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From the Associate Editor

The issue posed by the horrific developments on the U.S. Gulf Coast since Aug. 29, is primarily one of leadership. As all the world has witnessed, the U.S. government simply failed to act from the top down—before, during, and after the disaster of Hurricane Katrina struck, displacing over a million people, knocking out at least 400,000 jobs, killing untold thousands or tens of thousands of people, and leaving New Orleans an environmental cesspool and breeding-ground for infectious diseases, possibly for years to come.

One of the most shocking expressions of the “let them eat cake” mindset at the top, was the Sept. 5 statement by former First Lady Barbara Bush, after visiting the thousands of evacuees stuffed into the Houston Astrodome: “So many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this—this [she chuckles slightly] is working very well for them.”

Lyndon LaRouche stepped forward into this leadership vacuum with an emergency webcast on Sept. 3, which we publish as our *Feature*, along with extensive documentation. We report the highly encouraging signs of life from the U.S. Congress—on both sides of the aisle; shocking timelines of the disaster warnings issued and ignored, and the systematic takedown of FEMA since 9/11; the extent of the devastation, as it is currently known, and what must be done. LaRouche particularly underlines the role the retired and serving military must play, since they have the organization and know-how to step in quickly, save lives, and rebuild. As an immediate emergency measure, military bases must be opened up to house the refugees—including those bases foolishly slated for shutdown under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) policy. (And what about Walter Reed Hospital, Mr. President? Do you still want to close that down?)

Our second feature is LaRouche’s fascinating study of “Obtuse Angles in Post-Soviet Ideology: Russia’s Dark Side of the Spoon.” This picks up on Jeffrey Steinberg’s cover story of Aug. 26, “Cheney’s ‘Spoon-Benders’ Pushing Nuclear Armageddon,” which—not surprisingly—has received wide circulation in Russia. While the subject might seem arcane or even humorous, you will soon learn that LaRouche is addressing the most fundamental and dangerous errors of ideology that are endemic in both Russia and our own Pentagon. When insane “spoon-benders” have their fingers on the nuclear “button,” it’s time to take notice, and act to remedy the problem.

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LaRouche Webcast: ‘Pulling This Nation Together Now!’

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

What follows is a transcript of the opening remarks of Lyndon LaRouche to an international webcast on Sept. 3, 2005, and selected questions and answers from the webcast discussion period, which was chaired by Debra Hanania Freeman and Marcia Merry Baker. Over 310 sites around the world tuned in for the webcast, in addition to 50-100 on a conference call hook-up. Participants came from Germany, France, Italy, Philippines, Australia, Canada, and, in Ibero-America, Mexico City, Monterrey, Lima, Buenos Aires, and Neuquen. In the United States, gatherings of participants, especially those of the LaRouche Youth Movement, included Los Angeles, Seattle, Houston, Toledo, Boston, and Chestertown, Md. The full transcript and audio/video archive are available at www.larouchepac.com.

Most people don't understand what the nature of the situation is, because they're not thinking from the standpoint of what a President of the United States should think at a time like this. We have a crisis now, which is chiefly a man-made catastrophe, added to what had been otherwise a controllable, but severe, natural catastrophe. It is the man-made catastrophe, which is the chief problem we have to face and overcome. If the government had acted properly, as of Aug. 2 or 3, when the certainty of a Force 4 to 5 hurricane hitting the Southern coast was clearly known, a hurricane for which the area is not prepared: The area that was hit by this hurricane, which came in at [Force] 4, and reached close to 5 at a time, that area was not capable of withstanding a Force 3-level hurricane.

So, the minute we knew we had a major hurricane, in the Force 4 to 5 range, aimed at the Southern coast of the United States, anyone in Washington who was on the ball, would have known we had a major emergency, and had to take *imme-*

diately, emergency action on the assumption that we were going to be hit by that kind of hurricane. Which would mean: evacuations, plans for evacuations, mobilizing forces for evacuations, certain kinds of emergency measures taken to moderate the situation—all these things should have been done. Nothing was done.

As a result of that, what might have been a few thousand people injured, and a limited number of deaths, is now thousands, and could rise, as a result of complications, if we don't deal properly with it, to a hundred thousand or more deaths in that area. Because what has happened, because of the negligence, we have an infectious-disease potential, of water-borne and insect-borne diseases, which can become epidemic, including so-called Avian flu. These kinds of things. We have to do something, now, or we're going to lose a lot of people.

Now compare, for example, what happened on Sept. 11, 2001: The impact of that catastrophe was largely limited at first, to the day of the event. There were aftereffects, but the aftereffects diminished rapidly, and the effects were concentrated mostly in the time period of the attack, and on two areas, Washington, D.C., to a lesser degree; New York, more.

This is a different situation: Because of the negligence, lack of preparation, and failure to get on the ball, we have a catastrophe, a *human* catastrophe, which has been increasing at an accelerating rate *since* the hurricane struck! It's getting worse, all the time now. So, that's our first problem.

Is the U.S. a Nation Any More?

Now, this problem also, internationally, calls into question whether or not the United States is really a nation any more. Whether anybody is running the show any more.



EIRNS/Stuart Lewis

LaRouche on Sept. 3: “ We can save this nation! . . . Someone like me has to say, ‘Well, look. I’m prepared to face this. I’m prepared to face a crisis of the type we have immediately. I’m prepared to face a financial crisis. We need more people like me, who’ve got the guts to face this crisis. I’ve got the guts to face it, and I know it can work.’ ”

Whether we’re going to exist as a nation—the has-been superpower, turning into a disgusting joke. That’s the crisis. It’s not the details—people will be calling in, suggesting this, suggesting that: “We could do this, we could do that.” *Shut up!* We don’t want those suggestions. We already have people who understand the situation. They’re prepared to act. They’re officials, they know what they’re doing. They don’t need your suggestions about what should be done. They need information, indications, that sort of thing.

But, what we have to have is a *centralized* top-down approach. Why? We have to convince the American people themselves, as well as the other nations of the world, that this nation is still a great power, and is capable of responding to its responsibilities. So the confidence in the *United States*, and its government is the *first point of the human catastrophe, right now*.

If we can not convince ourselves that we are going to deal successfully with this, like a superpower—as was not done up to this point—then we’re not going to have a nation. And because we’re in a period, in which the international monetary-financial system is headed for the worst economic collapse in modern history, a collapse of the United States and its credibility would mean a catastrophe for the entire world.

Therefore, we have to assert the responsibilities of the sovereign government of the United States as a virtual superpower, to deal with this problem! We have to get our act together, top-down! If we do, we can handle it.

Let me give you some indications.

Evacuation: Now, the first thing we’ve got to do, is get all these people in that area *out of it!* We’ve got to move all those people *out*. We’ve got to move them out quickly, to safe

places. Many of them are already carrying diseases, diseases contracted as a result of the conditions to which they were exposed. Others are in aggravated health conditions, because of the lack of treatment. We’ve got to move them out of the New Orleans area in particular. Because that’s a disease

In This Section

To supplement Mr. LaRouche’s webcast presentation, EIR has assembled documentation of the events leading up to Hurricane Katrina; the record of Bush Administration malfeasance; Congressional action to deal with the crisis; and the necessary programs to implement, starting now:

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center. Epidemics are about to break out. We've got to put them into a safer environment.

Now, one of the places we have—not stadiums, not Astrodomes, or that kind of nonsense. That's children's games. Let's get serious. The way we would handle this thing, and the way we should handle it now, is we have some military bases. Now, instead of trying to play games, we're going to have to move those people quickly into military bases, or improvised arrangements which are equivalent to military bases. We have some large bases in southern Mississippi. They're in a disease-prone area, but they're manageable. These are not ideal for the long-term. But we must move those people out of the New Orleans area, and similar areas, *quickly*. We've got to move them.

All right, the Mississippi bases are there. Move them there. Get whatever is required mobilized, and *move them now*. Don't talk about buses, don't talk about this—*move them now!* All right, now we have some other bases. There are not enough of them, yet, online, but there are other bases which are in better areas.

Now, we're going to have to take these people and process them. We're going to keep families together, to the degree we can. But some of these people are going to be very sick and need special treatment. Many will have to be isolated, because they carry infectious diseases, that are dangerous, that they've contracted under these conditions: cholera, Avian flu, all these kinds of things: water-borne disease, insect-borne diseases. That's a *nightmare* down there in New Orleans. We've got to get them to an area *out* of that infectious area. We're going to have to classify them; we're going to do triage—good triage, not bad triage. We're going to have to take families that have a sickness pattern, put them in an area where they're going to get the adequate medical and other treatment. So, we're going to have to immediately follow up—the usual social-work things, to make sure that everybody's—we know who they are, where they are, what their families are, who we have to contact; that sort of thing.

But the way to do it, is, first of all, use our military bases, which are idled, but are still functioning. Keep them. Forget the BRAC—keep the bases. Until we get enough bases with capacity to handle the entire area. We're going to move people back, but first of all, we've got to move them to safety.

Now, instead of trying to bring foodstuffs and so forth into the New Orleans area—which we'll do! But not that much—we intend to move the people to a place where we can safely bring the food to them; bring the care to them. Military camps are the best place for this kind of thing. We can also improvise—and the Corps of Engineers are capable of doing this—we can improvise new camps, which are temporary, but at least they will do the job, before the Winter sets in, for the time being.

Then we're going to start rebuilding.

Now, this is largely a military job. And what we're going

to have to do, is take the Corps of Engineers, and fully activate it, and equip it, including with money. It's going to cost a lot of money. We've now got \$10.5 billion allotted by the Congress. That will help; it's not enough. We're going to need about up to \$100 billion just to deal with the immediate costs of this thing—if we're going to keep people alive! Don't talk about the cost! Don't talk about the \$100 billion. Yes, be realistic about it. But realize, that if we don't do this job, *we no longer represent a nation*. We lose our ability to function as a nation, *at a time that the entire world is on the brink of the greatest financial crisis you ever heard about!* We can not let the United States go under! Because other parts of the world can not deal with this global problem without us. We can't solve the problem entirely by ourselves as a nation, but the rest of the world couldn't solve this problem without us.

A 'General Welfare' Policy

Let me give you an example: Many of you believe in a myth. You believe that we are a broken-down nation, and the proof of that is, we are producing things in China and India, instead of the United States. That is a myth. That is a *fraud*. Why are we producing things in India and China, rather than the United States, and similar kinds of outsourcing and so-called globalization? Why—because they're better than we are? No! They're not better than we are! They don't have a General Welfare policy! See, 700 million people of a billion in India are extremely poor. You have a concentration of poor in China. India and China are very well off, compared to most Asian nations. Seventy percent being extremely poor, is really a luxury state for most of the Asian nations. We have dying nations in Central and South America—dying, partly because of our policies. And partly because of our globalization policies, our free-trade policies.

See, what happens is, these nations produce chiefly for us. They use some of their labor to produce for us, instead of we producing for ourselves. *Why?* Because we have a system of public health. We have a system of health care. We have a General Welfare policy. We support our people, we protect them. We fight for their medical care, we fight for their Social Security, their insurance, their pensions. These countries don't have it. They don't have infrastructure. Therefore, they can produce cheaper—but at what cost? By starving 70% or more of their own people.

They're not better than we are—we're stupid!—when we get into this kind of an arrangement. We delight in getting cheap goods from China, and think nothing about the poor people of China, who are producing in China, at prices which don't meet the needs of the Chinese people as a whole. We're doing the same thing in India. The same thing in Third World countries *below our borders!* Do you know what we're doing to Mexico? Do you know what we're doing to Central America? Do you know what we're doing to South America? With this cheap labor export policy?



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“The approach we’re going to have to take is to fight this as if we were fighting a war. Colonels and generals and so forth, retired or otherwise, are going to play a key part, because they know how, quickly, to do the kind of job of mobilization that needs to be done, to fix things that need to be fixed.” Here, members of the Ohio National Guard deliver drinking water to Ocean Springs, Miss., Sept. 6, 2005.

We are, in the meantime, destroying the United States! We’ve destroyed our industry! You take a map of the United States, and look county-by-county, over the past 30 years: *We’ve been destroying the United States!* And many of you live in areas which are being destroyed. You remember when there was a factory, when there was a town, when things functioned. Not any more! We are now turning our people into Third World people! With the kind of jobs, and wages, and incomes of a Third World level.

The rest of the world is not better than we are. We’re being stupid. We let this happen to us, because we had a bad policy. There’s no reason for it.

Now, what we’re going to have to do—and the reason we have this crisis down there in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, is because we abandoned the policy of the Constitutional commitment to promotion of the General Welfare. And therefore, because we were *cutting costs*, General Welfare costs, and the way we were trying to loot Social Security, we no longer maintained the standard of living, and support for these areas, which would enable them to deal with many of these problems: *We did not deliver what was required in the Louisiana-Mississippi-Alabama area, even though we knew it was needed, because we didn’t want to spend the money!* Because we were trying to cut our social welfare funds, for conducting, say, the war in Iraq, or for a new war they want in Iran: these kinds of things.

So now, we’re at a point, that the issue before us, which is posed to us by this plight of our people, in these three states in particular—but that’s not the problem. It poses something larger to us: *Are we a nation?* And what defines

us, as a nation? The President and Vice President, of course, have failed, in this respect. We don’t throw them out, we don’t shoot them because of this. But we have to recognize, they failed. The incumbent President of the United States *has failed*. And therefore, the other institutions of the United States, which are forced to come into the picture, and play a larger role, because the President isn’t up to it, we have, together, to hold our institutions together, and to realize, we are still a superpower. We are the leading nation on this planet.

And it’s time we acted like it.

That’s our situation.

Mobilize As If For War

Now, here, most of you young guys, you’ve got a good two generations, 50 years or so, ahead of you. Your parents don’t. Your parents are entering the last quarter-century of active life, as a generation. And it’s a diminishing life. The future, for better or for worse, belongs to you, the next two generations, the next 50 years—and beyond. If we don’t solve this problem, you have nothing for the rest of your life. Your parents’ generation can die out. And will soon, anyway, within the coming quarter-century. Most of them will begin to die off and disappear. But you are stuck with this for 50 years to come—right now, you have no future, the way things are going.

Therefore, *you*, and your generation has to mobilize to fight for your future.

You also are the generation that made up the bulk of the troops that went to war in World War II. We’re now in another

war to defend this nation, and what it stands for, to bring back the dignity of this superpower, as a superpower—to convince ourselves we *are* that power. We're going to have to fight that war. This war is not with guns, as such. We don't desire, we don't need a war of that type. But we have to fight, *as if* for war. We have to mobilize *as if* for war. Your generation is going to be the bulk of the butt of this mass mobilization of the citizenry as a whole. Just as my generation was taken to war, drafted into military service in World War II: We were the bulk. We didn't have much skill. But because of Franklin Roosevelt, we had the best logistics in the world. We had *tonnage per man* of every soldier put overseas, compared with the relative poverty of every other army in the world, including the opposing army in the Germans. What we had, relative to the Germans—*vastly* superior! Not because we were better at war—they were better at war than we were; they were better trained, longer trained. But *we had logistics; we had sheer tonnage of power!* per capita, that no other part of the world had.

We don't have that any more. But, you are going to have to help mobilize the population of the United States; you are going to have to be the thrust, that pushes what has to be done.

We now have, around the Senate, a bipartisan group of Senators, and other people, in and around government. We have retired people, retired generals, retired colonels and so forth, who could volunteer to fill in on many of the jobs that need to be done.

We can save this nation! We can bring back its dignity. We can't bring back the lives that were lost, by the malfeasance, or misfeasance, in this period. But we can save this nation. We can say, we won this war. And it's up to you.

The approach we're going to have to take, though, is to fight this as if we were fighting a war. Colonels and generals and so forth, retired or otherwise, are going to play a key part, because they know how, quickly, to do the kind of job of mobilization that needs to be done, to fix things that need to be fixed. They're the ones who know how to build a base, overnight, and we're going to have to have more bases for people. They're the ones that know how to organize mass transit—overnight—how to do that. They're the ones that are simply waiting—they'll volunteer, too!—they're waiting for the orders, the authorization to act—and *they will act!* So, we have to mobilize around this, as if for war, and say, "Look, we're looking at, right up front, frankly, when you look at this realistically, we're looking at \$100 billion fix-up job, to come out of this thing *with our dignity.*"

And giving the American people, first of all, the sense, that we are a nation, we are still a superpower, we still have it in us, despite even the failure of some of our institutions. And reminding the world, that we are still a leading power of this world. We have *not* gone away. We're *not* going to disintegrate. And we're going to have to go back, to correct our mistake. We're going to have to back to the Preamble of

the Federal Constitution of the United States, and recognize, the fundamental law of this nation, is in the Preamble, not only in national defense, but in the promotion of the General Welfare, for the living, and for their posterity.

We have *violated* the principle of defense of the nation! Flagrantly! We have violated, even more flagrantly, the policy of promotion of the General Welfare. We are condemning ourselves to contempt, unless we go back, and make the promotion of the General Welfare of the living and their posterity the foundation of government, now.

Thank you.

Dialogue With LaRouche

Freeman: Lyn, thank you. We do have a couple of questions that we wanted to ask you. Both of these questions came as a product of the joint leadership meetings that have taken place in Washington over the last 48 hours, although both of these questions do come, specifically, from the Democratic side of the aisle.

The Economic 'Order of Battle'

The first question is—well, it's really on the order of battle. It says, "Mr. LaRouche, the issues that we have to address as they relate to the human catastrophe and how to address that, are things that you've made clear. What is less clear are questions related to the ongoing functioning of the economy, and the economic dislocation that we've suffered as a result of this disaster.

"As I think you know, we have, now, two major ports that have been severely crippled as a result of this storm. The Port of New Orleans alone, is responsible for approximately 25% of the nation's fuel supply. It's going to take some time for us, even with the best efforts, to get these areas up and fully functioning again. Obviously, the most efficient way to address some of these questions, within the framework of our Constitution, is by Executive action. But that does not seem to be forthcoming.

"Therefore, we're posed with the task of intervening Congressional action. Can you please define your view of an order of battle? For instance, should we be moving immediately to freeze prices on fuel and food? What else is it that we need to do, to address this interim emergency period?"

LaRouche: You mentioned the question of limits, upper limits on prices of fuel and food: We face not only the price, we face shortages of supply, right now, because we depended too much on petroleum products coming in through the Gulf area. It was a terrible mistake. It was a mistake based on corporate thinking, *not* on national-interest thinking. And we have to recognize, as we are reminded now, that the policies, the economic policies of the United States have to be based on the interest of the United States *as a whole nation*, not on

the interest of one group within the nation, or some special group with special interest. That was a mistake.

Now, we're going to have to deal with that. One of the first things we've got to do to deal with that, is we've got to clear the Mississippi and the area of waterways around New Orleans. We've got similar problems in the southern part of Alabama and Mississippi. We've got to clear these.

Now, this is a Corps of Engineers job. So we have to augment and give the Corps of Engineers the authority to proceed. They can do the job. Because we've got the grain harvest that's coming up now! We've got to move that grain, along the Mississippi, out into the Gulf and we've got to export it. We'll have a catastrophe if we don't do that! The only way we're going to do that, is the Corps of Engineers and related institutions, have to get in there and clean up the Mississippi and get the wreckage out of the way. That must be done, immediately!

But somebody has to give the order. Therefore, if the White House is not disposed to give these orders, then the Congress, a bipartisan body in the Congress has to enact legislation which creates *authorities*, staffed by people including people—preferably from the military, in many cases; I mean, there are number of retired generals and colonels and so forth, who can be called into duty to staff these things. Corps of Engineers people understand this: We've got to clear this mess out! And these people have to be given the authority, and the backing, and the funding to *move!—and to move, now!* Not debate until next week. We've debated too long. We've waited too long, already. We should be moving on it now.

We do have to, again—back to the other question—we do have to enforce—. Now, we had a case out nearby here, of \$6 a gallon for gasoline. And you have people standing by the side of the road and laughing at Hummers. But that's not the only part of the story. We can not allow a speculative exploitation, which is now going on in the world market, to drive up the price of petroleum products on which this nation and other nations depend, to floating prices. We're going to put a lid on it. We're going to put a lid on it in the United States, and we're going to go to Europeans and others, and we're going to put a lid on it. We're going to talk to people overseas—we're going to *put a lid on the cost of petroleum products*. We're going to *stop* this inflation: Because this inflation is purely based on speculation. And the speculators are going to have to take bath!

We're going to have a price of energy which enables this nation to function. We're now coming into a Winter season—months ahead? Yes! But we're coming into it now! How do you like it, with no heating, in the Northern part? How do you like it, the fact that we're shutting down electrical systems, power systems in entire regions of the country now, for lack of petroleum products, because we made ourselves dependent upon it? No!



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We organize the flow, of what we need in so-called energy supplies, and we regulate the price, put a cap on it, and we work with other nations *to keep that price, a lid on it!*

Now, we also have a problem of food supplies. Most people don't realize it, but our food chain is quite vulnerable now. Therefore, we have to mobilize, and ensure that everybody gets a chance to eat. Those two things—at this time. There are a minimal number of things we should try to do, in terms of management, from the Federal government, but these are two things that *must* be done! Because, if these things *are not* done, the whole system can blow, the whole effort can fail, as a result of not doing it.

That's the basic thing.

Now, we are going to have to have backup anyway. I mean, the Executive branch is not presently staffed to handle it. For example: FEMA was understaffed, and has no clear direction. It was gobbled up and cannibalized to feed the Homeland Defense. And now see what happened to homeland defense? What happened in 9/11/2001 is peanuts, compared to what's happening now. You realize, we could lose over 100,000 citizens, or more, right now! And if an epidemic of major proportions breaks out, in the Southern states, because we don't do something about it now effectively, we could have something that'll take out *millions* of Americans. We can have something spreading around this country, like the flu epidemic, the Spanish flu epidemic at the end of the World War I. Problems like that. We can not fool around with this thing. We must get back into action.

Therefore: We must create special authorities, using a lot

of our retired military who understand exactly how to organize for this kind of situation. Because our military is *not* a shooting organization, essentially. Our military is essentially a logistic/defense organization. And what we need is logistics. We need generals and colonels who know how to do this, and who can recruit people with experience back into service. So, create authorities; fund these authorities, on mission-orientations to get the job done. The President does not have to be in the act, every time this has to be done. You have to have authorities which are mission-oriented, where there's a problem, where it's been authorized by law, by the bipartisan vote of the Senate and the House—it'll be done! Automatically! By these people who are agents of the U.S. government, in taking care of that problem. And that has to be done now.

So, we're going to have to go to this business of authorities, special authorities, created by the Congress, by law, and authorized and staffed to do these various things that must be done. And special legislation to enable the government, and to compel the government!—to put a cap on the price of fuel, and a cap on the question of food supply. We're going to have a food supply. We're going to have necessary energy. And we're going to fix some of the mistakes, that got us here to this mess in the first place. But right now, we've got to fix that, we've got to ensure our national economic security.

A Two-Pronged Catastrophe

Freeman: . . . [The next question is] a question of anticipating what the next few weeks may hold. It has two components to it. What he asks is:

“Mr. LaRouche, as you probably know, the National Weather Service is forecasting the potential of at least four to six more storm systems before we are free and clear of this year's hurricane season. We were briefed on Friday, that at least two to three of those will probably be Category 3 hurricanes. In the second case, our concern is that, in both your words and specifically the words of people like former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, we're dealing with a highly unstable global financial system, and that predated the events of this last week.

“In the immediate aftermath of Katrina, the President's Council of Economic Advisors told us, that the result of Katrina is likely to be only a blip on the global financial system. Somehow that does not seem at all realistic.

“The question that I have for you, Mr. LaRouche, is, how do we prepare in advance for the possibility of both these eventualities, so that we're not caught flat-footed, as we were when Hurricane Katrina swept the Gulf?”

LaRouche: On the first thing, I would say, we have to create the equivalent of a special authority which can utilize existing and newly assembled resources, which are assigned to do what was not done in the case of Katrina. That is, they're assigned to take each of these questions, on these storms, and to go at them, on the basis of the kind of reports which your question refers to, the kind of report we had on Aug. 2 of this

year. And once these reports come up, on any particular threat, we go to work *on that question, then, immediately*, as we should have done in the case of Katrina.

Remember, we had four weeks' warning, on Katrina. We did *nothing!* Less than nothing, in four weeks, to prepare for what was known to be an attack on a part of the country *that could not withstand a Category 3 hurricane!* And what came in, was a 4-5 Category hurricane. But we'd have been a disaster if we'd had a Category 3!

Now, if you're talking about Category 3, and higher, hurricanes, these things can not be absorbed in the short term. That means you have to mobilize, as you would for an attack, a military attack on the United States, by capabilities which could deal with them! And you have to make it automatic—the way you do in warfare. An automatic defense of the United States against hurricanes! What's wrong with defending against hurricanes? You don't have to go out and shoot a hurricane (it doesn't work too well). But you have to control it. You have to control it, as if it were an invading enemy. And the military know how to do that—not by shooting, but by using whatever we have, to take the precautions that we need, sit down, staff the thing just as you would for a battle; staff it, prepare, take the actions, set up the contingency actions and so forth.

But, on the economic crisis: Well, that's what I've been warning about. It's coming.

Now, let me describe this, fairly, as I've said before: The problem here, is very few people really understand an economy. And Bob Rubin, I think, would say, that he and I share that view: That most of the people who are called economists, who are under 63 years of age, really are not competent as economists. They may be useful people, but they are not competent for defining this. They don't think the right way. We've gone through two generations of cultural paradigm-shift; we no longer think of ourselves as an agro-industrial economy. We think of ourselves as a service economy. The whole system, the whole economic thinking of the country, has shifted totally, to the generation that runs the country and thinks in terms of a services economy, not an agro-industrial economy. Well, a services economy is about to *disappear!* In its present form. And you can do nothing to save it. Therefore, we're going to have to rebuild the economy, back to an agro-industrial economy; otherwise, we're not going to make it.

Now, we're at the point—we're at a boundary area. Now, some people say, “What day is the crisis going to come?” You can't answer that question. Because, we're in a situation like Germany was from June on, into October-November, of 1923. Germany was carrying its income, the apparent income of Germany was being carried by going into debt, through the printing-press money. And the ratio of unpayable debt incurred, to the amount of short-term income you were generating in Germany, was such that the ratio of debt to income, was increasing at a geometric rate. So that the entire German economy, from June of 1923 until the real crackup in October-

November, was on a collision course. Who could have predicted what month that would have gone down?

We are now in a cycle like that. What has happened recently—first of all, go back: 1987, we had in October '87 something which I had forecast, and I had forecast it several months before then, that we were headed for a general, 1929-style crash of the financial market by sometime in early October of 1987. I forecast that in May and June of 1987, I said, "We're on that track. That's what we're going to deal with." *It happened*, just exactly as I forecast.

Now, what happened then? That was the 1929-crash equivalent which occurred in 1987! What year is this now? 2005—moving toward October 2005, which is always a bad season for financial storms! The system is ready to blow: What Greenspan did, when he came in as Federal Reserve Chairman, he invented a new kind of money, called "financial derivatives." This is not real money. This is gamblers' side-bets. In other words, you got two guys up in an alley, shooting craps. And you got a bunch of kibbitzers on the sidelines, betting on the outcome of the shooters. These are *side-bets*. You have people in Las Vegas, you have people playing at the tables. And somebody is conducting side-bets on how the game is going to go on the table, as personal side-bets among them, and exchanging pieces of paper as bets, eh?

Now, what Greenspan did, is set into a system of side-bets, gamblers' side-bets called "financial derivatives" or sometimes called "hedge funds." And these were used as a form of indebtedness, high-velocity, rapidly-rolled-over indebtedness, involving quadrillions, essentially, of debt—untold amounts of debt, because so much of this is private and unrecorded, we don't know exactly how large it is. But it's enormous.

Now, the profit, which is registered on the basis of these kinds of transactions, is then reflected as profit, or claimed profit, in the markets, in the regular financial markets. This is what is shown as the basis for the profitability and stability of the U.S. economy! In a situation *like Germany*, in 1923! Like the Summer and Fall of 1923 in Germany.

We don't know when this going to blow. It's *ready* to blow. And when it blows, there's not a major bank in the United States or Europe, that will be standing! That's what Bob Rubin's talking about. That's what I'm talking about.

That's what leading economists know! The mortgage-based securities bubble, as concentrated around Greater Washington, as concentrated on the West Coast: This is about to blow! Shacks at a \$1 million mortgage, may be going to \$200,000. Mass evictions. People who thought they had riches, have nothing—or much less than nothing. This can happen at any time!

This is not something in the future. This is not magic, this is not guesswork. *This is what we know!* And any leading economist or banker who tells you it's not true, is either stupid, or he's a liar. Any government official who's relevant, who denies this, is a liar, or stupid! And should be removed, for

that reason, from that position.

So, we're going to have to act on this.

Now, there is a solution: We have to be ready for the reality, that this crack is going to come. What do you do when it comes? Well, if it happens, and we don't do anything, if the policies of the present Bush-Cheney Administration were in force, you would say, "This is the end of civilization, and the whole planet is going into a Dark Age, for maybe several generations." Because, unless you do something to prop up the economy, under conditions that all the banks, the major banks in the world are going under, and you try to run, with a broken-down economy, with no funding and no credit to keep the economy open, what's going to happen? It's going to be chaos. It's going to Hell. We'll either go into some kind of fascist dictatorship or tyranny, or you're going to something worse.

Return to the American System

So therefore, there's one solution: And that is, to go to the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, national defense, and promotion of the General Welfare for present and future generations. The government puts the national banking system into receivership and bankruptcy, and prevents the banks from closing their doors; goes through financial reorganization of the system, to ensure that people are not thrown out of their homes; their businesses stay open; their pensions are paid; and we *proceed to grow*. With things that have to be done, physical things that need to be done, which will grow the economy, and bring the level of current income above the level of current obligations, current costs.

On that basis, we can work our way out of the problem. We have to do this in cooperation with other countries. But the countries of Europe can not do this by themselves. The countries of Europe do not have real sovereignty. No nation in Europe today, has sovereignty. Because they are all victims of central banking systems, which are privately controlled and which are nothing but agents of a concert of private financier interests. So, the governments of Europe are controlled by the bankers. The government of Germany, the government of France, the government of the United Kingdom, the government of Italy—are controlled by private bankers! The government is inferior in political power to private bankers!

So therefore, there's no government in Europe, which is prepared to put the private bankers into bankruptcy, which is what has to be done. The United States is the one nation which has a Constitution which qualifies us, by tradition, to go to National Banking, as Hamilton described it. You put the private banks into receivership. You keep their doors open. You keep them from being shut down. You reorganize them. You sort the paper out. And you create new credit to make the economy grow. And make it grow through infrastructure investments and other things, sufficient to ensure that what we're *earning* per year, exceeds what we're spending per



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year, in terms of current accounts. And we’re going to have to do it.

This is not necessarily something which corresponds immediately, and simply, to the crisis we have as a result of the hurricane crisis, and the national catastrophe. But, it’s something that government has to be prepared to do.

Now, we have a number of Democrats, in the Senate and elsewhere, who are less unlikely to give serious consideration to what I just said. They might be unlikely to do it, if they thought there was some way of ducking the issue I just raised. But, if they knew, and were sure, that what I’m saying is right, they wouldn’t be too resistant, because they know what the consequences are. The problem on the Republican side, is not that the Republicans aren’t good people—many of them are, they’re very good people. Particularly in the bipartisan coalition. But, because of their party conditioning, and because of the conditioning of public opinion, particularly since 1971—

72, very few people in the political system in this country, *want* to think in the direction I just indicated. *But*: I can tell them, “Do you wish to survive? Do you want to let your prejudice on this account, get in the way of the survival of our nation?”

“You want to save the banks? They can’t save themselves—who’s going to save them? *Only the power of government* can save the banks. You want to save the banks? Go to the government. Use the power of government, the *consent of the people in support of government* to keep the doors of the banks open. And to keep the things that banking involves, functioning. Keep people employed; keep people working.”

We’re going to have to face that. It’s part of the crisis.

And, in a sense, it’s the failure to recognize this, or to be willing to recognize this, that makes otherwise talented political leaders of this country, tremble like idiots on many political questions. Because, they say, “You can’t go that way. The country has changed its mood. We’re now for fiscal austerity. We’re no longer for the General Welfare. We can barely defend the Social Security system—what’re you asking us to do?! Put our careers on the line?” They’re frightened.

I’m frightened enough, to know what has to be done. The problem is they’re not too frightened, they’re just not frightened enough.

But in the meantime, someone like me has to say, “Well, look. I’m prepared to face this. I’m prepared to face war. I’m prepared to face a crisis of the type we have immediately. I’m prepared to face a financial crisis. We need more people like me, who’ve got the *guts* to face this crisis. I’ve got the guts to face it, and I know it can work.”

A ‘Wake-Up Call’ To Rebuild the Economy

Freeman: . . . Lyn, I thank you for your remarks and those answers to those questions. I know you’re not going anywhere this weekend, and that’s good, because I think there are going to be a lot of additional questions on this, from especially members of the Senate.

But at this time, we’re going to return to what the original intention of Mr. LaRouche’s appearance this Saturday was, and I’m going to turn things back over to Marcia Merry Baker, who will entertain questions from the youth gatherings around the country. . . .

Baker: Thank you. What we’ll do now, is proceed on the rotation to Boston: . . .

“Can we use the new production of jobs as a way to invigorate our economy? And how else can this disaster be used as a wakeup call, rebuilding our economy and outlook as a whole?” . . .

LaRouche: Okay.

Well, hmm. Hmm. This is a big question, because there’s so many aspects to it. But, let’s take the New Orleans thing, first. What has been done to the United States, since 1971 in particular, is, as we’ve demonstrated by these—even so far—

the animations which have shown exactly county by county in the United States, whole sections of the United States have been destroyed as territory. You have the state of Michigan, for example, the state of Ohio, the state of Indiana, and so forth and so on. The major farm states, and so forth. They've been destroyed. [See animations at www.larouche.com/animations/.]

So, whole sections of the United States have been destroyed. You have populations moving into this area, here, in Northern Virginia, where you get tarpaper shacks going for \$1 million mortgages, or something like that. They put tacks in, instead of nails, and they don't put the tacks in to connect to anything—they just put the tacks in. And maybe the building will hold together, and maybe it won't, and it may be a million-dollar mortgage. We've looked at this stuff, and literally that's it! It's garbage! We're using virtual slave-labor, imported illegals and others from various parts of the world to put these shacks together, and we're charging fantastic mortgage rates, to get people into mortgages—and this whole thing is going to go down! You can get, very quickly, a 60% collapse, or more, in mortgage values in this area, and this particular county, Loudoun County, is Ground Zero for the biggest mortgage bubble collapse in the United States! Right here! It's going to hit us.

So therefore, what's wrong here? We've been concentrating population in a few areas, away from other areas, where there's no economic opportunity. We have destroyed economic opportunity.

