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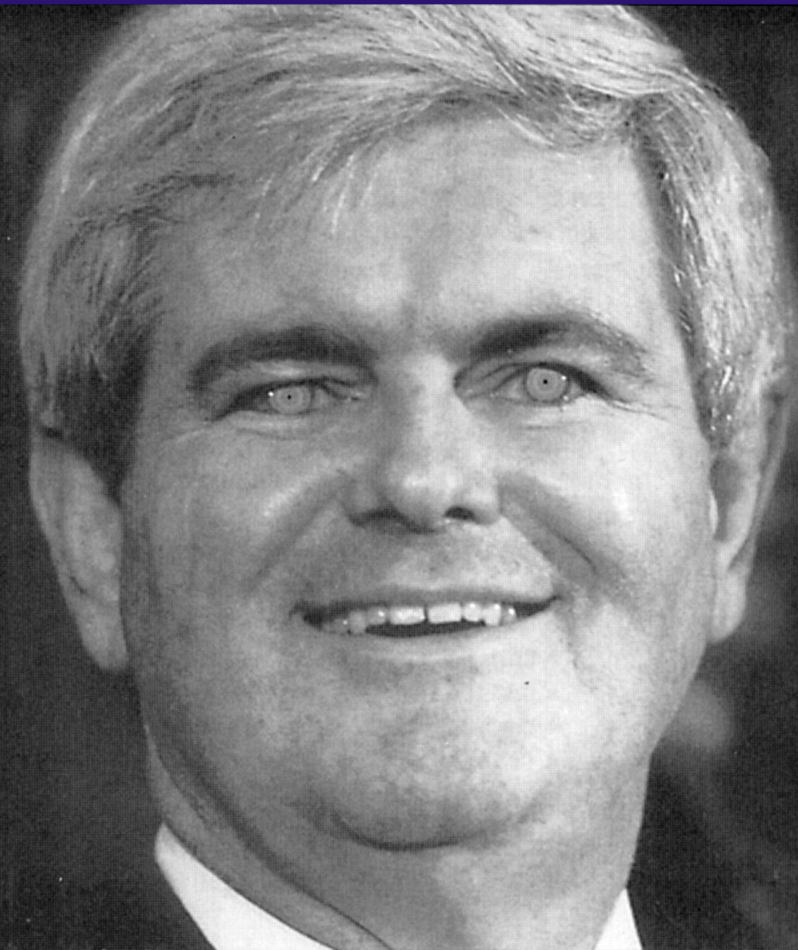
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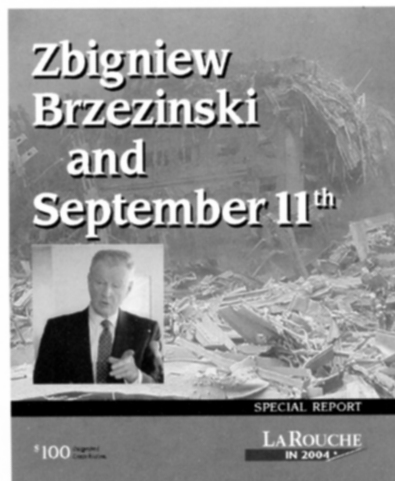
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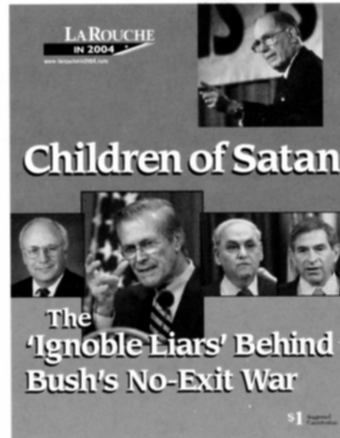
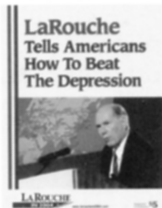
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## From the Associate Editor

Long-time readers of *EIR* will notice that we have placed on our cover, once again, the zombie image from our cover story of Jan. 12, 1996, which was headlined “Newt Gingrich Looks at the Future.” Well, “the future” is here—and the undead Gingrich is back. Then, he was leading the assault against President Clinton, on behalf of the House of Windsor and related oligarchical circles known as the Club of the Isles. Today, he is the lackey of the neo-conservative group in the Bush Administration, around Vice President Cheney and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld—the “new empire” gang. From the British Empire to a new American Empire, the mentality is not very different.

Lyndon LaRouche analyzes that mentality in our *Feature* this week, on what he calls the “Pantheo-cons.” The “religious fundamentalist” pantheon associated with Dick Cheney’s core political base, LaRouche shows, is derived from the existentialism of Hegel and Nietzsche, just as the Nazi system was. But the Pantheo-cons are here, and intend to use, nuclear weapons. But there are also more profound reasons for the menace to civilization they represent. “Nuclear weapons may destroy men’s bodies,” LaRouche writes; “the insane pantheonic system which is a crucial element in the hard core of Cheney’s base, destroys both bodies and souls.”

LaRouche has emerged as the leading opponent of this fascist, Gingrichite insurgency—despite the continuing efforts of the Democratic National Committee and the media to suppress his Presidential candidacy. See page 58 for the amazing story of how LaRouche has raised more individual contributions than any other Democratic Presidential candidate—i.e., he has a broader base of public support—and ranks *fourth* among the ten candidates in total money raised, outpacing Sen. Joe Lieberman, among others.

See *National* for a first report on LaRouche’s campaign webcast with campus youth—we’ll have more on this next week.

We also have a rich array of interviews, with reflections on the Iraq War and the global political crisis from Father Eliseo Mercado of the Philippines; former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy; and Tito Howard, the producer of a documentary on Israel’s deliberate attack on the *USS Liberty* during the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

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## California Re-Regulation: Sign Of Sanity Amid the Collapse

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A long-overdue California electricity *re-regulation* bill, SB 888, was announced on April 8 by State Sen. Joe Dunn (D-Santa Ana) and a number of Democratic Party leaders in the State Assembly. It would end the state's disastrous deregulation "experiment" which has been the target of a renewed nationwide mobilization by Lyndon LaRouche's

campaign against the insanity of deregulation since August 2000, when that experiment began. The Dunn bill was the first sign of sanity in what has been otherwise a dismal process of finger-pointing and ducking reality since the California legislature convened in January.

It is also the most recent indication that key leaders in the

### Feds Still Nuts Over Dereg

"We aren't mending it; we're ending it," California State Sen. Joe Dunn said on April 8 regarding the state's notoriously failed electricity deregulation law (Assembly Bill 1890). Although, so far, no Republicans have signed on to Dunn's re-regulation bill, there is a Democratic majority in both houses of the State Legislature, and Gov. Gray Davis has indicated his support for the measure. Senate Bill 888, the Repeal of Electricity Deregulation Act of 2003, returns oversight and regulation of California's electricity and natural gas industries to the Public Utilities Commission, for the benefit, and to protect the interests, of the citizens of the State.

"Customer choice" would be ended. Utilities would be guaranteed a fair 10% return on investment, charging a "cost-of-service" price, in return for making investments to meet the needs of their customers. Incentives would encourage utilities to invest in transmission lines; and the moratorium on companies selling their power-generating assets would be extended from 2005 to 2010.

While the state of California has taken steps to follow Lyndon LaRouche's advice, and "put the toothpaste back in the tube," elected officials in Washington, D.C. are still trying to *expand* electricity deregulation, to remove even the last vestiges of protection for consumers. For the past two years, the Bush Administration has tried to push through the Congress a broad-ranging energy bill, which went down in flames after the Cheney Task Force/Enron/Halliburton scandals in the previous Congressional session. If the proposals had been passed to forge ahead with yet more deregulation of the electricity sector, that would have done worse damage to the ecology than any drilling in Alaska, and would have devastated the economy of this nation.

In the current Congressional session, another try is being made to patch together an energy bill. The Senate version has been stripped of the controversial Alaska oil proposal, which is, however, included in the House version. The economic-conservative hawks on Capitol Hill have not given up on wrecking the national electricity system. They have proposed to mandate more deregulation, by taking oversight of the transmission grid from the states and handing it over to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)—the same FERC that could see no signs

California Democratic Party are acknowledging, at least in private, what they are afraid to admit publicly: that Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche has been right all along, on the economy and related issues.

California, recognized as the “richest state in the richest nation,” has been in economic free fall ever since electricity deregulation was phased in, beginning in the Summer of 2000. According to its neo-liberal exponents, deregulation would lead to increased competition, which would force electricity providers to be more efficient, thereby offering lower prices for consumers. It was sold to legislators as part of the same “New Economy” ideological hype which claimed that “free trade” would increase California’s exports, and that the so-called high-tech information technology revolution, centered in the Silicon Valley, represented a new economic paradigm, in which owning stocks would guarantee that virtually everyone could become rich.

### LaRouche Takes On the Delusions

It was in a state of euphoria, induced by this irrational belief in the “New Economy,” that electricity deregulation



*The LaRouche campaign’s three-year mobilization for electricity reregulation—“putting the toothpaste back in the tube”—has battled ideological obstacles and free-trade lunacy; LaRouche Youth Movement delegations have repeatedly invested the legislature in Sacramento.*

was passed in 1996 by the California Assembly, without a single dissenting vote! Not a single elected official in the state had a clue of what was to come, as they were blinded by the delusions created by free-trade deregulation ideology, and the big-buck lobbyists of Enron, Dynegy, and the other energy pirates.

The only significant voice against this was that of Lyndon

of manipulation or illegalities in the California energy debacle, until that state had been fleeced of nearly \$9 billion. The original draft of the Senate energy bill also proposed to eliminate what little protection remains for electricity consumers, through repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act. PUHCA was enacted in 1935, in the Roosevelt era, in order to eliminate use of market power and fraudulent abuses of the type that took place recently in California.

In response to overwhelming opposition to more electricity deregulation, expressed at a hearing on the bill on March 27, Senate Energy Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) announced that the electricity portion of the bill will be re-drafted. The repeal of PUHCA is included in the House version of the energy bill, which passed on April 11.

One of the strongest statements in opposition to repealing the Public Utility Holding Company Act at the hearing came from Glenn English, representing the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Its 1,000 members are consumer-owned and not-for-profit electric cooperatives, serving more than 35 million consumers. “Now is the wrong time to repeal PUHCA,” English stated. “While it has not been adequately enforced, PUHCA is more critical

today than ever to protect consumers from abuses in the utility industry. It was PUHCA that prevented Enron from owning, and abusing, more than one electric utility [Portland General Electric, in Oregon]. It was PUHCA that should have prevented Enron and many other companies . . . from shifting the risks of their unregulated and offshore activities to retail consumers in the United States.” Rather than repealing PUHCA, English urged, FERC should be given *more* authority to review mergers between electric utility holding companies.

That call was echoed by Alan Richardson, president of the American Public Power Association (APPA), representing 2,000 publicly owned power and municipal electric utility systems, serving 40 million customers, mainly in small communities. And for the first time, an association representing large industrial users of electricity also opposed the repeal of PUHCA. Industrial users, believing the propaganda from Enron that deregulation would lower their costs, were the biggest promoters of electricity deregulation during the 1990s. John Anderson, executive director of the Consumers Resource Council, told the Senators: “I argue that [PUHCA] is needed at least as much today as it was when it was enacted. . . . In fact, in some ways PUHCA should be strengthened.” —*Marsha Freeman*

LaRouche, whose campaign against deregulation began in the late 1970s, when the Carter Administration, under control of Wall Street operatives such as Paul Volcker, began the dismantling of the regulatory agencies established during the last Depression, which were created to protect the American public from corporate looters. It was LaRouche who first exposed the illegal operations of Enron, and pointed toward its bankruptcy in a February 2001 Presidential campaign pamphlet. And it was LaRouche, almost alone, who insisted that the 1996 deregulation bill be repealed, and that regulation of power and electricity be restored.

As the electricity rates skyrocketed in the first quarter of 2001, the LaRouche in 2004—the Democratic Presidential pre-candidate’s campaign committee—produced a pamphlet, *LaRouche on the California Energy Crisis: As Seen and Said by the Salton Sea*. The text was an address he delivered to one of the first weekend cadre schools of students from colleges on the West Coast, many of whom later formed the core of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM). As the LYM grew, its members deployed regularly to the California legislature, demanding that Gov. Gray Davis (D) intervene to stop the looting of the state’s finances by the energy pirates, and insisting that deregulation be repealed. It was when Davis and other state officials finally denounced Enron, Reliant, and the other energy pirate companies, and demanded Federal investigation into why the prices had gone up so high, that the corporate scam operation known as Enron, began to unravel.

