don't Listen to Financial Advisors

Now, we've come to a point of another forecast, the recent storm, which hit New York, New Jersey, and so forth, Sandy. Now, this thing is still going on. The death rate from Sandy is still in progress in New York City, and New York City areas. And nothing has been done, or nothing ever will be done, as it stands now, under this Administration—nothing ever will be done to restore the City of New York and adjoining areas—nothing. Obama has made that very clear as his intention. There will be no funding.

Now the other side of this thing, again, forecasting: We had a case of forecasting in Louisiana, where they had built a buffer system necessary to defend that whole coastal area against a major flood. Rhode Island had faced a similar threat, and had acted to build a buffer as had been done in the bay in Louisiana.

But the other side of the thing is, earlier, George Bush II—the dynasty, right?—George II had blocked the development of the bulwark defenses for the Louisiana area, and the great system that now protects Louisiana's coast, was put in following the incompetence of the Bush Administration.

And so the problem has been constantly that when people forecast, everyone says, no, that is not a necessary thing to do, when scientific information has indicated it *is* a necessary thing, as a precaution.

What's happened now, in the case of Sandy, the destruction in New York City and adjoining areas, will never fully be restored, as long as Obama is President. That's a forecast, and that's the price that was paid because we didn't listen to the forecasters, we listened to the financial advisors, and that's what has happened, and that's what is happening now.

So therefore, if Obama falls into his track, as in his



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After Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built this surge barrier in Louisiana; it was first used in a storm on Aug. 28, 2012, to close the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal and Lake Borgne. Something similar should have been done for other regions, such as New York City, but there was no funding.

track record now, we are not going to have ever restored, New York City and adjoining areas to what they had been over years before. And this is a *decision* made, so far, by Obama, the current President of the United States, and apparently the future one.

Similar kinds of things. And oh, the great one is, the great *New York Times*, which I sometimes refer to as the “Slimes,” if you know some of my experience with that little organ. They are now praising all the good things that are supposedly happening in the New York general area, when there's nothing really but net loss and death, guaranteed by President Obama, who has said that the funds for this will never be done.

Now, if the bulwark which was scheduled for New York City, which the mayor and others of New York City refuse to consider, had been used, the cost of that bulwark would be a fraction, a small fraction, of the cost which we're going to incur, without profit, without benefit, from New York City now. And people this day are still dying, because they are still in places, apartments, and so forth, where they have no access to anything, and the natural condition of the loss of food, and conditions of life in those places, especially for older people, they're dying. How many, I don't know. But it's going

on. The death has not stopped, and the *New York Times* is still spreading filth of denial in dealing with this.

So, the issue before us, the issue which you face, now, after the election, is, are you going to continue to cave in to authorities which have proven themselves to be of this character? Are you going to rely on people who make forecasts which are intrinsically incompetent from the outset? Not forecasts that are mistaken, but forecasts and guarantees which are intrinsically incompetent from the outset.

Forecasts, Not Hind-Casts

All right, so now what are we going to do? Well, first of all, we're going to have to have an insight into what the forecast is, for the future, not the usual forecast for the past. It's a little kind of funny thing there—the hind-cast—they call it a forecast, when it's actually, a hind-cast. They don't apparently know whether they are coming or going.

All right, so this is the issue. Now we all are facing conditions which, in terms of the press, in terms of many forecasters, or forecasting agencies—people don't know what they are talking about, or are neglecting it.

For example, both the Republican Party and the

Democratic Party, are, as of now, unless they change their opinion, as of now are going to cause a great disaster throughout the U.S. economy. The greatest disaster you can imagine. Now we already have millions of Americans, whose situation, who should be employed, who are hopeless. We have other Americans, who are employed, but they're employed in make-work jobs, not really productive jobs. Not ways that are going to improve the economy of the United States. And that's not bad, in a sense, because getting them jobs and paying them is better than starving them to death, of course. But they're not getting much better than that right now.

Now, health care: The cut in health care, which Obama demands, and which the Republicans do not oppose—that health-care policy will be a killer. It will be a mass killer. And when you take the depth which the vast cuts are going to take in these categories, you're going have a death rate in the United States produced by the forecasts made by Presidents and their candidates.

So therefore, you have to be concerned about the future. You have to find a way to understand what the future means, now in the coming several years even, and it's going to be a terrible future, unless you change it. And that's what our problem is now. And that's what we have to pay attention to.

So my job here, and in related functions, is to continue my function as a forecaster. And as many people know from the 1971 experience, for example, and certain other experiences, my forecasting has always worked. Now that doesn't mean I've forecasted everything that has happened. It means that, when I've committed myself to a forecast, it was right, on the terms I specified. And in a case like 1971, in Summer 1971, I was the only one who knew this,¹ and had forecast this as early as 1968. And we had argued this issue, about what was going to happen in 1968 on, and it happened in 1971, as I said it would happen, in the period I estimated it would happen.

So that is simply an example of the fact that competent forecasting is possible. And forecasting means, what do we have to do to solve the threats which are innate in the situation we face.

Now at present, western and central continental Europe is in the process of dying. That is, if the trend and policy trends which are established in the euro area, so-called, in Europe, are allowed to continue, the area

The Three-Point Program

LaRouche has recommended three policies required to reconstruct the U.S. economy. Often discussed in *EIR*, they are, in brief:

1. Restore Franklin Roosevelt's Glass-Steagall law in its 1933 form, to protect commercial banks from the gambling casino of investment banking, thereby wiping out trillions of dollars of speculative debts.

2. Institute a credit system, along the lines of Alexander Hamilton's National Bank, to replace the monetarist system and provide government credit for productive job creation.

3. Implement the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA XXI), an enormous project for water diversion from where it is too abundant to where it is desperately needed. Millions of jobs will be created.

1. LaRouche forecast the 1971 takedown of the Bretton Woods system under the Nixon Administration.

will die. These former nations, and I say former nations: Portugal—a former nation, Spain—a former nation, France—a former nation, Germany—a former nation, Italy—a former nation, Greece—a former nation, and so forth. These nations—former nations—are now faced with distress, an unbelievable rate of acceleration of inflation, which is going to cause mass death unless it's stopped.

We face a similar situation in the United States, but different. We face a similar situation in much of the world. The green policy, which has been developed since, essentially, the 1960s, the greenie policy which began to take over once we had assassinated our President [Kennedy] at the time. And therefore, if we don't change these policies, if we don't recognize what's wrong with them, we're not going to make it. There has to be a change in direction. We cannot accept—and no sane person who is responsible can accept the policy of the Republican Party as stated during the recent campaign. No sane person, unless they're stupid, could accept the policy of austerity, which the Obama Administration is determined to carry forth immediately. These are mass-murderous policies. This negligence, this policy.

Austerity Is Stupid, and Evil

Now, the point is, on top of this, Obama and the Republicans, in their policy for austerity, are also stupid, as well as evil. That's a very funny combination, isn't it? Because they're stupid, because they don't understand, and don't *wish* to understand, what an economy is, and what makes it.

You have a collapse—a hyperinflationary, accelerating collapse in western and central Europe, and in the United States—and you want to reduce employment to *business employment*? What are you—a clown or a murderer?

But that's what you've got. The Republicans came into this campaign as damned fools. And Obama was worse. Now, what's our responsibility here? What's our responsibility as mankind? What's my duty, as a person, as a citizen? What's my duty?

My duty is to prevent this thing from happening. My duty is to use my knowledge, my ability to forecast, to win a war, as MacArthur, who was a real winner—not with his fists, but with his mind. As he showed, throughout his career.



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"Mankind is the only species that can willfully increase its power as a species to develop the planet and beyond." Dealing with threats from asteroids and other cosmic events is a primary task for the next generation.

And our job is to find leaders in this nation, who will function with their minds, not with their fists, or their brute ambition. We have to recognize that money has no intrinsic value. How can you talk about the intrinsic value of money when hyperinflation is escalating in Europe, and also in the United States. You're talking about money? You say that money represents value? Money does not represent intrinsic value. It never did. Money's just a means of exchange. We don't have any measure of value in this case.

Value is the ability of mankind, essentially, to continue to survive, and to progress in that survival. Mankind is the only creative species that we know of on this planet. The only species that can *willfully increase its power as a species to develop the planet and beyond*. Now, we've got to come to a point where you have not only all the needs on the planet, you've got some other problems, which are not much spoken of, but they're right here now.

A Defense of Earth

There is a change in process, within the nearby parts of the Solar System; and this change in process means that we're getting more and more risk of having parts of our planet knocked out by various little pieces of asteroids heading down onto the planet. And it doesn't take much; one small piece, actually, can take out the whole

Bay Area of California, or area of New York, or other areas of that type. So we're facing a threat to humanity.

Now, this threat to humanity goes beyond everything that these guys are talking about. If any of these people—including the Obama Administration, or the Republicans, had any brains at all, they would know that Obama was worse than a damn fool, for cutting NASA. Because, if we are threatened—as we are—by asteroids and things like that, which are cutting through the orbit of the Earth at all times, and at any unlucky time, can hit the Earth itself. And they do hit the Earth repeatedly, usually very small pieces, which get burned up in the atmosphere, or something which is minor in terms of its collision.

But we also face—and leading scientists of the United States have recognized this danger since the late part of the 1970s and early 1980s—that the importance of defense of Earth against asteroids, and similar kinds, and comets—which can also be extremely deadly. We have no significant defense against these threats.

Now the best thing we have here on this, is we sent a recent Curiosity installation to Mars. Now that's not going to solve the problem, but it represents the kind of action which has to be taken, on a higher level than Curiosity itself, in order to deal with some of this problem. Because it's only by the degree that we can operate *from* Mars to Earth, and build up a system of defense—first of all, to locate where these rocks are, to intersect them, to deflect them, so they will not hit Earth, will pass through the orbit of Earth, but we will deflect them. And that may take several years to do. You start to push this thing some years ahead, and you have pushed it out of the way of Earth by the time they come into that pattern. And that's one of the other things—we can blow these things up, and fragment them, and they become less dangerous. But the point is, we've got to do it.

Now, when Obama shut down much of NASA, Obama condemned a lot of human beings to potential nasty death. That's not a very patriotic or very President-like action. We need more than NASA, we need the complete restoration of NASA, and also further things, further measures which enable us to identify these rocks. And we don't even know where 90% of these rocks are, within this space, between the Mars orbit and the Venus orbit. And we have to find that out. Scientists have been employed in studying this matter for some time, for now, about 30 years. But we still are making little progress, because we need to actually get out—that doesn't mean we are going to put people on

Mars, but we're going to put instruments on Mars and we're going to build instruments, and deliver them there, which will be useful to us in isolating these threats, for a defense of Earth.

Now my operation in this connection, goes back to the 1970s, when I got involved in precisely this question, through my concern about defense against nuclear weapons and thermonuclear weapons. And that led me into playing a rather significant role at one point, in developing a defense system, a space-based defense system against various kinds of man-made and other threats. So that technology has been in progress, but very little progress over the intervening years. You know, one of our Presidents [Reagan] took a very serious view of this matter, and did support it. Others have supported it.

But we now have to realize that we're not limited in our problems, to those problems which exist within the confines of Earth itself. We're also threatened by these other conditions for which we are doing very little, or almost nothing. And we should. We must. This means that we have to go beyond the limited science we applied to Earth problems, and we must now go to a higher level of science, which can see problems we have to deal with, within the nearby area of our Solar System. And that is one of the objections—we have nothing going now, in general, on this planet—especially in Europe, in the Americas—we have nothing going now, which really is addressing, not only the kinds of *new problems* which we face on Earth, as we should see from the weather problem—Sandy—which is a new problem, and portends other problems of that nature. We're not even doing that. But we also have to plan now, because it's going to take some years, to develop the kinds of systems necessary to prepare for the defense of Earth against this great mass of mostly unknown, but known to exist, satellites. And that's where we have to go.

We Will Defend the Future of Humanity

Therefore, the important thing now—okay, the current President of the United States is utterly incompetent. That is, he is not competent to perform his function in leading the defense of the nation, or the defense of the planet. He's not competent because he's sabotaged the little things we did have, in terms of NASA, the little things we did have, which were the basis for actually developing a defense against these kinds of problems. He's not willing to put anything into that, just as he's not willing to put anything into preventing some-

thing like what happened in New York City, New Jersey, and so forth under Sandy.

And therefore, these concerns—and those of us who have these concerns, unlike this President and his rival, those of us who have these concerns, must continue to build, in private and in public, for the support of the things that are needed to defend this nation, to defend this planet's life, and to defend this nation against the dangers from nearby planets. These are missions that we must take on now. And we will be doing this every week, as we have been doing it during the period of this campaign. We will be dealing with this problem, and related problems. And we will present our insights and our solutions. And I can say, fairly, my special capabilities and skills will be available to defend this nation, this planet, and the future of humanity.

Thank you.

Dialogue with LaRouche

Leandra Bernstein: Lyn, there have been a lot of people who have been eagerly waiting for your analysis of the most recent election. And so I would like to ask the first question on the composition, the make-up of the new Obama Administration. I think that people have gotten the recent news from this afternoon that Gen. David Petraeus, Director of the CIA, just resigned from office, apparently over an extra-marital affair. *Apparently.*

Now, what has been in the background of just that case in particular is, for one, the increasing use of the CIA as a secret war appendage, through the use of drone warfare.

The other issue that has come up, is that Petraeus was going to testify in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on the issues of Benghazi, in this coming week. So these are also in the background.

But I would like to get your thoughts on the make-up of the incoming Obama Administration; for example, Hillary Clinton is going to leave. There are questions about who is going to take the position of Secretary of State. There is a lot of wishful thinking about really hoping for change in the new Obama Administration. So there is a lot of wishful thinking that perhaps, he could change. For example, Democrats continuing to associate themselves with Obama, ride his coattails, for example.

So I would like to get your thoughts on each of those elements. Put to rest some wishful thinking, hopefully.

LaRouche: Let's start with the case of Susan Rice, who in four addresses after the event had happened in Benghazi, lied her head off, repeatedly. Now, she is listed as one of the probable replacements for Hillary Clinton in the State Department. Do you want this lying creature to be the Secretary of State?

Now, there's contention. There's another Senator [John Kerry] who would like to become the new Secretary of State, and he did some things which I would say were unforgivable. He has his excuses—let's call them the rationalizations. But first of all, what he did was a violation of our Constitution: that the President has no right to go out and make war on his own say-so. And the fact that he involved a candidate-Secretary of State in this swindle, does not excuse him or exculpate him at all! He's guilty!

So therefore, this is typical of the kind of problem we have.

You know, Hillary Clinton had her problems with this business, and it was a big mistake, as I was concerned for her, *ever* to accept the Secretary-ship of State. She should have stayed in the Senate. And if she'd stayed in the Senate, she would have been, really, a fly in the ointment of the enemy. And if she would have done that, we wouldn't have the Obama problem; if she had made that smarter move, just gone out and done what she could do very well, to bring this guy down! She knew what he was. He was an evil thug; he was not a true American, in the sense of his loyalties. He's a British creature of the worst type; they created him out of mud or something. And this is the issue.

What has to happen is, that the very fact that will be used against Obama, and against those Republicans who do something similar, is the fact that there are forecastable conditions, which are now being generated, and *I shall report them*. Because that's a weapon I have. My forecasting is much better than theirs, and they're going to have a little trouble with me, unless they behave themselves. And therefore, it's important that we look at these things from that standpoint.

Just think of this, putting Susan Rice in as Secretary of State, after the lies on four occasions, that she spread all over the country, when the evidence was there, clear, and she was in a key position of the Administration's complements! In terms of the United Nations Organization? You'd trust *her*, who told these lies repeatedly, when there was no basis for them at all? While the Pres-



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice gave repeated interviews in the aftermath of the Benghazi attack, claiming that it “began spontaneously” and was “not preplanned.” This one was on Sept. 16. She was lying, and everybody in the Administration knew it.

ident was just sneaking there, out behind the bushes, and smirking, and watching. *He lied*, by not intervening! She lied, openly! And a woman who lied in connection with an assassination of agents of the U.S. government, in a war which should not have happened, because it was not authorized by Congress!

It was in illegal war; it's an impeachable offense. He's *still* impeachable for it. *Obama is still impeachable, for that.* And don't forget it. Nixon was actually lightly hit, compared to this case.

And we know what he was doing: Tony Blair. Obama is nothing but a stooge for Tony Blair. That's his record: If you look at the ins and outs of Chicago by Tony Blair, as a headquarters of the Obama family, that's how it was run. And this is a scandal which has to be rubbed in fully, in order to do something about getting things in place.

The policies of the both parties, in this case, are not tolerable, because they mean an increase of the mass death rate, of American citizens.

The Evil of Environmentalism

Jason Ross: So, your view of man in the universe is under attack, obviously. Children in school are taught that human beings are a plague on the planet; there's too many of us. This sort of goes everywhere.