Now, take the case of New Orleans, look at it from that standpoint. New Orleans is the key port for the Mississippi system, which goes into all of the farm states, so-called, from the Rockies states, from the 20-inch rainfall line, east and west; from the Alleghenies, and the Midwest, down. It goes largely on rivers and railroads, or used to. Now, we all run trucks, because people don't know how to drive a railroad any more, or something. And truck drivers are cheap—you can kill them and you can throw them away, hmm? They're disposable. That's the way they treat them.

So, anyway, this great flux of production used to come from the interior of the United States, down through the river systems, and related communications and transport systems, down into the mouth of the Mississippi. New Orleans was there. The development of that area was there. Now, we take one area, the New Orleans area, that whole area there which is the mouth of the Mississippi. You take that, which involves the entire area that feeds into it through the water system, from the Rockies and from the Alleghenies, all the way down. It's being destroyed.

What're you going to do? Well, what we're going to do, is New Orleans is being virtually destroyed. But, if we're going to have a nation, we're going to have to rebuild this thing. We're going to have to make Michigan function again; cities that have been virtually closed down will have to function again; farm states that have ceased to function as farm

states, are going to have to be rebuilt; and as part of rebuilding that, we realize that every part of this whole region from the Rockies and Alleghenies on down, from the Canadian border to the mouth of the Mississippi, is one integral unit.

So therefore, we have to think about developing every inch of territory, in that whole area. And have an average level of productivity per square kilometer, and have a distribution of population which corresponds to that. But that's all going to depend upon having the New Orleans port area functioning. It's the mouth. It's the keystone of the whole thing.

What're we going to do? It's a mess! It was a mess before

You want to save the banks? They can't save themselves—who's going to save them? Only the power of government can save the banks. You want to save the banks? Go to the government. Use the power of government, the consent of the people in support of government to keep the doors of the banks open. And to keep the things that banking involves, functioning. Keep people employed; keep people working.

the storm hit. We're going to go in there and rebuild the thing. But we're going to rebuild it on a functional basis. We're going to rebuild it, to assert our authority, in not giving up a city! We're not going to surrender territory to the enemy! *We're going to take the territory back!* New Orleans is going to live! The state of Louisiana is going to live! *We're going to take it back! From the enemy!* The enemies within and the enemies without! And, while doing that, and certifying that the characteristics of that city that we want to keep will be preserved, we're going to rebuild it, as a functional port as it's intended to be.

So, now, we're going to take the people out—temporarily. Because you can't have them live there, they'll die if they're kept there. We're going to clean the mess up, get the thing under control from the disease, get the rivers working, get the ports working, get the levees working. Go ahead with a plan of rebuilding the whole thing—and then, repopulate it! And it will come back. *New Orleans will be reborn!* We won't put much money into building the warehouses, or similar kinds of entertainment. But the important things, the nice things, will be provided again. Because people like to have the good things they had before, come back.

Congress Swept Up In 'Revolutionary Tide'

by Debra Hanania Freeman

Despite frantic attempts by the Bush Administration to exonerate itself from an avalanche of charges of criminal negligence and malfeasance in the face of the worst domestic disaster in American history, it seems that nothing can stop what Lyndon LaRouche has called the "incoming tide" of a cultural paradigm-shift against the insanity of the Bush-Cheney crowd.

In the week following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Congress essentially ignored the mutterings of a President who is increasingly being described as "dangerous," "unable to deal with reality," and in "deep denial," and began action on aggressive bipartisan measures aimed not only at providing immediate humanitarian relief for the victims of Katrina, but also at launching reconstruction of the entire region.

Echoing the approach outlined by Lyndon LaRouche in his emergency Sept. 3 webcast, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid (Nev.) moved upon the start of Senate business Sept. 6 with a proposal for \$150 billion for reconstruction. Despite some initial sniping from the Republican caucus, Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, not only defended Reid's proposal, but raised it to \$200 billion. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and Republican leader Bill Frist (Tenn.) also endorsed the proposal.

On Sept. 7, Democratic Senators Reid and Kent Conrad (N.D.), joined by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) and John Spratt (S.C.), sent a letter to their Republican counterparts in which they urged their colleagues to suspend bills before Congress to cut government services (\$70 billion in tax cuts and \$35 billion in cuts affecting Medicaid, food stamps, and student loans), and "instead swiftly consider emergency legislation to address the nation's needs after Hurricane Katrina." The letter, which was initially well received, stated, "Now is not the time to cut services for our most vulnerable, cut taxes for our most fortunate, and add \$35 billion to the deficit.

Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) released a proposal to create a New Orleans and Gulf Coast Redevelopment Authority, modelled on FDR's Tennessee Valley Authority, with the intention of investing \$150 billion in putting people back to work rebuilding their own communities.

On Sept. 8, Reid issued a statement proposing priorities for the session: "We are facing a national crisis. Americans are suffering. We must adjust our priorities. If there is an

immediate lesson to draw from the Federal government's failures last week, it is that there is no time to wait. Families are counting on us, and we owe it to them to do everything we can to help."

Reid demanded that Frist postpone action on the previously announced Commerce, Science, and Justice Appropriations bill, which contains some small business tax incentives, and instead "go direct to the Defense Authorization bill and add proposals to help survivors, veterans, re-examine FEMA, and create Sen. Hillary Clinton's proposed "Katrina Commission." With that done, Reid proposed, "let us get to the Energy and Water bill . . . to help rebuild the infrastructure that has been destroyed along the Gulf Coast. It includes billions for the Army Corps of Engineers and flood control, and it should be a priority in this Senate."

Leading Republicans responded to the Reid proposals immediately. Sen. Pete Dominici (R-N.M.), the Chairman of the Energy and Water Committee, announced that he would convene his committee to provide the Army Corps of Engineers with the money it needs, exactly as Reid had proposed.

Along with the aggressive actions aimed at a swift reconstruction effort, members of the House and Senate also made it clear that they had no intention of shirking their oversight responsibility. Elected officials remained furious at the failure of the Bush Administration to respond to early warnings that a catastrophe was about to hit the region, and were no less furious at the slow response once disaster struck. Their anger and frustration was also clearly shared by the American people.

On Sept. 6, Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), James Oberstar (D-Okla.), and Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), the ranking Democrats on the House Government Reform, Transportation, and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security Committees respectively, sent a 17-page letter to House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-Va.) and Don Young (R-Ak.), the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Acting Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. The letter urges the Republican leaders to accept their responsibility to examine the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina, in order "to understand what went wrong and why." Among the 10 questions that the Democrats posed for the inquiry was, "Has FEMA been undermined and underfunded?" Davis responded with an announcement that he would call the hearing the week of Sept. 12.

Failure of Presidential Leadership

Senator Reid dealt a devastating blow to the Administration when, in a letter to Susan Collins (R-Me.), the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, he explicitly addressed an issue that, until then, only LaRouche had had the guts to address publicly: the personal failure of leadership of the President. Collins and the ranking Democrat on the committee, Joe Lieberman (Conn.), had is-

sued a letter a day earlier indicating their intention to conduct oversight hearings into the Federal government's response to the tragic events surrounding Hurricane Katrina.

Clearly not entirely satisfied that the hearings would take up the obvious question, Reid wrote to Collins, applauding the intention stated in her and Lieberman's letter, but pressing the point that Federal officials, including the White House, were well informed about the consequences such a storm would bring, as well as the measures that were required both before and after such a storm hit. Reid insisted that it was well known that a major hurricane would inevitably hit this section of the Gulf Coast within a matter of days, yet the residents and local governments were left to "fend for themselves."

Any responsible oversight, Reid insisted, must examine the degree to which Bush's Texas vacation interfered with the response to the hurricane; how it was possible that Bush appeared not to know that the New Orleans levees were likely to be breached, despite numerous reports by his own Federal agencies; whether budget cuts by the Bush Administration thwarted the efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers; and whether the President responded by dispatching a sufficient number of troops and equipment to assist in rescue and evacuation.

The Reid letter hammers away at the absence from Washington of the President and key members of his Administration, both before and after the disaster hit. "How much time did the President spend dealing with this emerging crisis while he was on vacation? Did the fact that he was outside of Washington, D.C., have any effect on the Federal government's response? When it became apparent that a major hurricane was days away from striking the Gulf Coast, why didn't President Bush immediately return to Washington from his vacation and why didn't he recall key officials and staff members back from their vacations? Would the presence of key officials in Washington have improved the response? Why did the Bush Administration fail to act according to their own December 2004 National Response Plan?"

As the White House reeled under the charges, Collins wasted no time in responding that her Committee would indeed investigate these and other questions. "Governments at all levels failed in their obligations to protect the people. It is hard to understand the lack of response to a disaster that was predicted for years. It is hard to understand the lack of response in the light of the money that has spent on national security since 9/11," she said. "If our system did such a poor job when there was no enemy, how would we have coped with a terrorist attack that provided no advance warning and that was intent on causing as much and destruction as possible?"

As more and more members of Congress found themselves riding the tide of what Lyndon LaRouche has identified as a "revolutionary shift" in outlook, the same view was echoed in countless newspaper editorials across the nation. Although Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

director Michael Brown was the target of much of the early criticism, by the middle of the week of Sept. 5, in the face of the White House's continued failure to provide any leadership at all, the focus shifted to President Bush.

An op-ed that appeared in the *Baltimore Sun* and *Los Angeles Times* by the Clinton Administration's chief budget official for national security, Gordon Adams, was paradigmatic of pieces that appeared across the nation. Adams wrote: "The disastrous Federal response to Katrina exposes a record of incompetence, misjudgment, and ideological blunders that should lead to very serious doubts that the Bush Administration should be allowed to continue in office.

"When the President of the U.S. points the finger away from the lame response of his Administration to Katrina and tries to finger local officials as the culprits, he betrays the unwillingness of this Administration to speak the truth and hold itself accountable.

"We have a President who is apparently ill-informed, lackadaisical, and narrow-minded, surrounded by oil baron cronies, religious fundamentalist crazies and right-wing extremists and ideologues. He has appointed officials who give incompetence new meaning. . . ."

The Thugs Respond

By midweek, with the Congress acting in bipartisan action against the ineptitude of the White House, with a Republican Party increasingly in revolt, and with public opinion against the President showing no signs of abating, the thugs swung into action.

Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff, in a pathetic attempt to dull the population's knowledge of the full magnitude of the tragedy, acted on what are reported to be orders from the White House, and forbade the release of any photographs depicting the deaths resulting from Katrina. The President announced that he was dispatching Thug-in-Chief Dick Cheney to the region. But, before Cheney left, he moved to bludgeon the uprising by Congressional Republicans.

Following what well-informed Washington, D.C. sources report as a "pointed intervention" by the Vice President, on the night of Sept. 7, Frist and Hastert reversed their earlier agreement to launch a bipartisan investigation, and announced that they were moving to create what they called a "bipartisan, bicameral commission," *controlled by the Republicans*, to investigate the Administration's failure in the Katrina crisis. Both Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders were stunned at the blatant attempt at a coverup.

Reid and Pelosi made it clear that they would not assign any Democrats to this sham committee. In a statement from the floor, Reid blasted the proposal, saying: "I have no details on this proposal. What little I do know raises serious concerns. . . . One, it's not bipartisan. An investigation of the Republican Administration by a Republican-controlled Congress is like having a pitcher call his own balls and strikes." At a news

conference, Pelosi related that when she had spoken to the President to urge him to fire FEMA head Brown, Bush said, "Why would I do that?" Pelosi told the press, "I said, because of that that went wrong, Mr. President, of all that simply did not go right last week. And he said, 'What didn't go right?'" A clearly furious Pelosi assailed Bush as "oblivious, in denial, and very dangerous."

Reid later said that he would support legislation being prepared by Hillary Clinton to establish an independent commission like the one set up to investigate the events of 9/11. He said that numerous Republicans had already requested copies of the bill.

Despite Cheney's move to obstruct the ongoing work of the Congress, in an attempted coup d'état that echoed his earlier actions to invoke the "nuclear option," there is no indication that Cheney can hold back mounting opposition from Republicans. Leading Republican Senators, including John Warner (Va.), James Inhofe (Okla.), John McCain (Ariz.), Sam Brownback (Kan.), Jeff Sessions (Ala.), Mike Crapo (Id.), and Jim DeMint (S.C.), all said that the proposal threatens to trample the oversight plans of five Senate committees and, as such, they would oppose it. Susan Collins (on the Senate side), and Tom Davis (on the House side), said the proposal would not stop them from forging ahead with their investigations, which have strong bipartisan support.

In an obvious attempt to quell the intensifying political storm, Homeland Security czar Chertoff announced that he was appointing Vice Adm. Thad Allen, chief-of-staff of the U.S. Coast Guard, to take charge of recovery operations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and recalling FEMA head Brown to Washington. Chertoff claimed that Brown was not being fired, but it was widely expected that Brown would soon tender his resignation.

Although Brown's removal was demanded by a parade of Democrats, it will do little to halt the ongoing paradigm-shift that actually began even prior to the November 2004 election, when Lyndon LaRouche won a critical fight inside the Democratic Party, that resulted in Democrats reasserting their roots as the party of FDR, and their commitment to the principle of the general welfare. That shift resulted in fierce opposition to Bush's early attempt to destroy Social Security, and gained bipartisan momentum in May, as Cheney's first attempted coup against the Senate was defeated when a group of Democratic and Republican Senators shut down his "nuclear option."

LaRouche moved quickly when Katrina hit, not only defining the direction that was necessary to address the catastrophe, but also identifying the fact that the country could no longer survive with a President who was insane, and a Vice President who was a sociopath. Bush and Cheney themselves may prove to be LaRouche's most effective allies in their own removal from office, so that the Congress can act unimpeded to do what LaRouche has outlined, and "pull this nation together now."

Criminal Negligence

Hurricane Katrina— Actions, Non-Actions

Aug. 2: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issues its "August 2005 Update to Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook," stating that there is "a 95% to 100% chance of an above-normal 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. . . . Therefore, for the remainder of the season, we expect an additional 11-14 tropical storms, with 7-9 becoming hurricanes, and 3-5 of these becoming major hurricanes." It concludes: "Given the forecast that the remainder of the season will be very active, it is imperative that residents and government officials in hurricane-vulnerable communities have a hurricane preparedness plan in place."

Aug. 20: DOD/NorthCom starts planning with FEMA, about five days before Katrina makes landfall in Florida.

Aug. 22-25: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, pre-positions much of its staff and some equipment out of area.

Aug. 24: Tropical Depression 12 strengthens into Tropical Storm Katrina over the Central Bahamas. A hurricane warning is issued for the southeastern Florida coast by NOAA.

Aug. 25: Hurricane Katrina (Category 1) strikes Florida near the Broward/Miami Dade County line at 11:00 p.m. Six people die, and a million homes are left without power.

- NOAA's 72-hour forecast is that Katrina may develop into "a major hurricane."

Aug. 26: Katrina grows to a Category 2 hurricane with 90 knot (103 mph) winds, predicted to veer north and west toward Mississippi and Louisiana.

- Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco declares a state of emergency.

- Bush remains on vacation at Crawford, Tex.

Aug. 27: National Hurricane Center staff fully brief Bush Administration officials on impending dangers—including the likely breach of the levees.

- NOAA: "Dangerous Hurricane Katrina threatens north central Gulf Coast . . . Hurricane Warning issued."

- Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour declares a state of emergency and asks President Bush to do the same and free up Federal resources.

- Governor Blanco writes to President Bush, asking for Federal declaration of emergency and Federal assistance.

- Bush remains on vacation at Crawford, Tex.

Aug. 27-28: NorthCom moves disaster control officers (DCOs), active-duty Army Colonels, forward to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana.

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HURRICANE KATRINA

A MOST POWERFUL HURRICANE WITH UNPRECEDENTED STRENGTH...RIVALING THE INTENSITY OF HURRICANE CAMILLE OF 1969.

MOST OF THE AREA WILL BE UNINHABITABLE FOR WEEKS...PERHAPS LONGER. AT LEAST ONE HALF OF WELL CONSTRUCTED HOMES WILL HAVE ROOF AND WALL FAILURE. ALL GABLED ROOFS WILL FAIL...LEAVING THOSE HOMES SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

THE MAJORITY OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WILL BECOME NON FUNCTIONAL. PARTIAL TO COMPLETE WALL AND ROOF FAILURE IS EXPECTED. ALL WOOD FRAMED LOW RISING APARTMENT BUILDINGS WILL BE DESTROYED. CONCRETE BLOCK LOW RISE APARTMENTS WILL SUSTAIN MAJOR DAMAGE...INCLUDING SOME WALL AND ROOF FAILURE.

HIGH RISE OFFICE AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS WILL SWAY DANGEROUSLY...A FEW TO THE POINT OF TOTAL COLLAPSE. ALL WINDOWS WILL BLOW OUT.

AIRBORNE DEBRIS WILL BE WIDESPREAD...AND MAY INCLUDE HEAVY ITEMS SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND EVEN LIGHT VEHICLES. SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES AND LIGHT TRUCKS WILL BE MOVED. THE BLOWN DEBRIS WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL DESTRUCTION. PERSONS...PETS...AND LIVESTOCK EXPOSED TO THE WINDS WILL FACE CERTAIN DEATH IF STRUCK.

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From Aug. 2 to Aug. 28, the hurricane warnings were publicized, and alarming.

Aug. 28: National Weather Service posts this message on its website: “URGENT—WEATHER MESSAGE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW ORLEANS LA:

“Extremely dangerous Hurricane Katrina continues to approach the Mississippi River Delta.

“Devastating damage expected.

“Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks . . . perhaps longer. At least one half of well-constructed homes will have roof and wall failure. All gabled roofs will fail . . . leaving those homes severely damaged or destroyed.

“The majority of industrial buildings will become non-functional. Partial to complete wall and roof failure is expected. All wood framed low-rising apartment buildings will be destroyed. Concrete block low-rise apartments will sustain major damage . . . including some wall and roof failure.

“High-rise office and apartment buildings will sway dangerously . . . a few to the point of total collapse. All windows will blow out.

“Airborne debris will be widespread . . . and may include heavy items such as household appliances and even light vehicles. Sport utility vehicles and light trucks will be moved. The blown debris will create additional destruction. Persons . . . pets . . . and livestock exposed to the winds will face certain death if struck.

“Power outages will last for weeks . . . as most power poles will be down and transformers destroyed. Water shortages will make human suffering incredible by modern standards.

“The vast majority of native trees will be snapped or uprooted. Only the heartiest will remain standing . . . but be totally defoliated. Few crops will remain. Livestock left exposed to the winds will be killed.

“An inland hurricane wind watch is issued when sustained winds near hurricane force . . . or frequent gusts at or above hurricane force . . . are possible within the next 24 to 36 hours.”

- Ivor van Heerden, director of the Louisiana State Uni-

versity Hurricane Center, says: “This has the potential to be as disastrous as the Asian tsunami. Tens of thousands of people could lose their lives. We could witness the total destruction of New Orleans as we know it.”

- At 10:00 p.m., NOAA issues the following: “Potentially catastrophic Hurricane Katrina continues to approach the northern Gulf Coast. . . . Some levees in the greater New Orleans area could be overtopped.”

- Mayor Nagin orders evacuation of New Orleans.
- Louisiana Governor Blanco writes to President Bush, requesting that he “declare an expedited major disaster for the State of Louisiana as Hurricane Katrina, a Category V Hurricane, approaches our coast south of New Orleans. . . . Based on the predictions we have received from the National Weather Service and other sources, I have determined that this incident will be of such severity and magnitude that effective response will be beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments and that supplementary Federal assistance will be necessary.”

- Blanco asks for “direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property.”

- Alabama Gov. Bob Riley declares a state of emergency and asks President Bush to issue an “expedited major disaster declaration” for six Alabama counties.

- NorthCom puts forces on alert, to be prepared for when the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA would determine what assets they need. They include Transport Command heavy aircraft (for food, water, ice); the large amphibious ship *USS Bataan* is moved into the region.

- Bush remains on vacation at Crawford, Tex.; Vice President Dick Cheney is on vacation in Wyoming.

Aug. 29: At 4:00 a.m., NOAA says the following: “Extremely dangerous Category 4 Hurricane Katrina” getting ready to come ashore in S.E. Louisiana and points east. Coastal storm surge 18-22 feet, and locally up to 28 feet. “Some levees in the greater New Orleans area could be overtopped.” By 6:00 a.m. NOAA reports: “Katrina ashore, with 110+ Kt [knot] winds. Flooding 15-20 feet above normal expected. . . . The potential loss of life due to falling trees is a major concern . . . as is freshwater flooding.”

- Five hours after Katrina makes landfall, FEMA director Michael Brown asks Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff to send 1,000 DHS employees to the region, giving them 48 hours to get there; among their duties: to “convey a positive image” about the Federal disaster operations. They are also to support rescues, establish communications, and coordinate with victims and community groups. (This is despite the fact that Brown testified to Congress in 2003, that FEMA intended to ensure that disaster teams could reach any part of the country within 12 hours, and that “disaster packages, commodities, and equipment can be delivered anywhere in the country within 24 hours of a disaster declaration.”)

- Bush takes a break from his vacation to travel to Arizona, New Mexico, and southern California, to talk about Medicare and border security. Cheney is on vacation.

Aug. 30: Two levees break in New Orleans and water pours in, covering 80% of the city and rising to 20 feet in some areas.

- Governor Blanco says everyone still in New Orleans—an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people—must be evacuated. Crowds swell at the Superdome and the New Orleans Convention Center. Rescuers in helicopters and boats pick up hundreds of stranded people. Reports of looting emerge. About 40,000 people are in American Red Cross shelters, not including New Orleans.

- Mississippi Governor Barbour says: “90% of the structures between the beach and the railroad in Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, and Pass Christian are totally destroyed. They’re not severely damaged, they’re simply not there. . . .”

- At some point, DHS Secretary Chertoff finally declares “an incident of national significance,” triggering Federal government mechanisms for response, and activating FEMA.

- FEMA’s Brown says FEMA has 500 trucks of ice, 500 trucks of water, and 350 trucks of military MREs (meals ready to eat) set for distribution over the next ten (!) days.

- Capt. Nora Tyson, commander of the *USS Bataan*, the nearest rescue ship, says she was alerted for rescue duty on Aug. 28, but not given any tasking until late on Aug. 30. . . . For the next five days, the ship’s 600 hospital beds remain unused, and the ship is scarcely utilized.

- Bush, in San Diego for celebrations of end of World War II, is photographed smiling and playing a guitar given to him by a popular singer. Cheney remains on vacation.

Aug. 31: Mayor Nagin estimates New Orleans death toll: “Minimum, hundreds. Most likely, thousands.” Governor Blanco says, “At first light, the devastation is greater than our worst fears.” Governor Blanco asks the White House to send more people. New Orleans police are called off search-and-rescue missions to combat out-of-control looting. As of now, an estimated 52,000 people are in Red Cross shelters. An additional 25,000 are in the Superdome, where conditions worsen by the hour. An exodus from the Superdome begins, with the first buses leaving for Houston’s Astrodome. Water levels stop rising in New Orleans. Engineers work to close a 500-foot gap in a failed floodwall.

- At the New Orleans Superdome, New Orleans official Terry Ebert warns that the slow evacuation there had become an “incredibly explosive situation,” and complains: “This is a national emergency. This is a national disgrace. FEMA has been here three days, yet there is no command and control. . . .”

- Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt declares a Federal health emergency throughout the Gulf Coast and sends in medical supplies and workers.

- The Pentagon mounts one of largest search-and-rescue operations in U.S. history, sending four Navy ships with emergency supplies.

- Air Force special operations team flies into New Orleans airport to reopen the runway.

- “We’re not getting any help yet,” says Biloxi Fire Department Battalion Chief Joe Boney. “We need water. We

need ice. I’ve been told it’s coming, but we’ve got people in shelters who haven’t had a drink since the storm.”

- “We are extremely pleased with the response of every element of the Federal government [and] all of our Federal partners have made to this terrible tragedy,” says DHS Secretary Chertoff.

- Bush cuts his vacation short, flies back to Washington, with fly-over of devastated Mississippi and New Orleans. Cheney still on vacation in Wyoming.

- Bush authorizes a draw-down from the nation’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Gasoline prices surge above \$3.00 a gallon, and shortages arise.

Sept. 1: Mayor Nagin issues a statement to CNN saying: “This is a desperate SOS. Right now we are out of resources at the Convention Center and don’t anticipate enough buses. . . . the Convention Center is unsanitary and unsafe, and we are running out of supplies for 15,000 to 25,000 people.”

- Looting, carjacking, and other violence spreads, and the military decides to increase National Guard deployment to 30,000. Outside the New Orleans Convention Center, the sidewalks are packed with people without food, water, or medical care, waiting for buses that do not come. Tempers flare. Crowds at the Superdome swell to 30,000 with another 25,000 at the convention center. The first refugee buses arrive at the Houston Astrodome. Elsewhere, 76,000 people are in Red Cross shelters.

- Doctors at two New Orleans hospitals plead for help, saying food, water and power are almost gone. Helicopters evacuate up to 600 patients but 1,500 remain stranded.

- The death toll in Mississippi hits 126.

- Texas agrees to take in 75,000 hurricane evacuees.

- NorthCom establishes Joint Task Force-Katrina to act as on-scene military command in support of FEMA, under the command of Lt. Gen. Russel Honore; there are 113 helicopters—61 National Guard and 52 DoD—involved in rescue and relief operations.

- An 80-person expeditionary medical support team deploys from Scott AFB in Illinois, to New Orleans.

- 600 massive sand bags arrive to help shore up New Orleans’ broken levees.

- Doctors complain that DHS sent disaster medical assistance teams to Baton Rouge, not New Orleans. Medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile did not begin arriving in Louisiana and Mississippi until three days after the hurricane struck.

- FEMA Director Brown defends FEMA’s response, and urges the nation to “take a deep collective breath” and realize that the Federal government is doing all it can. He tells Paula Zahn of CNN—three days after the hurricane hit—that “the Federal government did not even know about the Convention Center people until today.”

- Bush asks former Presidents Bush and Clinton to lead a fund-raising campaign for hurricane victims.

- Cheney cuts short his vacation, and returns to Washington.

Sept. 2: Mayor Nagin says that “the people of our city are holding on by a thread. Time has run out. . . .”

- Bush tours Gulf Coast areas and acknowledges the failure so far of government hurricane-relief efforts. “The results are not acceptable,” he says.

- Thousands of National Guardsmen arrive in New Orleans and begin distributing food and water, and start providing security for the tens of thousands of people at the Convention Center and the Superdome.

- Congress approves \$10.5 billion to cover the immediate rescue and relief efforts. The United States and European nations tap oil and gasoline stockpiles for 2 million barrels a day, hoping to stem gas shortages.

- Fifteen airlines get permission to fly up to 25,000 refugees out of New Orleans to San Antonio. Texas opens two more giant centers for victims after the Astrodome fills up. States as far away as Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Michigan offer to accept refugees.

- Alabama Gov. Bob Riley announces that FEMA has approved the use of military police dormitories at Fort McClellan, a former military base in Anniston, to shelter about 1,000 homeless hurricane victims.

Sept. 3: Almost everyone is evacuated from the Convention Center and Superdome. Tens of thousands of New Orleans residents still need to be evacuated. Bush authorizes the deployment of 7,200 active-duty ground troops to the area.

- Five days after Federal help is sought by Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree, two representatives from FEMA arrive there and ask if help is needed.

noted in a major report Aug. 16, 2004, the Clinton Administration revitalized FEMA, and its broadened approach “turned FEMA into an agency widely regarded as one of the government’s most effective.” What the Journal failed to acknowledge, was that it was strong Presidential leadership and support for FEMA’s mission, that made the process work.

This timeline shows what has happened to FEMA’s role and its unique capabilities since 2001, and provides the backdrop for the events described in the first timeline.

Early 2001: FEMA issues a study that identifies a hurricane of the magnitude of Category 4 or 5 striking New Orleans, as one of the three most likely disasters to happen in the U.S. The others were a terrorist attack on New York City, and an earthquake in San Francisco.

January 2001: Bush appoints Joe Allbaugh, a crony from Texas, as head of FEMA. Allbaugh has no previous experience in disaster management, but he had been Bush’s chief of staff in Texas, and manager of the Bush-Cheney campaign in 2000. Along with Karl Rove and Karen Hughes, he was known as one of the three members of the “iron triangle” of Bush’s handlers. Other politically connected individuals are also put in top positions at FEMA at this time.

On Jan. 31, the Hart-Rudman “Commission on National Security” issues its report, which includes a recommendation to incorporate FEMA, the Coast Guard, the Border Patrol, and other agencies into a new homeland security agency. The Bush-Cheney Administration initially reacts coolly to the report.

February-March 2001: The Bush-Cheney Administration launches a drive to privatize public services, including key elements of FEMA’s activities for disaster management. FEMA begins to outsource government jobs to contractors. Bush’s first Office of Management and Budget Director, Mitch Daniels, states at a conference: “The general idea—that the business of government is not to provide services, but to make sure that they are provided—seems self-evident to me,” he said.

The new Administration proposes eliminating Project Impact, a successful, Clinton-era program of loans and grants to assist localities in “mitigation”—making homes and other structures more resistant to earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes.

March-May 2001: Bush proposes cutting FEMA’s budget by 20%, including cutting mitigation grants. “They clearly are dissociating themselves from programs closely identified with the previous Administration,” says a George Washington University disaster expert. “Whether a broader philosophical process is going on is not entirely clear yet, but I suspect it is,” he says, citing proposals for shifting responsibility from the Federal government to the states.

May 2001: Bush puts Cheney in charge. On May 8, the President issues a statement on “Domestic Preparedness Against Weapons of Mass Destruction,” saying that he has asked Cheney to oversee the development of a coordinated national effort to protect the country from a weapons of mass

Bush and Cheney Culpable

Takedown of FEMA, Disaster Planning

When the Bush-Cheney Administration took office in 2001 with a ideological determination to downsize and privatize much of the programs and services provided by the Federal government, one of its targets was the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It was almost universally acknowledged at that time, that FEMA had been transformed into one of the best-functioning government agencies during the Clinton Administration.

FEMA was established in 1979, and during the Cold War period of the 1980s, its focus was narrowed from natural disasters, to a potential nuclear attack and related continuity-of-government functions. As a result, FEMA was unable to respond quickly and adequately to East Coast hurricanes in 1989 and 1992. But after this, as even the Wall Street Journal

destruction (WMD) attack, and that he has asked FEMA to create an Office of National Preparedness, to implement the Cheney recommendations.

- At the same time, Cheney announces on CNN that he will head a task force on homeland defense, and that FEMA will devise plans and strategies to figure out how to respond to a “man-made, or man-caused” disaster in the form of a terrorist attack.

- Allbaugh confirms that FEMA will be downsized, and that localities will be on their own. “Many are concerned that Federal disaster assistance may have evolved into both an oversized entitlement program and a disincentive to effective state and local risk management,” he tells a Senate appropriations subcommittee on May 15. “Expectations of when the Federal government should be involved and the degree of involvement may have ballooned beyond what is an appropriate level,” he says.

June 2001: House Republicans cut \$389 million from the FEMA budget, over Democratic objections.

September 2001: Ten days after the 9/11 attacks, Bush creates an Office of Homeland Security to coordinate counterterrorism efforts—including FEMA—and names Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania to head it.

June 2002: The Bush Administration proposes the creation of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Ridge tells Congressional committees on June 20, that the Administration’s DHS proposal is the direct outcome of the planning process led by Vice President Cheney since May of 2001. Ridge says that FEMA is “at the centerpiece” of the Administration’s initiative.

July 2002: The Government Accountability Office warns that a merger of FEMA would be a “high-risk” endeavor.

- During the debate on the creation of DHS in the House, an amendment by James Oberstar (D-Minn.) to retain FEMA as an independent agency, is defeated by a vote of 165 to 261. Reps. Waxman (D-Calif.) and Obey (D-Wisc.) warn that moving FEMA into the DHS “creates the risk that [its] responsibilities will be neglected and poorly performed.” Rep. Costello (D-Ill.) says: “Without the continuation of FEMA’s independent coordinating role, we cannot ensure that the government will be able to effectively respond to and recover from disasters.”

Sept.-Oct. 2002: Bush ousts former Rep. Mike Parker (R-Miss.) as head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after Parker testified before the Senate Budget Committee, and challenged the Administration’s \$2 billion cut in the Corps’ budget.

November 2002: During the Senate debate on DHS, Sen. Jim Jeffords (I-Vt.) says: “With the passage of this Homeland Security legislation, we will destroy the Federal Emergency Management Agency, losing years of progress toward a well-coordinated Federal response to disasters. As it now exists, FEMA is a lean, flexible agency receiving bipartisan praise as one of the most effective agencies in government. . . . I cannot understand why, after years of frustration and failure,

we would jeopardize the Federal government’s effective response to natural disasters by dissolving FEMA into this monolithic Homeland Security Department. I fear that FEMA will no longer be able to adequately respond to hurricanes, fires, floods, and earthquakes, begging the question, who will?”

December 2002: After less than two years as FEMA Director, Joe Allbaugh announces his resignation. In March 2003, he leaves FEMA, and sets up a number of lobbying firms, including Allbaugh Co., with many clients in the disaster-relief business, and New Bridge Strategies, which helps U.S. companies win reconstruction contracts in Iraq.

January 2003: Bush nominates Michael D. Brown to replace Allbaugh as FEMA Director. Allbaugh had given Brown, his former college roommate, a job in FEMA in 2001 as Deputy Director and General Counsel. Brown was a failed lawyer with a padded resume, who had no qualification to serve in FEMA at any level. He had been employed for the previous 11 years as commissioner of judges and stewards for the International Arabian Horse Association, from which he was forced to resign.

February 2003: President Bush signs Executive Order 13286 which transfers “certain functions to the Secretary of Homeland Security,” from many agencies and departments, including FEMA. As FEMA is downgraded from a cabinet-level agency and submerged in the Department of Homeland Security, its mission is refocused onto terrorism. FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is cut in half. From FY2003 to FY 2005, \$800 million in emergency preparedness grants were transferred from FEMA to the new DHS Office of Domestic Preparedness, where they were designated for use in counterterrorism.

February 2004: Although \$20 million was needed for the Army Corps of Engineers Lake Pontchartrain and Hurricane Vicinity Project, which is still about 20% incomplete, Bush’s budget proposes only \$3.9 million. “The longer we wait without funding, the more we sink,” says project manager Al Naomi.