Unfortunately, this did not occur until after the bankruptcy of the Pacific Gas and Electric utility in California, and after the state of California had borrowed more than \$11 billion to buy the exorbitantly priced electricity to keep the lights on in the state.

It is in this context that Senator Dunn and his allies in the Assembly introduced SB 888. This background explains why one prominent Democratic legislator suggested that the bill be called the “LaRouche Re-Regulation Act of 2003.”

## Budget Crises Worsen

The present budget crisis, which finds the state with a deficit estimated at \$35 billion, began with the increase in debt to purchase electricity. It was worsened by the overall economic and financial turbulence created by the energy deregulation debacle, and then heightened further by the effects of the popping of the “New Economy” bubble and the subsequent collapse of Silicon Valley. Revenues continue to plummet, and the state is dangerously close to running out of cash.

There are reports that the office of Comptroller Steve Westly is designing IOUs, which the state will be forced to hand out in lieu of cash, when the funds run out this Summer. Under state law, the order of priority for cash payments places education first, debt service second—meaning that health care, infrastructure, law enforcement, parks and recreation, etc., are all slated for massive cuts. For example, the budget

proposed by Governor Davis asks nursing homes, under the Medi-Cal program, to accept a 10% cut in reimbursement from the state.

With the state asking counties to take up a larger share of payments, the situation in urban centers is becoming unbearable. In order to address an \$800 million budget shortfall in Los Angeles County, the County Commission passed a budget which includes more hospital cuts, closing libraries and jails, and a minimum of 2,000 layoffs. One County Supervisor told the *Los Angeles Times*, “The \$800 million problem presented today is only going to be the beginning. To the extent the state clobbers us [with further cuts], our constituents are going to get clobbered.”

Doctors at Los Angeles County-USC Hospital, the largest public hospital in the county, have filed papers to protest further cuts in the emergency room, arguing that long waits—up to four days for a bed in the emergency room—and overcrowding are already resulting in unnecessary deaths. Dr. Ronald Kaufman, the former chief medical officer of the hospital, wrote in a legal document that the planned cuts will “destroy” the hospital and trauma system in Los Angeles.

## Time To Change Axioms

In the face of this deadly budget crisis, legislators have retreated into mindless partisanship and ideological games. Republicans refuse to accept tax and fee increases, while Democrats argue they will not accept certain budget cuts. Yet, by limiting themselves to these options, they are trapped in a situation, in which a budget may not be passed by the deadline, leading to increased costs for borrowing in the future, while services will be cut automatically for lack of funds.

The failure of existing axioms is evident in the revealing comments of the state’s Finance Director Steve Peace, who made his name as an author and producer of the 1977 Hollywood cult movie “Attack of the Killer Tomatoes,” and as a co-sponsor, once elected to the legislature, of the 1996 electricity deregulation bill. Peace told reporters, about the budget impasse, “The choices are limited and they are bad. . . . This is not a time for a political debate. This is a time to have a business-management approach.” It is precisely this kind of thinking which will prevent any solution from emerging. Under these crisis conditions, a political debate is essential. There is no solution in a “business-management” approach; an emergency bankruptcy reorganization for the whole U.S. economy is required, as LaRouche has advocated it.

That legislators belatedly adopted LaRouche’s call to re-regulation is a sign that there is still hope that California lawmakers can still break from the budget follies of recent months, and back the national economic reorganization and FDR-style infrastructure plan—the “Super-TVA”—drafted by LaRouche. To that end, the growing forces of the LaRouche Youth Movement will continue their deployments to the state’s capitol at Sacramento.



# SE Asia Service Economy Blown Apart by SARS

by Martin Chew Wooi Keat

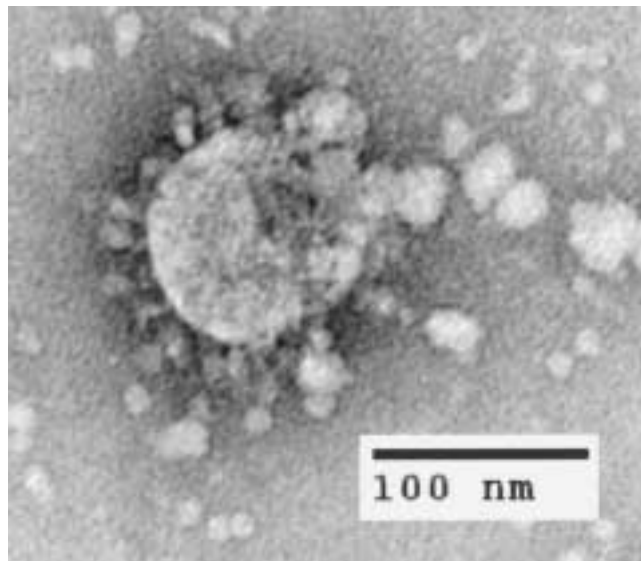
Those Southeast Asian nations that clung to the assumption that one could have an economic recovery without massive, long-term investments in hard and soft infrastructure, are now seeing the death of their axioms—and their people—virtually every day, thanks to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said on April 20, “If we fail to contain SARS in Singapore, it may well become the worst crisis that our country has ever faced. . . . SARS will knock you backward, it may even kill you; but I can tell you, SARS can kill the economy, and *all of us will be killed by the collapsing economy.*” This was the message from the Prime Minister of the state with some of the best hospitals in Southeast Asia.

A reflection on the seriousness of the situation, can be gleaned from the unprecedented steps Singapore is taking to contain the outbreak. On April 21, a day after the Prime Minister’s warning, Singapore’s Health Minister announced plans to quarantine 2,400 persons, all because they might have come into contact with three infected persons. The 2,400 persons are tenants and workers at a wholesale market where the infected trio worked. This is in addition to 740 persons already under quarantine. A person under quarantine is not allowed to leave home, and has to undergo daily health checks until certified not to be a carrier. To enforce the quarantine, Singapore has resorted to using remote cameras and electronic tags. Violators face fines and prison time.

## SARS Doing What 9/11 Could Not

As of April 23, SARS had killed at least 250 people worldwide, and infected more than 4,000. In global economic terms, it could not have hit a worse location. According to Morgan Stanley chief economist Stephen Roach: “Unfortunately, the SARS effect is concentrated on Asia, . . . the one area that had basically been keeping the global economy afloat.” Most SARS cases have come from certain areas of China, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

The health infrastructure in the major epicenters is being strained to the breaking point. In Hong Kong for example, as of April, authorities are only able to handle a worst-case scenario of 3,000 patients. Hong Kong had around 700 people hospitalized with SARS as of April 8, with dozens of new cases being reported daily.



*The SARS outbreak, caused by a new coronavirus confirmed in late April, has hit the Southeast Asian economies at their weakest point—their dependence on the globalization “viruses” of exporting cheap-labor and of tourism. The impact is greater already than that of the Sept. 11, 2001 events, or the war in Iraq.*

The economic impact has been most severe in Hong Kong and Singapore, due to their heavy reliance on the service sectors. Retail sales in Hong Kong have plunged 50%, with local residents shunning shopping malls, restaurants, and other crowded places, and with tourists avoiding the place altogether. About 50 eateries in Hong Kong have temporarily closed, according to the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants and Related Trades. And if the SARS outbreak lasts another three months, the agency predicts that one-third of the city’s 10,000 restaurants might be forced to close.

Hong Kong may have China to fall back on, in an extreme economic emergency; but in the case of Singapore, a nation three-and-a-half times the size of the District of Columbia (and it has no hinterland), SARS could kill everyone, by killing the economy—or more specifically, the service economy.

Travel agents in Singapore point out that SARS has done what Sept. 11, 2001 failed to do—bring travel to a screeching halt. After Sept. 11, travel agents complained of a 40% drop in sales. Now, the drop is 50-90%. People are not traveling due to fear, and the hassle of tight health screenings at airports. Thousands of cab drivers in Singapore undergo temperature checks to qualify for a daily “fever-free” sticker. Even with a sticker, taxi earnings are down 40-75%. There are 23,000 taxis in Singapore.

With the drastic fall in travel, the airlines of Southeast Asia are facing bankruptcy. Singapore’s Changi Airport—a major hub for Southeast Asia—saw a slump of 280,000 passengers for March this year, down 11% from March of last year. While March was bad, the worst is yet to come. For the

first week of April, passenger traffic fell 38%, compared to the same week last year. The number of scheduled flights at Changi fell nearly 20% in the month, from 3,428 at the beginning of this March, to 2,754 at the beginning of this April. This far exceeds the 7% fall in flights at Changi after Sept. 11, 2001.

Elsewhere, South Korea's Incheon International Airport reported a 36% dive in the number of passengers on overseas flights in the first half of April, against the same period last year. Hong Kong's number-two airline, Dragonair, will cut 50% of its services. Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's number-one airline, has so far slashed flights by 37% to save money in light of falling passenger traffic, besides suspending all flights between Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Garuda, Indonesia's international airline, saw its load factor drop from 80% to 60% for routes to and from Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and China. Under normal conditions, Indonesia receives about 2,000 visitors per day from those four locations. Even domestic travel has been hit. Indonesia's domestic airline Merpati saw a 5% drop in load factor, and Vietnam's second airline, Pacific Airlines, plans to suspend its Hanoi-to-Danang service due to a 30% fall in bookings.

### **Spreading Effects Hit All in Region**

A number of countries in Southeast Asia, in the face of the collapsing economy of the U.S. "importer of last resort," and collapsing foreign investments, had hoped for an economic boost from well-to-do Arab tourists avoiding the United States, Britain, Australia, etc., and from mainland Chinese. Last year, 670,000 Chinese tourists visited Singapore. Tourism contributed 10% of Singapore's GDP, 7% of Malaysia's, 5% of Hong Kong's, and 4% of Vietnam's. SARS has ended that avenue of escape from economic reality. As of early April, Malaysia Airlines saw 600 flight cancellations *daily*. Thai Airways reported 300,000 passenger cancellations so far.

Other than the major epicenters of Singapore, Hong Kong, and parts of China, even countries with a relatively small number of SARS cases are finding it difficult to cope with the impact of the disease. The main public hospital in Penang, Malaysia's second largest city, reported that its blood bank is drying up, because donors are staying away. Malaysia's poultry exports to Singapore are down by 20%, and its fruit and vegetable exports to Singapore have been interrupted, with hundreds of trucks, loaded with fresh farm produce, being turned away at the border. Rail travel between Malaysia and Singapore has fallen by 42%. Hotels in Malaysia are reporting a drop in business of 30-40%. The Malaysian state of Sarawak discouraged 20,000 Sarawakians who were working in SARS-affected places from returning home during a recent public holiday. Vietnamese workers are being barred from seeking jobs in Malaysia, as well as in Singapore.

The Malaysian National Economic Action Council (NEAC) set up ten special committees in February to formulate a national economic restructuring package, in response to the onrushing Iraq War. These special committees are now reviewing their proposals in light of the outbreak of SARS, according to NEAC Executive Director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed. Mustapa said that those sectors which had already felt the impact of the war and the SARS outbreak account for about 100,000 jobs to Malaysians.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra recently authorized an additional 36 billion baht in government spending this year, of which 20 billion baht has been earmarked as an "emergency budget."

The SARS epidemic indirectly threatens the banking system, with more businesses expected to go bankrupt, and threatens to worsen the already desperate fiscal deficits of affected countries. In the Philippines, the government posted a whopping one-month \$557 million deficit in its balance of payments in March, after a \$55 million surplus for January-February.

As even the more developed nations of Southeast Asia struggle with SARS, the fate of the Philippines and Indonesia—the two nations most destroyed by the speculative assault on their currencies in 1997-98, and by the International Monetary Fund dictates which followed—are in the greatest danger. Large numbers of their people are laboring overseas. There are 240,000 domestic helpers in Hong Kong, and most of them are Filipinos. Philippine airport authorities have been placed on alert to monitor Filipinos returning for holidays. Indonesia has hundreds of thousands of laborers in Malaysia and Singapore, and is now confronted with the prospect of their return due to the falling Malaysian and Singaporean economies, possibly bringing the SARS virus with them.