I just wanted to read this; this is kind of creepy. This is from the Democrats in the [House] Energy

and Commerce Committee. They wrote that, “Hurricane Sandy is exactly the type of extreme weather event that climate scientists have said will be more frequent and more severe, if we fail to reduce our carbon pollution.”

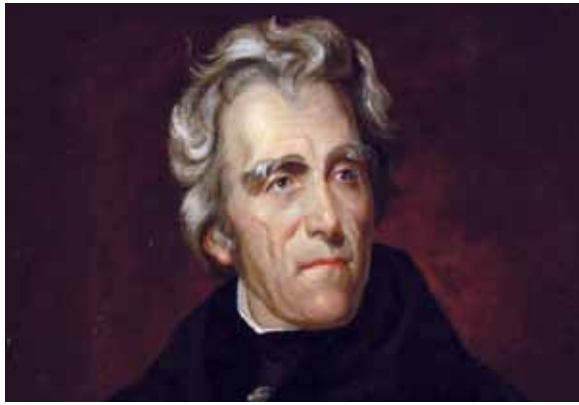
Now, I'm not sure if climate scientists were predicting “exactly” this type of hurricane—obviously they weren't—but this quote is an example; you also see it with [New York Mayor Michael] Bloomberg's view that it's not practical to build defenses out in the water around the city. Or, the view of some other scientists who say, “Well, Mother Nature's bigger than us, so however big a wall we build, there could always be a bigger storm.” Or even raising the totally academic question, “Since we would have to make a decision of who gets to be behind a flood wall, and who doesn't, this deserves serious thought, and it might be some form of racism to even build it.”

Now, so these are obviously ridiculous things. But I think what's behind a lot of this, certainly behind the comment from [U.S. Rep. Henry] Waxman about carbon pollution and global warming and climate change and all this nonsense, is that it has behind it the idea that there is some sort of natural stasis, that unaltered by mankind, somehow our surroundings are better



New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg tours a Brooklyn neighborhood on Nov. 5, in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy (Oct. 30). Bloomberg rejected the idea of building barriers to the storm surge: “Even if you spent a fortune, it's not clear to me that you would get much value from it,” he said on Nov. 2. “What we have to do is learn, and it would be great if you didn't put your generators in the basement.”

Video from Mayor Bloomberg's Office



that way, inherently—like it's the perfect Garden of Eden, and any change that we make is necessarily bad.

With that view in place, it's very difficult—it's impossible!—to take the approach that you're urging with the role of NASA, for defense of the Earth against asteroids, to take the role of actively shaping our surroundings for our well-being and for our benefit. So, I'd like to know if you had anything you could say about this evil of environmentalism?

LaRouche: Yes. Well, environmentalism is clinically insane or a fraud, one of the two. That's the only two ways you can get that. Look, we have maps and so

forth, going back some millions of years, of the animal life and other forms of life on this planet, and we have some intimations about the relationship of that to other parts of the galaxy we're involved in. So, there has never been a case in which a species, by lowering its energy-flux density, and also its numbers, has ever occasioned a survival. Every case that has attempted that, in some case of these dumb species which may have seemed to have done that, like the dinosaurs, is dead. Is extinct.

So the policy of reducing population is fraudulent. There is absolutely no scientific truth whatsoever in defense of environmentalism.

There is environmentalism of a different kind, which is changing the environment, bolstering it, developing it, to increase its energy-flux density, in terms of living growth, and things like that. So this is entirely a fraud, it's a hoax, and you should look at some of the minds of the people who advocate this: They are not fit to lead.

And what is the process? Let's take it, real cold-blooded: What is the Green



Richard Gifford



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"The Green policy is officially, and has always been officially, a policy of the Queen of England or her predecessors"—and some corrupt U.S. Presidents have been part of the operation. Clockwise, from top: President Andrew Jackson (painting by Thomas Sully, 1824); Tony Blair; President Theodore Roosevelt (painting by John Singer Sargent, 1903); Queen Elizabeth.



policy? Well, the Green policy is officially, and has always been officially, a policy of the Queen of England or her predecessor. What is the Queen's policy? What did she say, repeatedly, publicly, internationally, again and again and again? Her intention is to reduce the present population—human population of the planet—from 7 billion persons, estimated, to 1. Or nearly 1.

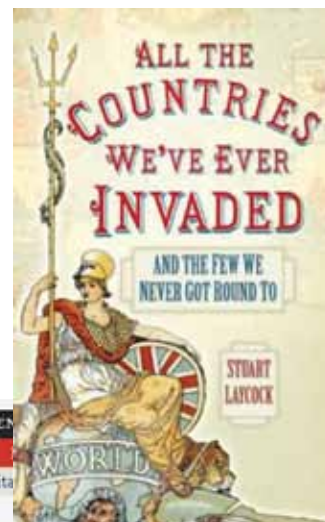
The policy has been, ever since that British pig, Theodore Roosevelt, has been to reduce the environment, to reduce the production of value.

Humanity's function has been, not only to live. The behavior of mankind has actually been the source of sustenance of *all species on this planet*, as a generality. So, the Green policy is nothing but one, big, damned lie. And if you look, it came from people, like—well, let's get into that. We know the people who are responsible for this policy—it is a standard British policy. It was the policy of the Roman Empire. The policy of the Roman Empire was periodic exterminations of unwanted people: Population control. Disease was spread, for that purpose.

And the problem for these guys, is, that the founding of the United States, despite the bums that we've had as some of our Presidents, and so forth—we have been, from the beginning of our settlement of North America, as in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from that point on, the United States as it emerged from that kernel, under the influence of Nicholas of Cusa, who founded the whole idea of doing it, that development in the Americas, out of Europe, has been the greatest boon to the people of Europe and elsewhere, since. Because we maintained a standard which the others had to somehow measure up to. And that has given us a greater freedom; the conditions of life of people have improved by the impact, the very impact of the United States.

And the threat that the United States' influence would come into people who were struggling for freedom. We were the nation which was the most committed of all to human freedom. We may have regressed under corrupt Presidents, such as Andrew Jackson, a bum we much regret. *But*, we, as a people, have been the inspiration for people of the planet. And it's our high rates of growth, and not just growth of numbers of people, but growth in terms of the conditions of life of people, the improvement of the conditions of life—

Stuart Laycock's new book, documenting that 90% of the countries of the world have been invaded by Britain over the course of history, is getting big play in the London press, including this coverage in The Telegraph on Nov. 4.



until Teddy Roosevelt came along, who was actually a British agent, and started a reversal of this policy, in the beginning of the 20th Century.

And so, therefore, the argument is fraudulent. Reduction of population and lowering of the energy-flux density, especially, the lowering of the energy-flux density of human throughput, is the best way to cause a mass extinction of the human species. And people who have that policy, should be examined for mental infirmities.

The British Empire

Bernstein: I have a follow-up to that question, and I would like to challenge you, as to whether it's simply mental infirmities or pure evil.

There was recently a column published in the British press, stating that an academic actually put the num-

bers together, and came up with the figure of 90%, which is the number of countries currently in existence that have, at one time or another, been taken over by the British Empire. So, in this context, I'd like to point to fact that the election of Obama represents, in reality, the fourth Presidential term of Tony Blair. . . .

Now, there are other aspects as well, including Obama's health policy, but more important, I think, in international relations, is the interventionist policy; what is well-known as a Blair policy, initially outlined in a 1999 Chicago speech, on the international community, where sovereignty becomes an issue of responsibility. The responsibility in the event of genocide, mass starvation, other events, of an outside force, an international force, coming in to intervene into the affairs of an otherwise sovereign nation. . . .

So, that much being said, and this being the fourth term of Tony Blair in office in the United States, I'd like to know what can be done in this context? This obviously requires a drastic change. The issues of NATO, currently, if the United States were to prevent, for example, an escalation on the Syria-Turkish border, we would have to go head-to-head with NATO, with Great Britain.

So, my question to you: What are we going to do about it?

LaRouche: Well, we're going to have to do something about it, because otherwise, we're not going to have a human population; we're not going to have a human species. So therefore, we're going to something about it. We have to.

This whole business about the British Empire—people don't understand it. Even most of the history that's taught doesn't really understand that. What's convenient—there are many ways that we have access, for example, my own experience and studies of these things, going back to much earlier periods, than the siege of Troy. And that has all a separate history, including the Middle East history, and so forth. And from the area of what is now India, when the waters were lower, you had a very important culture in India; now it's under water, these areas are under water. Great rivers that were once there are now desiccated, essentially.

But the key thing is the case of Troy, because Troy is a crucial case, which shows how what's called the oligarchical system was developed, how it developed from many different kinds of sources and experiments. There was a drive at some point, toward establishing a single empire over the area of the Mediterranean Sea. This quest, which actually started in a sense, with the siege of

Troy, and when Troy was conquered, by the Horse's rear-end that got in there, the people of Troy were slaughtered, mostly, except some old men and children.

Now, out of this process, there came a sequel, which we know very well, as the Mediterranean sequel, northern Mediterranean sequel in particular, and so this became the system of all empires, including what led into the formation of the initial Roman Empire. And the Roman Empire was a continuation of this whole process, a revision of the whole process. All European history since that time has been essentially an offshoot of the Roman Empire.

Now, this is not a collection of people who are conquered; what this was, was a destruction of all opposition to conquest. And the British Empire is the present, and we hope so far, final, version of this system of empire.

But the problem we face today is not merely the history of the empire, the imperial system, which went from Rome, to Greece again, back to that; then to the first Venetian system, and then to the second Venetian system. And the second Venetian system was called the New Venetian system, which was the foundation of the British Empire.

So there's a continuous thread of development of imperialism, which finally ended up in Britain. And it went through a process which started with William of Orange and his crew, and his descendants. And in 1763, we got this treaty agreement which established the British Empire, not in Britain itself, but throughout the world. And later, the reforms which occurred inside the United Kingdom, we made a transfer so that actual England, or Britain, became part of the new Roman Empire; or the New Venetian Empire, whatever you want to call it.

Because of the influence of Nicholas of Cusa, who suggested that the solution for this problem, would be to cross the oceans, and to make contact with people on the other side of the shore of the oceans, and to develop a system which could be civilized, as opposed to the European continent.

Breeding People

So the point has been that we have a history, a cultural history, of overlords and slaves, or peasants or whatever. And that has been the system. Now, what happens is, when you raise—like you raise animals, this has an effect, breeding animals. You breed animals, and you breed to type. The effort is made to breed people to type; we kill the people who don't conform to your specifications: You destroy the education, which

you don't want the people to have; you have the system like the Roman Empire, and it's very much like an election campaign these days in the United States.

You have great mobs of people who have no idea what the hell they're talking about. They get into these great rallies, called Presidential campaign rallies—they have no idea what they're talking about. Most of these people who voted had *no idea* in the world of what they were talking about. They just got sucked into this. And it's like the Roman arena, where a Caesar, sitting in the middle of the great arena, or the Colosseum or so forth, would then, at a certain point, while they're going to crucify somebody or get the gladiators to kill, and they would have a call out, "thumbs up," or "thumbs down," on each choice—each choice, a game was played.

And that's pretty much what our national election campaigns have come to look like. People who go into these campaigns have *no idea* what they're talking about. They have no idea what they're being *talked at*, by this point. They couldn't explain it if they wanted to. They don't know what's important and what isn't. They believe that what they're being told in the press or something else, is what's important. They pay no attention to other things which actually are decisive. They're brainwashed. And the brainwashing comes as a tradition of, in particular, the Roman Empire tradition and its effect on the world.

The British Empire today, is a British Empire. It's also a British-Saudi Empire. Let's take the crucial case that makes the point: 9/11—two versions. One version, by the Bush family; another version, by Obama, the second one, in Benghazi. It was done on 9/11. It was done by Obama, specifically, to fit the characteristics of 9/11, Sept. 11.

And that was done. And nothing was done about it. And Susan Rice *lied*, lied through her teeth. Remember, her rank, as a UN representative of the United States. And she got out there and repeatedly lied. The President's press spokesman lied, or told the lie without knowing what he was doing.

Obama let this go: He lied. He evaded, but he lied. And the people who believe him were fools.

Did the people of the United States have any opportunity to select a Presidential choice *of their own choice*? Or, were they given some razzmatazz, and misled? And you found the people who were the least educated were the ones who found Obama most popular. The poor young people, who have had the poorest education, the poorest jobs, the poorest cultural level.

And this has been a farce. Because the idea of popular is not good; the idea of good should be made popular. They got it backwards. Everyone should have a high-quality education; every child should have that. Every child should have some understanding of history. Every child should know what the Roman Empire, the kind of evil it represented, and what the British Empire today represents. That's the American tradition.

We knew the British were evil. And we tried to defend ourselves against that evil. And we made a great population; we made, in the Civil War, a *great defense* of the United States against the British Empire, which was what the Confederacy was. And therefore, that's the problem.

Popular Opinion Stinks

We talk about "popular opinion." Well, popular opinion, the way it's run now, stinks. You have a press that lies, you have entertainment which is disgusting and depraved. And it goes from one depravity to another, in order to give you "variety of taste."

This is what you want to call a "democratic system"?

Let's call it a republican system, and I don't mean the Republican Party. I mean a republican system, in which the people of the United States are given access to the specific knowledge they need, in their part in choosing their representatives. The people of the United States, in this case, were given virtually *no* access to the truth. And voted for what they were passed out to choose, not what was the *truth*.

If they had known what was done in New York, in not putting up that buffer, what the swindle was on that case, and the number of people that have died on Staten Island and elsewhere, which is only a *beginning*, of the wave of death from disease and other causes, which is going to occur *in* the New York area as a result of what happened in the storm. Where the area outside of Rhode Island, other areas, as now in Louisiana and so forth, where the defenses have been put up, and economical solution was provided. *If that had been done*, if that bulwark had been placed in the area of New York, the *tragedy would never have happened*.

And now these guys say they were "saving money," by not doing that, not building that bulwark. Yes, but how much is it going to cost *to repair* the damage, that could have been prevented at a lower cost? So what kind of a degenerate is the mayor of New York? Or, is he just some damned fool? Silly, old fool?

No, the truth of the matter has to be faced. You can't

come in with terms, and say, “I’ve got this evidence, this evidence, and this evidence,” and *leave out* the most crucial evidence. You say, the people made an intelligent decision? The people made a *stupid* decision.

But they weren’t given any chance, or assistance, in making an intelligent decision. The responsibility of government, of a democratic, elected government, is that the people have the *right to have the information on their own terms*. What they *want*, to find out they *should* want, to find out what’s available, and not to have some large audience, where people come in half-drunk, or drunken on the spirit of the occasion, and make silly decisions.

The people who voted for Obama, were mostly just, plain silly people. And you say, “our silly people have voted for this guy.” But we made them silly.

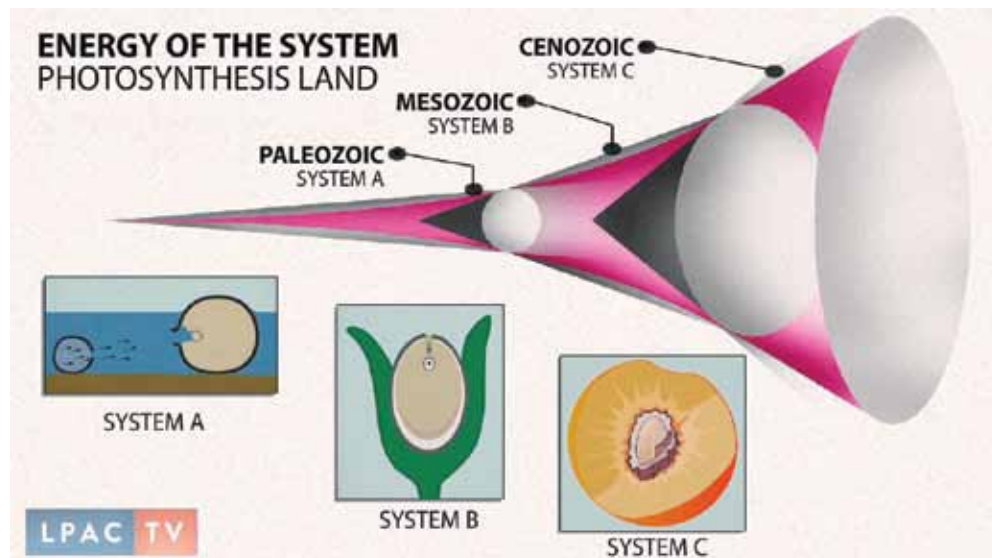
Mankind Is an Immortal Species

Ross: Well, speaking of silly thoughts, you’ve mentioned a few times tonight, the difference between business, and national economics, where you had written in one of your recent papers that what people understand, say, for example, what Romney meant by his understanding of “business,” bore little relation to any of the important issues actually facing our nation. This might seem like a simplistic question, but, could you expand on, how it is that running a nation is different from running a business?

