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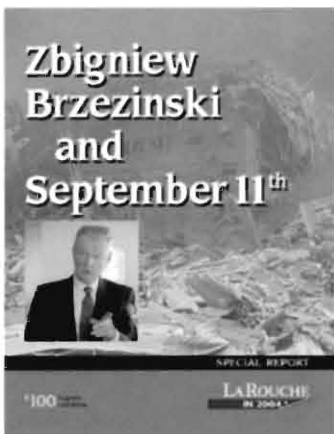
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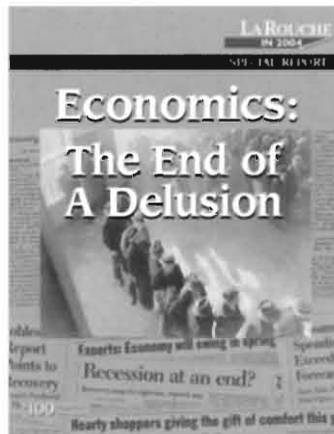
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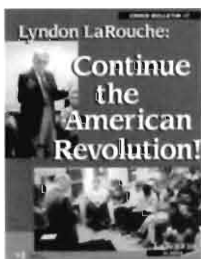
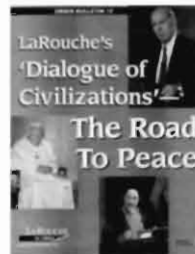
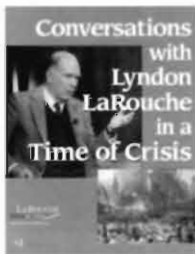
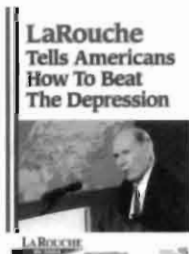
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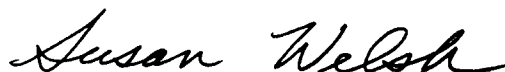
From the Associate Editor

Our critical stories this week cover three inter-related and important developments: the continued U.S.-centered economic policy collapse and the reaction to it by nations seeking new monetary and trade arrangements; the “carrying out of the bodies” of the Democratic Leadership Council as Americans put this election without choices behind them; and the emergence of a new, political youth movement centered in the United States, under the leadership of Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

A mobilized youth movement is precisely what all the other political leaders in America would dearly like to have; but it is LaRouche whose intellectual powers and commitment to the truth enable him to inspire youth of the “no-future generation” to see their future mission, and mobilize to elect him President in 2004. Our *Feature* covers a 12-day period before Election Day, in which hundreds of young leaders and supporters of the LaRouche International Youth Movement met for weekend “cadre schools” on the East and West Coasts of the United States; in Mexico, in Germany, and in France. We publish LaRouche’s presentation to one such “retreat” attended by 90 youths in Pennsylvania. But his Monterrey, Mexico dialogue with nearly 50 young organizers (*International*) was merely one event in a much more extraordinary event—LaRouche’s first visit to Mexico since his meetings with then-President José López Portillo 20 years ago; and the visit was properly treated as very big news.

Our U.S. coverage otherwise focusses on the underlying pattern and actual mandate of the Nov. 5 elections—the voters’ mandate, *by abstention*, for a completely new Democratic leadership which returns to “FDR-style” actions to solve the economic depression. LaRouche takes the lead with his proposal for a “Super-TVA” for infrastructure rebuilding and reregulation. Meanwhile in Israel, a similarly “house-cleaned” Labor Party leadership might overturn Ariel Sharon’s fascist government, which has had to call new elections.

Our *Economics* section describes the importance of the continuing moves being made in Eurasia—in reaction to U.S. economic decline and policy vacuum—for new infrastructure development and trade agreements, including the ASEAN+3 summit in Phnom Penh, which brought in India for the first time. But these moves do not yet point where they must—to LaRouche’s New Bretton Woods policy.



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U.S. Third-Quarter GDP Fraud Stands Exposed by Bad October

by Richard Freeman

The U.S. economy took a sharp downturn during October: Auto sales fell by 27.3%; manufacturing employment suffered a loss for the 27th consecutive month; and overall employment fell. Ford Motor Company, the fifth largest company in the world, moved deeper into financial-economic crisis. New orders to factories plunged. The bad October, following the stock market plunges of September, pointed clearly to the fraudulence of the officially claimed 3.1% GDP growth rate for the third quarter.

Refusing to address reality, on Oct. 31, the Bush Administration had the Commerce Department release a report purporting to show that during the third quarter, Gross Domestic Product had grown by 3.1%. In fact, the only conclusion to be drawn from this report, is that American “growth” is based on fakery and unsound practices. The danger is that the Anglo-American financier oligarchy, through the Bush Administration, is pursuing a policy that will trigger a financial disintegration, and destroy the human race.

The interconnected processes of the shortcomings of the U.S. economy revealed by the faked GDP data; the swelling of unemployment; and the sharp contraction of the auto industry, powerfully underscore the encompassing breakdown crisis.

This crisis has a solution. 2004 Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche told a youth cadre school Nov. 2, that the current crisis is *systemic* and far more severe than 1929-32, “You are in a breakdown crisis. You are not in a depression—a cyclical depression [such as 1929-32] where things will eventually bounce back. It will *never* bounce back. . . . And you have to create a replacement system, based on the best experience of humanity to date. And you must do it on the basis of agreement among nations, which recognize what their common interests are.”

The Commerce Department’s official GDP numbers actu-

ally revealed the dysfunctional basis of the U.S. economy, as well as the spuriousness of GDP as a measure of economic well-being. Released just before the election, the numbers may have been intended to allay Americans’ fears about the sinking economy, before any competent economist could check into this “3.1% growth.”

According to the Commerce Department, real, inflation-adjusted (constant 1996 dollars), Gross Domestic Product grew from \$9,392.4 billion in the second quarter of 2002, to \$9,465.2 billion in the third quarter, a supposed increase of \$72.8 billion (or 3.1%). *EIR*’s economics staff found that of the alleged GDP growth, 85% is attributable to the sales of only two items: motor vehicles and computers; and that the growth of each was achieved by faked or unsound means. At the same time, there was a sharp cut-back in business structures, which is a good indicator of the collapse of industry. First, we take apart the alleged GDP growth:

Motor Vehicles. During the third quarter, motor vehicle sales, and therefore production, grew as a result of a massive campaign of incentives offered by the major automakers, which included 0% financing, and in some cases, 0% down. For these incentives, the auto companies must pay up \$2,300 per vehicle, which often causes them to lose money on each vehicle sold on that basis. This method is unsustainable.

Further, the Commerce Department applies its fraudulent Quality Adjustment Method (QAM) to motor vehicles. Here’s how it works. When an auto company builds in an environmental feature, for example, this is counted as improved quality. Commerce does two things with this “improved quality”: deduct a “value” of it from the price of the car, thus reducing inflation; and and at the same time, treat the “improved quality” as added production, artificially swelling reported auto production. In inflation-adjusted dollars, motor

vehicle sales/production increased from \$369.1 billion in the second quarter, to \$407.1 billion in the third quarter, an increase of \$38 billion. That represented a whopping 52.2% of the alleged \$72.8 billion increase in third quarter GDP for the entire economy.

Computers. In current (non-inflation-adjusted) dollars, computer (and peripheral) sales rose from \$72.8 billion in the second quarter, to \$77.4 billion in the third quarter, an increase of \$4.8 billion. But when the Commerce Department supposedly corrects the sales figures for inflation, it simultaneously applies the fraudulent “hedonic index,” which is a variant of the QAM. This swells production by a massive amount without any actual increase in computer sales. Thus, according to Commerce, in “inflation-adjusted” dollars (which incorporates the hedonic index), computer sales rose from \$271.6 billion in the second quarter, to \$299.9 billion in the third quarter, an increase of \$28.3 billion. A \$4.8 billion sales increase in current dollars became, by the hedonic index’s magic, while “adjusting for inflation,” a \$28.3 billion increase! This fake \$23.5 billion computer sales growth represented 32.2% of the alleged \$72.8 billion third quarter increase in GDP for the entire economy.

Thus, using 0% financing, the fraudulent Quality Adjustment Method, and its phony cousin the hedonic index, auto and computer sales accounted for 84.4% of the American economy’s supposed third-quarter growth. The GDP data, and the method by which it was assembled, discredits any argument that the U.S. economy is growing.

At the same time, the construction of non-residential structures fell, on a real, inflation-adjusted basis, from \$231.7 billion in the second quarter, to \$221.8 billion in the third quarter, a fall of \$9.9 billion, which on an annualized basis, is more than 16%.

Unemployment

The pattern of employment, especially manufacturing employment, shows the activity of the U.S. economy. On Nov. 1, the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that U.S. official unemployment had risen in October by a large 117,000 workers, from 8.092 million workers in September, to 8.209 million workers in October.

Most noteworthy is what happened to manufacturing. The manufacturing sector eliminated 49,000 jobs, of which 36,000 were *manufacturing production worker jobs*, those workers who physically alter nature to improve mankind’s existence. Since the start of 2002, the Bush Administration and the financial gurus have insisted that manufacturing employment would turn around. Instead, it has continued to collapse. October marked the 27th consecutive month of loss of manufacturing jobs. **Table 1** shows that since July 2000, manufacturing worker employment has been cut by 10.5%, and that 12.2% of the production manufacturing workforce has been cut out of the heart of the economy.

Under the influence of the bankers’ “post-industrial soci-

TABLE 1

Loss of U.S. Manufacturing Jobs Since July 2000

(Millions of Workers)

Month	Manufacturing Worker Employment	Production Worker Employment
July 2000	18.554	12.688
October 2002	16.602	11.141
Jobs Lost Since July 2000	1.952	1.547
Percentage of Jobs Lost	10.5%	12.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; *EIR*.

ety” policy, there has been a dramatic manufacturing shift downward over the 35 years. In 1967, manufacturing workers and production manufacturing workers, represented 23.8% and 18.5% of the U.S. civilian labor force, respectively. Today, that productive part has been more than halved: Only 11.6% of the civilian labor force are manufacturing workers, and only 7.8% are production manufacturing workers.

An economy’s productive activity is the only source of an advancing scientific mode of manufacturing, agriculture, mining, construction, transportation, and power generation, of which manufacturing is critical. Today a mere 7.8% of America’s workforce engages in the manufacturing production that produces the majority of the goods that make up the consumer and producer market baskets, upon which the population’s existence depends.

Big Problems for Ford

America’s over-dependence on auto production and zero-financing sales to prop up the economy, is coming unglued, with nasty implications for Ford Motor Company. The unsustainable third-quarter level could not continue.

During October, the sale of automobiles and light trucks inside the United States totalled 1.30 million, falling 27.3% from the 1.72 million sold during October 2001. Though sales during October 2001 had hit a peak—as, following Sept. 11, consumers withheld purchases for a few weeks, and then bought at a heavy pace during October—auto executives were expecting a fall this October of no more than 15-20% at worst. They were shocked by a fall of 27.3%, which occurred even as auto companies were offering massive consumer incentives to spur sales. Ford Motor Company had offered buyers a loan for six years at 1.9% interest, the first car loan for that long a term ever offered in the United States.

The sales fall for Ford was steep, and has severe consequences. Comparing this October to October last year, Ford’s car sales fell by 36.6%, and its light truck sales (which includes light trucks, vans, and SUVs) fell by 32.2%.

On Oct. 25, Standard & Poor’s rating service cut its rating on the long-term debt of Ford Motor Company, to BBB,

which is just two levels above junk-bond status. This is pushing several internal problems at Ford to a head. Ford is America's fourth largest company, and is the second largest auto company in the world, owning the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands, Aston Martin, Jaguar, and Volvo, and having a 33% stake in Mazda.

Ford has \$162 billion of debt outstanding, of which a stunning \$22-32 billion must be rolled over in 2003. Ford's debt is already being treated by bankers as effectively "junk status." Ford Credit, which is the financing arm of Ford Motor, has now had to issue ten-year bonds which yield 9.55%. Ten-year U.S. Treasury bonds have a yield of 4.10%; thus, Ford's bonds sell at a "premium" of 5.45 percentage points (545 basis points) above Treasuries of a comparable maturity. The "premium" of Ford bonds is above those of several Third World countries.

Based on its earnings alone, Ford cannot pay the interest on its debt. According to Egan-Jones Ratings, a Pennsylvania-based independent credit analysis firm, back in December 2000, Ford's operating earnings were just about double its interest expense. Recently, Egan-Jones reported, *Ford's earnings have sunk to less than half its interest expense*. Ford does have a cash reserve, estimated at between \$15 and \$20 billion, but it appears poised to burn through that quickly. Ford's approach to this problem is fierce budget cutting. Ford's chairman, William Clay Ford, Jr., announced last year that the company would cut \$6 billion from expenses, including laying off 30,000 workers. During the last week of October, Ford announced \$1 billion more in cuts. In 2001, Ford lost \$5.1 billion. For the year 2002, though Ford's sales had fallen through September compared to 2001, they had not crumbled. But Ford discontinued many of the 0% financing and other incentives through which it, like the other automakers, had achieved many of its sales; it was losing money on each car sold that way. Now, during October, Ford's sales crashed by more than 30%, cutting its ability to pay debt service expense on its \$162 billion debt load.

This has huge implications for the U.S. bond market, financial system, and economy as a whole. For the past five years, the U.S. economy has maintained only one functioning segment, consumer sales of autos and homes financed through a credit bubble. Now, with the auto sector prop knocked out from under the economy—and it is just a matter of time before the housing bubble pops—the *physical economy's* collapse will be that much more severe.

The downturn of the real economy underlying the debt bubble, is further anecdotally shown by the October manufacturing index of the Institute for Purchasing Supply (formerly the National Association of Purchasing Management) for the Chicago area falling to 45.9, the second-lowest level of this year. The September 2.3% fall in new factory orders is expected to have gotten worse in October. The U.S. economic depression is accelerating; trumpeting non-existent growth based on GDP fakery cannot hide that.

Different Kind of Earthquake in Turkey

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

The earthquake that hit Turkey on Nov. 3, was a political one, but its tremors are being felt more acutely in the country and abroad, than if it had measured 8 on the physical Richter scale. The electoral victory of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) of Recep Tayyip Erdogan was a sweep, as it gained 35% of the votes. Only one other formation, the Republican Peoples Party (CHP) with 20%, even made it into Parliament, as all other parties fell below the required 10% national vote threshold. Outgoing Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's party, for example, received a pittance, and the other two former coalition parties did not fare much better.

Thus, it is not only a change of power: An entire political establishment has been erased. Familiar names like Ecevit, Tansu Ciller, and Mesut Yilmaz may become a thing of the past. For the first time in 15 years, a single party has enough votes to rule alone. The AKP has over 60% of the seats in Parliament, just short of the two-thirds majority required to change the Constitution.

Fed Up With Economic Disaster

The massive vote for a party which is considered Islamist, expresses the thorough discontent among the population, especially regarding Turkey's terrible economic situation, and general opposition to a United States-led war against neighboring Iraq. In fact, one leading factor in Turkey's economic collapse has been the impact of the embargo against Iraq, in effect since late 1990. Turkey was Iraq's biggest trading partner, the country through which its oil exports flowed through pipelines abroad. Since 1990-1991, the flow of oil, and trade overall, has been reduced to a trickle. Massive foreign debt has bled the country dry, and it now shares with Argentina the status of economic hopeless case.

Turkish sources point out that, at the same time, a significant shift has taken place in the country's social and geographical structure: Internal migration has reached an end, and formerly rural populations now live in the big cities, eager to have a share in the economic pie. This they have not received, due to the economic depression which has hit everyone, reducing the power of the middle class, and sparing only a tiny, very wealthy elite.

The Turkish establishment, considered an oligarchy by the disinherited middle class and poor, has not responded to the plight of the population, but has strengthened its ties to Western financial circles. Thus, the protest vote on Nov. 3.

The AKP benefitted from the protest for several reasons. The leader of the party, Erdogan, ran a campaign pledging to fight corruption and seek economic and social justice. His record as mayor of Istanbul in the 1990s lent credibility to his electoral promises, because he used his office to effect radical improvements in the life of that huge city. According to a summary overview of his activities as mayor, in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* on Nov. 7, Erdogan made use of a foreign credit measure introduced by then-Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, to finance projects. Among his projects were the country's first subway system and the conversion of heating from coal to gas. Both contributed to improving air quality, which Erdogan further enhanced, between 1994 and 1998, by setting aside 2 million square meters of green parks and planting 600,000 trees.

His greatest achievement, according to all reports, was his solution to Istanbul's water problem. Whereas earlier, water supplies had been available in some neighborhoods only a couple of hours a day, this changed, with the addition of 2.6 million cubic meters of water to the system's daily capacity—the only means to deal with a threefold increase, during his tenure, in consumption of water. And Erdogan also managed to reduce corruption. Thus, when Erdogan promised to fight corruption, and bring infrastructure development projects on line, people believed him, and voted for him.

Dealing With the IMF and Iraq

Erdogan is also known as an Islamist, formerly associated with the Welfare Party of Necmettin Erbakan, who was Prime Minister briefly during the mid-1990s, until edged out of office by the military. The AKP was founded only a year ago from a split out of the Welfare Party (now the Virtue Party), which was banned for anti-secular activities. The AKP leader has been careful to assure public opinion and the military, that he is not an Islamist, and has progressively toned down his rhetoric. However, pro-Islamist voters still consider him such.

Which way the new government of the AKP will go, is an open question. Erdogan has gone to great lengths to assure the electorate, the army and the world, that his party will respect the secular state; will maintain its alliances, especially with the United States—a “natural ally of Turkey”—and NATO; and will “sit down with the IMF” to talk about another \$16 billion rescue package. No matter how willing he may be to deal with the International Monetary Fund, and the IMF may be to bail out this very strategic country, Erdogan finds himself objectively faced with a crisis that no IMF rescue package can solve. If the IMF demands more austerity, more privatizations, and so forth, according to the usual recipe, the new government could face instant protest from the very same constituents who put it in power.

The foreign policy dilemma Erdogan faces, is Iraq. His voters strongly oppose any war against Iraq, which would further devastate the economy, and destabilize the entire region. The day after the election, Erdogan expressed reserva-

tions about any military action, but added, “We are bound by the UN's decision; we cannot say anything before seeing the UN's attitude towards the issue. We don't want blood, tears, and death.” In an interview with Associated Press on Nov. 7, a day on which he met with U.S. Ambassador Robert Pearson, the new Turkish leader declined to say whether Turkey would make bases available to the United States for a military operation, saying it was “too early” to tell.

The armed forces is the power behind the powers in Turkey, as shown by Erbakan's removal from power in 1997. Turkey's Chief of General Staff, Gen. Hilmi Ozkok, stated on Nov. 6, “I can only express our national policy on Iraq, that this business be resolved without war.” He made the statement in Washington, where he met with Vice President Cheney, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Gen. Richard Myers, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, his Deputy Paul Wolfowitz, and Secretary of State Colin Powell. The reason for his visit was, clearly, to discuss Iraq, and what Turkey would provide the United States in case of war. Asked if his statement indicated differences with the United States, Ozkok said: “Quite naturally there are differences in our perspectives. This is nothing to be afraid of. In time they can be resolved.”

Prime Ministership or Prison?

Thus far, the military has accepted the election results, and said so officially, despite reported poor relations with the AKP. As the *Neue Züricher Zeitung* editorialized on Nov. 5, “It seems unlikely that the Army at this point, so soon after the elections, would force a ban of the AKP and prevent the Islamists from governing. That would be the elimination of democracy, and Turkey's turning its back on the West.”

But Erdogan will have to walk the tightrope, for certain. It is not only the military which could end his political ambitions, but also legal challenges. In 1999, Erdogan was arrested and imprisoned for four months, on charges of “inciting hatred on religious grounds,” after he had recited a militant Islamic poem at a public rally. As a result, he is barred from becoming Prime Minister. Moreover, shortly before the election, the state prosecutor initiated a case calling for the AKP to be closed down, saying the party failed to respect a court order to have Erdogan renounce its leadership due to his conviction and jailing. If a full hearing begins as scheduled shortly, Erdogan could be convicted and jailed again, and his victorious party banned!

The aftershocks of the Turkish earthquake are also being felt worldwide. In the Arab world, there is enthusiasm for the new AKP among people who consider themselves Islamists, just as there is trepidation among their moderate, anti-Islamist governments. Any military attack against Iraq would ignite the revolt of these Islamists against their governments. Now, it is hoped by many Arabs that the new equation in Turkey may delay the march towards war, if not actually throw a monkey wrench into it, at very close quarters.

Peace by ‘Infrastructure And What Goes With It’

by Gail G. Billington

Faced with U.S. threats of war in the Mideast and throughout their region, the ASEAN+3 states—the 10 Southeast Asian nations and their dialogue partners China, Japan, and South Korea—met in Phnom Penh, Cambodia Nov. 4-5. ASEAN’s eighth annual summit, representing more than 1.5 billion citizens and a combined \$1.7 trillion GDP, declared for peace through economic development, and made extensive plans for cooperative projects of development of Southeast Asia, particularly the Mekong River basin. Including a fourth dialogue partner—India—this year, the extended ASEAN-plus grouping represents nearly half the world’s population.

The Chairman’s statement, issued at the conclusion of the summit, declares up front: “We are deeply concerned about the situation in the Middle East. With the assistance of the international community, a peaceful solution to end the worsening cycle of violence in Israel must be formulated.”

This year’s meeting is historic in many ways, not least that the summit was held in Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world, which is still recovering from one of the worst holocausts caused by the Anglo-American Utopian faction’s wars of the 1960s and 1970s; at least one in five Cambodians was killed between 1968 and 1979 by U.S. bombs and by the ideologues of the Khmer Rouge.

The unprecedented level of cooperation extended by China at the summit, in addition to the launch of India’s participation in these annual meetings, attests to the deep commitment of these nations, hit hard by the global economic crisis since 1997, to resume the rich history of cooperation launched at the 1955 Bandung Meeting of Asia and Africa. Today’s Non-Aligned Movement chairman, South African President Thabo Mbeki, was invited to make a presentation on African development. The ASEAN summit reaffirmed its commitment to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence of the Non-Aligned Movement.

A second, and equally crucial, recurring reference in the Phnom Penh meetings, is to the 1997-98 Asian economic crisis, and “the continued sluggishness of the world economy;” this referred to the certainty of continued economic crisis, and, thus, the need to devise a strategy—as Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said—to “act together to advance together.”

Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji arrived in Phnom Penh for a three-day visit on Nov. 1, where he presided over

FIGURE 1
The Mekong River Basin



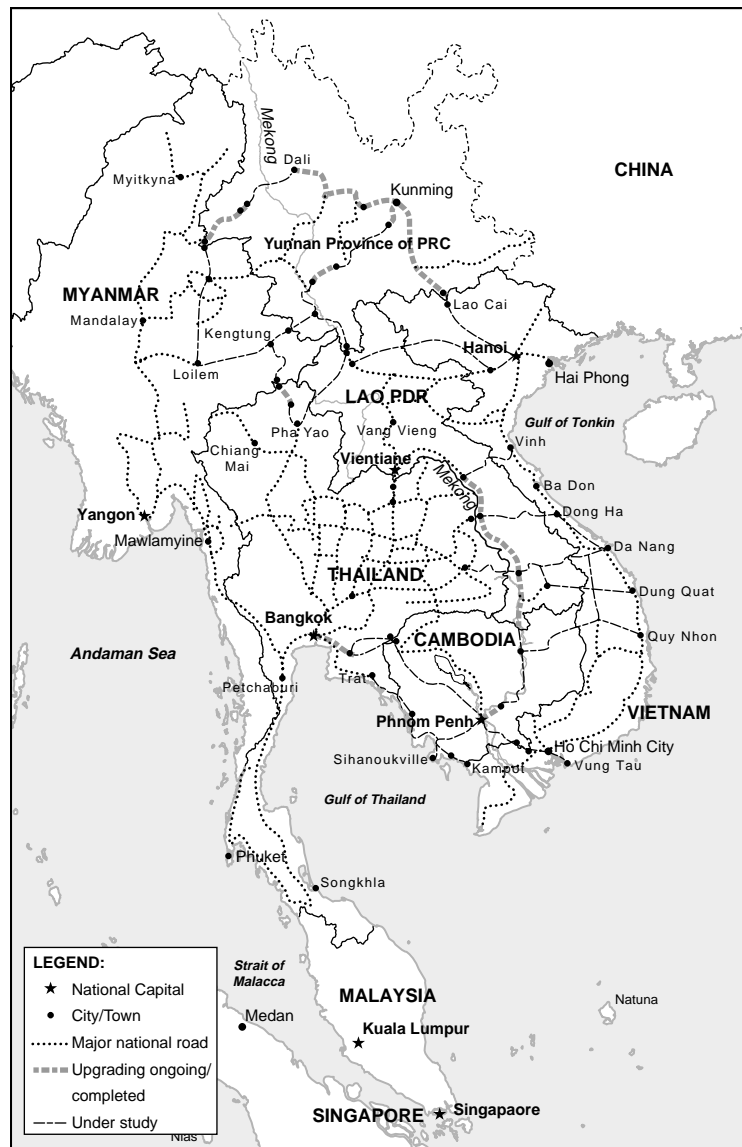
The ASEAN+3 summits in Phnom Penh focussed on an ambitious plan for development of the Greater Mekong Sub-region around the basin of the 4000 kilometer-long Mekong River. Along with new rail and road corridors, the key is a \$4.5 billion Southeast Asia-wide power grid, based on Mekong and other hydropower.

the signing of previously pledged \$12.5 million in zero-interest loans to host Cambodia, and met with Cambodia’s King Sihanouk, his son and National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh, and Prime Minister Hun Sen, who chaired the combined ASEAN meetings. Prime Minister Zhu also announced that Beijing would write off \$200 million that Cambodia owes China, and eliminate tariffs on a wide range of Cambodian goods. Similar aid was extended to Laos and Myanmar, as part a contribution to ASEAN’s effort to uplift the poorer nations in the Association.

Perhaps the most dramatic result of the Phnom Penh meetings was the decision to push forward with the development of the Mekong River basin, an area which represents the critical crossroad between China, Southeast Asia, and India, as well as a major hub on the Southern Route of the Eurasian Land-Bridge connecting the Pacific with Europe and Africa. The

FIGURE 2

Greater Mekong Subregion Rail Projects



Source: Asian Development Bank

The most important of the railroad corridors now being funded by China and ASEAN is the Kunming-to-Bangkok railroad originating in China and running down the coast of Indo-China and to Bangkok, then southward through Malaysia.

first-ever heads-of-state summit of the member states of the Asian Development Bank-sponsored Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) took place on Nov. 3. Agreements were signed on Mekong regional transport, and, in a breakthrough, a \$4.5 billion Southeast Asia-wide power grid with China's help, based on Mekong and other hydropower, which is targeted for completion by 2019, and would be an historic first-ever comprehensive power grid in the region's history.

In the statement, the governments of China, Myanmar,

Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam declared: "Our vision is of a GMS that fulfills its vast potential, freeing people from poverty and providing sustainable development for all."

River, Rail, and Road Infrastructure

The GMS project brings together Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, and Hunnan Province, China, in a program of overlapping infrastructure "transport corridors"—including road, rail, air, water, energy, telecommunications, as well as human resource development, tourism, trade facilitation, and investment. The GMS encompasses an area the size of Western Europe and home to 250 million people. In July 2002, representatives of GMS countries conducted their first week-long tour of the area, and Asian Development Bank (ADB) Director General Rajat Nag described the overall project: "We want to have the whole region connected by quality physical infrastructure and everything else that goes with it. In the next 10 years, we want to see the physical infrastructure network all in place. We will help all these countries to build an enabling environment for growth." While the estimated financing needs for the next 3 years are \$2 billion, Nag said: "These countries are extremely pragmatic. They say, let's focus on the do-able. And let's get on with it!"

China announced that it is ready to support the big Kunming-Bangkok Asian (coastal) highway project by undertaking construction of some sections of highway through co-financing. China has spent \$2.08 billion to develop its portion of the highway. China is also keen to develop river navigation with ASEAN, and could provide funding to regulate some sections of the Mekong navigation channel within the territories of Laos and Myanmar. They also expressed interest in participating in the construction of the Singapore-Kunming railway line and other transport grids in neighboring ASEAN countries, as well as enlarging air service arrangements with ASEAN member-countries on a bilateral basis.

Breakthrough Agreements

The ASEAN-China summit on Nov. 4, produced further spectacular breakthroughs in regional cooperation. A bilateral framework agreement on economic cooperation was signed, providing for an ASEAN-China free-trade area (ACFTA) to be implemented over a ten-year period. In a decade or more, ACFTA would become the largest trade agreement in the world, with a combined market of 1.7 billion people, GDP of \$2 trillion, and two-way trade of \$1.25 trillion. The agreement goes far beyond free trade issues, however, to include "economic cooperation, particularly in the areas of agriculture, information technology, human resource

development, mutual investments, and the Mekong River Basin development.” To that end, ASEAN and China signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on agricultural cooperation; China will provide ASEAN with training and capacity-building activities in agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, biotechnology, farm machinery, agro-industry, livestock production, harvest technology, and food security.

ASEAN and China also reached an historic security accord on overlapping claims to several groups of islands in the South China Sea (including the Spratley Islands), by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and China. Vietnam and China clashed over the Spratley Islands in 1988 and 1992, and friction between the Philippines and China nearly led to military conflict several times since then. The new accord was named the “Cambodia Agreement.” ASEAN Secretary General Rodolfo Severino described the accord to Agence France Presse: “Pending the resolution of the jurisdictional and territorial disputes, this is how we should behave: We should not occupy uninhabited land features” in the South China Seas. ASEAN spokesman M.C. Abad emphasized that “the Cambodia Agreement is the concerned states’ important contribution to the cause of regional and global peace. [It] is a fitting tribute to a country that has gone a long way in transforming itself from a place which is almost synonymous with the Killing Fields, to a broker of an instrument of peace in the region.”

The Agreement also served the useful purpose of reviving attention to two major development projects in the region, which have received little attention since the 1997 economic crisis in Asia. These are the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines East Asia Economic Growth area, surrounding the contested area of the South China Sea; and the Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand Economic Cooperation zone, which complements the Greater Mekong Sub-regional development concept, further expanding the east-west continental Asia transport corridors which are crucial to the larger Eurasian Land-Bridge concept. South Korea and Japan expressed keen interest in participating in the rail projects.

Equally importantly, the Cambodia Agreement treated “security” in a way that contributed to preventing the “war on terrorism”—as defined by the Utopian war faction in Washington—from hijacking the discussion. This was especially important in light of Australian Prime Minister John Howard’s government raids targeting Indonesians in Australia, and the widespread terror alerts which have stopped foreign direct investment, tourism, etc. Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, backed by Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, rejected Australia’s request for consideration as an ASEAN dialogue partner with ASEAN, shelving it for another year. The focus remained on economic development and political collaboration, for the greater good of the region as a whole.

