

Pittsburgh Protest Against Obama/EPA

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Aug. 3—On July 31 in Pittsburgh, some 7,000 demonstrators turned out for a mass rally and march, called by the United Mineworkers of America (UMWA), to protest Obama’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), over its newly announced anti-coal rule ordering reduction of so-called greenhouse gas emissions. Pittsburgh was one of four cities (along with Denver, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C.) where the EPA staged two-day hearings last week, granting 1,600 people five minutes each, as a pretense of taking “public comment” on its new “Clean Power Plan” to ruin what remains of the U.S. power supply. The Pittsburgh hearings started July 31.

The day’s mass protest marked a dramatic line of resistance nationally against the destruction of the U.S. economy under the Obama Administration. The impact of the Obama June 2 “Clean Power Plan,” which mandates reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other offending substances by 30% (from 2005) by year 2030, is to devastate the coal-fired power sector. The blatant intent of de-carbonization, is to de-power the United States. The pedigree of the plan, is “made in London,” per the international green hoax that the Earth is overheating from an excess of mankind’s activity.

Coal accounts for over half of the electricity base of U.S. 17 states. In Kentucky and West Virginia, coal accounts for over 90% of electricity generation. Already, even in anticipation of the new Obama EPA rule going into effect, coal-powered plants are shutting down.

A bipartisan alignment of state leaders and Congress is speaking out against the Obama onslaught,

though stopping short of demanding his ouster. However, the Pittsburgh demonstrators were all thumbs-up to impeaching Obama, which was featured on big placards at the organizing site of LaRouchePAC at the march.

At a July 30 pre-rally, 2,000 people in downtown Pittsburgh were addressed by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) of West Virginia, Gov. Tom Corbett (R) of Pennsylvania, Ohio’s Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor (R), and tri-state leaders of both parties. West Virginia’s Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R) told the July 30 rally: “I stand here together with you united in our outrage over the Obama Administration’s plans to use the Environmental Protection Agency to put you and our nation at risk. . . .”

Many Congressmen testified at the EPA hearings against the anti-coal moves. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) told the Washington hearing, July 29, “My state of West Virginia has already lost 5,000 coal-mining jobs between 2012 and 2014. Many more jobs are at risk because of this agency, this president, and regulatory efforts that go far beyond what Congress intended when it passed the Clean Air Act.”

In 2010, a Congressional Coal Caucus was formed to defend against attacks, and now numbers 65 lawmakers. Besides those from coal-mining states, dozens of Congressmen are part of the coalition because of their states’ dependence on coal for electricity, given the 50-year obstruction of nuclear power. For example, Minnesota is 48% reliant on coal for electric power; Rep. Collin Peterson (D) is a Coal Caucus member.



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Seven thousand people attended a mass rally in Pittsburgh July 31, called by the United Mineworkers union, to protest the Obama/EPA scheme to shut down coal production in the U.S.

Clash of Worldviews: Production vs. Doom

On July 2, UMW issued a call for a national protest rally July 31 against the EPA's rule. Miners and supporters came in to Pittsburgh on 70 buses from coal states—Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and elsewhere—and were joined by members of the electrical workers (IBEW), boilermakers, and other trades, as well as residents from all over coal country.

LaRouchePAC organizers on the scene said that at one point, it was like “the Civil War without the shooting,” when thousands in the labor march came upon a counter-demonstration of 300 “Climate Action Now” Obama-supporters. The face-off lasted an hour. “It was a clash of outlooks, like a clash of galaxies,” said one participant.

The Climate Action Group is a gaggle of green groupies deployed to support Obama's 2013 “Climate Change Plan,” for which the anti-coal “Clean Power Plan” is a recent step. Obama's green initiatives are simply the implementation of the London global warming blueprint for depopulation—by economic death, if not war.

LaRouchePAC activist Robert Baker gave testimony exposing this, in his remarks to the Pittsburgh EPA hearing July 31. He said:

“We can stop this catastrophe. We must dump the Wall Street green crap. ‘Alternative’ energy is a fraud. ‘Overheating the Earth’ is a fraud. We must cancel the EPA rule, and the EPA itself. Move forward with nuclear power, to an advanced economic base with a crash program for fusion energy. That's what coal is for! Use it! A new alliance of nations—called the BRICS group—is doing just that. . . .

“The immediate emergency measures required are to launch impeachment against President Barack Obama, re-institute the Glass-Steagall Act—for which bills stand ready in Congress—and then proceed to set up a traditional American System of credit, through which we can initiate great projects and science.

“People are suffering and dying for lack of this. Even worse, we face mass annihilation from thermo-nuclear war if Obama is allowed to continue his war-provoking policies in Eurasia, as George W. Bush did before him. . . .”

Baker reminded people, “We have the right and responsibility, as nations, to develop. That is what our nation stood for from the very beginning. We settled new lands; we constantly raised our ability to pro-

duce—from our farms, factories, and mines. We grew in population, skills and science. We led the world, going from wood, to charcoal, to anthracite, to bituminous, to coke, to oil and gas, then nuclear.

“We had the Tennessee Valley Authority in our coal states, where the Oak Ridge center harnessed atomic power. We had Atoms for Peace, and planned for mass nuclear-powered seawater desalination for the dry West (which we need desperately now). We had the first commercial nuclear power plant in the nation, here in Western Pennsylvania at Shippingport in 1957. We went to the Moon. But what happened?

“We were hit by a subversion operation. About 50 years ago, the foreign network of financial and oligarchical circles of the neo-British Empire, succeeded in imposing floating world currency rates, and implementing a battery of anti-nation-state measures: the WTO and globalized trade; deregulation of energy, transportation and health care; elimination of farm parity prices; elimination of the Glass-Steagall law, which protected banking from speculation, and much more. Bubble economics ensued to the point of the 2007 blowout, and a monster one is pending today.

“In parallel, the green movement was cooked up in a British imperial mind-control test tube by the same enemy. It is a lie that man's activities are over-heating the Earth; that CO₂ is a pollutant; and ‘alternatives’ are wind, solar, and biofuels.

“The truth is that climate results from large patterns of solar and galactic processes.

“The intent behind all these green lies—calling for shutting down coal plants and modern technology, and the Wall Street/City of London killer economics is the same: depopulation. Obama is serving the London crowd, who says: cut world population down from 7 billion to 1 billion people.

“That's what we see right here in coal counties in West Virginia. Life expectancy is now falling. . . .”

Baker explained the LaRouche Four Laws, ending with the necessity for “adopting a crash program for the development of fusion power.” He and the other LaRouchePAC organizers had intense discussions with the labor marchers on this.

Baker concluded his testimony, “Re-open the mines and the nation. Take emergency relief measures for people. We did it under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We can do it now. Impeach Obama and get to work.”