March 2004: Former FEMA director James Lee Witt testifies before two House subcommittees in opposition to DHS’s plan to reduce the number of FEMA regional and field offices. “I and many others in the emergency management community across the country are deeply concerned about the direction FEMA is headed.” He says there’s been erosion of the successful partnership that was built between local, state, and federal partners. “I am extremely concerned that the ability of our nation to prepare for and respond to disasters has been sharply eroded,” Witt states. “I hear from emergency managers, local and state leaders, and first responders nearly every day that the FEMA they knew and worked well with has now disappeared. In fact, one . . . told me, ‘It is like a stake has been driven into the heart of emergency management.’ ”

Summer 2004: The union local which represents FEMA employees writes to Congress complaining about cronyism, saying that this initially “took place mainly at the senior levels

of FEMA, but it has now entered into mid-level and working-level” hirings.

- FEMA privatizes its hurricane disaster plan for New Orleans, contracting it out to Innovative Emergency Management.

- The Administration makes the biggest budget cuts ever to the Army Corps of Engineers hurricane and flood-control funding for New Orleans. “It appears that the money has been moved in the President’s budget to handle homeland security and the war in Iraq,” states Jefferson Parish emergency management chief Walter Maestri.

- FEMA denies Louisiana’s pre-disaster mitigation funding requests.

- More than 250 emergency preparedness officials from more than 50 Federal, state, and local agencies and volunteer organizations, participate in an unique eight-day gathering, organized by FEMA. They conduct a “tabletop exercise,” a simulation of what would happen if a Category 5 hurricane were to slam into New Orleans. Their conclusion: It would be perhaps the greatest catastrophe in American history. They cited a study that “the death toll . . . in the New Orleans area could be between 25,000 and 100,000.” According to one participant, “as much as 87% of the area’s housing would be destroyed.” The report also notes the problem of debris of “human and animal corpses, including bodies washed out of cemeteries; and a mix of toxic chemicals likely to escape from businesses.”

- A major *Wall Street Journal* investigative report on Aug. 16 presents a devastating picture of the deterioration of FEMA since 2001. “FEMA’s 1,700 staffers make up barely 1% of the Homeland Security Department’s 180,000 employees. Long-serving FEMA employees, unhappy with the loss of independence and in some cases with new policies, have been leaving FEMA in droves, taking their years of experience with them. Once the highest-ranked government office for worker satisfaction, FEMA is now dead last, according to surveys conducted by labor unions and the Federal government’s Office of Personnel Management. In the most recent union survey, 60% of FEMA staffers said they would take a job elsewhere if one were offered, and 80% of respondents said they thought FEMA has become a poorer agency since joining Homeland Security.”

The *Journal* also reports that “a quiet battle is under way within the Homeland Security Department,” explaining: “On one side are former law-enforcement officials, advocating secrecy, tight security, and intelligence as the key to minimizing the trauma of any terrorist attack. On the other are firefighters and emergency managers who emphasize collaboration, information sharing, public awareness, and mitigation efforts to reduce the impact of disasters.”

March 2005: Former Clinton FEMA director James Lee Witt tells the National Hurricane Conference meeting in New Orleans, that putting FEMA under the DHS has hampered its ability to deal with hurricanes and other disasters. The arrangement “has minimized their effectiveness in respond-

ing, in planning and training, the national hurricane program, everything.” It has also reduced FEMA’s direct communication with top government leaders and created problems in sending funds where they are needed.

April 2005: David Liebersbach, president of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) tells the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security: “All-hazards preparedness is in danger of being regarded as a thing of the past as more focus is being placed on terrorism. We must ensure that our capability to deal with many hazards, including terrorism, remains intact and that we do not shift our focus to preparedness for a single peril.”

June 2005: Funding for the New Orleans district of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is cut by a record \$71.2 million. One of the hardest-hit areas is the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project, which was created after the May 1995 flood to improve drainage in Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Tammany parishes.

July 2005: *U.S. News & World Report* reports that “the American Red Cross and FEMA ranked a hurricane in New Orleans as the nation’s most dangerous natural disaster threat.”

- Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco sends a letter to President Bush on July 20, in connection with the Administration’s opposition to measures needed to reverse the deterioration of the coastland. Blanco asks Bush to visit Louisiana and see the danger for himself. Noting that budget cutting is the Administration’s goal, she pleads: “please consider the far greater costs of not addressing the catastrophic coastal land loss occurring in Louisiana, land loss that puts our nation’s energy security and economic future at risk.”

- DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff unveils his “Stage 2” review of the re-organized agencies under his control.

- NEMA president Liebersbach warns that this proposal “takes all natural disaster preparedness responsibility away from [FEMA], and puts it in a new ‘Directorate for Preparedness.’” In a letter to House and Senate committees, Liebersbach argues that FEMA’s mission of preparedness for all types of disasters has been “forgotten” at DHS, in favor of Chertoff’s emphasis on “terrorism and homeland security capabilities.”

September 2005: After FEMA’s utter failure to respond to Hurricane Katrina, dismayed former FEMA officials are quoted in the *Washington Post*. “It’s such an irony I hate to say it, but we have less capability today than we did on September 11,” says one. “We are so much less than what we were in 2000.” “We’ve lost a lot of what we were able to do then,” another senior FEMA official said.

- Other accounts note that five of the eight top positions in FEMA, are filled by persons with no experience in disaster response, whose only reason for appointment are political ties to the Bush-Cheney team.

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Mobilize Public Health Infrastructure Now!

by Christine Craig and
Marcia Merry Baker

Two weeks after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, the public health emergency in New Orleans, in particular, has entered into Phase II—water-borne infectious diseases—as described by medical and sanitation infrastructure experts. Phase I is the initial medical emergency phase, and Phase III is the insect-borne disease phase.

The overall crisis is magnified by the lack of Federal intervention to rapidly move people to sanitary conditions. It was well known in advance that regional health infrastructure was poor. This coheres with the takedown of all aspects of the nationwide health infrastructure system over the past 30 years—community hospitals, public health staff, veterans care—all considered in ratios of personnel and facilities per 100,000 population.

Moreover, there was no pre-positioning of Federal public health forces. Only on Sept. 6, nine days after the hurricane struck, did Surgeon General Richard Carmona, the head of the national Public Health Service, say that 24 Federal public health units were “on their way.” The Department of Health and Human Services reports that it has shipped 90,000 doses of tetanus vaccine, 22,000 doses of hepatitis A vaccine, and 36,000 doses of hepatitis B vaccine to the Gulf Coast area for distribution.

Now, as emergency health-care workers finally move in and set up temporary treatment centers, the magnitude of the problem is coming to light.

Phase I. These are the acute, emergency, and chronic health problems seen initially in all facilities and makeshift settings. Injuries—lacerations, broken bones, crushed limbs—must be treated. Infection has often set in, and cases of gangrene are appearing, leading to hasty amputations. Many have animal bites from displaced pets. Pregnant women, some in labor, seek help. The elderly and others with chronic diseases are suffering the effects of missing their life-giving medications.

Many of this first wave require hospitalization and long-term care, but hospital capacity is low. HHS has identified only 2,600 beds in hospitals in the immediate area, and 40,000 nationwide. Between 1996 and 2002, 16% of all city public hospitals were closed, and 27% of all suburban hospitals shut.

Phase II. The second phase of the health catastrophe has appeared: the water-borne infectious diseases which are inev-

itable as humans are forced into prolonged contact with extremely toxic floodwaters, mixed with sewage, dead bodies, rotting animal carcasses, industrial spillage, and waste of all kinds.

An estimated 90 million tons of solid waste were released into the flood waters in the city of New Orleans from 530 damaged sewage treatment plants. The water tests have seen coliform bacteria counts which are above what their tests can measure. In “residential” New Orleans, all

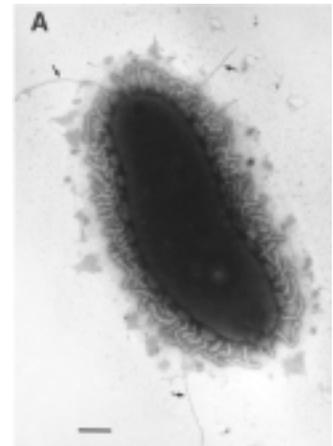
tap water tested has at least 10 times the safe level of fecal coliforms, according to Steven Johnson, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Some estimates have ranged up to 45,000 times safe levels in the flood waters.

In the first week of September, Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control, revealed that at least three people have already died from a bacterial infection pinpointed as *Vibrio vulnificus*, which is a relative of the Third World scourge, cholera. *V. vulnificus* is a saltwater pathogen found commonly in water and shellfish off the Gulf Coast. It can cause an acute infection if ingested, leading to diarrhea, vomiting, and cramping. Wounds can also become infected. Immuno-compromised victims are susceptible to systemic disease, leading to organ failure and death in many cases.

As the days pass, the potential for a massive outbreak of infectious, waterborne diseases increases. Dysentery was confirmed in Mississippi soon after the storm. Shigellosis, giardia, virulent forms of *E. coli*, infectious hepatitis, and norovirus, are just a few of the potential gastro-intestinal diseases whose agents are already present in the water. As long as people are exposed to the water, the threat of such outbreaks remains.

As people leave the flooded zones for temporary shelters, some of the same threats remain, because of overcrowding and unsanitary conditions, and outbreaks of new diseases are likely. Any prolonged “warehousing” of people increases the disease threat. Respiratory ailments are inevitable, and HIV and hepatitis are possibilities. The “normal” flu season is also pending. And a case of tuberculosis was recently reported at the Houston Astrodome.

It should be recalled that, under similar conditions of chaos and overcrowding during World War I, an avian flu virus jumped species, leading to a pandemic which killed tens of millions of people throughout the world. Given the highly virulent H5N1 flu virus evolving and already on the move



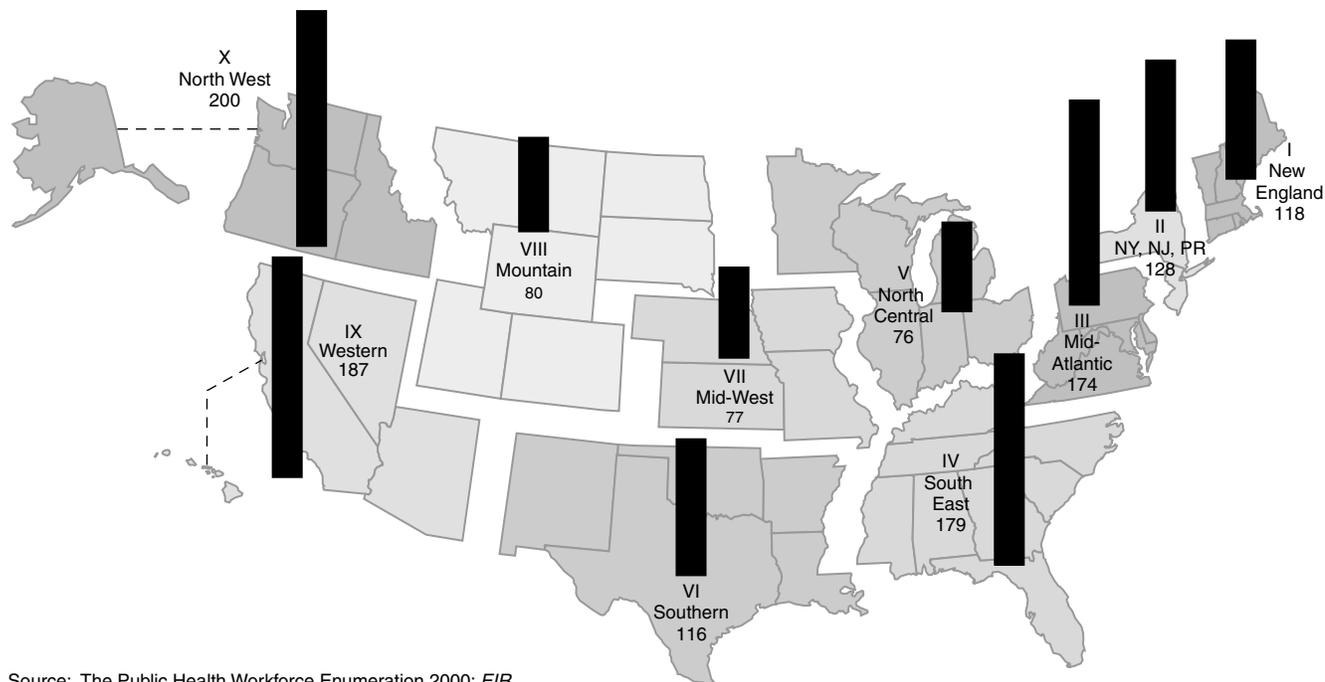
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Vibrio vulnificus

FIGURE 1

Public Health Workers per 100,000 Population, in 10 Federal Health Districts, 1999

(Number per 100,000 Population)



Source: The Public Health Workforce Enumeration 2000; *EIR*.

In the 1970s, there were over 200 public health workers per 100,000 population as the national average. By 1999, this had fallen to a national average of 156 per 100,000, with sharp disparities by region, as shown on this map. Public health workers refers to all kinds of functions, from epidemiology, to pest control, county nurses, technicians, etc.

among the migrating bird populations in Eurasia this Fall, a repeat of the 1918 catastrophe is not so far-fetched.

Phase III. Still ahead, are various insect-vector diseases. Within the next weeks, without human intervention on a large scale, mosquito-borne diseases will begin to appear, as mosquitoes breeding in the floodwaters spawn and spread.

There are a large variety of mosquitoes endemic to the Gulf Coast, seemingly one for every available ecological niche provided by Katrina's passing. These mosquitoes are capable of transmitting to humans several devastating encephalitis diseases harbored in local bird populations, notably West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis, and Eastern equine encephalitis. Without a massive mobilization to eradicate the emerging mosquito threat, a large-scale outbreak of one or more of these diseases could be inevitable.

What is needed is an all-out aerial assault on the mosquitoes and larvae with insecticide sprays. Former head of the CDC Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, Dr. Duane Gubler, reported that surveillance of mosquito densities and the pathogens they carry, must take place before areas can be targeted for spraying. But, as he pointed out, Mississippi had virtually no mosquito-eradication infrastructure in place *before* the hurricane. It remains to be seen whether the

means and manpower for surveillance and targeted spraying can be mustered. Before the paradigm-shift of the approach to public health, the solution would have been clear: massive spraying of the coastal flooded areas with DDT, followed by targeted applications with the more toxic insecticides now in use, like pyrethroids.

Crash Effort: Public Health Infrastructure

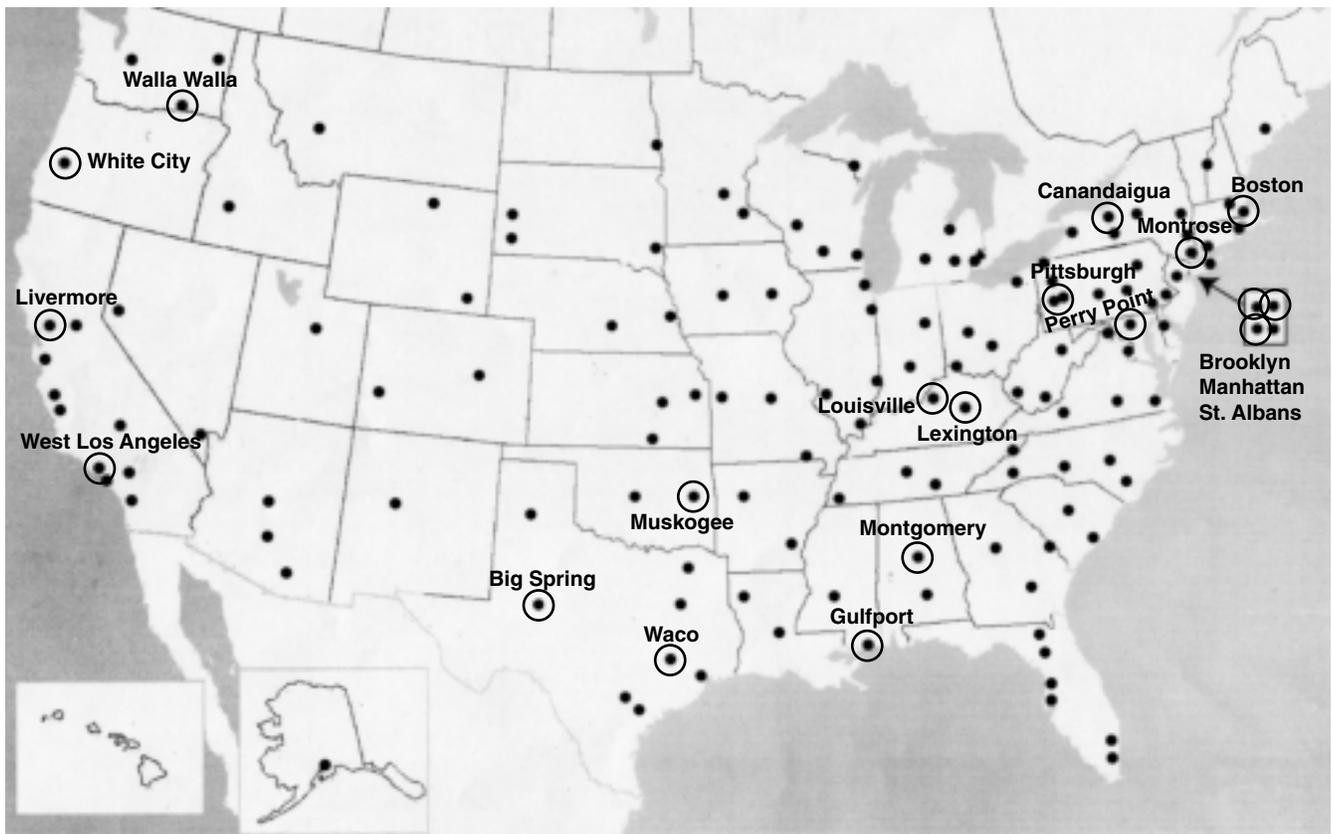
In the context of mustering emergency health logistics for storm zone victims, Congress must act to restore needed ratios of medical and public health infrastructure of all kinds, nationwide, *to have the in-depth capacity to deal with surge needs.* Right now, this means no cuts or shutdowns in any health-care systems—Veterans, public hospitals, community clinics, and so on. Two maps here illustrate the principle involved.

Figure 1 gives data showing the disparities and decline in ratios of public health workers (Federal, state, local combined) per 100,000 population, since the 1970s. This must be corrected.

Figure 2 shows the Bush Administration-proposals for shutting 19 major Veterans hospitals. Any closure must be cancelled; instead, the system must be expanded.

FIGURE 2

Cancel Bush Administration's Plan to Shut 19 (Circled) Veterans Hospitals—Four in Gulf States



Source: Department of Veterans Affairs, CARES Decision, May 2004, Office of the Secretary; www.va.gov.

Shown (dots) are most of the nation's 160 major hospitals, known as Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. The 19 named sites are on the short list under active consideration for Administration decision by February 2006, to close them, relocate their services to a different site, or otherwise downscale, including for real estate gains. This process was begun during the first George W. Bush Administration, and euphemistically termed, "Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services" (CARES). After the scandal of Administration cover-up of FY 2005 underfunding of Vets' medical services, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.), in July called for stopping closure of any VA hospital. Post-Katrina, these VA facilities are needed more than ever.



The VA Medical Center in Waco, Texas, on a 123-acre site, is part of a 36-facility complex called the Central Texas Veterans Health Care system. Waco VA hospital is targeted by the Bush Administration for closure. On Sept. 6, Rep. Chet Edwards (D-Tex.), one of the strongest backers of keeping Waco hospital open, reported that he is working to open up beds at the facility, and at the VA hospital in nearby Temple, for Katrina victims. The Waco VA Medical Center operates 346 acute inpatient beds, 191 psychiatry beds, and 15 beds for rehabilitation of the blind; with an average daily census of 206 patients.

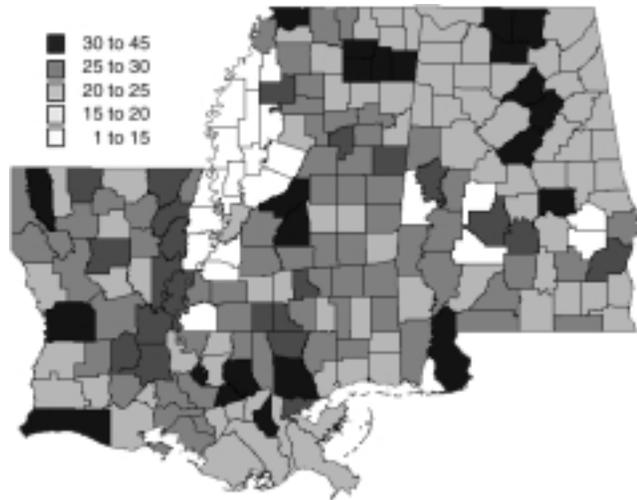
Super-TVA' Needed, Not Halliburton Profiteering

by Paul Gallagher

The tremendous destructive force of Hurricane Katrina struck the poorest region of the United States, the three states which rank first, second, and fifth in depth of official poverty, and also have a combined 30% African American population. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) was launched by President Franklin Roosevelt both to stop extremely destructive flooding in what was then the nation's poorest area, and within a broader purpose of transforming the power of infrastructure, employment, income, education, and healthcare in the whole nation. So, this disaster should be met with a new, "Super-TVA," as then Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche proposed it in 2003, and as is now being put forward as "a new Marshall Plan" by Sen. Harry Reid and collaborators.

"The poor had no way to evacuate until it was too late," said former Senator George McGovern after an extended visit to Katrina's victims in the Houston Astrodome, seeking to give them a national voice. He thus identified a crucial characteristic both of the disaster, and of the necessary reconstruc-

FIGURE 1
Floods of Poverty in Gulf-State Counties, 2003
 (Official Poverty Rate, Non-Institutional Population, Percent)



Source: EIR 2005, Map by MapInfo.

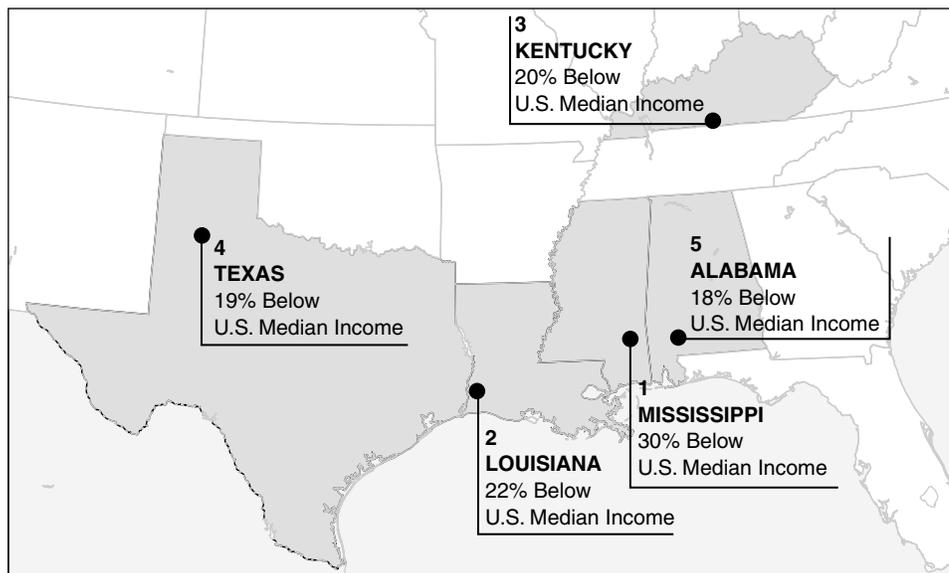
Only about 10 counties in the three states combined have "official" (much underrepresented) poverty rates below 15%; some 20 counties have 30-45% official poverty.

tion mobilization.

The maps in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** indicate the degree to which low income and long-term poverty are concentrated in the states in Katrina's path.

The median of *all* household incomes in Mississippi and Louisiana is only about 150% of the impossibly low Federal poverty line, and Alabama's median household income is less than twice official poverty. These states' average individual weekly wages and salaries have been about 85% of the national average. Of 12 million citizens of the three states, 3.6 million are black; and nationwide, the median income of black households is below 70% of the national median; their household wealth is below 15% of the national average; their weekly wage, 80% of the national average. The median price of homes in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana ranged from \$79,000 to \$95,000 in 2004, half the na-

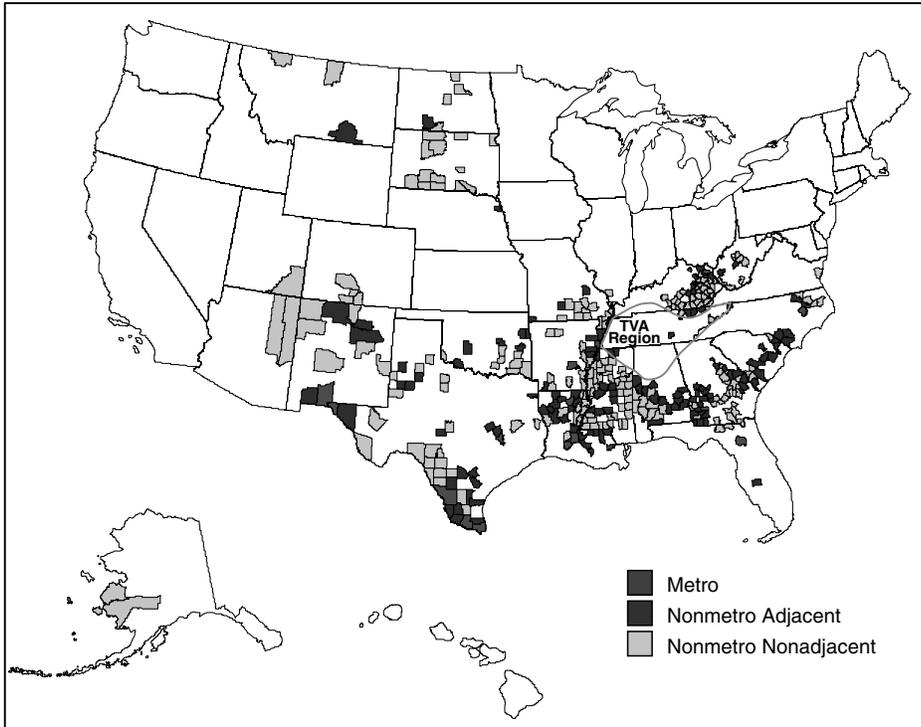
FIGURE 2
Katrina Hit Three of the Nation's Five Poorest States, by Households



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; EIR.

FIGURE 3

Counties of Deep Poverty Surround the 'Exception,' the TVA Region



tional median price.

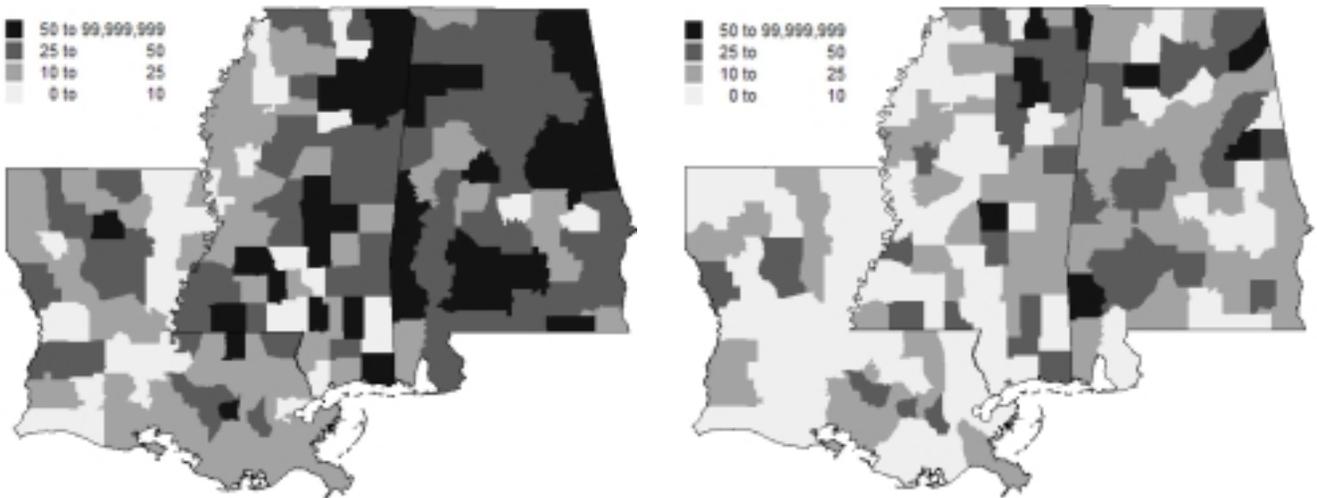
Residents of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama fall overwhelmingly in the lower 40% of households by income, and that percentile of Americans' low share of the national income, has gotten 6% lower just since 1995.

Dramatically, the map in **Figure 3** illustrates what FDR's original TVA accomplished in reconstructing the nation's poorest region. As late as 2000, the TVA region in Tennessee, Kentucky, and the northern tiers of Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana had almost no counties of persistent poverty (more than 20% official poverty for more than a decade). Yet, outside the TVA region, it was surrounded by just such poverty, the serious worsening of which by 2004 is shown in the states Katrina hit in 2005 (Figure 2).

This is what a "Super-TVA" or Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of the Gulf states re-

FIGURE 4

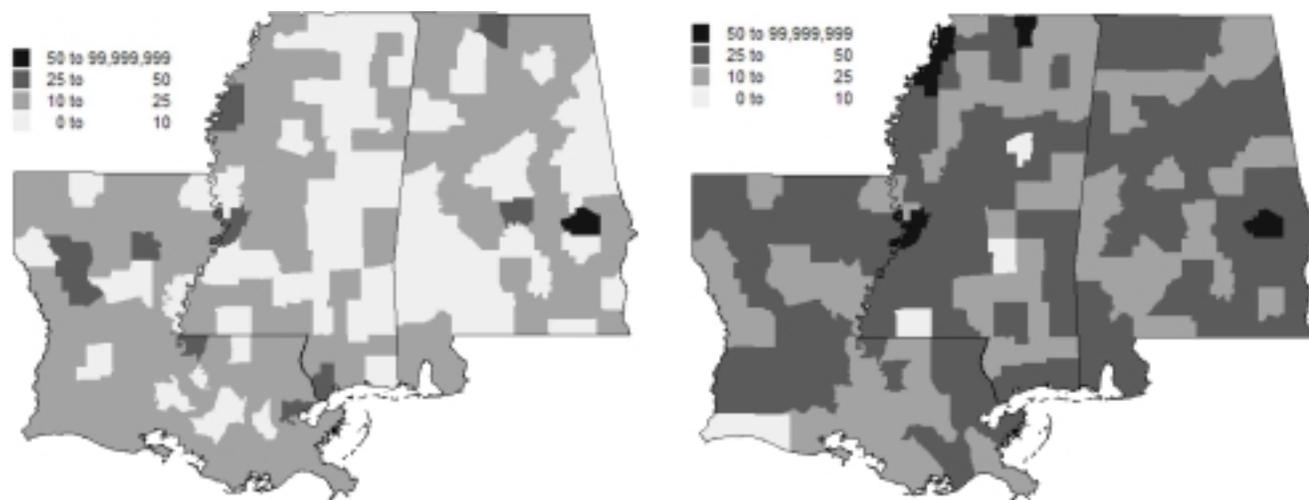
Manufacturing Employment by County, 1975 and 2000



Source: EIR 2005, Map by MapInfo.

See animations of these and other graphics at www.larouche.com/animations.

FIGURE 5
Service Employment by County, 1975 and 2000



Source: *EIR* 2005, Map by MapInfo.

gion, launched immediately, can accomplish, if it is done seriously, as some in Congress, spearheaded by Senate Minority Leader Reid’s demands, are now beginning to propose. It must involve hundreds of billions of dollars in investments in new, modern economic infrastructure—over and above spending for immediate rescue, repair, financial aid, temporary housing, etc. And as in the first TVA, the infrastructure investment—encompassing new flood-control and water management, ports, and coastal protection, power and transmission infrastructure, modern rail transportation—must also invest in the “soft infrastructure” of education, housing, and healthcare, and, critically, in creation of higher-wage employment for particularly the residents of these poverty-plagued cities and towns.

Proposals for a Gulf States Marshall Plan are now projecting \$200 billion in investment—still a significant understatement. If this is infrastructure investment, distinct from assistance, several million jobs skilled and semi-skilled jobs can be created. **Figures 4 and 5** show that despite the flocking of non-union Japanese auto assembly plants, runaway steel plants and auto supplier shops, and so on, into these states for 30 years, not only have wages remained low but manufacturing employment has shrunk while lower-wage service and “entertainment” jobs proliferated.

The Bush/Cheney Administration’s first “recovery” steps already show it perpetuating the impoverishment of the economy, even while claiming to rebuild. Rather than tasking the military to set up and build temporary housing on near-in bases, FEMA is ordering the housing from international construction multitis Fluor, Bechtel, and others who promise high costs and long construction times—this, after FEMA first ordered 70,000 recreational vehicles as housing. And White

House economists are proclaiming that the rebuilding of *permanent* housing will add \$20 billion to GDP per 100,000 homes: i.e., \$200,000 per home—prices far, far higher than the values of the homes that have been destroyed. How can the returning survivors afford such home prices?

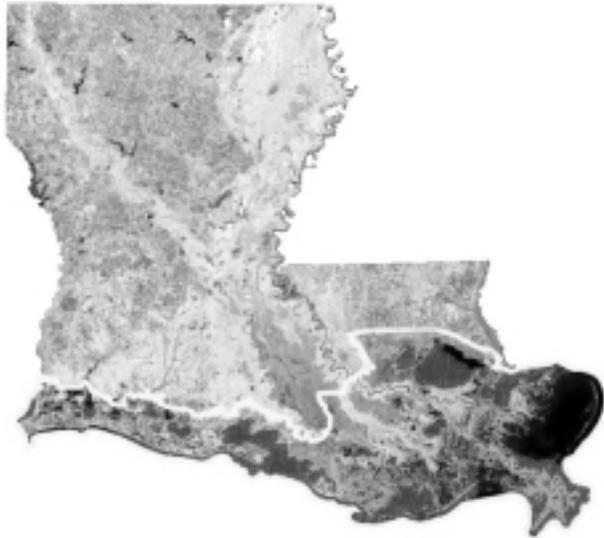
The White House already has given the big port and naval “infrastructure repair” contracts to Dick Cheney’s Halliburton, the Iraq mega-profiteer. And Bush immediately announced the “emergency powers” suspension of prevailing wage laws in the region, with the standard “free trade” false claim that *more* jobs will be created in reconstruction if they pay *less*.

A “Super-TVA” reconstruction of the Gulf states hit by the Katrina disaster, must have the opposite objective—to lift those states, and especially their lower-income citizens, out of the conditions of widespread—and still worsening—poverty which magnified the storm’s disaster.

Neglected Flood-Control Plans Now Must Be Done

by Richard Freeman

By 1998, a detailed plan, Coast 2050, had been drawn up to deal with the infrastructure needs of the Louisiana Delta, including plans to shunt silt and sediment to restore and rebuild the coastal region, to act as a natural storm-breaker system; and to build a new port, 30 miles south of the city.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Coast 2050 proposes to rebuild and restore the 20,000 square-mile zone of Louisiana coastal area. It can help as a natural barrier against storms.

