

The Creation of Christian Zionism

In addition to Russophobia, what the East India Company needed most was a bastion to protect the Western approaches to the India trade routes—smack in the middle of someplace like, say, Palestine. Direct colonization was diplomatically impossible, but an indirect takeover was thought feasible. Thus, the English hit upon the idea of having the Jews, led by English Jews, return to their Palestinian homeland. It should be noted that, up until that point, there had been several projects for the creation of a Jewish homeland, most of which did not envision Jews returning to an undeveloped area like Palestine. M.M. Noah, the most famous Jew in the early United States, bought vast tracts of land in upstate New York as part of a plan for new Zion. However, the big campaign to relocate Zion in “the lands of the Bible” came from Gentiles in England in the 1840s.

The effort to hijack Zionism started in 1839 with two articles. The first was by Darby, “The Hopes of the Church of God in Connexion with the Destiny of the Jews and the Nations as Revealed in Prophecy,” which laid out his thesis of God’s plan for the Jews. The second was “State and Prospects of the Jews,” by Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper, Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury.

Shaftesbury was an evangelical not officially connected to Darby; the Shaftesburys were one of the realm’s first families, providing ministers of state for generations; the Third Earl, for instance, sponsored John Locke. Shaftesbury called upon the Crown not to grant full citizenship to England’s Jews, but rather to encourage them to emigrate to Palestine where they could fulfill the Divine plan. He simultaneously began agitating for the creation of an Anglican bishopric in Jerusalem to counteract the influence of the Roman Catholic (French) and Orthodox (Russian) ecclesiastical presence already established in that area.

By 1845, the Shaftesbury-Darby agitation was such that the Colonial Office produced a confidential report proposing “the establishment of the Jewish nation in Palestine; as a protected state under the guardianship of Great Britain,” which would place England “in a commanding position in the Levant from whence to check the process of encroachment, to overawe our enemies, and, if necessary, to repel their advance.”

In 1865, Shaftesbury was instrumental in the founding of the Palestine Exploration Fund, which brought the Darbyites and other evangelicals, wealthy Jews like the Rothschilds and Montefiores, together with the highest levels of English aristocracy, to officially claim Palestine for the Empire. At the Fund’s founding ceremony, no less than the Archbishop of York sermonized: “This country of Palestine belongs to you and me; it is essentially ours. It is the land toward which we turn as a fountain of our hopes; it is the land to which we may look with as true a patriotism as we do this dear old England.”

The Will of God had finally been brought into conformity with English foreign policy.

‘Maryland Citizens: You Are Responsible’

by Lawrence K. Freeman

I could say “I told you so.”

When I ran for Governor in 1998 as a LaRouche Democrat, I warned the citizens of Maryland that the alleged \$1 billion budget surplus that Gov. Parris Glendening (D) was bragging about, would soon disappear as the dot.com financial bubble burst. I said then, at every campaign event, that we were in the collapse phase; that in a short period of time, the rising Dow Jones and Nasdaq stock indices would begin to melt down; and that the Maryland economy would go into a deficit very quickly. Is that not precisely what happened? Maryland now has a deficit of \$1.8 billion for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and it’s still growing every month as tax revenues evaporate.

This deficit helped to cause the defeat of Democratic Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend in this year’s gubernatorial race, which means that now, Republican Governor-elect Robert Ehrlich is stuck with Maryland’s growing indebtedness. Neither Glendening, nor Townsend, nor Ehrlich had any objection, when I ran in 1998, to the “post-industrial economy”—the economic depression that Maryland, along with the rest of the country, has been sliding into over the last 30 years.

Yet the voters religiously voted for Tweedle-dee or Tweedle-dum, without giving any serious thought to what was really happening to our economy. I told them the truth. They chose not to listen, but instead, rushed greedily deeper into fantasyland, and ignored my warnings, which are now fully vindicated. The so-called high-flying “high-tech” sector has been grounded, leaving thousands jobless, catastrophic losses in pension funds, 401(k)s reduced to “201(k)s,” along with unpayable monthly mortgage payments, and maxed-out credit cards.