LaRouche: Well, let’s go to our famous chart of the growth of species (**Figure 1**), of the variety of species, and knowing that species always proceed in going from lower capabilities, to higher. And so therefore, the Green policy is against nature. And *naturally*, you can not support a Green policy.

So, the problem here, is, people believe in money. They’re brainwashed to believe in money. Now, money has no intrinsic value, none. It’s simply a means of exchange, which is properly controlled by a government, because you have to have a political institution which

FIGURE 1



has the authority to enforce these standards.

That is, it’s like a health standard, like health code: You could call it a mental-health code, which is what it’s supposed to be. The student is supposed to be educated; the student is not supposed to be educated according to somebody’s predetermined “Well, this kid only gets this kind of education, he gets only this kind of opportunity,” and so forth—no. The idea of freedom. Every child must be given an opportunity, an optimal opportunity, to develop as an adult of some consequence. Not just of some consequence, but of some ability to develop themselves further, to make some innovation in the course of their life which is beneficial to society.

You know, the idea of humanity is not a succession of you pop a baby out of your belly! And then the baby takes over, and you’re left behind. That system is not a very good system.

Look, we’re now in a century: A century is generally divided by 25 years today, for each generation; so you have four generations. And so, therefore, the process of society, the process of the human species, is a progress of a species, which is represented by the advances made by successive generations, and therefore the policy of the society is to ensure the advancement of these successive generations.

Meaning, we’re now in a place, you know the ultimate thing that we face is, that at some time, the Sun is going to blow up. And long before the Sun blows up, about 2 billion years from now, estimated, we’re going to have to move mankind to a safer place. Now, man-

kind today is in no condition to be moved to any place, and has no capability of doing so. But, if mankind is increasing its level of *energy-flux density*, per capita and per square unit of territory, then the human species is progressing in its power to exist, as we see now, as we're exploring space. We're now in a position, where we're able to actual think, say, a century from now, to at least do that, to get into there. So that if we talk about millions of years, the progress of the species, in 25 years for each generation, means that the progress of mankind will accelerate, not simply increase, but *will accelerate*. And it will correlate with the energy-flux density per capita, which is expressed.

Mankind, a thousand years from now, will be far more capable of dealing with the universe, than man today, if we do the right thing. Our objective is not to see each child and parent as something different, like it was something like an egg laid for self-development.

Mankind is an immortal species. That's the nature of mankind, is to be an immortal species, which, through successive generations is advancing as a species. The only species which can do that. All other species are not capable of doing that, only the human species can do that, of all the species known to us. Therefore, a parent

and a child and a grandchild are not different, separate interests. Those generations are a combined interest, and every part of the generation has a common, shared interest in that process. That's mankind.

And therefore, the education of mankind, the development of mankind, is to get every child to feel, "I am important. I am, of my parents' generation, and I will give forth a generation. And our generations will be stepping stones in progress for all humanity." This makes us an immortal species. We may not be immortal in ourselves, but our species will be immortal, and that's our objective. And therefore, we have to develop the powers, the capabilities, not only to meet our responsibilities, our moral responsibility to other people, on this planet, but to move forward, to take more and more charge of the Solar System, and to go beyond that. And when we've gone beyond taking charge of the Solar System, we're ready for the terrible thing that's going to happen to the Sun, sometime in the future.

But that should be our sense of what our identity is: We are a creative species, like no other species ever known to exist. That is our nature. That is our obligation. That is our morality. And that's what we have to fight for.

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British Out To Detonate Middle East Explosion

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Nov. 12—Within hours of the announcement that President Barack Obama had won a second term on Nov. 12, British Prime Minister David Cameron moved to pull the Middle East trigger on a global war. While touring the region, from Saudi Arabia, to Kuwait and Jordan, the British leader announced plans to escalate the military campaign to overthrow the Bashar Assad government in Syria, by boosting arms shipments, including heavy weaponry, to the Syrian rebels.

Associated Press reported on Nov. 7, that the British and French had been anxiously awaiting the outcome of the U.S. Presidential contest before moving to deeper NATO engagement to oust Assad. With Obama's re-election, AP reported, the path was cleared for much more direct military engagement by the West to carry out regime-change in Syria. Among the measures being planned, in addition to the escalation of weapons flows, was the creation of a "liberated zone" inside Syrian territory, along the border with Turkey, and the deployment of U.S. advanced anti-aircraft and missile-defense systems to southern Turkey.

To present a credible face on the Anglo-French and American drive to remove Assad by force, a collection of Syrian rebel leaders was brought to Doha, Qatar for a week-long meeting, ostensibly aimed at forging a credible, representative, and unified opposition. For months, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and others had made the case that the nominal Syrian opposition leadership, the Syrian National Council, was not

credible or representative of the myriad of Syrian groupings all seeking regime-change.

In reality, following the assault on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya on Sept. 11, 2012 by al-Qaeda-linked Libyan neo-Salafists, resulting in the murders of U.S. Amb. Chris Smith and three American intelligence officials, the deep penetration of the Syrian opposition by the same Jihadist networks became such a point of embarrassment, that something had to be done to shake up the Syrian opposition.

According to one eyewitness source, the gathering in Doha was a joke. American officials from the State Department and elsewhere attended every meeting, making it impossible for the Syrians themselves to resolve anything. Amb. Robert Ford, the top U.S. diplomat to Syria, was ever-present.

On Nov. 12, a "new" Syrian opposition leadership was announced, headed by Ahmed Moaz al-Khatib, a Sunni cleric who once led the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus. Until his departure from Syria in July of this year, Khatib was known to be close to the Assad government, as well as to the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

The day that the Khatib anointing was announced, Philip Hammond, the British Secretary of State for Defence and Chief of Staff, announced that the U.K. was prepared to launch direct military action against Syria, perhaps before the end of the year.

In itself, the British announcement was a joke. Following years of severe austerity, the British armed



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U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron (shown here addressing the UN in September), on a visit to the Mideast, announced plans to escalate regime-change operations in Syria by increasing arms shipments to the rebels.

forces have been reduced to near impotence—with the exception of a primarily submarine-based nuclear-weapons capability that has been largely integrated into the U.S. Apache class fleet of submarines armed with SLBMs (submarine-launched ballistic missiles) with thermonuclear warheads.

What is significant about the British announcement is the clear signal of intent to go for a direct military confrontation between Western powers and the Assad government.

At a press conference on Capitol Hill in September, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson (USA-ret.), former chief of staff to Gen. Colin Powell (USA-ret.) at the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the State Department, warned that any U.S. attempt to create a no-fly zone over Syrian territory could trigger a general war. Russia, he warned, would provide ally Syria with advanced air defense systems, creating the possibility of direct clashes between the two military giants.

Netanyahu Following the British Script

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, taking a cue from Cameron, added to the war drive by carrying out attacks on Syrian military positions on the Golan

Heights, and launching new bombing and missile attacks on the Gaza Strip. While Netanyahu may have momentarily bowed to pressure from the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and his own top military and intelligence advisors, and postponed direct military action against Iran, Israel is fully prepared to launch a new devastating attack on Lebanon and/or Gaza. A source close to the Israeli military command confirmed that there are plans for massive retaliation against any provocation—real or manipulated—from Hezbollah in Lebanon. “This time, we will bomb all of Lebanon back to the 12th Century,” the source warned. Similar plans for a rerun of Operation Cast Lead, the 2008-09 genocidal assault on the Gaza Strip, have also been put in place, Israeli sources confirm.

Within the Israeli national security establishment, there is a growing worry that Netanyahu, the heir of the Jabotinsky policy of permanent war/permanent revolution, will take berserker actions leading to World War III.

Last month, the Institute for National Security Studies, a prestigious Tel Aviv think tank, conducted war games, based on a scenario of an Israeli unilateral attack on Iran, immediately following the U.S. Presidential elections. While a majority of participants in the war game thought that cooler heads in Iran, Israel, and the United States would prevail, a strong minority of participants insisted that the Israeli preventive strike could escalate rapidly into World War III, drawing in Russia and the United States.

The publication of the results of that war game in the Israeli press coincided with another frontal assault against madman Netanyahu and his partner in the war drive, Minister of Defense Ehud Barak. Israel Channel 2 television aired a documentary on Nov. 5, detailing a 2010 confrontation between Netanyahu and his then-IDF chief of staff, Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, and then-Mossad chief Meir Dagan. The two senior military and intelligence advisors blocked Netanyahu from launching an attack on Iran by declaring that the Prime Minister had no authority to order an attack without the approval of the cabinet. According to the Channel 2 account, Netanyahu was forced to back down.

Ha'aretz military correspondent Yossi Melman added an additional dimension to the exposé. He wrote, days after the TV exposé, that Netanyahu never intended to order a preventive strike on Iran. His intention was to convince the Iranian leadership that an Israeli attack was imminent, and draw them into

preemptive strikes against targets in the region, including U.S. interests. According to Melman, Netanyahu's goal was, and remains, to force the United States and NATO to go to war against Iran, by luring Iran into throwing the first punch.

The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff have repeatedly warned Netanyahu and other top Israeli leaders that if Israel launches a unilateral preventive attack on Iran, particularly while diplomatic talks between Iran and the P5+1 (UN Security Council Permanent Five + Germany) are still going on, the U.S. will make it clear that this was done without U.S. support, and that the U.S. will not get involved—so long as there are no attacks against direct American interests or treaty partners in the Gulf.

In short, Netanyahu is playing with fire, betting that he can induce Iran to start a war, forcing the U.S. into the fight—regardless of the fact that this could trigger a global conflagration.

Obama's Dilemma

Left to his own devices, President Obama would be fully on board with Cameron and Netanyahu, pushing the button on World War III. But the President faces powerful opposition from the JCS and sane elements in

the U.S. intelligence community who are profoundly aware of the danger of general war, even thermonuclear war.

In addition, senior U.S. intelligence sources also point out that Congress is not in a mood to allow another flagrant Presidential violation of the War Powers Resolution and the underlying Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, which gives the U.S. Congress the exclusive power to declare war. President Obama flaunted his refusal to go to Congress before the overthrow of Muammar Qaddafi in Libya.

Congressman Walter Jones (R-N.C.) has introduced House Concurrent Resolution 107, mandating impeachment against any President who violates Article 1, Section 8. The resolution has bipartisan support.

Furthermore, Russian President Vladimir Putin has undertaken a major overhaul of the Russian military command, replacing his Defense Minister and the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces last week, and installing more professional and hardline allies in their places. According to one senior U.S. intelligence official, the moves by Putin are part of an ambitious plan to invest in a major research-and-development program in the military sector, including in the nuclear triad.

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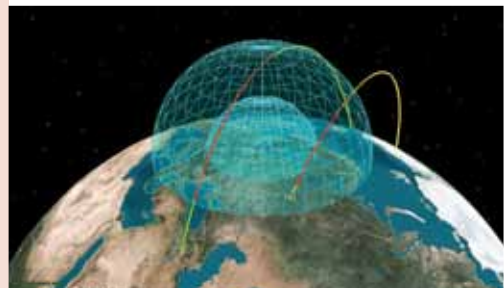
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REBUILD NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

Military-Scale Mobe Needed; Obama Offers Haiti Model

by Marcia Merry Baker

Nov. 9 (EIRNS)—The Greater New York-New Jersey region will never be rebuilt as long as the evil Troika of President Obama, Governor Christie, and Mayor Bloomberg are in charge. Each day of the post-Superstorm suffering in the Northeast, shows that the actual damage is caused by tolerating the continuation of that imperial Troika, and the lack of a commitment to revive the sinking U.S. economy.

Most outrageous is their refusal to deploy full-strength military aid to the region. What's there is superb—7,200 National Guard, 500 Army Corps of Engineers staff, and other services—but it's far from enough, and not activated for a top-down mission to minimize immediate suffering, and to set the stage for full-scale rebuilding. The absence of this is manifest across all aspects of means of existence—inadequate gasoline supplies, electricity provision, sanitation, shelter, food provision, etc.

First, look at the housing debacle. As of Nov. 8, there are at least 15,000 units of public housing in the Rockaways, Coney Island, and Red Hook, with no heat, electricity, or hot water, according to Steven Banks of the Legal Aid Society. “We’re into the second week of this, and there is no real urgency to get it fixed.... No can-do New York attitude here,” he told the *New York Times*.

The *Times* reported Nov. 9:

“Mr. Bloomberg said Thursday that 70 percent of

these [public housing] buildings now have heat and hot water and 82 percent have electricity. But that leaves 120 buildings and the people who live in them without heat or hot water and 72 buildings and their residents without electricity.

“Whatever the precise numbers, by any accounting, life for these people is grim. On Wednesday afternoon, in the Far Rockaways, hundreds lined up for as much as three hours in the cold to get hot food promised by a makeshift delegation of volunteers. The multiple government agencies promising help were nowhere to be seen.”

An individual complex, such as Red Hook Houses, has over 3,000 persons now consigned to Hell.

Housing Is a Disaster

What was required right from the start, was, in principle, the same as what should have happened in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, right after the 2010 earthquake: 1) make a rapid assay of numbers and locations of displaced persons, then 2) get them to safety, en masse. In New York-New Jersey, this means setting up camps—in the style of mobile military basing, or in the Catskills resort areas (mess hall cafeterias, private quarters, etc.) where needed. The new Barclays sports center, for example, has the space and utilities to accommodate thousands new left to suffer in the Rockaways. Otherwise, identify buildings for dormitory use, and



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The beach resort town of Seaside Heights, N.J., as seen in this photo, was particularly hard-struck by the storm. Many towns along the coast had been built up as part of the speculative real-estate boom of the mid-2000s. They are now wiped out.

take a county-by-county inventory of vacant rental space.

For Haiti, building camps on high ground was turned down flat by the White House. Now for New York-New Jersey, the same “get lost” policy reaction is underway, with only a sham of dealing with housing. The disaster response on housing, is itself a disaster.

The assay stage would have involved simply doing a rough-and-ready head count of those in unfit dwellings—whether multi-family, or single unit. For example, the two most glaring categories of such dependent people, known within the first 24 hours of the storm, are those in the shoreline public housing complexes run by the New York City Housing Authority (there are a total of 400,000 New York residents in public housing); and secondly, those in the coastal communities, especially the barrier islands (Rockaway, Queens, and all along the Jersey Shore), whether in individual houses, or apartment buildings, all now uninhabitable. Those in the coastal communities tend to have more means, but not for long. Many are still in the New Jersey shelters, which had about 5,000 persons mid-week.

Instead, it’s fend-for-yourself. About 317,000 people throughout the multi-state region have registered for financial aid with FEMA, since the storm. According to Associated Press, more than 101,000 people

have been deemed eligible for temporary housing programs. A subset of 56,000 have been deemed eligible for FEMA’s program to receive grants for renting new housing, or for repairs to existing homes. The maximum rental grant is for 13 months. Then what? Some Long Island displaced residents have had to go 150 miles north, as far away as Albany.

This week FEMA started bringing in trailers from its out-of-state centers. Its total stockpile is only in the “hundreds.” FEMA director Craig Fugate said Nov. 9 that the mobile homes will go to New York and New Jersey towns. “We’re working on which sites they are going to go to.”

But for dozens of thousands of people, the question is: Where do I go? What will happen to me? All this adds up to one clear message—the order from the top is: the Haiti treatment.

Aged Utilities Fractured by Storms;

As the millions of residents in New York, New Jersey, and other Northeast states began to assess the profound losses from Superstorm Sandy, they were hit with Storm Shock II, Nor’easter Athena Nov. 7. Shock III is realizing that Obama, Christie, and Bloomberg’s message to them is: “Drop dead.”

Look at the need for restoring natural gas mains and hook-ups, as well as getting electricity back on, plus water and sewerage service. These are non-existent contingencies for the Trio, who speak in terms of “people helping people,” and “always being there for you,” which translates in reality as, “Drop dead.”

In the meantime, Christie and Bloomberg carp and blame the utility companies. But they—and most importantly, Obama—are not doing the emergency measures required, much less committing to in-depth reconstruction.

Athena brought record snowfall Nov. 7-8—for volume of snow this early in the season, throughout the region already reeling from Superstorm Sandy. A foot of heavy, wet snow fell in central New Jersey, re-

sulting in more than 120,000 additional electricity outages as of Nov. 8, in the region served by FirstEnergy/Jersey Central Power and Light Co., which already had 149,000 customers still cut off from 12 days ago.

Natural Gas, Utilities

The devastation to the natural gas system of the affected region is indicative. Here, as throughout the nation, the system of mains and delivery pipes is decrepit; then came the storms. True, in some less-battered and less-flooded storm areas, the gas has remained on, and in fact, the danger comes from people huddled around gas ovens and stovetops for warmth in the cold, including in big apartment buildings, since they lack electricity and heat. In the seafront towns, in the first 24 hours of the storm, utility workers dashed from street to street, trying to cut off hissing gas lines and put out fires.