The price tag was \$14 billion. Overlapping this project, plans were being formulated to build an integrated flood-control system that would defend New Orleans against Category 5 hurricanes. However, only a pittance was allocated in funding after George W. Bush came into office, and the funding for the Army Corp of Engineers was systematically slashed in every annual Bush budget.

As New Orleans gathers thousands of its citizens' dead bodies, and evacuates the city for a second time because its contaminated water system and flood waters are communicating disease, the reality asserts itself that although Hurricane Katrina was a powerful natural force, catastrophic human policies made it a human catastrophe of untold dimensions. The Bush-Cheney administration cut Army Corps allocations for the New Orleans district, treating the projects with monetarist madness as if they were "pork-barrels," while seeking to route every spare nickel into bailing out the collapsing world financial system and financing the Iraq war. Bush-Cheney gave an extreme "free-market madness" characteristic to a 35-year period, in which City of London-Wall Street policy gutted every form of America's water management infrastructure, from waterways, to the provision of irrigation and clean drinking water, to ports and flood control systems. The transportation, power generation, and health and hospital systems were also stripped down.

Coast 2050

A nation guided by the General Welfare principle will spend 45-50% of its annual investment on the maintenance and upgrading of hard and soft infrastructure. We have worked-out development plans for flood control and water management for New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast region, such as Coast 2050. They could be critical parts of recon-

struction plans for the whole nation, proposed by Lyndon LaRouche in his Sept. 3 webcast, and echoed in Sen. Harry Reid's Sept. 7 call for a new Marshall Plan.

A task force of people from every level of government issued Coast 2050, as a 161-page report in 1998. Its main objective is to restore the Mississippi River silt-fed marsh area in the delta that stretches from the Gulf of Mexico up to New Orleans' south and east (see map of flooded region in Katrina), to raise those up as a natural barrier against storm surge in severe hurricanes. Mark Fischetti, a contributing editor to *Scientific American*, who is familiar with the plan and described it in that publication in 2001, told *EIR* on Sept. 8 that some of the plan's main advocates had expanded it by 2000, adding some very useful elements. In a Sept. 5, 2005 *Houston Chronicle* article, "Flood of Regret . . . Waves of Anger: Blueprint to save New Orleans was created but never realized," Fischetti described the main elements of the enhanced plan:

"Cut several channels in the levees on the Mississippi River's southern bank (the side that doesn't abut [New Orleans]) and secure them with powerful floodgates that could be opened at certain times of the year to allow sediment and freshwater to flow down into the delta, re-establishing it.

"Build a new navigation channel from the Gulf into the Mississippi, about 40 miles south of New Orleans, so ships don't have to enter the river at its three southernmost tips 30 miles further away. For decades the Corps has dredged shipping channels along those final miles to keep them navigable, creating underwater chutes that propel river sediment out into the deep ocean. The dredging could then be stopped, the river mouth would fill in naturally, and sediment would again spill to the barrier islands, lengthening and widening them. Some planners also propose a modern port at the new access point that would replace those along the river that are too shallow to handle the huge new ships now being built worldwide.

"Erect huge seagates across the pair of narrow straits that connect the eastern edge of Lake Pontchartrain, north of the city, to the Gulf. Now, any hurricane that blows in from the south will push a wall of water through these straits into the huge lake, which in turn will threaten to overflow into the city. That is what has filled the bowl that is New Orleans this past week. But seagates at the straits can stop the wall of water from flowing in. The Netherlands has built similar gates to hold back the turbulent North Sea and they work splendidly.

"Finally, and most obviously, raise, extend and strengthen the city's existing but aging levees, canal walls, and pumping systems."

Fischetti calculated that "completing every recommended project over a decade or more would have cost an estimated \$14 billion."

Need to Restore the Coast

The prospect of building and restoring coastal wetlands and marshes must be conceived of as distinct from the ques-



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

As part of the Army Corps' restoration projects, Louisiana coast land is here being created from dredged material.

tion of whether one is pro- or anti-environmentalist. The environment poses a legitimate question which must be approached far from the Worldwide Fund for Nature's dangerous kookery, but rather from the standpoint of science. This is a matter of real flood control.

In its natural state, the Mississippi River: a) is surrounded, especially on its lower end, by wetlands/swamps; and b) is prone to severe flooding. During the 18th Century, New Orleans residents contracted yellow fever (a viral infection, transmitted by mosquitoes): from 1817-1905, yellow fever epidemics killed 40,000 residents of New Orleans. So the swamps were drained. In 1927, the "natural" Mississippi had an enormous flood, killing 300 people and leaving 700,000 homeless along the length of the river. The Rivers and Harbor Act of 1928 authorized the Army Corps to draw up and pursue an unified flood control plan for the whole Mississippi River and tributaries. The breakthrough came in 1933, when President Franklin Roosevelt directed the Army Corps of Engineers to build a magnificent flood-control system, including levees, along the extent of the lower Mississippi, and in New Orleans.

There was an important drawback, that can be solved. During heavy rains, the "natural" Mississippi River's stream gathers and transports sediment (sand, silt, and clay) to the lower portions of the river. As the river overflows its banks, in the lower portion of the river, it deposits this sediment in the wetlands. This replaces the wetlands' sediment, which has eroded principally by the activity of the waves of storms, and longshore currents.

Under a flood-control system, the Mississippi River is transformed: It has considerably deeper river channels; the banks are higher and fortified; and the river rarely overflows its banks. The sediment, which would come into the river during heavy rains, flows clear down to the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico, and out into the ocean. The marshes which were stripped of sediment during storms, do not get replacement

(the same process affects sandbars). The freshwater wetlands and marshes subside (by 300 square miles per decade), the coast sinks, while the ocean encroaches; marsh vegetation is often killed by the incoming saline seawater. The marshes are storm-breaks: A Louisiana Department of Natural Resources study estimated that every two miles of wetlands between the Gulf and New Orleans, reduces the storm surge by half a foot.

The Coast 2050 report's first major element (above), the opening of the Mississippi River's southern bank levees with floodgates to let sediment flow out, would rebuild and restore the Louisiana coast, increasing its flood-control capacity.

The Army Corps of Engineers and environmentalists had disagreed about the approach and course of action with respect to the coast and marshes. These forces were brought together behind the "Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act," introduced by Sen. John Breaux (D-La.) in 1990, and passed that year. The Breaux Act, gave rise to the Coast 2050 plan.

The Army Corps already had under way, the Caemarvon Freshwater Diversion pilot project, which is east of New Orleans; it is diverting sediment from a section of the Mississippi River, at certain times of the year, to rebuild a few hundreds acres of the Louisiana coast (see photo). The Corps has another, larger project of the same type, the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion project, under way. Both are proof of principle.

However, this has been a protracted fight. As early as 1967, the Congress authorized a resolution calling for an Army Corps study to determine the "advisability of improvements or modification of existing improvements in the coastal area of Louisiana in the interest of hurricane protection, prevention of saltwater intrusion . . . [and] prevention of erosion." It has taken nearly four decades, and only two working projects are in operation, on something everyone acknowledges is extremely important. Had the coastal restoration been operating on a significant basis, it may have helped reduce the force of Hurricane Katrina.

Category 4 or 5 Protection

Critical for the successful New Orleans flood control infrastructure, whose construction must be put on a crash mobilization basis, is taking all the measures to upgrade the New Orleans system to withstand a Category 4 or 5 hurricane (the latter packing winds of 155 mph or above). Since its initial construction more than seven decades ago, the New Orleans system could withstand only a Category 3 hurricane, in a zone where the occurrence of a Category 4 or 5 is highly likely, as witnessed by Katrina.

This falls under the heading of infrastructure not merely cut, but treated as an afterthought, rather than as the highest priority. For the past 40 years, America had no forethought on this matter. This scandal is highlighted by the contrast of the Netherlands's decision to foster the General Welfare of its population, on an identical matter.

Scientists and engineers are circulating what they are call-

ing crucial components that would be in a system that would make New Orleans functional in the aftermath of a Category 4 or 5 hurricane. First, the maximum levee height in New Orleans is 23 feet, and the height of most levees is in the range of 16-18 feet. The levee height would be elevated. Second, Lake Pontchartrain sits immediately north and above New Orleans, and directly connects by a water passage to the Gulf, so that when the ocean swells in a storm, Pontchartrain's water swells. This proposal calls for driving a large seagate down into the lake on its eastern end, which could be opened and closed, thus severing the lake's connection to the ocean, immediately before, during, and after a hurricane.

Were these all implemented, they would have to be done in an integrated, coordinated plan. However, scientists and engineers may have more scientifically based plans, which they can work out in discussions with each other, and international colleagues.

But, here a scathing indictment comes to the surface. The Army Corps, which is charged with this responsibility, has had its funding even for feasibility studies kept to less than \$4 million, and the Bush Administration killed that. The Sept. 2, 2005 *National Geographic News* reported ironically, "Until the day before Katrina's arrival, New Orleans' 350 miles (580 kilometers) of levees were undergoing a feasibility study to examine the possibility of upgrading them to withstand a Category Four or Five storm." Yet, this study was started in 2000, and has never had the money to get beyond an elementary phase. Very likely, some American scientists were thinking of this in the 1980s, but there was no organized forum to pursue this matter.

Examples of Reconstruction

Some cynics have stated that New Orleans cannot be protected against a Category 5 hurricane. This would seem to be the public rhetoric for what Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) said more bluntly: New Orleans should not be rebuilt. This brings up the scandal of what other countries did in the same period of the last half century.

In the Winter of 1953, the Netherlands suffered a terrifying storm, as dikes and seawalls along its western coast gave way, and the North Sea flood killed nearly 2,000 people, destroying whole villages. Half of the Netherlands is below sea level, including Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Then, over the course of a quarter century, at the cost of \$8 billion, the Netherlands "erected a futuristic system of coastal defenses that is admired around the world today," reported the Sept. 6 *New York Times*. As well, the government increased the height of dikes to nearly 40 feet, nearly twice the height of New Orleans levees. The system was deliberately built to *withstand the kind of storm that occurs once in 10,000 years*.

In England, where a 1953 storm-induced flood killed hundreds along the raging Thames River, central London barely escaped destruction. The British then designed a system in the Thames: "Its semicircular gates lie flush to the riverbed in concrete supporting sills, creating no obstacle to river traffic.

When the need arises, the gates pivot up, rising as high as a five-story building to block rising waters," the *Times* reported. At least two decades ago, in the same spirit, the United States could have started building the appropriate, efficient system for New Orleans. An overriding issue is that the entire array of interconnected flood-control system projects for southern Louisiana and New Orleans has been put on a starvation diet for decades, relative to what it needs.

George W. Bush has intensified the crisis. The Sept. 4 *Los Angeles Times* reported that since Bush took office in 2001, Louisiana local officials, and U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) have asked for just short of \$500 million for flood protection. During this period, the Bush Administration's yearly budgets have only offered \$166 million, two-thirds less than the bare minimum needed. The Congress approved about \$250 million. The July 2004 *Riverside*, the monthly publication of the Army Corps New Orleans District, reported, "Funding for Corps projects has decreased to the point that some completion dates have been pushed back three or more years."

Katrina struck a New Orleans and southern Louisiana eviscerated by decades of underfunding or blocked programs. LaRouche's mobilization, with an awakened Senate, opens the door to build on a crash mobilization these and other long-overdue infrastructure programs.

Use Military Bases To House Storm-Displaced

by Carl Osgood

Although large numbers of people have been moved out of the storm-stricken area, little consideration has been given to using regional military bases in the manner that Lyndon LaRouche has called for. Instead, evacuees are being scattered all over the country in shelters, like the Houston Astro-dome, and National Guard armories, like the one in Washington, D.C, which currently hosts about 400 people from New Orleans. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has not asked the military to provide housing for large numbers of displaced people, nor will the military provide it unless asked by FEMA.

During a video-teleconference with reporters at the Pentagon on Sept. 7, Lt. Gen. Joseph Inge, the deputy commander of the U.S. Northern Command, could not even say to what degree military bases were being considered for housing evacuees. This characterizes the piecemeal approach to the problem across-the-board.

In fact, while LaRouche is placing such importance on military infrastructure as part of the recovery process from this disaster, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has been

Make Use of Military/National Guard Bases To House Those Displaced by Katrina



Source: U.S. Department of Defense, *EIR*

Thousands of persons who lost their homes in Hurricane Katrina could be housed nearby in the region in active military or National Guard facilities, or housing set up there by the military.

1. England Air Force Base, Alexandria, La. Closed in 1992 by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). Now the home of an industrial park, and port of embarkation for Army troops from Fort Polk.
2. Fort Polk, north of Lake Charles, La. Home of the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center, it comprises 198,000 acres.
3. Barksdale Air Force Base, in northwest Louisiana, near Bossier City. Home of a B-52 wing and an Air Force Reserve A-10 wing. It comprises 22,000 acres.
4. Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., in the northeast part of the state, near the Alabama border. This installation is used for basic and advanced pilot training.
5. Fort Rucker, Ala., 80 miles south of Montgomery. Home of the Army Aviation Center, it comprises 64,500 acres.
6. Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala. Closed as an Army post by the 1995 BRAC round. Its 45,000 acres were turned over to the Alabama National Guard for use as a training facility.
7. Fort Chaffee, Ark. Closed in the 1995 BRAC, its 66,000 acres were turned over to the Arkansas National Guard for use as a training facility.
8. Eglin Air Force Base, near Fort Walton Beach in the Florida panhandle. It is used as a base for testing and evaluating aircraft, munitions, and electronic warfare systems. It comprises 724 square miles of ranges.
9. Meridian Naval Air Station, Miss.
10. Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

This list excludes the two Gulf Coast region military installations which were directly and severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina: New Orleans Naval Air Station, La., and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

trying to shed what he considers "excess" military infrastructure, as indicated by the regional hearings over the past three months on what bases are to be down-scaled or closed altogether.

Rather than the defense of the common good, Rumsfeld's strategy is premised on real estate scams and cost-cutting. If allowed to prevail now, his mentality will mean immediate harm to hundreds of thousands, and will ensure that the "surge" capacity required will not be there to deal with future emergencies.

There are nine major military facilities in the immediate vicinity of the disaster zone, including two that were closed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) rounds in the 1990s, some of which are providing support for rescue and recovery operations, including to FEMA. These include Barksdale Air Force Base, England Air Force Base, and Fort Polk in Louisiana; Fort McClellan, Fort Rucker, and Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama; Columbus Air Force Base and Naval Air Station Meridian in Mississippi; and Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida panhandle.

Fort McClellan and England AFB were both closed in the 1990s; Fort McClellan was turned over to the Alabama National Guard, and England AFB was turned into an indus-

trial park, with the Army retaining access to it as a port of embarkation for troops at Fort Polk. Another base closed by BRAC in the 1990s is Fort Chaffee, in Arkansas. During the early 1980s, Fort Chaffee was, in fact, used to house Cuban refugees. The Army turned over 66,000 acres of that facility to the Arkansas National Guard in 1999. The scale and scope of the Katrina disaster is such, however, that many bases outside the immediate vicinity, including in Texas, Georgia, and other states are also providing support.

So far, only three bases are providing, in very small degree, some of the kind of support LaRouche is calling for. The 4,000 Louisiana National Guard troops that will be returning from Iraq over the next couple of weeks will be put up temporarily at Fort Polk. Maxwell AFB is housing some small number of people. Eglin and other bases are also supporting field hospitals, which are being staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Associated Press reported on Sept. 2 that FEMA had approved the use of empty dormitories at Fort McClellan for housing evacuees, which, according to Alabama's Governor, Bob Riley, have space for up to 10,000 people. Also being used to support relief and recovery efforts is Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., although that base was devastated by the storm,

reportedly losing upwards of 90 percent of its housing.

The lack of military initiative on this issue has spurred Congressional calls for action, however. On Sept. 3, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) called for the reopening of England AFB to house evacuees. On Sept. 7, Representatives John Spratt (D-S.C.) and James Clyburn (D-S.C.) wrote to FEMA Director Michael Brown, proposing that 450 vacant housing units at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., along with other vacant housing at other military bases, should also be made available to house Hurricane Katrina victims.

Their letter states, in part: "Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., like many military bases, has several hundred housing units scheduled for demolition, which are to be replaced by privatized housing development. Based on our discussions with the base, there appear to be some 450 housing units that were vacated three years ago, and have been kept up with essential maintenance since then. Many of these units would require plumbing and electrical work before being re-occupied, but most can be put into habitable condition. . . ."

Senators Demand End To Energy Speculation

by Marsha Freeman

When Hurricane Katrina slammed into the coast of the Gulf of Mexico on Aug. 29, oil companies apparently believed that they could use the catastrophe to justify another quantum leap in energy prices. Now, the U.S. Senate is swinging into action to stop this looting of the American people and destruction of the U.S. economy by an increasingly cartelized oil producing and refining industry.

On Sept. 7, in introducing the "Windfall Profits Rebate Act of 2005," Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), stated that the major oil companies were reaping \$7 billion more per month in profits "off the backs of consumers" than they were 18 months ago, as oil went from \$40 to \$70 per barrel, with no increase in the cost of production.

The same day, Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), introduced the "Hurricane Katrina Emergency Temporary Energy Price Freeze Act of 2005," referencing the \$3.05 per gallon average national cost of gasoline at the pump, calling for a freeze on oil at the \$40 per barrel, pre-Katrina price.

Dozens of articles every day by free-market ideologues, oil industry toadies, and their sympathizers, warn that oil price increases are necessary because there is a shortage of supply caused by the hurricane. The Department of Energy warns that the "crisis" could last until December. But in fact, over the next week or so, there will be *more* oil and gasoline available in the United States than there was before Aug. 29. *There never was a shortage before, and there surely is not one now.*

More Oil Than Before

On June 21, the Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS), which oversees offshore oil and gas producers, alerted them that the year "2005 is anticipated to be another above-average hurricane season." It recommended that precautions be taken to ensure the safety of workers, and prevent long-term disruptions to the Gulf of Mexico's offshore production. The Gulf now contributes about 29% of the nation's domestic oil production and 21% of its natural gas output.

In testimony before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Sept. 6, Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Rebecca Watson, reported that 615 oil platforms and 90 drilling rigs had been evacuated as a precautionary measure before the storm. One week later, out of a total of 819 manned rigs in the hurricane region, and 137 other rigs, half were back in operation. (Corresponding oil and gas production figures are in **Table 1**.)

Watson said that it appears that many of the "high-production facilities weathered the storm without major damage," and that these production facilities could be up and running

TABLE 1
Energy Recovery From Hurricane Katrina

Date	Oil Shut In (% GOM Production*)	Gas Shut In (% GOM Production*)	Energy Electric Customer Outages**
Aug. 29	92%	83%	NA
Aug. 30	95%	88%	NA
Aug. 31	91%	83%	1,100,000
Sept. 1	90%	79%	793,700
Sept. 2	89%	72%	728,000
Sept. 4	NA	NA	531,000
Sept. 6	58%	42%	444,200
Sept. 7	57%	40%	405,600

* Percentage reduction in total Gulf of Mexico oil and natural gas production.

** Entergy is the largest electricity supplier in the Louisiana and Mississippi areas affected by Katrina.

Source: Entergy; Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

TABLE 2
Oil and Gasoline Speculation

Date	Gasoline per Gallon*	Oil per Barrel*
Aug. 28, 2003	\$1.05	\$31.50
Aug. 27, 2004	1.18	43.18
Aug. 26, 2005	1.92	66.13
Sept. 2, 2005	2.18	67.57

* Trading price at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Source: Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.

in days. So, even in its own terms, the hysteria about long-term and severe shortages of oil is betrayed by the rapidity with which Gulf production is coming back on line.

But never mind shortages—the United States will be swimming in supplies of oil and gasoline within the next week or two. On Sept. 2, the 26-member International Energy Agency agreed to make available to the U.S. market, the equivalent of 2 million barrels per day of crude oil and refined petroleum products, for an initial period of 30 days—60 million barrels in all. Thirty million barrels of crude oil will be released from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, under the guidelines of the IEA, plus an additional 6 million barrels from the U.S. Reserve, by the Department of Energy. One million barrels per day will be mainly gasoline from European reserves. This 2 million barrels per day is more than the deficit caused by hurricane Katrina!

Despite these facts, the *Wall Street Journal* praises price gouging in an editorial Sept. 7, as the way the “market” brings demand into balance with limited supply. In its attempt to make excuses for the unconscionable gouging by the oil multinationals, the *Journal* musters no arguments that cannot be refuted by the above picture of actual and imminently available supplies. It is this gross disparity between “free market” policies and the needs of the nation’s citizens that has propelled members of Congress to return to defending the general welfare.

While the world watched in horror as the “on vacation” President did nothing as hundreds of people drowned in New Orleans, industries that were determined to protect their infrastructure, demonstrated that a mobilization to prevent disaster, could succeed.

In her testimony, Rebecca Watson described how 25-30,000 workers were evacuated before the hurricane struck, in order to protect offshore oil personnel, platforms and rigs. This required the service of a fleet of boats and assets including 14 helicopters that are leased by the Interior Department.

Similarly, hours before hurricane Katrina even struck the Gulf, electric utility linemen from as far away as Ohio and Massachusetts had packed their duffle bags and equipment and were ready to deploy to the region as soon as the storm passed. Within 24 hours of the hurricane, more than 5,000 workers from outside the region were restringing power lines, removing downed trees, and replacing damaged poles.

Yet, somehow it took public outrage in response to photographs of people stranded for days on the tops of their submerged houses to mobilize the White House to mount a full population rescue mission.

There is no reason for this natural disaster, which is already a human tragedy, to send the economy into an accelerating tailspin. It is only necessary to bring the real looters—the oil industry privateers—under regulation to ensure that they serve the general welfare.

Mergers and Energy Prices

German Chancellor Schröder’s estimate, that \$20-30 of every barrel of oil is pure speculation, and that nation-to-nation cooperation to control it is being “blocked by interests in London and New York” (see article, p. 34) calls for Congressional action. Central to this speculation is the pace of oil-industry mergers. These mergers are based on speculative targets for oil prices, and point the way to those higher futures prices.

From 1998-2000, there was a record-setting pace of energy mergers, with \$200 billion in takeovers in 1999 alone, including several mega-mergers like the Exxon/Mobil deal and BP’s takeover of Atlantic Richfield. The oil futures price surged from a low level to well over \$30, then fell back. This merger activity fell off after 2001.

But 2005 has seen both a continuous surging of oil futures prices, and another sudden frenzy of mergers, with \$100 billion worth of takeovers announced just through August, and the major Valero Refining deal—set to reduce U.S. refinery capacity further—announced in early September.

In Chevron’s \$17.8 billion acquisition of Unocal, it

paid the equivalent of more than \$10 for every barrel in Unocal’s unrecovered reserves of oil—far more than Chevron has been spending to find reserves by exploration. In another merger, A.P. Møller-Maersk paid \$15/barrel of reserves in acquiring Kerr-McGee Corp. The average merger price per barrel of reserves is almost \$9 so far in 2005, triple what it was in 2004. During the previous three years, these merger prices had not risen; the futures price of oil had risen by about 30%. This year, the futures price has doubled. Higher prices are being locked in by merger and acquisition activity. For every barrel of oil actually delivered and used, 500 barrels of “paper oil” are traded on the NYMEX or London petroleum exchange.

To cite the LaRouche PAC’s Sept. 6 testimony to the Senate and House Energy and Commerce committees, “The runaway energy prices are best understood in terms of the overall end-phase crisis we have entered, of the disintegration of the international financial system itself. Increasingly over the past three decades, the divergence of volumes of debts, deficits, and financial valuations of all kinds (stocks, derivatives, mortgages, etc.) as against the decline in condition and activity of physical economic input and output (manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure) has widened to the point of financial blow-out and economic breakdown.”

Zepp-LaRouche Is Shaping Crucial Election in Germany

by Rainer Apel

Just ten days before the Sept. 18 elections for national parliament in Germany, approximately one-third of all voters, 20 million, are still “undecided” about their vote. Of these, 5 or 6 million are expected to decide for one or the other party and candidate, during the last few days before the election.

This high percentage of undecided voters is one of many unprecedented aspects of these elections, which themselves are without precedent. Chancellor Gerhard Schröder of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) decided on the evening of May 22 to call early elections in September, after his party had lost the parliamentary elections in the crucial state of North Rhine-Westphalia. He did so, although he could have stayed on as Chancellor for another year. But Schröder’s SPD was down to a rating of 25-27%, mostly because of the population’s deep discontent with Schröder’s economic and budgetary policies.

The main problem the SPD faced was not the loss of votes to the opposition Christian Democrats (CDU), but the increasing election boycott by former SPD voters. Schröder

took the admittedly big risk of early elections, in hopes of halting the unabated drain of support.

The only chance for the SPD to regain voters’ confidence was to use the four months between May 22 and Sept. 18 to launch an emergency mobilization for a new policy. This was possible, because under the programmatic impact of the LaRouche movement’s Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo) party during the North Rhine-Westphalia campaign in May, the SPD had begun to address the ongoing neo-con attack on the state, and to come out in defense of the Common Good. Also, the SPD had begun to openly attack the hedge funds and other speculative interests.

Unfortunately, the SPD did not mobilize at full speed, and any momentum it had been able to build on the issue of the Common Good got lost in bickering over secondary issues, while the party neglected to address crucial international issues. Only towards the end of August, when the SPD had “improved” to a rating of 29-30%, did Chancellor Schröder begin addressing the escalating international crisis around Iran. This came after nearly four weeks of widely circulated leaflets and press statements of the BüSo and its candidate for Chancellor, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, on the “Guns of August” war threat of Vice President Dick Cheney.



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The message of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, BüSo candidate for Chancellor—that Germany needs leadership, not neo-con ideologues—is resonating in local press coverage of her campaign.

Schröder Takes Up Economic Recovery

The Katrina hurricane disaster and its international repercussions, and a special campaign statement by Helga Zepp-LaRouche Sept. 2 (see *EIR*, Sept. 9) gave a new, crucial input to the election campaign. The scene resembled that of exactly three years ago. In August 2002, at a moment of almost certainty that he would lose the national elections, Chancellor Schröder decided to take up two crucial issues addressed by the BüSo: an economic recovery program, and a categorical “no” to a war on Iran. When Schröder suddenly put these two



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“Stop Bush’s Iran War” reads the banner at a BüSo morning rally in Leipzig in late August. At the microphone is BüSo candidate in Leipzig Thomas Rottmair of the LaRouche Youth Movement.

issues at the center of his campaign, this last-minute effort won him the elections, with a few thousand votes ahead of the opposition Christian Democrats.

The question of economic recovery came in with the need to have the state intervene in the national emergency created by the giant flood of the Elbe River of Aug. 12, 2002. Now, in 2005, Schröder decided again to address the recovery issue, this time in connection with the Katrina hurricane disaster, and he did so quite effectively in the nationally televised debate on Sept 4, with the opposition’s candidate for Chancellor, Angela Merkel. Neo-con Merkel avoided answering a question on Katrina, but Schröder did answer, in a way which will remind many of the 21 million Germans watching this prime-time debate, of what the BüSo and Helga Zepp-LaRouche had said in the days before the debate.

Schröder said that the New Orleans disaster and the evident inability of the Bush Administration to deal with it, showed “that we are well-advised to look very carefully at the question how much state we need and how much we don’t need. For, if you look at how we over here managed such national catastrophes, you see clear differences. I say that is related to the specific way that we say for such situations, of people being in emergency, that we do not need a weak state, but we need a strong state.”

Schröder also reiterated in the debate, that a Germany governed by him would stay committed to a preference for peace and development, which included also saying “no” to a powerful friend like the United States, if there is a question of a war that Germans think is not justified.

Schröder, furthermore, very harshly denounced the exploitation in the global oil markets: “We have pointed out, at the beginning of the debate, that the supply situation that has been created by the hurricane in America, is being exploited, and this in a really extreme way, by the oil firms, at the expense of the consumers and for the benefit of the profits of the big

oil firms. . . . I proposed at the G-8 summit that we bring more transparency to the market. That failed, because of Great Britain and because of the United States of America. I hope a rethinking process begins.”

Schröder continued: “In the oil price, and this depends on which expert you ask, there are \$20 to \$30 of the now \$70 total which the barrel costs, that are mere speculation. That has nothing to do with consumption, nothing with production. And that what we must get at. That is currently being blocked by the interests in London, in New York. And I hope we make progress on that.”

A Quality of Leadership Needed

Helga Zepp-LaRouche welcomed these remarks by Schröder, in a statement she issued shortly after the television debate. She said Schröder reflected an ability to relate to reality and its challenges, which was a first step toward building the very quality of leadership which would also convince voters to vote against Merkel, a neo-con ideologue who has lost all contact to reality.

Indeed, opinion polls conducted by the leading polling institutes after the television debate, showed that Schröder’s remarks were widely appreciated, giving him a wide lead—20%—over Merkel in the debate. Overall, this brought the SPD ratings up to 33-34%, while Merkel’s Christian Democrats remained stagnant at 41-42%. Therefore, with an all-out mobilization during the remaining two weeks of the election campaign, the SPD did have a potential of getting close to the CDU, or even equalling Merkel’s support (although this is less likely, because of the many missed chances of the previous weeks).

And indeed, the SPD has kept up the momentum, with an impressive speech given in Berlin by SPD national party chairman Franz Müntefering on Sept. 6, and a parliamentary address by Schröder on Sept. 7. In his speech, which was

widely reported by the media, Müntefering said, "Oil is more expensive at the moment than it should be." Experts, he said, had told him "that there are \$20 to \$30 in every single barrel that are based on pure speculation. There are people at work that want to make a lot of money with that, globally." Müntefering continued: Once you decide to take on those, who as a financial industry try to make as much money as possible in such situations, you get a lot of flak. It is the right thing to do, nevertheless."

Schröder, in his Sept. 7 Parliamentary address, reiterated, almost word for word, the main aspects of his remarks on the role of the state and on the oil issue during the television debate. He also included a section on the importance of developing good relations between Germany and Russia, because the long-term agreements signed by both governments on Russian gas supplies and German-Russian cooperation in the gas exploration sector were of a strategic character for Germany's energy supply security. Russian President Vladimir Putin came to Berlin on Sept. 8, for the signing of the relevant agreements with Germany.

Schröder's Russia policy of cooperation has broad support among Germans, among German industry in particular, and although not presented that way officially, it is a policy generally going in the direction of the much broader-in-scope Eurasian Land-Bridge Development proposal of the LaRouche movement. By contrast, the dumb polemics against Russia and Putin which have been practiced by Merkel and the neo-cons around her, are a burden on German-Russian relations. Reminding the voters of Germany about this was the right thing to do for Schröder.

If Schröder had been less hesitant to listen to Zepp-LaRouche in recent weeks and months, he and his SPD would not be forced to fight such an uphill battle to stay in power. The LaRouche proposal for a "New Bretton Woods," for example, is something that does interest the average German voter, who is now very worried about the future of finances and jobs. Zepp-LaRouche has been the only prominent politician in Germany to campaign publicly with the New Bretton Woods proposal, and her efforts for it have made her a well-known figure also internationally. In contrast, for much too long, the German political establishment has preferred to discuss such issues behind closed doors.

But there are some surprising new aspects that have emerged during the last phase of the German elections, with developments that will have an impact on the German situation beyond election day. One of these is the visibly increased direct public recognition and media coverage of the LaRouche movement and its BüSo party. And one can be sure that every additional vote that BüSo candidates like Helga Zepp-LaRouche—who runs in Leipzig, the largest city of the state of Saxony, where the LaRouche Youth Movement is especially strong—receive on Sept. 18, will strengthen the proverbial shoestring by which the political and economic future of Germany hangs.

Interview: Frits Hoekstra

A Dutch Perspective On Battling Terrorism

Frits Hoekstra is a former officer of the Dutch internal security service, Binnenlandse Veiligheidsdienst, or BVD, which was the forerunner of the current Algemene Inlichtingen Veiligheidsdienst, currently incorporating both the foreign and internal services. He is the author of In Dienst van de BVD, the first memoir by a Dutch Secret Service officer of his activities working for the service. Dean Andromidas and Rüdiger Rumpf interviewed Hoekstra on Aug. 31.

EIR: Having read the *EIR* documentation, "Cheney's Spoon-Benders' Pushing Nuclear Armageddon" [*EIR*, Aug. 26], what is your professional assessment of this problem?

Hoekstra: This "MindWar" concept seems to me to be, more or less, science fiction, but I agree with you that it is very dangerous for people who believe in these types of things, to hold high positions, as does General Shoomaker, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. The idea that they are considering a nuclear attack on Iran, is so dangerous, that I can hardly imagine that in the U.S. government there are no people who have the power to neutralize these people. If corrective measures are not taken, the United States under the Bush Administration, as leader of the world, will be seen as even more of a disaster than it already is.

I found it horrifying that up to the events of 9/11, ["Earth Battalion" martial-arts instructor] Bert Rodriguez was instructing, without knowing what he was doing, the people who took command of two of the three aircraft that were involved in 9/11.

By looking back in history, you always see more than in the present and the future, of course; but it is in the typical effect of looking back that you can put things together far more easily than when you are looking at the present and the future.

EIR: What would you see as the implications for Europe of an attack on Iran?

Hoekstra: I think, at least I hope, that the leadership of Europe will be unified and take a similar position as the Germans and French had taken toward the Iraq War. I think there is a good chance that the European Union, maybe with the exception of the United Kingdom, will be unified against this policy.

If this policy is carried out, it will be a disaster. It will



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Fritz Hoekstra: "It is the government that is degrading the quality of our democratic system, not the terrorists."

cause a far-reaching destabilization of the Middle East. It will be disastrous for oil prices, and therefore for the world economy.

The Bush Administration has the tendency to believe it can overrule international law, overrule the United Nations Security Council, as well as NATO. In fact, the NATO alliance, at the behest of the United States, had declared the 9/11 attacks as an attack against NATO as a whole; yet, the Americans ignored the institutions of NATO and the NATO's military organization in the war against terrorism. They, in fact, do it themselves with the so-called "coalition of the willing."

In my days in intelligence in the 1970s and 1980s, I saw a similar tendency by the Americans in Iran, when the Central Intelligence Agency requested information from our service about Iranian students studying at Dutch and German universities. The CIA was then supporting the Shah of Iran and cooperating closely with his SAVAK secret service. Because we were aware of the reputation of the SAVAK, including the practices of torture and liquidation that had been revealed by Amnesty International, we rejected these requests. That was seen as a black spot in the mind of American intelligence. They were astonished at the fact that we did not follow them in their opinion about the Shah of Iran.

EIR: Since 9/11, the Bush Administration has been creating a new enemy image out of Islam, not to mention Osama bin Laden and Iran. This is an anti-Islamic campaign.