A number of Indonesian business associations plan to hold talks with the state-owned electricity company PLN, to ask for lower electricity charges to help ease the burden on companies hard hit by the war in Iraq and the outbreak of SARS. Furthermore, the hotel occupancy rates in Indonesia had already declined by about 40% due to a combination of the generally slow economy and terrorism, particularly since the Bali terror bombs last October. Now, occupancy in many hotels has fallen to 30%. Last year, Indonesia earned \$3.4 billion from tourism, hard currency desperately needed to keep the nation afloat.

Three emergency meetings of Asian officials have been set up, beginning on April 26, to address the SARS crisis. Public health ministers will meet in Kuala Lumpur, while airport and immigration officials meet in Manila; both lead to a heads of state and government summit in Bangkok on April 29.

Only international health infrastructure can stop this or any other future epidemic. And only in a physically developing global economy, can this be achieved.

# Talks Held in Mexico on LaRouche's 'Great American Desert' Development

by Marcia Merry Baker

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, visiting the northern Mexican state of Coahuila last November, participated in conferences and interviews, at which he raised the urgent need for large-scale development of basic economic infrastructure—power, water, and rail—common to the Southwestern U.S. states and the Northern Mexican states, in order to provide the basis for restoring U.S.-Mexican relations and providing needed development and employment (see *EIR*, Nov. 22, 2002). The “Great American Desert” is the traditional name for the multi-state area LaRouche referred to, and a team he commissioned will be releasing his “Great American Desert” development program in full, in early May, including maps and charts, technology reviews, and key parameters. Such an infrastructure outline, on fundamentally similar economic principles, was also presented in 1994 by the American transport development expert Dr. Hal B.H. Cooper, Jr., who today supports LaRouche’s candidacy.

In Mexico City over April 11-13, discussions took place on the LaRouche development perspective for border states/desert lands. Dennis Small, *EIR* Ibero-American Intelligence Director, and leader of the program team, presented specifics, first, to a seminar of engineers and other specialists, then to other interested political collaborators, and finally, and most importantly, to a conference of 30 student leaders on April 12.



On Nov. 5, 2002, Lyndon LaRouche proposed the common infrastructure “economic driver” program for the Southwest United States and Mexico, at an address videoconferenced to Mexican universities from the University of Coahuila at Saltillo.

LaRouche himself addressed these students the same day (by tele-conference from Europe), stressing that we are in the midst of a worldwide collapse of the economy. Devastation is dramatic in the U.S.-Mexico border states, where the last ten years of *maquiladora* assembly plant operations were concentrated, based on slave-labor pay, with no infrastructure, and in a desert! Now job cuts, disease, and desperate out-migration are rampant. Meantime, Mexico and the United States are fighting over the depleted waters of the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo) River Basin, as similar insanity reigns in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

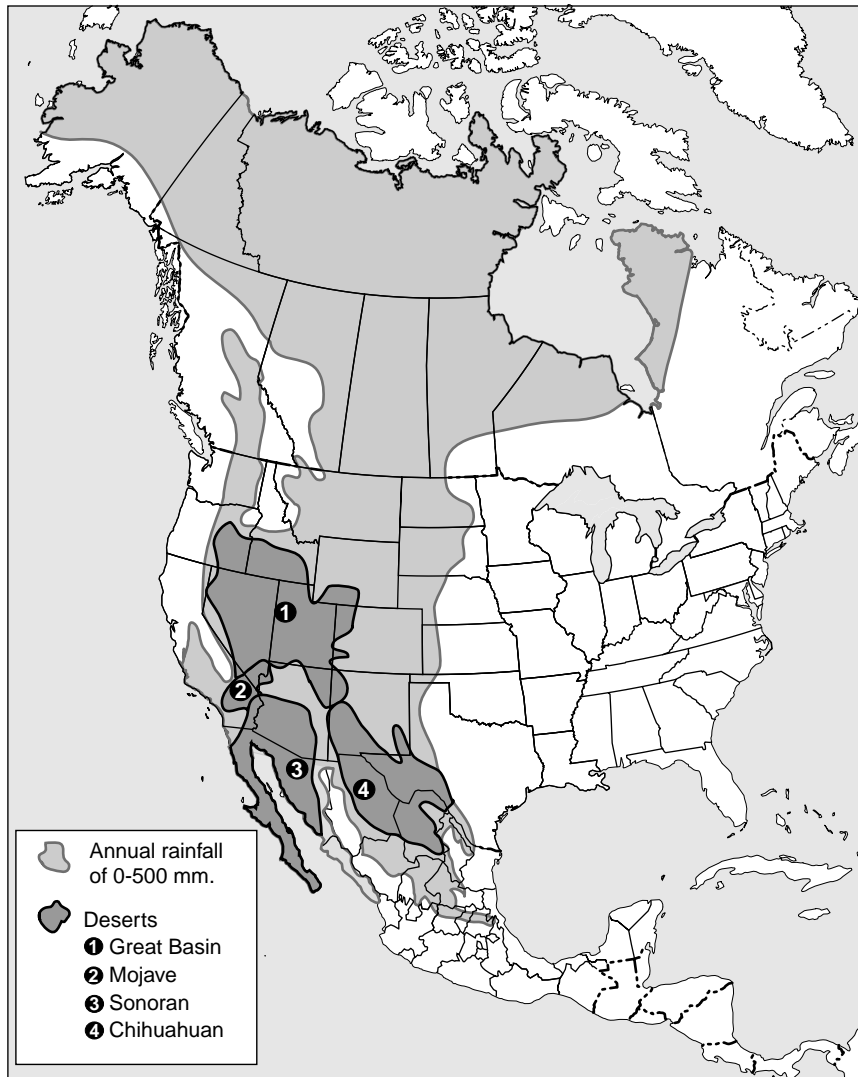
But LaRouche said, “We have a positive side to this picture, which is the development of the idea of an economic alternative, a positive alternative to the collapse of the present world monetary-financial system. This solution for the present crisis, is presently centered in Eurasia, and is focussed upon the prospect of cooperation among France, Germany, and Russia, on the one side; and on Russia, China, and India, and other countries, on the other side. . . . A *Eurasian* connection of cooperation in technology-sharing and long-term projects of capital improvement, infrastructure, which means a solution for the economic crisis in Asia, if that is done properly. And the same thing, the same principle applies to the Americas. So, the solution exists.”

On April 26 in Los Angeles, Harley Schlanger, the Western states representative of the LaRouche in 2004 campaign committee for the Democratic Presidential nomination, will preview this development program at a weekend organizing school of the LaRouche Youth Movement from the Southwestern states. It was at a similar youth leader event in San Pedro, California, on Aug. 18, 2002, where LaRouche personally announced his “Emergency Infrastructure-Building Program” for the United States, for which the youth leaders are now mobilizing in both Washington and in state capitals, as the metric for economic emergency policy. (LaRouche’s remarks appeared in *EIR*, Sept. 6, 2002.)

LaRouche emphasized that what is required is a) the expansion of integrated generation and distribution of electrical power; b) large-scale water management; and, c) combined east-west and north-south development of modernized rail grids. He has pointed out that the common characteristic of a section of North America—running north toward the Arctic Ocean from the area of Mexico between the two branches of the Sierra Madre—is a rich area of potential de-

FIGURE 1

## The Great American Desert



Source: EIR.

*Shown is one of the 25 map illustrations for the forthcoming LaRouche “Great American Desert Development Project.”*

velopment with a grievous shortage of water. This is shown on the map of North America, which delineates areas of less than 10 inches of average annual rainfall—extreme desert—and the areas averaging less than 20 inches, also drylands. The states involved in the study are Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo León, Durango, Zacatecas, and San Luis Potosí, in Mexico; and Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado, in the United States.

In brief, the new program covers:

- **Power.** Integrated distribution, and increased high-tech generation, including by nuclear facilities, as well as from the

region’s coal and natural gas, are called for.

- **Water.** Large-scale diversion and conveyance projects are required, including the continental “North American Water and Power Alliance” (NA-WAPA, planned in the 1960s) to divert water now flowing into the Arctic, southward into the dry western regions; and also various projects in Mexico to channel northward, some of the abundant run-off originating in the Southern Sierra Madre (rivers rising in Chiapas and Oaxaca), and the Western Sierra Madre (rising in Jalisco and Aguascalientes). Desalination of seawater on both the Pacific and Gulf coasts, and also of inland brackish waters, powered by nuclear reactors, can add significant volumes to the water resources base in the border regions.

- **Transportation.** The takedown of rail must be reversed, with refurbished old routes, and new high-speed intercity and continental lines added.

Several key aspects of the new LaRouche program have been on the drawing boards, or even initiated, as of decades ago. But these initiatives were killed during the 1970s “post-industrial” policy shift. Forewarning of this, Texas Rep. Jim Wright (D) wrote a book, *The Coming Water Crisis*, in 1966. Some engineers kept up the battle. Dr. Hal Cooper, who has collaborated on LaRouche’s 1997 world “Land-Bridge” rail routes, prepared a 100-page study in March 1994, for *21st Century Science & Technology*, titled, “Future Development Needs for the Energy, Water, Industrial and Transportation Infrastructure in the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico.”

Now LaRouche, and the LaRouche Youth Movement, are taking the point to force through this kind of development policy. LaRouche explained to the Saltillo youth meeting last November, “Thus, the infrastructural development needs of the states of the Southwestern U.S.A. and of Northern Mexico, are not only complementary, but are integral features of improved U.S.A.-Mexico cooperation. . . . These also represent relatively large-scale potential for employment to absorb the effects of the collapse of employment in large sectors affecting Mexicans resident in the U.S.A. or employed in Mexico producing product exported to the U.S.A.”

## Schröder Shoots Himself in the Foot

*Fiscal austerity measures are undermining the Chancellor's public support at a crucial moment of history.*

When Chancellor Gerhard Schröder returned from his April 11-12 meetings in St. Petersburg with Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac—the “Anti-War Three” in Europe—he was hit with unexpected turbulence on the domestic policy front. His stubborn refusal to abandon monetarist budget-cutting austerity raises the prospect of the Chancellor being out of a job by Summer—which would be welcomed result by those in Washington who want a “regime change” in Berlin, as well as by the German media that toe the Anglo-American line.

Schröder, a Social Democrat, has not been able to formulate an economic-social policy that would earn him majority support from the population. The unabated rise of unemployment, which stood at above 4.66 million at the end of March (out of a total population of 82 million), and the continuous public debate about new budget austerity measures, have led to a situation in which the Chancellor has 70-78% popular approval for his opposition to the war against Iraq—but only around 30% approval for his economic policy.

On March 14, Schröder, in an official address to the Bundestag (parliament), presented his “Agenda 2010” platform, of which 90% consists of a catalogue of new budget cuts, especially hitting jobs, pensions, health care, and social welfare. Proposing cuts in unemployment benefits to a level below welfare payments, for all those who have been without employ-

ment for more than a year, sounds insane to many voters, at a time when unemployment keeps increasing. The labor unions and numerous welfare organizations have responded with protests, but the Chancellor has so far stayed committed to his agenda, mocking the critics as “notorious rabble-rousers” who are not worthy of serious attention.

Not even in the national executive of his own Social Democratic Party (SPD), has Schröder been able to silence critics; and at the party base, there is widespread disgust with the Agenda 2010. The fact that in the Feb. 2 elections for state parliament in Hesse and Lower Saxony, this disgust translated into a giant abstention of SPD voters, which led to vote losses of 10-20% for the SPD in many districts, should have been the writing on the wall for Schröder.

But he is apparently not taking seriously the warnings coming from the labor unions, as well as from the party left wing, that they will use every means available, from protest actions to labor strikes, to block and change the Agenda 2010 before the Summer recess in July. Especially the announcement by party left-wingers that between mid-April and mid-June, they would collect signatures among SPD members for a party referendum to impose a freeze on the Agenda 2010, took Schröder by surprise, showing that he had underestimated his critics.

Immediately after his return from St. Petersburg, Schröder decided on a flight-forward move, announcing that

he would hold a special SPD convention to try to win over his critics. This convention, he said, would be a “test of governability for the SPD”; he expects 80-90% of party members to support his Agenda 2010, and added that any percentage below that implied a no-confidence vote, so that he could no longer govern.

This rash attempt to arm-twist the party base has been read by many members, not as a sign of Schröder's strength, but rather of his weakness. Those who plan to collect the 70,000 signatures by mid-June that are required to hold an APD referendum (10% of the total party membership), have restated their firm intent to mobilize voters against the Agenda. It is, therefore, not very likely that Schröder will succeed in rallying those 80-90% of members behind his policy. It is more likely that a majority will vote against the Agenda. What would the Chancellor do, then? Would he step down, just like that? Or would he come up with some deal with his critics, that would permit him to stay in office?