Overall, many miles of gas mains and laterals—the distribution lines to end-users—are shattered. Thousands of hook-ups are being “retired,” because they go to condemned structures, or damaged furnaces, boilers, and appliances. No “switch” can turn this all back on.

Making it all worse, the natural gas distribution system was already aged and leaky. Ironically, New Jersey Natural Gas Co. just got state approval in October to replace or install linings in 276 miles of mains—about half its total system; and also to upgrade 20,000 smaller connections. The company announced a rehab plan of \$130 million for the next four years. The New Jersey director of the Board of Public Utilities told NJ.com, “This [the go-ahead to the gas company] is an example of an infrastructure program that is targeting a known problem, and that is the leakiness of bar steel and cast iron.” Now, those leaky pipes are outright cracked and broken.

What’s going on at present, is simply the “assessment phase” of the damage. Last night, for example, New Jersey Natural Gas Co. issued a statement, on the status of its service restoration plans for Monmouth County, the easternmost part of the state, jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean. A completely new gas main must be installed near Mantoloking Bridge, where the ocean breached the barrier island. This will take months, provided the inputs are available.

Moreover, this all raises the true challenge posed by the storm: how to rebuild the storm states properly—utilities, towns, work and recreation zones, protected

from sea and inland flooding, with a top-down approach to deliberately create a productive region, not a real-estate rip-off. Protecting all this is the mission of the Army Corps of Engineers civil works division.

Certain residential and commercial parts of New Jersey, such as the barrier island communities, were hit by life-threatening weather, because they were part of the home mortgage/real-estate boom of the last few decades of de-structuring of proper urban and rural landscapes. The same kinds of barrier islands in several other counties and states on the East Coast, are off-limits for residences and utilities, precisely because they are low-lying and exposed to the ocean. But in New Jersey, as its agro-industrial economy was taken down, the oceanfront boom went wild. Now, it’s under water, in the dark, and freezing.

Firsthand Report, N.J. Barrier Islands

A firsthand storm report to *EIR* from Seaside Heights, N.J. (the beach town, incorporated 1913, today, best known for TV’s “Jersey Shore” “reality” soap opera), included these accounts:

- “Devastation of the New Jersey barrier island town of Seaside Heights is fairly complete. Gas mains rupture in Seaside Heights. Natural gas fires in houses start. Fireman cannot access house fires, because streets are blocked by sand, so the fires burn uncontrolled. A housefire does not necessarily spread to an adjacent house, since blown sand dunes from the beach separate the houses...” (Oct. 29)

- “Many Seaside Heights refugees have not found housing, and are living in their cars...” (Nov. 3)

- “Seaside Heights residents who have obtained a pass, visit their homes under police escort... [They] become hysterical at the sight of their ruined homes, and the planned visit to the homes breaks down into hysterical pandemonium. Police escort Seaside Heights residents back off... Visits to the island are banned for the near future.” (Nov. 5)

- The future? “Planning for the hopeful recovery of Seaside Heights includes the bulldozing of the entire city, and the laying of new gas mains in the eight month timeframe...”

Superstorm Sandy is the writing on the wall: Either there will be a recovery of the region, as part of a national renewal program: revival of Glass-Steagall; return to a national credit system; and implementation of the great water-and-power project NAWAPA XXI; or we will all rapidly descend into Hell.

China Is Completing the Greatest Water Project in World History

by Mary Burdman

China, the world's most populous nation, is rapidly completing the first two man-made rivers of what will be the greatest water project ever built by mankind—the South-North Water Diversion project (SNWD). With 1.35 billion people, China has about 21% of the world's population, but just 6% of the freshwater and only 9% of its arable land—meaning that water available per person is just above 25% of the world average. This disparity shows what a huge challenge China faces, as it stays committed to feeding itself, while rapidly expanding energy supply and industrial production as it shifts from being a rural to an urbanized country. Nothing like this has been done before in China's 5,000 years of history—or in the history of the world.

The government-funded SNWD project will transfer water along three waterways from the water-rich Yangtze River basin to the Yellow River basin in the north. This continent-size nation has large, but very unevenly distributed water resources. The great North China Plain is the national grain belt; the huge cities here, including the capital of Beijing with its 20 million people, are expanding rapidly, and the area is also an industrial center. But there is not enough water. As one of the world's leading water scientists, Prof. Xia Jun, emphasized at the Stockholm World Water Week in August, “The ability to move water around is essential, to distribute the water more evenly.” Lack of water is putting serious constraints on China's economic growth, and the SNWD project will end that, at least for immediate period.

Such projects are essential on other continents, and other nations or groups of nations have proposed great projects that would divert essential water supplies across watersheds on a national or continental scale, but China is the only nation actually building one which will affect its national water supply.

- In Russia, the Siberian-Aral Canal, to divert some 7% of the waters of the Siberian Ob and Irtysh rivers south and west to the arid nations of Central Asia and to revive the almost-destroyed Aral Sea, had first been proposed over a century ago, and was fully researched

and designed by the Soviet Union in the 1970s and 1980s. Preparations were well underway when the project was halted in August 1986; the reasons cited were cost and environmental concerns.

- In the United States, the North America Water and Power Alliance, a project which would bring a small portion of the vast water resources of Alaska and North-western Canada south, to the fertile but relatively dry Prairie Provinces, the dry southwestern states, and even as far as northern Mexico, was issued by Parsons Engineering in 1964, but it was never implemented. The La-Rouche Political Action Committee is leading a campaign to build [NAWAPA XXI](#), to greatly expand agricultural production and create millions of jobs.

- And in Africa, the [TransAqua](#) project has been on the drawing boards since the 1970s. It is a plan to divert waters of the mighty Congo River northward to the parched Chad basin and the central Sahel Desert. More vital today than ever before, it is not being built.

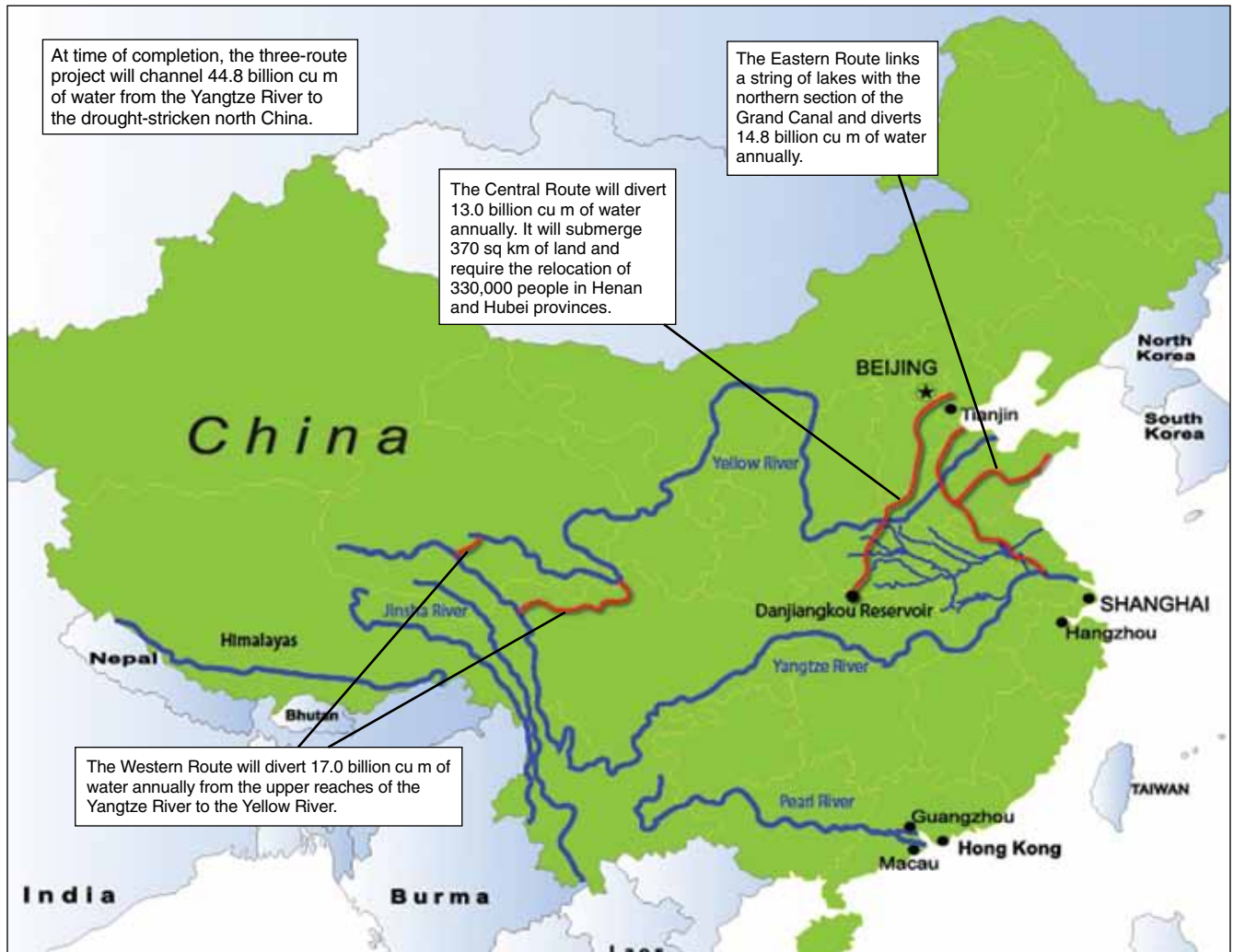
But China is addressing its water crisis on the massive scale required.

Redrawing the Map of a Nation

At the beginning of 2012, as Beijing put construction of the SNWD's Central Route waterway into high gear, Cheng Xiaotao, deputy chief engineer at the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, stated succinctly why the project has such priority: “China's population has increased by 700 or 800 million in the past few decades, and people have also been flowing into the cities with unprecedented speed. Urban industry is also rapidly expanding. This is something no other country has experienced. The water those people need just isn't available locally.”

China has a very complex water situation. The great North China Plain—the largest in Asia, created by the silt from the Yellow River—and the Yangtze River valley have been densely populated and cultivated for over 3,000 years. China's population has grown by 2.5 times in the past 60 years, while the nation has main-

FIGURE 1
Watering the North



Sources: Chinese Ministry of Water Resources; futuretimeline.net; Will Fox

tained its commitment to food self-sufficiency, requiring a constant increase in agricultural production, but remaining dependent on imports. The population of the two river basins is about 800 million—over two and a half times that of the entire United States.

Building the SNWD project is an even greater challenge than the now-completed construction of the Three Gorges Dam. After some four decades of discussion and study about whether and how to build this project, which was first proposed by Mao Zedong in 1958, it will start delivering water in the coming two years. Two new, man-designed rivers will bring water from the Changjiang (Yangtze) River—the third longest river in the world, after the Amazon and Congo—to northern China. After severe drought at the end of the 1990s and

depletion of the waters of the Huang He (Yellow) River, the SNWD project was finally put on the front burner in 2001. It is one of four national projects designed to redraw China's economic division map, by strategically restructuring national water resources. Construction began in late 2002; by 2009, the government began to really step up investment.

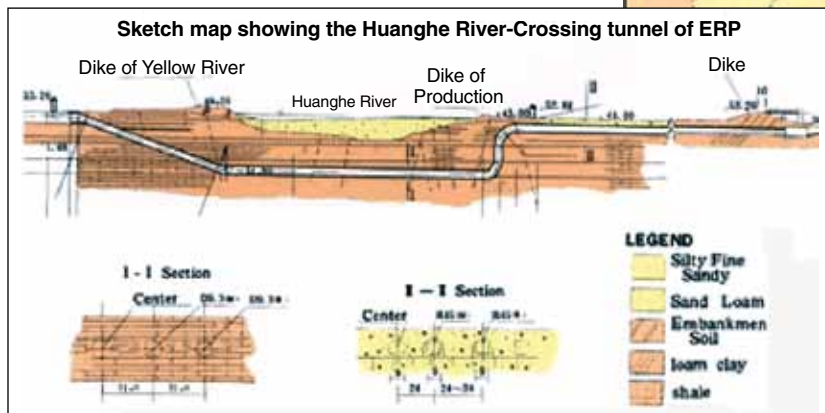
Agriculture uses 75% of China's water, close to the world average; usage has increased more than fivefold since 1949. Rapid industrial growth is increasing demand for water, especially for energy generation; and urbanization and rising living standards mean increased domestic use of water. Beyond all this, insufficiently advanced technologies, industries, and infrastructure, have all caused both inefficient use of water supplies

and severe pollution of China's waterways, especially in the East.

The SNWD project will use three routes (see *boxes*) to divert 5-7% of the water from the Yangtze River

basin—which has a mean annual flow of 1,050 billion cubic meters (m^3), and more than 600 billion m^3 even in extremely dry years—to the arid North China plain. When finished, the SNWD will carry some 44.8 billion

The Eastern Route (ERP), when completed, will transport 14.8 billion m^3 of water some 1,467 km north to Shandong and Hebei provinces and the northeast port city of Tianjin. Water will be taken from the lower Yangtze River at two sites, pumped by the Jiangdu pumping station, using the ancient Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal—which was built starting 2,500 years ago—as the trunk route to connect regional rivers. The water will be pumped up some 65 meters, to the level of the Huanghe (Yellow) River, in about 15 stages.



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In January this year, engineers completed a huge double tunnel beneath the Yellow River (see photo). In its lowest reaches, the Yellow River flows between high dikes, at least 10 meters above ground level. The tunnels, called the “throat” of the Eastern Route, are 585 m long, 9 m in diameter and up to 70 m deep.



m³ of water a year, more than the average flow of the U.S. Missouri River, which is over 30 billion m³ a year. The project will link China's two greatest rivers, the Yangtze and the Yellow, with the Haihe and Huaihe rivers in the North.

By the beginning of 2012, already some 140 billion yuan (about \$22 billion) had been spent for this government-funded project; another 64 billion yuan (\$10 billion) will be spent this year, which E Jingping, director of the central government's South-North Water Trans-

The Central Route (MRP), 1,432 km long, will take water from the greatly expanded reservoir at the Danjiang River, at the mouth of the Yangtze tributary Hanjiang in Hubei province; the water will flow downhill from there via an entirely man-made series of canals and tunnels, to the cities Beijing, Tianjin, Shijiazhuang, and Zhengzhou. It will also supply regional irrigation and industry, starting in 2014. In addition to the Danjankou reservoir supply, in the future water could also be taken from the Three Gorges Dam reservoir, to the south. This man-made waterway will eventually convey 12.0-14.0 billion m³ of water a year; even in dry years, the Central Route will supply 6.2 billion m³ of water. The purpose is not only to supply drinking water—water quality is better in the upper Yangtze basin—but also, during flood periods, actually replenish the heavily exploited groundwater underneath Beijing.

The reservoir's water level had to be raised to 177 m to let the water flow north; construction forced relocation of 330,000 people. (That many had already been relocated when the original dam was built in the 1960s and 1970s.) The water then flows across the valleys of the Yangtze, Huaihe, Huanghe (Yellow), and Haihe rivers.

The water passes under the Yellow River through huge tunnels, which were dug for the Central Route in 2010. These twin tunnels are 3.4 km long and more than 35 m beneath the Yellow River at Mangshan in Henan province. These tunnels have a maximum flow capacity of 320 m³ per second each. The tunnels were built to prevent the freshwater from being polluted by the Yellow River, although water could also be sent into the Yellow River channel if required.



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Sketch map showing the Huanghe River-Crossing tunnel of MRP



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fer Project Office, called the key period in the “three-year decisive battle” to get the water flowing north. The SNWD will change China’s watersheds: The waterways cut across the west-to-east flow of China’s major rivers.

Water for China’s Economy

China’s annual water resources are about 2,700 km³, the sixth most plentiful in the world, but per capita, this is just 26-28% of the world average, 88th in the world. China’s current water usage per capita is only 25% of that in America in the middle 1970s, Prof. Liang Ruiju and Dr. Shen Dajun wrote in their excellent 2003 report on *The State of China’s Water*, published by the Third World Centre for Water Management.