Terrorism is considered a serious issue in Southeast Asia,

but Dr. Mahathir and his colleagues insist that to defeat terrorism, one must get to the root causes—as by the broad-based economic development initiatives taken in Phnom Penh. Seven of the ASEAN member states, in fact, did commit to an anti-terror alliance and an anti-terror center to be set up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A final statement of confidence in the capacity of ASEAN to respond to the terrorist threat came in the announcement by Indonesian President Megawati that next year’s ASEAN Summit will be hosted by Indonesia—in Bali, scene of a hideous terror bombing in October.

Japan and India

Japan, which has been the leading investor in Southeast Asia, concluded a “Comprehensive Economic Partnership” with ASEAN, to expand trade and investment. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan relations. Whether Japan will return to the policies of that earlier time, when it was committed to building developing nations as “full set” industrialized powers—before the infamous Plaza Accords with the United States—is a major question.

The concluding bilateral meeting was the first between ASEAN and India, creating a new “ASEAN+1” to complement the ASEAN+3. At this meeting, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee proposed a free trade accord between ASEAN and India, and raised the historical and cultural links that tie these nations together. India extended a \$10 million line of credit on preferential terms to host Cambodia. This was the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to either Cambodia or Laos since that of Jawaharlal Nehru in 1954. The joint declaration issued by India and ASEAN appropriately concludes: “We noted that the histories and cultures of Southeast Asia and India are closely intertwined. The intimacy of our past brings the hope that our future is similarly linked to mutual prosperity and stability.”

During the “Asian financial crisis” of 1997-98, intra-Asian trade was gutted, and exporting nations were forced into dependency upon the U.S. “new economy” market. But as that market imploded during 2001, Asian nations began rebuilding regional trade ties, centered, this time, around China; this is what is reflected in the Phnom Penh summits. Despite the world depression, China-ASEAN trade grew 5% in 2001. In the second half of 2002, China has become the most important export market for Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, surpassing the United States for the first time. Joint trade and investment have grown steadily, even as that with the United States has stagnated or fallen.

Financial ties are also growing, even as the U.S. dollar weakens. On Nov. 4, the official Chinese press published a report that the Chinese currency, the yuan, is “quietly” becoming accepted as a “hard currency” in the region, and in Russia. In Malaysia, Vietnam, and Singapore, the yuan is being used as a convertible currency, although, officially, exchange controls remain in place. The phenomenon is small so far, but has big implications for the future.

Gold Dinar: An Economic and Strategic Response to Chaos

by Michael O. Billington

Mounting concern around the world that the Bush Administration is madly threatening to drive the world into perpetual warfare, while doing nothing to address the global financial-economic collapse, has led to the introduction of a number of defensive measures by nations and groups of nations acting in concert. One such measure is the proposal for creation of a Gold Dinar, intended as a replacement for the dollar as the currency of trade among nations. With a war against Iraq looming on the horizon, and U.S. threats against Saudi Arabia escalating in the establishment's institutions and publications, it is increasingly probable that the Gold Dinar policy will be implemented in the near term, among certain Islamic nations at first, and potentially expanding to include non-Islamic nations.

Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad hosted a two-day seminar in Kuala Lumpur on Oct. 22-23, called "The Gold Dinar in Multilateral Trade." This was the second major conference in Malaysia on this subject involving representatives of members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). The first conference, "Stable and Just Global Monetary Systems," held in August, announced that the Gold Dinar would be implemented as a bilateral arrangement between Malaysia and certain unspecified partners by the middle of 2003, and extended to multilateral agreements over time. At the more recent seminar, Bijan Latif, the head of Iran's Central Bank, offered to support the establishment of a secretariat in Malaysia to coordinate the development of the Gold Dinar policy. Dr. Mahathir supported the idea.

Not a Gold Standard

In his speech to the October seminar, Dr. Mahathir made clear that the proposal was not intended to establish a gold standard (as put forth by fixated "gold bugs" around the world), but to return to the Bretton Woods policy of a gold-reserve system, which was destroyed when President Richard Nixon removed the dollar from a fixed peg to gold on Aug. 15, 1971, allowing currencies to float at the whim of speculators. Dr. Mahathir reminded the participants, that after World War II, "when the Allied nations met in Bretton Woods to determine the principle for the rate of exchange of international currencies in order to facilitate trade, they decided to use gold as a standard." This worked until 1971, when "the market claimed that it could determine the exchange rate

through the demand and supply of currencies freely traded in the market. But the profiteers moved in and manipulated the value of the currencies so that there was chaos in terms of exchange rates of currencies."

The Gold Dinar policy intends to return to the former, superior policy. Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, an economic adviser to Dr. Mahathir, explained the system at the August conference as follows, using trade between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia as an example: "Malaysian exporters will be paid in ringgit [the Malaysian currency] by Bank Negara [the Malaysian National Bank] on the due date of exports. . . . Similarly, the importers will pay Bank Negara the ringgit equivalent of their imports. The Saudi Central Bank will do the same for its exports and imports. Say, at the end of a three-month cycle, the total exports from Malaysia to Saudi Arabia is 2 million Gold Dinar, and the total exports of Saudi Arabia to Malaysia is 1.8 million Gold Dinar. Therefore, for that particular three-month cycle, the Saudi Central Bank will pay Bank Negara 0.2 million Gold Dinar. The actual payment can be by way of the Saudis transferring 0.2 million ounces of gold in its custodian's account in the Bank of England in London, to Bank Negara's account with the same custodian. The important point to note here, is that the relatively small amount of 0.2 million Gold Dinar is able to support a total trade value of 3.8 million Gold Dinar."

The weakness of the system as it is now proposed is that gold, too, is subject to speculation, especially if it is pegged to a currency such as the dollar, which is heading for a plunge due to the collapse of the U.S. banking system. Dr. Mahathir is aware of the problem: "Gold prices can also be manipulated," he said, "but not as easily as the U.S. dollar or other currencies. . . . Speculation and manipulation will not be as easy as when local currency is valued against the U.S. dollar."

EIR Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche has proposed that the necessary return to a Bretton Woods system of fixed exchange rates must also peg currencies to a "basket of commodities" rather than to gold, as a means of basing currency valuations to the real economy, rather than tying the real economy to a speculative entity (see *Documentation*). Although the Gold Dinar proposal assigns a value to gold in terms of dollars, Dr. Mahathir suggested in his speech that he is thinking along the lines of a "basket of commodities": "The value of one Gold Dinar is one Gold Dinar, no matter what the

exchange rate of a currency is against the Gold Dinar. If the value of goods and services is expressed in Gold Dinar, the value remains the same, no matter which country is involved in the trade.”

Whatever the case in this regard, the discussion and implementation of the bilateral or restricted multilateral Gold Dinar policy can provide a much-needed defense against the collapse of the dollar-centered financial system, and could contribute to a more durable global solution in the near future.

Strategic Necessity

Dr. Mahathir emphasized that the Gold Dinar policy is being driven by the crushing reality of the economic and strategic crisis. The disastrous situation in the Holy Land, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the threatened war on Iraq, have resulted in “the whole world’s economy being unable to grow,” he said. “The West, and in particular the Americans, are very angry. So are the Muslims. Angry people cannot act rationally.” He concluded his speech: “Of course, the Gold Dinar can be a trading currency for all countries, not necessarily Muslim countries. But Muslim countries are in the best position to demonstrate the viability of the system, . . . and in the process, show the world that they are capable of growing with stability and peace. And this will do more towards countering oppressions by their enemies, than the futile violent retaliations.”

Other voices are also warning that the current folly in Washington will only hasten this break from the bankrupt IMF system. James Sinclair, the head of the mining company Tan Range Exploration, said in an Oct. 28 editorial in *Financial Sense Online*: “It is perceived, and correctly so, that the Islamic world is controlled via the use of the U.S. dollar as the main settlement currency. . . . I am told there is a significant possibility that when the U.S. attacks Iraq, the united Islamic salvo back will be at the U.S. dollar via the Gold Dinar.” The Saudis, he says, “are less likely than most observers think to rescue the dollar this time.”

In fact, the Saudis are already repatriating deposits from the United States, as reflected in the increase by \$30 billion in deposits in Saudi banks in September.

Sinclair also notes, as did Bijan Latif of the Iranian Central Bank, that “the establishment of a gold-based currency is rebellion against the IMF, as it is distinctly forbidden under IMF rules.” Sinclair adds: “The advent of the Gold Dinar would be the ‘nadir’ of the IMF and World Bank.”

Other commentators have noted the concern in Saudi Arabia that the United States may freeze Saudi assets in U.S. banks, forcing them to consider the Gold Dinar as a replacement for the dollar, and dumping dollar holdings altogether if necessary. As amazing as this sounds, given the long history of U.S.-Saudi friendship, there has been a drumbeat of anti-Saudi hysteria in the United States recently, escalating since the infamous presentation before the Defense Department’s Defense Policy Board on July 10 by the RAND corporation’s

Laurent Murawiec, which declared Saudi Arabia the mother of all terror, and calling for the overthrow of that country’s government and other Arab “dictatorships” (see *EIR*, Aug. 16, 2002). Although Murawiec was fired by RAND for this mindless diatribe, Richard Perle, who runs the Defense Policy Board, was never publicly reprimanded, let alone fired, and the Saudis took note.

Even more blatant was the report issued by the leading think-tank of the American establishment, the Council on Foreign Relations, in October, on “Terrorist Financing.” The report is the work of a task force, headed by Maurice “Hank” Greenberg of the AIG insurance cartel, himself a notorious money-launderer. The report castigates Islamic charities in general, but hits Saudi Arabia in particular: “For years, individuals and charities based in Saudi Arabia have been the most important source of funds for al-Qaeda; and for years, Saudi officials have turned a blind eye to this problem,” says the report. Making their intentions clear, the CFR adds: “It may well be the case that if Saudi Arabia and other nations in the region were to move quickly to share sensitive financial information with the U.S., regulate or close down Islamic banks, incarcerate prominent Saudi citizens or render them to international authorities, audit Islamic charities, and investigate the *hawala* system—just a few of the steps that nation would have to take—it would be putting its current system of governance at significant political risk.” Nonetheless, they argue, the Bush Administration must proceed, and stop pretending that “Saudi Arabia is being cooperative, when they know very well all the ways in which it is not.”

With this madness as establishment policy, the Saudis, and others, may well see no choice but to pull out of the dollar-based system. This is one reason for the great interest in LaRouche and his proposals in the Mideast today. It may well lead to the timely adoption of the Gold Dinar policy among Islamic nations, and progress toward a New Bretton Woods monetary system.

Documentation

LaRouche’s ‘Trade Without Currencies’

The following are excerpts from Lyndon LaRouche’s article “On a Basket of Hard Commodities: Trade Without Currencies” (EIR, July 18, 2000). LaRouche argues that under today’s economic conditions, neither a gold-reserve-denominated dollar, nor a “basket of currencies,” can work as the foundation for returning to the successful model of the 1945-71 Bretton Woods world monetary system; and he poses the necessary alternative.

In today's relevant European circles, as elsewhere, it is generally agreed that what President Franklin Roosevelt's U.S. did, to organize a post-World War II monetary system, worked very well, most notably to the benefit of both the U.S. and western Europe. . . .

However, it is also emphasized among those who recognize the urgency of returning to the principles of the pre-1971 types of international monetary agreements of fixed exchange-rates, that the U.S. dollar of this year 2000, if compared to the prestigious U.S. dollar and economy which still existed while President Kennedy was alive, is a relatively shabby thing. In addition to that fact, the fear is, that under either a new U.S. Bush Administration, or a presently unlikely Gore alternative, the worth of the dollar would sink quickly to incalculable depths. . . .

In fact, the strength of the 1945-1965 Bretton Woods System, lay in the fact that the standard of value was, *in effect*, a basket of *hard commodities*. The U.S. dollar's strength as a reserve currency, was based upon the assurance that the current obligations against the U.S. dollar would be matched by the combination of an export-surplus plus gold bullion at a standard, fixed price for monetary-reserve gold. The gold-reserve system worked, because it was defended by protectionist and related regulatory measures, both internationally, and within the relevant nations themselves. It was the *physical* strength of the U.S. economy, as measurable per capita, *a strength measured in terms of rates of growth of physical productivity per capita and per square kilometer*, a strength expressed as *periods of high rate of increase in hard-commodity forms of capital formation*, which was crucial for the way in which the U.S. economy performed during the initial two decades of the post-war monetary system. This physical strength, matched with war-torn Europe's needs for both expanded volumes of U.S. agricultural products and machine-tool categories, enabled U.S. credit to stimulate a rate of growth of physical productivity, per capita, in western Europe, a growth from which Europe obtained the means to meet its obligations to the U.S. . . .

"This had been President Franklin Roosevelt's intention for post-war U.S. aid to nations and peoples he intended should be liberated from the colonialist systems and legacies of Portugal, the Netherlands, the British monarchy, and France. Roosevelt detailed infrastructure-development for Africa as an example of this policy. That policy, as it had been intended by Roosevelt, should become the basis for new forms of cooperation between those sections of the world's economy which have the ability to provide advanced technologies, and less developed regions. This policy-orientation provides the mission-orientation which a new, fixed-exchange-rate, world monetary system must adopt. . . .

In the present situation, where the valuation to be placed on each and every currency of Europe and the Americas, among others, is increasingly in doubt, what constitutes the quality of durable value upon which medium- to long-term,

hard-commodity capital formation could be rationally premised? . . .

In a situation in which the hard-commodity content among currencies is fluctuating, one has still the option of constructing a synthetic unit of account which is based upon an agreed basket of hard commodities. Thereafter, as currencies fluctuate, it is the currencies, not the commodities, which are given implicitly adjusted values, as based upon the basket of commodities used to define the unit. Such a synthetic unit could serve as the accounting-system of an international credit facility, as, in that sense, the basis for creating a kind of successor to SDRs.

Thus, in the matter of medium- to long-term capital loans for hard-commodity investments, the relevant currencies are priced according to the basket of commodities as a standard. The loan is made in these units, not currency-prices; however, the exporter is credited with that number of synthetic units at the time the product is delivered, and repayments of the loan are determined by the price of the relevant currency, in those units, at the time that specific payment is due.

Thus, in effect, a barter-like system of medium- to long-term lending of hard commodity product, is used to approximate the "gold-reserve plus basket of commodities exported" system which operated in relevant Transatlantic relations during the 1945-1965 interval of a fixed-exchange-rate system.

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Starvation Catastrophe Threatens 30 Million

by Uwe Friesecke

While the attention of Western governments and the world media has been directed to the looming war against Iraq, an unparalleled humanitarian crisis is readying itself in Africa, which threatens to overshadow all news of disasters we have received from Africa in the past 30 years, including even the Ethiopian hunger catastrophe of 1984-85. According to the latest estimations of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) and its Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), more than 30 million Africans are threatened by extreme hunger by the beginning of 2003, and this crisis can only be overcome if the community of nations musters a voluminous provision of food aid. Although the FAO has repeatedly warned of the rising crisis during the course of this year, offers of aid have been half-hearted so far. This hunger disaster could be stopped in a short time, if the political will to do so were at hand among the European and American governments.

The crisis has meanwhile expanded its grip over three large regions in Africa. In Southern Africa, all the countries except South Africa, Namibia, and Botswana, have been stricken. More than 14 million people are in danger there. Malawi had already declared a national emergency back in February; Lesotho, in April; and Zambia, in May. In the region where the crisis has lasted longest—Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somalia—the situation also dramatically intensified during the month of October. There, another 14 million people have to battle with the consequences of lack of food. And finally, the Western Sahel has now become a zone of crisis. Several million human beings in Mauritania, Mali, and Senegal are threatened.

Clear, early-warning announcements, sounding the alarm on the developing catastrophe, have been given since the beginning of 2002 by the United Nations Organization. At first, these concerned Southern Africa. Already in February, the FAO spoke of 4 million people who, because of very bad weather conditions in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Angola, had to expect the widespread failure of the next harvest. In May, they already were speaking of 10 million in danger; in June, of 12.8 million; and now, the report has risen to 14 million people. For Ethiopia in East Africa, the government gave out a warning in July, that its earlier warning that 5.2 million people would need food aid, had to be corrected upward to 8 million.

In mid-October, the World Food Program issued a press briefing with the alarming title, “Disaster Threatens: Millions More Ethiopians Menaced by Hunger.” The report cited the estimate of the UN chief representative in Ethiopia, Georgia Shaver, that 6 million people there had already had to turn to donated food aid, and that this number could rise to 10-14 million, in Ethiopia alone, by the beginning of 2003. At the same time, the Eritrean government warned that 1.5 million Eritreans would be stricken by the harvest losses due to drought conditions.

Now there are, in addition, further warnings for the Sahel zone. The failure of the normal rainfall, has left the harvests withered in large areas of Mauritania, Mali, and Senegal.

A Disaster Without Precedent

World Food Program spokeswoman Christiane Berthiaume explained that the UN Organization has never had to overcome so many severe crises, all at the same time. It has never encountered such a truly massive problem, she said, and donor countries were not responding in proportion to its dimensions. Meanwhile, the FAO has complained that, of the foodstuffs it requested in August for the crisis in Southern Africa, only 34% has been provided.

The immediate trigger of the crisis in most of the stricken areas, is a massive drought affecting countries whose economies have already collapsed under the dictates of the structural adjustment policy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and whose populations are already suffering the most bitter poverty, compounded by disease and malnutrition. Farmers are at the mercy of the drought, because there is no infrastructure by means of which the effects of drought can be combatted. They can only watch passively while their grain and pasture-land dries up.

This year, Malawi is bringing in the poorest harvest in more than 50 years. In Zambia, even last year, maize production was about 30% below normal. This year, in some areas, the harvest is completely wiped out. About 630,000 tons have been lost. In Zimbabwe, there is a deficit of up to 1.5 million tons of maize. Mountainous Lesotho, last Spring, was afflicted, not by drought, but by rain, frost, and hail, and that season’s harvest was diminished by nearly two-thirds. In Mozambique, after overwhelming floods had washed the fields out in the preceding two years, this year’s drought parched the grain on the stalk in southern and central Mozambique. Some peasants have not had a full harvest in three years.

The outlook in many parts of Ethiopia and Eritrea is similarly catastrophic. The drought there has led to the widespread loss of the maize and millet crops. The pasture-land was thereby lost, and drinking water has dried up for livestock, with cattling dying as a result. Hit especially hard in Ethiopia are the Afar region north of the capital Addis Abeba, the eastern part of Oromia, and several districts in the south, down to the northern border of Somalia.

In these stricken countries, there has developed, in addi-

tion, an awful dynamic of the combined catastrophes of food shortages and AIDS. HIV infection rates lie between 20% and 30% of the adult population.

The United Nations and World Food Program require about 1 million tons of foodstuffs from donors in the next four months in order to stop the African hunger disaster. That costs \$400 million, less than the United States and Great Britain are spending every few days for the preparations for their war in the Middle East.

World Grain Output, Stocks Fall

Worsening the lack of humanitarian response by the “donor community,” to supply food relief on the scale needed in Africa, is the grim situation of *worldwide* food production this year. World grain output and reserves are both declining dramatically. This all reflects the economic policy debacle in Western capitals. The latest harvest estimates from the Northern Hemisphere farm belts, made by the the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, document the trends.

Crop output has fallen more or less drastically in four of the world’s top six grain export centers: Canada, the United States, Argentina, and Australia (the other two are Germany and New Zealand). The decline reflects both the worsening economic conditions for farming—as in Argentina, which is suffering general economic collapse under IMF dictates—and the impact of drought, which is severely affecting crops in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

The Australian Grains Council announced in October, that their current harvest of winter crops will be down 50% from last crop year! On Oct. 28, Grains Council president Keith Perrett said he “doesn’t doubt” that the next year will see grain *imports* into the country, unprecedented in recent times. In the United States, 1,606 out of a total of 3,141 counties have been officially designated economic “disaster areas,” most for drought, and many of them in the High Plains farm belt.

The total grains output (all types) for the world (all nations) for the crop year 2002-03 is expected to be—at the best—1,814 million metric tons (mmt), well below each of the last two crop years—1,863 mmt in 2001-02, and 1,842 in 2000-01.

World grain stocks are going down accordingly, as output

African Nations in Worsening Food Crisis



30 million people in 13 countries in three different broad regions of Africa, are threatened with hunger and/or starvation as a result of failed economic dogma and drought. The crisis threatens to exceed all those of the past 30 years on the continent.

falls, while use of grain (directly for human consumption, or indirectly through the livestock chain) continues to rise—although not nearly at the rate it would be if decent nutrition and food relief were being provided for millions of people now going hungry. The world year-ending reserve levels (carry-over at the end of the crop year) have been falling dramatically: from 501 mmt in 2000-01; to 461 mmt in 2001-02; to 371 mmt in 2002-03.

Global stocks are declining for all three major grain types: wheat, rice, and coarse grains (such as maize and sorghum). For example, the projected year-ending stocks of wheat worldwide have fallen from 169 million metric tons in 2000-01, down to an expected 131 million metric tons—which will be the lowest in over 20 years. World carry-over of coarse grains in 2000-01 was 187 mmt, and for 2002-03 is projected to be only 134 mmt.

Official IMF Line Is Challenged in Sarajevo

by Our Special Correspondent

Schiller Institute representatives visited the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo on Oct. 17-19, to attend the 50th anniversary celebration conference of the economics faculty of the University of Sarajevo. Professors from all the republics of former Yugoslavia, students, and some representatives from other European countries participated in this international conference. The Schiller Institute had been invited to contribute a paper on “Challenges for Economic Science in the 21st Century” for the jubilee book editions. Elke and Klaus Fimmen of the Schiller Institute also used the Sarajevo visit to meet many friends, who consider *EIR* their essential moral support under International Monetary Fund (IMF) occupation; to organize new supporters; and to distribute many copies of the Croatian translation of Lyndon LaRouche’s textbook, *So You Wish To Learn All About Economics?*, happily greeted by all who received it. The book even excited the young policeman at the Republika Srpska border going into Bosnia, who, while inspecting the car, saw it and exclaimed, “Oh, this is beautiful!” He got his personal copy.

Bosnia, the Protectorate

In Bosnia, parliamentary, cantonal, and Presidential elections had just taken place. The results, which were overwhelmingly in favor of the “national” parties, are now being “adjusted,” to fit in also the losers, from the former coalition of various smaller parties. Some of these parties fell under the 3% level legally required for entry to parliament—but no matter. It is the “international community,” through High Representative in Bosnia Paddy Ashdown, which sets “the rule of law” there. It is thus still not clear who will form the central government. With voter participation around 50%, people were clearly disappointed by the last government. Of course, since IMF and World Bank conditions allow no credit financing for reconstruction or industrial programs, and everything is strangled by the foreign-controlled currency board, the situation is getting worse all the time. International aid, de facto, has stopped, and, as Lord Paddy Ashdown has already announced, the country will face a big “liquidity crunch” early next year.

Driving from Eastern Croatia across the Sava River into the northern part of Bosnia—the Republika Srpska—one sees destroyed houses, with grass and trees growing out of them, and vast landscapes which are totally empty. In the Federation (the Croat/Bosniak-controlled area) leading down to Sara-

jevo, it looks a little bit better, but not much. Some 1.2 million displaced persons inside Bosnia still cannot return to their former houses, mostly in the Republika Srpska. And unemployment is even officially admitted to be around 50-60%. As was said at the university conference, many people in Bosnia do not even have the 2 euros per day that every cow in the European Union gets as a subsidy.

In the center of Sarajevo are seen grey-faced men, most looking much older than they really are, waiting in the morning in front of some of the rare construction sites, for a day job. A minimum of 250-300 convertible marks (worth about half a dollar) is needed to survive for a month, but most people receive much less. Prices at the supermarket, with almost all food imported, are nearly as high as in Germany.

The only “light on the horizon” is the construction of a very small part of a highway north of Sarajevo. Everybody knows that it is these infrastructure projects which would move the country forward and create jobs; one of the government parties—the Party for Bosnia-Herzegovina of Haris Siladzjic—used a highway sign on its election billboards.

The Thin ‘Official Line’

The Sarajevo University faculty used the opportunity of this conference to make contact with many professors from other former Yugoslav republics, and with other European universities. It was the first such conference since the end of the war in 1995, very well prepared and organized, with a dense program of workshops, speeches, and discussion. While a lot of interesting material can be found in the book collections (see www.efsa.unsa.ba), officially, most speakers stayed within the “politically correct” rhetoric of how to achieve “necessary transition policies.” But, in Bosnia, daily, very real problems have to be solved, which are visible as soon as one walks out of the Holiday Inn in the center of Sarajevo. So, the official line does not run deep. There were also some critics of the IMF policies present, led by Prof. Dragoljub Stojanov, a member of the program committee and a signer of the call for an “Ad Hoc Committee for a New Bretton Woods,” initiated by the Schiller Institute in April 2000. Prof. Mario Nuti from La Sapienza University in Rome and the London School of Economics, in his speech in the opening ceremony, called for a “new global financial architecture.”

Lyndon LaRouche’s concepts were prominently presented by Elke Fimmen’s Schiller Institute paper, published in one of the two English-language jubilee books, which were given to all participants and foreign guests, including Lord Ashdown. This was a special jubilee edition issued by the Economics Faculty, *Economic Science Before the Challenges of the 21st Century*, edited by Professor Stojanov. In his foreword to the collection of papers, Professor Stojanov called for reintroducing “political economy” into Bosnia’s transition policies, instead of “economics” as such—i.e., the necessity for state intervention.

Fimmen’s extensive paper took up the jubilee as a reflec-

tion point for two contrasting kind of economics during the last 50 years. With many historical references, she focussed on LaRouche's concept of a New Bretton Woods economic order, and his important theoretical contributions, such as the concepts of potential relative population density, the "science-driver economy," the necessary steps for a New Bretton Woods, and the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

The international High Representative used the occasion to preach the rules to the incoming government. He clearly knew that he was speaking to an intellectual group of individuals who, while still paying lip-service to the official IMF line, in reality detests this occupation force. While calling this the "most important event" he had attended since his inauguration four months ago, he did not want to listen to the final two, more critical, speakers of the opening panel, but swept off with his international entourage after his own speech, causing consternation among the assembly.

With several government representatives in the front row, Ashdown sharply criticized the old government (which basically did what it was ordered to do), demanding that in the next six months, quick reforms have to be implemented, because in the Spring, "a serious liquidity crisis" will hit. While hiding from his audience that the world financial system and its institutions are sinking just like the *Titanic*, he insisted on more of the same ultra-liberal policies which have ruined Bosnia and the world economy: "One thing should be clear: There is no role for government to create new jobs. This is a way of the past, and the past is over." And: "Government can only create the conditions, in which jobs will arise somewhat naturally." (!) To top it off, the High Lord Paddy pontificated to his supposed subjects, to be less corrupt: "Every morning, when you have your cup of coffee at your office, you must ask yourself: What can I do for my country today?"

This speech was received with polite applause. It came from a man, who is said to "earn" about 30,000 euros per month in Bosnia. As is well known, and as was pointed out by one young assistant professor in a later workshop, 40-60% of the little aid money that Bosnia receives from abroad, goes to the international organizations themselves. There are many problems inside Bosnia itself, but these people, he said, "every morning, sit in their office and think, what can I do for myself today?" When visiting one big supermarket, the Schiller Institute representatives witnessed one disgusting English-speaking sample of this species of parasite, selecting the most expensive wine and liquor brands from the shelves, with his Bosnian "servant" filling the cart.

IMF Diktat vs. Physical Economy

To many people in Bosnia, LaRouche has been very well known for a long time. His works on the science of *physical economy* are a focus of battle. Typically, one student told us that when she included *EIR* material, given to her by one professor, into her master's thesis, another professor ordered her to take it out again. When a Bosnian professor employed

by the Central Bank (the foreign-controlled currency board) spoke, Klaus Fimmen intervened and, to take the air out of the balloon out of the economist's theoretical justification of Bosnia's need for the currency board, Fimmen proposed heretically that all the money consumed by the international organizations in Bosnia, including Lord Ashdown's own, should be taken as capital for an institution modelled on Germany's Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Reconstruction Bank), to get the economy started. While the audience smiled and nodded, the currency board speaker made the crucial admission: "Then, this money probably would not go to Bosnia in the first place." This made clear that economic policy in Bosnia is a matter of political *diktat*.

Croatian Prof. Branko Horvath, the senior "éminence grise" among economists of former Yugoslavia, and a signer of the New Bretton Woods Call, in his official concluding speech, attacked the "inferiority complex" of Bosnian economists before the IMF. In his typical blunt way, he addressed especially the young student economists, some of whom had just repeated the IMF line in their conference papers: "Do your own research, do not rely on IMF figures. They are usually wrong, and you must know the real situation." He challenged them to define "a task" for their country, and not bother about the international advisers. "Let them come and talk, as they want. But you must work yourselves for your own future and for your country." Everyone knew he was right.

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Business Briefs

U.S. Airlines

Shrinkage of Major Carriers Accelerating

The airline industry employed 53,000 fewer people (10% of its workforce) in the third quarter of 2002, compared to a year ago, and has since seen announcements of another 20,000 job cuts. The major carriers have lost nearly \$8 billion this year. "All the airlines are on very thin ice right now," warned an *Aviation Daily* editorial Nov. 4, with some "likely to cease operations" unless more cuts are made.

UAL, parent of United Airlines, to stave off bankruptcy, received a postponement from Germany's Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, of \$500 million in debt payments due by the end of the year. The world's second-largest carrier still must come up with another \$450 million in debt payments over the next two months. United's pilots' union has tentatively agreed to an 18% pay cut; flight attendants, mechanics and other employees have tentatively offered \$5.8 billion in pay cuts over five and one-half years.

US Airways, already in bankruptcy, must make deeper payroll cuts as it faces a severe cash crunch, after having cut flights by about 13% since August. Other airlines are taking parts of its route network. And the management of American Airlines, after losing \$3 billion in the first nine months of this year, is publicly jawboning workers for more cuts, and warning of more layoffs.

Argentina

Duhalde Won't Give World Bank Reserves

Use of Argentine reserves to pay \$800 million to the World Bank on Nov. 14 would risk throwing the country into chaos, warned President Eduardo Duhalde in a Nov. 5 press conference, with Finance Minister Roberto Lavagna.

According to *Clarín* of Nov. 5, Lavagna said that if Argentina defaults on the \$800 payment, it should be taken as a simple "fact

of reality." While underscoring that negotiations with the IMF will continue, no matter what happens on Nov. 14, Lavagna said that the government's decision not to use its reserves, is an objective fact. "If the government were to pay everything coming due through May 25 [2003], it would have to use 100% of its reserves, and that would be unsustainable." The situation should be dealt with calmly, he added. The consequences of an eventual default "will depend on the attitude of the political class. If it becomes hysterical and thinks it's the end of the world, the impact will be negative. But if it takes this as just a fact of reality, everything will remain the same, although in a different context."