The only way out of Schröder's political dilemma—and the only solution for Germany's economic crisis—is to scrap the Agenda 2010, and instead adopt a Eurasian economic development policy and support a New Bretton Woods global financial reorganization, modelled on Lyndon LaRouche's proposals. The LaRouche movement in Germany is mobilizing to create a political environment for this. An opening to the “other America”—represented by LaRouche and those who are following his leadership—will open a flank against the Washington war party, that will enable Germany to improve its international position and have more maneuvering room to deepen the Eurasian pro-peace alliance with France and Russia, India and China.

THE WEIRD RELIGIONS OF CHENEY'S EMPIRE

## The Pantheo-cons

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When does a religious association qualify as an expression of fascism?

With the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, European civilization escaped from a 1511-1648 period dominated by epidemic religious warfare, warfare which had threatened to lead to an outcome like that of Europe's mid-Fourteenth-Century "Dark Age." Presently, there is a concerted effort, from within the present Bush Administration, and others, such as Evan Bayh's Democratic Leadership Council, to reverse the principle of that Treaty of Westphalia, an effort frankly aimed at what could become the destruction of our civilization.

The forces committed to that awful outcome, are relying largely upon developing and deploying a certain kind of U.S.A.-based pantheistic religious-political movement, in fact a fascist movement, already comparable to, and, potentially, a worse, nuclear menace for humanity as a whole, than the Nazi regime.<sup>1</sup> Most of the present impetus for that criminal activity, is supplied currently by a minority among high-ranking political circles inside the U.S.A. itself. Vice-President Dick Cheney is presently a central figure among those prominent Democratic and Republican officials who are presently supporting that organized threat to civilization.

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*Although the subject of the present report is not the same as that of "Rumsfeld as Strangelove II," the nature of the present report's subject, pantheism as a strategy, requires the inclusion of significant duplication of, and overlap with the argument contained in that earlier piece.—LHL*

1. In the case of Leo Strauss, Allan Bloom, Francis Fukuyama, and others of that set, "fascist" translates as "synarchist." The synarchists were also formerly known to U.S. and Charles de Gaulle's French intelligence services as "Nazi/Communists." Names such as Jacques Soustelle, Houston, Texas' Jean de Menil, and Paul Rivet, were on the list of synarchist agents operating inside Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, and also as British assets operating inside sections of France's intelligence services. The synarchists were the subject of a half-hour U.S. Presidential campaign broadcast in Autumn 1984.



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In my January 2001 address on the incoming Bush Presidency, I warned that it were likely, although not yet certain, that an event would be orchestrated, analogous to that Feb. 27, 1933 Reichstag fire which was the pretext used to give Chancellor Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers. The U.S. equivalent of that “Reichstag Fire” I warned against in the broadcast, actually happened on September 11, 2001. As I had warned, those events were used to revive Vice-President Dick Cheney’s ten-year-old, Hitler-like proposals of 1991-1992. These resurfaced proposals became, rapidly, the foreign policy of Cheney’s dupe, President George W. Bush, Jr. Cheney’s action brought the present U.S. equivalent of the Nazis, a pack of lackey-followers of Chicago’s late Professor Leo Strauss, into increasing, virtually dictatorial control over U.S. policy-making of both the Administration and also the continuing policy of the Democratic Leadership Council. Unless Cheney’s Chicken-hawks are sent back to the roost, soon, modern civilization as we have known it may soon vanish for the duration of generations still to come.

For reasons I shall explain in this report, let us recognize them, that gang rallied around Cheney’s fascist policies, as the *Pantheo-cons*.

The essential characteristic of the movement represented by Cheney, is that it is a movement for establishing an “Orwellian” sort of imperial, U.S.-based, world-wide fascist dictatorship. This movement has developed a specific type of pathological personality, as the wild public episodes of Cheney and Secretary Rumsfeld attest. This type’s tantrums function for it as a substitute for actually rational processes of public deliberation. This pair expresses the social grace of a mafia-boss, who sometimes whimpers like a Macho in heat,

or, suddenly grows ugly, shouts, snarls, and spews a torrent of diversionary wild lies, and commands to kill, as a way of attempting to divert attention from what he regards as inconvenient facts of the moment. It is that thuggish type of personality, recalling the evil Thrasymachus character from Plato’s *Republic*, which must be recognized, and diagnosed, as a precondition for any effort to understand the behavior of Cheney’s fascist gang.

I explain my own twenty-odd years’ personal experience with that gang as follows.

During Summer 1994, I was startled by the discovery of what had been the bringing together of a common cover for pro-Carlists with other, neo-conservative, gnostic cults. This assortment of the culpable and the well-meaning, was dominated by the influence of a combination of nominal, right-wing Catholics and Manichean-like Protestants. It was called the “Christian Coalition”; I was startled, and disgusted, but not mystified. I had been forewarned.

Already, earlier, in my New Hampshire Democratic Presidential primary campaign of 1979-1980, and the immediately following, 1980 Massachusetts primary campaign, I had been attacked with political savagery and lying gossip, by a leading pack within what was then styled as the so-called “Right to Life” alliance. This attack on me by “single-issue” ideologues, had been premised on their enraged objections to my insisting upon including defense of individual human life against those Nazi-like practices of euthanasia upon senior citizens then already ongoing, increasingly, in the U.S.A. That trend toward euthanasia had begun with the adoption of the not exactly un-fascist Nixon Administration’s pro-Malthusian repeal of the Hill-Burton law, replacing Hill-

Burton by the inherently unconstitutional and predatory HMO legislation.

Several years after my 1980 campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, during the first administration of President Ronald Reagan, my wife led the founding European conference of the anti-Malthusian International Club of Life, held in Germany. There was an immediate, gratuitous, savage, and fraudulent attack on the European Club of Life, from the U.S.A. That attack came to Europe, relayed via France, from across the Atlantic, an attack directed by the gnostic circles of my then-avowed political adversary, the dubious Heritage Foundation's Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Daniel P. Graham. The attack came from circles associated with a Father Paul Marx and Christendom College in Northern Virginia.<sup>2</sup> The leaders of this attack included the same culpable circles which the northern Virginia component of the so-called Christian Coalition represented, a decade later, in 1994.

The occasions for my shock and disgust at the gnostic duplicity of that Christian Coalition consortium, did not end in Summer 1994. I was startled once again, this time, when later, continuing investigations, produced more details of the formation of the original Christian Coalition's alliance, between, on the one side, the like of right-wing, pro-Carlist, and also even *sede vacante* gnostics, and prominent figures of the American Enterprise Institute; and, on the other, some of the varieties of Protestantism associated with the Ku Klux Klan-rooted tradition of Harvard Professor William Yandell Elliott's Fugitives, the Nashville Agrarians.

Today, under the presently ominous conditions in the world at large, the unwholesome, pro-war alliance of those same, traditionally anti-Semitic, right-wing, nominally Catholic and Protestant varieties of gnostic sects, has been allied with the type of pro-fascist Jews found among contemporary followers of the avowed fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky. The continuing alliance of that assortment of traditional anti-Semites with Jews who have wandered into the fascist tradition of the Colonel Zubatov's and Benito Mussolini's Vladimir Jabotinsky, was and remains ugly, but should no longer be surprising

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2. From no later than Summer 1982, Graham had been a vigorously vocal opponent of my continuing campaign for what President Ronald Reagan was later to announce as his "Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)" proffer to the Soviet Union, the development of defensive systems based on "new physical principles." At that time, Graham, the same who carried the burden of his incompetent pre-assessment of the Vietnam "Tet Offensive's" potential, was violently opposed to development of "new physical principles," and peddled an obsolete, early 1960s design for interceptor rocketry, as part of his advocacy of a pseudo-scientific "High Frontier" dogma. Graham extended his continuing public attacks on me, after October 1982, to include his targetting of Dr. Edward Teller on similar pretexts. Later, by the beginning of April 1983, Graham, an agent of the nest of utopians called the Heritage Foundation, was presenting himself as the intellectual author of the SDI. Later the same year, Graham was caught by me, and by Edward Teller, in publishing a fraudulent cropping of a letter by Teller on this object. Graham later died, but his role in the matters indicated here, lives on to haunt his memory, and the circles of Christendom College today.

to those who recall avowed fascist Jabotinsky's unsuccessful proffers to Adolf Hitler. The flagrantly paradoxical hypocrisy of this gnostic alliance, is one of the more significant investigative leads for understanding its current role as a leading promoter of snarling Vice-President Dick Cheney's "universal fascism."<sup>3</sup>

When the case of "President of Vice" Cheney is situated so, we are obliged to take into account the fact, that the assembling of this aggregation of sundry varieties of U.S. fascists, which he and his wife, Lynne Cheney, typify within the United States today, has a foreign origin. These gnostics are a product of an international network, whose U.S. component was built around an internationally influential protégé of Chicago University's then President and Bertrand Russell accomplice, Robert M. Hutchins. That protégé of both Hutchins and Germany's pro-Nazi Carl Schmitt, was the late Professor Leo Strauss (1899-1973), who remains a central figure of today's international fascist movement.<sup>4</sup> When intelligent citizens

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3. As an creditable expert in relevant features of strategic counterintelligence, I am often, repeatedly startled to similar effect. Competent analysts abhor the typical neurotic's ego-driven impulse to delude himself, or herself, into assuming that one already knows the answer to every investigative paradox with finality. Often, the experienced analyst will recognize the short-term implications of a situation quickly. However, even the best (and, on performance, I have a long-standing record as among the most successful) will sometimes require years of careful further study of a case, such as my 1979-2002 encounters with that "Christian Coalition," to get even close to the proverbial "bottom line." Take two cases of individuals who continued to operate for years inside my association, who proved to be agents recruited by outside, adversarial interests, Laurent Murawiec and Fernando Quijano. Murawiec was operating as an agent of I. Lewis Libby's notorious client Marc Rich's operations from late 1985. At about that time, in 1986, I warned my associates of clear evidence that he represented some kind of counter-intelligence problem, but it was several years later that I, personally, gained proof in hand, that Murawiec had been acting as an agent of his Marc Rich connections. I had defined Quijano, already in 1979, as a person whose neurotic instabilities required watching. In January 1982, my concern was increased, with very good cause; but, there was no evidence of anything more on his part than might be attributed to a neurotic's obsession. It was only at a 1990 conference that he openly exposed himself indelibly as an agent of certain fascist interests, interests associated with pro-Carlist circles including the gnostics around Christendom College. As in the case of the corrupt Christian Coalition, as in science, one must take precautionary action on account of clear evidence, but never leap to conclusions beyond what the evidence requires. Therefore, I continue to expect to be startled, similarly, by numerous future cases. The rule in investigations, is: the most knowledgeable man is the one who is keenly aware of what he has yet to discover.

4. On Leo Strauss and his cult, see *The Children of Satan*, www.-LaRouchein2004.com, April 2003. Hutchins and Bertrand Russell were leading figures in the founding of the pseudo-scientific "Unification of the Sciences" cult, an association, now linked with the Moon sect, which surfaced at that 1938 University of Pennsylvania conference during which the subsequent influence of a Russell-endorsed version of "linguistics," that of Karl Korsch and Rudolf Carnap, was launched. Most notably, Russell, together with H.G. Wells of "Things to Come" notoriety, was the principal organizer of that utopian strategic doctrine of world government through preventive nuclear war, a doctrine which was expressed in the 1946 bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Strauss's Chicken-hawks, including Paul Wolfowitz's mentor, the late Albert Wohlstetter of RAND Corporation, are a subsumed





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include the role of Hutchins’ Strauss in their investigations, what they are impelled to investigate, is, in summary, the following:

*In a time when leaders of authentic branches of religious bodies are converging in ecumenical denunciation of Vice-President Dick “Svengali” Cheney’s deploying President George “Trilby” Bush into their intended launching of what some of Cheney’s henchmen have named “World War IV,” we see the fascist, “Chickenhawk” followers of Leo Strauss’s follower, Cheney, using queer religions, just as the Roman Emperors used their control over the imperial Pantheon, as an included mind-control mechanism, both over President Bush himself, and for binding together selected elements of the pro-fascist rubbish which had been discarded by all decent currents of the world’s religious beliefs.*

My associates and I investigated this pantheistic aspect of the problem. The following are the relevant findings on the relevant, specific mechanisms involved in the role of gnostic religious cults, as religious cults, in the Leo Strauss network’s control over Vice-President and puppet-master Dick Cheney.