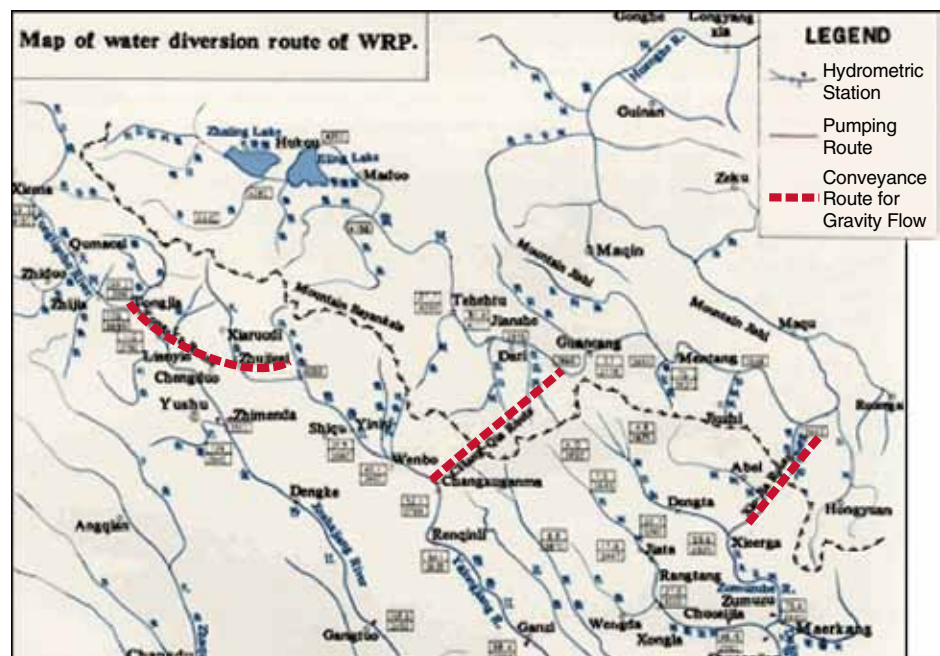
The late Professor Liang, former director of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower, and Dr. Shen, a senior engineer at the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, stressed that China’s water resources are very unevenly distributed, with about 80% in southern China, and just 20% in the north. China, like the rest of Asia, has a monsoon

climate, with an annual rainy season in the Summer and a dry Winter.

Rainfall is much more abundant in the South; the Yangtze valley and southern China can get more than twice the rain as the North. Long-term mean annual precipitation is 648 mm, although in 2011 it fell to 556.8 mm, the lowest since 1951. The monsoon climate gives China significant variation in the amount of rain falling in wetter and drier years, and there are often longer sequences of successive wet and dry years than in non-monsoon regions. The differences between Summer and Winter rainfall are greater in China than in other regions at the same latitude, and differences in annual runoff are even larger than in precipitation, Shen and Liang wrote. In the South, mean annual runoff is 650 mm, but in northern China, only 74 mm. Groundwater resources are rich in the South but scarce in the North.

The Yangtze valley and southern China have 36% of the cultivated land, 55% of the population, and 80% of its water resources; the Northern Plain has 45% of the cultivated land, close to 40% of the population, but less than 20% of water resources.

The Western Route (WRP) of the project is still in the planning stage, and the map shown here is based on a preliminary study. What is being considered, is to divert what ultimately would amount to 15 to 20 billion m³ of water from three tributaries at the headwaters of the Yangtze—the Tongtianhe, the Yalongjiang, and Daduhe—high in Tibet, into the headwaters of the Yellow River. The challenges are enormous. The water would have to cross the 3,000-5,000 meter-high Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. The channels would be relatively short—300 km—but the water would have to be pumped up at least 100 m, and the project would require construction of dams, canals, and tunnels in an earthquake-prone permafrost region.



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China's renewable internal freshwater resources were 2,113 m³ per capita in 2009, only 28% of the world national average, and low in comparison with the vast resources of Canada, 84,495 m³; the Russian Federation, 30,393 m³; and the United States, 9,186 m³, according to the World Bank. They are significantly larger than those of the other population giant, India, at 1,197 m³.

Population density is very great: There are about 400 persons per km² in the Northern Plain, where 440 million people live. Another 400 million live in the Yangtze valley, where population density is about 225 per sq km. Five eastern U.S. states—New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maryland—have population densities ranging from 450 to 220 persons per km², but their total population is just 25 million.

Feeding this huge population is an enormous task. Northern China is the national grain basket, growing half the wheat and a third of the corn that the nation produces. There is intense double cropping: Winter wheat is grown during the dry season, and corn in the rainy Summer. In Shandong province, a key food producer, some areas grow two wheat crops and two corn crops a year.

Other water requirements are also great: Almost 75% of China's power comes from coal; mining, processing, and burning coal consumes at least 10% of the country's water, and the use of coal causes more pollution. China is planning to add another 450 gigawatts of coal power by 2020, and to develop coal reserves in the very dry northwestern interior. While China is rapidly developing its nuclear energy—which uses far less water, which is only used for cooling, and the water is fully recyclable—even construction of some 27 planned plants will generate only about 5% of China's energy by 2020. Overall, China wants to produce 1,400 to 1,500 GW of power by 2020, primarily using coal.

Urbanization, as noted above, is another particular challenge. As of 2007, more than two-thirds of China's 600 cities were facing water shortages, 110 of them serious. Urban Chinese use 300% more water per capita than rural residents. As of 2011, China became a primarily urban nation for the first time in its millennial history. Last year, there were over 690 million city dwellers—51.3% of the population; there are now over 160 cities in China with a population of over 1 million.

Yet at the same time, fundamental infrastructure is still lacking for hundreds of millions of people, and 323 million rural Chinese still do not have access to safe drinking water.

Management and Modern Technology

To meet these huge needs, Beijing has made comprehensive water management a leading national goal. One critical issue is modernizing technology: Water is used inefficiently, and the country urgently needs adequate wastewater treatment, and greatly expanded capacity to desalinate seawater, especially for its northern cities. The Chinese economy uses between 4-10 times more water per unit GDP than more advanced industrialized nations. As of 2003, Chinese industry was using 216 m³ of water for every 10,000 yuan worth of industrial added value, ten times more water than in developed countries, the *China Daily* reported. Wastewater is often untreated: More than two-thirds of it is directly discharged into rivers or the ocean, polluting 90% of the underground water in urban areas. The World Bank reported in 2009 that industry's recycling rate is just 40%, compared to 75-85% in developed countries.

In agriculture, productivity from irrigation (meaning the increase in value of the agricultural product) is just US\$3.6 per m³, the World Bank reported. The world average is \$4.8 per m³ in middle-income countries, and \$35.8 per m³ in high-income countries.

In January 2011, the national State Council announced that China will invest 4 trillion yuan (\$635 billion) in essential water conservation projects over the next decade, doubling the amount currently being invested. In April 2012, Minister of Water Resources Chen Lei repeated the commitment. The central government's first official document of 2011 declared that water management is a national priority, the first time such a policy document has focused on water. "Floods and drought in recent years have exposed weaknesses in water conservancy infrastructure," the document said.

Under the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15), policy is to modernize irrigation infrastructure and build effective flood control and drought relief systems by the end of 2020, and harness important medium-sized and small rivers. All rural areas should have safe drinking water by 2015, and water availability is to be improved in the arid western interior.

Beijing also will try to hold annual water consumption to below 670 billion m³ by 2015, which will require much improvement in infrastructure and technology.

The vital area of water management had been neglected, especially in the 1980s-'90s, *China Daily* commented in January 2011. "About one third of the irrigation facilities for the 53.33 million hectares of irrigated

farmland in China have already deteriorated after years of neglect,” the paper quoted Feng Guangzhi, chairman of the China Irrigation Districts Association. “With nearly no input from the central and local governments, the 1980s can be regarded as the low point for agricultural water conservancy in China. It was only in the early 1990s that the central government started constructing farmland irrigation systems again.” The China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research reported that investment in water facilities accounted for only 0.435% of GDP on average from 2007-09; this amount has to be doubled, the Institute said.

Between 2006 and 2010, only about 100-140 billion yuan a year was used for water management, far below the 650 billion yuan spent on road construction and 450 billion yuan for railways. Investment focuses on repairing and maintaining older reservoirs, reinforcing water facilities to withstand disasters, providing safe drinking water, and conserving water, especially in the northern Chinese granary.

China is carrying out its first-ever national water census between 2010 and 2012, to survey the state of rivers, lakes, water conservancy, and agriculture, industrial, and domestic water use. By the end of 2012, China will enact one of the world’s strictest plans to monitor all important bodies of water, and will centrally allocate water resources from the 25 rivers that flow through more than one province.

Cleaning up the Water

China is committed to tackling the huge problem of pollution, but not by shutting down industry, as the greenies of the West demand. Dr. Liang and Professor Shen wrote: “China’s ... concentrations of water pollutants are among the highest in the world, causing damage to human health and loss in agricultural productivity.” While pollution from much of the industrial wastewater has basically been controlled, now, they wrote, the major pollutants are organic pollutants from the chemical and other industries, and untreated urban domestic wastewater.

In 2001, just 5% of China’s rivers had water of Grade I and II of “The Surface Water Quality Standard.” The northeastern Songliao, Haihe, Yellow, and Huaihe rivers are all heavily polluted, as are many large freshwater lakes. This especially affects the quality of the water along the SNWD’s Eastern Route. By mid-2010, seven years after construction of the Eastern Route began, water pollution remained a very serious

problem. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported in 2010: “The project faces a number of logistical challenges, including the need to clean up water bodies at intersections through which the canals will pass. [The Eastern Route] crosses through 53 river sections in China’s most heavily water-polluted area. Cleanup operations will account for 37% of the total investment. If completed on schedule, it will represent one of the most comprehensive water cleanup operations in the world.”

Beijing pledged to spend well over one third of its initial 32 billion yuan (\$4.6 billion) investment for the first phase of the Eastern Route on pollution control, and demanded that local authorities along the route ensure that water quality be at least Grade III—the minimum standard for water that would be drinkable after treatment. Yet, in July 2010, SNWD central office director Zhang Jiyao told *China Daily*: “There is still a long way to go before local authorities transform the Eastern Route into a clean-water corridor and ensure the quality won’t decline again.”

Over 400 pollution-control projects were built. As of July this year, authorities said the Eastern Route would be able to deliver clean water next year. Water quality in most of the Eastern Route’s canals had been brought up from “worse than Grade V” in 2006, to Grade III. “For the Eastern Route, pollution control is the key to success, as years of industrial pollution in the surrounding areas led to the extreme decline of local water quality,” according to an official on environmental protection of the SNWD, *China Daily* reported July 26. The head of the Shandong Environmental Protection Department told the newspaper, “The pollution control tasks on the Eastern Route are the most formidable that I have ever seen.”

Potential of Desalination

Even the vast SNWD water project cannot meet all of northern China’s urgent water requirements; as Vice Minister of Water Resources Hu Siyi warned in 2010, if the population of Beijing continues to grow at current rates, even the 1 billion m³ water Beijing will get from the South-North Water Diversion project might not be enough. In 2011, following 12 consecutive years of drought, Beijing’s daily water supply has fallen to a maximum of 3 million m³. The capital’s per-capita water resources are just 10% of the world average. Two-thirds of the water for this city of 20 million now comes from groundwater, and this extraction has caused

An 'Essential' Project

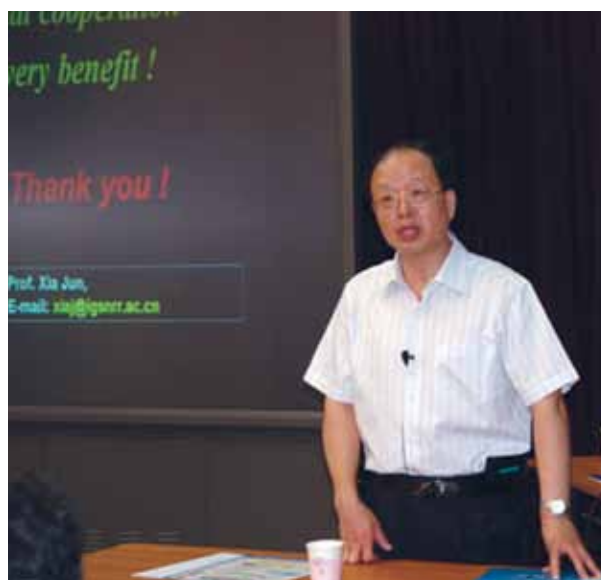
Prof. Xia Jun, president of the International Water Resources Association and director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Center for Water Resources Research, gave an overview of the importance of the South-North Water Diversion project (SNWD), in an interview with [China Dialogue](#) on Aug. 28, 2012, in the run-up to World Water Week in Stockholm.

"The ability to move water around is essential, to distribute the water more evenly," he said. China needs such water transfer because while it has "a high global ranking on overall water resources, on a per capita basis we're much weaker. China has a large population, and while the economy has been doing well in recent years compared with the rest of the world, there are still lots of deeper issues." Prof. Xia's Center focuses on the unique challenges posed by managing water for the "high intensity" of human activity in China, including research on the impact of cross-basin water diversion projects, specifically the SNWD.

"China lies in the monsoon zone, and most of its precipitation comes during flood season—it is very unevenly distributed both geographically and over time. This leads to differences across regions, and you often have floods in the South while the North suffers drought. The North and Northeast of China produce two-thirds of its grain, and those areas have huge plains and excellent light, but lack water. The water and soil aren't in the right places. And in some sense climate change is worsening these problems. So China's water issues are quite complex, and there are significant pressures."

"China needs to figure out how to save the excess water of the flood season and use it in the dry season," he said. "In the recent droughts in the Southwest, we saw just how lacking drinking water infrastructure is in some places. And even if the infrastructure catches up, there's still a need to be able to transfer water during a drought. . . .

"Of course you need to work in coordination, to balance the ecological impact. But you can't store and transfer water without dams and reservoirs, can you? Lessons have been learned since the US was building dams in the 1960s, and the ecological impact is better understood. The question now is making en-



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Prof. Xia Jun said that competently managed and coordinated water projects are essential for China: "As the old Chinese saying goes, you can't expect a horse to gallop but not to graze."

vironmental improvements and shifting attention from construction to overall coordination, to gain benefits from unified management. . . .

"Do we want to go back to a primitive state of nature? Nobody does. As the old Chinese saying goes, you can't expect a horse to gallop but not to graze. The overall aim of economic development is the right one, but there's a need to minimize the ecological impact. We need more high and new technology, and extremely good planning."

Water management on a national scale is vital, he said. "There's an urgent need for reform, for unified consideration of water for cities and the economy, for the ecology, for agriculture. China urgently needs to study effective coordination mechanisms." During the entire decade of the 1990s, he said as an example, so much water was being extracted from the Yellow River that it dried up downstream for about 100 days every year, never reaching the sea. Since then, management of the river has greatly improved.

"In 2030, China's population will reach about 1.6 billion, and more water use will be inevitable. Pressure on water resources will continue in the long term, and increase. The overall management of water quantities, quality, and the ecology are major challenges for any developing nation," he emphasized.

the average depth of groundwater to fall to 25 meters, down from 12 meters in 1999, the *Global Times* reported in May 2012.

Seawater desalination could make a critical difference for supplying water to the cities, if nuclear energy were used to power the process. Although technology is improving, desalination is still expensive, especially for developing nations with really big populations and water needs. The biggest current seawater desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere, for example, is the non-nuclear-powered one being constructed in Carlsbad, near San Diego, California. It will produce some 190,000 m³ of water daily, a small fraction of the 3 million m³ Beijing uses every day.

China's current desalination capacity is very small—660,000 m³ a day in 2011—but the National Development and Reform Commission announced plans in February to expand that to 2.6 million m³ a day by the end of 2015. The plan is to build a chain of desalination facilities in the coastal cities of Tianjin, Qindao, and Dalian. Advanced desalination technology could also be used for wastewater treatment and control of pollution. The *New York Times* reported in October

2011 on the new coastal Beijing desalination plant near Tianjin, built with cooperation from Israel, to develop a concept project combining desalination and a modern industrial base. When the Beijing and other coastal desalination facilities are operating at full capacity, the potential will exist to transfer water to Beijing and other cities inland.

A crucial breakthrough would be to use nuclear power. Chinese scientists are developing a modular heat-producing High-Temperature pebble-bed nuclear reactor (HTR) at Tsinghua University, west of Beijing. Such reactors are inherently safe; they were first developed, and then abandoned, by German scientists, but now China is actually building one. A key reason for this project is that HTRs can be relatively small reactors which could supply heat for whole cities, and provide the power for desalinating seawater.

China's water crisis is not only an issue of resources; it is also an issue of distribution, underdeveloped technology and industry, and management. The South-North Water Diversion project is a crucial part of beginning to meet this crisis, for one-fifth of humanity.

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Obama Claims a ‘Mandate’ For Fascist Austerity

by Paul Gallagher

Nov. 12—On Dec. 4, 2004, the narrowly re-elected President George W. Bush claimed that he had just earned the “political capital” to continue the Iraq War and to privatize Social Security. Lyndon LaRouche had warned the Democratic Party already on that Nov. 9, that Bush would go for destruction of Social Security, and could be brought down rapidly by exposing this, as LaRouche immediately mobilized his forces to do. Despite Dubya’s subsequent campaign of staged “town meetings” for his plan, LaRouche was proven right.