Hoekstra: Sometimes for me it is questionable whether Osama bin Laden actually exists.

EIR: In the 1980s he worked with the CIA in Afghanistan.

Hoekstra: Exactly. And it is incredible that such a power as the United States is unable to detect where he is, where he lives, and where he hides. In fact, I think they know exactly where he is, and they leave him alone. Or maybe he doesn't exist at all. But after all of his video messages appearing on al-Jazeera and other TV stations, an intelli-

gence service like the CIA is unable to trace back the origin of these video messages and the location where they are produced? Now that is incredible. I cannot believe it.

The CIA has a worldwide network, and has a long history in the region and enjoys a strong position within the region. They have had long-standing ties with Pakistan that predate 9/11. These ties go back especially to [Pakistani President] Zia ul-Haq, who in the 1980s had very strong links with the American services. So to say they can't find bin Laden is not credible, not at all.

EIR: We have seen this Islamophobia spreading throughout Europe, threatening a clash of civilizations. In your own country we saw the reaction to the murder of the movie producer Theo van Gogh. We are seeing a similar hysteria in France. Security specialists have told us that this type of hysteria is very dangerous. Could you comment on that?

Hoekstra: That has always been my message in articles and books and the media interviews I have given. It is very bad that the presently responsible political leadership in Europe is doing just the opposite of what we, in the Netherlands, had done in the '70s and '80s. At that time we had to deal with terrorist attacks by the South Moluccans, the Rode Hulp and their support for the Red Army Faction, and so on. At that time, we saw that our main duty was to calm down the people, and thereby avoid creating hysteria against any ethnic group or against a generation of young people—young people who held leftist political views.

This was especially the case concerning the Moluccans. We had six serious Moluccan terrorist incidents in the 1970s, including two hijackings of trains. We worked with the leadership of the Moluccan community—including the leader of the Moluccan government in exile, the Republic of Free Moluccans, Mr. Manusama—some of whom were the main negotiators with the hijackers of the train. The first attack was resolved peacefully, but the second ended in bloodshed, when Dutch Marines recaptured the train. In explaining to the public what was happening, we gave a prime position to the Moluccan leadership, so they could condemn the acts of the young terrorists.

But what we see now is that people in positions of responsibility are continuing to use words such as "Islamic terrorism" and linking terrorism to a faith. Now the linking of religion and terrorism creates a very explosive mixture. You always have to make clear that terrorist acts are not religious acts, that religion is being used by the terrorists to justify their acts, and that it is especially important to cooperate with the leaders of the Islamic community.

On the other hand, these acts have a social and political context. They could be the result of frustration with their position in our society, fed by what they see as serious acts of injustice in the Middle East against the Palestinians by Israel, and against the Iraqi people by the United States. So

these actions have an international context as well. You have always to make clear that this is not the mainstream opinion of the Islamic community; but the problem is that most of the people in government and also in the press do not put enough emphasis on this.

It is true that there is a certain threat of young people from the second generation of Moroccan and other Arabic people in the Netherlands, but that is not because of their links with al-Qaeda or other such networks. The danger of that group only exists by the fact that they have not a fair chance to share in the wealth of our nation, despite the fact that they are well educated. But nevertheless, they are the first to be kicked out when there are job reductions.

For example, here in the Netherlands, in order to get an apprenticeship in the construction industry, a young man with the name of Dirk Frenstra, a very common Dutch name, has a five-times better chance of getting a position, than someone with the Arabic name Ali ben Said, despite having the same level of education and curriculum vitae. And that is despite the fact that Ali ben Said was born in the Netherlands. We have a Minister for Intergration who is almost totally neglecting the Dutch side of this problem. She is just busy kicking out people, many of whom have been living here for ten years, only because they do not have the right refugee status.

This is what causes the danger, and what creates the basis for these young people to be attracted to the teachers of the Islamic Koran Schools. They see in that a means to fight against a society that is so unfriendly toward them. I am very concerned about this development in our society, and in the leadership we have, which continues to use the words "Islamic terrorism" and so on.

EIR: Do you see this as part of a "strategy of tension"?

Hoekstra: The idea of a strategy of tension is so dangerous, I wonder who, as a sane leader of a country, would adopt a policy in favor of that. It would be so counterproductive for their own position.

EIR: But isn't what you explained, in terms of the way the van Gogh incident was dealt with, a strategy of tension?

Hoekstra: Yes, yes, but it is not outspoken; it is a hidden strategy.

EIR: Some have pointed to events in Europe over the last year: the attacks in Madrid, those in the Netherlands, Britain, and Egypt as part of a strategy of tension.

Hoekstra: In reality there have been no terrorist acts in the Netherlands. The so-called terrorist acts in the Netherlands have been more or less created. We have seen this one incident, the killing of one filmmaker, Theo van Gogh. There was also the politician Pim Fortuijn, but he was killed by a white lunatic. Now Theo van Gogh was killed by one single Islamic youngster, who felt himself, in his

faith, offended by Theo van Gogh. We have seen this emotion being a motive for murder in many cases. So it is just one Dutchman killing another Dutchman. That is not a terrorist act. It has been made into a terrorist act by the government, by opinion-makers; but in actual fact, it is not a terrorist act. A terrorist act is what happened in Madrid or London. Those are terrorist acts involving the killing of innocent people.

EIR: But would you say that by turning that into a terrorist act, you are creating a strategy of tension?

Hoekstra: Yes, and this is further aggravated by the adoption of laws that are degrading the quality of our legal system. They are now adopting laws that make it possible to detain and imprison suspects for up to two years without bringing the case before a judge.

EIR: I am told that your own secret service people are opposed to these laws.

Hoekstra: Yes, because we, as members of a national secret service, have the mission of defending our democratic justice system. We have the mission to defend it from terrorist attacks; but now, this democratic justice system is under attack by our own politicians, by our own government, not by the terrorists. It is the government that is degrading the quality of our democratic system, not the terrorists.

I was very happy with a speech given last April by the head of our secret service, where he declared that he was not happy with being given extraordinary powers, because these new powers are endangering the system we are supposed to be defending.

EIR: Do you see a connection with the neo-conservatives in the United States?

Hoekstra: Although I don't believe there are direct links, nevertheless we do have the same tendency in our own society. This is despite the fact that our Prime Minister has done his utmost to please the Bush Administration by sending troops to Afghanistan, including sending Dutch special forces to reinforce those of the Americans. So, now our own special forces are committing the same war crimes as the Americans. They are capturing people and sending them to Guantanamo without giving them any juridical status. They are not designated as prisoners of war, but rather have been given the special term "illegal combatants." They are then denied their rights under the the Geneva and Hague conventions.

I am very much against this, as are many people in the Netherlands. But our government, as a reward for cooperating with the Bush Administration, received the position of Secretary General of NATO, an organization which is just an administrative organization, which no longer has any real power, since the Americans do not use the NATO structure in their fight against terrorism.

International Intelligence

LaRouche Tells Brazil, 'Wake Up to Reality'

Alarmed government officials and diplomats from several South American nations have expressed concern about whether the Brazilian government would be willing and able to stop Vice President Dick Cheney's drive to start a war in the heart of South America. (See "Cheney's 'Spoonbenders' Rampage Through South America," *EIR*, Sept. 9, 2005.) Lyndon LaRouche issued the following statement:

"I am concerned about the lack of courage shown in certain quarters in Brazil, especially in the wake of the conveniently timed corruption scandals against President Lula. Brazil has to wake up to reality. It has to understand the importance of the defense of its sovereignty, and that of its neighbors, against the Moonie and British-run invasion, or the whole continent—including Brazil—is going to go down the tubes."

Colombian LYM Debates Uribe on Economics

Colombian LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) member Sidarta Melo had the opportunity to debate economics with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Velez at an international event held Sept. 5-6 in Bogota, to commemorate World Physics Year. At the close of the symposium, which was attended by more than 500 people, including university students, professors, military officers, and members of the government, Uribe opened the floor to questions.

LYM member Melo asked: "Mr. President, I would like to know concretely, what are the great projects in state-of-the-art science and technology that your government is carrying out, in view of the fact that in a field like telecommunications, some already want to sell off the state companies where something of science could be developed? Here it says that investment in science programs is .3% of the national budget, and

might be raised to 1%. Why not use the 30% now allocated for payment of debt service, or the international reserves that are being used to pre-pay the debt, something which seems stupid to me?"

Uribe looked at Sidarta for a moment, then took the microphone and said, "Young man, when you reach my age and have the gray hairs that I have, you will learn that there are two paths one can take: One is to make populist, radical decisions and close the doors internationally. This is what should not be done in economics. The other option is to do things as one should, step by step and recovering the confidence of the private sector and of the foreign sector, and to do that, we need to fulfil the obligations that the nation has acquired; that is what we are doing. Foreign capital has increased and is now coming in based on more confidence in the country.

"Regarding state bonds, they're being bought up like hot cakes; international reserves have grown and are being used appropriately. It's not a question of stealing money, but with this prepayment, the nation is saving much money on the debt of the future. With regard to telecommunications, rates have come down. . . . Further, the State cannot intervene in the economy, because what could happen is what is happening to a neighboring country, which in the future is going to reheat its economy."

Sidarta: "That is not true, because if the nation were to issue credit for great infrastructure projects, this will generate jobs and development, like Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the United States. This can be done without indebting the country."

Uribe: "That would generate inflation, something which the Central Bank fears a great deal."

Sidarta: "These theories are false. Inflation occurs when money is printed without any relation to the physical production of a country, but when the emission is focused on industry, this doesn't generate inflation. Anyway, if the goal were to combat the inflated costs generated by non-productive activities, the government would control the stock exchange, which is dedicated to selling paper, like bonds and derivatives, without producing anything."

Uribe: "Young man, in what university did you study economics?"

Sidarta: "None! I have studied the ideas of Mr. Lyndon LaRouche."

Uribe: "What, then, is your view of the economy?"

Sidarta: "The physical economy."

And then, with a touch of sarcasm, Uribe said, "Young man, I am an open-minded person. So if you convince me of your view of economics and science, we will talk with the Central Bank. Write something and send it to me."

Sidarta: "I accept the challenge."

At the end, Uribe, told the director of the forum to get in contact with the youth, so that he sends his proposals on.

Chinese Rural Poverty Far Greater Than Urban

The *People's Daily* reported Sept. 8 that the living standards of Chinese farmers are a full ten years behind those of the urban population. National Statistics Bureau deputy director Qiu Xiaohua, speaking at a forum in Beijing, said that he was "shocked" by the situation. "Generally speaking, the overall consumption power of the huge farming population still lingers at the early 1990s stage of their city counterparts. The gulf has yet to be bridged," Qiu said. He also stated that the gap threatens China's development.

Nearly 60% of China's 1.3 billion population—800 million people—live in rural areas. At the end of 2004, some 26.1 million people were still living in extreme poverty, and 49.77 million remained "low income," which means just barely able to nourish themselves properly. There are also large inequalities in health and education. Some 42% of the urban population have government medical care, compared to only 10% of the rural population. Also 43.8 times more college graduates come from urban than rural areas.

Government investment in the rural economy gradually shrank from 13% of total expenditure in the late 1970s to 7% in 2003.

OBTUSE ANGLES IN POST-SOVIET IDEOLOGY

Russia's Dark Side of the Spoon

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*“... we all remember Dzhuna, right? ... And Esalen's Michael Murphy, mentioned in Jeff [Steinberg's] article in connex with Channon, wrote a book in the early 1980s called **An End to Ordinary History** (interesting resonance with Kojève, Fukuyama, et al., come to think of it) in which a U.S. intelligence spoon-bender teamed up with a KGB officer from Central Asia, trained in the ancient Sufi practices, to block the 'metal-eaters' on both sides from blowing up the world, and to make contact with a higher intelligence spooking around up in outer space. ... At the same time, note that some of the people we had pegged as spoon-benders in the Russian scientific community, like Vlail Kaznacheyev, turned out to be very interesting continuers of the work of Vernadsky and Gurvich! Not that some 'continuers of Vernadsky' are not kooks; they are. And self-identified 'Russian cosmism' reaches from Vernadsky to the nutcases and back.”* [Editorial staff note]

Shades of Count Witte's shameful relative, Helen Petrovna Blavatskaia! (a.k.a. British agent “Madame Blavatsky,” the infamous charlatan and Theosophist). What are the spoon-benders of Russia, doing under today's threat of a looming new dark age, a threat brought forth, once again, in Russia today, in the wake of a rapacious assault led, this time, under the guidons of Margaret Thatcher, the

British Foreign Office Tory's favorite, François Mitterrand, and not-so-intelligent George H.W. Bush?¹

When we take into account the very serious, and often globally outstanding accomplishments of Russian and Soviet

1. Since this is addressed to, among others, a contemporary post-Soviet Russian audience, I am obliged to give consideration to the experiences and passions of my Russian readers for the occasion of publishing this piece. For example, it is only fair to emphasize that the renaming of the Virginia center of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency as the “George Bush Center for Intelligence,” is one of the most hilarious instances of what is called an “oxymoron” in recent U.S. history. I have never met George personally, but I have encountered most directly his deep personal, and often silly, several expressions of a paranoid quality of hatred of me over the course of the recent three decades: first, during a period the CIA and other U.S. agencies were divided on the issue of my role, during the period George was dumped upon the CIA as its current director. Second, George was convinced that I had played a key role, in New Hampshire, in depriving him of the 1980 Republican U.S. Presidential Nomination. Third, my role, during an important part of the 1980s, on the intelligence side of my duties as an anti-drug fighter, in exposing several aspects of his role in the dark, neo-con corner of the National Security Council in the “Iran-Contra” affair. Fourth, my role as author of what President Reagan named the SDI. Fifth, my elevation to the rank of a first-rate threat to his pending Presidential election by my successful, precise forecast of a October 1987 U.S. stock-market crash which echoed crucial features of President Herbert Hoover's 1929 experience. Sixth, he blames me personally for the *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography* which he regards as having “cheated him” out of re-election as President in 1992. His prejudices mark him as a spoiled, rather thick-headed, but protected heir of Hitler funder (on behalf of Averell Harriman) Prescott Bush, and of George's own chief financial angel of the relevant times, “Uncle Herbie.” (Webster Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin, *George Bush: The Unauthorized*



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Madame Helen Petrovna Blavatsky, the "Mother" of the Russian spoon-benders. Her relative Count Witte wrote that she certainly had a soul: "The only question is what kind of a soul?"



Uri Geller Press Pictures

Uri Geller, the legendary Israeli spoon-bender, with links to the Pentagon. In the end, writes LaRouche, "the believers in such magical powers often go thoroughly mad."

science, as these are only typified by the work of Mendeleev and Vernadsky, the influence of certain mystically wild-eyed strains within parts of the Russian intelligentsia today, can only be attributed to some special, exceptional kind of disturbing factor in Russian science, including its Soviet manifestation, a corruption akin to the rampant "spoon-bender" phenomenon familiar to us as among the leading neo-conservatives and assorted religious fanatics in both the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. itself.²

The more recent cases of nose-dives of some Russians into such pseudo-scientific, mystical flights from reality, can be attributed chiefly to the way in which political-economic demoralization of Soviet society increased during the 1970s and 1980s, as also in post-Soviet Russia. This intersected deeper factors, some left over from the geopolitical mysticism prevalent in pre-Soviet, Czarist Russia. This geopolitical mysticism was combined with, and re-enforced by the effects, as in Moscow, of the role of the Cambridge-steered, Laxenberg, Austria-based, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). This susceptibility to Anglo-American penetration via IIASA, was located, chiefly, more deeply, in the lingering effects of the official Marxist and post-Marxist varieties of mechanistic ideology, in effecting a radically reduc-

Biography (Washington, D.C.: Executive Intelligence Review, 1992.) He is definitely on the dark, mean, and whining side of not exactly bright, although he is clearly not the raving mental case we meet in the "Emperor George II," the putative adopted son of grunting Vice-President Dick Cheney.

2. The following study of this special problem of Russia's and the world situation today, may be considered properly as a relevant complement to such of my recent writings as "Vernadsky and Dirichlet's Principle," *EIR*, June 3, 2005; "LaRouche Comments on Professor Hankel and Himself," *EIR*, Sept. 2, 2005; and Jeffrey Steinberg, "Cheney's 'Spoon-Benders' Pushing Nuclear Armageddon," *EIR*, August 25, 2005.

tionist corruption of otherwise generally excellent Soviet and current Russian science.

The thumb-nail sketch which Count Sergei Witte gave of his cousin, Madame Blavatsky, in the opening chapter of his memoir, defines a point of entry for study of the way in which the spoon-bending of Uri Geller, et al. plays back from U.S. neo-conservative intelligence circles, back into Russia's culture and policy-shaping today, as, similarly, it also penetrates and influences British and U.S. military-intelligence and related circles generally in a related and parallel, but somewhat different way.

The concluding, summary observation by Witte on that subject, in that stated location, is of direct relevance to the subject of this present report: "When all is said and done Blavatskaia serves as proof, if proof is required, that man is not an animal created out of matter. There can be no question that she possessed a soul that was independent of matter. The only question is what kind of a soul? If one accepts the view that life hereafter is divided among heaven, hell, and purgatory, then the question arises: from which of these did this soul, which inhabited Blavatskaia during her earthly sojourn, come?" Perhaps only the bygone exorcists of Radio Erivan might have told us whence that spirit came.³

It was not by accident, that London stood in for both Hell and Purgatory in providing a home base for Madame Blavatsky's deploying the influence expressed by her lunatic, international Theosophical Society cult, and also upon her spiritual heirs among circles such as those of Aleister Crowley, H.G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, and Aldous and Julian Huxley.⁴ Although Russia's spoon-benders of today owe some of their characteristics to specifically Russian condi-

3. *The Memoirs of Count Witte* Sidney Harcave, trans. (Armonk: M.E. Sharpe, 1990), pp. 7-11.

4. So, in a manner of speaking, Thomas Huxley created the personality of Fabian Liberal Imperialist H.G. Wells, as Wells returned the favor for the initiation of Thomas's grandsons into precincts of Hell.

tions, their lunacy also expresses its great debt to the hospitality curiously afforded her by British sponsors, of which the following cases are of particular relevance here.

1. The Liberal Loonies of London

To assess the strategic problem which sundry varieties of spoon-benders represent for both U.S.A. and central European relations with Russia today, we must recognize the significance of a certain nested set of differences between western European civilization and the deep cultural implications of Russia's development as an expression of a specifically Eurasian culture since a period coinciding with western and central Europe's Fourteenth-Century New Dark Age, the latter a time nearly coinciding with the long, dark age occupation of Russia under the yoke of the Mongols and their successors.

The films of the celebrated Sergei M. Eisenstein, such as the famous patriotic themes of *Potemkin*, *Alexander Nevsky*, and *Ivan Grozny* familiar to many of us in the U.S.A. and elsewhere from the Stalin era, present us samples of the recent century's adumbrations of the impulse of post-Mongol Russia to strike back against the cruelly oppressive forces from Asia, in particular, which had crushed Kiev Rus, and, in that process of neutralizing the sources of those threats which had created a strategic cultural, as well as geographic Eurasian orientation, as an integral feature of the modern Russia which emerged from these centuries of experience.

In the case of this present report's references to corruption affecting Russia today from western Europe and the U.S.A., elements of corruption which are relevant to the "spoon-bender" and related tendencies in Russia, the chief modern source of such species of corruption, has been the so-called "Enlightenment" which the new "Venetian Party" of the followers of Paolo Sarpi spawned as the Anglo-Dutch Liberal reductionism of Descartes and Locke.

That spawn included, notably, Mandeville, Hume, and Quesnay. It spawned such assets of the British East India Company's Lord Shelburne as Adam Smith, and the historian and imperial doctrinaire Gibbon of *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*. It spawned the Jeremy Bentham known to Russia of that time as the brother of Admiral Bentham, a British officer who served in Russia's navy. The consummate immoralist Jeremy Bentham⁵ served as Lord Shelburne's

5. I.e., his *The Principles of Morals and Legislation* (1789) is his principal published work, but tracts such as *In Defence of Usury*, and *In Defence of Sodomy*, may be said to be typical of his peculiar twist of mind in the tradition of the Apollo cult's "What is not forbidden, the god allows" (presumably the god is Python, or, perhaps Gaea herself, or, more likely, Nietzsche's beloved Dionysos). Bentham stems from the root of his empiricist predecessors, but he is notable as the author of a queer twist of perversion added to the standard British Liberal dogma: the utilitarianism from which Nineteenth- and Twentieth Centuries' Machian and like forms of marginalism, such as that of Bertrand Russell devotees John von Neumann and Morgenstern sprang."

choice to head such secret committee operations of the British Foreign Office as the Martinist freemasonic network which London deployed to unleash both the French Revolution of July 14, 1789, and related later developments inside France itself. From his post in the Secret Committee of that British Foreign Office which had been created by one-time Prime Minister Lord Shelburne, London created and directed the Jacobin Terror, and the ruin of continental Europe through Napoleon's re-enactment of what Liberal "Enlightenment" London had orchestrated earlier as the Seven Years War.⁶

This was the same Bentham, who, as the trainer of the British Foreign Office's Lord Palmerston, had launched the British Foreign Office's so-called "left-wing" networks in South America and elsewhere, an experience which was the model for Palmerston's use of his puppet Giuseppe Mazzini and the Young Europe which, among other things, swept up Karl Marx as one of its British assets during Palmerston's reign. It was that same Bentham, who ran that East India Company's Haileybury School which spread British political-economy of Adam Smith, like disease-ridden chicken-manure, over the minds of the continent of Europe, where its noxious influence stinks and infects still to the present day.

The "spoon-bender" quality which permeated that "Enlightenment," is typified by the cases of both Mandeville and those Physiocrats, Quesnay and Turgot, from whom Shelburne's personal propagandist Adam Smith plagiarized the most essential features of that 1776 anti-American tract known today's as Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. Mandeville's argument is that on which today's radically right-wing (some more literate thinkers would say "fascist") Mont Pelerin Society of pathetic Professor Milton Friedman et al., premise their economics for the simple-minded. That argument of both Mandeville and Smith, among numerous others among their imitators, is based on the presumption that the universe is run by agencies from actually outside itself, as if by little green men working to control the universe from under the floorboards of reality. "Superstition, anyone?"

It was the credulous adoption, by Karl Marx, of such axiomatic presumptions of the Anglo-Dutch Liberalism of his sometime British sponsors and educators (such as British Library-based Young Europe secretary Urquhart), which contributed the degree of influence which British intelligence exerted on Russia-hater Marx's philosophy in general, and his obsessive attachment to the mother-lode of the British Haileybury political-economic dogma of Adam Smith and David Ricardo in particular. The influence of that indoctrination of Marx on the shaping of the official Soviet doctrine of Marxism-Leninism, was a key contributing influence in opening the gates for the rampage of Russia's own recent generations' crop of spoon-benders in that setting.

6. Was Napoleon, therefore, a British puppet? Napoleon held the strings attached to him, but the Anglo-Dutch financier-oligarchy controlled the device to which those strings were attached.

The Liberal Influence in Europe

Through the doctrine of Mandeville, the Republican Institute, and other Anglo-American agencies of kindred parentage, facilitated Russia's post-Soviet financial oligarchs' acquisition of wealth, by insisting, and also demonstrating, that individual lust for private vice, such as local organized crime "writ large," is the driving principle on which the dirty economic success of the lucky, such as Berezovsky, depended. Similarly, Quesnay had argued that the wealth of society required no interference with the free will (*laissez-faire*) of an aristocratic landlord, whose claim to the exclusive power to create the wealth which, according to Quesnay, existed magically in Locke's notion of slaveholder's property, a claim made to spite what were, juridically, the human cattle employed on his aristocrat's estate. Quesnay's mystical abracadabra of *laissez-faire* claimed the existence of a power of proprietorship, expressed as what were attributed to be the sympathetic-magical qualities of the document on which his title was written. (Unfortunately for the victims, the peasants, they believed in, and acted out the superstition, a belief by which they were controlled like captive fish within an aquarium.) Smith, in his turn, premised his "free trade" dogma on the same lunatic presumptions as Locke and Mandeville, but, more emphatically, his rampant plagiarism of the writings of the Physiocrats Quesnay and Turgot. Such Anglo-Dutch Liberals steal liberally, also from one another.

There lay, as it is said, certain curious and potentially fatal sets of contradictions deeply embedded within the beliefs of Marx's British teachers and patrons.

To clarify the argument for such connections, I enter here, again, a relevant passage from Smith's 1759 *The Theory of the Moral Sentiments*, the same passage I have quoted on a number of similarly relevant earlier occasions. There, plagiarist Smith shows us already what he intends to say by his 1776 allusion, nearly two decades later, to Quesnay's "*laissez-faire*" as the work of "*an invisible hand*."

"The administration of the great system of the universe . . . the care of the universal happiness of all rational and sensible beings, is the business of God and not of man. To man is allotted a much humbler department, but one much more suitable to the weakness of his powers, and to the narrowness of his comprehension: the care of his own happiness, of that of his family, his friends, his country. . . . But though we are . . . endowed with a very strong desire of those ends, it has been intrusted to the slow and uncertain determinations of our reason to find out the proper means of bringing them about. *Nature has directed us to the greater part of these by original and immediate instincts. Hunger, thirst, the passion which unites the two sexes, the love of pleasure, and the dread of pain, prompt us to apply these means for their own sakes, and without any consideration of their tendency to*



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Boris Berezovsky typifies the post-Soviet financial oligarch, driven by the lust for acquisition of wealth.

*those beneficent ends which the Great Director of nature intended to produce by them."*⁷

Smith affords us, thus, a certain insight into, among other things, the mind of the author H.G. Wells' *The Island of Dr. Moreau*.

In the case of Mandeville's *The Fable of the Bees*, it had been petty individual lust for the practice of vice in the small, which, Mandeville insisted, had magically bestowed a general benefit on society in the large; by means of this belief, he and his like, then as now, duped the believers into playing according to the rules of that game of a culture, such as that of the infamous John Law bubbles, based, bottom up, on a system of petty vice. For the Physiocrats whom Smith so liberally plagiarized, it was the presumably divine, or, as Count Witte summed up the uncertainties of Blavatskaia's spiritual origins, not so divine instrumentality of providence: a scheme which passes out bonuses to society, as a croupier running a crooked table might dispense poker-chips to a person the croupier chooses to arrange to become the winning gambler. It is the same with the mechanism of "individual greed," which Smith chooses.

Like primitive witch-doctors, Liberals concoct their imaginary gods as living under the floorboards, as Locke, Mandeville, Quesnay, and Adam Smith do. However, unlike the poor savages who play with such means of persuasion as rattling bones, and masks, they induce themselves and their dupes alike, to act according to what the classrooms for what the credulous term inductive methods of "logic," as the underlined passage from Smith's 1759 writing illustrates this point.

In the end, the believers in such magical powers often go thoroughly mad, even to claim the ability to bend spoons, as Uri Geller did, or to walk, through mere will power, through actual walls, as U.S. "spoon-benders" such as the U.S.'s notorious General Boykin, and others have claimed

7. Emphasis added to original.



Kent Harville

Gen. William "Jerry" Boykin, U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, gained notoriety for his attack on Islam as a "Satanic" religion, and is part of the Pentagon's spoon-bender faction.

to know of the existence of such bits of witchcraft.

We are reminded of the collection of table-knockers associated with the likes of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and famous British charlatans before them.

These exotic flights of fancy were, nonetheless, derived from strong overdoses of what are otherwise classed by seemingly sober scientific minds as nothing more nor less than the same, typical reductionist "logic" on which Professor Norbert Wiener claimed to have premised his discovery of the weird cult of "information theory," and John von Neumann the ability to create machines to exceed mankind in the power to secrete the same power of creative intelligence as mankind's greatest thinkers. What Wiener and von Neumann taught was only superstition; but, like believing poor savages, their dupes not only believed in it, but acted out the prescriptions, such as the fools' "hedge-fund" formulas, like the robots they were thus attempting to mimic.

The sundry varieties of merely foolish or dangerous insanity produced by such exercises in Descartes' variety of reductionist "logic" carried to extremes, turn any experienced phenomena which they can not explain by such "logic," as Claudius Ptolemy did, into the presumed class of evidence which proves the existence of certain magical powers from not merely outside sense-perception, but outside the real universe itself: unknowable powers which they allege to control the fate of mankind, just as Mandeville, Quesnay, Adam Smith, and their credulous followers have done.

Virtually all of the academically approved economic dogmas of Europe and the Americas today, especially all of those derived from the Anglo-Dutch Liberal roots of Descartes and his followers, are essentially, axiomatically, Liberally lunacies of the type which I have just depicted.

Take those same methods of abracadabra typical of Anglo-Dutch Liberal propaganda a step or two further, and you

have the kind of "spoon-benders" we meet among leading U.S. military figures of the so-called "neo-conservative" varieties. The distinction is, that Venetian style Anglo-Dutch Liberal bankers believe that only their dupes must believe in the doctrine; the difference is, that the virtually brain-damaged neo-conservative of the "spoon-bender" variety actually believes in such silly stuff.

2. Count Witte As a Benchmark

This foregoing, summary review of those relevant points of philosophical background for the relevant conditions and features of Russia's history since 1917, brings us to the crucial turn in European history since the intrinsically meshed June 1894 assassination of France's President Sadi Carnot, and the subsequent December 1894 conviction of Captain Alfred Dreyfus. From that point on, there was an ensuing combination of crucial, related developments within the politics of France. These later developments which led to the later fall of Hanotaux there, include events such as the crucial British triumph over France at Fashoda (Sudan) in Autumn of 1898. After Fashoda, France was controlled, into and beyond World War II, by the relations thus struck between the beaten, France, and the beater, Kitchener's London.

These developments of the 1890s were complemented by the launching of the 1890s first war against China, and later Korea, by Britain's dupe Japan. The repercussions of those wars in the Far East, were combined with the effect of the formation of the *Entente Cordiale* alliance of the British Empire's Edward VII with France. This was re-enforced by the assassination of U.S. President William McKinley in favor of British imperial asset Theodore Roosevelt, an assassination which marked and largely shaped the unfolding, and outcome of what became known as World War I. This assassination, as reflected in the reverberation of such subsequent events as Britain's organization of the Russo-Japan war, set the stage for the virtual inevitability of what became known as World War I.

The motive for, and significance of these developments can not be located competently without insight into the deep issues which divided the founders of the U.S. Federal republic from the de facto, post-February 1763 empire of the British East India Company. This set the pattern continued through to the European continental monetarist system of the present day—although the U.S.A. itself has vacillated, to the present day, between its own constitutional principle and accommodation to the British imperial system of so-called independent central banking systems. This principled conflict between the U.S. American System of political economy and the British system of independent central-banking supremacy above governments, has been the recurring expression of a deeply underlying war between two opposing species of government, that of the American System of political-economy



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Newt Gingrich and his Conservative Revolutionists ushered in the neo-conservative hordes to Washington, after the 1994 Congressional elections. Gingrich described himself as a “conservative futurist.”



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“Third Wave” futurist guru Alvin Toffler was the mentor of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and many other kooks in high office.

and the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system of oligarchical rule over governments of Europe, through the mediation of so-called independent central banking systems. This conflict has been global, and persistent from July 4, 1776 until, in fact, the present day.

It was to prevent the post-1783-1789 spread of the influence of the American Revolution into France and other parts of Europe, that London, led by Lord Shelburne, organized the French Revolution, and unleashed its avowed enemy Bonaparte to destroy and weaken a continental Europe which had been sympathetic to the American cause. Thus, from July 1789 through the Vienna Congress, the results of the Terror and Bonaparte’s reign ruined continental Europe over a per-

iod of approximately a quarter century, just as Britain had done with its orchestration of the so-called Seven Years War earlier.

Then, a change occurred during the latter part of the Nineteenth Century. It was the victory of the U.S. led by President Abraham Lincoln over Palmerston’s puppet, the slaveholders’ Confederate States of America, which led to the spread of the reputation and influence of what was perceived as the superior American System of agro-industrial political-economy. This U.S. victory prompted great reforms in similar directions within Russia, Germany, Japan, throughout much of the Americas, and elsewhere, from approximately 1876-1877 on. Over the course of the latter part of the Nineteenth Century, the imperial maritime power of the Anglo-Dutch Lib-

erals, centered in the British monarchy, saw its world power imperilled by the spread and growing physical economic strength of these emerging nations of the Americas and of Asia.

It was to destroy this American model’s influence in Germany and elsewhere, that London organized World Wars I and II as the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier-oligarchy had orchestrated the Seven Years War, the Napoleonic Wars, and kindred operations preceding World War I. So, the foolish German Kaiser who was the nephew and dupe of his uncle the British Prince of Wales, fired Kanzler Bismarck, and the other silly nephew, Russia’s Nicholas II, of the same prince (Britain’s Edward VII) fell into the same British imperial trap which became known as World War I.

It has been the combined British and U.S. financier accomplices of the European Liberal financier-oligarchical system, who seized the occasion of Franklin Roosevelt’s death, to organize the global hostilities of the 1946-1989 interval, who worked to destroy the Roosevelt model and its influence, and who, over the interval 1964-2005, especially 1971-2005, have transformed the U.S. from the world’s leading agro-industrial power, to the “post-industrial” wreckage it represents today.

Today, the same forces of Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier-oligarchical interest, are determined to eradicate the nation-state institution by a neo-feudalist form of ultramontanism called “globalization.” The Hellish economic suffering being wreaked on Europe and the Americas right now, is to be recognized as an attempted return to a mimicry of that medieval *ultramontane* system of Europe, which had ruled and ruined medieval Europe under the tyranny of an alliance of

the Venetian financier-oligarchy with the predatory Norman chivalry.

The advocates of that Satanic perspective, as typified by the case of that public author of the 1946 doctrine of preemptive nuclear war, created by Lord Bertrand Russell and his international circle of haters of the modern agro-industrial sovereign nation-state, are a central feature of the forces of fanatically irrational schemes for what they have frankly described, in detail, as, in fact, a return to the medieval *ultramontane* system of financier-oligarchical rule over a world dominated by a perpetual state of feudalistic forms of religious and racial warfare. For them, the ultimate enemy of their *ultramontane* cause, is the power of human reason itself. Madness is, therefore, their preferred program of belief for their subjects, and for the silly, bestially cruel, neo-con “spoon-bender” warriors, associated with the notorious U.S. General Boykin, who, again today, perpetrate crimes, as at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, in the tradition of the wildest fantasies of Adolf Hitler’s crew.

Hitler, like the Mussolini who preceded him in this evil doctrine called fascism, was created by these Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier-oligarchical interests. Whoever fails to recognize that, is a childish mind, which, so far, understands less than nothing about the underlying, driving forces of the Twentieth-Century and the presently continuing history of the world. It is from this standpoint that the persistence of phenomena such as the “spoon-benders,” or “neo-conservatives,” and their tendency to usurp control of the military policies and capabilities of nations, must be rightly understood.