Gold

Demand Soaring in Saudi Arabia, Gulf

The English-language daily *Arab News* reported Nov. 1 that "The demand for gold in the [Saudi] Kingdom is expected to increase by more than 20% during the last quarter of this year; market analysts . . . attributed the increase to a growing trend to invest in gold amid fears of an imminent U.S. attack on Iraq."

The daily cited Osama Al-Wazir, director of World Gold Council (WGC) for the Persian Gulf countries, as saying that he expected an increase in gold sales over the coming months as a result of new developments in the region. Muhammad ibn Saeed of Al-Amoudi Currency Exchange Center said there was big demand for gold coins and biscuits in recent months as many people, especially expatriates, wanted to preserve their money in the form of gold as a safe investment. The WGC reported recently that there was a 16% increase in gold sales in the Kingdom and other Gulf states during the first half of this year.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) said Saudi banks are experiencing a dramatic increase in deposits and assets. Its report, published in *Asharq Al-Awsat*, compares deposits and assets of Saudi banks of September 2002 to Septem-

ber 2001. The increase in all types of private and governmental deposits and savings is dramatic, totalling about \$30 billion. There is a detailed account of the increase of the different types of deposits and assets, but SAMA does not report where the increase is coming from. It is obvious that the repatriation of funds from the United States is playing the main role in this increase.

Russia

Firm's 'Strategic Partnership' With Saudi

Russian and Saudi Arabian corporations announced their first "strategic partnership" in gas production and water desalination, according to *Arab News* and other press Nov. 5. A high-level delegation from Stroytransgaz, a Russian company that is a leader in the field of pipeline projects, visited the Saudi Kingdom for three days, beginning Oct. 29. First Vice President Leonid Bokhanovsky, who led the delegation, was accompanied by his deputies Alexander Lavrentiev and Konstantin Dudarev. The visit follows Saudi Minister of Finance Ibrahim Al-Assaf's official trip to Russia in early October with a delegation representing various public- and private-sector institutions and companies representing Saudi Arabia. Assaf signed a memorandum of understanding between Stroytransgaz and Saudi Oger Ltd, a Riyadh-based construction company founded in 1978.

The Russian delegation met officials at Saudi Aramco, the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) and the Ministry of Finance. They also held talks with Saudi Oger General Manager Saad Hariri, and both parties committed themselves to concluding a partnership deal in the near future.

"The delegation found the governor of the SWCC greatly encouraging. He explained to them its future projects," Gahssan Taher, Saudi Oger's assistant general manager of investment, told *Arab News*. "Aramco also gave them its pipeline specifications. This collaboration falls in line with the general guidelines to enhance economic ties between the Kingdom and Rus-

sia, with the emphasis on the private sector level.”

In statements to the Arabic daily *Asharq Al-Awsat*, Hariri said that two companies were in the process of establishing a “joint Russian-Saudi company” working in the fields of construction, gas exploration and transportation, water and pipeline building. *Asharq Al-Awsat* reports that this company will be active in the Middle East and expand its activities into Africa. Hariri also stated that Aramco and the SWCC have expansion plans and major projects for gas production, power generation and water desalination, and that this agreement came just in time for implementing these projects.

Asharq Al-Awsat states that this quick announcement of the partnership between Stroytransgaz and Saudi Oger, enhances the ambitions of the first Saudi-Russian Joint Commission, which resulted in the signing of a protocol outlining the directions of cooperation between Riyadh and Moscow. This includes the establishing of a “Saudi-Russian council” to follow up and implement the recommendations of the Joint Commission. As reported earlier, the two sides will sign an agreement on protection of investments and prevention of double taxation, in January 2003.

Asharq Al-Awsat cited a Saudi Finance Ministry official who said that Saudi Arabia was looking forward to increasing the currently meager trade volume and joint investments, and also that Saudi Arabia was “keen on benefiting from Russian expertise in oil and gas and Russia science and space technology.”

Indonesia

No Further Debt Moratorium Sought

Indonesia, which played the “debt card” last year, telling the Paris Club of creditor nations that it simply couldn’t pay the debt—neither principal nor interest—has committed not to seek a further debt moratorium or restructuring now. The effective debt moratorium was granted, partially by necessity, but also due to the fact that Asia was being

treated gingerly while the push for war on Iraq was being promoted.

Now, according to Coordinating Minister for the Economy Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti: “Despite what has happened in Bali [with the terrorist discobombing on Oct. 12], our commitment that we will not seek a fourth edition of debt relief from the Paris Club remains.” The assumption that the country would experience a zero deficit in its budget for the 2004 fiscal year has been blown away, so to speak, and the government now expects the deficit to be 2% of GDP, while state debt still sits at 90% of GDP, or \$131 billion.

Finance Minister Budiono announced that the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank have withheld a total of \$925.8 million in pledged loans since 1999, complaining that Indonesia has not met “reform” targets (i.e., selling off its state-sector companies for a fraction of their worth).

Mexico

Employment in Manufacturing Sinks

Already in August, manufacturing employment in Mexico had fallen, year on year, by 4.3%, according to *El Norte* on Nov. 3.

Much of what is called “manufacturing” in Mexico, however, is not real manufacturing, but rather low-wage reassembly, the cancerous *maquiladora* assembly plants, which produce for export only. Employment in the *maquiladoras*, for more than a decade the only growth “industry” in Mexico, was 7% less in August 2002, than in August 2001.

The worst hit were the electronic and clothing components of the *maquiladoras*, where 43% of the *maquila* workforce is employed. Employment in electronics assembly fell nationally by over 17%, and in textiles and clothing, by 10.5%. These latter two drops hit nine states really hard—among the most affected being Baja California Sur and the State of México, where *maquiladora* employment fell by about 40%; and Sinoloa and Aguascalientes, where the fall was about 20%.

BOEING sales of aircraft to Beijing are a huge lifeline for the company. Boeing anticipates that China will purchase 1,912 new aircraft over the next 20 years. Purchases in 2001-2021 are projected at \$165 billion, Boeing President Fred Howard said in a forecast issued at the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai Nov. 2. Boeing currently has 392 jets in service in China, or 65% of market share. With internal air traffic expected to rise 7.6% per annum, most of the 1,550 new planes will be used for domestic service.

JOB CUTS in the U.S. economy returned to high levels in October, rising 151% to 176,010, after September saw a 22-month low. Total job losses for 2002 are now at 1,180,627—below the 1,613,880 at this time last year, but accelerating. The Commerce Department reported new factory orders down for the second straight month, together with the fall in manufacturing activity announced Nov. 1.

MORGAN STANLEY chief economist Stephen Roach wrote Nov. 1 that the world economy and financial markets are “at the most dangerous point in 70 years,” with a great risk of a worldwide deflationary spiral. In particular, the U.S. economy is at risk of undergoing a Japanese-style dynamic, due to excesses such as the low savings rate, a possible balance of payments crisis, and the record-high debt among corporations and consumers.

INDIA is donating 1 million tons of wheat to ease Afghanistan’s food shortage; the UN World Food Program (WFP) on Nov. 5 called it the largest single pledge in the WFP’s history. The first tranche of the donation—40,000 tons—would be converted into 9,526 tons of high-energy biscuits destined for the school food program in Afghanistan. About 1 million Afghan schoolchildren, mostly in rural areas, will be given these high-energy biscuits in the winter months.

International Youth Movement Of LaRouche Is Recruiting!

by Lawrence K. Freeman

Lyndon LaRouche—the electable Presidential Democrat—has unleashed a new movement for change under his leadership around the world. He is recruiting hundreds of young people between the ages of 18 and 25, through his political application of the the method of Plato and Socrates to the profound global economic crisis. At meetings in Europe, the United States, and Mexico, young people of the “no future” generation sit for hours in dialogue with the octogenarian LaRouche, as he makes them aware of the sacred power of the cognitive quality of their own minds.

The LaRouche International Youth Movement is the only politically active such movement in the United States, and is developing the power to reverse today’s decadent “Baby Boomer” generation culture.

LaRouche uniquely understands the betrayal of the youth of today by their Baby Boomer parents, who have brought leading nations into such an economic, strategic, and moral disaster, they have deprived the younger generation of any meaningful future for their lives and their own posterity. They appreciate that LaRouche doesn’t practice the duplicity of society, but tells them the truth—if they want a future, it’s their mission to create it for humanity. The overall characteristic of these youth is, that although poorly educated, often at “prestigious” universities, they are far from stupid. In fact, their anger at being deprived of an education, and their desire to know the principles governing the universe, and their minds, motivates them to leave college for LaRouche’s “university on wheels.”

Twelve Days of Breakthroughs

Through his ability to stimulate their creative mentative powers, candidate LaRouche has created a large cadre of deployable youth concentrated on the East and West Coasts of the United States, including on college campuses—though

not at all limited by American shores. Typically, weekend “cadre schools” are organized so the youth can envelope themselves in 48 hours of cognitive activity away from their normal daily routines. To understand the scope of LaRouche’s Youth Movement, one merely has to look at the density of educational activity of just 12 days in October-November.

Over the Oct. 25-27 weekend, 30 young volunteers from the Seattle area met for a dialogue with LaRouche over the phone. That same weekend, 15-20 youth met in Rennes, France, where classes were taught by, among others, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder and President of the Schiller Institute. On the next weekend, Nov. 1-3, two major youth educationals were held. One in Berlin was led by Mrs. LaRouche and Jonathan Tennenbaum, for 40 leaders of the rapidly growing German LaRouche youth movement. The second was conducted in a central Pennsylvania campground, with approximately 80 youth from the Northeast corridor from Norfolk, Virginia to Boston. After addressing this gathering personally, in a four-hour Socratic dialogue, LaRouche travelled to Saltillo, Mexico, where he met with 45 youth from Monterrey. Over the past two years, LaRouche has devoted a growing portion of his time to educating the “no future” generation in dozens of such settings.

At the retreat in Central Pennsylvania, LaRouche’s dialogue with the students was as beautiful as it was intense, raising the cognitive level to new heights. LaRouche concluded his opening remarks (they follow this article) by challenging the younger generation to provide leadership in organizing the Baby Boomer generation—which he referred to as “doormice” of *Alice in Wonderland*—out of their frightened, delusional state of mind. “The reason youth movements create revolutions,” LaRouche told the youngsters, “is because the youth when faced with the prospect of no future, or



The author welcomes nearly 100 youth, mostly of college age, to the weekend-long East Coast “cadre school” for the LaRouche Youth movement, and introduces the Presidential candidate’s speech to them.

Another “cadre school” among the many in recent months in the United States; here, LaRouche in dialogue with young organizers in Los Angeles, with his West Coast spokesman, Harley Schlanger, moderating.



a very bad future, say, ‘Well, we can’t change everything. But we can get out there and begin to organize our own generation, and our parents’ generation, to waken them, to act to get us all out of this mess.’ You do it by example.”

Immortality as a Mortal Mission

LaRouche then answered questions in a thought-provoking dialogue for another two and one-half hours. One of the most moving exchanges was with a student from Morgan State University in Baltimore, where youth organizers have polarized the campus to the point that the campus newspaper has attacked LaRouche, for recruiting African-Americans away from “promising futures,” to his movement. The Morgan student told LaRouche that while he liked the idea of the General Welfare put forth by our Founding Fathers, he was unsure that they intended this principle to apply to Native and African-Americans. LaRouche responded by challenging the student to take personal responsibility for winning that war. He introduced the idea of making your immortality the basis for your mortal identity: “Think of the life of humanity, which had been on this planet for more than 2 million years: human beings. What has happened to humanity, in the past 2 million years? How many civilizations have been wiped out? How many nations have been wiped out? What suffering has happened, without remedy, for whole sections of humanity? Think about it! Live in immortality. Adopt immortality, as your goal of your self-image. . . . Think of immortality as: You arrive, you have a limited time, in which to live. You don’t know the minute, or how long. . . . You’re going to have to adopt some kind of mission in life, of what you’re going to

do, with that life, which you need not be ashamed of, a thousand years from now. Have you done what you should, in your time, to advance the cause of humanity? . . . And you have nothing to be ashamed of, in the eyes of those who came before you. If they suffered, *you* are doing something about it.”

LaRouche continued, “That’s the sense of immortality. You have to find it in yourself, and then you have the strength to project it to others. The trick of this business is to inspire people. To find in themselves, that which is inspiring. You can have tremendous power. If you feel impotent, you feel helpless; you don’t know how to deal with these questions. They’re dismaying. You say, ‘How could this country do this terrible thing?’ Well, tell me a country that didn’t. . . . You and I and others have to decide, this is not going to go on! Then, we go back, and fix up the past, because our ancestors [should] not be ashamed of us.”

This not the first time that LaRouche has dedicated his energies to educating a youth movement. It was almost 40 years ago, in the 1960s, that LaRouche recruited hundreds of college-age Baby Boomers, who became the leaders of his unprecedented international movement today. Against the backdrop of the vacuum of leadership in the depression crisis of North America, Europe, and the world, is there anyone more qualified than LaRouche to get these nations out of this economic mess, that we have created? Is there anyone more qualified to revamp our educational system and give the “no future” generation a future? For those young minds who have had the opportunity to share in the discovery of ideas with LaRouche, the answer is, as the expression goes: “It’s a no brainer.”

Do You Want a Future? Learn How To Solve the Crisis of Humanity

This is Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche's opening presentation to 100 young volunteers at the Nov. 2-3 East Coast Youth Cadre School, held in Pennsylvania.

We're in a very interesting period right now. The entire system is disintegrating. There are two things we should consider: in general, the nature of the disintegration; what's wrong with your parents' generation, as such, which is the same thing: disintegration; and, what is the crucial aspect that your role has to be, in your generation, in order to fix this world mess. The role of leadership.

And, the latter part will be something you know something about, because I've been emphasizing it, but most people *don't know anything about leadership*. You see what we elect in government, you realize that the voters in this country don't know what leadership is. If they were out picking a bride, you don't know what they'd marry! They just don't know what anything is. I saw some mules out here—they'd probably be eligible in certain tastes of some of these voters.

But anyway, we're not in cyclical crisis. The idiots today are talking about: "Is this a depression, like the 1929-33 Depression?" Well, it ain't, buddy! The 1929-33 Depression was of the character of a cyclical depression; that is, it was built in to the way the system functions, under the influence of the British System, or the Adam Smith system, as it's sometimes called; or the Free-Trade system. Any such system operating upon European standards of economy—not American, but European standards of economy, especially under the influence of the Free-Trade system—will have inherently in it, business cycles. The business cycle is caused by the character of Central Banking systems, or something that imitates a Central Banking system.

Now, in the past, most of these cycles have been cycles of Boom and Bust. The boom was partly absolute growth, real growth, and the bust was largely a financial growth, which caused an economic collapse. But, because of the political impact—and the partial bankruptcy of the system, and the political impact—recovery efforts were made sooner or later. So the system did not collapse; it went into a relative collapse, but then came back. And that's the characteristic of the late 18th Century, through the 19th Century, and 20th Century.

The American System Vs. the Imperial System

What happened was—and I've explained this—what happened about 1960-65, was the character of the system was changed. Now, the United States, in particular—apart from the influence of slavery and a few things like that—the U.S. economic system was a productive system. The leadership of the United States aimed at creating a *national economy*. We called it a Federal Republic. George Washington did not like to use the term "Federal Republic." This is not a confederation of states; it is a unified nation. And the concept of Manifest Destiny, by people like John Quincy Adams, who was one time Secretary of State, President, and so forth; and by James Blaine, a famous diplomat; the idea of Manifest Destiny was this: We were going to free ourselves, as a nation, from the diseases of Europe, which meant the legacy of the feudal system, including the institution of Monarchy, and the institution of oligarchical or noble classes. We were to be a *class-free* society, politically, with elected leaders, who would represent a republic, in the sense of Solon or Plato.

That was the ideal. They couldn't do this in Europe, because Europe had too much baggage. It had the baggage of a Venetian system, which was the Anglo-Dutch liberal system, which was inherently an imperialistic maritime system, based on looting. The British System was always an imperial system. The Dutch System was always an imperial system, which depended upon looting other parts of the world, to sustain itself, as well as looting people in their own countries, as the poor who were looted to sustain the wealthy.

Our objective was not to fall into that trap. Our objective was to have a true nation, a true republic, with the best ideas of Europe, but without the diseases. We were not able to do that, because of the French Revolution. The failure of Lafayette and Bailly to succeed in establishing a constitutional Monarchy in the late Spring of 1789, and the King's rejection of the proposed constitution, led to a situation in which the British Monarchy, through the British Foreign Office, organized a series of coups inside France. The first was July 14, 1789. This was the beginning of fascism, or modern fascism. Many French people who are foolish admire and celebrate July 14, 1789. Really intelligent and moral French people deplore the occasion. It was a fraud run by two British



LaRouche walked among the group during his talk, for which Youth Movement organizers had made a banner which makes its purposes crystal clear.

agents: the Duke of Orléans, who was a British agent, and his accomplice, another British agent, Jacques Necker. And the two of them ran this operation. The purpose of the operation was to prevent the organization of a true Republic of the type that Bailly and Lafayette had attempted to establish as a constitutional Monarchy.

This went from bad to worse. There were good elements in the process, such as the work of Lazare Carnot, who, in a period of about two years, saved France from total destruction, as a military-political leader, one of the developers of the modern policy of strategic defense, and so forth.

But, most predominantly—You had a man who was called a “piece of shit in a silk stocking”: Talleyrand. Even Napoleon called him that. And that was an insult to silk stockings [laughter]. You had the police chief, Fouché—these characters were real scoundrels. What this did—since the United States had been able to establish itself as a republic, independent republic, with the aid of our allies in France and elsewhere—the collapse of France as an ally, from its own internal destruction, in the unleashing of insanity organized by the British Foreign Office, in the form of first, Orléans, Necker, Barras, and then, after that, the famous Jacobin Terror. And, following the Jacobin Terror, the first modern fascist state, the Napoleonic state, modelled upon Caesarism, as a model, and on Roman law, as the French *Code Napoleon*, to the present day. The is a Roman, Romantic, anti-republican system of law.

So therefore, France, with all its weaknesses, had been a

principal ally of the United States, with complications, suddenly ceased to exist, and the United States was faced with enemies in Britain, among the Dutch, who were a more complicated business, but the Anglo-Dutch oligarchical system, and the Hapsburgs, who were inherently evil. So we were faced with that.

Treason Against the American System

Very early in the Republic, under the Constitution, we had troubles. The troubles were largely organized by British or French agents, inside the United States. This caused a spread of *populism*, such as the Whiskey Rebellion, which was largely organized with French help. Then you had the Essex Junto, from up in Massachusetts—these were the people who became, very soon, in the 1790s, became leading drug pushers, drug traders, working for the British East India Company. These guys were traitors to the United States from *before* the existence of the United States. And they remain such today.

You had phenomena like Aaron Burr. Aaron Burr was not only a traitor, contrary to all rumors; he was specifically an agent of Jeremy Bentham, who was head of the secret committee of the British Foreign Office. This was a secret committee which organized the French Revolution, including the affairs of the Bastille and the Jacobin Terror. They sought to organize that in our country. The British tried to play the French conflict with the United States to the advantage of the British, by pressing the United States to say, “Come to protection of a

treaty with England to help protect you against the evil coming out of France.”

So the United States was torn apart during the 1790s. People who had been leaders in the founding of the Republic, went crazy. Jefferson went absolutely crazy and degenerate! He wasn't a traitor, but he became almost a French agent by his own folly, and his support of populism. On the other side, you had the organization of the riots, later on. So, populism became the destructive force inside the United States, which was able to flourish, because of the collapse of the authority of the government, because of our weakness in respect to foreign powers, and because of the lack of leadership, a lack of leadership produced largely by the demoralization of people who had been leading figures in the American Revolution.

But nonetheless, our intent always was: to free ourselves from the European system! Not from European culture, but from the European system, typified by the Anglo-Dutch liberals, the Venetians, the Hapsburgs, the Spanish. The Spanish were always our enemy, up through the middle and late part of the last century. The slave trade in the United States in the 19th Century was run, after the Napoleonic Wars, by the Spanish Monarchy on a franchise from the British government. And the British protected the Spanish Monarchy. And it was the Spanish Monarchy that did that. It was the Spanish Monarchy that collaborated with the French, including Napoleon “the Turd,” the nephew of Napoleon I, another fascist. And this fascist Napoleonic tradition in France allied with Britain, and allied with the Spanish pigs, people who organized support for the Confederacy, and who organized the takeover of Mexico, in an actual invasion and occupation, by putting a Hapsburg pig on the throne of Mexico.

And this has been the problem. And the Spanish influence in the Americas, in terms of the Spanish Monarchy, has been predominantly negative. The French influence has been corrupt, partly by intention, but partly because of the fascist tradition embedded in France in the aftermath of the Jacobin Terror and the establishment of the Napoleonic tyranny, which is a Caesarean tyranny. And Napoleon I was the forerunner of Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. There's no difference between these two sets: the same thing. Populism in the United States has always been the basis for right-wing movements and fascism. Yes, you had right-wing forces, you called them, or the oligarchical or wealthy forces. But the mass base, on which the Confederacy depended, on which every kind of tendency toward fascism in the United States occurred, was always based on *populism*, the so-called mass cult of popular opinion, of individual popular opinion: Take care of your local interests; take care of your neighborhood, your family, and the short-term interests; don't become involved in defending your country.

American Fascism: Example of the Moonies

And it was that corruption which led, as now, to a fascist tendency in the United States. The Department of Justice is

practically a fascist institution. Not only is the head of the Department of Justice, the Attorney General, a fascist, and an idiot as well; but he's a religious nut, of a very specific type.

I'll give you an example: the cast of the Moonies.

The Moonies are not a religion. They are a pro-Satanic, sex-and-money cult. They are the hard core of the organized, mass-based right wing in the United States. Falwell is a Moonie asset. Robertson is a Moonie asset. Most of the kooky, quirky types of religion, of all types, in the United States, are owned by the Moonies! If you've got a nut in your family, that's probably a secret Moonie!

Imagine an idea of religion—get the picture. Just take the theology of Moon. What is Moon's theology? [laughter] I hate to tell you, but you've got to know. Moon has a criminal history. He was arrested in Korea for running a sex cult. That is, he was converting the female parishioners by taking them to bed. And if you joined his church, you had to go to bed with him. Now, this is when he was younger; I don't know what he does now. But he was arrested and imprisoned for this practice, of taking young girls, seducing them into the church, and taking them into bed; and doing it on a large scale. So, finally, the Korean government imprisoned him for this practice, of which he was guilty.

He then went forward, with support from within the United States, and so forth, to become an international religious organization, tied to an organization called Moral Re-armament—a British operation—a peace movement, whose purpose was, to bring fascist dictatorship and war throughout the planet. It's a peace movement! Turn everything into pieces, eh?

What they run in the United States, is this doctrine. The doctrine is very simple. It's a rationalization—it's not new—it's known from the First Century A.D., as the original anti-Christian Gnostic cult; the original Gnostics. Their doctrine was, either that Christ wasn't crucified, and that he married Mary Magdalene and went off and began breeding in Tibet, or someplace like that, in Central Asia; or, that he got himself crucified—which is Moon's theory—before he made children; and therefore, he failed in his mission. Moon says now, “I am the successor to Christ. I made a lot of babies; and I didn't get crucified!”

And that's the basis of the Moon cult. You join the Moon cult; you become a part of their religious group; by virtue of sex, you become part of the chosen people. And you're gonna get taken care of. You don't believe it? Moon comes across with the money, the gold watches, and other things to prove it! He's taking care of ya! He's buying your parson. He's buying your politician. And he's a right-wing fanatic.

What's he part of? He's a part of WACL. WACL was organized by the Moon sect—the World Anti-Communist League. WACL is tied to the Ku Klux Klan organizations throughout the southern states. This is Moon! This was CAUSA. This is Oliver North. This is Iran-Contra.

What does this mean? I described this for one reason: To



Another copy of the banner out in the streets of Washington, D.C., carried in a rally by LaRouche Youth Movement organizers in September.

point out to you, how degenerate our people have become; because the spread of cults—such as the cult represented by that lunatic who is Attorney General, and the lunatics of his own kind which he's bringing into the Justice Department; the lunatics like the spread of the Moonies, taking over one part after another of leaders of organizations of different constituencies—could only be possible if there were a deep and spreading moral and intellectual degeneracy in the population in general.

FDR Saved the United States from Fascism

That's part of your problem. The other part of the problem is this. Franklin Roosevelt saved the United States from Hell, and much of the world besides. Because what had happened with the assassination of President McKinley in 1901—which is a successful assassination in favor of the Vice President, Teddy Roosevelt, whose uncle, and the guy who had trained him and sponsored his career, was the chief of intelligence for the Confederacy during the Civil War; so Teddy Roosevelt was a son of the Confederacy, and he was a son of something else, too. His chief successor, whom he brought into the Presidency by the Bull Moose campaign, was Woodrow Wilson, who reorganized the relaunching of the Ku Klux Klan, officially, from the White House, as President of the United States! He was a fanatic for the Confederacy.

Then you had Coolidge, who came in as a President by a series of events during the 1920s. So in the period from 1901 until 1932, the United States was dominated, under most Presidencies, by treasonous, Confederate-related fascists, who set

out with the British to build a new world system, a new world empire, under which the oligarchy of English-speaking nations would rule the world as a permanent empire of the world as a whole. That was the ideology.

This fell afoul of the 1929-33 Depression. They wanted to have a coup in the United States, of the type they—the British—organized in Germany, putting Hitler into power. We had an attempted military coup organized by Wall Street in the United States, with the intent of killing Roosevelt and preventing his election from becoming certified. This was presented in detail, in a report to the Congress, by a top Marine general, who described in detail what had been done in planning this plot, of a military coup in the United States, in the 1932-33 period—to bring to power in the United States, a fascist movement comparable to that of Hitler in Germany.

Roosevelt saved the United States from that. Roosevelt reversed the policies which had moved in that direction, and revived the American Tradition. That did not mean he solved every problem. It meant he changed the direction in which things were going. And then he died, prematurely, though of natural causes, predominantly; because he'd had polio; and even though he'd had polio as an adult, nonetheless, poliomyelitis is a crippling disease which does shorten the life-expectancy of anybody who suffers from it. So even though he was, relative to me, a young man, he was already aged and dying of overwork and old age, at the time he was elected President for the fourth term.

The Democratic Convention of 1944

The enemy knew that. So in 1944, what they did was they moved in and said, "Roosevelt's going to die. Now we can get rid of him." Now, what was the significance of that—1944? In Summer 1944, Democratic Party nominating convention; what was the significance? In June of 1944, the allied invasion of Normandy had been successful, which meant that the Nazi regime's military potential was incurably threatened; the war was lost to Hitler. The German generals, in July of 1944, plotted a coup against Hitler. The coup failed for one reason: The British betrayed the plotters, and the plotters were foolish enough to trust their planning to the British; and the British betrayed them to Himmler and Company; and these guys were rounded up and killed. But the point is, the German generals should have acted earlier, back in 1933 and 1934, to get rid of Hitler, knowing what that represented; and didn't do it. So many of them died, in



The historical model of a Presidency LaRouche discussed with the young organizers: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who organized the “forgotten men and women” of America for a recovery program with the economic system in crisis. He used the method of in-depth explanations of economic issues, delivered over the radio (above).

July 1944, in a belated opposition to Hitler, at the point that it was clear the war was lost. That’s why they went for it. That’s why Rommel went for it. The war was hopelessly lost, to Germany, with the successful breakthrough in Northern France, which totally outflanked the capability of Hitler’s military forces.

So at that point, what happened to the right wing in the United States? They said, “Okay, we miscalculated. We put Hitler into power. . . .” And they did. Harriman, and Morgan, together with the former head of the British central bank, the Bank of England, personally put Hitler into power in Germany in January of 1933, and supported him through 1934. They intended to keep the United States out of the war. It was the British who organized the America First movement, to keep us out of the war in Europe! Why? Because they were peaceful? No. Because they didn’t want the United States involved in the war, the way they planned it, because if the United States were involved in the Second World War, the United States would come out of the War as the world’s top power. That, the British did not want; nor the French.

So therefore, the original plan was to keep the United States out of the war which the British had planned: the Second World War. The plan was to send Hitler east to become deeply involved in a conquest of the Soviet Union; and when his troops were heavily engaged in Russia, to fall upon his rear from Britain and France, and thus wipe out all Continental power from that point on.

In the middle of the 1930s, the British discovered, lo

and behold, that Edward VIII favored Adolf Hitler. This could not be tolerated any more. So they went to the United States, and said to Roosevelt, “Huh. Look what’s happening to us!” And Roosevelt, under the circumstances, agreed. From 1936 on, the United States was prepared for war. A war caused by Hitler, immediately—the threat of Hitler was real, it had to be stopped—but the war had been organized by the British and French, and the group we call the American Tories inside the United States. They came to Roosevelt, and said, “Bail us out.” And he said, “I have to. Despite you bastards, I’m going to bail you out, for the sake of humanity.”

So at that point, he set into motion war plans, consistent with his attempts to build up the infrastructure of the country earlier. So that when we went into war, in 1939-1940, we were prepared conceptually for the kind of logistical victory we accomplished in that war.

But in the Summer of 1944, after Roosevelt had saved the world from Hitler, and now that Hitler was inevitably defeated, these right-wingers said—together with Churchill and his like—“We don’t want this guy any more! And we don’t want a Vice President who would continue his policies if he died in office.” That was to get Henry Wallace, at that point the Vice President. So they intervened massively into the Democratic Party convention, in the Summer of 1944, to put a pig in as Vice President, Harry Truman—he was a real pig, believe me; you just don’t know him as well as I do. I was in Asia at the time. I could smell him all the way from Asia. I knew what species he was. The poor cousin of the hippopotamus.

The Utopian Policy

So what happened was, when the war had been won—and the war was won, totally, by June of 1945. Japan was hopelessly defeated. MacArthur and his staff had reported that. There was never a necessary intention to invade Japan. Japan was defeated. The Emperor of Japan had transmitted acquiescence to the President of the United States—earlier, under Roosevelt—to the conditions of peace which were actually enforced under MacArthur in the post-war period. So there was no reason to bomb Japan. There was no reason for the fire-bombing of Tokyo, which was against civilian populations—a continuation of the same thing that was done by “Bomber” Harris in Europe. No need for it, no military reason. This was mass murder, with nuclear weapons, against the civilian populations of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Deliberate. Ordered by—Harry Truman; under the influence of Stimson and these other right-wingers.