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outgrowth of Russell’s and Wells’ roles as the joint mother of the U.S.A.’s utopian, nuclear preventive war faction. See, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., “How Bertrand Russell Became An Evil Man,” *Fidelio*, Fall 1994. The Leo Strauss lackey-network, of academically hatched political “Leporellos,” is a leading subsidiary feature of the larger array of an international, so-called nuclear-utopian network, the so-called “military-industrial complex” featuring George Shultz’s Bechtel and Dick Cheney’s Halliburton as included elements. This “complex” was first built up, over the 1928-1946 interval, around H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell and Russell’s collection of Hungarian exiles, such as Leo Szilard, Eugene Wigner, John von Neumann, et al.

In other words: What are the psychological mechanisms by means of which persons may be transformed into perverts such as the followers of Professor Leo Strauss? How might we understand, and therefore deal more effectively with the recent spread of such homicidal mental disorders?

The tell-tale ironical feature of the Ashcroft-Cheney-Rumsfeld alliance inside the government of George W. Bush, Jr., is, as already indicated here, the political affinity shown between wild-eyed “fundamentalist” gnostics, a traditional hot-bed of Ku Klux Klan-leaning anti-Semitism, all combined with fascist, self-styled Zionist Jews who have been drawn largely from backgrounds as formerly Trotskyist and similar strains of devout atheists. The inclusion of right-wing professed Catholics from among Pope John Paul II’s political-philosophical adversaries, such as AEI’s Michael Novak, thus reflects an array of elements which is specifically pantheistic, rather than either an ecumenical association, or a case of differing religious bodies brought together by some respectable secular principle. That intrinsically fascist pantheistic principle as such, serves as the common ideological glue which, as this report shows, sticks the elements of such a cult together like the rubble of a caddis-fly larva’s pupation, or, perhaps, more like the subsuming principle of organization of a slime-mold.

## They Stick Together

The pantheistic underpinning showing under the skirts of Cheney’s leading co-thinkers, reflects the group’s proximate origins in the continuing efforts to build up a “world religion,” as H.G. Wells’ Hitler-admiring circles within “Moral Re-Armament” sought to do. We are confronted, thus, as the ranting public addresses of Rumsfeld and Cheney show, by an important, ominous, pantheistic expression of George Orwell’s real-life “Big Brother” stalking civilization

today.<sup>5</sup> It is therefore urgent, for me and the readers, that the pro-fascist characteristics of certain such forms of gnostic belief become much more widely understood than has been the case during the recent four decades.<sup>6</sup>

A careful consideration of both this and related evidence, shows that the explicitly fascist imperial policies of the Vice-President and his Leo-Straussian Chicken-hawks, represent, like the published writings of Samuel P. Huntington, and like the proposed “Revolution in Military Affairs” generally, a dedication to a specifically neo-Roman world empire of an International-Waffen-SS-modelled “universal fascism.” This is a kind of empire best characterized by the top-down parody of the role of the Pantheon, and Caesar as Pontifex Maximus, under the original Roman Empire. Thus, we have that contrasting reaction to Cheney’s gang which is expressed as the virtually instinctive opposition by traditional religious faiths to that internationally outlawed “preventive war” doctrine which Cheney has foisted upon President Bush. The hard core of the mass-based element of support for the utopian design for such warfare, has been supplied by an array of that kind of half-witted, pro-fascist varieties of nominally Christian and Jewish cults which I have described above.

This, the leading popular base of the utopian Chicken-hawk plotters, reflects the cult’s common feature; such are the Romanticist elements of populist support for a present-day imperial pantheon. This is a pantheon whose virtually Satanic (i.e., Hegelian-Nietzschean, Dionysian) instinct, is toward the included aims of repression of each and all of the civilized, competing varieties of religious bodies among Christian, Jew, Muslim, and others.<sup>7</sup>

Many citizens’ response to factual reports of actual schemes such as those which I have just described, has been an hysterically defensive, simple-minded, and usually irrelevant set of objections. Notably, these include objections which were colored by explosions of hysteria from among those citizens and adolescents, who wrote to me, with words to the effect: “Don’t talk to me about your principles. All that I wish to hear from you, is: Where do you stand on that list of issues of this [e.g., 2004, U.S.A.] election campaign”—which were probably one among those boiler-plated lists passed out, with the Ritalin, by some teachers at a local secondary school.

Therefore, the central mission of this present report, is to put on the public record what that citizen actually needs to know about the essential facts. The citizen must be inoculated

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5. Cf. Laurence Hecht, “The Moonification of the Sciences,” *21st Century Science & Technology*, Winter 2002-2003. Note that Leo Strauss, in addition to Professor Elliott’s fellow Fugitives, emphasized the use of wildly gnostic, so-called “fundamentalist” and other forms of synthetic religious cults for building up fascist movements.

6. Cf. Herbert George Wells, *The Open Conspiracy: Blueprints for a World Revolution* (London: Victor Gollancz, 1928).

7. See noted comments on the relevance of Professor von der Heydte’s study of imperialism, and Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s related work, later, below.

against the sly influence of the deep psychological “mechanisms” through which weird religious cults have been used to create a special, pantheistic component of hard-core populists’ support for the fascist policies of “acting President” Dick Cheney.

Therefore, the challenge to be met in this report, is: When I receive a message of the form “Where do you stand on the issues?” from an adolescent or citizen, I must ask myself, “How does the writer of this message misdefine the practical meaning of the verb ‘to think’?” Therefore, since the citizen’s urgent need to learn to think adequately about such matters, is his relevant problem today, how shall I reply to him, or her? The dialogue which that question demands of me, runs more or less as follows from the preceding, prefatory statements. That reasoned, pedagogical form of reply, is the content of the following pages of this report.

For such, and other cases, I now turn, first, to the same argument, as to *the nature of truth*, which I have developed for the program of higher education prescribed for my original, Carl Gauss-centered design for the higher educational program of an international youth movement.<sup>8</sup> I shall explain the political relevance, for today’s world crisis, of that reference to the Gauss example, as a standpoint for a needed, deeper understanding of the axiomatic roots of Cheney-backed Satanism today. After that, I shall introduce and develop the pivotal point of relevance for understanding the motivation of today’s effort to establish a fascist imperial pantheism.

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## 1. Truth and Sanity: What Are They?

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In times prior to the mid-1960s “cultural-paradigm shift,” the most widely accepted approximation of a standard for truthfulness, was the commitment of a generation of parents to fostering a foreseeable kind of progress as a benefit to coming generations, such as their own children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, in the wake of the terrible psychological shocks produced within the population by the successive 1962 missiles-crisis and the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy,<sup>9</sup> this formerly traditional notion of a practical

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8. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., “Rumsfeld As ‘Strangelove II,’ ” in *The Children of Satan*, op. cit.

9. Notably, this pair of shocks should be compared with the fascist, “End of History” doctrine central both to G.W.F. Hegel’s theories of history and the state, and to the Dionysian “Superman” concept of Friedrich Nietzsche. Reading Strauss in light of his Russian-French partner, Paris-based Alexander Koye, impels us to recognize the importance of those two shocks to the young American’s mind at that time, and should impel us to reflect on the effects of the prolonged, 1964-72 war in Indo-China from the same vantage-point. These three shocks are of central importance for understanding the 1964-1972, existentialist cultural paradigm-shift among the trans-Atlantic “Baby Boomer” generation.



*Fascist University of Chicago professor Leo Strauss (top left); his notorious popularizer, Harvard's Allan Bloom (top right), mentor of Defense Under Secretary Paul Wolfowitz (bottom). "The explicitly fascist imperial policies of the Vice President and his Leo Straussian Chicken-hawks represent . . . a specifically neo-Roman world empire of an International-Waffen-SS-modelled universal fascism"*

The same corruption has been spread, in sometimes varying degrees of intensity, throughout the Americas, Europe, and as the infectious spread of neo-Malthusian ideologies into some leading circles of the former Soviet Union. This penetration of the Soviet leadership, was conducted via the Laxenberg, Austria International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), under guidance from Lord Kaldor's Cambridge systems-analysis circle, as into the Club of Rome and other non-Soviet conduits. The educational reform specified by Dr. Alexander King's 1963 Paris office of the OECD, has been a closely related, neo-Malthusian factor in the destruction of the productive mental powers of the people of other leading nations.

That same factor in cultural down-shift, has also been a principal contributing factor in bringing about the present, terminal phase of systemic economic collapse of the world's 1971-2003, floating-exchange-rate, monetary-financial system, as it did the earlier collapse of the Soviet Union.

This cultural decadence was not limited to the wild-eyed counterculture "drop-outs" of the 1964-1972 streets and campuses. Over the course of 1964-1981, most of an entire generation, among those entering adulthood during the 1964-1981 interval, were gradually drawn, even despite their own earlier reluctance,

principle of approximate personal immortality, and other, kindred, stricter notions of an idea of truthfulness, were overturned by the pro-existentialist youth movements which erupted to form "The Now Generation."

This post-1963 cultural degeneration within the so-called "Baby Boomer" generation, coincided with, and was greatly aggravated by the onset of that accelerating, 1964-2003 shift, from a producer-society culture, to today's disintegrating consumer-society culture. Since the beginning of the U.S. Indo-China war, that consumer-society culture, has taken over significant parts of the institutions and populations, increasingly. This has occurred in not only the U.S.A. and United Kingdom, but, notably, Australia, New Zealand, and other places.

into elements of the popular ideological decadence of a "Now Generation." This cultural degeneration of most among that entire stratum, was reenforced by a U.S.A.-led slide into a world-parasitical form of post-industrial society, a society which echoed the decadence of the ancient Roman Empire, in the common dependence of an ancient Rome and a contemporary U.S.A., upon their respective imperial powers to loot the natural resources and cheap labor of less fortunate nations.

The notable cultural outcome of that cultural degeneration of the so-called "Baby Boomers,"<sup>10</sup> is the prevalence of their relative moral indifference to the fact that their own "Now

10. Or, in France, "Bobos".

Generation,” with its support for HMO policy and similarly morally despicable demographic measures, has greedily dumped the generation of its aging parents into accelerated rates of mortality, and also dumped its own now-maturing children onto the rubble-heap of a “No Future Generation.”

The resulting break in what had been formerly the normal moral relationship among successive generations, uprooted the pragmatic approximation of a trans-generational standard of truthfulness which had predominated in the U.S.A. and elsewhere prior to the mid-1960s eruption of the pro-existentialist youth-counterculture. Under such pathetic conditions, popular forms of tradition fail. Reliance upon mere opinion—popular, mass media, academic, and other—becomes deadly to mankind. The generation-spanning break in the earlier continuity of European civilization’s post-“New Dark Age,” post-1648 Treaty of Westphalia culture, allows the victims of today’s “No Future Generation” no available path of escape from global tragedy to sanity, but a mooring in a sublime, rigorously experimental-scientific notion of truth as such.

In that circumstance, the spread of lunatic, pro-fascist forms of religious and quasi-religious cults, as typified by the lunatic cults of Leo Strauss’s followers, demands that a strict sense of the certainty of truth must be developed, not only to neutralize the frauds of Strauss, Allan Bloom, and their followers, but as an essential part of the task of leading society back to safer political-economic ground. What people believe, however “sincerely,” or “independently,” is not an acceptable substitute for a body of truth meeting the tests of experimental-scientific or kindred certainty.

It were almost impossible to bring a new adult generation to an understanding of those political issues of pathological religious belief referenced above, without first grounding the investigation in the issues of truthfulness which are posed most efficiently by Plato’s collection of Socratic dialogues.<sup>11</sup> I have judged the pedagogically most efficient starting-point for such a revival of Classical studies, to be the examining of Gauss’s original, 1799 solution for defining the fundamental theorem of algebra from the comparative standpoint of pre-Euclidean, Classical Greek physical geometry.<sup>12</sup>

It is important to emphasize here, once again, that what young Carl Gauss did, from that opening phase of his life’s professional work, was to show many of the most accomplished minds of Nineteenth-Century science how to think

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11. These are, in fact, also Classical spiritual exercises. I explain that use of “spiritual” below.