On Nov. 8, 2012, Barack Obama, just re-elected with a popular vote total 6 million lower than his 2008 vote, claimed that he had won a “mandate” to impose his own austerity policy on Congressional negotiations over the Federal budget deficit and debt—only the taxation part of which policy he revealed on that day. Four days later, Obama started to make clear that he planned a national campaign for deep austerity cuts and tax increases. He would start by calling labor union leaders opposed to his intended cuts in Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, to a White House meeting Nov. 13. Then he would meet with big business executives Nov. 14, and with Congressional leaders Nov. 16, before starting to make demagogic speeches for fascist austerity as the “solution” to the nation’s debt problem.

Obama intends to confront the “lame duck” Congress over drastic austerity, of the kind which over the

past 30 months has made the “debt problem” far *worse* in Greece, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Ireland, and every nation that has been forced to implement it. The deeper the austerity—e.g., in Greece, Portugal, and Spain—the worse has been the ensuing economic plunge, the destruction of government revenue, and the more rapid the *increase* in the national debt. Along with these “debt spirals” have grown massive unemployment, loss of the most basic health care and housing, inflation in food prices and spreading hunger, increased death rates, and spikes in rates of suicide.

For an equally clear warning of a different kind, consider the plunge of the Japanese economy under the past 18 months’ “energy austerity” policy by indefinite shutdown of the nuclear 30% of national power generation.

The stakes here are much more serious than “W” Bush’s self-destruction of the Republican Party from 2004. Unless stopped, Obama’s fascist austerity policy, together with his war policy, threaten national economic destruction. Combine it with the Federal Reserve’s resumed \$80 billion-a-month money-printing program, and the result could be hyperinflation as well.

‘Fiscal Cliff’ a Nonsense Term

Already on Nov. 7, the *Washington Post* cited Democratic Congressional sources to the effect that Obama would confront the House leadership on a take-it-or-leave-it policy of cuts in entitlement, defense, and do-

mestic spending, combined with selective tax increases. The party sources said Obama was ready to veto anything else that came from Congress intended to avoid “automatic” budget sequesters and across-the-board tax hikes (the so-called “fiscal cliff”). He will threaten to let these destructive [sequester cuts](#) and taxes go through instead, and then deal with the next Congress.

Obama told the *Des Moines Register*, in what he thought was an off-the-record interview in late October, wants to get the “go big,” \$4 trillion austerity deal he couldn’t ram through in Summer 2011, modelled on the Simpson-Bowles Debt Commission (or “Catfood Commission”). Obama is now letting it leak that he will go to a full budget and debt crisis if necessary to get it. Other sources speaking to Senate Democrats say that they are prepared for this and think the Republicans will capitulate to a quick deal on these lines. Obama’s policy will be that this is the *only* deal, otherwise, it’s over the “fiscal cliff.”

In fact, both the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction’s (the “Supercommittee”) ill-favored “fiscal cliff” and the Catfood Commission-type “go big” deal mean cuts in defense and domestic programs, and more taxes. The difference is that Obama’s go-big deal involves cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.

The labor movement, having just mobilized a lot of money and manpower to support NerObama’s re-election, is now preparing to mobilize a rearguard fight against his austerity policy.

“Fiscal cliff” is essentially a nonsense term, perhaps invented by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who also presses Congress for budget cuts. The United States does not face any budget “cliff” because of any need to reduce spending and debt. Its spending and debt have increased substantially since 2008, in necessary reaction to the 2007-08 financial collapse triggered by Wall Street, *without* making the investments in economic infrastructure and productivity that could reverse that collapse.

What the United States is on, is a “physical-economic cliff” which is crumbling underneath it. There are 23-25 million Americans who cannot find full-time work, or any work. National reserves of grains have disappeared, and supplies of water have become insufficient across the Midwest and West, for agriculture to meet year-to-year consumption needs, not to mention the disastrous biofuels policy. America’s last reservoir of well-paid, skilled labor and advance machine-tool-

ing, the shrunken aerospace-defense industry, is faced with eliminating at least tens of thousands of jobs due to either the “automatic” Supercommittee defense cuts, or Obama’s “alternative.”

Hurricane Sandy has torn huge holes in the power, sanitation, and housing of several states and major urban areas, exposing deep craters of obsolescence, in infrastructure that has not been invested in since the Eisenhower Administration. Nearly 100,000 people remain in hellish conditions more than two weeks after the storm, unrelocated, unassisted. Harbor hurricane defenses must be built. In New York State alone, Gov. Andrew Cuomo is preparing to request \$30 billion in Federal aid to rebuild, more than double FEMA’s entire national budget. How does that square with Obama’s demands for a “big deal” of budget cuts?

Just a Millionaires’ Tax Increase?

President Obama plans to organize his public meetings around his supposed mandate to “just make the wealthy pay their fair share,” by increasing the marginal income tax rates, as well as capital gains and dividend tax rates, on households making over \$250,000/year. In similar fashion, “W” began his 2005 campaign to destroy Social Security by claiming he “just wanted to give young people a chance” to manage their own private retirement accounts. The real scheme, modelled on fascist General Pinochet’s Chile, was to steal Social Security for Wall Street; it was exposed by LaRouche and eventually by everyone.

President Obama’s tax increases on higher-income households, even including the capital gains and dividend tax increases and overall deduction limits (which Republicans have also proposed) will produce no more than \$1 trillion in revenue increases by 2020—even on paper. In reality, the austerity and economic contraction the policy causes see government revenues *falling* again within a couple of years.

But Obama demands not just \$1 trillion, but another \$3 trillion in “deficit reduction,” by 2020, on top of the \$1.1 billion he got cut by the Summer 2011 Deficit Reduction Act deal with Congressional leaders. The other \$2 trillion is to come from cutting important programs and crucial economic activity.

Obama will not stress or spell out these cuts in his public speeches, but will hammer on them in the meetings with labor, business, and Congress. He wants to stop paying Federal unemployment benefits to those whose state benefits are finished—even though more

than 5 million Americans have been out of work more than six months. He wants to cut nearly as much from defense spending as would be cut by the draconian “sequester” cuts threatening now. He wants to cut social programs; one that he has specified is food stamps under a new Farm Bill, now being used by nearly 50 million Americans who are “food-insecure.” And Obama is ready, as he was (unsuccessfully) in Summer 2011, to cut more from Medicare than the half-trillion in cuts under “Obamacare,” and to cut Social Security. This would be done by raising the retirement age, changing the calculation of cost-of-living increases so as to essentially eliminate them, and lowering the starting benefits for “upper income” Social Security beneficiaries.

This \$4 trillion austerity policy to plunge the economy back into contraction, has been the “big deal” ever since it was laid out by the Simpson-Bowles Commission, which was formed by Obama by Presidential decree after Congress refused his suggestions to create it by law. Obama cagily avoided endorsing specific recommendations of this or other similar Wall Street-

financed austerity commissions during his first term, when Congress refused to accept them. Now he will demand them, as his fraudulently claimed “mandate” for a second term.

As for the defense budget cuts, under Obama they will not mean any pullback from the war policy—waged heavily through “more efficient” means like killer drones. Rather, the cuts are projected to hit the remaining major high-technology sector of the U.S. economy, defense/aerospace employment, not by converting those jobs to needed reconstruction tasks for the civilian economy, as they should be, but by throwing those workers on the scrap-heap. A new report shows that the impact of “defense sequestration” cuts of \$500 billion could be, state by state, a million lost jobs, the most skilled and well-paid in the country, in the immediate future. The Simpson-Bowles Commission’s recommended defense cuts were almost as large.

Obama White House jawboning of defense contractors large and small, not to disclose planned layoffs before the election, was likely illegal, involving Fed-

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eral promises to pay contractors to break a law which requires notifying workers of layoffs 60 days in advance. In the process it became known that Lockheed and Boeing Aerospace and Defense Division each were planning for 15,000 or more layoffs.

National Credit Alternative

In fact, we need pay no attention to the fantastical “fiscal cliff,” but rather replace the policy of the failed and unconstitutional Supercommittee of 2011, with a policy of national credit for building modern infrastructure platforms (national banking) and gradual increases in revenue to support that new credit. Budget deficits arise from either war or financial collapse, and respond positively to just one factor: economic and productivity growth. A national banking policy, including re-enactment of President Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall Act, will produce that growth.

In a strikingly rational analysis of the supposed fiscal crisis in the Nov. 11 *New York Times*, by the late Prof. Thomas R. McCraw of Harvard, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton’s method of “bankruptcy reorganization” for the U.S. economy is laid out in some detail.

McCraw noted that Hamilton faced a far worse debt crisis than the United States does today, and proceeded to avoid the disastrous “higher taxes and/or austerity” approach pushed by Obama and the various Wall Street “debt commissions.” Instead, Hamilton chose to “create a climate of predictability and promote the release of pent-up economic energy,” i.e., create the conditions for economic growth.

McCraw then reviewed what Hamilton did in consolidating and reorganizing the nation’s debts, and turning them into long-term credit, through the creation of the Bank of the United States. Hamilton employed the Bank, capitalized and invested in by the U.S. Treasury, but also by private investment, to start the crucial development of ports, roads, and canals—the breakthrough infrastructure platforms of that period.

McCraw shows that Hamilton’s creation of increased Federal revenue based on economic growth exceeded the revenue growth claimed for the 1980s and 1990s, which were marked by large speculative bubbles which later crashed.

The point is obvious, and Obama’s fascist austerity policy can be defeated by a return to Hamiltonian national banking.

Policy Message

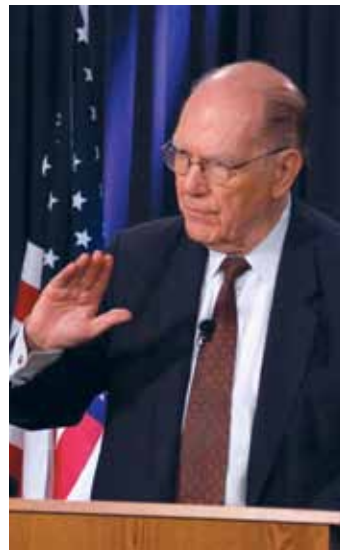
Hyperinflation Now Strikes!

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The new, very grave danger about to strike the trans-Atlantic regions, now, since the U.S. Presidential campaign has now climaxed, is the immediate threat of hyper-inflation in both the U.S.A. and the Euro Zone of western and central Europe. For example, the prospect for both the Democratic and Republican U.S.A. parties, and for Europe under current policies, is a kind of austerity measures which, by their very nature, could have no different effect than the rocketing of an accelerating rate of hyper-inflation.

The crucial factor to be considered, on that account, at this moment, is the misguided tradition inherent in a gold-bug variety of monetarist’s typically delusory presumption, that the issue of inflation is definable in terms of hard money per se. For example: for the cases of North America and all of western and central Europe, under the conditions existing in the trans-Atlantic region at this time, obviously the northern trans-Atlantic sector, the danger of a general Weimar-style hyper-inflationary surge is the relatively most immediate threat, for reason of that region’s most significant global effects on the world at large.

At the point of the close of the recent U.S.A. national elections, this specific type of hyper-inflationary factor now being launched in both of the indicated trans-Atlantic sectors, remains the principal source



tending toward a relatively immediate general breakdown-crisis.

There are, chiefly, three corrective measures needed for the exemplary case of the U.S. economy itself, but also the entirety of the northern trans-Atlantic regions' economies.

1.) Immediate, sweeping installation and application of the precise re-enactment of President Franklin Roosevelt's Glass-Steagall measures.

2.) A physical-economic recovery program based on the establishment of a system of public credit.

3.) The initiation of long-term physical investment in basic physically productive economic infrastructure networks which promote high rates of increase of basic economic physical infrastructure, as this is typified by the example of a launching of the NAWAPA power-and-water program waiting to be launched inside the United States, Canada, and northern Mexico.

Such measures as the combination of those three will tend to have the most beneficial effects for mankind, per capita and per unit of spatial development.

Leading Factors

In seeking to mark out the combined factors of development for a global return to physical-economic growth and net productivity, per capita and per square kilometer, the increase of the energy-flux density is essential. This includes, with increasing prominence, the reliance on very high-energy-flux-density sources of power and productive intensity. This must take into account, the rising need for measures of defense against an increase of deadly threats to mankind on Earth from asteroids and comets. The success of the Mars landing of the Curiosity innovation, is to be counted as a contribution toward meeting the increasing need, for those on Earth, in defense of human life on Earth, those measures needed for reason of the potential which such defense-of-Earth programs are intended to provide.

The Important Thing Is the Effect

The frequent emphasis on cheap labor, as opposed to science-driven progress in the creative powers, and in their effect on human productivity per capita and per square kilometer of Earth's surface, must be dropped, and the latter must be revived: rapidly and extensively. The typical, required, net effect, is the accelerated in-

crease of the energy-flux density per capita and per unit of the Earth's surface.

There is nothing strained, or strange in such a mandate. The distinction of the human mind, from that of the beasts and men-turned-into-slaves, is that mankind is the only species which has demonstrated an inherent capability of its only, voluntary development, and even the mere defense of the human population. Zero growth, if continued, were ultimately total death for our species.

In general, insofar as actual progress has occurred within and among nations, it is the science-driven increase of the inherent productive powers of society, per capita and per unit of territory, which supplies a needed rough measure of required orientations and accomplishments. That means, that, during the course of the next generation, both Earth and nearby Mars will be characterized—if our societies are sane—by the realization of the potential of thermonuclear-fusion applications among such locations as Earth, its Moon, and Mars.

While the role of mankind as a temporary or other inhabitant of Mars may remain uncertain for us presently, the fact is, that efficient reliance on the use of the speed of light as a communications system operating within nearby regions of the Solar system, presents us, here on Earth, with the option of increasing control over the processes located, for example, within the regions of the Solar system marked out from the vicinity beyond Mars, to the verge of Venus. This specific aspect of required progress is of increasing grave importance respecting the threats from asteroids and comets against human life and its very existence over the course of the successive decades of our century.

As war had been, sometimes, the driver of scientific-economic progress, so, the defense of the region betwixt Mars and Venus, and, beyond, must be recognized, without panic, of course, as a convenient measure of the rates of scientific-economic progress which mankind must achieve during the remaining successive generations of the human population during the remainder of this present century: Look up to the stars, as the world's leading astronauts had both warned and promised during the time of the launching and development of programs such as NASA.

At this moment, the very continued existence of the human species demands thinking in those directions which I have summarized here.

Will Hearings Break The Benghazi Coverup?

by Nancy Spannaus

Nov. 10—At least three Congressional committee hearings will be held this coming week on the 9/11 terrorist attack on the U.S. Benghazi consulate. All will occur behind closed doors, and bring high-level Administration officials to testify on the intelligence and security situation which led to the murder of four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. The question is, will any of the hearings break the obvious coverup by the Administration, including the de facto alliance of the Obama Administration, the British government, and the Saudi monarchy which is spreading jihadi terrorism throughout the Muslim world, and threatening to detonate World War III? Will they lead to pinning the blame on Obama for his “impeachable crimes?” (See *EIR*, Nov. 9.)

Among the questions being intensively discussed in the run-up to the hearings are those about the lack of response in real time, to the calls for help from the besieged Benghazi compound, as well as the coverup of the actual terrorist nature of the attack by UN Ambassador Susan Rice and the President himself.

Of equal significance, however, are the well-documented facts that the area around the Benghazi compound was known to have been under threat by jihadi terrorists well before 9/11, and that requests for beefed-up security had been ignored, or turned down. Extensive documentation of the threats, from the government’s own records—communications from U.S. officials in Benghazi to Washington, D.C.—has been made public, and formed a major part of LaRouchePAC’s Nov. 2 press conference in Washington, D.C.

Alliance with al-Qaeda?

Since that press conference, *EIR* has uncovered even more evidence that the Obama Administration—which continues to cover for the Saudi monarchy’s involvement in 9/11 One—was aware that it was *working*

with al-Qaeda members or assets in the Benghazi area. *EIR*’s Jeffrey Steinberg discussed this at a Nov. 8 private briefing in Washington, D.C.:

“One of the documents that has recently been noted was a report that was commissioned by the Pentagon and completed by the Library of Congress in August of this year, headlined ‘Al-Qaeda in Libya: A Profile,’ and a major section of this report singles out the organization Ansar al-Sharia, which was the group that actually carried out the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

“In the Executive Summary, they say: ‘Ansar al-Sharia, led by Sufian Ben Qhumu, a former Guantanamo detainee, has increasingly embodied al-Qaeda’s presence in Libya, as indicated by its active social-media propaganda, extremist discourse, and hatred of the West, especially the United States.’”

A review of the full 54-page report uncovers dozens of other references to the danger represented by Ansar al-Sharia, which, according to leaks from U.S. intelligence officials given to Daily Beast reporter Eli Lake, was not considered a threat to American interests prior to the Benghazi attacks. We quote some here:

- Page 2: “Ansar al-Sharia (Supporters of Sharia), a militia group led by Sufian Ben Qhumu ... could be the new face of al-Qaeda in Libya despite its leader’s denial.... Ansar al-Sharia is a Salafist-jihadist militia based in Benghazi.