Why did they do it? Why do you drop nuclear weapons on a country that is defenseless, and on civilian populations? Why? To introduce a new policy of imperialism, globally. The policy was that of H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell. It was to say, “We must get rid of what the United States represents, as a republic, by creating an empire.” By destroying those things inside the United States, and its policy of Manifest Destiny, which is a threat to these interests, centered in Europe, and their sympathizers among the right-wing American Tories in the United States.

This became known as the Utopian policy of Bertrand Russell and H.G. Wells. And Bertrand Russell was the man who organized the nuclear warfare—including the bombing of Japan; Bertrand Russell was the man who proposed preventive nuclear attacks on the Soviet Union, in 1946! The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 was part of Bertrand Russell’s plan. Bertrand Russell personally built, top down, every bit of the structure of the command organization, politically and militarily, which ran this nuclear policy in the post-war period.

The policy of the United States under these freaks—and I say the term advisedly, you are not to confuse them with human beings—was to build on nuclear weapons to eliminate classical strategic defense; to eliminate the kind of military policies we had employed in World War II; and to go to a policy of a so-called nuclear triad: Instead of a classical strategic defense policy, to build a triad of nuclear-armed ground, sea, and air forces. The purpose of these forces was to create nuclear terror, so severe that countries would give up their sovereignty rather than resist this imperial power. That is the policy of the U.S. military faction represented by this bunch of draft dodgers who are controlling the non-existent mind of the President of the United States today!

That’s their policy! The policy is not Iraq. The policy is not this, it’s not that, it’s not terrorism. Who do you think organized terrorism? It wasn’t some bunch of Arabs! The terrorist organization they refer to was organized by the Brit-

ish and the United States, with the help of Israel. Those are the terrorists. You want to get rid of terrorism? Get rid of that. Does anyone propose to eliminate the nuclear terror operations of Ollie North? Or the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who is an integral part of the Utopian apparatus behind this nuclear terror? Who is a backer of Ollie North; who funds this right-wing crap to the tune of billions of dollars a year, which he gets largely from drug money. He’s one of the biggest drug-traffickers on this planet, operating with impunity from inside the United States. And that’s our problem—so far.

The American Intellectual/Military Tradition

But then, they had to do something else. They had to destroy the character of the United States. That meant to them, they had to destroy that section of the U.S. population which had elected Franklin Roosevelt to four successive terms as President; the Franklin Roosevelt who was the man they feared and hated the most. Therefore, it was not enough to get rid of Franklin Roosevelt. You had to eliminate the possibility of the American people electing a new Franklin Roosevelt to continue the kind of policy that Franklin Roosevelt represented. Therefore, Truman was put in. Therefore, the nuclear weapons were dropped. And therefore, they began to destroy the morals of the American people, with the witch-hunt atmosphere of the 1940s and 1950s.

It wasn’t Joe McCarthy that was the problem. It was Harry Truman. Harry Truman was the man that organized the witch-hunt. Harry Truman was the bastard.

What happened then, was—Eisenhower and MacArthur were the two leading military figures from World War II. Both had become Generals of the Army, a new rank created for them in acknowledgement of their work. MacArthur was actually a genius. Eisenhower had been trained under him, up to the grade of Major; and despite the fact that he had made a “career move” with financial interests in New York such as Bernie Baruch, Eisenhower was a competent military figure in the American Tradition. Thus, the two—Eisenhower and MacArthur—represented precisely the forces which the Bertrand Russell crowd and the imperial crowd, the so-called Utopians, had to get rid of, from the U.S. military.

Now, the U.S. military who are objecting to what poor, kooky Bush is doing today in the Middle East—like Zinni of the Marine Corps, and so on—they are not the greatest strategists the world ever developed. But most of them went through military service, as lieutenants, captains, and majors, in the Vietnam War, the Indo-China War. They knew from their experience inside that war, that that war was a bummer. There was no good reason for that war. The United States should never get in such a war, ever again. They continued in military service after the end of the war. They gained promotions as officers. They went to command school. They had all these other opportunities, through the advanced strategic studies, of military history, how do things work in warfare? And therefore, they came out of that with a pragmatic under-

standing, both that this was wrong, and they should never let it happen again; and, they had a sense of what we call “exit strategy.” Don’t get into a useless war you can’t get out of. And that’s what you’re seeing from the U.S. military today, except for a bunch of clowns who are thrown in there just to give some spice to it.

They’re against this war. The world is against this war. Asia’s against the war. Europe’s against the war. Most of the people of the United States are against the war, in fact. Forget the phony polls. Go out into East Podunk. The majority of people *do not* want to be involved in this war. They don’t want to stand up in front of the press and say, “I’m opposed to the President.” But they don’t want any part of this war. The shift now is to more and more emphasis on the economy, not the war. We don’t know what’s going to happen Nov. 5; but we know this shift is now ongoing.

‘By Default, the Problem Falls on Me’

So these generals, who are not the best strategists in the world, nonetheless come up with the idea of “exit strategy”; exit strategy—which is not a very good military concept. But pragmatically, it’s sound. They’re saying, “This does not make any sense. There is no reason to do this. Why are we doing it?” Then they say, “But the President is the President. He gives the order; we have to follow it.” So those generals who are out of service—retired—who are freer to speak than those who are in serving capacities, have tended to speak out. And this is true around the world. It’s a crazy idea.

Why are they doing that? It’s not a concern about Iraq. They’re not concerned about this problem; they’re not concerned about terrorism. That’s all phony, they don’t care. What they’re concerned about, is that the system is falling apart. You can no longer run this system under the existing institutions of representative government. Therefore, you have to do as Germany did in 1933-34—establish a dictatorship, a military-style dictatorship, not of the generals, but of people like our Chicken-hawks, our draft-dodging war-hawks. You have to create that kind of tyranny; a police-state tyranny, like an SS tyranny in Germany! to control and terrorize population into submission, which is about ready to revolt against the loss of the conditions of life, and the political rights on which they’ve depended up to now.

That’s our crisis. The alternative would be, what? Would be to reform the system; the economic system, the financial system. And who is proposing that? [applause] Eh?

But why—and I’ll get back to that later, but just to interpolate this point—there are several reasons why I’m a leader in the world today. One reason is, nobody else is. By a process of elimination, I’ve become a key leader. I’m sort of the Last of the Mohicans, eh? So by default, the problem falls on me.

But what’s the issue? The problem is that the crisis is systemic, it’s not cyclical. It is not a business, boom-bust cycle problem. It is an actual disintegration of the total system,

from which there is no possible recovery! That is, the system, in its present form, could never recover; can not outlive the months immediately ahead; it’s over! Could the economies continue to exist? Yes. Could nations continue to exist? Yes. Could there be a recovery from the economic depression? Yes. But could there be a recovery under the continuation of the present monetary-financial system, and the present policies of government and the present policies of the IMF?

So therefore, in order to get the world out of this financial crisis, this economic crisis, you would have to change the system. And that’s not such a radical thing in many respects. Because you look at what Roosevelt did in 1933-34; and while what he did then would not be adequate for today, the same basic approach would work today; the same direction, and we would work our way out of this mess within a quarter-century, within a generation—like your coming generation, your coming adult years. We could work our way out of this mess in about a quarter-century to 30 years, worldwide. The opportunities all exist.

But in order to do that, we have to scrap the system, the monetary/financial system. For example: We’re going to have to write off the books, over a half-thousand trillion of nominal financial assets.

Take the case of Brazil and Argentina. There’s no possible way that Argentina or Brazil could submit to the conditions of the IMF, without collapsing their economies in such a way as to collapse the IMF. There’s no way in which Brazil and Argentina could survive, except by policies which would, themselves, directly collapse the IMF into bankruptcy. So there *is no solution* in IMF terms. The IMF, if it gets its way, loses; it goes down the hole. If it doesn’t get its way, it loses; it goes down the hole. So the time has come, that order means, you have to eliminate the IMF in its present form. Which means, you have to go back to the kind of system which operated during the immediate post-war period, from 1945 to about 1964.

New Bretton Woods

We could do that. It’s a simple thing. We have governments in the world which are now moving in that direction. I’ll give a list, just to indicate the feasibility.

Largely through my efforts, and the efforts of our associates, but my personal efforts are at the front of the list: In Italy, we have had resolutions by leading bodies of the Senate of Italy; by a majority vote of the Chamber of Deputies—that’s the lower Federal house of Italy—calling for exactly what I’ve designed. This call is based on a number of resolutions which have been adopted in that country, in support of my specific call for a New Bretton Woods system. You have now, in Russia, in China, in Korea, in Japan, in Southeast Asia, in India, and in Western Europe generally, an emerging plan—as an alternative to the policies of the United States today. The emerging plan is, screw the United States.

It's very simple. You look at what happened. In 1998, I pushed for an immediate action, on the basis of the 1998 financial crisis in New York. I proposed that Russia, China, and India form a tri-partite triangular agreement which would bring other nations of Eurasia into partnership with them, to set up a system of security, throughout Eurasia, and economic development, which would address these problems.

Clinton was on the edge of adopting such a policy. He announced it in a tentative way, typical of Clinton, in September, in a speech he gave at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. Then, typical of Clinton again—I used to call him “President Chicken” (he wasn't a cow; he was a chicken. But he could, on occasion, produce more bullshit than any other man in human history. When he would get into a bind, he would bullshit; and all the bulls in America could not match him in a bull-shitting contest, when he got in one of those modes)—he backed down. In October, they went with a new deal, out of fear, terror. His life was threatened, and that sucker, Monica Lewinsky [laughter], ruined his career. So he chickened out. He was never too tough. He was very bright—probably the brightest guy we've had in the Presidency, after Roosevelt, in the 20th Century—but not much when it comes to fighting for a principle. He would fight for his career. But his place in history was something he lost sight of.

You know, a real President would always be a President, and govern by the idea of, “What am I going to look like in history, because of what I did as President?” And a good President . . . is President for the future. My identity is involved in what I do as President, for the future of the people in this country. That is something Bill couldn't do. And that was a fatal weakness in his Presidency. And that's why the bullshit would come out; whenever a conflict came, he was bright enough to know what is true, but not moral enough to commit himself, and put himself on the line to do it. And therefore, whenever he would get in one of these squeezes, the manure would fly. The next press conference. And he would get very angry if anyone challenged him.

We were at that point. Because of the Russia crisis, they had the appointment of a new Prime Minister in Russia, Yevgeny Primakov, who was an old hand, and who's back in the picture now—on the sidelines, but as a very influential advisor. Primakov echoed my policy of the so-called Triangle, the Eurasian Triangle, in an address he gave in 1998, in Delhi. It was the announcement by the Russian government of a new policy, of this triangular cooperation. As a result of that, the United States' and other pressure came on the President of that time, Yeltsin, to dump Primakov. Primakov was dumped. A Russian Presidential election came into play soon. Putin was eventually made President of Russia. But at that point, the triangular policy was crushed; it was called off, officially.

We continued with it. Then, gradually, it began to come

back in. It came back in, in particular, around a number of things: the Shanghai Cooperation Organization efforts on Central Asia; the bringing of India as a partner into the Shanghai Cooperation Organization orbit; the extension into Southeast Asia with the so-called ASEAN+3 organization, which you now see emerging.

So you began to see these nations of Eurasia coming together. Germany is bankrupt. All Western Europe is bankrupt. There's no way it can survive. It can't make enough money to pay its bills. It needs exports. The only export market in the world that's significant for Germany, for example—which is the keystone nation of Western Europe—is China. India is a very important market for China; but China is the only growing market for Germany exports. And these are largely high-technology exports, on which the German economy depends.

The Eurasian Land-Bridge

So now you had a natural tendency of Western Europe—from the northern part of Italy, from some forces in France, from Germany and elsewhere—toward a Eurasian cooperation bloc, around the ideas that we had spread in terms of the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

Then came this issue of the intervention of the skunks in Washington, to try to bust up a reconciliation between North and South Korea. Now, North and South Korea have this significance. Korea is a separate country culturally. It is not China; it is not Japan. It has cultural conflicts *with* China and Japan. It has its own cultural characteristics—not uniform, not homogenous, but they're distinct. Korea has a specific history. The unification of Korea in practice—not necessarily politically, as a political solution, but in practice—is extremely important for all of Eurasia.

Why? Japan is now a junkpile, but Japan still has within it an industrial potential which is valuable for the world. Its financial system—forget it. Take the Japanese financial system out and burn it, is the best thing you can do for the Japanese people. Get rid of that thing. It's a disease, it's not an economy. But you have to save Japanese potential for industrial goods, especially capital goods. Why? Because Japan is an island nation, which does not have the raw materials within its own territory to meet its own internal needs, or food. Therefore, Japan must export to live. Therefore, Japan must produce products, and market products, which are useful, primarily, to its Asian neighbors—high-technology products. Despite all the nonsense, despite the fear of the United States, that's what goes on there.

So in this process, the United States, under two phases—first under Clinton, but when Monica was running loose, eh?, and Clinton backed off on many policies; and secondly, under George Bush's Administration, especially with his crazy, lunatic outburst he made in January of this year, as his so-called State of DisUnion address, the “Axis of Evil,” that idea (and the Moonies were at work)—apparently, the negotiations for

cooperation between North and South Korea were off the table. But they got back on the table. How'd they get back on the table? Well, President Putin of Russia, and President Jiang Zemin of China, and related forces, moved in on the situation to get North Korea to adopt the idea of reopening the North-South negotiations, in order to breach the DMZ, to reconnect the rail systems between North and South Korea.

Now, the importance of that connection, for Europe or Asia, is tremendous. Look at a map. Look at the areas. Chinese development; Japanese development; look at the areas. Look at the natural resources of North and East Asia. What is the importance of that railroad? When you connect the rail system of North and South Korea, from Pusan at the tip of South Korea, into Russia and China, and you extend those links, you now have extended a development corridor, based on transportation, from Pusan to Rotterdam in Europe.

The development of such systems of high-density transport means a transformation in the economy of all Eurasia. When you look at the cooperation which is being developed with Southeast Asia—the complex Mekong development agreement just reached among the nations of Southeast Asia and China; new agreements with India—you see a process going on in Eurasia, continental Europe and Asia, of cooperation among completely dissimilar states, with dissimilar characteristics, but with a certain very important common interest.

The common interest is: security and economy. *No more bloodshed*. No unnecessary wars. And development of the economy.

The System Is Bankrupt

So what has happened recently, around this negotiation, is that Eurasia is becoming united by default, because the United States is crazy. And frankly, that is not an exaggeration. The President of the United States is, at this point, functioning as clinically insane. And most of his advisors around him are worse. You see his behavior in Mexico. This man is beginning to disintegrate. He can't cut it any more. He can't make it. And the world sees this. The man is crazy. They say, "What are we going to do?"

Well, they're not going to buck the United States if they don't have to. They're going to go their own way, as they're doing in the United Nations, trying to jam up this Iraq war. Jam it up. The United States can not conduct the war unilaterally. If it does not have the support from other parts of the world, the consent to run such a war, as a uniquely U.S. aggression against Iraq it can't work. The United States is bankrupt. We're probably running a quarter-trillion-dollar deficit in the U.S. economy right now, the U.S. national budget—a quarter of a trillion deficit in the U.S. budget. The budget deficit is growing every day. Unemployment is galloping. Industries are collapsing. Whole communities are collapsing. Half the states in the United States are bankrupt, of the Federal states. The system is falling apart.

Therefore, you have a situation in which some of the ingredients of a solution are being arranged as potential, for a new international system.

The only new international system that will work—all these elements are useful, but the system must have a basis—in order to develop the world, to reorganize the bankrupt economies, you must do certain things. You must have a line of 25- to 30-year credit, at simple interest rates not in excess of 1-2%. The credit will not come from private investors, not largely. It will come from governments who create debt which they monetize; and they loan this monetized debt, as either trade credit, [or] capital credit, for capital formation in countries which need development, such as Asian countries, South America, Central America, as well as our own internal infrastructure.

Now, you can't pay for this out of current funds now. But if you go into debt to hire people, to employ firms, to revive skills that are lost, to put them into large-scale transportation, energy, water management, health-care systems, educational system projects, you will revive employment, increase the tax revenue base by reviving employment and useful activity; and you will also create things which are useful to humanity, which we will pay for over a 25-year period.

So we're going into hock to ourselves, and one another, to create this credit at low interest rates; we'll regulate it with a fixed exchange-rate system so things don't fluctuate wildly; we'll regulate the international markets as we used to do; we'll create internal regulation; we'll create international trade regulation; we'll make agreements to that effect; and we'll organize the world around a joint effort of nation-states to rebuild this sick world—this sick economic world. It'll work out just fine. But in order to do that, we must make certain changes.

We must *sink* the present monetary-financial system. It's a very simple procedure. It is called bankruptcy. Now bankruptcy is not what happens to someone when his credit card blows out. That's a form of bankruptcy. In this case, Wall Street is going to eat the bankruptcy. The financiers have to eat the bankruptcy, because they are the ones who *faked*, they are the one who committed the *fraud*; and they are going to have to eat the bankruptcy, because the obligation of government is to defend the general welfare of all of the people—not only the present generation, but the future generations.

Therefore, we must do nothing, in the bankruptcy reorganization, which sacrifices the present and future generations' welfare for the sake of so-called "honoring debts" claimed by financier interest. "Everyone's going to take his share. Those who committed the crime, are going to take their share. Those who created the swindle, are going to take their share. Those who were cheated, are going to get their share."

Because you have got to reunify the people around a common purpose, a sense of mission—say to people, as Roosevelt said in his way, in his time, "We are going to cure the problem.

We are going to bring justice to every person in the United States. Economic justice. We are going to end the suffering of the forgotten man.” And that is our mission.

So the problem is, someone has to come in with the hard leadership. And we are talking to people in all kinds of circles about this, and in every conversation at a high level, the same thing comes up: “Yes, you are probably right. But it can’t be done. Because government is not ready to do that yet.” I say, “Well, if government is not ready to do that, then government is going to disappear. What do you do then?” Because it will! You are in a breakdown crisis. You are not in a depression—a cyclical depression where things will eventually bounce back. It will *never* bounce back. *This thing is dead; you have to bury it!* Or it’ll pollute the neighborhood. And you have to create a replacement system, based on the best experience of humanity to date. And you must do it on the basis of agreement among nations, which recognize what their common interests are. That’s the essential crisis.

Leadership Vs. Popular Opinion

How did this happen? It happened because, if you have stupid people, of the type who will support the Moonies—or the type who becomes the Attorney General of the United States at this point—if you have such stupid people, in increasing numbers, then you can not have a republic. You can not have a republic based on populism—on popular opinion—because popular opinion in history has always been wrong. It is good leaders—like good teachers—who educate the population to overcome the mistakes that the population itself makes. So you have to have leadership. You have to have a citizenry, however, which, while it may not come up with the right ideas, has at least to consent to the right ideas. It must *adopt* them. They must be rational enough to understand what you’re talking about. And you must make every effort, of course, to make it understandable. But you’ve got to have a receptive something there. You’ve got have some brain registering there, or you’re not going to get the message through.

Now, the way you get a dictatorship, is to destroy the morals and intellect of the population in general. You make the majority of the people stupid and crazy. And the result is, you’ll get a dictatorship. And the dictatorship will be created by the very people who are revolting against authority. They’ll create the dictatorship, because they will create a vacuum, in which there are no political institutions which are responsible, but only a bunch of crazy people, watching gladd-eyed, like some big, all-night rock concert—Not exactly your basic, good college campus lecture audience. Anyway. So what they did, is they set out to destroy the character of the American people, which I bet was not perfect. I had a lot of complaints about the character of the American people, a long time ago.

But what they did is, they said we are going to destroy the

kind of economy, which requires the education and employment of intelligent people in increasing levels of skill and productivity. So, what did they do? They said, we are going to a *post-industrial consumer society*. This is exactly what the Roman oligarchy did, during and following the Second Punic War, when they proceeded to set up the Empire. They turned the citizens of Italy into stupid jerks. You know, with big football games—large arenas. Big rock concerts. Nero having a homosexual marriage and enacting it in public, on a stage, as the Emperor of Rome? This was entertainment in those days. Lions eating Christians, or Christians eating lions—that’s entertainment. Like today. You watch television—you see so-called “entertainment.” Movies—so-called “entertainment.” Plotless themes! What are they? What is a videogame? What is a video, generally? A video is something that makes marijuana look sane [laughter]—because it is scattered. There is no *idea* to it. It is a rapid-fire sequence of poorly connected impulses, which have a certain emotional-associative effect. They are methods of *escape* from reality, *escape* from sanity.

That’s what happened to us! This was the cultural change that occurred during 1964-65, in the wake of the Kennedy assassination, the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy, and others. This is what happened to us! So what has happened since the middle of the 1960s: In this period, we transformed the U.S. population—in its employment, its education, its healthcare, its entertainment, and other activities—from an intelligent population, with all of its shortcomings and weaknesses, into a population which is no longer capable of caring for itself. It can no longer think.

Look—what is a passing score in a university? Well, it’s probably down in the men’s room [laughter]. Because you have designed multiple-choice questionnaires. The multiple-choice questionnaires are designed to be scored by computer. The classes you are taught, are rehearsals—whether in secondary school or in university—they are classes taught to prepare you for multiple-choice questionnaires. The university looks good, if you get a good computer score on a multiple-choice questionnaire. That’s called, to quote President Bush, “The education thing” [laughter]. You know, have a picture of the President up there, not labelled President, but “The Education Thing.” People may get the message! Well, what do they do? What they do with these questionnaires, is they dumb the questionnaires down, as the level of intelligence of the population collapses. You have people coming out of secondary schools, who are not qualified to graduate from grade school! You have people coming out of the universities who are not qualified to graduate from high school. And you pay more for it—\$20,000 or \$50,000 a semester—and the parents are sending you there, what for? To know? No! To get social status! You may be an ignorant bum, but at least you got a degree! And you can go out and advertise yourself as a payable prostitute at these prices!



Classical chorus training was carried out during the weekend retreat, by and for the young volunteers and supporters of LaRouche's campaign; at right, a trio with soloist.



And then, you found out, in your generation, the deal is off! You pay the money, you get the degree, you go out in the street, there's no employment—there's no future, and you know it. Your generation knows it—that's your advantage. Your parents don't know it—or very few of them do. They don't accept reality. They are poor, dumb parents, like poor Rip Van Winkle, sleeping his way through the Catskills. Wakes up one morning 20 years later, and discovers that civilization has passed him by, a generation has passed him by.

Your parents' generation, generally, has withdrawn from reality, and are living a kind of Baby Boomer fantasy life, a state of denial, trying to imagine that they're happy; and very rarely are they happy. But their happiness consists in imagining that you're happy.

Think of it. You know it. Most of you know that experience. They're not happy. They're very miserable, and when you touch certain issues, they fly off the handle, they go wild; or they go into fits of various kinds, withdrawal fits—"Your mother is very unhappy; you have made your mother very sad. You should apologize to your mother. Your father is going to have a mid-life crisis. You should apologize to your father immediately." For what? "Well, you didn't say what he expected of you. You didn't bring in an eligible mate that he approves of;" or something like that.

From Producer to Consumer Society

So what we did, is we produced a population which is officially dumbed down; that lacks the skill, the knowledge to perform functions of modern technology. We don't have

modern technology. We import it from slave labor in developing countries. It's called globalization. And globalization means the "glob" that's growing on your head.

Because you don't have anything. We have a nation that can not produce its own needs. We've destroyed our farms. We've destroyed our industries. We depend upon cheap goods from China, or some other part of the world, where virtual slave labor is employed to produce those goods. We don't produce for ourselves. The world is not producing an adequate amount to meet its own needs. The rate of production, relative to population worldwide, is collapsing, with a few contra-indicated tendencies, as in China and a few other places. But generally, that's the situation.

We're a dying society. We are a consumer society. And you look at the morality—if you compare the ideas, the topics, the behavior, of people in your parents' generation, and what's going on in your generation; and you look at the moral degeneration of your parents, and what they were 20 years ago—if you look back on them 20 years ago, you would say they were vibrant, active, and more like you. In the past 10-20 years they've decayed. They've gotten old, prematurely old. They're in flights of denial from reality.

The credit card phenomenon is a good case of this. People believe in going into debt. They buy a house, not on the basis of what they can afford, but can they meet the monthly payments? If they get more money, they'll try to buy a more expensive house, and go more deeply into debt, in order to have that more expensive house—based, not on what they can repay, not a buying-out of the mortgage, but can they

carry the monthly carrying charges? They'll buy automobiles on the same basis. They'll consume unnecessary things. They'll reach out to consume things they don't need, at least relative to what their purchasing power is. They'll put themselves into debt. They make debt slaves of themselves.

Why? Because they're living in a consumer society. In my generation, and up into the middle of the 1960s, the standard was, that we were a productive society. And you judged your performance and your security by what you were able to produce. You would say, "Look, I've got a skill. I can walk into this guy's joint; I can work for him; and I can produce for him; and he can afford to pay me for this. I'm productive. The products I work on are good. The result of having these products is good. I don't have to apologize to anyone for my existence. I'm a useful human being, whom any guy in his right mind would want to employ."

And we produced wealth in this nation; we were the biggest wealth producer in the world, per capita. That's good! It's good to be like that. That may not be all there is to it, but that's good.

What happened in the middle '60s, is that that changed. We went from being a productive society, who took pride in the dignity of what we were able to do—we considered it oppression to deny some part of society the right to get the kind of education, the kind of job access, in which they could do this; this was called discrimination: denying people access to the kind of education of employment which we considered necessary and just for anyone to have access to—but that's changed. Now—"Look, man; the problem is your head. You got to get something to fix your head." Entertainment. Change of sex. Change of species. Whatever.

So we have gone to become a consumer society. If you look at the degradation of ancient Italy under the Roman Empire, following the year 200 B.C., and that process, you see the same thing is happening to us.

You Want a Future?

Now, in this process, there are two aspects of leadership. You, in your generation, can only defend yourself by becoming leaders, in two senses. First of all, you have a bunch of doormice—your parents' generation. Maybe not your particular parents; but the generation is hopeless. So what are you going to do with these doormice? You know, it's like *Alice in Wonderland*, where the doormouse keeps drowning himself in the teacup; the Mad Hatter has to intervene to pull him out of the teacup so that he doesn't drown himself. Your parents are like that. They're doormice—not all of them, but some of them. What do you do? You are the future. You're not the future itself; the future is your children, your generation. That's 25 years from now: Presumably you've had children, or your friends have had children. So as far as your generation is concerned, these children are the children of your generation. What are they going to have before them 25 years from now? What kind of a life, what kind of a nation, what kind of

a world are you going to give them?

Now, you can't give that to them all at once. Because it's going to take a quarter-century to build this country out of the mess we're in, economically, right now. But you can, potentially, as leaders of a new generation, create the circumstances which will enable the children of your generation to succeed. And people will honor your generation for centuries to come because of that!

Now you need the help of your parents' generation. But they're off sleeping like the doormouse in the teacup, drowning themselves in their delusions. They don't need pot to drown themselves; they just drown in a teacup. You have to do what has been done before: The reason that youth movements create revolutions, is because the youth, when faced with a prospect of no future, or a very bad future, say, "Well, we can't change everything. But we can get out there and begin to organize our own generation, and our parents' generation, to waken them, to act to get us all out of this mess."

In other words, you have to change your parents. You have to educate your parents. You do it largely by example, not by lecturing them—although you may do that. You do it by example, You do it by doing the right thing. And that shows them that something is possible in this society, because you're doing it. Because no matter how stupid they are, they know that you are the future. When push comes to shove, when they're facing the grave, they're going to say that what they have, going into the grave, is what they've left behind in the form of your generation.

Therefore, you have that blackmail ability to reach them [laughter]. "You want a future, after you're dead? We are the ones that will give it to you."

That's the principle of leadership. Let's get to that. What's wrong with this society? The human race is capable of all kinds of wonderful things. Virtually every person born is capable of doing wonderful things. You demonstrate that every time you replicate a fundamental discovery of universal physical principle, or some similar kind of discovery. You show that you are not an ape. You are a human being; you can do something that no animal can do. You can discover a universal physical principle—either originally, or, more frequently, by re-enacting the act of discovery of a previous generation. You can share that with one another, as any good educational system will do.

And this sharing of this process of discovery with one another, is what makes a youth movement function. It's not the individual action; it's the sharing of the experience of discovery, and helping one another in a kind of Socratic dialogue, to begin to really understand these things. Don't rely on sitting here, with frustration, trying to master something. Fight it out! In a Socratic dialogue, thrash it out; work through it. And that process, that sense of unity, gives you a sense of power, and gives you a sense of leadership, because you don't feel stupid. You know you know something. You know you represent a process of knowing, a process of leadership.

Immortality in Mortality

Now the problem is, that when push comes to shove, most individuals fail because they fail morally. The moral failure has two aspects to it. On the one hand, they don't have that sense of identity. We're all going to die. It's inevitable. Mortality is mortality; it means ultimate death. So therefore, what is your interest in life, if you know you are going to die, sooner or later? The pleasures you get out of mortal life? No, of course not. The money you get? No. All of these things disappear the minute you go into the box. You no longer feel and enjoy them.

What's important, therefore? What's important is, what is the meaning of your life? What is the meaning of your mortal life? What are you doing for humanity?

It's what you would demand of a President. You want a President who is not concerned about his personal self-interest, in the sense of money, this, or that. You want a President who says, "I am the guy you can rely upon, to make a decision based on the interest of coming generations, as well as the present generation, the present nation."

That is my identity, and that is my immortal identity, in the sense that Solon of Athens is immortal, that Plato is immortal, that all the great scientific discoverers are immortal, because they all gave to humanity—sometimes in a simple way, as simply as devotion to raising children, for example, in the old days. Immigrants coming into this country would raise children with the idea of sacrificing for those children, in the sense that their children and their grandchildren would be able to achieve something. And they would sacrifice joyfully for those children; not because they had a sense of merely sacrificing, but because the idea that their children and grandchildren would be successful was the meaning of their life. And they expected some respect for doing that. That's all they demanded. Some affection and respect for doing that job.

Now that is the basis for leadership. Political leadership has to come on a somewhat higher level than the simple personal sense of immortal identity. You have a mortal existence, but that mortal existence must have an immortal identity. It must be something that's meaningful to society after you're dead—what you have done must be meaningful for society after you're dead, whether in terms of a few people, or the society as a whole.

In a President or another leader of society, you want a higher standard. The individual who is capable of being consciously dedicated to the future of that nation, the world, and humanity.

That's what motivates a scientist. A scientist who's any good doesn't work for money. They may demand money. But that's not what makes them a scientist. They're a scientist because they can't help being a scientist. Their sense of identity requires that they be involved in discoveries, if it takes decades—as in the case of Pasteur and many others—decades to realize the discovery on which they had been working. Their identity is located in what they contribute

of permanent value to humanity, or implicitly permanent.