12. When the “interpretation” of Plato’s dialogues is referenced to the method used there to prompt the generation of hypotheses corroborated experimentally as universal physical principles, no margin is left for doubting the fraudulent character of the modern reading of Plato by Leo Strauss, et al. Hence, the importance of my choice of Gauss’s 1799 exposure of the frauds of the empiricist ideologues Euler, Lagrange, et al. as an exercise in knowledge of the principle of truth. The direct link of Gauss’s argument to the ancient Archytas, Plato, et al., conveys the relevant notion of truthfulness as a universal quality of knowing.

about thinking itself.<sup>13</sup> As I shall show in the second part of this report, this pertains not only to topics of mathematical physics, but all areas of thought.

In Gauss’s 1799 paper on the systemic follies of the passionately reductionist, anti-Leibniz ideologues Euler and Lagrange, he showed how to think about matters of science, as modern science had been defined for Eighteenth-Century Europe, and today, by a Fifteenth-Century revival of the Classical Greek tradition of constructive geometry. The early effects of this revival of science by modern Europe, is typified by the accomplishments of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, Cusa’s follower Leonardo da Vinci, Cusa’s and Leonardo’s follower Johannes Kepler, and their followers such as Gottfried Leibniz.<sup>14</sup> Gauss himself had been educated in this tradition of Cusa through Leibniz, by one his own two principal teachers, Abraham Kästner. Kästner was the originator of that modern concept of the Classical anti-Euclidean geometry followed by Gauss, Bernhard Riemann, and others, including Albert Einstein at a later point in the latter’s life.<sup>15</sup>

### The Ancient Roots of Lying About Science

However, there was, and is, still today, a widespread, erroneous, clinically pathological view of science, opposed to the benchmarks set by such as Plato and Gauss. At a point in ancient Greek science after the pioneering work of the Pythagoreans and Plato had been accomplished, there was an effort, as by the method of *Euclid’s Elements*, to sterilize the accomplishments of the Classical Greek physical geometry of Plato and his Academy, into deduction-ridden inertness.

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13. And also his doctoral dissertation on the fundamentals of arithmetic.

14. The two crucial turning-points upward in the leading, mid-Fifteenth-Century role of Nicholas of Cusa, are his *Concordantia Catholica* and *De Docta Ignorantia*. The first work defined the basis for an ecumenical community of principle among sovereign nation-states; the second, was Cusa’s original work introducing those principles of modern experimental science expressed by such of his avowed followers as Leonardo da Vinci and Johannes Kepler.

15. Abraham G. Kästner (1719-1800) was one of the giants of that German Eighteenth-Century Classical renaissance which produced such giants of modern history, in mathematics, poetry, drama, and history, as Haydn, Mozart, Lessing, Moses Mendelssohn, Goethe, Beethoven, Friedrich Schiller, Gauss, and the celebrated von Humboldt brothers. He was also a collaborator, and one-time host, of our own Benjamin Franklin. His mathematics output was mammoth in itself, from his 1758 *Anfangsgründe der Geometrie, eben und sphärischen Trigonometrie und Perspective*, through his concluding, four-volume (1800) *Geschichte der Mathematik*. Unfortunately for modern mathematics education, this crucial teacher of Gauss fell victim to the circumstances of Napoleon Bonaparte’s adoption of Gauss’s victim Lagrange. The nature and motive for the gossip against Kästner is clearly indicated by a tell-tale sort of scurrilous libel included in the introduction to a 1970 reprint edition of Kästner’s *Geschichte der Mathematik*: “Dazu trat die erstaunliche Abwehr gegen die Hochleistungen der führenden Mathematiker in der zweiten Hälfte des 18. Jahrhunderts wie die Leonhard Eulers (1707-1783), Jean-Baptiste le Rond d’Alembert (1717-1783), Joseph Louis Lagrange (1736 bis 1813) und Pierre Simon Laplace (1749-1829).”

This has been the role of the “ivory tower” methods associated today with *Euclid’s Elements*. The modern founding of a “Euclid for Dummies” campaign came much later, in modern times, in the form of empiricism, as introduced by Venice’s tyrant Paolo Sarpi and his lackey Galileo Galilei. The impact of Galileo’s empiricism prepared the way for what is known as Cartesianism, and for Isaac Newton’s influence. These represent a reductionist form of mathematical approach to childish interpretations of mere phenomena. The pivotal outcome of this factional current of decadence in that ideological current of Seventeenth-Century mathematics, is summarily revealed in the anti-scientific folly of the silly slogan affixed as a motto to poor Isaac Newton’s *Principia*: “I do not make hypotheses.”

The modern approach to crafting and spreading of lunatic, designer forms of religious cults akin to the Roman imperial Pantheon, has depended for its influence, chiefly, on applying the empiricism of Sarpi, Galileo, Descartes, and Newton to the domain of religious belief. The case of Jonathan Edwards and his imitations in North American history to date, is among the notable examples of the kinds of religious disorders of the syncretist, pantheonic type which are found among wild-eyed “revivalists” in the U.S.A. today. Consider the summary, in Section 2 of this report, of the way in which such individual pantheonic cults are constructed; and then consider the way in which the conflicts provoked by such cults are employed, to secure imperial control over the collection of groups represented by the pantheon as a whole. At this point, in the present section, we emphasize the way in which the same kinds of corrupting mechanisms are deployed into the domain of mathematical physics.

The essentially pathetic assumption common to reductionist ideologies, is that they insist, fanatically, on limiting the possibility of any actual knowledge by human individuals, to what is sometimes called “horse sense,” the domain of sense-perception itself. So, the empiricist type, such as D’Alembert, Euler, Lagrange, Laplace, Cauchy, et al., bases his, or her interpretations of sense-perception on a arbitrary set of dream-world (“ivory tower”) fantasies, such as the arbitrary set of definitions, axioms, and postulates of Euclid, Galileo, or the Cartesians. That fantasy-world is to be contrasted to the real world, which is discovered by means of that principle of experimental demonstration by construction, which is characteristic of the Classical Greek legacy of the Pythagoreans, Plato, Archimedes, and the Platonic Academy continued by the work of Eratosthenes.<sup>16</sup>

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16. It should be noted here, that, as the work of Philo Judaeus and the Apostle Paul attest, the Classical Greek legacy expressed by Plato is an included root feature of the Mosaic Judaism of Philo and Philo’s Christian collaborator against the Roman Emperor, the Apostle Peter. Hence, the crucial significance of Plato’s *Timaeus* for Christian theology. “European civilization” means, essentially, in short, the unfolding of the ecumenical legacy of Classical Greece for Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

The founding of competent forms of the modern, experiment physical science of measurement, is exemplified, as I have already indicated, by Brunelleschi, Nicholas of Cusa, Leonardo da Vinci, Kepler, and Leibniz. This Fifteenth-Century Renaissance, which was the definitive revival of Europe from the centuries-long nightmare of Romanticism, was given a stated axiomatic basis by Cusa, taking its starting-point from the work of Plato and his Academy. As Gauss’s teacher, and Benjamin Franklin ally Abraham Kästner insisted, competent scientific practice must proceed from the pre-Euclid, *anti-Euclidean* standpoint typified by the Pythagoreans Archytas and Plato. The required, explicitly anti-Euclidean form of modern physical geometry, which emerged, most notably, from the successive, scientific-revolutionary achievements of Kepler and Leibniz, was developed, chiefly, successively, by Carl Gauss and Bernhard Riemann.

The most notable of the common features of competent forms of Classical Greek and modern physical science, is that all arbitrary definitions, axioms, and postulates are outlawed, as Riemann emphasizes, from the opening paragraph, onward, of his 1854 habilitation dissertation. As he emphasizes, showing the force of irony, in the concluding section of that dissertation, definitions of principle are a subject of physics, not today’s generally accepted classroom versions of ivory-tower mathematics. No principle may be asserted in mathematical physics, unless its universality is demonstrated by a quality of physical experiment uniquely qualified to be claimed as such proof.

This same distinction emphasized by Riemann, appears in Plato’s dialogues as a matter of the conception of *powers*, as Archytas’ constructed solution for the Delian paradox illustrates the expression of such *powers*, as does the relationship among the existences of lines, surfaces, and solids. This notion of *powers* is expressed most simply by a constructive geometry of elementarily spherical (in rejection of axiomatically linear) action. That elementarily spherical domain appears in modern mathematical physics as the so-called complex domain of Gaussian algebra; that corrected view of algebra, throwing out the empiricist, ivory-tower fundamentalism of the ideological fanatics Euler and Lagrange, is the beginning-point, in constructive physical geometry, for the modern, Riemannian expression of the notion of experimentally defined *universal physical principles*.

The underlying, characteristic distinction common to both morally corrupt practice of taught science and lurid religious cults, as Gauss and Riemann emphasized the nature of that error, lies in the substitution of arbitrary doctrines, such as Euclidean definitions, axioms, and postulates, for those qualities of experimentally validated notions of universal physical principles, which are consistent with Plato’s use of the term *powers*. As in Plato’s *Theaetetus*. Plato’s use of the notion of *powers* coheres with Johannes Kepler’s use of *intention*, as in Kepler’s *The New Astronomy*, to indicate

an efficiently acting *universal physical principle* of gravitation. The same notion of *powers*, or causal *intention*, is consistent with the experimentally demonstrated notion of an efficient *universal physical principle* of quickest time (i.e., *universal least action*) as developed successively by Fermat, Huyghens, Leibniz, and Bernoulli.<sup>17</sup>

In the relatively less extreme versions of the pathological varieties of present-day classroom representations of science—such as the empiricism infecting present-day mathematical physics in general, Cartesianism, or logical positivism—the so-called “ivory tower,” or “self-evident” definitions, axioms, postulates, etc., are introduced as substitutes for, and contrary to experimentally defined universal physical principles, as Gauss points out this corruption in the method of D’Alembert, Euler, and Lagrange. Much worse, is the use of the more frankly lunatic varieties of allegedly “self-evident principles,” such as “free trade,” of the social theory of the varieties of Hobbes, Locke, Mandeville, Quesnay, Hume, Adam Smith, and Jeremy Bentham, and religious cults of the type found among so-called “fundamentalists” following the paw-prints of such precedents as the Manicheans, Cathars, and Jonathan Edwards’ “revival” orgies. Both varieties of pseudo-science—both “ivory tower” mathematical physics, and deluded forms of social theory and religious belief—while somewhat distinct from one another, have a common, deeply underlying root.<sup>18</sup> That connection is a topic of pivotal importance for the subject of this report.

Therefore, now, in this concluding portion of Section 1, take the case of Cartesian geometry as a typical pseudo-science, and, at a later point, in Section 2, compare, successively, such extremely lunatic expressions of empiricist pathologies as that of Locke, Quesnay, Mandeville, Hume, and Adam Smith’s “free trade” dogma. Within the latter area of investigations we encounter the general case for the component beliefs of a paganist pantheon such as that of the Straussians.

## Leibniz vs. Descartes and Locke

We now proceed to settle accounts with the Cartesian ideology in mathematical physics, before turning to the hairier varieties of the same empiricist species found squatting in such squalid refuges as most sociology and philosophy departments, too many churches, and any pantheon.

The characteristic peculiarity of the use of an “ivory tower” substitute for constructive physical geometry, a substitute such as Descartes’, has two principal features.

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17. Kepler, *The New Astronomy* (1609), William H. Donahue trans. (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 1992). In Leibniz’s hands, “quickest time” were better named the catenary-cued principle of “universal least action.”

18. The apparent, but essentially superficial difference between the two is located in what C.P. Snow referenced as the “two cultures” division within contemporary academic and related professional life. More on this below.

- First, it assumes, arbitrarily, that there is a simple one-for-one correspondence between the real universe and sense-perception.

- Second, it assumes, as Immanuel Kant did, that the universe portrayed explicitly by a reductionist’s statistical interpretation of sense-perception, is the limit of actual human knowledge of the physical universe “outside our skins.” As we shall address this below, that is the assumption which opens the gateway to lunacy and lies.<sup>19</sup>

Therefore, the Cartesian, or a similarly deluded person, assumes that the physical universe is self-evidently a matter of objects moving within a false, axiomatically linear set of definitions of space and time.