- Page 3: “The name *Ansar al-Sharia* is also being used by al-Qaeda in the Lands of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in so-called liberated areas of Yemen and by Salafist groups in Tunisia.

- Page 3: “Various militias, also known as katibas (battalions/brigades), from throughout Libya are thought to ... make up the bulk of al-Qaeda’s network in Libya....

- Page 18: “Al-Qaeda will probably refrain from using the al-Qaeda name and instead may use other names, such as Ansar al-Sharia, or simply mujahedin.”

There are dozens of other specifics detailed in the 54-page [report](#).

Even worse, this tolerance and de facto alliance with incarnations of al-Qaeda are continuing in other locations throughout the Middle East, including Syria. If Congress doesn’t stop it, it may lead to a conflagration far worse than the assassination of a few personnel, very soon.

Obama Victory Sweeps In Drug Legalization

by Gretchen Small

Nov. 12—Along with President Barack Obama's re-election victory on Nov. 6 came a strategic victory for the British Empire's long-sought goal of "recreational" drug legalization. Drug legalization was swept in on Obama's dopetails, as it were, in Colorado and Washington State. Not merely because the same voters, by and large, voted for both; Obama handed Dope, Inc. these victories as *policy*.

George Soros's top U.S. hit man on drug policy, Drug Policy Alliance chief Ethan Nadelmann, thanked Obama in a statement issued on Nov. 7. Nadelmann took credit for drafting, financing, and organizing the ballot initiatives to make Colorado and Washington "the first political jurisdictions anywhere in the world to approve regulating, taxing and controlling marijuana similar to alcohol." But what made the difference between victory in 2012, and the 2010 defeat of Soros's similar proposition in California, Nadelmann pointed out, was this year's "notable" silence of the Obama Administration on the legalization initiatives, as compared to 2010, when Federal officials repeatedly warned that the state bill was illegal under Federal law.

Whereas the British had to fight a war to impose their opium dens upon the Chinese people in the 19th Century, in the United States, the successive waves of attack on the American System since the death of Franklin Roosevelt, have succeeded in ushering in the dope dens by the ballot box. The Empire's cartels are now preparing logistics for "pot tourism" and a "marijuana industry" boom. So sure of victory were they, that they had already organized the "1st Annual National Marijuana Business Conference," which was held Nov. 8-9 in Denver.

In his post-electoral crow, Nadelman hailed the state victories as "paving the way for the rest of the country and world to follow." Soros's goal in securing marijuana legalization in any U.S. state was never local, but was intended to position the British monarchy to win its

century-long fight to legalize the dope trade internationally.

This is not an exaggeration. The British-allied forces that orchestrated the legalization of "recreational" marijuana in Colorado and Washington proclaim that they intend to use those votes to crack remaining resistance in Mexico to the drug cartels; to extract a unified call from the nations of Ibero-America, if not the Organization of American States (OAS), for overturning existing international anti-drug commitments; and then, with the Western Hemisphere secured behind it, to force through global legalization of *all* drugs, including cocaine and heroin.

Thank Obama

A few significant voices have been raised internationally against this danger. Asked about the Colorado and Washington decisions in a Nov. 10 interview on Ekho Moskvyy radio, Victor Ivanov, director of the Russian Federal Drug Control Service, rejected drug legalization, pointing out that "the biggest beneficiary of the global drug trade is the banking system." Monsignor Ignacio Villanueva of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, one of Mexico's cities most destroyed by the drug cartels, warned that the increase in drug use which follows legalization will worsen the violence Mexico already suffers.

The ballot initiatives are contrary to U.S. Federal law, which continues to classify marijuana as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substance Act; the state initiatives could, and must, be overturned. But despite the many dedicated local, state, and national U.S. anti-drug officials who want to fight, the Obama Administration made its complicity clear by its deadly silence, before and after the votes.

A month before the election, U.S. institutional forces staged a fight to try to force the Administration to act. Six prominent former anti-drug officials, speaking in the name of all nine of the last Drug Enforcement Administration chiefs, every former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy from 1989-2008, and others, held an unprecedented conference call on Oct. 15 to demand that the Administration mobilize against the legalization initiatives. It did not.

Notably, when *EIR*'s Dennis Small asked if the Obama Administration's de facto support for drug legalization stemmed from the drug monies that reportedly helped finance Obama's 2008 and 2012 Presiden-



Britain's Opium War against China was just the beginning. Shown is an opium den in Shanghai in the 19th Century.

tial election campaigns, including those channeled to him by George Soros, no one would refute the charge.

The Battle for Mexico

The state legalizations exploded a bomb under Mexico, already fighting a rearguard battle against the British Empire's Opium War.

President-elect Enrique Peña Nieto, who assumes office on Dec. 1, opposes legalization, and has asked one of Colombia's top anti-drug officers, Gen. Oscar Naranjo (ret.), to advise his administration on a strategy to defeat the drug cartels. But the Nov. 6 legalization votes set off a policy brawl inside Nieto's PRI party. The head of his transition team, Luis Videgaray, said that Mexico will have to reconsider its anti-drug policies, because the new U.S. state laws changed "the rules of the game." PRI Secretary General Cristina Díaz Salazar countered that the PRI is opposed to drug legalization, and must demand that President Obama clearly define himself on this matter.

Only a small number of countries have legalized consumption, and those that have, have come to realize that consumption doesn't drop as a result of legalization, but rather addiction at an earlier age increases, and has reached alarming levels in children, she stated.

Top Soros agent and former Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castañeda immediately issued a "warning" that those sectors in Mexico that want to pressure Obama to enforce U.S. Federal anti-marijuana laws and overturn the new state laws must be defeated. Mexico

and the United States must reach an agreement to jointly drop anti-drug policies, he intoned.

Peña Nieto is scheduled to visit the United States to meet with Obama on Nov. 27.

Dope, Inc. in Control

Britain's Tony Blair and the House of Lords are coordinating the drive for legalization in the Western Hemisphere, as the case of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos exemplifies. Santos is proud to call himself a friend and collaborator of war-monger Tony Blair, the first person he ran to see after winning election in 2010. In November 2011, Santos stepped forward as an international champion of "legalizing

marijuana, and more than just marijuana," cocaine, too. He sent his foreign minister to a three-day House of Lords planning session on global legalization, coordinated by Lady Fielding's noxious Beckley Foundation, and then himself repeatedly pushed for legalization during his Nov. 20-21 state visit to the U.K.

Guatemalan President Otto Pérez Molina quickly joined Santos in organizing full-tilt for international legalization. Who runs his show, was made clear in July 2012, when Pérez Molina presided over the inauguration of the Latin American Chapter of the Beckley Foundation at the Presidential Palace.

When Colombian President Santos insisted that drug legalization be put on the agenda of the April 2012 Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, which President Obama attended, his Administration did not object. When the summit accepted Santos's proposal that the OAS be mandated to issue a report on all those "innovative" ideas the legalizers love to speak off, Obama did not object.

That the legalization of the trade is to include legalization of the cartels, was made clear on Sept. 5, when Santos announced that he had reached an agreement with South America's largest cocaine cartel, the FARC, to start up formal "peace" negotiations, such as those which, in the 1990s, brought Colombia to the brink of extinction. The White House backed the negotiations the same day, and Blair "warmly welcomed" them on Sept. 28.

On the agenda of those negotiations: finding a "solution" to the drug trade.

80,000 Votes To End the Party System, with Kesha Rogers

by Alicia Cerretani

Nov. 12—Now that the general election has finally come to a close, the American people were greeted with the harsh reality on the morning of Nov. 7, that we are still faced with the existential threats we faced coming into the campaign season: the breakout of general warfare and the threat of global hyperinflation. Both U.S. Presidential candidates malignantly avoided any serious discussion of these threats, and the nation was rendered politically crippled throughout the entire election campaign season, leaving the bulk of the work to a handful of patriots running for Federal office in different parts of the country, and those in unelected institutions of government.

One of those patriots is U.S. Congressional candidate for the 22nd District of Texas, Kesha Rogers, who, despite the cap Obama and the gutless Republican Party put on any serious discussion, ran a nationally and internationally recognized campaign that soared high above the partisanship that has trapped any legitimate discussion of the nation's interests into arbitrary camps of Republican vs. Democrat.

Rogers, running as a LaRouche Democrat on the LaRouche National Slate, challenged Republican incumbent seat-warmer Pete Olson for a second election in a row, again winning a third of the vote in the 22nd C.D. With a fraction of the money Olson spent, an active campaign *against* Rogers by the Democratic Party, and both parties running a virtual voter-suppression campaign by refusing to engage their constituents with anything of relevance, 80,025 voters came out to show their support for Rogers and her platform.

Stacking the Deck

Neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party was taking any chances that Rogers would “break out”



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LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers campaigns in Houston, Nov. 12. She won a third of the vote for Congress in her strongly Republican district, and is now forging ahead to fight to restore NASA to its former greatness.

to win the 2012 election.

On the Republican side, the state GOP majority, as part of a statewide deal, imposed a redistricting scheme that dramatically transformed the 22nd District, taking out NASA's Johnson Space Center, the working-class areas of Deer Park and Pasadena, and a large section of the black population in Missouri City and Stafford. These were replaced with Republican neighborhoods, in hopes of creating an even more “secure” seat for Team Republican. (Tom DeLay had held the seat for 30 years, before Olson.)

When Congress left Washington, to return to their districts to campaign, it became clear that not only was the Republican plan for Olson to stay as far away as possible from Rogers, but also from any public engagements! He didn't show up for any forums or debates,

nor did he host any public events. According to many of the voters whom Rogers' campaign workers reached going door to door, at traffic intersections, or on the phone, people weren't voting for Olson because of anything he stood for. The majority of the people in the 22nd District voted for Olson because he was a Republican and Obama is a Democrat.

However, Rogers' campaign delivered a dossier on Olson in our door-to-door organizing, highlighting the similarities between Olson's and Obama's voting records—including Olson's support for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Section 1022 of which allows Obama to permanently detain U.S. citizens, without charge or trial, on secret evidence, when secret courts deem them suspect of being affiliated with al-Qaeda. Republicans who received the dossier were shocked that somebody in their own party could possibly be working alongside Obama on such egregious violations of our civil liberties.

As for the Democratic Party, locally it was determined to commit suicide by rejecting Rogers' candidacy—and even organizing against her. After all, the party had counted on defeating her in the May primary, and were hysterical when they didn't succeed.

The Rogers campaign's challenge became reaching enough people in enough time before the plague of party politics got the best of them. For those whom we did reach, Rogers' unique platform, "Impeach Obama, Restore Glass-Steagall, and Build the North American Water and Power Alliance," an evolution of her 2010 rallying cry "Save NASA, Dump Obama," resonated profoundly, with both those who remembered Rogers from 2010, and who were hearing about her for the first time.

Reshaping the Environment

To get a sense of the final weeks of the campaign and Rogers' intervention into what many Americans recognized as a hopeless Presidential election, imagine yourself at an early morning intersection in Southwest Houston: It's 7:30 a.m., the traffic is busy and nearly at its peak. As commuters approach an intersection on their way to work, Rogers' latest 18 x 4 foot banners catch their attention. Our provocative and proven record throughout Houston, be it on Obama's shutting down of NASA or his coverup of the attacks in Benghazi, has earned more and more support from commuters, grateful that we maintain a high-visibility presence, focusing on the real issues affecting the nation that they know no other candidate or party will discuss.

Typical of Rogers' intervention and how each of the 80,025 votes was won in the heavily Republican district, is an exchange between an irate Republican just before the election, who rolled down the window of his pick-up truck and told Rogers that her party had turned the nation into a mess, and that he was going to vote a straight ticket against Obama and the Democrats, whom he was convinced had no way of winning the election. However, not a week after the election, while Rogers was organizing in downtown Houston, a man approached her and asked if she recognized him, saying, "I'm the man who tried to pick a fight with you just before the election, in Cinco Ranch. I wanted to tell you that after our exchange, I thought about what was on that banner and what you had said about the failure of the party system and the need for people to work together towards the national interest. For the first time in my life, I didn't vote straight Republican; I broke my ticket and voted for you for Congress."

Such exchanges were repeated more frequently as the elections grew closer, and are indicative of the impact that Rogers and LaRouche's three-point platform is having on the population; they also illustrate the failure of both Presidential candidates and their parties, that most voters went out to vote *against* a candidate and believed that they could use the parties to do it.

Rogers and the other LaRouche Democrats across the country warned that voting along party lines and falling into the trap of believing that the Republicans' arch-nemesis is the Democratic Party, and vice versa, is exactly what has gridlocked Congress, rendering it completely incapable of implementing one of its most important constitutional mandates: checking an out-of-control Executive branch. And until there exists a strong enough grouping of patriots who hold the interests of the nation more sacred than their party affiliation, Obama and his Administration's campaign to save the planet's monied interests, even at the risk of starting World War III, will prevail, and both parties will be equally to blame for it.

What the Rogers campaign demonstrates is that where there is bold, creative, and unflinching leadership, during what might seem to be an insurmountable crisis, the American people will respond. However, if we are going to survive as a nation, patriots from around the country are going to have to take a page from Kesha Rogers' book and stand above party, and on principle, and that soon.

THE ANCIENT ROOTS OF CHRONIC MODERN WAR . . .

On a Subject of Ancient Antiquity

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Why have those attempts for a modern world-peace “in their times” failed, repeatedly, since the time of the 1890 ouster of Chancellor Bismarck? Such often appears to be the chronic riddle of warfare today. The question to be addressed here, invokes an echo of the legendary, but nonetheless actual destruction of Troy. Yet, on the same account, then, here, there, or now, the presently immediate threat of global thermonuclear warfare, has implications which now reach absolutely beyond all earlier precedents. For that latter, present threat, there is neither any apparent precedent presented up to this time, nor any systemic solution in sight—this far.

Warfare—as it is sometimes said “for its own sake,” has been often an unnecessary, lunatic, mass-disease, the expression of an outbreak of sheer, bestial insanity as was the U.S. folly in entering into the “land war in Asia” which President John F. Kennedy and General Douglas MacArthur strictly opposed—until President Kennedy’s assassination convinced the U.S. government otherwise. A similar folly is to be noted in cases such as, especially noted, in the history of ancient Greece, and the sequel of the launching of the Roman Empire. These morbid infections with war, often express the degradation which alternatively engenders, or is the consequence of the mass-insanity of such as the Crusades, the religious warfare prior to the Peace

of Westphalia, and the present, British-led, mass-mania of an avowed, “post-Westphalian” Europe of the time of the New Venetian trends associated with that William of Orange who became the putative author of the neo-Roman, British empire of, still, the present day.

Nonetheless, I am justly confident that that which I shall have identified, in the following pages, will become sufficient to warrant a step toward solution for that apparent riddle itself.

That should have been obvious, as I shall show, below, since the experienced outcome of that 1763 Peace of Paris whose outstanding effect, was to establish William of Orange’s New Venetian party as the re-incarnation of the Roman Empire, up through the present date. It is, contrary to all foolish opinion, that very same empire which presently dominates the planet, still today.

I explain.

*What I have come to consider as the most useful of the relevant precedents to be referenced now, is implicit in the commonly misapprehended, Homeric *Iliad*’s account of the destruction of ancient Troy. That Homer was poetic, and therefore truthful, but he justly misled those fools who wished to believe their own evil dreams.*

The specific usefulness of the example of Troy for our purposes here and now, lies in the coincidence between the site within which the remaining ruin of Troy



The most useful precedent for today's plunge toward another world war, LaRouche writes, is the account of the destruction of ancient Troy in the "Iliad." "Homer was poetic, and therefore truthful, but he justly misled those fools who wished to believe their own evil dreams." Shown: "The Burning of Troy," Jan Bruegel the Elder (ca. 1621).

has been designated by Heinrich Schliemann, et al., and through attention to the relevant social characteristics which coincide with the legacy of both those characteristics of the oligarchical system to be recognized in each successive predecessor, and also in the threatened present-day outcome of the ancient Roman empire.

I also include consideration of those social characteristics common among those cases embedded in the relatively major European oligarchical systems which are to be traced from the assembly of the Roman Empire through today, and also the more recently emergent quality of the present British-Saudi imperial systems. I mean by this, the systems which have provided the basis for the combined British-imperial and Saudi "9-11" system which had been deployed jointly by those imperialist parties for the relevant ritual mass killings which occurred both during 2001 and, presently, their mimic, the "9-11" of President Barack Obama's implicitly treasonous role in the matter of the September 11, 2012 attack in Benghazi.

The combined importance and authority of the dynamic of such a kind of background for our present mission here, has the following features.

There is something akin to Edgar Allan Poe's "The Purloined Letter" in this riddle which I shall present here. After that is recognized, the solution might be unfolded.