What you require of political leaders is exactly the same thing—a long-term dedication to the future of society. The problem in society is that so few people, so far, in known human existence, have more than momentarily achieved that sense of immortality within mortality. And therefore, when it comes to pressure—someone says, "Look. I know you believe what you're doing. But don't you think it would be in your interest to compromise?"—by joining the Moon cult or some other foolish thing like that. "Look, they'll give you money! They'll give you money! Don't you want some money? Look! Sure, you've got your principles. But don't you need money?" Or other things. "Don't you need a little sex?—you know, the Moon guy, he'll get you a nice, pretty Japanese girl, who'll do anything you want." That's what the Moon sect does. It goes out and takes these young girls, recruits them into this cult, and throws them out as sexual objects to numbers of greedy men. And the greedy men get themselves, you know, a young Japanese juicy girl, eh? who's thrown at them, who does everything for Moon. And she does it for him, because she's doing it for Moon. It's a sex and money cult.

How is this possible? It's only possible if your sense of the immortality of your mortal life is lacking. Because when people think about God, they say, "The eyes of God are looking at me. And whatever I do is seen. And my immortal value is what He sees. And I must see that in myself. And I must act accordingly." That's all there is to morality. There is no other morality. Imagine the eyes of God upon you. Are you doing something that is constructive, that is useful, that is honorable, and will be honorable for the rest of eternity—what you're doing now? If you feel that, if you have that confidence, you are unbeatable! Because your life means something; you are achieving something.

The problem with these stupid politicians that you complain about, is they don't have any morality. They say, "Yeah, maybe you're right, maybe you're right, but it'll never work." You mean saving the United States will not work? *Then what the Hell are you doing here?* [laughter, applause].

A Youth Movement Is a University

So therefore, just to wrap this up, at this point, what you have to look for, is these kinds of considerations, and you have to realize that a youth movement is not simply a collection of young people. We have a situation in which there is no educational system worth mentioning in the world today. But, a youth movement—the way I've tried to indicate to you, with examples such as the question of the fundamental theorem of algebra—a youth movement is a university. It's a movement of action, and it's also a university. By working together around things of relevance to humanity—humanity as a whole, the nation, *humanity*—by working around those things and saying, "We need to know those ideas which are necessary for us to be effective in this world."



Bruce Director begins a demonstration of the characteristics of the catenary, or “hanging chain curve,” as a physical principle of least action in the universe, first identified as such by Gottfried Leibniz and the Bernouilli brothers at the beginning of the 18th Century.

That’s a university. There’s a certain generality of knowledge which is required, as well as particular fields, which other people would admire—that you’re doing it. Just as in any good university, or what you would imagine would be a good university. And therefore, you have to be, in a sense, a university on wheels, a university of political motion, eh? Not a bunch of stupid, “Yap, yap, yap. Here’s the party line.” I don’t believe in a party line. I never could tolerate a party line myself. We don’t have a party line. We have a commitment to immortality. The immortality *in* mortality.

We have a commitment to taking the poor fellow out there, who has no sense of life, who is desperate, and is about to commit suicide, and give him a sense that in their life, there’s something which is *immortal*, which they must not sacrifice, while they’re mortal. They must use their mortality with a sense of being a human being. Not simply in a passing moment of time, but in the expanse of humanity as a whole. What does the rest of humanity think about you, from the past, in the future, as well as the present? They depend upon you. What about all those people who suffered in the past from a grave injustice? Aren’t they looking forward, implicitly, to someone among their descendants or others to come along and justify the life of suffering they lived? To realize it?

Take the question of the education movement among slaves in the United States. You had the great movement of Frederick Douglass: a great educator. What happened to this movement, the freed-slave movement; that is, slaves who became free? Generally [they] concentrated on education, and Frederick Douglass epitomizes that. One of the most highly educated and cultivated men in America! Other leaders of the anti-slavery movement, like Douglass, were of the same character. They said, “We have to be the best, for the sake of our people. *We have to be the best.* We will know everything that it’s important to know from humanity.” Then what hap-

pened is, after the Civil War, these guys who were opposed to this, moved in with this idea of de-educating African-Americans, the freed slaves. They’d give them an education which does not cause them to “rise above their anticipated station in life.” “Don’t give them an education that interferes with their cotton-pickin’ happiness.” Eh? Instead of saying, “We want to create geniuses where there were slaves,” as Douglass did.

That’s the same thing you have to say when you look at Africa today, or Central and South America—misery today in Mexico—as I have been looking at it. Or in Europe, or other parts of the world. You have to say: Here are people; they’re human beings. Each one of them is capable of a quality of genius. The great crime is that they’re denied that which is in them. We have to inspire them and help them to achieve that. And even if they don’t fully achieve it, if they see themselves as in the process of bringing that into being, then you can inspire them. And they will get infinite strength from the sense of what they are.

It’s what Martin Luther King represents. Martin Luther King, in a sense, is a figure in the legacy of Frederick Douglass: a true Christian, in the true sense. Not one of these quirky, kooky kinds of things. A real one, who said, in his speech on “the mountaintop”: “I’ve been to the mountaintop. If I have to die, at the hands of my enemy (i.e., J. Edgar Hoover) for the sake of this cause, I will die. Because I must do this for humanity.” It wasn’t just for the ex-slaves, or the descendants of slaves; it was for all humanity.

Martin understood that. He understood what the sublime principle was: If you’re truly a Christian, in his view, you must be for all mankind; you must be a leader, and you must put your life on the line for the sake of all humanity. And once you get that sense, and you get the joy of being that, then, you’re undefeatable. Thank you.

LaRouche's Return After 20 Years Is Big News in Mexico

by Gretchen Small

For the first time in 20 years, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. returned to Mexico on Nov. 4-6, with a visit to Saltillo, the capital of the northern state of Coahuila. His trip, while short, proved explosive—all the more so, because Wall Street had been confident that LaRouche would not set foot in Mexico again. Not four months before, he had been forced to cancel a planned trip to Guadalajara, when the security required was denied him.

LaRouche is no stranger to Mexico, having visited the country four times between 1979 and 1982. In May 1982, he met with then-President José López Portillo at Los Pinos, the Presidential residence, and subsequently wrote his famous *Operation Juárez* policy-document. This laid out a strategy by which Ibero-America could force the industrialized nations to the negotiating table on a New World Economic Order, by forming a debtors' cartel and establishing their Common Market. Thus, when López Portillo seized back control of the national banking system from Wall Street's hands on Sept. 1, 1982, and then asked the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil to join Mexico in declaring debt moratoria, Wall Street blamed LaRouche. Henry Kissinger ordered that he never be allowed to visit Mexico again.

The State Department was able to enforce that policy—until now. In the midst of an existential crisis far greater than that faced in 1982, Mexicans wanted to discuss with LaRouche, personally, what to do—and they got him there. Many made clear that they want him in the White House in 2004.

This is bad news for Wall Street interests already hysterical about the revolt spreading across Ibero-America against globalization, free trade and privatization. Sixty percent of the Brazilian population just voted against those policies, by electing Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva as President. Argentina,

broken and disintegrating, found the gumption to threaten to default on its debt to the World Bank come Nov. 14, unless the International Monetary Fund puts up the cash for the payment—without Argentina putting through the ever-new and insane conditionalities the IMF demands. Voices of bitter reproach against the destruction wreaked by globalization are even rising from that paragon of free trade, Chile.

Nor is Mexico under control. LaRouche arrived in the midst of a brawl exploding between the state governors and the Federal government over cuts in Federal revenue-sharing payments to the states, and an unprecedented rift between President Vicente Fox and his erstwhile best “pal,” the American President. George Bush's outright rude behavior to Fox on Oct. 27 during the summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) in Los Cabos, Mexico, led Fox to reveal publicly afterwards, that he had told Bush that they should no longer see each other as “buddies,” and that Bush couldn't treat Mexico “as some third-rate country,” but as an equal—unprecedented language from the Mexican President.

Underlying both conflicts, is the fact that the collapse of the U.S. economy is destroying Mexico's, reoriented entirely to its northern border under the disastrous North American Free Trade Accord (NAFTA).

A Message Relayed Around Mexico

LaRouche was invited to Saltillo to speak at the Autonomous University of Coahuila (UAC), that state's public university, on “Alternatives in Light of the End of Globalization,” as part of the university's celebrations of the 45th anniversary of its founding. Some 450-500 students, faculty, researchers and invited dignitaries attended; the presentation was also simulcast to the UAC's campuses in Torreón and Monclova, and to auditoriums in four other states' universi-



Wide Mexican coverage of Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's visit focussed on his warnings of global financial collapse, and how Ibero-American nations can protect themselves and recover.

ties, including some of the country's largest—Tamaulipas, Sonora, Guadalajara, and Zacatecas. In addition, the full two hours' presentation and discussion were broadcast live over the Internet from the university's website.

The utmost respect which greets LaRouche around the world was as notable in Saltillo, as it had been in the São Paulo City Council in June, where he was proclaimed an honorary citizen of that city. At the welcoming ceremony before the speech at UAC, the current and one former Dean of the university spoke on the importance of the statesman and scientist's visit. Coahuila's Secretary of Education was introduced. Dr. Rafael Arguello, Director of Graduate Studies and Research at the UAC, read a curriculum vitae of LaRouche, emphasizing his scientific, economic, and political contributions. In closing the event, Dr. Arguello commented: "We could not have had a better academic event to celebrate this anniversary of our university, 45 years dedicated to education. . . . We know that Mr. LaRouche will contend in the Presidential elections in 2004. We wish you the best of luck, and we would love to have a friend there in the White House, and here you will have your friends in Mexico."

The Presidential candidate also gave a press conference to a packed room of 18 national and regional journalists; was interviewed by the leading TV newscaster of nearby Monterrey, Architect Héctor Benavides, whose show is watched throughout Mexico's North; and was received by the Governor of the state of Coahuila, Enrique Martínez y Martínez. But one of the most important of LaRouche's private meetings was a dialogue with 45 youth, who travelled to Saltillo from several cities across Mexico, for the opportunity to speak with LaRouche.

LaRouche hammered at the fact that the IMF financial system is dead; pointed to the case of Brazil, and said the IMF

loses, whatever happens. "If the IMF imposes conditions on Brazil, all of South America will disintegrate economically, in which case the IMF will disintegrate too. If Brazil has honest conditions for its recovery, then the IMF will disintegrate also. You're at a point where you cannot simply negotiate, you have to come to real solutions." Mexico, LaRouche said, cannot let what has happened to Argentina, happen to Brazil.

Strongly criticizing President Bush for his war policy, and his treatment of Mexico, LaRouche called President Fox's response understandable, because the Bush family had made promises to help the Fox Administration, which it then betrayed. He put forward the idea that cooperation around the urgent need for large-scale development of basic economic infrastructure—power, water and rail—in the Southwestern American states and the Northern Mexican states, provides a politically practicable approach to restoring proper friendly U.S.-Mexican relations, as well as addressing the employment crisis on both sides of the border.

Coahuila's three principal newspapers, *El Diario de Coahuila*, *Palabra*, and *Vanguardia* published five articles on LaRouche's visit, covering everything from his comments on Fox, to his discussion of why the energy sector must remain tightly under government control. All emphasized his central warning: "A Return to Protectionism Is Urgent. The Liberal System is Finished; We Must Avoid Chaos," as *El Diario de Coahuila* headlined its story. Notimex, a semi-official national news agency, headlined its wire, "U.S. Politician Says IMF Must Be Changed." Clips of the press conference were heard on regional radio and television several times on the night of Nov. 5, and again on Nov. 6, featured LaRouche's statement that the IMF goes down either way in Brazil. Mexicans, apparently, savored the idea.

Will Brave Israeli Leaders Emerge To Challenge Sharon's Fascism?

by Dean Andromidas

The Oct. 30 collapse of the government of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and the prospect of new elections, puts Israel at a crossroads. Either Israel allows Sharon to usher in a new Middle East war and the destruction of the state of Israel, or leaders will emerge who are courageous enough to reopen the way toward peace with the Palestinians. The "national unity" coalition, led by Sharon's Likud Party, fell when the Labor Party ministers, led by Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, resigned.

The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* in its lead editorial on Nov. 6 welcomed the demise of Sharon's "terrible government," summing up his manifest policy failures: "The war he declared against the Palestinian Authority exacted the largest blood price that Israel has paid since the Lebanon War. Its relations with its neighbors, Egypt and Jordan, hit a new nadir. His evasion of every initiative for resuming diplomatic activity and the continued expansion of the settlements eroded Israel's status in Europe. The security deterioration and the diplomatic standstill raised the unemployment rate, reduced economic activity, impaired growth, and also recently effected the country's international credit rating." The outgoing "national unity" coalition "will be remembered as one of the worst governments in Israel's history," *Ha'aretz* concluded.

Sharon continues to hold full powers for the next 90 days, until new elections are held at the end of January or beginning of February. He is free to do anything the Bush Administration asks of him, or anything he thinks he can get away with. Israeli security sources point to the fact that Sharon and his generals still want to expand their operations against the Palestinians, including a full-scale invasion of the Gaza Strip. Furthermore, if the United States launches a war against Iraq, Sharon would be in a better position politically to carry out his "final solution": the expulsion of the Palestinians and their "transfer" across the Jordan River.

The Interim Government

Sharon has reorganized his "caretaker" government in order to facilitate such a project. He has named former military Chief of Staff Gen. Shaul Mofaz as Defense Minister, replacing the Labor Party's Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. Mofaz, who left the military less than four months ago, was one of the most hard-line officers, and had called for declaring the Palestinian Authority an "enemy entity" and for the expulsion or elimination of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Ara-



Benjamin Netanyahu, the Foreign Minister in Ariel Sharon's interim government, is challenging Sharon for the leadership of the Likud Party.

fat. Scotland Yard is currently investigating Mofaz for war crimes against Palestinian civilians, pursuant to a complaint filed before a British court under the Geneva Conventions. Behind Mofaz, is his hand-picked successor, Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon, who considers Palestinians a "cancer."

Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been named Foreign Minister, even though he is Sharon's political rival in the upcoming race for the leadership of the Likud Party. Netanyahu could serve Sharon well, because of the tremendous backing he enjoys among American Christian Zionists and the war party in the Bush Administration.

In his first interview since becoming Foreign Minister, Netanyahu told the *Jerusalem Post* (Nov. 7), "The Palestinians don't have the right to determine their own leadership." After all, he added, doesn't "America have the right to intervene in the leadership of the Iraqi people?" He pointed to his friendship with President George Bush and his advisers, whom he said he has known "for the last 20 years." Netanyahu took some credit for the U.S. administration's hard-line policies: "This administration does not believe in the power of paper contracts with dictators. It believes in deterrence and the use of power to roll back aggression if deterrence fails. This is exactly what I have been arguing for many years, regarding our relations with our neighbors. So there is an



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. His government, described by an Israeli newspaper as "one of the worst governments in Israel's history," collapsed in October; he is now gathering forces for a new regime, even worse than the last one.

intellectual and personal conviviality here that is very natural and obvious to me. I know the U.S. and I know Washington and I know this administration."

Sharon Needs a New War

Sharon's best option for staying in power is a new war. If the United States attacks Iraq prior to the Israeli election date, the elections will be postponed until the crisis ends—that is, if it ends. For this reason, there is talk of holding elections within 30 days, in an attempt to ensure Sharon's leadership of the Likud Party, and then to form a new national unity government with the Labor Party. The object would be to have an emergency government in place, for the opening of U.S. hostilities against Iraq.

Time is working against Sharon. The collapse of the economy and the social suffering it is causing—which caused the collapse of the previous coalition government—will be the major issue in the election campaign. Therefore, Sharon desperately needs a war to rally the electorate. As a form of blackmail, Sharon is asking his "good friend" President George Bush for \$10 billion in loan guarantees, to ensure that Sharon doesn't launch World War III by nuking Iraq. With such a promise, he hopes to stave off a collapse of Israel sovereign credit rating, and the collapse of the economy as a whole.

The polls point to a victory for the right, including 33 Knesset (Parliament) seats for the Likud, which, along with the other right-wing parties, could form a coalition of 67 mandates out of the 120-seat Knesset. If this comes to pass, Israel will become an openly fascist state, and march toward a war that will lead to its own destruction. All the other factions that would support a Likud government are as bad as Sharon, if not worse.

Among these parties are the National Religious Party, a

religious-messianic Zionist party currently under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Effie Eitam (ret.), who is called a fascist even by his own colleagues, and sees himself as Israel's budding Benito Mussolini. As Infrastructure Minister in Sharon's government, he has been pouring millions of shekels into the settlements. Other parties include the Shas, the populist party of the ultra-Orthodox sects, which is now giving unprecedented support to the settlements. Another group is National Union-Yisreal Beitenu, which includes the Moledet party, which openly supports Palestinian "transfer." These factions already control over one-third of the Knesset, despite the fact that in any European country they would be considered ethnocentric extremists, fascists, or even neo-Nazis.

Choice Before the Labor Party

For the Labor Party, these elections will be a moment of truth. Either a leadership emerges that can take up the legacy of assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's fight for peace, or Labor will continue a policy that is leading not only to its own destruction as a political force, but the destruction of Israel as a nation.

Despite the fact that all the polls show that Sharon and his cronies will be leading the next government, the crisis—moral, economic, and political—is so deep that, given the proper leadership, an upset is possible. This was suggested by political commentator Gideon Samet in *Ha'aretz* on Nov. 6. Samet pointed to the fact that upsets occur "because of underground, hidden, but powerful forces in a confused and disappointed society." Samet added that despite the veering to the right, "the majority of Israelis are consistently opposed to the frenzies of the right." Labor's leadership must decide whether "to be a broken ratings machine that constantly checks to see what the polls say, or a courageous group led by someone who can tell the people (and particularly himself), like Rabin, 'I will navigate' without fearing the results." He wrote that Labor has to "tell the truth to the street. . . . Israel can only change with a new national effort to reach an agreement with the Palestinians." As "Rabin's legacy" should show, "it is the national necessity—political, economic, and social—for a daring move toward solving the conflict." He wrote that Labor Party Chairman Ben-Eliezer must be replaced in the party elections, so as to prevent the departure of "Labor's best and brightest."



Binyamin Ben-Eliezer

The Labor Party is split between those demanding a return to pro-peace policies, and those who spent the last 20 months serving as Sharon's partner to war crimes in the national unity government. The latter included Shimon Peres, as well as Ben-Eliezer, who faces a tough challenge from party rivals,

Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna and Knesset member Haim Ramon. Mitzna, a former Army officer who wants to renew the policies of Rabin, appears to be the leader in the polls. If he wins in the Nov. 19 party primaries, it will be a political earthquake. Mitzna's supporters hope that he could lead the party to victory, or at least present a viable opposition.



Amram Mitzna

Speaking at a meeting of his Sharhar movement following the fall of Sharon's government, Labor Party member and architect of the Oslo peace accords, Yossi Beilin, presented an optimistic assessment. He said that if Ben-Eliezer is replaced by Mitzna or Ramon, Labor should establish a joint electoral slate with the pro-peace Meretz party. Such an alliance, Beilin believes, could receive the most Knesset seats in the next elections, and be invited to form a government.

Beilin recalled that in 1991, Labor was trailing behind Likud by 20 points in the polls, while the debate within the Labor Party was over who would be a better opposition leader, Yitzhak Rabin or Shimon Peres. When the elections came around, Labor won, Rabin became Prime Minister, and Israel entered a peace agreement with the Palestinians. Beilin predicted that, once stripped of the camouflage provided by the Labor ministers, the true nature of the Sharon government will become more evident to all, and support for the right is likely to decline, as it did in 1992.

'A Lost Country Without a Soul'

What are the "hidden, but powerful forces" which have to be mobilized, for such a shift to occur? These are not reflected in polls or, unfortunately, in the statements of politicians, but come to the fore at discussions in cafés, living rooms—and at funerals.

The funeral of Israeli soldier Tamir Masad, who died in a recent suicide bombing, provided an insight into these "powerful forces." *Ha'aretz* on Nov. 1 told how Masad was from the kibbutz movement, which is a very important political component of the Labor Party, as well as the bedrock upon which the state of Israel was built. Although the 41-year-old reservist was able to kill the Palestinian suicide bomber, he himself was killed, when another soldier shot at the bomber, only to hit the explosives belt and ignite its deadly charge. As is often the case, Masad, who leaves behind a wife and three children, was against the continued occupation of the Palestinian territories.

The eulogy was delivered by Gavri Bargil, the secretary of the kibbutz movement. At the end of his eulogy he departed from the tradition that forbids political statements at such events, and declared: "Go in peace Tamir. Go in peace from a lost country without a soul, a country that consumes its

inhabitants and long ago lost its direction and its way."

Masad's kibbutz is filled with veterans of all of Israel's wars, and his father was a retired officer. One of his father's old comrades said: "This isn't the state for which we fought. Look around at what's happening and you'll see a state that exists only for the ultra-Orthodox and the Jewish settlers in the territories. There aren't any more just struggles, there aren't just wars—there's only an effort to keep giving to two sectors who have destroyed Israeli society. I don't understand any government that's prepared to deal with a handful of settlers. Tamir died for love of the land, because that's the way he was educated. But this isn't the state he dreamt of."

Another old comrade, Yaakov Levitan, said, "I'm asking what the point of this war is. There's no point to this state the way it exists now. Where is 'Arik' Sharon leading us? This whole war has no direction. Our struggle with the Palestinians needs a diplomatic solution, and therefore all of Sharon's method of force won't help. It will just mean more people dead."

Masad's own comrades spoke of the war in Lebanon in 1982, where one of their number, Raz Gutterman, was killed. At that time, Gutterman's father wrote an open letter to the architects of that war, especially Sharon. It is a letter whose truth cries out even now, 20 years later: "This is how you have murdered Raz," the father wrote. "This is how you have put an end to a chain of Jewish generations, ancient and ancient in suffering, that no foe has succeeded in cutting down before you. How many scores of years would it have taken for the terrorists to have murdered and injured as many Israeli Defense Forces soldiers as this cursed war has? How much bereavement and grief have you succeeded in sowing? . . . May you be relentlessly pursued by my abysmal grief, the grief of a father in Israel whose world has crashed around him and taken away his reason for living. Asleep and awake, the mark of Cain will be on your brow eternally."

Remembering Rabin

On the evening of Nov. 2, one hundred thousand Israelis gathered in Rabin Square, in Tel Aviv, to commemorate the seventh anniversary of Rabin's assassination. The huge number is a clear statement, that a renewal of Rabin's policies would have great support.

In *Ha'aretz* on Nov. 4, Moshe Negbi, a legal commentator and senior lecturer at Hebrew University, reminded his readers that on May 29, 1992, over a year before the Oslo Accords, the *Davar* daily published an evaluation of the situation by a "senior Labor member," who said, "Any Israeli leader who signs an agreement with the Palestinians while his government rests on Arab votes will end up like Sadat, Allah have mercy on his soul."

Negbi wrote that Rabin did not give in to this threat, even when radical rabbis proclaimed religious edicts calling for his murder. "The rabbis who gave Yigal Amir [the murderer of Rabin] 'backing' with their rulings are not 'merely' inciters and rebellion-mongers; they are murderers in the full sense

of the word. Every first-year law student learns that one who incites or solicits another to commit a crime, which is then committed, is a full accomplice—legally and morally—to the crime. In other words, those rabbis are murderers”—yet they are still free.

Negbi warned, “A society and state in which those responsible for the murder of a Prime Minister are walking free, and the authorities are afraid of them, instead of the other way round—is beyond redemption.”

The question is, can a pro-peace candidate, not only win but survive to carry out his policy? It is obvious that if there is to be peace in Israel and the Middle East, it is necessary to have the support of the Presidency of the United States. But that power is being channelled in another direction.

Sharon’s Government

A Rogues’ Gallery of Fascist War Criminals

by Scott Thompson

On Oct. 28, the Israeli newspaper *Ha’aretz* published an extraordinary commentary by Knesset Member and Meretz party head Yossi Sarid, “Before Jewish Fascism Takes Over.” It warned that the Ariel Sharon-led radical right wing in Israel was evolving into a full-blown fascist movement. Drawing a parallel between the Sharonists in Israel today, and the Jewish Zealots who burned Jerusalem and destroyed the Second Commonwealth during the First Century A.D., Sarid all but urged armed resistance to the Jewish fascists, who were at that moment creating a caretaker government under Prime Minister Sharon, following the collapse of Sharon’s “national unity” government, and pending the results of new elections in early 2003 (see accompanying article). “If today’s zealots continue on the path of their ancestors,” Sarid wrote, “I’m not sure the opposing camp will continue the tradition of surrender and panic exhibited by the moderates of the Second Commonwealth. We have the right of self-defense from the likes of [new Infrastructure Minister] Effi Eitam, his rabbis and pupils, before they bring down the horrors upon us, before Jewish fascism runs over us all.”

The Sharon-Netanyahu interim government is a nest of fascist evil, which could easily bring the Mideast to war before new elections occur. The validity of Sarid’s warnings was underlined when newly appointed Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz was warned not to travel through Great Britain en route home to Israel, to avoid being arrested, and sent to The Hague for war crimes prosecution before the International Criminal Court. *Ha’aretz* reported on Oct. 31 that British lawyer Imran

Khan had filed a 17-page dossier with prosecutors, demanding Mofaz’s arrest for violating the Geneva Convention, by ordering targeted assassinations, wanton property destruction, and murders of innocent women and children.

As you will see in the profiles below, every single member of the interim Sharon regime is a hardened war criminal, who could and should be put on trial before an appropriately convened “Nuremberg II” tribunal. Both Sharon and his interim Foreign Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, are longstanding criminals, whose policy is the Nazi-modelled “ethnic cleansing” of all Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and their mass transfer across the Jordan River. Their battle cry is “Jordan is Palestine,” and they have devised a series of murderous counterinsurgency programs to exterminate the legitimate Palestinian leadership.

The Fascist Seven

Maj. Gen. Meir Dagan

(ret.) (a.k.a. “Dracula” and “Hitler”). On Sept. 9, 2002, Sharon named Dagan to head the Mossad, Israel’s foreign intelligence service, suggesting that Sharon was contemplating a revival of “Operation Caesarea,” an assassination program that dates back to the 1970s. Dagan, who had been a Sharon protégé in the military, demonstrated his loyalty by defying orders from then-Prime Minister and Defense Minister Menachem Begin, being the first to drive his tank into Beirut, Lebanon, although Begin had issued explicit orders for the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) to stop at the Litani River. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Dagan ran “Operation Caesarea,” whereby, in Gaza and Lebanon, his 40-man hit squad of IDF commandos would frequently disguise themselves as Palestinians and assassinate Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leaders. (Often, the targets of these assassinations were moderate Palestinians, who were more open to peace talks.) When Sharon was Defense Minister, and again since he became Prime Minister in March 2001, these assassination squads have been given a free hand, with over 60 known assassinations during his Prime Ministership alone.



Meir Dagan

But in early 1994, Dagan—as the newspaper *Yediot Aharonot* exposed on Oct. 24, 1997—threatened then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with insubordination in a closed-door meeting of IDF generals with Rabin. “Don’t take it for granted that soldiers will obey orders to withdraw from the [occupied] territories,” Dagan warned.

Dagan succeeded “Dirty Rafi” Eytan as head of “Terror Against Terror,” and was terrorism adviser to Prime Ministers Netanyahu, Ehud Barak, and Sharon. It was Dagan and Sharon who were responsible for bringing Hamas’ spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, back to Gaza from his impris-

onment in Israel in 1997: an action taken to undo Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's successful crackdown on the Hamas terrorists in 1996-97. (Notably, Henry Siegman, who heads the Council on Foreign Relations Mideast Section, admits that Sharon created Hamas to undermine Arafat.)

Before Sharon became Prime Minister, *Yediot Aharonot* (Dec. 14-15, 2000) and *Le Monde* (Dec. 18, 2000) reported that the "Dagan Plan" had been hatched, to isolate Arafat politically and diplomatically, while using the full force of the IDF to transform what the Oslo peace accords had characterized as "Palestinian-controlled Area A" into many little "Warsaw ghettos." This Dagan Plan fits with many others of Israeli right-wing fascists—some of which are presented here—that have been largely accomplished, except for the last step of "mass transfer" of Palestinians to Jordan.

Just as this Dagan Plan was going into effect through IDF "rolling operations," on Dec. 14, 2001—one day after the Israeli Security Cabinet had proclaimed Arafat "irrelevant"—Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (Labor) told *Yediot Aharonot* that the Cabinet's actions might lead to "an international court for war crimes trials" against Israel. "If liquidations are further expanded, the day is not far away when we will be classified by the international community as war criminals," Peres added.

'National Infrastructure' of Deportations

Brig. Gen. Efraim "Effi" Eitam (res.). This new leader of the fascist National Religious Party (NRP), which became a part of Sharon's now-defunct "unity government," was appointed Minister of National Infrastructure on Sept. 18, 2002, an appointment which gives Eitam a significant opportunity to expand settlements in the West Bank. On July 5, 2002, Eitam told a press conference that Arafat "ought to be liquidated."

On Feb. 15, 2002, *EIR*'s Dean Andromidas reported that a group of senior reserve officers of the IDF, and senior members of the Israeli defense establishment led by Eitam, had drafted a "security-political plan": "It includes reoccupying the Occupied Territories, destroying the Palestinian Authority, and ethnic 'cleansing' of the Palestinian territory. . . . Eitam's 'solution' intends to be final. . . . The move would include destruction of the Palestinian Authority and possibly physical elimination of its President, Yasser Arafat."

Eitam's "mass transfer" plan was revealed in the Jan. 27, 2002 issue of *Ha'aretz*, which also carried a report by respected Israeli military correspondent Amir Oren, revealing that the IDF was studying the Nazi SS methods of destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto. Queried by this author on the matter, Sharon's spokesman Ra'an'an Gissin gave the Orwellian response that "this is legitimate," because "Israel is a democracy." Gissin added: "Some officers may have been looking at that. They thought that it was similar, because you would be fighting street-by-street against the Palestinian Authority."

Unlike Likudnik Sharon, Eitam is a "religious Zionist,"

and in April 2002 he became head of the National Religious Party. While mainstream Zionism is a secularly based political ideology, the NRP believes in establishing a Jewish state that combines messianic Judaism with nationalism. Not only is the NRP strong in the settlements, but it has a growing base in the IDF.

Uzi Landau. Landau, a Likud Member of the Knesset, has been Minister of Public Safety since the start of the Sharon government. This thug, who has repeatedly tried to trigger a religious "Thirty Years War" by threatening the Islamic holy sites on Jerusalem's al-Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount,) holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he specialized in systems analysis. His thuggishness was on display in May 2001, when he spoke to Jewish leaders in New York City as an Israeli government official, saying of the Palestinians: "I believe that eventually we will have to start and combat them all-out."