What is, in fact, claimed for the “self-evident” definitions, axioms, and postulates of a Cartesian geometry, is that these arbitrary assumptions are a very crude sort of philosophical materialism, one in correspondence with a naive, beast-like view of sense-perception. Thus, for the radical sort of reductionist, mathematical physics is ultimately reducible to a kind of statistics of *deductively interpreted* sense-impressions. Hence, the pathetic outburst by Isaac Newton: “I do not make hypotheses.”<sup>20</sup>

In fact, contrary to the deepest conviction of the formal materialists in general, and sundry varieties of empiricists, our senses, however necessary, are nonetheless merely functions of our biological organism. What we sense, is not the world outside those organs, but, rather, the shadows of the reaction of those senses to something not sensed, but which is, nonetheless, acting efficiently upon those sense-organs. The trick we must master, if we are not to be classed among the monkeys, is: How can we discover those efficient, unsensed principles, which govern the ordering of the shadow-like effects projected upon the screen we know as sense-perception?<sup>21</sup> *The distinctive function of the human mental processes, is the task of discovering an unseen means by which man can act to willfully control the sensed cause-effect relationship within that reality whose shadowy reflection has been perceived.* Here, the genius of Thales, Pythagoras, Plato, and Gauss, shows itself according to the principle of

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19. As Jaspers and Hannah Arendt emphasized, their Nazi-like denial of the existence of knowable truth, was adopted from the central, anti-Leibniz theme of Kant’s series of *Critiques*. The same is explicitly the central feature of the doctrine of government by mandatory lying which Leo Strauss bequeathed to Cheney and Rumsfeld.

20. This is the adopted authority for the fraudulent demand that physical science limit itself to results consistent with a pro-Cartesian form of “generally accepted (as by waving of hands at the blackboard) classroom mathematics”—axiomatically reductionist mathematics. Hence, through a kind of Babylonian priesthood represented by typical peer-review committees, not only theses, but careers in science are subjected to the mercies of reductionist charlatans.

21. E.g., Plato’s parable of the “Cave.”

Socratic *hypothesis*, as shown by Plato.

These *hypotheses* are produced as the mind's response to ontological paradoxes experienced within the bounds of the individual's assumptions concerning the way in which "the world outside sense-perception" is not only ordered, but may be willfully controlled. The able mind responds to that challenge of paradox by generating proposed solutions, which, if successful, will restore man's intentional, efficient control over the kind of perceived process which has presented that paradox. Hypotheses which meet that experimental test for their relative universality, are known by Plato to be *powers*, or, in other words, as universal physical principles. These are expressions of those powers whose reflection those empiricist fanatics, Euler and Lagrange, insist is *only imaginary*.

Take as an illustration, the case of Kepler's detailed report of the prolonged process of his discovery of universal gravitation. Three sets of paradoxical observed phenomena were crucial for Kepler's famous discovery. First, Kepler's more refined, normalized measurement of astronomical observations, showed that the orbit of Mars, which had been estimated less exactly by Tycho Brahe, was elliptical, rather than a product of circular trajectories. Second, the Sun was located at one of the two foci of that ellipse. Third, the lawful motion of the planet in its orbit was constantly non-uniform. This, Kepler recognized, showed Aristotle's method to have been incompetent: the Solar System was not controlled by a constant, simple, merely "ivory tower" principle introduced *a priori*, but by *a principle of constant change*, the discovery of which prompted Kepler to assign to "future mathematicians" both the mastery of elliptical functions, and the discovery of what later proved to be Leibniz's infinitesimal calculus of universal physical least action.

The point may be fairly restated as follows.

The Solar orbits are not simply predetermined, as Ptolemy, Copernicus, and Brahe erred on this point. The orbits were being determined by an ostensibly "external," unseen *power*. The proof of Kepler's discoveries in astrophysics, which was permanently settled by Carl Gauss's treatment of the Asteroid belt, is thus a conclusive refutation of the elementary assumptions of all empiricist method.<sup>22</sup> Similar, is the result of the successive steps, by Fermat, Huyghens, Leibniz, and Bernouilli, overturning the empiricist's ivory-tower assumption, that action follows a minimum pathway of shortest ("straight line") distance, by the proof that the pathway is one of quickest time (i.e., physical least action).

Insofar as Plato's dialogues are focussed on paradoxes presented in the course of man's attempted control over the real universe beyond his sense-perceptions, science rejects all reductionist types of definitions, axioms, and postulates, such

as those of Euclid or Descartes, as false to reality. Classical Greek science since Pythagoras, located the issues of mathematical-physical method in "spherics," a term which the Pythagoreans, such as Archytas, associated with the practice of astronomy, as Kepler and Gauss did in modern times. So, as the doubling of the square and cube imply this principle, the uniqueness of the generation of the five Platonic solids, defines mathematics as rooted in a constructive view of action revealed by experimentally replicated, systemic forms of deviations from simply spherical forms of universal action, rather than linear, statistical extension. So, Kepler discovered the principle of universal gravitation as expressed by the Sun and its system.

For example: Studies of ancient astronomical calendars, including some whose internal evidence shows them to have been of pre-historic vintage, led mankind to such ancient Greek work as that of Thales and Pythagoras. Some of these pre-Greek calendars, such as those inhering in the design of Egypt's Great Pyramids, or the ancient Vedic hymns, show a stunning degree of mastery, by some prehistoric cultures, in meeting the challenge of normalizing observations of, and adducing cycles, such as the equinoctial and much longer cycles, in celestial phenomena. The point I wish to emphasize, is the absurdity of assuming that physical science's evolutionary development proceeded from *a priori* definitions of point and straight line; rather, to see the matter as the surviving communications from the Pythagoreans imply, a corrected *Euclid's Elements* should begin with the matters of the Tenth through Thirteenth books, and present all without any resort to *a priori* ("ivory tower") sorts of definitions, axioms, and postulates, as Benjamin Franklin's collaborator, Kästner, demanded.

Obviously, the reductionist standpoint, as imposed arbitrarily on mathematical physics, is neither a product of honest ignorance of uncultured people, nor an accidental error. It is a lie: not a simple lie, but, like Nazism and the doctrine of the followers of Professor Leo Strauss, a monstrous lie, *a systemic lie*.

The notion of *powers*, as this is illustrated by Plato, signifies the power to reach out to a discoverable universal *principle* existing beyond the reach of sense-perception, and by that means, to impose successfully, by action so informed, our will to change the order among observed phenomena. The function of modern microphysics, as typified by Max Planck's actual ("anti-Machian") definition of the quantum of action, is a dramatic modern demonstration of Plato's notion of the principle of *powers*. Gravitation, as defined by Kepler, as a universal physical principle of *intention*, is a notion of such a power of constant change: *God's intention*.

Briefly, then, the following provisional point.

As Plato's "Cave" allegory illustrates the argument, science shows that the world of sense-perception is a world of mere shadows of an efficiently real world, one not directly "visible" to our senses. It is only through our uniquely human

22. Cf. Jonathan Tennenbaum and Bruce Director, "How Gauss Determined the Orbit of Ceres," *Fidelio*, Summer 1998.

ability to change the behavior of the shadow-world by willful means (powers) not accessible to perception, that we know with certainty that the real, unseen world exists as a subject of human knowledge.

Therefore, competent science would never attempt to adduce from the powers of perception itself, that real universe whose efficiently controlling powers govern the mere sensory appearances of the shadow world. The kinds of “ivory tower” definitions, axioms, and postulates associated with Euclidean, rather than constructive geometry, or with the empiricist notion of action at a distance, are attempts to explain observed behavior of the shadow-world in terms of arbitrary assumptions (e.g., definitions, axioms, and postulates) which may appear to be “self-evident” only because they do not appear to contradict the assumption that the shadow-world is the real world. Therefore, any demonstration of our willful power to change the shadow-world by actions invisible to that world, already suffices to prove an absurdity inhering in the reductionist’s “ivory tower” assumptions. Thus, even as if by definition, the reductionist’s assumptions are inherently false to reality.

Consequently, the continuation of the work of Gauss on the notions of curvature, led Riemann to eradicate all reductionist definitions, axioms, and postulates, and to replace these with those experimentally defined universal physical principles, Platonic powers, which determine action within that unsensed real universe which is reflected to us as the shadow-world of sense-perception.

As I shall show in the following section of this report. The same is true for the reductionist approaches to social theory and religion, topics which are focussed upon the nature of man, rather than the domain of non-living processes.

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## 2. The Prometheus Principle and Human Nature

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The underlying motive of the systemic lying by the reductionists, should become obvious, if we paused to think about the matter in a serious way. That lie, once recognized, is the key to understanding the leading problems of real politics in all known history of, at the least, Europe and the adjoining region, until now. The motive for that lie, is the subject of ancient Classical tragedian Aeschylus’ *Prometheus Bound*. It is the same motive behind the desperate lying about Plato, and many other subjects, by Leo “Leporello” Strauss and his kind.

In the known evidence of the history of mankind, until the Fifteenth-Century-Renaissance beginnings of the modern nation-state republic, all presently known societies were premised on the hunting and killing, or herding, breeding, and culling, of masses of dumbed-down human cattle, under the rule of a relatively few oligarchs and their relevant packs of

lackeys.<sup>23</sup> The essential feature of that ancient practice is the setting for the Prometheus theme treated by Aeschylus.

Today, the aim of strategic policies such as those of the associates of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, is toward the rapid reduction of the condition of most of the world’s people to something comparable to an imperial flock of human cattle, cattle variously herded, hunted, and culled by the fascist gangs like the ancient legions of imperial Rome—legions deployed, according to the “Revolution in Military Affairs,” on behalf of predatory oligarchical interests. The present-day imitators of the evil Thrasymachus, typified by the always morally degenerate followers of the late Professor Leo Strauss,<sup>24</sup> represent an attempted resurrection of the pre-civilized tradition of oligarchical rule, expressed as the slaughters and herdings of the mass of people who have been degraded to the status of human cattle. In short, as we shall see, Dick Cheney and his Chickenhawks are just as much fascists as that modern Caesar, Adolf Hitler.

Now, that said to set the stage, back to the ancient Greece of Aeschylus’ *Prometheus Bound*.

If we exclude the case of the Egyptian goddess known, in Greece, as Athena, the Olympian pantheon is a tyrannical oligarchy which the ancient Sicilian chronicler of Roman times, Diodorus Siculus, attributes to the outcome of a revolt of the sons of a local ruler’s concubine, Olympia, within an Atlantic maritime culture’s colony settled among the Berbers, in the Atlas region of North Africa. Diodorus’ account, a chronicle whose content he attributes chiefly to the oral tradition of the Berbers of his own time, coincides in a crucial degree with Plato’s famous, earlier account, as in the *Timaeus*, of events dating from the great-flooding phase of the melting of the northern hemisphere’s glaciation. Aeschylus’ account, in *Prometheus Bound*, is in implicitly crucial, independent, systemic agreement with the characteristics of the known history of mankind from times prior to the Fifteenth-Century Renaissance.

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23. Cf. Friedrich August Freiherr von der Heydte, *Die Geburtstunde des Souveränen Staates* (Regensburg: Druck u. Verlag Josef Habel, 1952). Helga Zepp-LaRouche has clarified the distinctions and connections between von der Heydte’s struggle for the emergence of the sovereign state prior to modern history, and the Fifteenth-Century emergence of the modern sovereign nation-state in the setting and aftermath of the great ecumenical Council of Florence. The central relevance of von der Heydte’s work is the matter of freeing the nation-state from the yoke of the emperor’s monopoly on the power to define the law to which the individual nation was subjugated. Under imperial law, most of the population were, in fact, human cattle by law.

24. And Strauss’s collaborator, the synarchist Alexander Koyeve. The latter is notable for his emphasis on G.W.F. Hegel’s role as the founder of the elaborated fascist doctrine of the state and history. Hegel’s work on those subjects is to be read as echoes of his conversion into an admirer of the first modern fascist, Napoleon Bonaparte. Just as Hegel and his crony the Romantic Savigny are forerunners of Germany’s Carl Schmitt, Hegel is also the contemporary of Schopenhauer and forerunner of Friedrich Nietzsche and of the Adolf Dionysius-Hitler who met the Koyeve’s specifications for a Nietzschean “superman.”





In Plato's Republic dialogue, Thrasymachus argued "justice is the right of the stronger"; and that it consists of injuring your enemies, and helping your friends. "This movement has developed a specific type of pathological personality, as the wild public episodes of Cheney and Secretary Rumsfeld attest. . . . It is that thuggish type of personality, recalling the evil Thrasymachus character from Plato's Republic, which must be recognized, and diagnosed, as a precondition for any effort to understand the behavior of Cheney's fascist gang."

It is those factually indisputable features of the theme of *Prometheus Bound*, and of Goethe's and Shelley's heroic portrayals of the literary character of Prometheus, which bear, beyond competent objection, on the issue of scientific truthfulness as posed here in my present report.<sup>25</sup> The case of Prometheus, so situated, is key for understanding the motive expressed by such systemic frauds as modern empiricism in general, and the frauds central to the method employed by Descartes, John Locke, Adam Smith, Euler, Lagrange, et al., in particular.