The Cultural Artefact at Hand

When we might think about the matter more carefully than is common even among most known scholars this far, what persists is the importance of the Trojan War for insight into a science of history today. The key to relevant mysteries is to be located, essentially, in the style of the highly ironic, Homeric, Classical-poetic, poem itself. Ask: "Who is the villain?" And "Why?" The essential response to those questions, for today, is the evil embodied in the recent emergence of the Anglo-BAE-Saudi integration's vividly characteristic expression of the present threat of a triggering of global thermonuclear warfare.

I intend to include my emphasis on the fact, of the present threat to all civilization represented by the integration of those British-Saudi-BAE systems expressed in both the original, 2001, "9-11" attack on the U.S.A., and the most recent, deliberately signalled, Anglo-Saudi attack on the U.S. diplomatic station in Benghazi, Libya. I emphasize, that that murderous development had been developed under the support provided by the implicitly treasonous, brutishly malevolent and chronically lying British tool, Barack Obama. There was the precisely crafted, and labored crafting of the attack which occurred, precisely, as an echo of September 11, 2001: exactly eleven years later, on September 11, 2012. That timing was controlled by President Barack Obama and by his incredibly lying

and otherwise depraved accomplice, UNO Ambassador Susan Rice; but, they were only tools of the British empire of today.

Physical Science as Metaphor

What I emphasize here, in these pages, is the systemic character of the link of the Homeric portrayal of the fall of Troy, to the sequence of European-centered imperialist systems, as from the fall of ancient Rome, to the verge of that threatened doom of world civilization, the which is embedded in the actions of the British imperial role of the Saudi kingdom presently, as in the actions of “9-11,” then, as in 2001, and again, now. The essential feature of my treatment of that subject-matter here, brings forth a notion of the methods by means of which the present threat of a global thermonuclear holocaust might be averted during these presently immediate, as also future times.

The stark ironies of the Homeric poetry are crucial for us today, for precisely such purposes. These are needed, now, precisely because the presented account has been rendered by the role of that efficient physical principle of metaphor in the crafting of true Classical poetry. The ghost that seems to stalk.

The efficient representation of that ghostly, principled form of argument, which I employ for the needed insight here, is specific to the two, closely interrelated cases of what Nicholas of Cusa follower, Johannes Kepler, discovered, uniquely, as the principle of universal gravitation: “vicarious hypothesis,” and which is also expressed by the ontologically related principle of “metaphor.” These two, referenced principles reflect the fact that reliance on what is conventionally treated as “sense-certainty,” were better considered to be “sense-uncertainty.” This distinction is, precisely: the “location” of the strict meaning of those qualities of insight which supersede mere sense-perception as such. Sense-perceptions here, are of a quality of mere shadows cast upon our so-called sensorium by our efficient interaction along the lines of a reality, an irony which reaches beyond the simplistic reach of mere sense-perceptions as such.

The case presented on precisely this account, is the specific, if allegedly contentious definition of “mind” shared by both Wolfgang Köhler and Max Planck. They have recognized that truth exists for them only “outside” the reach of those mere shadows which are cast, in one case, as Kepler’s definition of “vicarious hypothesis,” and, in another, as the “metaphor”

which is the actually essential principle of Classical musical composition, great Classical poetry and drama, and as the mental action which corresponds to the human experience of metaphor in its characteristic as both the Classical drama which is well-performed on stage, and the performance of Classical musical composition, as also the act of discovery of any truly valid notion of a universal physical principle.

The Douglas MacArthur Example

Consider three illustrative cases from the modern history spanned by the example of genius shown by General Douglas MacArthur, as in such relevant instances as his role in the fields of battle within World War I France, during “World War II,” and the spectacular instance of the Inchon landing. Include the fact that that scoundrel, President and British lackey, Harry S Truman, hated MacArthur as Truman also hated President Franklin Roosevelt: all of this as an extremely relevant fact in modern world history. Note that it has been the death of President Franklin Roosevelt and the subsequent assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Robert, which typify forces within contemporary, post-World War II history, all of which choices have ruined our United States (by our republic’s own hand), that since the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, as the earlier British assassination of President Abraham Lincoln has ruined our United States, repeatedly, to the present date.

The MacArthur example should remind us of the leadership of George Washington and of Washington’s faithful genius, Alexander Hamilton (for as long as British agents such as the assassin and British agent Aaron Burr permitted Hamilton to live). The foolish sort of historians often accept and honor the criminals and the like who gained power through such means as murder and theft. The case of General MacArthur is crucially important, just because the facts of his most notable achievements in strategy lay essentially not in what some prefer to distinguish as the violent action, but in the wisdom through which the violence was minimized and the honorable and necessary victory best achieved.

The latter point is that which I emphasize as the essential fact to be considered here.

We use what is, in one view of the matter, merely sense-perception; but, we must understand that sense-



U.S. Army

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's most notable achievements in strategy lay essentially "in the wisdom through which the violence was minimized and the honorable and necessary victory best achieved." MacArthur is shown here as he watches the attack on Inchon, Sept. 15, 1950.

perception is merely the language of the senses, whereas, it is the mind, in its own domain, that of metaphor, in which the efficient expression of truthful action—such as the actuality of efficient physical principles—does, and must reign.

I. Science & Classical Art: The Only Truth

To locate that single type of error in popular opinion, which misleads entire societies into self-inflected traps for their own destruction: It is sense-impression as such. That is the greatest of all the wicked errors commonly shared among mankind this far in known history. The indispensable distinction to be brought to bear on that account, is the distinction between discovered universal physical principles, as such, and the mere shadows which cast those shadows which are commonly known as sense-impressions. Hence, Johannes Kepler's following Nicholas of Cusa's *De*

Docta Ignorantia in his unique discovery of the notion of "*vicarious hypothesis*," and, implicitly, the related notion of "*metaphor*." *It is the drama, not the play, which is the essential content of the performance.* It is a truly great Classical drama, or the actual work of a Johann Sebastian Bach, which is the music: the rest were merely a description of a set of sense-perceptions. (Such is the essential difference of Bach and Mozart, from a mere acrobat Franz Liszt, or a largely flatulent Richard Wagner.)

The misled scholar presumes, that the discovered universal physical principle is a mere derivative of sense-perception. Directly the opposite conclusion is the correct choice. It is efficient universal physical principles, rather than mere sense-impressions, which control the experienced processes of the universe. It is our

assigned mission to discover that truth. Here lies the essential solution to the awesome duty which we must perform in solving the riddle of war.

Let us now proceed accordingly, as now follows.

A Matter of 'Curiosity'

As mankind now progresses, by some, as somewhat encouraged by the achievements implicit in the deployment of "Curiosity" on Mars, the role of the human mind requires a certain quality of a new, and greater great leap upward and forward in the matter. In that outlook, within which mankind must view what may be identified as "our real selves," I intend to proceed, acting with less and less dependency on the tendency to drift back into the brutishly barren intellectual domains of what had been regarded as "sense certainty." That is to say, that we must be prompted to rely more and more on the actually efficient apprehension of our awareness of the role of mind itself, as the case of General Douglas MacArthur's performances is to be distinguished from the relatively bestial habits

of reliance on the mere means of expressed sense-certainty as such, as if in and for itself.

Thus, it was always the case, insofar as we are enabled to reach back into the experiences of earlier times, that the advancement of the human intellect should move into successively higher forms of human life, and must, so, come to depend less and less on mere sense-perception as such, and more and more on an impassioned awareness of the true reality of an experience which depends less and less on sense-perception in and of itself. We must become more and more a species which relies more on the efficient ideas associated, categorically, with such as Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa and such of Cusa's followers as Johannes Kepler and Gottfried Leibniz, leading thus, onward from Bernhard Riemann, and into the consequent genius of Max Planck and Albert Einstein presently, and, hopefully, beyond that.

Hence, the necessity for my motivating the presentation of this present report here and now.

So, we proceed to the tasks of defending the existence of our human species from what might be regarded as the malicious effects of asteroids and comets which continue to besiege our very continued existence as a species, within our Solar system, as in smaller places.

Such concern impels us into a direct conflict with a "religious" sort of faith in sense-perception, as such. The term "evil," becomes, thus, a hall-mark of the most grave, and the most prevalent of the crimes of "sense-certainty," again, as such: The crime of failing to progress to a higher nature of species than mankind had been before this time. That means less dependency on crude, mere sense-certainties, than on the discoveries of efficient truths which must, in timely fashion, surpass anything we had been enabled to accomplish within this Solar system, and beyond, before this time. If our Sun is committed to destroy us, and, then, itself, that in a foreseeable range of future developments, we must supersede such problems, as "Curiosity" represents a relevant token of needed progress for the present moment of that Solar system.

Progress This Far

Therefore, any system of public and related education, which does not impel mankind in the consequently needed direction into states of human practice more advanced than the limits of our Solar system's

development this far, would be a moral failure of humanity as a whole.

It is precisely on that account, that we must address the present, British-Empire-led threat of early extinction of the human species.

Here, the name of "passion" assumes a very special kind of meaning: "the principle of necessary passion," as that could not be competently defined without freeing the idea of society from the evil inherent in an expression of the passions of a "bare bodkin" of merely barren sense-certainty.

Any part of the human species which is enabled to reign under such influences, threatens to become the most deadly, and, therefore, the most evil of all criminalities, like that of the personality of a President Barack Obama who must be prevented from re-entering high office, sufficiently on that account alone. But, unfortunately, he might be regarded, for the moment, as among the worst, but certainly not the only such trespasser, on the terrain of human virtue.

Consider the case of the current obligations of the U.S.A.'s role in dealing with a generally accelerating present threat of human extinction promoted by the combined Anglo-Saudi, terrorist actions which have taken the direction illustrated by the cases of sheer horror known as the succession of Anglo-Saudi horrors of "Nine-Eleven-One" and "Nine-Eleven Two." The proverbial "name of the game" which the criminal authors of those operations represent, is what is named "the oligarchical principle."

II. The Gods & Their Slaves

The unique basis for the distinction of the human species from that of lower forms of life, such as herds of cattle, lies in the ability of some human beings to live in a state of mind corresponding to those unique powers of the human mind which are known to us only as those creative (i.e. noëtic) powers of the human will which are systemically absent from the character of lower forms of life. Those human beings who are conditioned to accept a lower form of mental life assigned to virtual, animal-like slaves, are herded by a reigning, predominantly human elite which customarily consigns other human beings into a role of brutish creatures lacking in the means to practice human creativity, brutalized human creatures who are herded into the brutalized state of mind which a ruling oligarchy



The ruling oligarchy conditions the better part of humanity to accept a lower form of mental life, as virtual, animal-like slaves, “brutish creatures lacking in the means to practice human creativity.” Shown: “Netherlandish Proverbs,” Peter Bruegel the Elder (1559).

imposes upon the “lower classes:” an oligarchy which is habituated to treat their fellow-humans of “lower classes” as, more or less, “brutalized” specimens subject to a “herded-like” role of virtually human cattle.

The relevant prototype of a society organized in those composed terms, is typified by the model of the Roman arena, or by Americans who, like the loutish lower classes of the Roman arena’s spectator-class, make the popular decisions for life or death of the arena’s victims, through the foolish “thumbs-down,” “thumbs up,” of the audiences of the arena, or the typical U.S. party-conventions in the tradition of U.S. President Andrew Jackson’s brutish political oligarchy.

The effect of such social arrangements among human populations, produces a conditioned quality of

popular human intentions which converges, even in Europe and the Americas of today, on the “dull-wittedness” of the populations of slaves and serfs under a Roman imperial system, or the like.

One interesting manifestation of such distinctions within the range of human populations, is the slave-mentality-in-fact represented by the body of the so-called “environmentalists” bred in such particular locations as the Americas and Europe today.

There is a certain, rather interesting, and tell-tale example of the effects of so-called “environmentalism.” This is typically encountered in the popular forms of practice of economic forecasting, so-called: the prevalent standard of forecasting in the U.S.A. and Europe, in particular, is, essentially, the intrinsically incompetent practice of “statistical forecasting.” Essentially, “Wall Street” professionals, and



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The typical denizen of “Wall Street,” e.g., accountants, investment bankers, etc., does not exhibit any comprehension of the distinction between man and beast. Here, the Wall Street “bull.”

many certified accountants otherwise, are, therefore, frequently, clinically insane systemically on this specific account.

The distinction of the human species, as a species, from the lower forms of animal life, is that the perpetuation of our human species depends upon the anti-entropic methods of resisting of decadence though innovations of a class which are systemically anti-entropic. The “environmentalist” is not only unfit to meet human standards of behavior; the human species would become extinct if persons of that disposition were in control. The systemically anti-human policies of population-reduction of the world, from seven billions persons to approximately one, the presently ongoing policy of practice by the incumbent Queen of England, is such a case.

Wall Street: Men or Beasts

The typical standard imposed upon those designated as “accountants” or “investment bankers,” and the like, is a truly bestial role, as contrasted with those persons who show a conscious awareness of the most essential distinction of man from beast.

That distinction lies, essentially, in the fact, that a person who acts professionally (for example) accord-

ing to the prevalent standards of accountants or a comparable mental outlook on performance, lacks a functional apprehension of the essential distinction of man from beast. That means, that such persons who are victims of the custom of such professions, lack a responsiveness to the specific mental trait which distinguishes the human individual from all among the lower forms of life. The result is not that such unfortunates are not human: let us say, rather, that they are succumbing to be victims of “brain-washing.”

To summarize that point: the human individual mind has a definite distinction from all other known forms of life. The distinction is fairly described for purposes of identification, as being the ability to “see the

future,” rather than being confined to the past and immediate present. Hence, for example, the typical Wall Street forecaster (or, his accountant), does not recognize the ability of the human mind to foresee principles which will predetermine mankind’s reach into foresight into a future state which could not be deduced from the past and present.

This superior capability of “insightful” forecasters and their like, is located, functionally speaking, in their apprehension of universal physical principles, as distinct from the disabled human mind’s reliance on what may be classed, for purposes of illustration, as statistical deduction.

It is precisely that sense of a principle of an emerging future, which supplies some persons the power to apprehend the future: because they experience the principle which determines the future, rather than being limited to deduction from past-into-present sensory or like experience. It is the sense of the future, which I have just identified here, which is also the only possible principle which could govern mankind’s acceptance of a true principle of conscience. It is here, precisely here, that the possibility of checking the chain-reaction of endless warfare can be found.

Editorial

Dramatic Global Shifts

Just before the Nov. 5 U.S. elections, Lyndon LaRouche had advised that the world immediately after the elections would be dramatically different than what it had been up to that point. In the first 72 hours after the election results were announced, some dramatic global developments underscored that assessment.

The first occurred in Russia, where on Nov. 6, President Putin announced the replacement of his Defense Minister and the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as part of a broader military and military-industrial reorganization. While internal politics and scandals are definitely involved, it should be noted that Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, a four-star general, has been a close ally of Putin; while the new head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Valeri Gerasimov, was a lead speaker taking on NATO's BMD provocation at a conference in Moscow last May.

The second shift came in the Middle East cockpit, where British Prime Minister David Cameron announced a policy of preparation for greater military involvement against Syria, following President Obama's re-election.

The third dramatic development was the eruption of what could be called the "Petraeus scandal," which led to the CIA chief's immediate resignation, but set off a rapidly expanding set of additional scandals. While these all allegedly center on allegations of extra-marital affairs, their import is to raise quite valid questions about the trustworthiness of top levels in the Obama Administration—and about the President himself. Intersecting the raft of unanswered questions and *prima facie* evidence of security failures in the case of the Benghazi killings of U.S. diplomatic personnel, including the Ambassador, this new scandal out-

break looks set to implode an Administration already rotten to the core.

Thus, Gen. David Petraeus's Nov. 9 resignation has rapidly brought the question of "Obamagate" to the fore. Congress was already investigating the Administration's conduct in the Benghazi affair, but now a whole new set of questions arises. Was it really possible that President Obama didn't know about the FBI's months-long investigation of General Petraeus until right after the election? Why were the intelligence committees of the Congress not informed of the investigation? Was this "resignation" timed to prevent Petraeus from carrying out his scheduled testimony before Congress on Benghazi this week?

In the current climate, new calls for the establishment of a Joint Select Committee, like that which resulted in the moves for impeachment of President Nixon in Watergate, have been raised. While these calls have primarily come from Republican Senators, Democratic Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Dianne Feinstein has expressed strong frustration with the Administration's behavior as well, and indicated her potential support for an investigation of the Administration.

Add to political developments, the anticipated, but now full-blown, push by Obama for Schachtian austerity, including cuts in entitlements, and it's not hard to see the political preconditions for Americans to mobilize for the dramatic changes in policy required in the United States finally emerging. The hideous failure of the last 40 years of the economic policy of monetarism and de-industrialization has just been laid bare by Superstorm Sandy. That may well be the shock which brings Americans to their senses, at long last.

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