From Capital Gains to Slots

As a collaborator of Lyndon LaRouche, I was in a position to know that there was no physical economic reality to the increase in mere, fictitious financial values of the Wall Street stock markets, which the Maryland economy was sucking on for an increasing proportion of its tax revenues. LaRouche has established himself as the only accurate long-range economic forecaster over the last 35 years, when every other notable economist, pundit, and reputed authority has been proven wrong.



Lawrence Freeman is organizing the youth movement of new organizers and volunteers for the 2004 LaRouche Presidential campaign on the East Coast. Here, he speaks to nearly 100 young volunteers meeting in Pennsylvania in early November.

There was no real growth of the Maryland economy in the second half of the 1990s; therefore, there never was a \$1 billion surplus, not a real one measured in economic wealth. That may be hard for people to digest, but it's true. What people wanted to perceive was wealth, was merely paper profits. As the stock market bubble expanded, Maryland skimmed from the capital gains received from selling inflated assets. This showed up as increased tax revenue with declining taxable, real economic activity. Hence the unreal surplus.

A truly growing economy depends on injections of science and technology in order to increase output of physical tangible wealth necessary to maintain a growing population.

The current estimate of Maryland's fiscal 2002 deficit is \$600 million, up \$200 million from September. The deficit projection for the coming fiscal year now stands at \$1.2 billion, and who knows how high it will rise. Lame-duck Governor Glendening, after conferring with Ehrlich, is now using his discretionary powers to cut \$600 million from state expenses, before he leaves office at the end of the year. They are both assuming, falsely, that the deficit will not go up again in December, and thus, will require them to slash state agencies' budgets, in order to preserve the \$500 million rainy-day fund, so that Maryland can maintain its AAA bond rating.

In addition to raising taxes, suggestions for eliminating the deficit include: for state employees, eliminating raises and cutting salaries by 1%, laying off 1,000 workers, and increasing all workers' share of health-care costs; for education, limiting the HOPE scholarship program; for local jurisdictions, holding back \$100 million in state aid.

Ehrlich, who agrees with these cuts (and attacked Glendening and Townsend relentlessly for the state's deficit during the election campaign), is proposing the state turn to gambling, immorality, and vice to solve its economic problems. His solution: Bring in thousands of slot machines to the race

tracks, which Townsend and Glendening opposed. Ehrlich is already working with various lawmakers to prepare legislation for slots, knowing full well, that even if they are installed tomorrow, it will have no effect on the current budget fiasco. The high-end estimates are that \$400 million could be generated if slots became legal—only a third of the deficit. But many state politicians say it will take a referendum to pass slot legislation, pushing this great revenue generator off until 2004.

Shocking as it is, these are the leaders you elected.

How the Democrats Lost

Only a Kathleen Kennedy Townsend could lose an election in a state

where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 2:1, and which hasn't elected a Republican Governor since Spiro Agnew in 1966. The trick was, that Townsend didn't really run as Democrat; but, under the leadership of Sen. Joe Lieberman's Democratic Leadership Council, she ran as a weak Republican, complete with an actual Republican running-mate, who had previously worked for Sen. John McCain's Presidential campaign.

One of the keys to Ehrlich's success was the higher than usual percentage of votes he received from the African-American community. While still only getting a minority of these votes, he received more than the average 10% that Republicans get in Baltimore City and sections of Prince Georges County. This was, of course, part of his strategy in selecting an Africa-American as his running-mate. However, the additional factor was, that a section of African-American activists, led by Clarence Mitchell IV, were disgruntled with their treatment by the Democratic leadership. Foolishly, and opportunistically, they threw in their lot with Ehrlich, who had first been elected to Congress in 1994 as part of the freshman class of Newt Gingrich's fascists.

If not for the refusal of Townsend, Mitchell, and the party's leadership to listen to Lyndon LaRouche and his representatives such as myself, Maryland would not be in the calamitous situation it is today.

As the Nov. 5 election clearly showed, as long as the Democratic Party leadership illegally and immorally keeps LaRouche from his rightful position of leadership, they will continue to go down in defeat, and destroy this nation's economy and disperse its core constituencies. Townsend was not defeated by the economic depression; but rather, because she refused to accept a workable solution to the economic crisis which was provided to her, to Mitchell, and to the party higher-ups.

You, the citizen, are responsible for that.