Thus, the indicated developments of 1894-1917 set the stage for the ensuing history of Russia, as V.I. Lenin had foreseen, including the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the ensuing experience of the Soviet Union, to the present day. It is in this context, against the complex background of the centuries-long, endemic conflict between the U.S. republic and the British empire, that we can reach a competent understanding of the historical processes which have largely pre-shaped the development of the “spoon-bender” phenomena, in both the former NATO countries and the Soviet Union, as also in post-Soviet Russia today.

Witte and the Transition

Count Witte, whose career in service to the state, spans a crucial part of the period of the reigns of Czars Alexander II, Alexander III, and Nicholas II, is a pivotal figure in the successive transitions of Russia into a modern form since the immediate aftermath of the U.S. victory over the British Confederacy puppet. He is, in that sense, more alive, more historically relevant for today than most leaders of Russia would think of admitting. He is not a model for the present from the past, but the expression of an historical moment of transition from which the present has flowed out of the preceding past.



Count Sergei Witte was a pivotal figure in the successive transitions of the Russian state into a modern form. He is more historically relevant for today than most leaders of Russia would think of admitting.

Against the background of events and developments exemplified by the rising role of Witte through 1905, this factor of what might be named as the complementary “spoon-benders of contemporary Russia” and the NATO countries, can be defined in a meaningfully systemic way. This history of the background to the emergence of the “spoon-bender” syndrome there, is as much a complement to parallel kinds of mystical cultural pathology, in today’s world, as the combined effect of the common factors of mysticism in Pan-slavism, in the rotting Habsburg monarchy, in the follies of the German Kaiser’s circles, and in France’s *revanchist*, post-Carnot, French brew bred of Jacobinism, Bonapartism, and Legitimists, in bringing to realization the schemes of Britain’s imperial Edward VII, for pitting his foolish nephews, the Russian and German emperors, against one another’s throats. The chauvinist follies, often misnamed patriotism, among the respective national traditions of Europe, are as much a continuing mutual threat to the survival of each of the national cultures of Europe today, as they were in 1914. This pathogen has mutated over time, but it is presently all the more deadly because of the relative efficiency of this recent adaptation.

In the past, despite the resurgence of the power of Ven-

ice's financier oligarchy with the Fall of Constantinople, the vital interest of each and all of the national cultures of modern Europe, has been a kind of system of fraternity among respectively sovereign nation-states which is expressed by the 1648 Peace of Westphalia, since Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa's *Concordantia Catholica, De Docta Ignorantia, De Pace Fidei*, to the present time, the further strengthening of a system of fraternity among respectively perfectly sovereign forms of modern nation-states free of the financier succubus of medieval Venice's *ultramontane* tradition, has been the only sane choice of destiny for the nations of Europe.

Yet, the crowned and other foolish heads of continental Europe, have permitted themselves to be played like children's puppets, successively, by the old and new parties of Venice, and by Paolo Sarpi's new Venetian Party successors, who have played and ruined the states of continental Europe again, and again, and again, through the ministrations of Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier power.

The Seven Years War, the Napoleonic Wars, and so on, through two so-called World Wars, and through Bertrand Russell's and Winston Churchill's orchestration of what became known as the "Cold War" launched through a 1945-1946 scheme for pre-emptive nuclear assault on the Soviet Union, the dutiful nations of continental Europe have repeatedly, obediently joined in ideological devotion to cutting one another's throats, by military means, or by economic means of cults of mass suicide, such as the European Union.

The chief form of that same centuries-old depravity polluting the governments and cultures still today, is a lemming-like impulse for collective suicide called "globalization." The form of warfare included in the means for accomplishing that destruction, includes a new, post-Soviet perspective on the pre-emptive use of nuclear-armed assaults within a globally systemic contest of asymmetric warfare; but, the psychological instrumentality remains, still, the more essential, axiomatic role of lunatic factors on all sides. The neo-cons in all forms, from within the former NATO apparatus and the specifically Russian ideological form of the "spoon-bender" proclivity, are today's most typical expression of this specific set of types of cultural mass-insanity.

Since perpetual warfare premised on the *ultramontane* model, is the global political system which these maddened creatures desire, their goal is incomprehensible to those who make the mistake of assuming that the intended goal of warfare among the neo-conservative crowd associated with Vice-President Cheney, is a victorious peace. They are astonished that President Bush speaks of creating a new, "democratic" Iraq as the objective of a protracted military occupation which is about as successful as the late phases of Napoleon Bonaparte's attempted occupation of Spain. For the neo-conservatives of whom the "spoon-benders" are a crucial component, the goal of war is not a victorious peace, but, rather, the exact opposite: the perpetuation of global warfare; as under the role of a Norman medieval chivalry steered by a Venetian

financier oligarchy. The system of perpetual warfare, of permanent revolution, is their desired, imperial system of Hobbesian government of a systemically "globalized" planet, as in the perpetual warfare of the Norman chivalry directed by medieval Venice, or the Roman imperial legions earlier.⁸

The usual failure of current governments, thus far, to grasp that elementary fact, is the key for understanding why most existing governments, political parties, and others behave so foolishly today. For the would-be imperial rulers who threaten the world today, madness, even in the extreme, is a philosophy, and crimes against humanity are seen by the deluded aggressors as a principled, perpetual way of life.

Against that background, the currently fashionable retrospective view, today, of the figure of Count Sergei Iulevich Witte, the true fact of the matter, contrary to the popular myths, is that this man, who, with his collaborator D.I. Mendeleev, was actually a leading, pioneering architect of Russia's transformation into a modern quality of agro-industrial power, was both a monarchist (which is true) and a capitalist ideologue (which is decidedly not true). Like the German Chancellor Bismarck who, in 1877, introduced the U.S. American System of political-economy as the basis for the industrial and social welfare programs launching Germany's rapid transformation into a leading modern agro-industrial power, Witte was an anti-British advocate of the American System of political-economy of Alexander Hamilton, Friedrich List, and Henry C. Carey. Like the Bismarck who was dumped by his own foolish Kaiser, Count Witte, although an extraordinarily accomplished and loyal servant of the Russian monarchy since the time of Czar Alexander II, suffered the consequences of a weak-minded Czar Nicholas II, who, like the foolish German Kaiser of that time, was also a credulous, manipulated, and richly betrayed nephew of Britain's imperial Edward VII.

To a significant degree, the relatively popular, but false, academic reputation of Count Witte today, is not only a reflection of the sheer silliness which was manifestly rampant among official Soviet ideologues, but also of the wild-eyed Romanticism which pollutes the modern, essentially ahistorical view both of history and of the Classical drama of Shakespeare and Schiller, even among most putatively educated opinion still today. A typical result of that Romanticist state of mind, is the way in which the Marxists and others amuse themselves, by brushing Witte aside as a monarchist, which he was, and also a capitalist in the British sense, which he, an

8. It is notably relevant, that the conclusion reached by Lord Shelburne's lackey, Gibbon, in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, was that the fall of imperial Rome was caused by its infection with the influence of Christianity. So, the new Venetian current of Paolo Sarpi, emphasized, as by Galileo's pupil Thomas Hobbes, the insistence on the anti-Christian principle of "perpetual war of each against all," just as the current German proponents of the British Liberal Imperialist faction of Prime Minister Tony Blair insist on uprooting the Christian principle from Germany's *Grundgesetz*, in favor of a return from the European, to the Asian model in social-welfare policies.

informed follower of the anti-British American system, was decidedly not. For their own complicity in such silly Romantics' ideological follies, the Soviet system, and post-Soviet Russia today, have paid a terrible price in the end. By reading actual history according to a falsified, Romantic's ideological map, they ended up, presently, as might have been expected, at a most unpleasant destination, a condition which is, once again, a present caricature of an ugly past.

In Soviet "historical materialism" itself, there was no actual comprehension of real history as a comprehensibly lawful process of development, but only a kind of pantheon of variously approved and rejected personalities, echoing Pythian priest Plutarch's Romantic cult of *Parallel Lives*. Worse, since the resulting, post-1989-1992 tendency, the impulse has usually been, to simply reject the Soviet Marxist model, rather than adducing the actual historical lesson to be learned from that experience. Russia was led, thus, from Soviet calamity (failure) to worst (virtual cultural suicide) by its adoption of the worst possible choice of model of economy, that proffered by the Republican Institute, the model proffered as the notoriously weak-brained President George H.W. Bush's own carpet-bagger's system, in the image of an already doomed Anglo-American system surviving by sucking the remaining blood of the remains of the Soviet system. Once the new victim were sucked more or less dry, we would see, as we do now, an already doomed version of the wildly decadent Anglo-American "model" at the threatened verge of its own collapse, as of now, as I write.⁹ Russia must now change its model to the American System of political-economy, rather than the system which has now freshly ruined it, the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system.

Here lies the key to overcoming the "spoon-bender" impulse within Russian society today.

The View From Classical Culture

This tragic aspect of Russia's recent history may be better, more deeply understood by contrasting the model of the Solar System by the Roman hoaxster Claudius Ptolemy, with the way in which Johannes Kepler, following the counsel of Nicholas of Cusa on the subject of the organization of the Solar System, returned, with a vengeance, to produce new proofs of the physical discoveries of principle made, by Aristarchus of Samos, long prior to the willful frauds of Claudius Ptolemy.

Recall, as Johannes Kepler details this problem, that the neo-Aristotelean hoaxster Claudius Ptolemy used the argu-

9. References to George H.W. Bush by me always view him as his role in public life should be viewed, as the foolish "crown prince" whose apparent flashes of competence reflect the way in which a circle of more intelligent advisors have been assembled as a kind of protective screen assigned to steer him away, as often as possible, from his innate proclivity for sheer inanity. The case of poor George W. Bush's Administration must impel us to take into account the ironies of referring to certain incumbents as "head of state," when reference to a lower rank of the nation's political anatomy were more truthful.

ment that man's knowledge of the universe is limited to relatively arbitrary interpretations of what he sees as the inevitability of the perpetual repetition of the apparently obvious. So, the Romantic sees each tragedy as a model of the present in the past; he dreams of going back, away from the fears of the present which overwhelm him, to seek to carve out a personal colony, a personal fantasy, from within the domain of a wishful reconstruction of a departed past. For such poor creatures as those Romantics, history is the map of routes of lapsed time of travel along the highways of a timeless flatland, rather than what is, in reality, a dynamic process of irreversible development.

So, Kepler recognized from the crucial evidence of those paradoxes which the admirers of Aristotle had ignored, the existence of a universal physical principle, universal gravitation, which actually drove the planet at a constantly changing rate along its elliptical path. Constant change, as Plato, in his *Parmenides* dialogue, affirmed Heracleitus, is the characteristic of our universe's physical organization, and of mankind's existence.

As Philo of Alexandria had warned, Aristotle, implicitly, required his followers to believe in the implicitly Satanic doctrine, that God Himself must have been rendered impotent to act both efficiently and rationally within our universe, an impotence intrinsic to the perfection of his own creation. This feature of Aristotle's argument defined Claudius Ptolemy's

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Martin Heidegger (left) and Friedrich Nietzsche both upheld Aristotle's implicitly Satanic doctrine, that God must have been rendered impotent to act both efficiently and rationally within our universe. Or, as Nietzsche put it, "God is Dead."

view, as expressed by his fraudulent doctrine for astronomy.

This argument by Aristotle's followers for the allegedly self-inflicted impotence of God, was in accord with the Satanic doctrine of the Olympian Zeus in Aeschylus's *Prometheus Bound*, that mortal man must be prohibited from acquiring knowledge of universal physical principles by which man might willfully increase his power in and over the universe he inhabits. This is essentially the "God is Dead" dogma of such modern worshipers of Delphic Apollo cult's Dionysos as Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger, and the Nazi and the kindred, Satanic so-called religious-fundamentalist cults generally.

This was the same Satanic view, already, before the overtly Satanic Nietzsche and his followers in the circles of Martin Heidegger. This was the Satanic principle on which Paolo Sarpi's devotees Hobbes and John Locke premised their own, and Henry A. Kissinger's view of human nature. This was the doctrine on which the followers of Mandeville, Quesnay, Turgot, Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham, and John Stuart Mill premised the contemporary Anglo-Dutch Liberal dogmas of political-economy.

In reality, as Plato's reading of Heraclitus, as in the *Parmenides* dialogue, goes, nothing is constant in the universe, but change. Man changes the universe by what he does, or fails to do. These changes are expressed by either the discovery and use of a universal physical, or kindred principle, or the failure to employ a needed new principle in a timely fashion. There are no true parallels in history; there is always the principled quality of change which Parmenides' reductionist Eleatics and their successors could never fathom. Just so, Count Witte was a moment of change in the history of Russia, who must be understood, and identified for knowl-

the history of Russia, the change in Russia's situation with which Witte's existence and action is associated.

The ideal type of such cases is provided by the cases of the greatest discoverers of scientific principle, such as the model of Kepler and Leibniz, or in the field of art, by the J.S. Bach, who, in contrast to the silly Rameau and the foolish Fux, changed musical composition and its performance in a way for which no competent superseder has appeared to this day—although each of Bach's greatest students, such as Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Brahms, each added something irreversibly revolutionary to the work of the constant process of change. This was a process of

change relative to their relevant predecessors in the strictly Classical tradition of Florentine *bel canto* song traced from such known sources as the choir of the Florence Cathedral and the work, as in the surviving fragments of *De Musica*, of Leonardo da Vinci.

Again, there are no parallel lives in history. This is the principle to apply to the case of Witte, as also expressed in great Classical drama such as that of Shakespeare, Lessing, and Schiller. Not only do significant figures change the currently efficient rules of history, in actuality or in Classical drama, but the significant fact about each, is the lawful universal principle of change, as Plato defines change, which their lives express.

Contrary to the Satanic frauds of existentialists such as Bertolt Brecht and the followers and intimates of Martin Heidegger, history is, more than anything else, the pathway of profound changes, for better or for worse, by individuals, such as the real-life Jeanne d'Arc, or the Christian Apostles John and Paul, by outstanding individuals who appear in retrospect, as the milestones of change in the characteristic features of cultures. History as known so far, is marked by the crucial role of those exceptional, influential leaders who are associated, in and after their time, with radical changes in the characteristic patterns of collective behavior of nations, of cultures. Great statesmen, such as the U.S.'s Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, typify the best of that kind. The greatest playwrights and poets, such as Aeschylus, Shakespeare, and Schiller, typify this principle.

The failure to change, as needed, in the past, is a part of the living history of the present, as is the failure to eradicate the follies of Truman and what other anti-Franklin Roosevelt

mischievous-makers have done to similar effect, in our past. It is a Classically tragic failure, as Friedrich Schiller, in his commentaries on *Don Carlos*, excoriates the character of Posa. Such failures of commission or omission from the past, could never be undone; they are a living part of the present, as Spain suffers still today, in the real-life outcome of the reign of the Habsburgs' imperial Charles V.¹⁰ They can only be superseded, in the present or future, never the past. Hence the moral failure of the Romantic commentators on Shakespeare, such as Coleridge, and of kindred views of the work of Schiller today.

Those who deny what I have just said, are fools, as all the existentialists have been, fools whose cardinal offense is that they, often, in their praise of their own moral, as much as intellectual, mediocrity, echo the evil, pagan Olympian Zeus in denying those essential characteristics of the human individual which set the human species apart from, and above the beasts. Thus, the true leader of peoples does not put himself apart from the people generally; he is essentially their necessary servant, whose essential quality is that of the Promethean, of lifting up his fellow-men from the condition into which the Olympian Zeus would have dumped them, a condition in which men and women, even entire nations, are less than truly human.

This is the view of the universe I have just described, which is expressed by Kepler and the physical hypergeometries of Riemann, as the famous Einstein recognized this late in his life's work.¹¹ Their lives express a change in geometry, a change whose consequences alter the history of the future. They live forever in their place in that actual history, not in that silly system of "parallel lives" which the foolish Romantic interpreters of Classical drama seek to adduce as a moral principle which might be freely transported from its actual location, to almost any other place or time in the universe.

People who actually make history, as I do, see things in a dynamic view of history, as an ongoing process of irreversible change, which can be changed only by force of change of embedded principle of action, as in progressive scientific revolutions. We think in terms of self-bounded, and thus finite whole processes. We think as the ancient Pythagoreans and Plato did, and the greatest scientific and Classical-artistic minds of modern European cultural history.

10. Competent historians recognize that the choice of spelling, *Hapsburg*, often used in English-language publications, refers to Charles I of Spain. The family dynasty is designated by the use of the original name, with its original, German spelling, *Habsburg*.

11. I.e., the universe is finite, but unbounded: Riemann's view, within and beyond Abelian functions, of Dirichlet's Principle. So, today, in physical economy, the boundary condition of the presently onrushing economic collapse of the world's presently reigning financial-monetary system, is not a date in time, but a boundary condition, defined as the accelerating rate of growth of unpayable indebtedness for each margin of current financial income generated by the increase of an unpayable mass of indebtedness, as was the case in Germany in 1923. That corresponds to Einstein's Riemannian notion of "finite but unbounded," or, more precisely, "self-bounded."

As a matter of contrasts, other persons, as more commentators than scientific thinkers, either accept the past mechanistically—in a Cartesian or kindred mind-set, as a timeless "flatland," as Plutarch demands; or, they bungle in their failure to grasp the point of difference between the two practical points of view, those of the *dynamic* point of view of the scientist and Classical artist, on the one side, and the *mechanistic* method of the Romantically inclined commentator, the modern imitators of the hoaxster Claudius Ptolemy, on the other.

To prepare the way for the point I have to develop here, on the subject of Russia's own contemporary "spoon-benders," I interpolate a relevant illustration of the principle which I have just stated here, the case of the work of Riemann. After that, I shall return our attention to the point in development now immediately above.

3. Uproot the Insanity Itself

It is crucial that we awaken to identify, and correct the forces of insanity which underlie the spread of the complementary qualities of both the "chickenhawk" and professional military styles of the "neo-conservative" in general, and the actively lunatic "spoon-benders" in particular. To understand that functionally integral set of forms of mental illness, we must proceed from the standpoint of recognizing a contrasting standard of mental health. Although the lunacy we must address is also expressed by individuals, each in his or her own way, there are common characteristics among these follies.

In other words, we must apply what Riemann defined as "Dirichlet's Principle," what Gauss was approaching in his investigation of the related issues in determining characteristics of geomagnetic phenomena. The individual case is unique, but nonetheless falls, functionally, within the confines of a boundary layer which defines the distribution of the particular phenomena within the field, as what Einstein attempted to convey in his notion of the "finite but unbounded" universe, which he defined at that stage in his development as coinciding with the principled features of the work of both Johannes Kepler and Bernhard Riemann.

The first point to be taken into account, is that in applying this approach, we are not superimposing notions from physical science, as if symbolically, on the voluntary character of human behavior. What we know as competent physical science is, itself, a reflection, and product of nothing other than human behavior. Physical science is, as Riemann states at the outset of his 1854 habilitation dissertation: man's systematic, practical mastery of the challenge of the universe, through the application of the synthetic powers which are unique to human individuals, the power of hypothesis, the power of cognition. Thus, when we examine the progress of experimentally validated physical science subjectively, the universe around us is a subject of human behavior, as we ought to recognize Vernadsky as demonstrating, by his com-

bined arguments for the Biosphere and Noösphere.

For precisely this reason, whenever we express the effects of massed human behavior in such a view of the subjective standpoint, as we are considering the “spoon bender” phenomenon’s effect, as a form of insanity—as, often, even *systemically criminal* insanity—we are considering the effect of that practiced belief on the physical course of development of society. In such a case here, the use of relevant terminology from the domain of physical science, is not to be classified as reasoning by analogy. We are considering the practical effects, on the human, historically determined condition of our planet, of the way in which we, or some other group of people, are acting on the present and future physical conditions of human life on our planet—and, today, beyond. We are considering changes in the physical sequence of events in the physical history of our planet caused by society’s willful or kindred intervention in the physical universe.

This is the same kind of effective interference in the abiotic domain, when we are considering changes in the abiotic domain which occur under the topical heading of the Biosphere. This is the same kind of effective interference represented by the effect of the emergence and development of the Noösphere. This is same kind of effective interference, in the Noösphere, by the creative power of an individual mind. It is reciprocity of these kinds of dynamical relationships, which is the subject of science, and of which physical science itself is the subject, in turn.

Therefore, that said and taken into account, this brings us to view the “spoon-bender” phenomenon in terms of what I have referred to repeatedly, over longer than the recent fifty years, as the example from the opening two paragraphs of Bernhard Riemann’s 1854 habilitation dissertation. For reasons I have just stated, immediately above, this example is crucial for competent modern physical science; it is also crucial in Classical artistic composition; it is also crucial in history in general. Riemann did what should be seen, in retrospect, as the obvious. He eliminated from physical science, “from Euclid through Legendre,” all self-evident notions of definitions, axioms, and postulates. Only experimentally defined principles of change, or what were to be defined experimentally as the proven hypotheses of a dynamically self-bounded finiteness, known as universal physical principles, were to be permitted within mathematical physics.¹²

12. “Bekanntlich setzt die Geometrie sowohl den Begriff des Raumes, als die ersten Grundbegriffe für die Constructionen in Raume als etwas Gegebenes voraus. Sie gibt von ihnen nur Nominaldefinitionen, während die wesentlichen Bestimmungen in Form von Axiomen auftreten. Das Verhältniss dieser Voraussetzungen bleibt dabei in Dunkeln; man sieht weder ein, ob und in wie weit ihre Verbindung nothwendig, noch a priori, ob sie möglich ist.

“Diese Dunkelheit wurde auch von Euklid bis auf Legendre, um den berühmtesten neueren Bearbeiter der Geometrie zu nennen, weder von den Mathematikern, noch von den Philosophen, welche sich damit beschäftigten, gehoben. Es hatte dies seinen Grund wohl darin, dass der allgemeine Begriff mehrfach ausgedehnter Grössen, unter welchem die Raumgrössen enthalten sind, ganz unbearbeitet blieb. Ich habe mir daher zunächst die Aufgabe gestellt, den Begriff einer mehrfach ausgedehnten Grösse aus allgemeinen

The combination of previous states of systemic forms of mass psychological disorders endemic within modern society, as merged with the terrifying implications of global nuclear strategic warfare, has brought forth new, infectious, and existentially deadly forms of previously endemic mental mass-disorders, these often appearing in the form of mysticism associated with the effects of what is otherwise recognized as expressions of modern reductionist philosophies.

Although what might be termed the psychological mechanisms of these new mass pathologies, express the kinds of mental disorder I have described for the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Centuries’ influence of the impulses of neo-Venetian, Anglo-Dutch Liberal influences, those types of mental disorders have been affected in certain among their characteristics by the changes in the culture, and changes in the physical condition of nations and of the planet since the Eighteenth Century, and, most notably, since the development of new systems of weaponry and conditions of modern warfare. These new weaponries are the more obvious nuclear and thermonuclear weapons, but also prominently include the use of non-linear and related electromagnetic techniques for mass alteration and control of normal and induced states of individual and group human behavior. The existence of, including the knowledge of the existence of such new methods and techniques may, and often has, modified the character of the way in which elements of old pathologies now appear in qualitatively new forms.

The obvious change in the definition of general warfare since the development of nuclear and related weapons systems since 1945, has itself produced an irreversible change in the reality to which the impulses of both individuals and national institutions are forced to respond.

Nonetheless, the fact remains, that the root of such sicknesses within today’s globally extended expressions of Euro-

Grössenbegriffen zu construiren. Es wird daraus hervorgehen, dass eine mehrfach ausgedehnte Grösse verschiedener Massverhältnisse fähig ist und der Raum also nur einen besonderen Fall einer dreifach ausgedehnten Grösse bildet. Hiervon aber ist eine nothwendige Folge, dass die Sätze der Geometrie sich nicht aus allgemeinen Grössenbegriffen ableiten lassen, sondern dass diejenigen Eigenschaften, durch welche sich der Raum von anderen denkbaren dreifach Grössen unterscheidet, nur aus der Erfahrung entnommen werden können. Hieraus entsteht die Aufgabe, die einfachsten Thatsachen aufzusuchen, aus denen sich der Massverhältnisse des Raumes bestimmen lassen—eine Aufgabe, die der Natur der Sache nach nicht völlig bestimmt ist; denn es lassen sich mehrere Systeme einfacher Thatsachen angeben, welche zur Bestimmung der Massverhältnisse des Raumes hinreichen; am wichtigsten ist für den gegenwärtigen Zweck das von Euklid zu Grunde gelegte. Diese Thatsachen sind wie all Thatsachen nicht nothwendig, sondern nur von empirischer Gewissheit, sie sind Hypothesen; man kann also ihre Wahrscheinlichkeit, welche innerhalb der Grenzen der Beobachtung allerdings sehr gross ist, untersuchen und hienach über zu Zulässigkeit ihrer Ausdehnung jenseits der Grenzen der Beobachtung, sowohl nach der Seite des Unmessbargrossen, als nach der Seite des Unmessbarkleinen urtheilen.” Opening paragraphs of Bernhard Riemann, “Über die Hypothesen, welche der Geometrie zu Grunde liegen,” *Bernhard Riemanns Gesammelte Mathematische Werke* (New York: Dover Publications reprint edition, 1953), pp. 272-273.



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pean civilization itself, can be traced by Classical scholars to the specific characteristics of the pestilence-like, Pythian (i.e., Satanic) cult of the Delphi Apollo, as continued through the corruption which was typically expressed by the influence of the perversion of the famous writings of the last of the notable priests of that cult, Plutarch, during Roman times.¹³

In attempting to define the distinction between what might be recognized as the “normally” healthy, from disordered states of whole cultures, or fractions of those cultures, we are confronted by certain apparent paradoxes. What is the available systemic distinction of what might be considered normal shortcomings in the development of cultures, from arbitrarily superimposed, or seemingly accidental ones? For example, take the case of the scientifically demonstrable retreat from what modern science knows as the superior scientific culture of the Pythagoreans and Plato, to a pathologically determined, intellectually and morally inferior culture of the ancient Greek reductionists. Was this decline in mind and morals a product of underdevelopment of the culture of the Greeks, or was this an artificially induced destruction of a saner culture by a morally inferior one, as the undermining of Pythagorean science by the sophisticated influences of Delphic decadence?

We are not without positive means for developing an adequate, healthy response to the threats implicit in those matters just considered up to this point.

13. I.e., the ruinous effect on modern theories of history of Plutarch’s intrinsically delphic, fraudulent *Parallel Lives (of Famous Men)*. His role as a priest of Apollo is dated from approximately the end of the First, and beginning of the Second Centuries A.D. The influence of his childishly Romantic treatment of history (“What the gods do not forbid, is permitted”) has continued to influence, and profoundly corrupt academic scholarship and approaches to drama, either directly, or indirectly, to the present day.

The Case of Tilak

As Bal Gangadhar Tilak emphasized, modern astronomy has given us an aperture for access to proof of certain important features of the existence of the relatively most advanced cultures known to have been in existence prior to the beginning of our planet’s current interglacial age. The decoding of ancient calendars of a religious and similar provenance from the standard of modern European astronomy’s knowledge, since the work of Carl F. Gauss, et al., of the conditions of the available practice of both astronomy and transoceanic astrogation during the seemingly vast sea of intraglacial millennia, has enabled us to reach with qualified, but nonetheless some relative certainty, into some cultures of prehistoric times, such as Vedic culture.

When we have taken this kind of evidence into account, we are enabled to attest with certainty to the argument which Plato reports, as in his *Timaeus*, from the warnings to the Greeks from the Egyptians of Solon’s and Plato’s lifetimes.

Generally, the evidence so premised leads us to a qualified degree of certainty about the conditions, the opportunities for life of a human species during the circumstances of the recent two millions or so years. We do not know yet whether human beings existed two millions years ago, or not.¹⁴ However, in reading the geological and related records from the interstices of long glacial and interglacial cycles, we adduce two leading conclusions which must guide our approach to the pre-history of those developments in culture which have been handed down from earlier times to those of us living within the recent six to eight thousands years of what might be regarded as historical experience.

What we do, or should know with certainty, is the absolute separation of the essential quality of the human individual from that of the individual member of any different species, including the higher apes. That difference is the same power of cognition which sets the existing Noösphere apart as above the Biosphere. For much of the two millions years, whenever the human species did exist, it existed as absolutely distinct from any sort of higher ape.¹⁵

First, the fact that sources such as the Vedic hymns are internally dated to what could have been observed only six to

14. The principle of cognition is universal, and therefore existed prior to the existence of the human species. However, it could not be expressed as the character of a specifically human individual until the natural preconditions for its appearance had been satisfied, and until living beings so affected not only existed from time to time, but that such beings had gained a relevant, functional foothold, as the beginnings of an actually human society, within the Biosphere. This much is sufficiently evident from the known functional character of human cognition, as absolutely distinct from the behavior of the higher apes, for example.

15. Hence the shocking quality of verisimilitude which confronts us in reading the scientifically “up to date” veracity of Verses 27-31 of the first chapter of *Genesis*. That Egyptian Moses was, unlike our foolish contemporary “environmentalists,” a very smart, well-informed fellow, obviously the beneficiary of the best sources.

eight thousand years ago, or more, by astronomically verified content today, takes us inside the minds of the members of such cultures, and also affords us, with evidence of scientifically crucial implications, insight into the way in which they lived and thought. We do not know all of the ways they thought, but we know some crucial benchmarks. For example, the fact that these calendars include such features as verifiably reasonable estimates of the cycle of the magnetic pole, points to the long accumulation of activity in ancient transoceanic astrogation.¹⁶

This indicates, as Tilak emphasizes in his *Arctic Home in the Vedas*, other evidence, as from ancient Egypt and ancient Greek-language material, that the emergence of Mediterranean civilization over the post-glacial period, during which the level of the world's oceans and principal seas rose by about four hundred feet to presently general levels, was dominated by transoceanic maritime cultures. The circumstances of life, and change in circumstances of life from relevant, archeologically known traces of archeological evidence of the pre-glacial-melt cultures, and general considerations of the changing circumstances of the planet during the latter portion of the recent 20,000-odd years of post-glacial climate and so forth, all point to transoceanic cultures as the most probable mode of development and persistence of cultures during relevant ancient times.

The Cases of Riemann and Vernadsky

The second class of most relevant facts, is the fundamental, functional difference, such as the matter of characteristic tendency for increase of potential relative population-density, which separates the species of ape from that of man, and man from, in fact, all inferior kinds of warm-blooded species. This coincides with the class of evidence to which Vernadsky variously points, or strongly implies in his distinction of Noösphere from Biosphere. This includes a topical area of working investigations in which my own experience and investigations have somewhat crucial significance. My spe-

16. It is relevant that I prohibit the effort to derive, or substantiate certain cultish explanations of ancient colonization from the remarks made at this juncture. Although the proof of the spheroidal character of the Earth was made in a known way, by a famous member of the Platonic Academy, Eratosthenes, from two points within Egypt, this approach to astronomy was that inherited by the Classical Greeks, such as, most notably, the Pythagoreans. The feasibility of a kindred discovery is implied in modern knowledge of the ancient Egyptian astronomy on which the foundations of the Classical Greek culture of Thales, the Pythagoreans, Solon of Athens, and Plato were built. The fact that ancient, pre-"flood" transoceanic cultures appear to have died out in historical times, does not permit us to leap to wild-eyed claims based on the arbitrary assumption that they had not existed. Consider for example, the mystery from some learned quarters' flaying of the Sicilian chronicler Diodoros of Agryium (a.k.a. Diodoros Siculus) on the subject of historical, real-life, pedigree of the mythical gods of Olympus. An "inductive proof" based on denial of evidence which is considered inconvenient, is morally a worse form of hoax than suppositions based upon what are transparently, childish fantasies.

cial qualifications on this point, reflect those features of my own development which bear upon my attacks on the frauds of standard classroom geometry, and on such wild-eyed positivist cults as the dogmas of such pagan Bertrand Russell devotees as Norbert Wiener, John von Neumann, and their proliferation of dupes of pagan "information theory" and "artificial intelligence" cults gathered initially around the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation and Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Research Laboratory of Electronics (RLE).

Neither of the referenced sets of progressive developments of mankind's power in and over the universe, could

The combination of previous states of systemic forms of mass psychological disorders endemic within modern society, as merged with the terrifying implications of global nuclear strategic warfare, has brought forth new, infectious, and existentially deadly forms of previously endemic mental mass-disorders, these often appearing in the form of mysticism associated with the effects of what is otherwise recognized as expressions of modern reductionist philosophies.

have occurred were the human mind itself organized to function on the basis of reductionist modes of formal logic. In contrast, the lunatic absurdities of Wiener's notion of information theory and von Neumann's mathematical economics and "artificial intelligence," are premised axiomatically on reductionist modes in logic, such as those encountered in the essentials of the so-called social and economic "theory" of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels carried to an other-worldly extreme. It is precisely this fatal error of reductionism carried to consistent extremes which is the essential basis for those essential notions of "spoon-bender" and related cults in both the NATO nations and the former Soviet system, which have been passed down to the present as the most characteristic of the current deadly threats to the continued existence of all general sections of transoceanic European civilization.¹⁷

17. This should not be read as a sweeping characterization of actual Soviet society, for example. Soviet society was inhabited by people who reacted to the constraints represented by adopted and enforced dogma, but they reacted as human beings, both as individuals and en masse. The work of Soviet scientist Vernadsky typifies the point to be made on the subject of this appar-

Focus on the common aspects of the culture of both the NATO countries and the relatively brief history of approximately eight decades of the Soviet system. It was born in 1917; whereas, I was born in 1922; that pair of facts is typical of the standpoint from which to view the Soviet phenomenon, and also the history of Europe and the Americas, in particular, during the same lapsed time, from 1917 to the present day. As the Egyptians warned the Greeks of Solon's and Plato's lifetimes, so I warn most of you today; you have no truly old men. That deficiency warps your choice of the frame of historical reference within which to situate reflections on the meaning of even the most crucial qualities of recent developments.

Most of the forces shaping what we should recognize as history, represent a span of experience by society which is much, much longer than the lifetimes of living individuals. Consequently, when a typical person from today begins his argument, "In my experience . . .," floods of laughter should erupt immediately. Even the simplest of the currently relevant economic facts about the United States today could not be recognized as facts unless not less than four or more generations of the economic and related political history of the U.S.A. were adopted as the primary evidence to be taken into account. Indeed, to understand the most important differences in ways of thinking, between Europeans and the American tradition today, one must take into account the way in which those differences took their present shape in 1763, and the still reverberating effects of the way in which the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier interests organized the French Revolution, the Napoleonic wars, and two so-called World Wars of the Twentieth Century. These developments must be examined from the standpoint of the mortal conflict respecting constitutional interest between the British monarchy and the U.S. constitutional system during the entire sweep of the interval 1763-2005.