Uzi Landau

Under the leadership of professional assassin Meir Dagan, Sharon appointed Landau to be one of those who would negotiate with U.S. envoy Gen. Anthony Zinni (USMC, ret.); at the time of the meetings, Landau appeared on Israeli Army radio and heaped scorn on Zinni and his peace effort. On Dec. 11, 2001, Landau said: "It must be absolutely forbidden, that these talks bring us to a point where we do not take more action, with greater forcefulness, against the targets that create the infrastructure of terror. . . . Israel's operations facing the terrorism of Arafat must only increase and grow more intensive from day to day. They must be systematic, they must cause them much greater damage. The struggle must be constant, not a response to their attacks, . . . striking at them all the time."

It was Landau who insisted, on July 8, 2002, on shutting down the Al Quds University President's Office of Sari Nusseibeh, the moderate PLO representative in Jerusalem who had initiated a peace dialogue between Jews and Palestinians. Even White House spokesman Ari Fleischer rebuked Landau for this.

Landau was also party to the July 18, 2002 decision of the Rabbinical Council of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, to permit Jews unfettered access to Islam's holy site al-Haram al-Sharif. Sharon's Sept. 28, 2000 trip there, with hundreds of bodyguards, triggered the "Al-Aqsa Intifada."

Russian Mafia Input

Rabbi Yitzhak Levy. This former head of the NRP stepped down, so that Eitam, who believes in mass transfer, could lead the NRP and enter Sharon's Cabinet in April 2002.

The opposition leader and chairman of the pro-peace Meretz party, Yossi Sarid, said of this development: "By choosing 'Effi' Eitam as its chair, the National Religious Party has become a party of false messianists and transfer. This is the end of the national religious movement." When Levy stepped down, he was named a Minister Without Portfolio by Sharon, and then, in September 2002, was appointed Minister of Tourism, to bind the NRP more closely to the "unity government."

Avigdor Lieberman. This Member of the Knesset from the fascist National Union-Yisrael Beiteinu Party (NU-YBP) had been appointed at the start of Sharon's government, to be Minister of National Infrastructure, a post critical for the expansion of settlements, but Lieberman stepped down in March 2002. His appointment had been a sop to those who came to Israel from the former Soviet Union, as Lieberman was a Russian Jew.

Prior to founding NU-YBP in 1999, and running for the Knesset, Lieberman had been a poster boy of the Likud, with strong ties to Netanyahu. From 1993-96, Lieberman was Director General of the Likud, and from 1996-1997 he was Director General of the Prime Minister's Office. It is widely believed that the NU-YBP is merely a front for Netanyahu in the large Russian emigré community.

According to *Ha'aretz* on March 27, 2001, no sooner had Lieberman become Minister of National Infrastructure, than two people were arrested (one of whom with a 20% stake in the government telecom firm, Bezeq), who had alleged ties with the Russian mafia. Lieberman so viciously attacked the Israeli police for the arrest, that even Sharon had to make a statement denouncing what Lieberman had said.

In *Ha'aretz* of March 11, 2002, it was reported that Lieberman decided to pull his party out of the "unity government," because Sharon had agreed to talks with the Palestinian Authority without there first being "seven days of calm." Sharon had released Arafat from "house arrest." When the NU-YBP pulled out of the government, Sharon brought the even more fascist Eitam into it.

Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz (ret.). Mofaz, who had been appointed Chief of Staff by Netanyahu, has now been appointed by Sharon to be Minister of Defense. At the beginning of the Sharon government in March 2001, Mofaz said on Israel radio that the Palestinian Authority was a "terrorist entity." After the Israeli Security Cabinet approved Operation Defensive Shield, for dismantling the Palestinian Authority, Jenin, on the West Bank, became the site of street-by-street fighting, and whole sections of houses were leveled by IDF tanks and bulldozers. The Palestinians proclaimed that it had been a "massacre," but Sharon refused to permit an international investigation, because he had been advised by attorneys that both he and IDF officers might be indicted for war crimes. On July 9, 2002, Mofaz called for Arafat to be "expelled."



Shaul Mofaz (right foreground), meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz in 2001. Mofaz, who is Defense Minister in Ariel Sharon's interim government, was warned not to travel abroad, lest he be arrested for war crimes.

Then-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres tried repeatedly to have Mofaz and his deputy, Moshe Ya'alon, muzzled, but on Aug. 24, 2001, Mofaz was on Israeli radio, boasting that "about 600 Palestinians have been killed, 1,200 arrested and 10,000 wounded" in the past 11 months in the IDF's "war against terror."

Designating Palestinians 'a Cancer'

Lt. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon. Ya'alon was Mofaz's deputy throughout the period of Sharon's government, and after Mofaz had finished his four-year tour, the even more bloodthirsty Ya'alon replaced him as IDF Chief of Staff. If anything, Ya'alon's public comments have been even more inflammatory than those of Mofaz. On Aug. 25, 2002, according to *Ha'aretz*, Ya'alon told a religious meeting in Jerusalem: "If we do not win this war [against the Palestinians], we'll find ourselves facing a cancerous threat. . . . This is a cancerous threat because it is not visible to the naked eye." As Israeli commentators remarked, this statement was much like the Nazis' statements that Jews were "lice" to be exterminated.

As early as 1996, when Ya'alon was Chief of Israeli Military Intelligence (Amman), he began drafting a liquidation/deportation plan which he called "Field of Thorns" (see *EIR*, Oct. 4, 2002). This plan is now far advanced in its implementation. Only two steps remain to be carried out. After the near-total destruction of the Palestinian Authority, the entire Palestinian political leadership is marked for arrest or murder. This has already been partially implemented. The second step is the deportation of Palestinians from "sensitive areas;" that is, the entire West Bank of "Judea and Samaria." According to highly placed U.S. and Israeli sources, this "final solution" would occur within the context of either a war with Iraq, or a war with Syria over Lebanon.

Will Moonie Money Be Used in Netanyahu-Sharon Election Theft?

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Reports are already coming in from sources in Israel that the radical right wing there is banking on massive amounts of money from the United States, to swipe the upcoming Knesset and prime ministerial elections, and consolidate a Jewish fascist garrison state. Some of the money, according to the sources, is flowing in from so-called Christian Zionist networks in the United States, and in the next weeks, the newly anointed Foreign Minister, Benjamin “Bibi” Netanyahu, is coming to America to arrange an even larger flood of dirty money. It is illegal for foreign funds to be used in Israeli electoral campaigns, so the entire dirty operation has the potential to blow up in the faces of the Jabotinskyite fascists. These reports of cash flows into Israel raises an obvious question: Are Likudniks ex-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon banking on Moonie money to hijack a quick election, against a possibly resurgent Labor Party?

As this news services has reported for the last three weeks, the Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon has been spending billions of dollars in offshore money in the United States; its origin is unknown, but is widely suspected of being illegal weapons-for-drugs proceeds. Rev. Jerry Falwell, Gary Bauer, Tim and Beverly LaHaye, Pat Robertson, and all of the lesser “Christian Zionists” have been long-since bought up by the Moonies. Thus, the entire flow of Christian Zionist cash into the Radical Right in Israel is already known to be Moonie-tainted money.

The issue of Moonie illegal funds became a major national scandal in Uruguay, one of South America’s most notorious money-laundering centers, in 1996, after bank employees’ union officials blew the whistle on a massive Moonie cash-laundering scheme. According to stories that appeared at the time in the Montevideo newspaper *El Observador*, during a short period of time, more than 4,000 Japanese women—all members of the Moon organization—appeared at the Banco de Crédito in Montevideo and deposited large amounts of cash from unknown sources. In one day alone, \$19 million was thus deposited in a Moonie-controlled account under the name “Cami II.” All told, \$80 million was laundered through the account at Banco de Crédito in less than a month in late

1996, and there is no reason to believe that this was a “one-time” effort.

In 1983, Rev. Moon had plunked down \$52 million to purchase Banco de Crédito, one of the largest financial institutions in Uruguay. However, a short time later, officials of the military junta “bought” a bundle of non-performing debt, held by Banco de Crédito, for a reported \$60 million!

When *El Observador* investigative reporter Pablo Alfano published his exposes of the Moonie laundering operations at Banco de Crédito, he was kidnapped at gunpoint, and threatened with murder if he continued to probe the Moonie story.

The Moon-Sharon Alliance

The Moonie ties to the Sharon mafia in Israel are not just mediated through the Falwell-Robertson gang in America. Since no later than 1980, the Moonies, through a string of front groups, have been engaged in many joint dirty ventures with the Sharon grouping of the Israeli right wing. The depth of those ties, and their links to some of the nastiest narco-terrorist regimes in South and Central America, begs the question: Does offshore Moonie money hold the key to the Likud’s and other super-extremists’ electoral strategy?

One of the principal liaisons between the Moonie apparatus and the Sharon mafia in Israel was the late Dr. Joseph Churba. A close associate of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane from boyhood, Churba was part of the Betar youth networks (the Jabotinsky youth movement), trained by former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens. Churba and Kahane co-founded the terrorist Jewish Defense League in the late 1960s, after running a pro-Vietnam War front group on the campus of Columbia University, the July Fourth Committee. “J-4” was bankrolled both by the FBI and by Jay Lovestone and Irving Brown, who were assets of CIA Counterintelligence Director James Jesus Angleton within the International Department of the AFL-CIO, which housed international counterinsurgency operations within the labor movement. Angleton also was the person in charge of the “Israel franchise” at the CIA.

Despite his known JDL and Kahane ties, Churba was able to get a job in U.S. Air Force Intelligence in the 1970s, rising

to be the head of the Mideast section. After crossing swords with Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. George Brown over U.S. policy towards Israel, Churba was dumped by the Air Force and lost his security clearance. He immediately signed up with the Moonies. From 1980 until his death in 1996, Churba ran the International Security Council, the in-house think-tank of Moon's CAUSA International. CAUSA was a major conduit of dirty funds to the Oliver North "Enterprise" behind the Iran-Contra fiasco. Its International President was Col. Bo Hi Pak, the KCIA founder and actual controller of the Moon empire. One of the biggest sources of narco-dollars for North et al. was a series of joint Moonie-Sharon criminal operations in Central and South America.

Moon and Sharon in Honduras

In the early 1980s, then-Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon made a secret trip to Honduras, to establish Israeli collusion with a group of right-wing military officers, linked to Colombian drug traffickers. Shortly after the Sharon trip, the late Gen. Reshavam Ze'evi, a longtime Sharon ally and the well-known head of the Israeli Mafia, set up shop in Honduras, providing large volumes of Israeli weapons—in return for narcotics. In January 1983, Bo Hi Pak also visited Honduras, forging alliances with the same dope-tainted colonels and generals, including Gen. Gustavo Alvarez. The Moonies set up a Honduran front group, the Association for the Development of Honduras (APROH).

On March 31, 1984, the Alvarez group was removed from power in a bloodless coup, which, shortly afterwards, resulted in indictments of eight Hondurans on charges of smuggling an estimated \$10 million in Colombian cocaine into the United States, to fund a coup against the newly-installed President, Roberto Suazo. The ringleader of the plot was identified in the U.S. indictment as General Bueso-Rosa, Alvarez's former chief of staff, and a card-carrying member of the Moonies' APROH.

The same Ze'evi-Moon alliance was a key factor in the August 1980 "Cocaine Colonels" coup in Bolivia, which created one of the most notorious narco-regimes in history, complete with its cast of World War II outright Nazis, like Klaus Barbie. General Ze'evi was in Bolivia during the Colonels' Coup, and CAUSA was credited with having conducted \$4 million to the putschists for the overthrow. CAUSA established a major beachhead in La Paz under the Colonels, complementing their already-noted operations in Uruguay, which was, at the time, also run by a right-wing military junta.

Moon Over Tel Aviv

The Moonie-Sharon dirty alliance was hardly a dark secret. During the height of the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal in the United States, CAUSA's International Security Council staged two high-profile conferences in Tel Aviv, where the

Moonies publicly mingled with the Sharon mafia. On Jan. 26-29, 1986, ISC sponsored a conference on "State Terrorism and the International System." Churba chaired the conference, and introduced his boss, Col. Bo Hi Pak, who delivered the opening remarks. Moonie-owned *Washington Times* editor-in-chief Arnaud de Borchgrave urged the conference attendees to back a new Washington-Tel Aviv axis for combating terrorism.

Two of the other speakers at the Moonie event were Raphael "Dirty Rafi" Eytan and Yossef Bodansky. Up until the day of Jonathan Pollard's arrest in Nov. 1985, Eytan was the director of the super-secret Israeli espionage unit, Lekem, which was established under the Ministry of Defense when Sharon was its Minister. Eytan has been Sharon's partner in crime since the 1950s, when Eytan was a top official of Israeli intelligence and Sharon ran IDF "Brigade 101," a death squad that assassinated Palestinians and Arabs.

Bodansky had worked for Israeli Air Force Intelligence before coming to the United States. According to one account in the Dec. 1, 1985 issue of the Israeli newspaper *Davar*, Bodansky, while working as a "journalist" for the Moonie-owned *Washington Times*, was, in fact, one of the Lekem agents in Washington—controlling Pollard's spy activities. Bodansky, according to Israeli sources, was dispatched to the United States by Moshe Arens, to obtain U.S. technical secrets that Israel desperately needed, to complete work on their Lavie jet.

Bodansky insinuated himself in the U.S. right-wing Zionist circles, centered around the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), where he worked closely with Richard Perle, Stephen Bryen, and Michael Ledeen. Bodansky was hired in the early 1980s as an "outside consultant" to the Pentagon unit headed by Perle and Bryen, which specialized in military and dual-use technology transfers.

Bodansky, in addition to his "employment" by the Moonie *Washington Times*, also was a partner of *Washington Times* editor-in-chief Arnaud de Borchgrave and British spook John Rees in Mid-Atlantic Associates, a small "think tank" that was bankrolled by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and by right-wing moneybags Richard Mellon Scaife.

The CAUSA-ISC held a second conference in Tel Aviv between Oct. 19-21, 1986 on "The Soviet-Syrian Alliance and the Security of the Middle East," where, once again, Churba, Bo Hi Pak, Eytan, and Bodansky shared the podium with such figures as former Israeli military intelligence chief Yehoshua Sagui.

Given this more than 20-year history of filthy ties between the worldwide Moonie hot money and crime apparatus, and the Sharon mafia in Israel, anyone concerned about the legitimacy of Israel's upcoming elections would do well to raise the question about illicit Moon funds—before the election has been stolen "fair and square."

International Intelligence

Russia's Primakov Opposes 'War of Civilizations'

Former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov has echoed some of the ideas contained in Helga Zepp-LaRouche's call for a Dialogue of Civilizations, based on the best elements of each culture. In an interview with the daily *Izvestia* on Nov. 5, headlined "A War Against Islam Could Lead to the Disintegration of Russia," Primakov warned that a "new division of the world" along religious lines, which has emerged as a growing danger due to U.S. policies since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, could lead not only to a global confrontation, but also to the destruction of many nations, and "the loss of the most positive accomplishments of civilization."

Primakov denounced the attempts by some circles in the United States and Europe, to portray Islam as a "threat," and to insinuate that "the roots of terrorism are in the Koran." There is a big difference, he said, between the desire, in many parts of the Arab world today, to revive the fundamental principles of Islam, and extremist tendencies that lead to terrorism.

North Korea Underlines Readiness To Make a Deal

North Korean Ambassador to the United Nations Pak Gil Yon said on Oct. 25 that his government is ready to cool tensions, if Washington will recognize its national sovereignty and allow it to rebuild the economy. The statement was released by the Pyongyang Foreign Ministry.

The statement confirms Lyndon LaRouche's Oct. 19 statement, that North Korea had admitted to having a secret nuclear weapons program as a "bargaining chip" with Washington (see "N. Korea Offers a 'Silk Road' Bargain to the United States," *EIR*, Nov. 1).

Ambassador Pak charged the White House with preparing a pre-emptive strike against North Korea, by including it in the "axis of evil," along with Iraq and Iran. "This

is a clear declaration of war," Pak said. Pak charged the United States with stockpiling nuclear weapons in South Korea that have threatened the North for nearly half a century. As a result, Pak said, North Korea "was left with no other proper answer." Pak said that Pyongyang "was entitled to possess not only nuclear weapons, but any type of weapon more powerful than that, so as to defend its sovereignty and right to existence."

Even so, North Korea now wants a "non-aggression treaty" with the United States, including a U.S. pledge not to attack North Korea first; respect for the country's sovereignty; and the right to economic development, before relieving America of its "security concerns," Pak read from the statement.

He accused the United States of failing to fulfill terms of a 1994 accord under which the North agreed to suspend an earlier nuclear weapons program and shut down its nuclear power plants, in exchange for new reactors which never arrived, because the United States was "calculating" that the North Korean government "would collapse sooner or later." Indeed, former U.S. Ambassador Robert Gallucci, one of those who negotiated the 1994 accord, told *EIR* in 1996 that his team had no intention of delivering the reactors to the existing regime, which they were counting upon to collapse.

Saudi Foreign Minister Says 'No' to Iraq War

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal told CNN on Nov. 3 that his country would not allow use of its airspace or military bases in a war against Iraq. In an interview with CNN, al-Faisal said, "We will cooperate with the Security Council, but as to entering the conflict or using the facilities as part of the conflict, that's something else." When asked by reporter Christiane Amanpour, "So, that's a 'no'?" al-Faisal responded emphatically, "no." He added that Saudi Arabia would "support the political sentiment" of a possible war against Iraq, but was hopeful that this could be avoided by working through the United Nations, because Iraq has

"made a very clear and unambiguous promise to the Arab countries that it will abide by the United Nations resolutions. . . ."

The Foreign Minister warned against a foreign occupation of Iraq. "History tells us that whatever change you believe you can bring to the country that you occupy, you can never make a permanent change through occupation by a foreign force in the country. . . . Iraq is not Japan. Saddam is not the Emperor Hirohito, and I don't know if the general that's going in, is going to be [Douglas] MacArthur." The Minister rejected the targeting of Saudi Arabia as "evil" by Washington neo-conservatives, as well as charges made by the New York Council on Foreign Relations that his government had turned a blind eye to anti-Western fundraising by individuals or charities. The CFR report is "long on accusation and short on documented proof," he charged.

The day after the interview was aired, al-Faisal added the qualification that *if* Iraq "refuses the implementation" of new UN resolutions concerning inspections, Saudi Arabia would be obliged to cooperate with the UN, but it is a "sovereign right" to make that decision when the time comes.

Brits Can't Afford To Send Troops to Iraq

Great Britain cannot afford to send troops to the Persian Gulf, Finance Minister Gordon Brown told the Defense Ministry, the *Daily Telegraph* reported on Nov. 2. Brown is the leading political rival to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Defense chiefs are furious over the suggestion that they might have to cut the force numbers they believe they need to fight a war, in order to fit into a Treasury-imposed straitjacket," the *Telegraph* wrote.

The Treasury has ordered military planners to come up with new strategies, after it was worked out that the British contribution to a U.S.-led war on Iraq would cost £3 billion (\$4.69 billion), according to senior defense sources. This is £500 million more than the British deployment in the 1991 Gulf War. Half of the money would be the cost of

MAURITIUS, an Indian Ocean nation which currently holds a seat on the UN Security Council, recalled its Ambassador to the UN on Nov. 1, after he “gave the impression that Mauritius was against the U.S. draft resolution on Iraq,” according to Foreign Minister Anil Gayan. Under the terms of Mauritius’ foreign aid accord with the United States, Mauritius is stripped of its sovereignty, barred from doing anything to “undermine” U.S. national security interests.

BRAZILIAN President-Elect Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva invoked U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in an interview to the *Washington Post* on Nov. 3. Asked whether he preferred “the free market or socialism,” Lula replied: “I don’t think the state has to manage companies. I remember what President Roosevelt did with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The state’s role is to plan, stimulate development with incentives and, if necessary, provide funding in partnership with the private sector.”

DR. ROWAN WILLIAMS, Britain’s next Archbishop of Canterbury, warned that war against Iraq could lead to nuclear conflict. In an interview with the *Daily Telegraph* on Nov. 5, Williams said, “The exact calculation of what weaponry might be employed by a cornered Saddam Hussein is uncertain; and so is the retaliation that might then be provoked in the region from its sole nuclear power, Israel.” An attack by the West is likely to “risk the lives of hundreds of thousands in a region that could rapidly and uncontrollably spiral down into chaos.”

NEW AFRICAN, a London-based monthly, published a dossier by *EIR*’s Uwe Friesecke in its November issue, titled “Rwanda—The Rejected Testimony.” The testimony exposes the roles of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, Uganda’s Yoweri Museveni, and their Anglo-American backers, in the genocide in Rwanda since 1990 (see *EIR*, July 26, 2002).

deploying an armored division to Kuwait to oppose the Iraqi Republican Guard.

“They have told the planners at PJHQ [Permanent Joint Headquarters] to come away and come up with a plan that does not involve deploying ground forces,” a senior defense source told the *Telegraph*. “People at the very top are extremely angry about all this,” another source was quoted. “Instead of working out what you need to do the job and then costing it, everything has to be costed first and the job tailored to fit the money.”

Military planners put the cost of a British contribution to an operation that lasts more than a year, and involves a post-war occupation force, at as high as £15 billion. “The Treasury said we can’t afford it,” a senior defense source was quoted. He noted: “Well, that will look great for Tony Blair, the only allied leader who has actually been asked to send forces.”

Queen Intervenes To Block Palace Scandal

Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II intervened personally to bring a sudden and sensational end to the trial of former royal butler Paul Burrell, only days before he was to testify in court on charges that he had stolen hundreds of items from the estate of the late Princess Diana, British newspapers reported on Nov. 2. The Queen is reported to have “suddenly recalled” that, soon after Diana’s death, she had met Burrell, and that he said he had kept numerous items belonging to Diana. This “sudden recollection,” reportedly occurred while the Queen was going to a commemoration service for the victims of the Bali, Indonesia bombing. The case had been going on for 18 months prior to her intervention.

There is wide speculation that the Queen’s memory recovery has to do with concern, that Burrell would say damaging things on the witness stand, about the circumstances leading up to Diana’s death, and/or that Princes Philip and/or Charles could have been called as witnesses.

Labour Member of Parliament Paul Flynn declared that “the most likely reason” for the Queen’s intervention “is that when

Paul Burrell came to give evidence, he was going to provide information which would be damaging to the royal family.” Criminal lawyer Anthony Scrivener told the press, “I think there’s more to it than the explanation we’ve been given. I don’t think the story they’ve put holds together.” Harold Brooks-Baker, a publishing director, stated that the Queen had to act, to avert the “constitutional crisis” that would have ensued, had a member of the Royal Family been called on to testify.

Venezuelans Demand End To Chávez Dictatorship

Tens of thousands of Venezuelans marched through Caracas on Nov. 4, to present electoral authorities with 2.2 million signatures, nearly twice the required number for a referendum to be held on Hugo Chávez’s despised government. The Chávez regime has said that it will not hold the referendum.

According to the Venezuelan Constitution, as written by the Chavistas, a non-binding referendum on matters of national importance can be called, if 10% of the electorate—1.2 million people—present a petition for that. The 2 million signatures represent one-sixth of the registered voters of Venezuela. Although non-binding, were Chávez to lose the vote, his already-precious political legitimacy would be severely weakened—particularly in the “international community.”

Belligerent Chávez supporters, armed with rocks and sticks, clashed with the petitioners, leading to at least 75 wounded by rocks and rubber bullets. The Chavistas were eventually dispersed with teargas by National Guardsmen. Chávez himself continues to insist that early elections would only be called if the Constitution were amended by the National Assembly, where his forces still hold sway.

Electoral authorities have until Dec. 4 to validate the petitions and set a referendum date, which by law must occur within 90 days. The opposition CTV and Fedecamaras—labor and business organizations—threatened an indefinite nationwide strike if the referendum is not allowed to take place.

LaRouche ‘Super-TVA’ Leads, After Dems’ Self-Defeat

by Harley Schlanger

Once again, the nation’s pundits and talking heads had it wrong with their “50-50 America” nonsense-formula; and have it wrong with their now-incessant prattle about a “Bush mandate” in the Nov. 5 election. Despite the outcome—in which high abstention rates by Democratic voters nationwide, elected Republicans to control over the Senate and increased their margin by five seats in the House of Representatives—the only mandate given was on the Democratic side. It is a demand for a completely new Democratic Party leadership to replace the thoroughly discredited Democratic Leadership Council (DLC, or “the second Republican Party,” as Sen. Edward Kennedy and now millions of Democrats call it).

Against all the pundits, 2004 Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche had forecast on Nov. 1 (see box), that the vote would be a mandate for the ouster of the DLC—epitomized by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) and his organized crime-linked cronies—who have disastrously dominated the party’s leadership since the 1990s. This cabal had Democrats, from disgraced House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (Mo.) and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (S.D.) on down, insisting that the key to success was for the Democrats to mimic Bush—including backing war against Iraq—while ignoring the the deepening financial crisis and the collapse of economic infrastructure, which are the greatest threats facing the American people.

The best that could be said about the election, LaRouche remarked, was that it would be over on Nov. 5, and a mobilization around his “November Emergency Infrastructure Program” for economic recovery, could begin.

The Lieberman/DLC campaign strategy was fatal to Democrats’ chances. The two incumbent Democratic Senators who lost—Jean Carnahan (Missouri) and Max Cleland (Georgia)—both responded to GOP challenges by following the example of Lieberman, and embracing Bush. In both

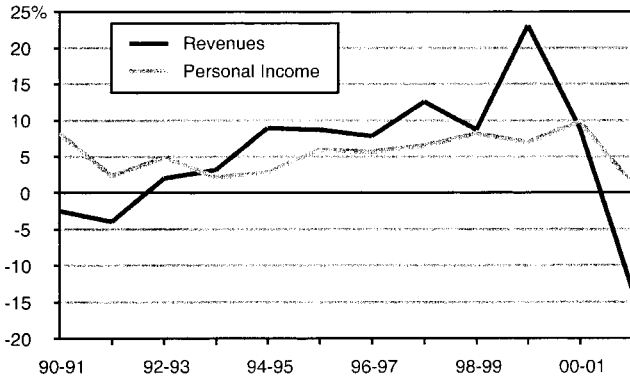
states, the DLC strategy discouraged African-Americans, who have been a critical part of Democratic constituencies there. The low turnout of these and other Democratic voters doomed Carnahan’s and Cleland’s chances. The *Hartford Courant* in Lieberman’s home state, reported that he campaigned for six other Democratic candidates for Senate who lost, and for Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, who fell short of 50% and was forced into a runoff.

The same was true in the House, where four of the five ousted Democratic incumbents were members of the DLC House caucus. It was also true in the gubernatorial race in Maryland, where Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, virtually the DLC poster girl, was decisively defeated in a traditional Democratic stronghold. She went so far in this direction as to appoint, as her running mate for Lieutenant Governor, Adm. Chuck Larson, previously a top operative of Lieberman’s GOP ally, organized crime-connected Sen. John McCain (Ariz.), during the Presidential campaign in 2000.

It’s Still the Economy, Stupid

While most of the Congressional candidates appeared blithely ignorant of the crippling economic crisis, its effects have been more keenly felt at the state level, where at least 47 of the 50 states face serious budget deficits. Since George W. Bush was sworn in as President in January 2001, the real level of unemployment in the nation, as measured by the *EIR*—in contrast to the fraudulent figures released each month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics—has skyrocketed, especially in the manufacturing industries. This decline in the physical economy, when combined with the crash of the “tech sector” and its associated stock market bubble, forced the dramatic collapse in all government revenues—the “telltale heart” of the economic depression. On the Federal level, the deficit could easily hit \$250 billion in fiscal year 2003. The

Annual Percent Change in General Fund Revenues and California Personal Income



The huge shadow of depression over California economy—typical of states across the country—which was ignored by both Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and his Republican opponent. Recovery measures mean backing Lyndon LaRouche, who proposes a “Super-TVA.”

collapse in state revenues has produced record deficits.

California, which had a \$24 billion budget deficit in 2001-02, faces a deficit in 2003-04, which could top \$20 billion under the most optimistic circumstances. Texas is facing a deficit of more than \$10 billion, and New York, \$10 billion. The list goes on. Governors and legislatures have foolishly responded with savage austerity, slashing necessary spending in infrastructure, leading to dangerous crises in transport, water, energy, health care, and education. This approach sacrifices the future, while adding to the downward spiral of revenue collapse.

In California, cuts in expenditures have added to already serious problems in transportation and in the ports; in water management, where both cities and farmers face shortfalls; in electricity production, in a state that has not yet recovered from the devastation wrought by Enron, and where consumers face soaring prices *and* shortages; and in health care, where the City of Los Angeles has already lost half of its trauma centers, and may still lose two of its four major public hospitals. That these issues were avoided, as if by agreement, by Gov. Gray Davis (D) and his Republican opponent, explains why Davis’ margin of re-election was only 5%, with voter turnout hitting a record low. A top Davis campaign activist conceded to *EIR*, before Nov. 5, “[We have] blown it—we could have smashed the Republicans, but we have adopted a play-it-safe strategy.”

Because of these state disasters, the exceptions to the Democrats losses occurred where they won governorships from incumbent Republicans. Among these were the formerly industrial Midwestern states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Wisconsin; and the traditionally Republican states of Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma.

With the election over, Democratic pre-candidate LaRouche has launched an initiative to address the real economic crisis. “It’s time to face the facts,” LaRouche insisted.

“The system has collapsed. It’s time to shift from the WalMart slave-labor economy; for the Federal government to utilize the Constitutional principle of the General Welfare to embark on a major push for necessary infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on physical goods production.” LaRouche said the Federal government must generate huge volumes of credit, channeled through the states, to undertake urgently needed projects that will simultaneously create productive jobs and, by doing so, generate an expanded revenue base for the states. For this to occur, states must enact emergency legislation to repeal the deregulation statutes of the last 20-plus years, restore public power utilities, etc. The states must also reorganize existing debt, so that the new credit allocated for infrastructure does not pay old debt instead.

To run this nationally, LaRouche would establish a new “Super-TVA,” modelled on one of the most successful anti-Depression, productive projects ever implemented in the United States—the Tennessee Valley Authority of President Franklin Roosevelt. It will require, LaRouche emphasized, 25-30 years to rebuild our nation, and recover from the damage we have inflicted by 30 years of “New Economy” insanity.

He Called It

On Nov. 1, Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche forecast the result of Democratic leadership failures, in this reply to an Oct. 30 e-mail on his website.

