

undertones.” Indeed, the Cincinnati speech has Bush warning of a direct nuclear threat to Israel from Saddam Hussein’s “holy warriors.” While this may appear merely fanatic to the ordinary listener, heard through the prism of Darbyism and “End Times” fundamentalism, it carries the weight of Apocalyptic Biblical prophecy.

Darby, a defrocked Anglican priest who was deployed to the United States at the height of the 19th-Century British plot to split the United States with a British-allied Confederacy, preached Christian Zionism. His essay, “The Hopes of the Church of God in Connection With the Destiny of the Jews and the Nations as Revealed in Prophecy,” is only one sampling. Darby is alive and “unwell” today, through the likes of Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell, Christian Coalition creator Pat Robertson, the Religious Roundtables’ Rev. Ed McAteer, and their allies among the supporters of the late Israeli fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky, particularly the Zionists of America (ZOA) group promoted by one of the leading Administration “chicken-hawks,” Assistant Secretary of Defense Douglas Feith.

### Threats to Bush

Since its first exposés in 1982-83 of the plot by a combination of Christian fundamentalists and right-wing Israelis to blow up the holy places of Islam on al-Haram al-Sharif, also known as the Temple Mount, in Jerusalem, *EIR* has been documenting the insane scenarios of religious war allegedly based on Darbyite Biblical prophecy, pushed by the American Christian right. *EIR* also reported how this “Armageddon Army” has been threatening the President since *at least* July 2001, that he “had better” support Ariel Sharon in his war against Arabs and Muslims, or the “70 million” Christian evangelicals will turn against him. They coordinate closely with the war party’s Israeli agents in the Defense Department and Vice President Richard Cheney’s office.

The full evil of this pro-Sharon insanity was on display on Oct. 11-13 when the Christian Coalition assembled the Darbyites in a revival meeting that called for the extermination of Palestinians. Speakers ranging from Presidential hopeful Gary Bauer, who now runs the American Alliance of Christians and Jews; to House Majority Whip Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Tex.); to Senate hopeful Rep. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), declared that the Occupied Territories of Palestine are the “Biblical” Israel’s “Promised Land.” These warmongers not only demanded political opposition to a Palestinian state, but theological rejection of it as well. Supporters of a Palestinian state will suffer damnation in their eyes. Benny Alon of the fascist Molodet Party in Israel, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert were also on hand to call for death to Arafat, and the “transfer” of Palestinians to Jordan.

Held just two days before Sharon arrived to hold his seventh meeting with Bush, the Christian Coalition revival included a “victory for Israel” rally. Bush gave a 15-minute videotaped speech there, but the White House has neither released nor posted it on its website.

## Huge Economic Turmoil Shapes U.S. Elections

by Katherine R. Notley

There’s an emblematic characterization of “company manners,” according to which if you notice that your hostess has an un-house-trained elephant in her living room, it’s impolite to mention it. That characterization quite adequately depicts the election polemics for this Nov. 5—aside from candidates who identify themselves with Lyndon LaRouche’s 2004 Presidential campaign. In just under two weeks, U.S. citizens will cast ballots for the entire House of Representatives (435 seats); one-third of the Senate (33 seats); 36 of the 50 governors and many state legislatures; innumerable county, mayoral, municipal, and school board seats, plus local and bond issues which have dramatically increased as tax revenues have fallen. Only elections in which the President and Vice President are also chosen, are considered more important.

Now, back to the elephant: This is not the mascot of the “Grand Old Party”—which does have a lot at stake this year, as Republican incumbents had capitalized on the blunders of the Democratic Party leadership and ridden the coattails of the 1994 Conservative Revolution. What concerns voters, and what nearly every candidate of every persuasion politely refuses to utter, is the rapid descent of the U.S. and world economy into deep depression. It is the underlying reason why, in the 36 gubernatorial races, only 14 incumbents are seeking re-election.

But the elephant *is* in the living room, and even the “get Saddam”-besotted media are beginning to acknowledge it, as many states struggle with their new fiscal years’ huge shortfalls in tax revenues, industrial shutdowns, corporate scandals, and rising unemployment. On Oct. 14, three major dailies arrived at the same conclusion: “The economy dwarfs all other issues.” The *Hartford Courant* had this to say about the re-election campaign of Connecticut Gov. John Rowland (R): The state’s \$1 billion deficit “is the elephant in the room that Rowland and other incumbents” avoid mentioning “during the election season.”

The *New York Times*, writing on the 36 gubernatorial races, also reported on Oct. 14, “Across the country, the economy is by no means the single dominant issue in every race, but it is present everywhere.” It quoted a Kansas political science professor on the gubernatorial race in that state, which faces an \$840 million deficit: “The Republican Party . . . may be suffering from their control during a period of economic calamity.”