To understand how that 1763-2005 conflict of principled characteristics came into being, one must look back to crucial developments within European civilization as a whole, over a span of nearly 3,000 years. These differences, at least the principled ones, are deeply embedded, as, seemingly, virtual instincts, as self-evidently axiomatic, in the relevant sets of nations and partisans within them, over that entire span. The conflict between the principles of science known to the Pythagoreans and Plato, and the reductionist opponents of that scientific method, is the most characteristic of the principled features of the sweep of globally extended European history over the entirety of that span of approximately 3,000 years.

ent paradox. In the end, what came out of the Soviet Union's core was a society of Russians, not Marxist formalists. The Russians had been there all the while. The same is to be said of the member countries of the pre-1989 NATO alliance. A potentially fatal flaw in a social system as a whole, is not itself the most characteristic feature of the system, but may be the most characteristic, and, therefore, relatively fatal flaw within that social system as a whole.



Bernhard Riemann. "In principle, modern civilization has progressed relatively very little, respecting the most essential, still unresolved, most fundamental issues of physical science, since his death in 1866."

Therefore, the revolution in physical science accomplished by Riemann before his death, was the work of one of the world's greatest scientific thinkers of his time. This cumulative work of genius was accomplished by him at an age of just two months less than forty years, after having played a leading role in founding the greatest school of physical science, of Betti, Beltrami, et al., in modern Italy. In principle, modern civilization has progressed relatively very little, respecting the most essential, still unresolved, most fundamental issues of physical science, since his death in 1866. The causes for the unsatisfactory degree of progress made since then, are not accidental.

I do not exaggerate that historical significance of Riemann's work. Those who might wish to argue against me on that point, should begin their assessment of what I have just written by checking their own inventory of scientific knowledge against Riemann's. Take as a point of reference the evidence of Vernadsky's own ignorance of some of the most crucial implications of Riemann's work, as I emphasized the significance of that defect in Vernadsky's knowledge here at an earlier point.

For example, the Fusion Energy Foundation, of which I was a co-founder, and which was shut down, with irreparable, maliciously motivated damage, through what was subsequently ruled to have been a fraud upon the court by the U.S. Justice Department, had been among the more significant, and broad-based international scientific foundations based in

the U.S.A. The biggest quarrels we had within the leading ranks of the Foundation, were typified by elements of systemic incompetence in the strongly held opinions of persons who were typical of scientists in more or less first rank among the international science community. All of the relevant cases were reflections of a systemic ignorance of the essential elements of Riemann's work, a systemic ignorance based on the Gestapo-like enforcement practices, through referee circles, in defense of the demand that issues of science be settled by reductionist modes in "generally accepted classroom methods," at the blackboard, or by comparable digital computer methods, rather than by the standard of unique experimentation which is central to the mathematical physics of Gauss, Wilhelm Weber, Dirichlet, Riemann, et al.

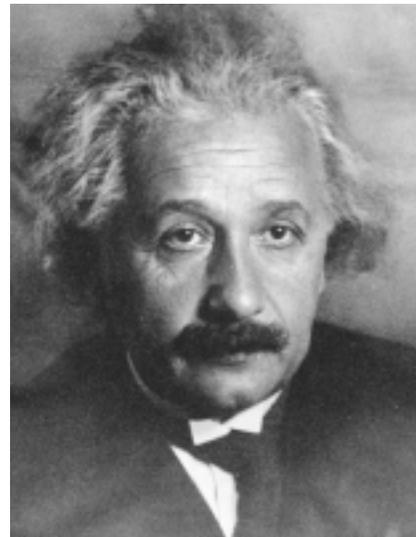
This problem had—and still has—a history. It can be traced to the vicious and wildly incompetent attacks on Leibniz's principle of the calculus (his catenary-cued universal principle of physical least action) by the Anglo-Dutch Liberal followers of Descartes, such as the hoaxsters D'Alembert, Euler, and Lagrange, and the attempted suppression of Carl Gauss, who had exposed that fraud, by the circles of Napoleon Bonaparte and Bonaparte's adopted science spokesman, the hoaxster Lagrange. It is traced, through the patronage of the Duke of Wellington of the hoaxsters Laplace and Cauchy, and through the London-steered faction of the fanatical haters of Gauss, Weber, Dirichlet, Riemann, et al., such as Clausius, Grassmann, Kelvin, Maxwell, hoaxster Helmholtz, et al. The savage attack on Max Planck in wartime Berlin of the first World War, by the fanatical followers of the crank Ernst Mach, as this rat-pack-like behavior of the morally decadent positivists was deplored by Albert Einstein, is a reflection of the manner and degree to which science has been corrupted by means of virtual terrorist academic methods over a period which began during the period of the last years of the life of Gauss, Weber, and Dirichlet, and of Riemann's rise to international prominence.

We had a taste of the spill-over of the effect of those intellectually terrorist methods within some of the proceedings of the Fusion Energy Foundation.

The intellectually criminal behavior of those members of the science community who permitted themselves to act as a virtual intellectual-academic Gestapo in service of London-centered hatred of "continental science," can not be competently understood as simply a reflection of British imperialism's service of its perceived strategic self-interests. It is a moral malignancy which London inherited, via Paolo Sarpi's



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Venice, from the Olympian cult of Zeus which was managed at the cult-center, and financier-oligarchical center of that time, the same Delphi Apollo cult once served by Plutarch. Keep science out of the knowledge and hands of the people, and do this largely by methods deployed to vulgarize the conception of nature through the propagation of the same crude methods of reductionism reflected in Euclidean systems of definitions, axioms, and postulates: the damage to the minds of generations to come can be promoted by nothing much more than such means.

So, in the case of Vernadsky, we have a first-rate genius, who, among his other achievements, had produced one of the most fundamental, most universal scientific conceptions to appear in modern history, conceptions which reflect the most essential principles internal to modern physical systems, dynamics rather than mechanics, whose legacy today is still crippled by failure to reach the level of understanding of physical science represented by even the Riemann whom Vernadsky had come to admire.

4. The Perspective for Russia Today

The task before us here, is to cure a sickness, not to admire its apparent cleverness of design. The treatment of Russia's victimization by what is symptomized as "the dark side of the spoon," must presume the existence of an available choice of self-image of Russia, by its people, a choice which is not only hopeful, but inspiring enough to mobilize that people to



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muster the energy of will and endurance to gain the relevant goal. Health is the essential cure for all sicknesses. Russia's specific role as a Eurasian nation implicitly defines the needed healthy self-image, once the implications of Vernadsky's definition of the Noösphere as a dynamic, rather than mechanical system, is applied to the needs of the world as a whole at this time.

Take the matter, as it is said, "from the top down," as we must proceed, similarly, from inside the U.S.A. Look at the currently urgent requirements of the world taken as a whole, and locate Russia's available choice of an advantageous role, as a nation, within that global set of requirements.

The great challenge to the world at large has just been demonstrated with great forcefulness by the way in which the prevalent U.S., and also, global, economic and related social policies, transformed a serious, intrinsically unstoppable, but delimited natural disaster, into the trigger of a vast, exploding human catastrophe. The pivotal issue is being underlined at this moment, by the emergency recovery policies which have been mustered largely through a bipartisan initiative from within the U.S. Senate. These rescue efforts, now estimated as running in the order of \$100 billions short- to medium-term cost, or more, represent, as a matter of practice, a sudden

turn away from the recent trend of anti-social-welfare policies of the U.S.A. and other nations of European culture, into measures of powerful affirmation of the social-welfare responsibilities of government.

From the standpoint of the history of law of modern European civilization, the recently accelerated trend toward dumping the principle of the common good (i.e., general welfare) is properly defined as a reversal of the policy which has been chiefly responsible for all of the progress of European civilization, relative to, for example, Asian models.

This shift, away from modern European to Asian models of society, represents a relatively long-term development within the culture of continental Europe and the Americas, as in some other important locations. It is a reflection of a generations-long, post-President Franklin Roosevelt trend, an anti-Franklin Roosevelt trend, launched from within Winston Churchill's England, at the close of the war of that time. This has been a decades-long trend toward the establishment of an imperial system under which sovereignty of nations was eroded, on the way toward establishment of an imperial system modelled on the medieval precedent of the Venetian-Norman *ultramontane* form of imperialism. The adoption of that precedent has been in motion, in fact, since the Paris Treaty of February 1763, as the Anglo-Dutch Liberal form of imperial power then represented by Lord Shelburne's circles within the British East India Company. With the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, the determination to implement that British imperial precedent, world-wide, was pursued with more desperate energy.

Since the death of Roosevelt, this attempt to eradicate the institution of the sovereign nation-state has lived through three successive phases thus far.

The first phase of the anti-Franklin Roosevelt drive compensated for the existential need to allow Roosevelt's Bretton Woods system to continue for a decade or more, so that the United States might begin to be absorbed into a Europe-centered revival of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal imperial rule, from the shattered condition of the economies of western and central Europe at that time. The launching of the U.S. Truman Administration's complicity in the British-directed threat of preemptive nuclear attack on the Soviet Union set the first of these three phases into operation.

The second phase began with developments including the hastened ouster, prompted from Britain, of Chancellor Adenauer in Germany, and the wave of assassination threats against Adenauer's partner, France's London-hated Charles de Gaulle. This drive was continued, with the assassination of U.S. President John Kennedy, and the launching of the folly of the U.S. war in Indo-China. The eruption of the 1968er phenomenon from the handiwork of the anti-civilization, existentialist Congress for Cultural Freedom, prepared the way for the events of 1971-1972 in which the remains of the Franklin Roosevelt recovery-system were systematically destroyed, in the Americas, as, slightly more slowly, in Europe.

The third phase began with the 1989-1992 dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, the Comecon, and the Soviet Union itself. The collapse of the Soviet Union was treated, as some neo-conservative fanatics gloated, as “the end of history,” meaning the establishment of an eternal new form of world empire, an Anglo-Dutch Liberal form of empire, broadly along the lines projected by Lord Shelburne’s Gibbon.

We are now on the verge of a fourth phase, the intended destruction of civilization by the methods of permanent revolution through permanent warfare, an intention now clearly demonstrated by the policies of the U.S. George W. Bush, Jr. Administration and the Liberal Imperialist government of the United Kingdom’s Prime Minister Tony Blair.

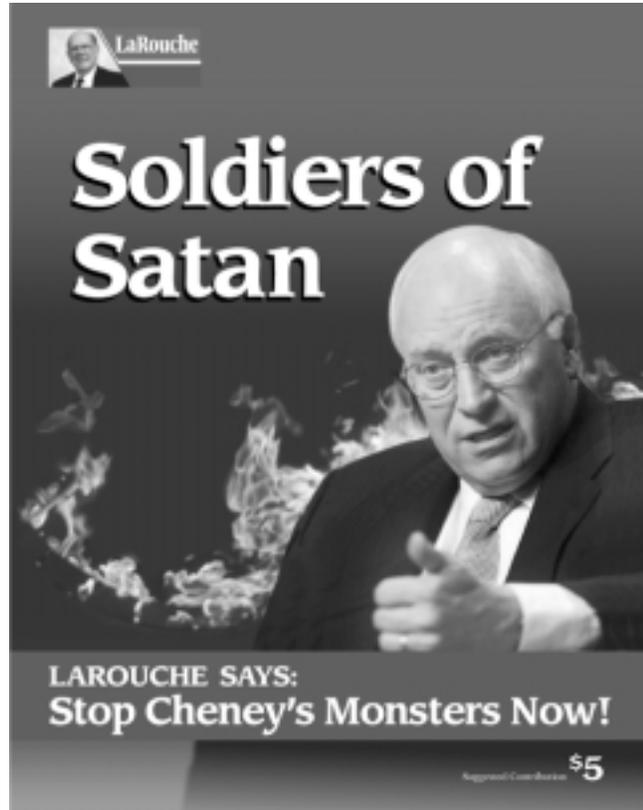
The characteristic of this Bush Administration, is not that of the President himself, but his puppet-like, utter lack of personal intellectual and moral qualifications for that office and for the challenges with which reality confronts it, increasingly, now. The tell-tale quality of that administration as a whole, is the control of that government and its foreign policy by an assortment of what are called, variously, “chickenhawks” (former draft-evaders, such as Vice-President Cheney, now campaigning for pre-emptive warfare and fascist forms of rule), “ordinary neo-conservatives” of kindred malicious inclinations toward both foreign nations and people in general, and a hard-core of Roman Legionaire/Nazi Waffen-SS-style fanatics, the “spoon-benders.”

The sheer, fanatical incompetence of that President’s behavior during the period since the Aug. 2nd warning of the character of the oncoming hurricane, expresses that character of that Administration. It was not so much the intention of the President which transformed a natural catastrophe into a vast, still-escalating human catastrophe; the fault lay in the character of the Administration and its policies, especially its manifestly escalating hatred against the constitutional obligation to promote the general welfare.

The “spoon-benders,” who are all too frequently of high military rank, are the most significant strategic element in the trash-barrel-full of frankly larcenous hooligans composing the rotten core of the current U.S. Administration. There are comparable elements within the British and other circles, including the spoon-bender relics of past asymmetric-warfare capabilities of the former Soviet Union, some now working for often drug-trafficking funded interests scarcely loyal to Russia.

If Russia were induced to play its assigned part in the kind of asymmetric warfare which U.S. officials Cheney and Rumsfeld, together with Britain’s Blair, have dumped upon the world, that complicity of Russia would ensure the establishment of the nightmare of permanent, “spoon-bender” warfare, a true “Apocalypse Now” kind of permanent warfare, which Cheney et al. clearly intend.

There are two leading kinds of remedies required for dealing with the perils of this fourth phase of steps toward a parody of the Crusades and kindred bestialities of the Venetian-Nor-



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The LaRouche Political Action Committee’s new pamphlet targets Dick Cheney’s chickenhawks, and the gang of Pentagon spoon-benders that form part of his lunatic neo-conservative faction.

man partnership constituting the *ultramontane* form of imperial rule of those centuries. First, it is required that there be an immediate and rapid shift of political power, that is to say policy-shaping power, out of the hands of not only the spoon-benders and their like, but also the right-wing opponents of the resumption of policy-orientations toward the principle of the general welfare. Second, it is essential to give overwhelming impetus to the practicable forms of promotion of the goals of the general welfare throughout the planet, including Asia. Here, Russia’s potential as a Eurasian culture with special, historically defined economic potentials, is a crucial, key-stone feature of the effort to organize the planet as a whole around the central pivot of a great economic renaissance of the Eurasian continent.

I now summarize this approach to the policies of the planet, with the case of Russia and its indicated global role as the keystone of this presentation.

A. The Needed General Opinion

It must be recognized, that the directed drift, away from the system of sovereign nation-state republics, toward what has been lately termed “globalization,” must be reversed, or the planet as a whole will plunge rapidly into a prolonged new

dark age, worse than anything known in documented history of the planet so far.

The commitment to “globalization” can be understood adequately only as a form of, quite literally, a functional expression of mass-psychosis, whose genesis in its present form dates from the agreement between Britain’s H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell around the fascistic theses of Wells’ 1928 publication of *The Open Conspiracy*. It must also be recognized, that despite Adolf Hitler’s vow that his National Socialism was not for export, the actual intention inherent in the Nazi system and its drive toward perpetual, imperial warfare,

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and exemplary mass-extirminations, was the establishment of a world-empire in the projected form of the SS-state, as the evolution of the SS during the course of the war attests. The intention, in London, as in Berlin and Rome, was the establishment of a new world empire, the projected Anglo-Dutch Liberal successor to Rome which had been projected by Lord Shelburne’s lackey Gibbon, as the purpose of research work titled *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

Denials of this set of facts by relevant educated circles suffices to prove that they are either lying, or sincerely insane. In the real universe, fairy-tale perversions of the type of “Harry Potter” do not exist for long.

The fatal flaw of this set of schemes, now referred to as “globalization,” is that it is premised upon the intention of the Olympian Zeus, as that intention is exposed by Aeschylus’ *Prometheus Bound*. The intention is twofold. First, to eliminate political-economic systems which rely on increase of the productive powers of labor, per capita and per square kilometer, through technological progress rooted in commitment to expanded discovery and utilization of fundamental discoveries of scientific principle. The oligarchical objection to such progress is that a people which is as intelligent as belief in such scientific progress requires, will not submit to a system of slavery or feudalistic tyranny over virtual human cattle for long.

The implementation of globalization, as we have seen its awful technological and economic effects on the living conditions in North America and Europe, means the lowering of the physical standard of productivity and family life to

a degree that global population-levels must fall rapidly to approximately the levels prevalent at the time of Europe’s Fourteenth-Century New Dark Age, a reduction from more than six billions souls today, to significantly less than one billion within a generation or so. That is the intention expressed by the coupling of the irrationalist, anti-science cult of so-called “environmentalism,” as by the willful collapse of standards of health-care in Europe and North America.

To bring these utopian states of global degradation about, it were necessary to uproot the institution of the modern European sovereign state, as that institution was first established in a modern form of commonwealth, as in Louis XI’s France and Henry VII’s England, and in a more perfect form by the combined effect of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, the U.S. 1776 Declaration of Independence, and U.S. Federal Constitution. The objective is to suppress the modern sovereign nation-state in favor of an *ultramontane* form of global, Anglo-Dutch Liberal rule by financier-oligarchical syndicates operating as dictatorial powers over whatever is tolerated as a shattered and hollowed-out semblance of government.

Therefore, these factors taken into account, the proposal for globalization is not merely insane, it is literally Satanic.

In contrast to the Satanic implications of the policy of “globalization” mixed with anti-scientific “ecologism,” the sovereign nation-state republic, is based upon the principle of universal natural law known variously by the name of “the general welfare” or “the common good.” When this is combined with the functions of a literate form of national language practiced in a Classical mode of emphasis upon irony, rather than stultifying dictionary-like literalism, we have the indispensable cultural medium for the functions and purposes of effective national sovereignty. The cultivation of such a literate form of common communication, is required for the promotion and circulation of the ideas upon which increase of the effective productive powers of labor, as measured per capita of total population, depends.

The necessary division into sovereign nation-state republics therefore requires a principled set of cooperative relations among sovereign republics, based on the founding principle of the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia. As history shows amply, that principle of that treaty requires more than mutual aid; it requires common aims for the progress of the general welfare of a growing human population as a whole.

Under a body of international law ordered in conformity with what I have just outlined, it were not only permissible, but necessary that nations have the right of efficient national defense against attacks from within, or orchestrated from without. The case of the U.S. role under President Franklin Roosevelt’s leadership, is exemplary. We were not the best professional soldiers in the world, but we had sheer tonnage of logistical advantage which enabled us, with our allies, to defeat the Nazi empire. Niccolò Machiavelli said similar things in his time. Pre-emptive nuclear war, or kindred non-nuclear concoctions, are intrinsically crimes against humanity, crimes which increase in their degree of personal culpabil-

ity of the perpetrator as the physical power per capita increases through technological progress.

However, it can not be permitted, that this obligation to maintain competent provisions for national defense, be employed as a pretext for Hobbesian policies of statecraft. History since his lifetime has shown that the policies of Hobbes are to be recognized, and that in efficient ways, as the intention of perpetrating crimes against humanity. Thus, Fukuyama's neo-conservative doctrine of "The End of History," is itself typical of a Hobbesian kind of criminal intent against humanity, because its implicit claims of victory over the Soviet Union and other potential targets, make the mere existence of any power opposite to an empire implicitly a *casus belli*, as relevant U.S. circles view China as a target on the horizon today.

Nation-states must be sovereign, but, a prosperous and safe world order requires conscious commitment to forms and goals of cooperation among sovereign states. These needed agreements among sovereigns have the quality of reflections of what can be demonstrated to be natural law, rather than some guise for merely positive law.

On this latter account, what I have set forth, afresh, within the preceding pages of this report, as in earlier reports, such as my "Vernadsky and Dirichlet's Principle," has the highly relevant implications of recognizing a higher, more inclusive quality of required, explicit common purpose among the nations of the world today. These are the practical implications of Vernadsky's definitions of the Biosphere and Noösphere. This consideration is absolutely crucial for the cases of Russia and of its Asia neighbors. It is crucial for the effective implementation of a process of superseding a division between European and Asian cultures, by the emergence of cooperation toward building the kind of Eurasian society which is implicit in bringing the conditions of the people of Asia generally up to the realized level of physical economic and related parity with the general-welfare goals of European civilization at its best so far.

Such goals could never be realized in practice, for Asians in particular, today, except through the approach implicit in the referenced work of Vernadsky, a Vernadsky viewed from the vantage-point of the work of Riemann, as I have indicated this case. In making this functional connection, the role of Russia, and its historical experience, is crucial.

That is the key cultural weapon against the pestilence of "spoon-benders" infesting and poisoning Russia's culture.

B. Russia as Such

Mendeleyev and Vernadsky, when viewed in retrospect today, are the prototypical expression for science, of Russia's unique, historically determined potential as a sovereign nation. The crucial distinction to be made, on their account, in the context of this part of the report, is between the exploitation of natural resources focussed to a large degree in Central and Northern Asia, and the effective development of that potential in a way corresponding to the presently urgent long-



Russian magazines of the 1990s promote the decadence of the West's rock-drug-sex counterculture. The worst culprits in the post-Cold War destruction of the former Soviet Union, were typified by the influence of a leading putative, anti-Communist organization, the so-called Congress for Cultural Freedom.

term requirements of humanity as a whole.

Nonetheless, in a decent ordering of history to come, it should prove to be the case, that it was the Soviet Union which broke the bonds of a system based on the implications of serfdom. Whereas, the developments within Russia, notably from Peter I, on, showed the capabilities of a certain stratum of Russia's intelligentsia, and the commendable impulses for development of Russia and the conditions of life under some Czars, and so on; at the same time, the feudal oppression of the great mass of the population had remained a terrible physical, and mental burden on the people and culture as a whole. The failure of the Czarist system to remedy this pattern, the failure to apply the natural-law principle of the general welfare, created the conditions, in 1917, when the failure of all of the likely political parties of government created the vacuum in which V.I. Lenin intervened with his prophetic insights into the tragic flaw of both the Czarist system and its legitimated reformers and the then current system of post-Edward VII Europe as a whole.¹⁸

Later, when the Soviet Union itself was in the process of disintegration, I was in a relatively privileged political and

18. Much more remains to be said on the combined implications of that, of the implications of two "world wars," and the so-called "Cold War," but not on this present occasion.

intellectual situation, both for foreseeing the virtually inevitable internal collapse of the Soviet Union in its existing form before the end of the 1980s, but also knowing the tremendous potential for the member-states of the Soviet and Comecon systems, under a proper approach to dealing with the virtually inevitable, then onrushing political-economic crisis.

Unfortunately, instead of the eminently feasible approaches which I proposed, the worst possible alternatives available at that time were dictated from the Thatcher and Mitterrand governments, with a large degree of U.S. complicity. Alternatives to my outlined measures were deployed, al-

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ternatives which were fully intended to loot and destroy those national economies of which the Comecon had been composed. The ruin caused by those alternatives were intended to destroy all of Europe over the coming period, through policies which were intended to loot and destroy not only even the economies of the NATO-member nations, but all of Europe, especially Thatcher's and Mitterrand's special target, Germany. *Today there is no part of the continent of Europe, east or west, which is not presently in far worse condition, per capita and per square kilometer, than in 1989.*

In no significant degree was the relative, deep and vast ruin, which we see throughout Europe today, caused chiefly by the influence of the Soviet system on its own aftermath. The worst came from opposite side of the Cold-War political divide. The principal culprits are typified by the influence of a leading putative, anti-Communist organization from the West, the so-called Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF). The misconception of man associated with that organized cultural pestilence (CCF), has been among the worst of the cultural diseases which have promoted the kinds of lunacies in influential currents of public opinion, through which the nations of what had been non-Communist western Europe, as in the U.S.A., have destroyed their own economies, economies which are, at this moment, on the verge of a global, general breakdown-crisis.

In the teaching and practice of economics, the issue of the general welfare arises as a point of division between those who recognize that economic processes are intrinsically dynamic, and the opponents of that view, who cling to the common delusion about economics taught in universities today, that economies may be treated statistically, as if they were merely mechanical processes. Unfortunately, standard prac-

tices in accounting and economics, in most of European culture today, remain foolishly premised on mechanistic assumptions, rather than the required dynamic ones. That accounting viewpoint, which is consistent with the tradition of Venice and of Anglo-Dutch Liberalism, has now proven itself to have been the greatest immediate potential danger to civilization as a whole.

This factor of incompetence in economic and accounting doctrine, takes an acute form in cases such as India, where the competitive cheapness of India's exports is expressed as the permanent mass of desperately poor, a mass of poor which is associated with, and largely a product of, the omission of necessary investment in development of basic economic infrastructure. One neighbor survives by, so to speak, eating the means of existence of another two. All that cheapness of products from India, for example, is made to provide the markets of Europe and the U.S.A. goods and services at prices not possible where at least a residual efficient of dwindling concern for the general welfare of the nation has been the rule, until nearly the close of the U.S. Clinton Presidency.

Today, Asian nations, and, especially since 1971-1982, South and Central America, have been treated as targets of forms of primitive accumulation which perpetuate the suffering of a growing mass of desperately poor there, while bankrupting the increasingly less productive economies of North America and Europe. The onrushing world crisis, as so expressed in so-called developing sectors of the Americas, Asia, and elsewhere, is now warning us all, that we must shift from a bottom-up, primitive-accumulation-based promotion of out-sourcing, to shift from the folly of dependency upon "out-sourcing," to take a top-down approach to long-term development of infrastructure and science-driver programs in Asian and other so-called "developing regions."

This long-term approach requires vast, long-term physical-capital advances, on credit, from Europe and North America, and other relevant sources, to underdeveloped regions and nations, rather than the methods of primitive accumulation typified by U.S. trade with India, China, et al. today. The principal intention of this reform must be, to create the physical mechanisms of international infrastructure and top-down scientific-technological progress within developing nations, as needed to replace the present, actually failed system of globalization. This can not be accomplished by wealth-sharing, under the present conditions of general, and deep contraction and collapse of the economies of North America and throughout Europe; but *only through the mechanisms of long-term, cheap credit, under a global fixed-exchange-rate system.*

In this picture, Russia has a crucial role as a nation with advanced scientific-technological capabilities, of which the most conspicuous potential is located in the development of the region of central and northern Asia in ways needed for a top-down development of the regional Biosphere and Noösphere. This development of Russia is crucial for the world as



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a whole., but this would depend, inclusively on the potentials, which could be accomplished only within the framework of a global fixed-exchange-rate system. That is the presently necessary physical-capital precondition for assured long-term raw materials supplies, using approaches not generally available to the Asia nations without the role of Russia in this essential way.

This role for Russia is combined with its function as a key element of an active economic infrastructural bridge of development, and of very high-speed ground mass-transportation between Europe and East and South Asia, through Central Asia.

C. A View of Asia and Its Cultures

In this picture, the future of Asia, depends upon exposing and dumping what has become, of late, an unscientific, sentimental view of certain alleged beauties of Asian culture which, it is hoped and believed, are now, if only allegedly, about to be unleashed, to supersede the centuries-long domination of the planet by European culture. That sentimental view as expressed by some in Asia, as also outside, is a wishful, implicitly cultural-suicidal delusion.

We have several actual, historical cases of notable economic achievements in Asia. Japan was the first Asian nation to embrace the American System of political-economy, beginning 1877, then under the influence of Henry C. Carey's representative E. Peshine Smith. South Korea's recent decades of development is notable on similar accounts. The Philippines, prior to its crushing, increasingly, under changes, including coups d'état, dictated from the U.S.A. during the

1970s and 1980s, and beyond, was premised upon the American model associated with the role of the MacArthurs. In most of the remainder of Asia, unfortunately, the Asian model still prevails for the populations as a whole.

For example, the developments in China, since the days of Nixon, Kissinger, and George H.W. Bush, have been impressive, as far as they have reached vertically, and to some significant degree sideways. However, the greatly overrated economic power usually attributed currently to both of these leading nations of Asia, China and India, is revealed as a deadly misapprehension of reality, if—and when—we examine the causes for the perpetuation of savage poverty among, for example, approximately seventy percent of the population of modern India, still today. In China, for example, the U.S. sponsorship of supply to the U.S. by Chinese producers, has been strategically crafted to set certain limits on the degree to which China acquires an integrated set of actually independent economic capabilities. In both cases, we are confronted, in effect, by a Classic form of the economic folly of what is called "primitive accumulation."

The ability of China and India to dump increasing volumes of sales of their tangible and intangible product on the world's market for globalization, has been a medium-term advantage, but, for the long term, is an engine of generation of political and socially deadly crises of expectation within those nations, with possible, resulting, social explosions, among the great majority of virtually all of the nations of continental Asia. The nations of Asia, to the degree they are afforded the opportunity to do so, are permitted, currently, to perform rites of virtual human economic sacrifice upon the

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majority of the population of the respective nations, an arrangement called development, in order to meet the price and related requirements of the grossly mismanaged, and currently collapsing North American and European internal markets. At this moment, that pattern of development, and predatory looting by relevant financier interests, represents a cumulative, looming, immediate, potential disaster for the planet as a whole, with special, shocking effects now looming for Asia.

Therefore, the immediate threat is, that the presently almost inevitable general breakdown-crisis of economies of North America and Europe, will mean an immediate collapse of the markets for the export products of Asia. Virtually no existing government of Asia could withstand, politically, the protracted conditions of that scope and depth, unless it were to make the paradoxical implications of recent patterns of economic development clear to its population, that it both recognizes this near-term trend, and is prepared to deal with it constructively.

In other words, this internal social-economic bomb within virtually all Asian cultures today, is a reflection of the existence of forms of society from which the efficient application of the natural-law principle of promotion of the general wel-

fare has not been, and is not currently operative. This deadly state of current affairs, is a product of what has been the general trend, of differences in trend of relations between modern European and Asian cultures, since the point of great take-off of European civilization with the Fifteenth-Century European Renaissance centered on the great ecumenical Council of Florence.

The source of this paradoxical situation is fairly identified as reflecting a traditional failure in Asian civilizations, relative to modern European civilizations. It reflects an Asian tradition which has been richly exploited by Anglo-Dutch Liberal and related colonial and imperialist interests, a mode of exploitation which is sometimes promoted through the Liberals' playing upon a point of false pride among some Asians about the legacy of Asian culture. Since Europe's Seventeenth Century, the Dutch and British India Companies, together with their Portuguese and Spanish instruments, led in setting the trend for colonialist looting of what we view in retrospect, today, as the "developing sector." This looting, and associated mass murder and other repression, has been cruel, but it is not the principal active factor in sustaining, and worsening of the presently prevalent poverty of that victimized sector.

The principal factor, recently, has become, increasingly, the inherent complicity, presently, of Asian and other cultures of victimized regions, in shaping their own fate, a complicity derived from the lack of an efficient Asian commitment to that principle of the general welfare, which is a principle rooted in efforts of ancient Greek culture's Pythagoreans, Solon, Socrates, and Plato, a principle which established the modern sovereign form of nation-state, during Europe's Fifteenth Century.

Since the Death of FDR

The guilt of Asian and other nations since the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, has been their induced submission to the prevalent pressure on them, that, if they wished kind treatment from the Anglo-Dutch Liberals and the Liberals' U.S. accomplices, nations from the second, third, and lower tiers of power were advised not to adopt the practice of the model represented by Roosevelt's more efficient commitment to the promotion of the principle of the general welfare.

The role of the U.S.A. in betraying Jawaharlal Nehru, even during the period of the U.S. Kennedy Administration, in tolerating the British promotion of the warfare between India and China, in the break-up of the Bandung Conference efforts, and in the London-centered shock-devaluation of the rupee, all during the 1960s, is typical. The crushing of the nationalist economic-development impulses in Asia (as in Africa) by the Anglo-American powers, in the name of combatting forces denounced as actual or potential Soviet accomplices, is exemplary.

Take the case of what happened with the death of Franklin Roosevelt, when the personal alliance of Roosevelt's successor, Harry Truman, with post-war nuclear-war-maker Winston Churchill, prompted the U.S.A. and Anglo-Dutch interests to launch a bloody reversal of Franklin Roosevelt's intention for a decolonized world. This case is exemplary, with ugly consequences up to the present day.

The same U.S. and Anglo-Dutch Liberal policy of repression is fully in operation, still today. The sum of the lesson of that experience is, that the allies of the Anglo-American financier cartel-interests, used the occasion of Franklin Roosevelt's death, to impose upon the U.S.A. the role of the leading responsible, as enforcer, for crushing those impulses in the former colonized world for establishing systems of government efficiently committed to bringing the modern European principle of promotion of the general welfare into the conduct of their own independent governments, their own social systems.

All contributing factors taken into account, the crucial issue is the failure to establish the efficient application of the principle of the general welfare, the principle of *agapē*, in what had been the colonial and semi-colonial regions of the world.

What was done to the Mexico of President José López Portillo during the Summer and Autumn of 1982, is typical

of the crimes which the U.S.A., like the Anglo-Dutch Liberals proper, has perpetrated against the humanity of the so-called "developing sector," as they are attempting with ferocity, today, with complicity of the IMF and World Bank, inside the U.S.A. and western Europe itself.

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The only true progress of society, is reflected in its physical, rather than monetary economy. It is reflected, obviously, in the increase of the productive powers of labor, as measured in physical (rather than monetary) terms, per capita, and per square kilometer of total national territory. The delusion is, that although, regrettably, the mass of gross poverty, illiteracy, and disease is still rampant, the bettering of the incomes and social condition of some large minority of the population will, as President Herbert Hoover's campaign propaganda vowed, "trickle down" from the relatively rich, to the eventual advantage of the relatively poor.

Perhaps less obvious to contemporary opinion, the fact is that about half of the total real cost of production in any healthy modern economy, is represented, contrary to typical British economists' lies, by investments in the public sector, in basic economic infrastructure. That is to say, that the physical productivity of a national economy, per capita and per

square kilometer, is not determined solely by the direct employment of technology in production of commodities; rather, the effective productive powers of labor are multiplied by the interaction between the technology of production and the technological effect of the degree of development of basic economic infrastructure.

Since the 1970s, in particular, the Anglo-Dutch Liberal imperial financier-oligarchical interests, have utilized the floating-exchange-rate system to promote some large-scale infrastructure programs, but without balancing this debt against development of the nation's means to carry the debt. Since 1971-1972, and especially since 1981, through a combination of such approaches to great projects, combined with the pure swindle of the way in which the Liberal interests manage international currency and debt markets, to wreck and loot trusting nations, and to lure a pro-oligarchical financial minority within the victim nations to promote such modes of ruin of not only the great majority of the population, but the transformation of formerly sovereign nations into what are classed as "failed states."