What the Democratic Party has done to this nation and its people, is a crime against our people and their posterity. Either the party abandons those its presently continuing habits of the recent quarter-century, or it is soon dead. It can no longer get by with the swindle the leadership of the party has been running over these decades to date. The worst thing is not that the party leadership has policies which are either evil, such as those of Lieberman, or practically impotent; some of the leaders could be changed, under appropriate top-down changes in policy and leadership, but the present crew is not capable of doing anything relevant of its own volition. Without new leadership, top down, the party has no moral relevance. If the Democratic Party were not, now, to reverse its policies of the past quarter-century to date, and specifically adopt my FDR-style remedies, the nation would not survive. . . . Otherwise neither that party nor the nation “have a snowball’s chance in Hell” during the several years immediately ahead. . . . Why should anyone waste their support of the Democratic Party if that party does not now openly entertain my Presidential candidacy for 2004?

LaRouche Vote: Shape Of Things to Come?

by Nancy Spannaus

The Democratic Party's evident national leadership vacuum has left Democrats, and sane Republicans, no place to turn but to the economic recovery policies of Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, the leader of the "FDR" tradition internationally. His political influence within the United States has risen during 2002 as the candidate has deployed supporters "on the streets," to engage the population in a discussion of the alternative to depression and war. Beside his infrastructure-centered recovery program, the candidate's exposés of the "Chicken-hawk" faction pushing the war, and of the corruption of the Joe Lieberman-John McCain duo, have flooded Washington and other major urban centers.

LaRouche's Presidential campaign, though hated and blacked out by the Establishment media, also played a role in this year's mid-term election contests. Over the course of the primaries and the general election, more than 215,000 citizens voted for a handful of avowed LaRouche Democratic candidates—against the Democratic Party leadership's active opposition! LaRouche's proposals have been all over the airwaves in the Washington area as well. And he played a decisive role in bringing about the defeat of a pro-drug referendum in Nevada.

The Spannaus Campaign

This author launched the most prominent of the LaRouche Democratic candidacies, running for U.S. Senate in Virginia as an Independent, where the Party leadership refused to oppose incumbent Republican John Warner and refused to accept a LaRouche Democrat as a candidate. My campaign put LaRouche's policies before the Commonwealth through use of the Internet and the airwaves in the nation's capital—which happens also to be the largest media market for Virginia. For eight weeks, LaRouche's voice was on the most-listened-to radio station in Washington, spreading in the last weekend to the major Virginia cities of Norfolk and Richmond. In some ads, he chided the insanity of the Chicken-hawk warriors; in others, he spoke about the solution to the economic breakdown crisis. These one-minute spots created such a stir that both the Virginia Democratic Party, and the leading national rag of the Neo-Conservatives, the *Weekly Standard*, put out ridiculous diatribes against Spannaus and LaRouche.

During the pre-election weekend, my campaign purchased five 30-second TV spots on the NBC-TV station in Washington, as well as a number of others on a lesser station.

Tens of thousands of Virginians were treated to a video of an actual test run of a magnetically levitated train; then LaRouche and I urged the emergency transportation infrastructure program which citizens must demand that President Bush put into place.

Otherwise, there was very, very little media coverage of the Senate race, where Warner was also opposed by a Libertarian independent named Joseph Hornberger; the media did their best to "cancel" it, and the turnout was only 32% of the registered voters.

But using the ads, the Internet, leaflets, and old-fashioned stumping to put LaRouche's leadership before the citizenry, I garnered unofficially 145,719 votes, about 9.25% of the vote. With two other candidates plus a write-in, this was no simple protest vote against Warner, but a solid LaRouche Democratic vote. This is shown by the fact that my best votes, 15% and more, came in counties around Washington, where the ads and mass leafleting campaigns reached the population, and in the cities where the LaRouche movement has had a years-long presence.

Another singularity was the vote in Charlottesville, home of the University of Virginia, and a kind of political capital for the state. There, the Spannaus vote was over 20%; and a mock-election run by the University with the participation of 20,000 high school students, who have been assigned to learn about the electoral campaigns over the course of this semester, resulted in my getting over 20% of that "vote" as well.

This showing, against Democratic Party and media hostility, bodes well for LaRouche's 2004 Presidential bid.

The State Campaigns

The other LaRouche Democrats running won the Democratic nominations for State Representative, one in Connecticut, and the other in Michigan. Despite Party resources either withheld from them, or actively used against them, both got vote totals comparable to those of other Democrats in their areas.

Running in Connecticut's 141st District, in the Darien-Rowayton area, Laurie Dobson had won the Democratic Party nomination earlier this year, before she decided that she had to link up with the LaRouche political movement, and present herself as a LaRouche Democrat. This she did immediately after Labor Day, causing sparks to fly, and the Democratic Party to renounce her, denounce her, and demand that she drop out of the race.

Dobson stuck to her guns, taking up the cudgels against Connecticut Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman, a war-monger who was the former head of the Democratic Leadership Council. She ran on LaRouche's economic plans, including the emergency rail program that would transform conditions of transport in this suburban community. She put forward an "Athena Project" for upgraded transportation in her area, to show how it would link up with the urgently required national program. She went door to door, and held town meetings.



The huge shadow of depression over California economy—typical of states across the country—which was ignored by both Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and his Republican opponent. Recovery measures mean backing Lyndon LaRouche, who proposes a “Super-TVA.”

Dobson won 24% of the vote, 1849 votes in all, against the incumbent Republican—more than the Democratic Party’s candidate got in 2000—and has become a prominent spokesperson for the the LaRouche perspective on national reconstruction. She immediately announced, on election night, that she would be leading a drive in Connecticut for LaRouche’s “Super-TVA” proposal.

In Livonia, Michigan, LaRouche Democrat Kerry Lowry won the Democratic primary on LaRouche’s platform, with over 60% of the vote, and faced the incumbent Republican in the general election. Despite Lowry’s decisive primary victory, and the fact that LaRouche’s program represents the only hope for post-industrial and bankrupt Michigan, the Michigan Democratic Party declared it would give him no support whatsoever. Lowry’s vigorous campaign answered: LaRouche is the only national leader to tell the truth on the economy and present a solution. In campaign events, televised debates, town meetings, and mass leafleting, he made sure every voter knew he was the “LaRouche Democrat.”

Kerry Lowry’s final vote was 12,209, more than 36%, in an established Republican district. He plans to take the lead in pushing LaRouche’s “Super-TVA” through the Michigan State Legislature.

Fighting Drugs

The LaRouche Presidential campaign factor came into prominent play in Nevada, where George Soros’ drug gang had put a marijuana-legalization referendum on the ballot. Following the circulation of LaRouche’s exposé of Soros, by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Joe Neal, the referendum—considered a winner earlier—was buried by a margin

of 61% to 39%. Passage would have been a breakout by Soros and the drug cartels, by mandating state *protection* of narcotics traffic. Any adult could buy up to three ounces of pot from dealers, licensed and taxed by the state, at the same rates as tobacco. The state would also guarantee “the distribution of marijuana at low cost” to anyone with a doctor’s prescription.

The Soros-funded Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) thought it could win; Nevada has legalized gambling and prostitution, and recently legalized “medical” marijuana and decriminalized possession of less than an ounce. The state’s small population meant it cost the Soros crowd only \$375,000 to get on the ballot, paying \$1-2 per signature, according to Billy Rogers, the MPP official sent in from Texas to run the operation. Only a few hundred of the \$2 million MPP spent was donated by their “grass-roots” in Nevada, according to official filings.

LaRouche broke up the game, starting with a Sept. 8 press release which denounced Soros as the primary source of funding for the entire drug legalization drive worldwide. “How can the United States expect to press Colombia and Peru to crack down on the drug cartels when the same cartels are now attempting to establish a major beachhead inside the United States?” he asked.

LaRouche’s unmasking of Soros was sent to all media in the state and used by a LaRouche Democrat on the state party central committee to block an otherwise expected endorsement of legalization. On Oct. 4, the Democratic nominee for Governor, State Sen. Joe Neal, used *EIR*’s exposé to persuade the state Board of Health to oppose the initiative. The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* made that its lead story on Oct. 5. Soros and company reacted with a strategic blunder. They launched a barrage of slanders against LaRouche, and demanded that Neal and Las Vegas prosecutor Gary Booker “apologize” for having linked the MPP to “the cartel.” Neal stood his ground and vouched for the high quality of *EIR*’s research. The *Review-Journal* and *Time* magazine hounded Booker. In the process, LaRouche’s and *EIR*’s responses were reported daily in the *Review-Journal*.

On Oct. 9-10, White House “drug czar” John P. Walters spent two days in Nevada, echoing LaRouche. At every stop, he nailed Soros and insisted he wanted to debate only him and the two other moneybags named in *EIR* on Sept. 20. “Any time, any place. I’m here; where are you?” Walters asked. Soros, of the “Open Society,” hid. After the Election Day victory, Reno-area District Attorney Dick Gammick told Soros’ lackeys, “Pack your baggies and go home. We don’t need this stuff in Nevada.”

The International 'Christian Embassy' in Jerusalem and Its Terrorist Connections

by Michele Steinberg

On Oct. 11, President George W. Bush delivered a videotaped address to a Washington, D.C. meeting of the Christian Coalition, the organization founded by televangelist billionaire "Diamond Pat" Robertson. The Coalition conference gathered thousands of Christian Zionists for a "Unity With Israel" rally, whose major theme was, that there will never be a Palestinian state on the Biblical land of Israel, which, for them, includes the West Bank of the Jordan River and all of the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel during the 1967 war. The United Nations Security Council, with U.S. support, has passed numerous resolutions demanding that Israel leave. That the President of the United States would address such a gathering is a scandal, and the White House is keeping the President's remarks under wraps.

As *EIR* warned on Oct. 25, in "Separation of Church and Mental State Needed," President Bush's leading speechwriter, Michael J. Gerson, is a Christian fundamentalist, who is seeding Bush's speeches with Biblical references designed to appeal to a Christian Zionist "Armageddon Army," which is calling for war with Iraq, and wants to capture the White House and bring the United States into a global war against Islam. The following report goes much further into mapping the penetration of these Christian Zionist networks into the White House, Defense Department, and Congress.

'Project Jerry Falwell'

When televangelist Jerry Falwell blasphemously labelled the Prophet Mohammed a "terrorist," on the Oct. 6 edition of CBS News' "60 Minutes," it was a calculated move to shift U.S. policy to an overt war against Islam, but it goes much further than politics following the Sept. 11, 2001 irregular warfare attack. Falwell's attack was more than 20 years in the making. Falwell's role, as the semi-fallen leader of the once-mighty Moral Majority, is to mouth the most outrageous, indefensible remarks, on behalf of the entire Christian fundie/Christian Zionist network, for which he then can "apologize," while his colleagues, such as Pat Robertson, Gary Bauer, Tim LaHaye, and Rev. Ed McAteer, sit back in smug silence. If Falwell gets away with it, the others will soon follow suit. In CIA parlance, it might be called "plausible deniability." Falwell's insult to Muslims is designed to show the world how much clout the right-wing Christian fundies in the United States, particularly the *Christian Zionists*, have.

For Falwell, the war on terrorism is the "Clash of Civilizations," the plan for global anti-Muslim war authored by British intelligence operative Prof. Bernard Lewis. The outline was filled in by Harvard's Samuel Huntington in a 1993 *Foreign Affairs* article, and in a 1996 book, *Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. And despite contrary statements ritually delivered by George W. Bush and other members of the Administration, that U.S. policy is *not* a Clash of Civilizations—Reverend Falwell answers to a "higher authority" about what the policy of the United States is, and should be. Don't be fooled into thinking that that higher authority for Falwell is God—it's actually some combination of Reverend Moon, Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, and an Anglo-American imperial network that is hell-bent on starting World War III in the Middle East.

In 1980, Falwell was honored as a Christian savior for the State of Israel by the Likud Party's first Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, who came into office in 1977. Begin was himself a former Irgun terrorist and follower of Vladimir Jabotinsky, an admirer of Benito Mussolini whom Israeli founding father David Ben-Gurion heaped scorn upon as "Vladimir Hitler." Begin arranged for Falwell to receive an award in honor of Jabotinsky. Begin also arranged for Falwell to be presented with a gift of a Lear Jet, in appreciation for his "service to Israel," reports former U.S. Rep. Paul Findley in his book, *They Dare to Speak Out*. (This is also reported in the September/October 2002 issue of *Mother Jones* magazine.)

The anointing of Falwell was pursuant to a study by Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs in 1977-78, profiling Christian fundamentalists in Europe and, especially, the United States. Begin's group then cultivated these "fundies" to become the allies of the Likud, in order to implement the territorial, expansionist grab known as "Eretz Israel," which has always been the program of the Likud.

The 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and the plan to permanently take over the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Syrian Golan Heights, and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, have always been part of that Likud program—kept secret because of U.S. opposition, with the memory still fresh of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's threatened sanctions against Israel's seizure of the Suez Canal in 1956. In order to eliminate the danger of U.S. opposition—which would mean sudden death economically for the State of Israel—a project of several decades was



Jerry Falwell (at podium) has emerged as the loud-mouthed spokesman for the Christian fundamentalist/Christian Zionist alliance in support of Israel's Ariel Sharon (inset). Here, in November 1994, Falwell meets with Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman (seated left), Rabbi James Rubin of the American Jewish Congress (seated right); and Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (standing left).

begun, to expand Israel's already formidable political clout in America by forging the Christian Zionist/Jabotinskyite alliance.

In 1978, a Ministry of Religious Affairs grant led to the publication of *American Fundamentalism and Israel: The Relation of Fundamentalist Churches to Zionism and the State of Israel*, by Yona Malachy. Also funding the book-length study, which appeared in English, were the Jacob Blaustein Fund for American Studies, and the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The book features a detailed profile of Protestant denominations in the United States.

EIR's Scott Thompson reports that the Malachy book, though couched in academic terms, appears to be the first-approximation field map of Christian fundamentalism, drawn up for the purpose of launching cultural warfare and political intelligence operations, by the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MRA), and other members of Begin's government and its intelligence organs. "The Ministry is an institution that has been notorious for overpoliticization," noted the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in January 2000, when the MRA was shut down at the initiative of then-Justice Minister Yossi Beilin of the Labor Party. In the last months of Ehud Barak's Labor-led government, in which Beilin served, the MRA was reopened, but, it was kept under watch, because of the record of abuse of its powers by right-wing religious parties. Today, in Ariel Sharon's Likud-led government, the reopened MRA's role as a right-wing tool continues under Asher Ohana of the Shas Party, who is in touch with Christian Zionist Pat Robertson, regarding the creation of a "New Jerusalem Foundation."

As the Malachy book implies, Darbyist "dispensational millennialism" was the most immediately favorable ideology for the Likud agenda, just as Darbyism had proved enor-

mously useful to British imperial schemes since aristocrat John Nelson Darby began preaching in 1830s England. Darby was the first to construct the "dispensation" notion, which says that God dealt with mankind by granting "dispensations" at different times, and that the world is approaching the last of these, the "End Times." The central feature of the "End Times" is the return of the Jews to Zion and the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem, as Darby recounted in *The Hopes of the Church of God in Connexion with the Destiny of the Jews and the Nations as Revealed in Prophecy*. Darby taught that the apocalyptic battle will be fought "on the plains of Megiddo" in Israel/Palestine, at which time Christ will come with His army to end this battle. There will be a "Tribulation," but the "true Christians" will be "raptured"—physically carried into Heaven, thus missing the Tribulation. Fundamentalist Christians therefore joyfully welcome the prospect of Armageddon—including nuclear confrontation—originating in the Middle East.

What do the American Christian fundies' Zionist interlocutors make of this doctrine? When confronted with the fact that the only place for Jews in the Darbyite belief structure, is to be converted, or be killed *en masse* and eternally damned, Zionists of America leader Morton Klein said sarcastically, "I am willing to make this deal: If they continue to support Israel's prosperity, security and survival, then if Jesus comes back in the future, I will join their parade. . . . Hey, if I was wrong, no problem" (*Mother Jones*, September/October 2002). Abe Foxman, head of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL), is more slick, saying that the "End Times" predictions are "speculative," and therefore are no immediate threat to Judaism.

Religious figures in Israel *do not* see it that way. In the daily *Ha'aretz* on Oct. 16, reporter Yair Sheleg wrote and



Rev. Sun Myung Moon is in the thick of the Christian Zionist networks. Here he embraces Jerry Falwell, whom he bailed out of bankruptcy.

article, entitled “Christian Generosity Becomes a Rabbinical Nightmare,” reporting that U.S.-ordained Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein and his Chicago-based “International Fellowship of Christians and Jews,” along with Ralph Reed, the former head of the Christian Coalition, are under the gun from top Israeli rabbis. A four-member committee has been appointed by the Chief Rabbinical Council in Israel to investigate Eckstein’s Jerusalem Friendship Fund, which gathered \$15 million in the past year to resettle Jews from the former Soviet Union and Argentina, to Israel. The funds, all provided by U.S. Christian fundies, are also used to set up soup kitchens and other charities among the poorest Jewish communities, including one that “removes bodies and body parts after terror attacks.”

The issue of Eckstein (about whom there is more below,) was raised by Israeli Rabbi Simcha Hacohen Kook, the chief rabbi of Rehovot, who said, “I am ashamed that this kind of money [from the evangelicals] is currently being accepted by Torah-observant Jews.” Rabbi Kook is concerned, in the words of *Ha’aretz*, that “accepting evangelical money is wrong because it comes from people who believe, according to their Messianic vision, that Israel will ultimately disappear with one-third of world Jews converting to Christianity and the other two-thirds being destroyed.” Eckstein tried to counter this by producing a “poll” with Ralph Reed (who is also chairman of the Georgia State Republican Party), allegedly showing that *only 10%* of evangelicals support Israel because of “their vision of end days.” The other 90% allegedly support Israel’s “democratic values” and “war against terrorism.”

‘The International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem’

There is no question that “Project Jerry Falwell” came out of the MRA’s Malachy study, but Falwell is just a small (if corpulent) piece of the picture. The *global* operation, mostly centered in the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and aimed at

the White House, is the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem. The ICEJ is currently the central coordination point for Christian Zionism, and has its tentacles into George W. Bush. It is the ICEJ networks, in the coming months, that will run the American side of political cover for the most dangerous Israeli hard-line policies—from the expulsion and/or assassination of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, to genocide against the Palestinians, to the possibility of an Israeli nuclear strike against Iraq—either in tandem with Bush’s war, or in a “breakaway ally” scenario.

ICEJ founder Jan Willem van der Hoeven shares a common agenda with Likud wildman Moshe Feiglin (see below), and with the U.S.-based National Unity Coalition for Israel (a Jabotinskyite/Christian Zionist operation of which the ICEJ is a part): Since Ariel Sharon has been ineffective and weak, the time is now for cruel war against the Palestinians. How they are doing this, and how they intersect the insane war crowd controlling George Bush’s teleprompter, is the next subject of this report.

The “Christian Embassy” was founded by Dutch evangelical Jan Willem van der Hoeven and five colleagues, in 1980, in an action that was a slap in the face of international law, which recognized Tel Aviv as the capital of Israel. After 13 embassies moved their offices out of West Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, to protest Menachem Begin’s annexation of Arab East Jerusalem, van der Hoeven—with Begin’s blessing—moved directly into the vacated building of the Chilean Embassy. The “Christian Embassy” was symbolic, and became a rallying point for the drive to overturn the United Nations resolutions saying that Israel and its neighbors should reach peace agreements, after which Israel should return to the borders that existed prior to the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Falwell was involved with the Christian Embassy from the outset (the same year that he received his Jabotinsky award) and became one of the lobbyists for the United States to move its embassy to Jerusalem.

Van der Hoeven writes about himself that he is “the founder of different ministries in Israel and Holland . . . born in the Netherlands where his father was private secretary to Queen Juliana. He studied in London where he obtained his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the London University.

“Jan Willem has lived in the Middle East for more than 35 years, and currently resides in Jerusalem. . . . Both his children have served in the Israeli Army.”

But there is a murkier story here—of Nazis, faith healers, and European oligarchs. According to an article, “De heilige Juliana” (“The Saintly Juliana”) by Rene Zwaap in the Dutch newspaper, *De Groene Amsterdammer* of June 3, 1998, Queen Juliana was advised by a female faith-healer, Greet Hofmans, the power behind the throne (1948-56), who apparently even counselled Juliana to divorce Prince Bernhard, a former Nazi. The Prince staged a coup: “All the sympathizers of Greet Hofmans and her ‘pacifist clique’ [were purged] . . . including the personal secretary of the Queen, . . . Baron W.J. Heeckeren van Molecaten, his wife and his mother, three



The late Israeli terrorist Vladimir Jabotinsky. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin arranged for the Jabotinsky Award to be awarded to Jerry Falwell in 1980, for his "service to Israel."

intimates of the Queen. To take the place of the Baron, there came J. van der Hoeven, a man with an NSB [Dutch Nazi Party] past."

So the former Nazi Bernhard, fresh from starting the Bilderberger Group and about to co-found the World Wildlife Fund with Britain's Prince Philip, put the ex-Nazi van der Hoeven in as the Queen's private secretary.

The younger van der Hoeven left the ICEJ in 1999, but remained head of one of its projects, the International Christian Zionist Center.

The operational profile of the ICEJ includes the following:
The Manfred R. Lehmann Foundation. Based in New York City, this charitable foundation's head, the late Manfred Lehmann, was a German Jew, who had been active in the United States procuring weapons for the Jewish Underground in Palestine in 1948. Before his death in the late 1990s, Lehmann used his foundation to promote and support the murders of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and of innocent Palestinians. A 1996 communiqué on the Lehmann Foundation's website says, "Dr. Baruch Goldstein's Memory should be rehabilitated. . . . Dr. Goldstein's act [machine-gunning more than 200 Palestinians during Friday worship in Hebron, killing at least 29, in February 1994] was not an unprovoked act of violence, but a pre-emptive strike against a looming Arab pogrom of the Jewish population of Hebron."

Another communiqué from M.R. Lehmann praises van der Hoeven: "Rev. Jan Willem van der Ho[e]ven, head of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, recently completed a two-week, grassroots tour, with successful addresses to pro-Israel Christian audiences in Tennessee, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., California, and Texas. He has also undertaken to help Moshe Feiglin, the courageous Israeli civil rights activist, who, as head of the non-partisan civil rights group, Zo Artzeinu, is now being indicted by the leftist

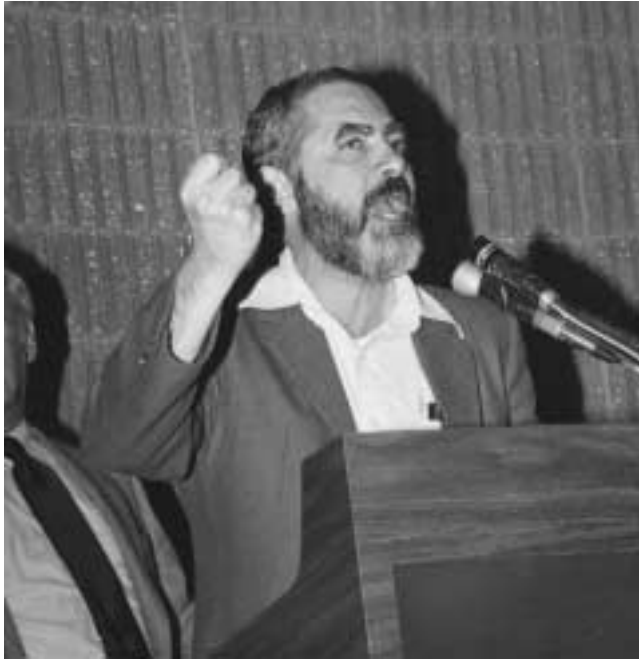
Israeli government—with the threat of a long jail term—under the accusation of 'sedition.' "

Moshe Feiglin. A 42-year-old Australian emigré, Feiglin is the self-anointed head of a Likud Party splinter, linked to the banned terrorist group Kahane Chai (founded by Jewish Defense League terrorist Meir Kahane). In 1995, Feiglin was in the middle of propaganda operations that set up the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, telling *Haaretz*, "Hitler also rose to power in democratic elections. . . . Rabin is the [Judenrat] putting us on the trains." Feiglin founded Zo Artzeinu (This Is Our Country) with **Rabbi Benny Alon**, of the Moledet party. Alon is no stranger to radicalism and American money: He headed the Beit Orot Yeshiva, located in a Palestinian neighborhood in Jerusalem, which had been bought up with money from Miami-based billionaire Dr. Irving Moskowitz, a Likud supporter. The Feiglin/Alon group organized massive civil disobedience in Israel, traffic blockades, and violent sieges of the offices of Palestinians. Feiglin even directed these activities from a rented helicopter. Alon and Moledet refer to Palestinians as a "disease," which must be surgically removed from Israel.

Alon is now a Member of the Knesset (parliament), and was in the Washington on Oct. 11-12 to attend the Christian Coalition's meeting, and pick up some more fundamentalist money from the groups allied to the Christian Embassy. In televangelist style, Alon aroused the crowd with chants against the Palestinian state, while Christian Zionists organized, from the podium, the ritual blowing of the *shofar* (ram's horn).

Rev. Ed McAteer is the founder of the U.S. Religious Roundtable, and public relations man for the **National Unity Coalition for Israel** (NUCI). Working directly for the Office of Interreligious Affairs, at the Israeli Embassy, McAteer organizes evangelicals from all over the United States to come to the Embassy—at their own expense—and hear him speak. The contact man for the last several years has been Moshe Fox, the Embassy's Minister of Public Affairs. That "old-time religion" is provided by the Christian Elmer Gantrys, but Fox quotes from the Old Testament, telling the assembled Christian fundamentalists, that "God promises the Jews a land flowing with milk and honey," in the words of *Mother Jones* magazine, before he tells them to "help turn this divine promise into reality."

The job that McAteer and NUCI took up in early 2001, was to threaten the White House, and begin a drumbeat against Secretary of State Colin Powell with the message: "*Lay off Ariel Sharon.*" On July 30, 2001, McAteer and Jewish groups, including the Zionists of America and American Friends of Likud, had a White House meeting with Administration officials to deliver the message, that the Christian Right had mobilized millions of voters for Bush, who *could* lose this vote, if the White House tries to rein in Sharon by calling for a cease-fire or sending an international observer force with U.S. backing. This assessment of the meeting came from Herb Zweibon, president of Americans for a Safe Israel,



Rabbi Meir Kahane, the American terrorist who was assassinated in 1990. Rabbi Mordecai Eliayahu gave the eulogy for Kahane—and has been named as one of seven Israeli right-wing rabbis who later issued a decree calling for the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

who was a participant. The entire meeting was directly organized by the Christian Embassy Washington office.

For the 15 months since that meeting, the groups behind the ICEF have continued to put pressure on Bush, to end all assistance to *any kind* of Palestinian administration in the Occupied Territories, and to abandon all support for a state of Palestine. The ICEJ/NUCI gaggle also wants Bush to expel the Palestinian Authority from the United States, and declare the P.A. and Arafat to be terrorists. They have demanded that the United States back an Israeli plan to flatten every structure and asset in the Palestinian territories, the same way that U.S. airpower flattened Afghanistan.

So far, the Christian Zionists have not succeeded, but with a new Republican Party majority in the House and Senate, they plan to “collect” their payment, and expect to be able to push Bush over the edge. However, the Oct. 30 collapse of the Sharon government, may have robbed them of that opportunity. For, while Sharon has filled his interim Cabinet with right-wing fanatics, factions in the Labor Party and other pro-peace Israeli elements have renewed a campaign to return to the Rabin peace plan, and are shaking up the Democratic Party, and the Jewish pro-peace camp in the United States, to get the job done.

The Strange Rabbi Eckstein

One of the key weapons the Christian fundamentalists intend to use to force Bush into line behind their insane agenda, is the strange Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, the Chicago-based

rabbi with no congregation, whom Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) calls “the best-kept secret in the United States.”

Until 1983, Eckstein was the co-director of interreligious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League, the organized-crime-linked spy organization in the United States (see *EIR*'s book, *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, 1992). He left the ADL to create the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), where he claims to have become the world's leading Jewish expert on Christian evangelicals, and boasts of breaking “new ground with [Christian fundie] groups that formerly had no contacts with Jews.”

Like Falwell and the Christian Embassy, Eckstein has a “Moonie connection,” through Philadelphia-based Rabbi David Ben-Ami. Ben-Ami is director of one of Eckstein's 1998 spin-offs, the Institute for Religious Values, which ran an operation with Eckstein's board member, Gary Bauer, to organize hundreds of American rabbis to influence Jewish Senators, to ensure that President Clinton's veto of a bill banning so-called late-term abortions would be overridden. Ben-Ami is well known to both the Moonies, and to Israeli fanatics. When Moon was jailed in the United States for tax fraud, Ben-Ami rushed to defend the sex pervert. In Israel, Ben-Ami's links to terrorists go back to the early 1980s, when he was laundering money for the so-called American Forum for Jewish-Christian Understanding to the operatives who were planning to blow up the al-Haram al-Sharif holy places in Jerusalem (known in English as the Temple Mount), so that the Third Temple of Solomon could be built, and fulfill Darbyite prophecy. In that scheme, Ben-Ami worked closely with Meir Kahane's chief contact in the Washington area, Rabbi Herzl Kranz, of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Here, another detail from Eckstein's ongoing row in Israel with the Chief Rabbinate should raise alarms about his connections to Israelis who protect these Jewish fascist terrorists and assassins. In defense of his alliance with the Christian fundies, Eckstein cites a letter from the late Rabbi Mordecai Eliayahu, a former Chief Rabbi of Israel, who happened to be the mentor of terrorist Meir Kahane. When Kahane was assassinated in 1990, Eliayahu gave the eulogy. More horrifying is the fact that Eliayahu is named as one of the seven right-wing rabbis who reportedly issued the religious ruling of *din rodef*, opening the door to the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, on the grounds that he had exposed Jews to life-threatening harm and loss, by negotiating the Oslo peace accord. While the charges against Eliayahu were not investigated at the time, the Rabin case is still open, with the prosecution of an informant for the Shin Bet domestic intelligence service going on in Israel at the present time.

Meanwhile, part of the \$65 million that Eckstein gets from the U.S.-based fundies, has gone to Eliayahu's son.

Though he moved to Israel two years ago in the religious/political act of return, or *aliyah*, Eckstein is more active in the United States than ever, with connections that not only go into the Senate, but to the White House itself.

On Oct. 19, Eckstein and his co-director Ralph Reed pulled together the “Stand for Israel” prayer meeting, which was reportedly a flop compared to projected participation, but which pulled together the leading names of Darbyism in the United States. While it is easy to drown in the “alphabet soup,” of like-sounding Christian Zionist efforts, the Eckstein/Reed combo gathered the “generals” of this crackpot crusade to hijack U.S. policy. The endorsers were: Pat Robertson, now head of the Christian Broadcasting Network; Rev. Jerry Falwell; Rev. John Hagee of the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas (where Benjamin Netanyahu preaches about the divine right of Israel to control Palestine); Chuck Colson of the Prison Ministries; Tim LaHaye, author of the “End Times” best-selling novels; and Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has recently been embroiled in a scandal over anti-Muslim statements. And not to be left out, Gary Bauer, former Republican Presidential candidate in 2000, is on the Board of Eckstein and Reed’s International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

This was the second pro-Israel mass rally held by the fundies this Fall. On Oct. 12, the Christian Coalition, held the “Unity for Israel” rally in Washington. Rabid speeches given by Gary Bauer, House Majority Whip Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Tex.), Benny Alon from the Moledet Party, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, all said the same thing: There will be no peace agreement between Israel and Palestine; the Bible says God gave the land to Israel only; peace will come only when Palestinians are transferred out of the Occupied Territories.