Also on Oct. 14, the *Washington Times* cited four polls which all conclude that the economy is what bothers voters

most. Pollster Curtis Gans: “Nothing is exciting [voters] right now, but if the economy gets worse, it can drive the election.” Democratic pollster Alan Secrest says Democratic voters consider the economy to be crucial: “The domestic issues are not being drowned out by the debate over Iraq. That is vastly overstated.” Pollster John Zogby was quoted: “Everybody in Washington is talking about war with Iraq, but as soon as you leave Washington, you find everybody is talking about the economy.”

Pew Research Center pollster Andrew Kohut complained in his Oct. 14 op-ed in the *New York Times* that voters were being inscrutable: If poll-takers fed answers, such as terrorism or Iraq, to respondents about major issues in the Congressional elections, over 70% agreed these were important. But, when voters were asked to list their own idea of election hot topics, without prompting, “the economy dwarfs all other issues.” In the non-prompted survey, 40% cited the economy, 4% Iraq, and 11% mentioned terrorism as important.

The national economy is also catching the Bush family in a bind; Florida Gov. Jeb Bush could lose re-election, if the trade unions take out their anger over President George W. Bush’s labor policies (almost certainly including his invoking Taft-Hartley against locked-out West Coast longshoremen) on the President’s brother. The *Wall Street Journal* quotes an AFL-CIO political director, that labor is “as jazzed about this [Florida election] as they are about any other race in the country.”

### **Only LaRouche Democrats Are ‘Electable’**

No “Miss Manners,” LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, who is contesting the U.S. Senate seat long held by Virginia patrician John Warner, has been running radio ads in Metropolitan Washington and Virginia featuring Lyndon LaRouche, especially on the only alternative to the economic collapse. Virginia has been hit by two rounds of large budget cuts and layoffs; the second, announced on Oct. 16 by Gov. Mark Warner, eliminated about 2,000 jobs and cut nearly \$1 billion in state services. In one 10-second ad, Spannaus asks:

“Do you want to get out of this economic depression? Listen to Lyndon LaRouche:

“Today, we’re now at the point, we’re in the worst depression, in the experience of any living person on this planet, right now. This system is coming down, coming down hard, like you’ve never seen before. The only thing that will save us, now, is a return to the policies like those, that is, the attitude of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Administration.’ ”

“LaRouche’s FDR-style policies would restart our economy. He’s demanded a new world monetary system based on the same principles. On Sept. 25, the Italian Chamber of Deputies passed a resolution modelled on LaRouche’s proposals.”

In another ad, she urges: “You, the voter, face two test cases on election day. Lyndon LaRouche described them this way: ‘One, We have to stop the bleeding of the national rail-way system. That is, stop the disruption right now, and start

## **Democrats Have No Economic Plan**

Having bowed to the White House on war, the Democrats’ leadership now believes that it can “focus” on economic issues. This was demonstrated by an “economic forum” sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) on Oct. 11; and by what was billed as a major policy speech by Gephardt on Oct. 15. The Democrats charge the Bush White House with ignoring the hardship that many people across the country are experiencing as a result of the decline in the economy. But these events demonstrated that the Democrats, other than Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, have little more idea of how to address the economic collapse, than the GOP.

The main point of the Oct. 11 event was stated at the outset by Daschle, who complained of Bush, “We’re asking him to focus on the economy and join us in a bipartisan summit.” Gephardt added, “We must come together on a new bipartisan plan to restore growth and create jobs.” But the *economic policy* thrust of the Democrats was to restore the glorious 1990s boom in the stock market and the “New Economy”! This approach—which wrecked the economy—was exemplified by the Club for Growth’s Stephen Moore, who advocated a reduction of the capital gains tax to 10%, explicitly to get “investors” back into the markets.

In his Oct. 15 speech, Gephardt laid out a five-point plan to “restore economic growth”: a short-term stimulus package of \$125 billion for school construction, domestic anti-terrorism infrastructure and health care assistance, with one-time tax rebates for working families; balancing the Federal budget; limiting CEOs’ stock ownership; making employee pensions portable; and increasing the minimum wage and extending unemployment benefits. Given the Dems’ underlying assumptions, they too await Hoover’s “recovery just around the corner.”—*Carl Osgood*

to reverse, to rebuild.

“Number two, we must intervene, with the imminent collapse of United Airlines, into bankruptcy—and many other airlines will go with it, if we don’t stop it—we must have emergency legislation, which takes the situation over, and stops the breakup of our national airtravel system.’ ”

I’m Nancy Spannaus . . . and I support LaRouche’s emergency infrastructure plan. It will create millions of decent jobs, and save our national transport system.”