The case of Mexico, since August-October 1982, is one of the clearest cases of wrecking a once stable and growing republic, by means of such swindles as that against which then President José López Portillo complained in his celebrated October address to the United Nations Organization. The looting of Argentina, of Peru, of Ecuador, of Bolivia, and the targetting now of Brazil by interests associated with the Bank of Scotland's accomplice, the Bank Santander, by the World Wildlife Fund, and with the participation of the Moon organization, are typical of this continuing pattern.

The Delusion of 'Primitive Accumulation'

Essentially, relative to the mistaken, even incompetent, socialist criticism of capitalism's imperial tendencies, the correct view of the matter of modern imperialism as such is limited to a handful of relevant economists, including Rosa Luxemburg's 1913 publication of her *The Accumulation of Capital*, E. Preobrazhensky's Soviet study of primitive accumulation, and U.S. State Department veteran Herbert Feis's work, are most notable cases of reference for judging Luxemburg's differences with the British, German, and Russian socialists of her time. While there are understandable errors in Luxemburg's work, including her credulous acceptance of Marx's definition of value, these were errors partly of political accommodation to the social-democratic movement of which she had chosen to be a part. However, the kernel of her argument, on this point of imperialism, against both Marx and the contemporary socialists of her time, is relevant here and now, especially so when considering the largely still unresolved systemic errors of Soviet policies on this account.¹⁹

19. Notably, Rosa Luxemburg's father was a central figure of the Yiddish Renaissance-centered Enlightenment, and thus among the followers of Moses Mendelssohn in eastern Europe. She was sometimes fairly described as

Frankly, as she emphasizes, Karl Marx was systemically wrong in his arguments relevant to this subject, V.I. Lenin was flatly wrong, as were the Social-Democrats generally. Lenin was famously diligent in his respect for statistics, but often, as in this case, did not understand the significance of the data he was referencing. It was, as Luxemburg and Feis coincide on this point, international financial loans, not the export of real industrial capital, which has been the origin of all notable European forms of imperialism since the millennia of the operations of the ancient financier oligarchy associated with the Delphi cult, the ancient Roman Empire, the *ultra-montane* system of international usury practiced by the Venetian-Norman alliance, and the spin-off of the modern Venetian system, as by the economy of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal system, since the latter's birth as the "Venetian Party" of northern Europe, the latter around the figure of the tyrannical brutes known as William of Orange and most among his Hanoverian successors.

The pervasive incompetencies, which still linger, a decade and a half after 1989, on the subject of economics, among leading Marxists and kindred commentators, has been rooted principally in the delusion that modern political-economy is based, "scientifically," on the British model of Locke, Mandeville, Adam Smith, et al. Karl Marx's delusion, that the British Haileybury model of such as Quesnay, Smith, and Ricardo, was, despite all faults, the only "scientific" basis for a theory of modern economy, including socialist economy, should remind us of the subject of the "spoon-benders." Marx was right, in assuming that the prevalent European system was based in practice on the supremacy of the Anglo-Dutch Liberal financier-oligarchical interest; but he was deluded when he went further than that, to deny—out of nothing but the induced hysteria fostered in him by sources such as his sometime controller, Britain's Frederick Engels—the work of Hamilton, the Careys, and Friedrich List. Consequently, the socialists and others dated the birth of modern imperialism, foolishly, to the late Nineteenth Century, and sought to explain its existence as a natural outgrowth of the formation of industrial finance capital.²⁰

This delusion of the Marxists and the like gained a powerful ideological foothold, in what have become known during

"the only man" among the social-democratic leadership of western and central Europe of that time. Her murder marked what can be seen in retrospect as coinciding with, and integral to the post-war birth of Nazism within Germany at that time. Criticize her theory as you may, she had a first-rate intellect and passion for truth, as most of her rivals for leadership, especially the despicable British Foreign Office asset, and 1920s proto-fascist Parvus-Help-hand, did not.

20. Similarly, Marx, like his sometime controller Engels, had neither comprehension, nor regard for the revolutionary issues of physical science which were rocking the leading circles of continental Europe during his adult lifetime. Despite some brilliant insights into some matters, he had descended a long way from the essay he wrote for Wyttenbach, the head of his secondary school, before leaving his parental home in Trier for that university at Bonn where he fell into the follies of his generation there at that time.

most recent generations as “Third World,” or “developing” nations. That popularized ideological delusion, has provided a putative exculpation of much done by those in developing nations who have served as virtual “compradores” in the interest of their nations’ international creditors. Lately, those streams of popularized intellectual delusion, have contributed much to the wishful assumption that the world is now at the verge of the rise of the “Asian model” as the successor to the model of Europe and the U.S.A.

The facts are directly contrary to such putative pro-“Third World” delusions.

As I have written and argued otherwise over decades, the advantage of European civilization, relative to Asia, for example, is essentially twofold. Contrary to much rationalization encountered from various parts of the world today, and prior to the plunge into cultural decadence typified by the ’68ers, the advantage which modern European civilization had gained, relative to the persisting relative backwardness of the practices of the cultures of other parts of the world, was the adoption of the principle of natural law known variously as that principle of *agapē*, the common good, and the promotion of that principle of the general welfare which is the absolute foundation of the constitutional form of government of the U.S.A. This is the same principle more poorly served, but nonetheless an acknowledged principle of natural law, in virtually all European nations, still today, in those nations in which government is under the thumb of the private, Venetian-style, financier-oligarchical interests represented by so-called “independent” central-banking systems, such as the current institution of the European Central Bank.

Leibniz’s investigations into the ancient science of China, and Tilak’s more recent emphasis on viewing the culture of India from the vantage-points of the known high points of the Vedic and preceding cultures of central and north Asia, put into perspective the wrong-headedness of the frankly hysterical efforts to trace the progressive evolution of culture from Mesopotamia. The degeneration of European culture under the force of corruption represented by Delphi, Tyre, Rome, and the medieval *ultramontane* system, had often left a contemporary European culture behind, as the high points of the scientific and related development of the Baghdad Caliphate and Ibn Sina attest, and as the high points of culture in India and China prior to the sinking of both China’s fleet and cultural advances, also attest.

The leading current of specifically European scientific and cultural thought came into the ancient Greece of Thales, Solon, the Pythagoreans, Socrates, and Plato, by way of the long-accumulated scientific and other progress of Egypt. It was that progress within that Classical Greece, which was turned back, under such Delphic and related corrupting reductionists and related influences, as the hallmarks of that relative moral decadence of Attica which led into the Peloponnesian War. From the rise of Rome, through medieval European times, European systems of government were, culturally, no

better than also-rans among known cultures of the world at that time, until the revolutionary turn upwards with the Fifteenth-Century, Florence-centered Renaissance. It was the Fifteenth-Century adoption of the principle of the general welfare (the *agapē* of the Socrates of Plato’s *Republic*) as the highest law of statecraft, as expressed by the leading role of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa in statecraft and physical science, which made the difference for modern Europe thereafter, up to the present time.

This principle of the general welfare existed in the Classical Greek tradition of European civilization, but was opposed by the “Asian-like” culture of the oligarchical cult of Delphi and its principal offshoot, Lycurgan Sparta. The principle of the general welfare had been expressed by the reform conducted at Athens, under the leadership of Solon, and had been codified, for the law of statecraft, as a system of government in the *Republic* and other dialogues of Plato, as by the epistles of the Christian Apostle Paul and leadership of the Christian community through most of that century by the Apostle John.

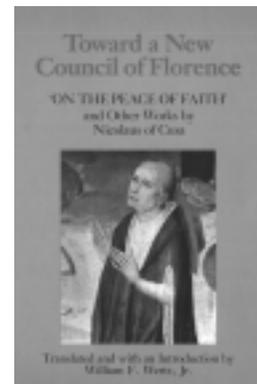
At the time of Plato, the principal enemies of the constitutional principle of *agapē* had been the Achaemenid Empire, Tyre, and the Apollo (i.e., Olympian Zeus) cult at Delphi. Actual states based on that “general welfare” principle of natural law, did not exist until the successive events of the Fifteenth-Century’s great ecumenical Council of Florence, and the formation of the first true nation-states, Louis XI’s

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France and Henry VII's England. It was the overturn of the tyranny of the intrinsically Romantic, Aristotelean dogma, by the work of that Council at that time, and associated with it since then, coinciding with a great revival of the Classical heritage of ancient Greece and the Christian Apostles. It was that heritage, mediated through the Greek and western Europe participants in the preparation and proceedings of that Council, which defined the essential, principled distinctions of modern European civilization.

Once we acknowledge, that events such as Grand Inquisitor Tomás de Torquemada's expulsion of the Jews from Spain, and the launching of religious warfare, throughout Europe, evils pivoted upon the influence of Venice's Habsburg asset, were, combined, as virtual expressions of "a Satan's arising to attempt to gain back his empire," of the Roman and *ultramontane* systems. We today, if we are intelligent and honest, must acknowledge the fact, that the systemic conflicts within modern Europe since 1492, are to be recognized as the conflicts between forces committed to the constitutional natural-law principle of the common good, and those monsters, merely typified by Grand Inquisitor Tomás de Torquemada, who are of a contrary, often pro-fascist disposition, still today.²¹

Once we are clear on the truth about the great internal conflicts, including Habsburg-led religious wars, of European culture since the 1492 expulsion of the Jews from Spain, we are situated to appreciate the reasons for the both the superiority of the economic culture of modern European civilization over the typical social practice of Asian culture, and also the nature of the corrupting factors inside modern Europe, which have contributed to the relative downfall of European culture today. We should conclude from that knowledge, that the need of the world today, is to bring the nations of Asia into a sharing of that advantage, the principle of the general welfare, a principle whose evasion is the great curse of mankind within, and between, modern European and Asian civilizations.

D. The Division of Labor Among Nations

The entirety of the planet is now gripped by the terminal phase of a general collapse of the existing world financial-monetary systems. No recovery of the world's economy would ever occur within the framework of that This latter has been successfully accomplished in all of Eastern Europe thus far, system. The choice is between a new financial-monetary system, or a prolonged, planetary new dark age for all of humanity.

21. It is notable, to be emphasized again, in this context, that the Torquemada who launched the ensuing wave of religious warfare of the 1492-1648 interval, was the model adopted by the Martinist Count Joseph de Maistre for the instruction of his candidate for Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte. This Napoleon was echoed by his nephew of similar inclinations, Napoleon III, and was the model for the crafting of the personality of Adolf Hitler by the heirs of de Maistre, the financier-directed Synarchist International. Hitler's persecution of the Jews is, thus, a specific legacy of Torquemada.

The only available ordinary solution for this state of affairs, is to salvage a new system from the wreckage of the old, by putting the present system through forms of action, by sovereign governments, under which those governments take control over the financial systems through immediate and comprehensive reorganization in bankruptcy. This is no innovation in U.S. fundamental law, since the U.S. Federal Constitution's restriction on the authority for creating national currency and public debt, already prescribes, implicitly, a system of banks which are, implicitly, under the control of a principle of national banking. Indeed, some of the greatest mischief to the U.S. economy, was done in instances such as banker, and Aaron Burr successor, Martin van Buren's stooge, Andrew Jackson, in the wrecking of the U.S. National Bank to the advantage of the van Buren land-bank swindle which ruined the U.S. economy in the crisis of 1837.

In fact, that is the only sane choice at hand, since the most urgent matter of human interest generally, is to maintain the orderly, continued functions of the most essential physical and related administrative components of the national and world systems. The greatest immediate danger is that of chaos. Continuity of essential physical functions, is indispensable. Therefore, we must not let the crash happen; we must "crash it" in a controlled fashion, while it remains barely possible, politically speaking, to do so today.

Specifically, were the attempt made, to manage the U.S. banking and related crises by the radically wild-eyed monetarist methods of the Alan Greenspan regime at the Federal Reserve, a general, hyperinflationary explosion, followed by a probable deflationary collapse, would virtually wipe out the U.S. financial-monetary system. Only the cessation of monetarist measures and philosophies would enable the United States to escape the presently looming threat of a general breakdown-crisis comparable to the experience of 1923 Weimar Germany. What must be done, rather than feeding already hyperinflationary markets, during the very short term, with more and more of Alan Greenspan's hyperinflationary, monetary fuel, is to base credit on locked-in, long-term investments in physical capital formation. This can be done only through the use of state credit, and congruent long-term treaty agreements among nations, as prescribed either explicitly, or implicitly by the U.S. Constitution.

This long-term credit may be supplied for domestic long-term infrastructure and related developments, and through the additional measure of bundling of long-term tariff-and-trade agreements among nations, at modest, compound-interest-free rates. The use of non-compound-interest, low rates will be supported by the consideration that no alternative actually exists to programs based on such forms of nested sets of private and governmental long-term agreements.

There are no short-term, simple solutions within the framework of such an urgently needed reorganization. All essential policy-decisions governing the reorganization of institutions and affairs must be long-term decisions. Short-term decisions are required, of course, but they must be taken as

implementation of the governing higher authority and intentions of long-term policy-actions.

“Long-term” has two most general implications. First, a long-term regard for the past, as for the future. Second, in each direction, we must look, and act, backward and forward in time, across a span of two generations of about twenty-five years each. These considerations, in both senses of direction, are immediate for all leading nations of Europe and North America.

The objective of the economic policy of this planet must be, in a choice of language of first approximation, to increase the physical powers of reproduction of the human species at the greatest possible sustainable rate, through the promotion and realization of progress in the discovery and application of universal physical principles. This means, in first approximation, the increase of those intellectual powers of the individual which correlate with man’s increased physical power over nature, per capita and per square kilometer of both the surface of the planet as a whole, and within each national territory.

This policy encounters certain constraints of a general type. These constraints can be identified in a preliminary way, as two. First, the power of the individual to act on the physical domain he or she inhabits, and, secondly, the dynamic development of the environment within which the individual acts, such that that environment multiplies the action of the individual, or group of individuals working in concert, to the relatively highest rate of magnification, by that environment, of gain of the action taken by the average individual. This “environment” includes the immediate field of action of the individual, and the larger environment within which the field of action is contained.

These relationships are dynamic, not mechanical, in form and content. This, contrary to the foolish von Neumann and Morgenstern, defines a set of relations in which only a single factor of optimization subsumes all of the functions of the dynamical process of the planet as a whole.

Thus, for example, the supply of capital goods with a long-term life-cycle of one to two generations, to a relatively poor nation, may produce a greater rate of gain, or a cycle of one to two generations, for the planet’s population as a whole, than concentrating on a level of investment in each area which is calculated as a fraction withheld for this purpose from the current income generated within that area. *That means optimizing the distribution of the rate of global investment in infrastructure and technology, with the intent to produce the greatest rate of gain in per-capita productivity, over one to two generations, for the planet as a whole.* Such is the crucial issue of policy posed by the discrepancy between developed regions such as North America and Europe, as compared with the regions of Asia generally.

It is not a matter of dividing the current income of the planet for a leveling effect. That policy would actually lower the rate of gain for the human race as a whole. The policy must be the greatest rate of gain through optimization of the

relations among 1.) The development of the individual person. 2.) The increase of the rate of improvement of productivity implicit in the opportunities for expression of that development. 3.) The amplification of the improved productive potential supplied by the development of the individual and the household, by the dynamic factor of technology and product design. 4.) The amplification of the improved productive potential of the combined individual development and productive technology, through improvement in the density and quality of basic economic infrastructure.

The role of national economy in promoting this kind of optimum, is centered in the extension of long-term credit for investments in qualitative improvements of basic economic infrastructure and productive technology. Such investments have a typical life-cycle centered on the range of one to two generations of approximately twenty-five years each. This dynamic “formula” for investments must be adapted to the distribution of the development of the natural resources of the planet, a development oriented, predominantly, to the needs of 1.) The planet as a whole; and, 2.) The region.

For example. It is wasteful to haul a low-value raw material, petroleum, all over the world, rather than using it, generally, as a raw material of production of semi-finished product near its place of extraction, while using high-temperature nuclear reactors and processes of characteristically higher orders of “energy flux-density,” such as thermonuclear fusion, to generate hydrogen-based fuels locally in the vicinity served by relevant central power-generating facilities.²²

For example, the development of populated regions to be associated with the development and intermediate products of materials, such as minerals extracted from the Biosphere’s fossils, within the regions, such as the shields, where such resources are concentrated.

For example, to reverse the lunatic practice of consolidating production and related economic activity within selected regions, thus shrinking the portion of the area of the U.S.A. which is still productive. This insane trend in policy of practice, prevalent in the U.S.A., and elsewhere, since the 1971-1972 radical changes for the worst in the world’s monetary system, must be reversed to the effect of increasing the average productivity per square kilometer, by increasing the productivity in all areas.

It is notable, that we must study animated representations of the process of willfully induced economic and social collapse of areas of the state of Louisiana, in particular, which were hit by the effects of Katrina. The trends in national U.S. economic policy over more than three decades, have been destroying the U.S.A., its economy, and the security of its people.

22. This illustrates the importance of the point made earlier, concerning the hoax of Clausius, Grassman, Kelvin et al., in their fraudulent, mechanistic misconception of “energy.” What is referred to as “energy,” is not a scalar, not a linear function; it expresses a measurable effect of a process, not a universal physical principle.

So, our proper policy for economic development, is a top-down, rather than a bottom-up one, from within to outside, perspective. We must adopt a dynamic approach to economic and social policy-shaping, rather than what has shown itself to be the frankly lunatic policy-trend associated with the pioneering role of Zbigniew Brzezinski's Trilateral Commission.

Since much of the basic economic infrastructure of the planet, especially in the formerly developed regions of Europe and North America, reflects a state of affairs which came into existence during a time between a half- to quarter-century ago, before the savagely destructive effects of the shift to both a "post-industrial, services" economy, and "globalization," the foundation of present to future development is found largely in developments in effect a half- to quarter-century to come. This means that, between the functional significance of that past and that future, a century of time will have elapsed. Thus, only people who think efficiently in dynamic, rather than mechanistic "models," and who think in terms of, both, up to a half-century's foundations of the present, and a half-century's consequence of what we do, or fail to do today, are competent policy-shapers.

On this account, the internal development of Eurasia, is now the center of economic and related activity of the planet as a whole. This Eurasian orientation provides the benchmark for the integration of the activities of the world as a whole.

This implies a system of long-term treaty agreements on

credit for physical capital improvements, and forward repayments, over an immediate period of a half-century to come. In this, Russia represents a pivotal region which is functionally essential to the development of Eurasia as a whole, and, consequently, also the planet as a whole.

E. A New Conception of Man

Look at the U.S.A.'s, presently Rumsfeld-Cheney-cued "spoon-bender" phenomenon from the circles of those such as those of U.S. General Boykin et al. Regard them justly as functionally insane, morally as well as otherwise, in a very particular sense of the term "insane."

First, they are obviously insane, because the essential feature of the belief which defines them, is purely delusional, as the criminal impulses among certain "fundamentalist" varieties of religious fanatics illustrate the same point. Both the "spoon-benders" and the religious fanatics of the "fundamentalist" variety are dangerous, precisely because they have rejected, categorically, accountability for the real-world consequences of bringing the effects of their delusional belief into the real world of practice.

The danger they represent, their intrinsic criminality, does not lie in the mere proof that their opinions are in error. The problem which carries them from mere compulsive error into virtual or actual criminality, is that they reject, systemically, any evidence of the error of their actions, that on the basis of the assumption that any belief which contradicts the impulse behind the continuation of that action is wrong, for the presumed sufficient reason that it contradicts the errant compulsion behind that impulse. They do not judge the impulse by its effects; they judge the universe by the standard of that impulse. The most criminal of mass-insanities are those forms of mass social behavior which are regulated by that kind of standard.

However, that aspect of their insanity does not reach the core of the problem which they represent. Their lunacy is a product and symptom of their more essential insanity.

The Case of the Fundamentally Insane

Take, as a clinical example, the typical case of that variety of lunatic who regards himself, or herself as a "Christian Fundamentalist."

Jesus Christ of Nazareth is beyond doubt an historical figure. Among the Jews of the time of his mortal life, he was among the forces of opposition to the tyranny of the occupying imperial Roman forces and their Jewish "Quislings." He was the victim of a judicial murder, killed by a form of execution, crucifixion, which was the privilege of the Roman Emperor, in this instance the Tiberius resident on the Isle of Capri. The order was given by Tiberius' son-in-law, the Procurator of Judea. The witnesses of Christ's mission included, directly, the Apostle John who lived to the age of approximately ninety years, and held the authority, for the Christians, comparable to that of a living Pope.

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We know the systemic characteristics of the doctrine of Christianity chiefly through the work of the Apostles John and Paul. All of the essential theological and related features of the doctrines of the known writings of John and Paul are in accord with the method of Plato, as the case of the *Timaeus* goes to the heart of these theological matters most directly,

The entire history of the Roman Empire, from Tiberius and Pontius Pilate to the end, is not only wound up with Christianity as a foe of that empire, before and after Constantine, as the issues of the dispute at the Nicene council affirm this. When we consider the known issues of history, law, and so forth against this background, the way in which the expression of the cardinal theological conceptions of ideas are crafted, most emphatically those associated with the texts of John and Paul, we have the means for achieving a personal insight to the living John, Paul, and Jesus Christ which has the assured veracity of a discovery of a fundamental principle of science. That Jesus Christ, so known, is known beyond doubt, that, with much credit to John and Paul, with the same quality of scientific certainty applicable for appreciation of the cases of the work, both valid and not so valid, of great scientific discoverers, for what those Apostles have presented him to be, as we were standing next to him.

Disagreements respecting the observance of that knowledge exist, and are reasonable differences shared among persons of ecumenical good will. Nicholas of Cusa's *De Pace Fidei* is typical of the relevant rule for such matters.

The so-called "fundamentalist" of the lunatic variety proximate to the "spoon-benders," rejects the certainties of the historically known Jesus Christ, in order to concoct something akin to the wildest of the popular, pro-Satanic fairy-tale myths circulating among the pathetically credulous of today. By inventing a Jesus who did not exist, as a replacement for the Jesus we know as an historical actuality at the center of European history since his crucifixion, the "fundamentalist" variety of lying sophist makes up whatever nonsensical attributions to Christianity which he might find comfortably consoling to his delusion.

The case of Grand Inquisitor Torquemada, as represented insightfully within Dostoevsky's novel, is typical of the frankly Satanic quality from which the contemporary "fundamentalist fanatics" are derived, complete with their pro-Satanic desires for religious warfare. Reality does not touch them; for them, what is real is whatever does not contradict their lunatic beliefs. On that account, they are to be considered as tantamount to dangerous, homicidal psychotics.

The Straussian "end of history" freaks, such as Francis Fukuyama, the neo-conservatives generally, even the current President of the U.S.A., are such dangerous freaks. For that President, what he chooses to profess to believe is true, no matter what the contrary evidence, simply because he chooses to profess to believe it. That is clearly tantamount to a deadly expression of psychosis.

Back to the 'Spoon-Benders'

The type of criminal insanity just identified has a, yet broader, commonplace contemporary echo in the existentialist form of sophistry popularized among the Baby-Boomer generation, the form of sophistry associated with the typical ideologues of the Congress for Cultural Freedom. Remember that the "Frankfurt School's" Hannah Arendt, the special friend of Nazi anti-semitic ideologue Martin Heidegger, was distinguished for her promotion of the doctrine, which she attributed, with considerable justification, to Immanuel Kant, of the non-existence of knowable truth.

Heinrich Heine, who denounced Kant on this basis, in Heine's first edition of his *Religion and Philosophy in Germany*, made that warning against Kantian pragmatism. During World War II, for example, Heine's treatment of Kant was studied, in connection with a republication of his book, for its importance as defining a precedent for the kind of doctrine practiced in Nazi Germany. This is not inconsistent with existentialist dogma in general. Later, after the war, that element of Heine's work was fraudulently suppressed by some contemporary German and other victims of a wishful devotion to the sophistries of the dead Kant.

Notably, in attempting to understand whence the "spoon-bender" variety of what are known otherwise as "chickenhawks," such as Vice-President Cheney and President George W. Bush,²³ or the "neo-conservatives" typified by the followers of the Nazis' "Crown Jurist" Carl Schmitt's former protégé Professor Leo Strauss, the first place to look for insight into the "spoon-bender" mentality, is post-World War II "science fiction." Focus attention chiefly on the network of fanatical, professed "neo-Ockhamites," such as those associated with a periodical named *Astounding Science Fiction*, for clues pointing counterintelligence specialists toward broader connections and implications of that cult.

The science-fiction-oriented, pro-Ockhamite "spoon-bender," is a dangerous lunatic in any meaningful sense of that classification. It is to be noted that the medieval Ockham was the explicitly adopted philosopher of the founder, Paolo Sarpi, of the new "Venetian Party" from which the Anglo-Dutch Liberals' own Eighteenth-Century Venetian Party sprang. This was also known as the root from which the "Enlightenment" sprang. The mentality of Sarpi's house-lackey, Galileo, of Galileo's pupil Thomas Hobbes, of Descartes, Locke, Abbé Antonio Conti, Hume, Mandeville, Quesnay, Turgot, Adam Smith, Bentham, et al., were all products of Sarpi's revival of the Ockham cult. The "little green men from outside the universe, under the floorboards," is the characteristic feature of the Ockham tradition, and of the empiricist method which was premised upon it. The way in which the Liberal philosophers spawned imaginary creatures from out-

23. But for dubious technicalities respecting his nominal onshore National Guard duties, "W" is a "chickenhawk," like Cheney, in every sense of the customary intent of the term.



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The first place to look for insight into the spoon-bender mentality, is post-World War II "science fiction." Here, paraphernalia of the "Star Trek" cult floods today's consumer marketplace.

side the universe to explain the way things happen, is precisely the mentality of the "spoon-bender" and the dangerous varieties of "religious fundamentalist" fanatics.

In the instances of such Cartesians as Locke, Mandeville, Quesnay, Adam Smith, et al., entire books and more were devoted to pushing the same particular piece of dope which I have identified from the work of Mandeville, Quesnay, and Adam Smith. Those "Classical" empiricists limited themselves to a handful of specific pieces of such lunacy, to a particular imputation of the entity which allegedly controlled man's fate from outside the actual universe, from "under the floorboards of reality," so to speak. With the cult of "science fiction" pioneered by the dubious and cultish Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's propaganda tract, *Frankenstein*, against a leading scientist, Benjamin Franklin, a radical change was introduced. Instead of seeking to explain away actually real effects as the work of some dubious creature under the floorboards, fantastic, nonexisting universes of effects yet-unseen were invented, as the case of post-World War II *Astounding Science Fiction* illustrates this point, and the blatantly ideological voyages of the "Enterprise" do. The import was to bewitch the dupe of such entertainments into the wishful expectation of the imminent appearance of unseen tangible universes which were thus believed to have lurked, like President Herbert Hoover's "chicken in the pot" (more, like, actually, pot in the chicken) "just around the next corner" of the neo-Ockhamite eye.

Thus we have the all too typical American "Christian Zionist," of the kill-the-child-to-save-the-foetus cult, lusting for the day he can become the ruler of Palestine, when he can,

therefore, Torquemada-style, launch the *pogrom* to kill every Jew in sight who resists conversion.

Against such homicidal lunacy as those, there is an essential alternative, whose adoption would represent, for current practice, a new conception of man.

The essential evil of empiricism and its modern positivist and "religious-fundamentalist" offshoots, is expressed by the ignorant individual's belief in the absolute authority of sense-certainty. Thus, what every Texas barroom philosopher would kill to defend, his brutish, materialist's faith in sense-certainty, is actually, as I have indicated here earlier, a way of defending his underlying deeply religious faith in the existence of unearthly powers ruling his universe from "under the floorboards" of reality.

The mechanisms of such ideological perversions work as follows.

By insisting that he knows nothing except the evidence of sense-experience, he creates for himself the problem that such evidence, by itself, does not explain the way in which the universe actually works. Thus, he believes in the efficacy of something beyond comprehension by means of sense-certainty. He is susceptible of being induced to believe in a substitute for sense-certainty, called statistics. Thus, he views himself as a mere animal, and, worse, views his neighbor as like a mere dog, or an object of the hunt.

This pathological state of susceptibility is the normal consequence of the doctrines of Aristotle, on the one hand, and also the empiricism of Paolo Sarpi and Sarpi's Anglo-Dutch Liberal followers.

Vernadsky's emphasis on the physical evidence of the



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existence of the principled universal phase-spaces of the Biosphere and Noösphere, impels the clear-headed thinker to recognize the significance of the fact that the Biosphere is defined by a principle of life external to the Biosphere itself, and that the Noösphere is defined by a principle external to itself. In the latter case, it is the sovereign creative power unique to the individual human mind, a power which does not exist as a principle contained within the Biosphere, a power which does not exist as a principle contained within the Noösphere, either.

Thus, the experience of the senses is not the real universe. What we sense are the shadows which the real universe casts upon our mental powers of sense-perception. It is by the methods employed by Kepler, for example, to discover universal gravitation, that the individual human mind is enabled to define, and to employ willfully, principles which are not directly accessible to the senses, but principles whose efficient existence is experimentally undeniable and whose application is efficient in a unique way.

This means, that the human individual reaches the level of true sanity only with "the intimation of immortality," with the recognition that the human personality is associated with creative mental powers, typified by the personality of Kepler, and the Apostles John and Paul, which act through the mortal, biological individual, which are of a higher order of existence than the biological entity through which their nature is expressed as, therefore, immortal.

What distinguishes man from the beasts, is the quality which is expressed, among other ways, by the power of discovering and willfully employing a universal physical principle. This is distinct from inductive argument from experience, as by Cartesian, mechanistic methods. This knowledge locates the existence, the personal identity, of the human individual in relationship to those powers which are typified by the efficient use, and transmission, of ideas, as Plato defines ideas, which are manifestly powers of mankind in and over

the universe, ideas of the form typified by Kepler's discovery of universal gravitation, or the implications of Fermat's discovery of the refutation of the simplistic, linear conception of physical time, in the experimental demonstration of a universal principle of quickest time through experiments in refraction.

It is the transmission of the experience of those ideas, as Plato defines ideas, which is the expression of the true personal identity of the human individual.

Thus, for the person who has discovered what it means to be actually human, rather than someone's pet animal (such as a more or less, merely temporary selection of an object called a husband or wife, or the equivalent substitute), it is the expression of these creative powers of mind, as typified in expression by fundamental scientific discoveries, or their equivalent in the domain of practice of Classical modes in artistic composition. To act merely in service of what one has learned, does not, in itself, lift the human individual above the level of a beast swapping opinions in a Texas existentialist's barroom. The discovery, and promotion of the benefits of universal ideas, such as universal physical principles akin to Kepler's discovery of gravitation, is not a means to an end; it is the end, which must be served by the means.

The actually human individual, does not learn a scientific discovery of such principles, for the sake of the practical advantage it may afford him personally. He, or she, discovers and uses such principles "because they exist." He, or she acts for the purpose of enjoying the process of creative improvements in the human condition through the means of such discovery. Our essential social relations then become the relationship of our own individual creative powers to the work of other creative minds, past, present, and future.

Rather, therefore, than argue in favor of scientific and technological progress on merely practical grounds; recognize that we must do that, as the greatest Classical composers, such as Bach and Beethoven, have done, because it exists to be done. We do that, because it would be less than human, not to do so, for that reason alone, in that way. It is that passion, so defined, which sets the truly human being apart from that humanoid who is defined by the fact that he has yet to be consumed by that higher quality of motivation which is the only specifically human motivation.

It is human beings motivated, and developed in that way, which move the universe, and the condition of all mankind along an upward course, away from bestiality. It is persons of that adopted, developed nature, who are the indispensable instruments of the progress of mankind, and of the universe. For that mission, we, as personalities of more than flesh, have been made to exist as an immortal part of the universe, through the medium of our mortality. We have one mortal life; wisdom, in economy and other matters, is to spend it wisely.

For that reason, needing no other than the love of that mission, that profession, we shall now proceed to build a new Eurasia.

Editorial

The Incoming Tide

As the wall of water broke through the levees down in New Orleans, drowning that city and thousands of our fellow citizens, and as Katrina made its murderous way through the rest of the Gulf Coast region, a political and cultural sea change began to take shape in this nation, one that might prevent a recurrence of a tragedy made dramatically worse by the Bush Administration's gross incompetence and malfeasance. This cultural paradigm-shift may take some time, but that it is under way is the defining reality of the current period.

As Democrat Lyndon LaRouche pointed out, what demolished the Gulf Coast and killed our citizens, was not an act of nature but the product of man's decisions—the decision of the Bush Administration not to act when warned, as the timelines printed in this issue show. But there was a deeper problem that governed those decisions, and previous policy that took down emergency preparedness capabilities and refused to invest in basic infrastructure, even when existing infrastructure was clearly inadequate or in need of replacement.

This nation was created by individuals who saw that government must have a sacred bond with its citizens to act to protect them, to serve the General Welfare of each and all, as the Preamble to our Constitution specifies, and to act on that principle in the interests of the living, and also those who will come after them—and to honor and give meaning to the lives of all those who came before, and on whose shoulders we stand. From this perspective, government is obligated to act in crisis with a sense of urgency, and with all resources at its disposal, to protect all in harm's way; especially those who have no voice or protection but the Federal government.

It was this principle of the General Welfare that Franklin Roosevelt reasserted in leading us to victory over depression and fascism. It was his vision of service to future generations that led to vast programs of infrastructure-building; the cornerstone of New Deal policy that helped guide a prudent, future-oriented investment policy.

In the 60 years since FDR's death, there has been an assault on this principle of the General Welfare. The

New Deal programs of social legislation and economic regulation have been dismantled; the commitment to basic infrastructure is no longer there. All of this has been wrapped up in a cultural attack on the idea of "Big Government," which says that government should get out of the way of people and the "private sector," that it should spend less, tax less, and leave things to the "free market." If people are poor, well, that's their problem; make them work at slave wages, or better yet, let them die off, preferably quietly.

Too many Americans bought into this, on the promise that they might reap some rewards from the speculative orgies unleashed. The Bush Administration came into office committed to the "Final Solution" for the General Welfare problem; they were ready to wipe away every last trace of the FDR program, including even Social Security, preaching radical "free market" lunacies as their justification, no matter how many people might die in this act of political cleansing. It was this commitment that guided their destruction of the FEMA apparatus and its immersion in the incompetent Homeland Security machine; this commitment also caused them to slash funding for public infrastructure that might have saved thousands of lives, plans that were in place and ready to be implemented towards the end of the Clinton Administration.

As the bodies float to the surface in New Orleans, America now sees the result of straying from the FDR concept of government and America's Constitutional commitment to the General Welfare. Clearly, only the Federal government could have met this crisis effectively—but only a Federal government that stood, as FDR did, for the General Welfare.

It is the shock of Katrina that is provoking this widespread realization now, as it is reflected in anger at the Bush regime. That is why LaRouche has said that we are in the middle of a cultural paradigm-shift. The various actions in Congress, both by Democrats and Republicans, are an "incoming tide" that is sweeping people into action; it is a tide that cannot be resisted, except with grave political and physical consequences, for future generations.