The Christian Zionists and their neo-conservative allies are now “crunching the numbers” to prove that Bush and the GOP had better pay close attention to this bloc, because the 2004 Presidential election is “just around the corner.”

But, for the moment, more insidious are the cronies that the Eckstein/Reed/ICEJ network have *in place* in the White House and the Defense Department. Among the “Chickenhawks” that *EIR* has identified as gunning for war against Iraq, otherwise known as the “Wolfowitz cabal,” one is of particular importance: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Doug Feith. *Mother Jones* magazine reported in October, that Feith had been the honorary policy chairman of the National Unity Coalition for Israel, which, as identified above, is a project of the “Christian Embassy.” *Mother Jones* also noted that Feith “has said the Israelis should reoccupy all lands ceded to the Palestinian Authority, even though ‘the price in blood would be high.’” Feith, a second-generation Jabotinskyite, not only expresses these divided loyalties, at odds with Bush’s stated policy on Israel, but, he also runs a Pentagon-based “parallel” intelligence agency, plotting a war on Iraq, in league with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, and Richard Perle, head of the Defense Policy Board.

The other agent in place is even closer to Bush—chief White House speechwriter Michael Gerson, an evangelical who has a degree in theology from Wheaton College in Illi-

nois, a center of Darbyism. Gerson’s ties to Eckstein are multiple: His former boss, Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.), was the co-chairman, with Joe Lieberman, of Eckstein’s front group for Congress, called the Center for Jewish and Christian Values. Coats, who gave Gerson his Washington credentials, ran Eckstein’s Oct. 7, 1997 “Christians in Solidarity with Israel” conference on Capitol Hill, which featured the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, Dore Gold, a pro-Sharon lunatic. Eckstein’s event was designed to undermine President Clinton’s efforts to put pressure on then-Prime Minister Netanyahu, to continue negotiations on the Oslo Accords. Another of Gerson’s former employers is Chuck Colson, who is also a co-sponsor of Eckstein’s operations.

Much has been written in the U.S. press about Gerson, who controls Bush’s teleprompter, but few note how important Wheaton College is for his connection to Bush. Dan Coats, who is now Bush’s Ambassador to Germany, is a Wheaton graduate, as is evangelist Billy Graham, the man who is credited in many media accounts with bringing George W. Bush into the “Born Again” fold. Gerson and Eckstein have also drawn from the same stable for their operatives. While William Kristol, the neo-conservative editor of the *Weekly Standard*, who favors a unilateral American “empire,” serves on Eckstein’s board, Gerson has frequently employed Kristol’s protégés as White House speechwriters for Bush.

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Christian Zionists Are Not Christians

by Edward Spannaus

Just as “Christian Zionists” were rallying in Washington, D.C., in support of the Israeli Likud government’s genocidal policies toward Palestinians, and the Bush Administration itself appears to be operating in parallel with these fundamentalist lunatics, the fallacies of Christian Zionism were being thoroughly dissected and exposed at a little-noticed conference, held by Christians from Palestine and their supporters in the Western and Eastern churches. The Oct. 18-19 conference, sponsored by the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF), and held at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, was attended by over 700 people from 12 countries, and it featured reports on the current circumstances of Christians in Palestine—who suffer under the same brutal conditions of occupation as do all Palestinians—as well as reports on the history of Christian Zionism and its perversion of Biblical teachings.

Christian Zionism was denounced as un-Christian, heretical, and immoral by speakers from the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. A central theme of the conference was that Christian Zionists are not Christians, because they reject Christianity’s call to honor the dignity of every person as created equally in the image of God.

Visa Denied to Palestinian Diplomat

Conference participants rejected the idea of framing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a religious conflict. Michael Tarazi, an adviser to the Palestinian Authority, in discussing the problem of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, raised the possibility that the settlers could become Palestinian citizens, saying that Palestine has never been a place that was only for Jews or Christians or Muslims, but has always been defined by the fact simply that Palestinians—of many faiths—live in it.

The Palestinian General Delegate to the Holy See and to the United Kingdom, Afif Emile Safieh, was scheduled to address the HCEF conference, but he was denied a visa by the U.S. State Department. According to an HCEF report, Safieh’s planned address “criticizes heavily the delirious theology and political stand of the Christian evangelicals.” Safieh, reflecting on his own Christian upbringing, declares that there is no need to support and pursue the colonialist and

criminal policies carried out by Israel, in order to accelerate Christ’s return to Earth. Safieh added that the Christian evangelicals are a source of embarrassment and shame for the Christians of the Holy Land.

Dr. Robert Younes, an official of the HCEF in Washington, told *EIR* that the Bush Administration’s refusal to grant a visa to Safieh—who studied in the United States and has travelled here frequently—reflects the Administration’s new approach to anything Palestinian. Dr. Younes said that although it has been customary for previous HCEF conferences to receive a letter of congratulation for their humanitarian work, the Bush Administration refused to send such a letter this year. “This is an indication of how the Administration approaches the Palestinian question,” Dr. Younes said.

‘Heretics, Not Christians’

His Beatitude Michel Sabbah, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, focused on the role of the churches in supporting Christians in the Holy Land, and stated that Christians need to “interfere” in Israel’s policies, and to state clearly what is moral and what is immoral. He encouraged Christians to have the courage to say “no,” when all of public opinion says “yes.” He further stated that Christians must demand justice for those who are oppressed, just as Christ did.

Those Christians who call themselves Christian Zionists are heretics and are not Christians, Sabbah said emphatically. Christian Zionists do not follow the teachings of Christ: “Whether Palestinian or Israeli, Christians are equally for all human beings.”

Rev. Dr. Michael Prior, a Roman Catholic scholar from Britain, told the conference that “it is one of the anomalies of recent Church history that while Christians, embarrassed by past association with colonial enterprises, have supported oppressed peoples virtually everywhere else, there has been little protest against the historic injustice perpetrated on the indigenous population of Palestine by Political Zionism, a movement thoroughly at home in the colonial spirit of 19th-Century Europe.”

Describing what he called the evangelical Zionists’ immoral and heretical interpretation of texts, Prior declared that the god of the Christian Zionists is a “militaristic and xenophobic genocidalist, who is not sufficiently moral even to conform to the requirements of the Fourth Geneva Convention, or any of the Human Rights Protocols which attempt to set limits to barbarism.”

British Zionism Came First

Rev. Dr. Donald Wagner, of North Park University, in Chicago, began by decrying Jerry Falwell’s recent television address, in which Falwell called for the 70 million evangelical Americans to become Israel’s safety net in the United States. Wagner then reviewed the history of Christian Zionism, starting with an Anglican priest who called for the creation of

Jewish state in 1585, so that Biblical prophecy could be fulfilled. By 1800, Christian Zionism had taken root, though it was still not called by that name. At that point, Wagner said, there were a variety of fundamentalist theologians arguing that the Bible must be read literally and taken as the infallible word of God. In Christian Zionism, the Church, and Arabs in particular, are called “a parenthesis that will be removed from history” in the Rapture, when all who will be saved, will ascend into Heaven in a cloud. What has happened, Wagner said, is that the covenant with God has shifted to Israel; it is no longer with the Church of all Christians.

Wagner detailed the British origins of Christian Zionism, and how it came to the United States in the 1880s with the Bible Prophecy Conference Movement. Lord Shaftesbury, adopting John Nelson Darby’s eschatology, coined the phrase “A land of no people for a people with no land” already in 1839. Wagner pointed out the irony that, as he put it, the Christian Zionist lobby existed before the Jewish Zionist lobby. The first Zionist lobby in the United States was created by William Blackstone, a disciple of Darby’s, and it was financed by J.P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, among others.

Wagner then discussed the revival of the Christian Zionist movement in the United States after 1948, and the effect of the 1967 war, which increased the momentum of the Christian Zionists who believed that the recapture of Jerusalem by the Jews, and the rebuilding of Solomon’s Temple, were necessary to bring on the Rapture.

When the Likud Party came to power in Israel in the late 1970s, Christian Zionists began to adopt the Likud usage of referring to the West Bank as “Judea and Samaria.” They began to visit the Holy Land at the behest of governments led by the Likud, and Jerry Falwell was given his own Lear jet by the Israeli government. Wagner noted that the growing power of the Christian Right was evidenced by the fact that, when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, the Israeli government contacted Jerry Falwell first, before President Reagan, to explain what they had done!

Dr. Wagner outlined a number of things that Americans should do to counter the strength of the Christian Zionist movement, including educating Muslims that the Christian Right only represents a small, heretical movement of the Christian church, and reaching out to Palestinian Christians as their best allies. Americans must be sharper in Biblical analysis, Wagner urged, and should expose the human rights violations which are committed for the cause of Zionism.

We must assert that our cause is both just and Biblical, he said, and expose the Christian Zionist cause as racist, heretical and ethno-centric. Wagner concluded that Christian Zionism is not a truly Christian movement, since “Jesus calls us to honor the dignity of each person created in the image of God (*imago Dei*), and, as such, our equality within the Kingdom of God.”

The Strange Sources of Violence for Children

by Don Phau

Parents and early-childhood teachers will be interested to learn that Israeli military intelligence figures created and marketed the number-one violent game among very young children, “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.” That this same grouping owns “Christian” fundamentalist televangelist Pat Robertson’s TV show, and that Robertson in return praises their violent entertainment products, is not at all as strange as it may seem. And the fact that the creator of “Power Rangers,” etc. was inspired by the cultural legacy of Japanese fascist militarists of the 1930s and 1940s, completes the snapshot of child-targeted violence.

Over the past decade, Israeli military intelligence, aided by the Christian Right, has succeeded in the widespread marketing of ultra-violent “children’s entertainment” in the United States. The result was the creation of a multibillion-dollar media company, called Saban Entertainment. Their “market” now dominates children’s movies, video games, toys, comics, and books. The model used was that of cartoons first developed for World War II propaganda by the Japanese Imperial Army; under the general designation of “Anime,” this fascist-originated form of animation is now a dominant cultural product in the United States.

In 1993, a former Israeli citizen and military officer, Haim Saban, inspired after touring Japan, returned to the United States to spearhead an expansion of violence for children. In 1998, Saban bought out TV evangelist Pat Robertson’s “International Family Entertainment” cable-TV station for \$1.9 billion. The sole proviso was that amidst his violent children’s cartoons and programs, Saban would continue to run Robertson’s “700 Club.” Saban is now one of the richest men in the United States, and was the second largest Hollywood contributor to the Gore-Lieberman 2000 Presidential campaign. Hollywood is using the mass propaganda of Japanese animation, Anime, to turn the pre-teen generation into mindless and docile slaves.

Robertson’s and Saban’s TV networks were prizes, that Hollywood fought over. Before Saban purchased Robertson’s cable network, the Fox network of Rupert Murdoch merged with Saban’s company in 1997, making Saban the chairman of the Fox Family Channel. In July 2001, an even bigger fish, the newly merged Disney-ABC conglomerate, swallowed up the whole Fox-Saban-Robertson operation for over \$5 billion. Disney-ABC has now positioned itself to

increase the violent and pornographic Anime cartoons in the mass-media market.

The Role of Saban Entertainment

Cartoons based on Anime, such as “Pokémon,” have already captured the pre-teen audience. Parents are now spending millions of dollars for action figures based on Anime characters. There are also “Yogioh,” or “Yugioh,” cards, which millions of pre-teen boys trade, as their grandfathers once did with baseball cards; but Yogioh cards feature drawings of pistol- and machinegun-toting robots, monsters, and half-naked women. The national convenience store chain, 7-Eleven, sells Yogioh cards, from a small pack of five cards costing \$4, to a box for \$25.

Anime toys now lead the market. They range from the little Pokémon creatures to realistic-looking, large-breasted, scantily clad females, equipped with an array of guns, knives, swords, and battle axes. Nearly every video store now has entire sections devoted to Anime, containing films and video games of extreme violence and gore. Many contain explicit pornography. These games and videos are rated “M” for mature audiences, 17 or older, by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB), which was set up on the initiative of Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.). But, the ERSB was really intended to provide Hollywood a cover for its violent “entertainment,” since any 12-year-old boy can rent an M-rated film or video game. Now, with Disney-ABC’s media buy-out, the plan is to increase the Anime audience, with the introduction of full-length feature movies.

Anime promoter Haim Saban emigrated to the United States from Israel at the age of 22. It was first through the creation of the violent TV children’s show “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,” that Saban become rich. A website which tracked contributors to Al Gore’s 2000 Presidential campaign, describes him: “Haim Saban is the world’s leading supplier of television programming, feature films, home video music and consumer products for youth. However, he does not see his mission as one of educating children, or of improving them: [According to] Saban: ‘Children don’t watch television to be educated, and they never will. After several hours of school children are looking for a means of entertainment, and who better to fill that want but the media.’

“One of Haim Saban’s creations, the television series ‘Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,’ elicited worldwide protest from parents and teachers following an unprecedented outbreak of violence. One instance of this worldwide reaction was initiated in Ontario, [leading] to a review by the Canadian Broadcasting System Council (CBSC) which released its decision in October 1994: ‘When one removes the opening and closing credits and the commercials from the calculation of programming length, the dramatic action covers approximately 17 or 18 minutes of each program. Of the time, there are quite uniformly, three or four fighting sequences, which consume at least 4.5 to 6.5 minutes, which is to say between

25% to 35% of the running dramatic time. . . . Far from containing very little violence, the series appeared to convey considerable violent activity. . . . Not once in any episodes was there depicted any attempt to resolve conflict other than fighting.’

“The result was that two major Canadian stations pulled the show from their program schedules.”

“Mighty Morphin Power Rangers” has been rated for the past decade the number-one show among children ages 2-11 in the United States. A study by California State University in 1993 concluded, “that children who watch the Show were prone to more violent acts than children who did not. In fact, those who did watch the Show were observed in seven times as many acts of aggression, most of which mimicked the Show’s karate kicks.”

Despite the evidence that Haim Saban’s creation was affecting millions of children this way, when Pat Robertson and Saban merged their networks, “Diamond Pat” said: “We are very enthusiastic about the merger of International Family Network with Fox Kids Worldwide. This transaction soundly demonstrates the stockholder value created by our efforts to provide exciting meaningful entertainment that can be enjoyed by the whole family.”

Saban remarked, “The Robertsons have built a tremendous business. . . . We look forward to working with them to strengthen and expand.”

Saban’s success was aided by his many connections to his homeland. In 1997, he produced “Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie,” whose production staff credits read like an Israeli Defense Forces roster. They include: the producer, a pilot in the Israeli Air Force for seven years; the senior vice president of production, a long-time member of the Israeli Army; the screenwriter, director of photography, and production designer are all former Israeli citizens.

Anime and Saban

The Power Rangers have been used to condition the U.S. audience to the violence of Japanese Anime cartoons. The original model for the “Power Rangers” came from a trip Saban took to Japan in 1992, when he was introduced to a “Sentai” series called the Zyurangers. Sentai, according to a Power Rangers website, are “a team of super-heroes who use their various martial arts skills, along with machines and weapons, to battle the forces of evil.” Saban simply repackaged the Japanese show, and released it as the Power Rangers on American TV in August 1993. Nielsen, the TV rating agency, has called the Power Rangers the most popular children’s show of the 1990s. According to the NYP Group, which tracks toy sales, Power Rangers action figures were the number-one selling toy in the last two years, well ahead of others, such as Pokémon and Star Wars toys.

On Sept. 3, 2002 the first Anime convention, called “Anime Expo New York,” was attended by thousands of youth in that city. The *New York Times* reported on the convention



pears on many other stations as well. Saturday morning is a time that millions of children look forward to watching their favorite cartoon shows. The children who watched Pokémon two years ago when they were six, have graduated to “Dragonball Z.” Below is a typical *TV Guide* description of one of the “Dragonball Z” cartoon shows. The description doesn’t tell of the animated violence, but it does give the reader an insight into the utopian, racist beliefs of the show’s creators:

“Frieza is the most powerful and evil being in the Universe with no rival even close to his strength. Upon learning about the legendary Namekian Dragon Balls, Frieza is consumed with a desire to summon the eternal Dragon and wish for immortality. Then he could rule the universe, unrivaled forever. Understanding the capacity of the Saiyans as fighters and their uncanny ability to gain strength after recovery from injuries, Frieza knew this one race might one day challenge his pre-eminence. Thus he eliminated their planet and all but a handful of Saiyans who happened to be away at the time.”

Then there’s Master Roshi. “An ancient and wise master of martial arts,” he inhabits a “deserted island with only a turtle for a companion.” And soldiers: “Goku is the hero of “Dragonball Z.” He is a peaceful, good natured, trusting, and protective soul. He is also the most powerful warrior on Earth.”

Origins of Anime

Anime was created as a propaganda weapon by the censors of the Japanese Imperial military in 1943. Japan had savagely invaded China, with the mass killing and torture of the Chinese people. The “Rape of Nanking” is one well-known example. In 1943, the Japanese government assembled a team of animators and produced a 74-minute cartoon entitled “Momotanos Gods Blessed Sea Warriors.” The cartoon was, according to historian Fred Patten, “a juvenile adventure showing the Imperial Navy as brave, cute anthropomorphic animal sailors resolutely liberating Indonesia and Malaysia from the buffoonish foreign devil (with horns), from allied occupiers.”

The promotion of Anime has enabled a Tokyo-based toy

“Anime” animation characters, selected as caricatures of sex and violence; and junior high school girls imitating the characters at an “Anime convention.” From pre-school “Power Rangers” up, these are the dominant animation video, cartoon, and toy figures in the U.S. market; they all stem from a cartoon technique begun by the fascist Japanese military command in World War II.



attendees: “ ‘We’re rabid and hyper-obsessed,’ said Hannah Fine, 16, of Jackson Heights, Queens, who went to the convention dressed as her favorite Anime character, Nicholas D. Wolfwood, a crime fighter who carries a giant weapon-filled cross. . . . She, too, was not alone. Role playing was a common sight at the convention, which also included a four-hour costume competition on Sunday night. Among the characters roaming the hotel were people dressed as bikini-clad girls, slick-haired samurais and numerous women wearing kitten and bunny ears. . . . Jamel Collins, 19, from Staten Island, said the animated shows had a simpler appeal. ‘I’m just in it for the blood and gore,’ he said with a laugh, ‘Anything with a robot shooting other robots, I’m there.’ ”

A review of ten half-hour Sunday morning ABC-TV cartoon programs reveals that all but one have Japanese Anime origins. But it is not only Disney-ABC channel; Anime ap-



A previous version of the “Anime” method, the ubiquitous Pokémon game for hooking very young children into violent play.

company, Bandai, to become the third-largest toy maker in the world. Bandai, founded in 1950, first produced small toy cars and planes and, in 1951, the first Bandai metal toy, the American B-26 bomber. Bandai was on the ground floor in creating violent video games. In 1970 it entered the U.S. market as the licensee of Nintendo, now one of the three major producers of video games. By 1999 Bandai America built an “action figure empire,” joining with Fox TV in spreading Anime violence through the “Fox Kids and the Cartoon Network.” Bandai now has an agreement with U.S. toy giant Mattel as well as Steven Spielberg’s movie and entertainment company Dreamworks.

Bandai’s corporate web page states: “Bandai Co. Ltd. of Tokyo is comprised of 53 subsidiaries in 18 countries. In addition to toys and children’s entertainment, Bandai’s global interests include video game software, multi-media, music and full-length feature films, vending machines, trading cards, candies and licensed apparel. Bandai Co. Ltd is traded on the Nikkei Exchange in Japan with a #1 ranking.”

The U.S. company that gave us Mickey Mouse and his friends, Walt Disney, which every baby boomer grew up with, has this Fall launched a campaign to promote Anime. Disney released in September 2002 a film called “Spirited Away,” by the leading Japanese Anime cartoonist, Hayao Miyazaki. Miyazaki, whose father owned a company which manufactured wings for the Japanese fighter plane the “Zero,” was

born in 1941, four years before the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The bombing and Japan’s defeat in World War II had a lasting effect on the young boy. Miyazaki’s works show a deep hatred of science, technology, and mankind in general.

A book on the history of Anime by Susan J. Napier describes the plot of “Nausicaa of the Wind Valley,” Miyazaki’s first full-length Anime film: “In ‘Nausicaa of the Wind Valley,’ technology was the symbol of destruction. The story takes place in a world that is devastated by a catastrophic event called the ‘Seven Days of Fire.’ All civilization has been destroyed by the Giant God, Fire, in the Seven Days of Fire. Nausicaa, princess of a small nation called Wind Valley, tries to stop the nations fighting and destroying each other with war and weapons. As well, to save the only means that the world could be saved from the spread of the Fukai, a thick and growing jungle of plants and spores that are poisonous to humans. . . . The Fukai become a metaphor for the downfall of mankind due its creations. In the animated movie, Miyazaki showed the stupidity of human nature.”

Zepp-LaRouche warned in a February 2001 address that the violence portrayed in the Anime cartoon, Pokémon, would destroy the new generation if not stopped. She said: “Now as everybody knows, the minds of children are completely impressionable, because children learn primarily through imitation and through play. But what is there to imitate? Aggression. And what is completely lacking? Love, compassion, joy, beauty. The play is completely mechanistic, It is exactly what Norbert Wiener poses as a task in his book *Cybernetics*: that one has to find a neurological mechanism, matching the theory of John Locke about the association of thought [with] sensuous experience. Now in Pokémon, there is no discovery, there is no hypothesis, no creativity, no soul, no cognition. Pokémon is the dream-eater which sucks the soul out of the child and turns it into a potential killing machine.”

In a 1999 policy statement on the “Definition of the New Violence,” Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche pointed out, though not by name, the role of Anime. LaRouche wrote: “The standpoint of comparison used to aid in conceptualizing the common characteristics of the ‘New Violence,’ is the Utopian programs, such as H.G. Wells’ *The Open Conspiracy*; Wells-Russell protégé Aldous Huxley’s utopian ‘New Age’ models; the 1931 and 1951 models set forth by Bertrand Russell; and *Clockwork Orange*, as points of intellectual reference. What is specifically new, is the adaptation of the myths of the Samurai warrior, and related ‘martial arts’ mythology, combined with lunatic legacies such as *Dungeons and Dragons* and Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*, to the childish mad-killer pornography of cinematic cartoons and Nintendo-style games.”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche has called for a UN protocol banning violent video games. It is such a resolution, not one condoning the war in Iraq, that should be passed by the UN.

National News

White Directs Army To Privatize 200,000 Jobs

Secretary of the Army Thomas White has directed the Army to increase the percentage of work it farms out to the private sector, in order to “free up resources” for the war on terrorism. White’s initiative was presented at an Oct. 31 press conference; it flows from President Bush’s Management Agenda, and is targeting 155,000 civilian jobs and 59,000 military jobs for eventual contracting out or elimination—jobs that are defined as “non-core competencies.”

The initiative includes expanding the privatization of Army housing and utilities on Army bases, as well as looking at the privatization of Army arsenals, which supply a large portion of the Army’s ammunition needs.

White’s former employer, the now-bankrupt Enron Corp., was awarded military utilities privatization contracts in the 1990s.

War College Professor Promotes New Silk Road

Stephen Blank, a professor at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, penned an article for the *Asia Times* of Oct. 18, which identified the buildup of the New Silk Road, linking Russia to Central Asia, North Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, and Iran, as the cornerstone of a new development perspective that can bring peace and stability to all of Asia. “We have long known,” Blank began, “that the development of long-range transportation projects, including energy pipelines, brings together markets and peoples and provides a major impetus to long-term economic growth. Similarly, we have also long known that a fundamental cause of Central Asia’s backwardness was its remoteness from major shipping and transportation lanes.”

“Therefore,” Blank wrote, “a basic precondition of Central Asia’s economic growth is its linkage to such lanes and the completion of major infrastructural projects

in energy, rail, air, sea and land transport that connect it to foreign markets.”

Blank cited Moscow’s recent promotion of three rail projects to buttress trade and economic links to Central Asia, North Asia (the Korean peninsula and Japan), and India-Iran. Borrowing concepts from Lyndon LaRouche’s writings on the Eurasian Land-Bridge and the special role of Russia as a Eurasian link, Blank wrote, “Russia’s geographic position enables its policymakers and planners to think of it as a hub, if not the hub of a revived Asiatic transportation network that links together all the different parts of Asia through Russia and connects Europe to Asia as well. Ultimately, all these projected lines, if they materialize, could form part of a giant network of transportation lines linking together all of Asia and Russia.”

While Blank at points reflects typical geopolitical thinking—e.g., that the Russian plans trump European Union “Silk Road” initiatives that bypass Russia, and also outflank the U.S.-backed Baku-Ceyhan pipeline—the fact that such discussion about Eurasian Land-Bridge prospects is being debated at the leading U.S. Army think-tank is noteworthy, as an indication of the growing power of LaRouche’s ideas.

D.C. Hospital Raiders Lose Credit Rating

National Century Financial Enterprises (the financial partners of Doctors Community Healthcare Corp.—DCHC) had its credit rating withdrawn entirely by Fitch on Oct. 31, and Moody’s also lowered its ratings, saying that NCFE improperly used its cash reserves to finance new deals. Moody’s warned of “a higher likelihood of default of NCFE” and the corresponding effect this would have on the healthcare providers to which it lends.

A *Washington Post* Oct. 30 article reported that in September, Florida governor Jeb Bush used a NCFE corporate jet for an in-state trip. But it did not mention NCFE’s connections to DCHC, which was given the privatization contract for the capital District’s health care system in a 2001 deal

backed by the *Post* itself, and involving the shutdown of D.C. General Hospital, the capital’s only public hospital.

The *Post* said that NCFE “provides cash flow for struggling hospitals around the nation by lending them money immediately in exchange for relatively high interest rates and control of the institutions’ receivables”—money due to the hospitals from HMOPs, insurers, the government, and others.

EIR reported last year that NCFE was amassing a fortune stolen from health-care institutions through gangster methods of fraud and embezzlement under the cover of money-lending, and described various lawsuits charging NCFE and DCHC with racketeering and fraud.

Huge Promotion of Ultra-Violent Video

Amidst huge media promotion including ABC-TV’s “Good Morning America” on Oct. 31, SONY is preparing release of an ultra-violent video game which already has pre-sales of 4 million copies, and is expected to grow \$400 million. ABC’s “Good Morning America” “news” program featured the game called “Grand Theft Auto: Vice City” which was created by two British men experienced in criminality. The game’s theme is to “find the people who stole your cocaine and kill them;” for example, “you can pick up a prostitute, pay her for (off-screen) services, then kill her and get your money back.”

A spokesman for the bank UBS-Warburg, Michael Wallace, said “Violence gets you headlines . . . and violence doesn’t hurt.” The maker of the video for SONY, Rockstar Games, defended the violence, saying they had submitted the game to the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB). This board was created by legislation sponsored by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.). The case of the new video makes it clear that the rating board does not keep the most violent videos from reaching children and youth. Lieberman, Hollywood’s favorite Senator, has however denounced the game for “rewarding . . . anti-social behavior.”

Ashcroft's Blood Lust

Running roughshod over local law-enforcement officials, Attorney General John Ashcroft first snatched the two "D.C. sniper" suspects away from Montgomery County, Maryland, and has now handed them over to prosecutors in Virginia—a state which ranks second only to George W. Bush's Texas in the number of executions it has carried out. The bloodthirsty Ashcroft has an overriding obsession—to execute John Muhammed and Lee Malvo as fast as possible.

Because six of the ten sniper killings near Washington took place in Montgomery County, officials there say that this alone should make Maryland the site of the first trial. Montgomery County was the first to file charges against the two suspects. "What's really distressing," said former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, even before Ashcroft's announcement, "is that we are allowing the desire to execute these defendants to be the determining factor as to where these prosecutions are to be venued. That's like the tail wagging the dog. What you need to focus on, is what community suffered the most harm."

Ashcroft has quite a history of overriding local concerns when capital punishment is involved. He has overruled his own Federal prosecutors at least 16 times, when they did not think the death penalty was appropriate, including in two states that don't even have the death penalty. (So much for "states' rights.")

Since the suspects were captured in Maryland on Oct. 24, Justice Department officials were saying off-the-record that Maryland is too soft on the death penalty, using it too infrequently, and even having had a moratorium on executions in effect. In order to get the suspects out of the custody of Maryland authorities, Federal law-enforcement officials botched up the questioning of Muhammed by Federal and state investigators in the hours after he and Malvo were captured. Angry investigators told the *New York Times* that while an FBI agent and a Maryland detective were talking with Muhammed, they were ordered by the United States Attorney, Thomas DiBiagio, to hand him over to the Feds. The detectives, who were at the Montgomery County police building after Muhammed's arrest, said that Muhammed was beginning

to talk to them, and they believed they were on the way to getting a confession, when they were told to hand him over to Federal authorities to face Federal weapons charges. At that point, Muhammed clammed up, and reportedly has said nothing more since.

One Federal agent said he told DiBiagio that he should drop the Federal charges, because they were in the middle of an interrogation, and they could later file state charges. But DiBiagio said, "It is out of my hands, and this was coming from the White House and the Justice Department."

What Ashcroft's Justice Department is doing in this case, is precisely the sort of rush to prosecution and conviction which prevents getting to the truth about such a hideous crime. It is reminiscent of what happened with the 2001 execution of Timothy McVeigh, who was convicted of conspiracy in the 1993 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal building, and who went to his grave without telling anyone what he actually knew about the circumstances of the bombing and who else was involved. Beyond the travesty of killing the best witness to the Oklahoma City bombing—which might have enabled law-enforcement officials to prevent later terrorist acts—Ashcroft created a Roman-circus type of environment around the McVeigh execution, as he can be expected to do again, around the executions of Muhammed and Malvo.

Lyndon LaRouche called the McVeigh execution "Ashcroft's pay-per-view snuff film," after Ashcroft announced that he had okayed a "state-of-the-art video conferencing" broadcast, on closed-circuit television, to allow hundreds of family and friends of the bombing victims to view the execution live.

"Worse than the proposed execution as such, are the arguments which have been made publicly, either by Attorney General Ashcroft, or on his behalf, in the case of the execution of McVeigh," LaRouche said at the time. "There is no difference between the posture of Ashcroft and the mob howling for a pay-per-view execution, and the role of Nero and the Roman mob of 'public opinion' in the ancient Colosseum's barbarous, homicidal entertainments."

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