In every known case, prior to the role of that great ecumenical Council of Florence which created the preconditions for establishing the first modern nation-state republics in Louis XI's France and Henry VII's England, the composition of all relevant known societies of note, was premised upon the tyranny of a ruling oligarchy and its retinues of lackeys. These regimes exerted their power over masses of humanity who were either hunted down as wild animals are, or herded, bred, and culled, as flocks of human cattle. It is the legacy of those types of barbaric tyrannies, as reflected in ancient Sparta, or in the great folly of Athens' Peloponnesian war, or in the ancient empires of Mesopotamia and Latin Rome, which typifies the cause of that relatively oppressed moral condition of mankind typified by Aeschylus' drama *Prometheus Bound*. This type of oligarchical system is key to discovering the source of such mind-destroying cults as those of empiricism in general, and Descartes, Locke, Adam Smith, Euler, and Lagrange in particular.

25. Goethe's poem, as set famously to song by Hugo Wolf later, was excerpted from an unfinished Goethe drama. Goethe's view complements Percy Bysshe Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*.

The outstanding significance of this implicitly sublime drama by Aeschylus, is its pervasively implicit emphasis on the specific power of the inseparable qualities of human freedom and knowledge.

Cattle let roam on the pastures for a few hours each day, remain cattle. Men living so, as cattle, are never truly free from the status of virtual cattle, a degraded status which they often, foolishly, bear with momentary pleasure and animal pride. The freedom of movement of the body, is important, but is of trivial importance relative to the award of the power of acquiring and applying knowledge by the individual human mind. Thus, Man's right to knowledgeable access to the use of fire, typifies the lawfully rightful human freedom of all persons. Therefore, "When Adam delved and Eve span," who, then, was the nobleman?

Such was the crime, and collective guilt of Prometheus' oppressors, the gods of the Olympian oligarchy.

It is, therefore, the virtually instinctive whim of the lackeys of the reigning oligarchical class, that the human cattle should remain content to live within the bounds of those sensory pleasures and pains appropriate for the nature of cattle, and should not be made discontented with their fate by being given knowledge of those human qualities of which they became self-deprived by such accustomed forms of induced stupidity.

Such systemically induced stupidity, is typified by modern empiricism in general, or by the assortment of lunatic religious cults to which I have referred at the opening of this report. The same view of "lower classes" as human cattle, is expressed by educational policies which aim at not educating the young "above their anticipated future adult station in life," or by entertainment chosen to make the entertained persons

content with a bestial form of the wiggle-room sought by ignorant and sordid mortal passions.

Such an induced, perverse, lackeys' instinct, is the underlying quality sought by Leo Strauss's game of lying, the game of playing those academic and other fools foolish enough to accept his offer to let them play the games of his Kabbalistic playing-field of lies, games for which the satanic Strauss and his insiders both define the field on which the fooled play, and prescribe the rules by which the assigned referees make their rules and cheat the fools.

In *Prometheus Bound*, the charge against Prometheus, is his alleged crime against the pagan Greek gods, the charge that Prometheus made scientific principles accessible to the practice of mortal human beings, thus freeing mankind from hopeless degradation, from a regime of "zero growth"—freeing men and women from the status of beasts, of hunted or herded human cattle.

Goethe's character Prometheus aptly expresses the issue. Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound* expresses a related argument. The concluding portion of Shelley's *In Defence of Poetry* pin-points the principle at issue: periods of history, during which "the [sublime] power of imparting and receiving profound and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature" is accelerated to the effect of making possible sweeping, beneficial changes in the general ordering of the human condition. In that essay, Shelley points to the way in which the Socratic dialectical principle is expressed in Classical poetry, by musical metaphor and related forms of paradoxical irony. The relevant quality in such poetry, is the expression of the same power of creative reason, the Platonic principle of hypothesis, expressed by discovery of universal physical principles, an act which expresses the essential distinction of man from, and absolutely above the beast.

What is that principle underlying that power of hypothesis to which Shelley refers in his way? Situate that question within the framework of geobiochemist Vladimir I. Vernadsky's conception of a *Noösphere*. What is that real-life difference between man and beast, which is the defining issue of the conflict between Prometheus and Zeus's pack of Olympian gods?

## What Is Man?

Nuclear scientist (among his other achievements) Vernadsky apportions the known processes of his universe among three categorical types of universal, implicitly multiply-connected phase-spaces: respectively, the non-living, living processes, and the human individual's *noëtic* (cognitive creative) powers. He does this from the standpoint of an extended notion of experimental physical chemistry, which he named geobiochemistry. That distinction among the abiotic, the living, and the *spiritual*, while of peculiar added importance to modern science, was, otherwise, already ancient. The addition of Vernadsky's discoveries to that earlier view of Plato, Luca Pacioli, Leonardo da Vinci, Kepler, et al., should

prompt us to think afresh about this set of connections, and to employ such knowledge in a new way.<sup>26</sup>

Although even my initial knowledge of this aspect of Vernadsky's work came more than a decade later than my own different, but coincident, original discoveries in the science of physical economy, Vernadsky's argument, when re-situated within the context of my own Riemannian insight into social-economic processes, has a greatly enhanced, practical potential for mankind today. It has a crucial, Promethean application within the scope of my treatment of the subject of imperial pantheism in this report.

Summarized most simply, there are physical states of nature which do not occur except as natural products of the intervention of living processes: the *Biosphere*; but there are also changes in the physical states of the Biosphere which occur only as natural products of an intervention by the *noëtic* (creative) powers uniquely specific to the human mind: the *Noösphere*. By *noëtic*, or creative, we must understand our intention to be promotion of the qualities of the generation of experimentally provable hypotheses, as hypotheses are defined by Plato, but denied by the empiricists, Kant, and others. These are the hypotheses by means of which the unseeable controlling powers of the real universe, become the subject of the knowing human will.

The type of hypotheses which have been our chief concern in this report thus far, are those whose experimental validation defines them as thoughts and actions equivalent to the act of discovery of a universal physical principle. These three phase-spaces are respectively distinct; but they are Riemannian, multiply-extended with respect to one another.

Thus, if society outlaws the experimental principle of hypothesis, as the empiricist Newton's motto claims to do, and as the Olympus of *Prometheus Bound* does, man is then degraded to a state of mind approximating the behavior of cattle, human cattle. That is precisely the effect, and intent of the reductionist doctrines of Sarpi, Galileo, Francis Bacon, Thomas Hobbes, René Descartes, John Locke, Isaac Newton, Bernard Mandeville, François Quesnay, David Hume, Adam Smith, Leonhard Euler, Jeremy Bentham, Lagrange, Immanuel Kant, Hegel, Laplace, et al. Under the sway of such dogma as that, the freedom allotted to man is the freedom of cattle to roam within the bounds of its allotted pasture. The perpetuation of that depraved condition of mankind is the intent of Olympian Zeus's charge against the immortal Prometheus.

As preparation for the coming shift of emphasis in my report, I shall now interpolate a series of observations, observations limited to merely describing the physical-science setting in which that crucial point respecting Prometheus is situated, withholding the more fulsome argument which would be required in a different kind of report, one dedicated to dealing

26. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., *The Economics of the Noösphere* (Washington, D.C.: EIR News Service, Inc., 2001).

thoroughly with these illustrative scientific topics as such.

As Vernadsky demonstrated for the Biosphere, and as *noösis* shows for the Noösphere, the long-term trends are for the increasing relative takeover of the abiotic Earth by the Biosphere, and the similar takeover of the Biosphere by the Noösphere.<sup>27</sup> Similarly, the nuclear fusion-driven evolution of the chemically complex Solar System, from an earlier, faster-spinning Sun's relatively simpler composition, heralds a kindred general tendency within the universe, from relatively simpler to higher states of organization.<sup>28</sup>

It follows from those considerations, that the respective, three adduced phase-spaces correspond to universal principles, which, implicitly, always existed in a universe for which there are no boundaries, no outside, above, beneath, before, or after. Therefore, the use of "universe" in a physical science cohering with Vernadsky's development of the Noösphere, always means a perfectly self-contained creation of three multiply-connected phase-spaces, whose universal laws—what experimental physical chemistry defines as the respectively abiotic, living, and creative—are, were, and always will be existent as efficient principles, everywhere.

However, these laws are multiply-connected to such an effect, that the universe so defined was always *anti-entropic*, that in the included sense of the upward evolution of the organization of the Solar System from its origins in a younger, and relatively simpler object, a fast-spinning Sun. Admittedly, this brief review leaves important questions unsettled. Does the abiotic phase-space "borrow" its anti-entropy from the principled phase-space defined by life per se? The human anti-entropic will, as expressed by the increase of mankind's increase of potential relative population-density through use of discovered, experimentally defined universal physical principles, changes the universe anti-entropically, in ways which could not occur otherwise. What are the fuller implications of the limited, known evidence to that effect?

Unsettled question conceded: What is clear from the history of scientific progress, is twofold. First, that there is no apparently known evidence which suggests that man's discovery of new physical principles, willfully adds to the num-

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27. Cf. V.I. Vernadsky, *Scientific Thought as a Planetary Phenomenon* (Moscow: Nongovernmental Ecological V.I. Vernadsky Foundation, 1997). Also, LaRouche, *Economics of the Noösphere*, supra.

28. Situating Gauss's general development of the principles of curvature within the generality of the Riemannian domain, linear clock-time becomes an old witch's fairy-tale, as time itself varies with changes in curvature of the relative Riemannian manifold. Meanwhile, the modern reductionists' stunt, of copying Aristotle's attempt to substitute the doubtful concept, "energy," for Plato's concept of "power," underlies the widespread doctrine of "entropy" spread by Clausius, Grassmann, Kelvin, Ludwig Boltzmann, et al. The implication of my argument, is that "power" is expressed by organization within a system of Riemannian physical manifolds, contrary to the replacement of that concept of power by a measurement of organization by that reductionist's notion of the elementarity of energy which was derived mathematically from the empiricist's crude misconception of the infinitesimal, as by D'Alembert, Euler, Lagrange, et al.

ber of primary, "original" principles of the universe. Rather, as living processes' actions change the natural effect of abiotic domain, so the human intellect, through the discovery of existent universal principles previously unknown to that society (as through discoveries effected solely by means of what Plato defines as hypothesis, as typified by the argument of the referenced 1799 Gauss report), equips mankind to discover, and to apply these as man-made, principled forms of willful changes in the relationships among processes within the universe. Restated: man's discovery and use of preexisting universal principles, changes the universe, by placing those discovered principles at society's willful disposal. Such changes, thus change the universe itself in that degree. Through this development, man generates derived, newly synthesized principles from the stock of primary ones.

In accord with such a view, Moses reports, in *Genesis 1*, that man and woman are made equally in the image of the Creator of the universe, and encumbered with the management of it all, that according to the principles embedded in that Creation. Man's nature is defined not merely by these powers given to him, but also by his obligation to discover, use, and develop them. That is the meaning of true individual human freedom. That is what Zeus's evil Olympians ban. That is the evil of the Olympians, and of the empiricists, Kant, Hegel, Savigny, Adolf Hitler, U.S. Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, the followers of Leo Strauss and synarchist Alexandre Kojeve in general, and the fascist faction of Vice-President Cheney in particular.

Man is the only creature which can discover those unseen principles by means of which the order of experience within the shadow-world of sense-perception can be altered willfully. This difference from the beasts is man's nature; this is the only true and lawful expression of human freedom, and so man must live free.

Look at the implications of this special quality of human nature, from the standpoint of society's ability to willfully increase its species' potential relative population-density, which no lower species can do. Contrast man thus with the beasts, who, in the case of monkeys and young chimpanzees, are as capricious as any wild-eyed, late-1960s "drop out" might wish to be, but whose potential relative population-density is nonetheless bounded, as if fixed by heredity; or, perhaps, constricted, as by doses of the London Tavistock Clinic's and Aldous Huxley's LSD. If man were some variety of ape, as Thomas Huxley and his H.G. Wells claimed him to be, the total living human population on this planet could not have exceeded a relatively few millions, within the bounds of the reasonably estimated, variable conditions of the recent million or so years. There are presently reported to be more than six billions, reflecting a potential three decimal orders of magnitude greater than possible for an ape, or for H.G. Wells' monkey-shines. Moreover, study subsuming a period of recent millennia, shows the relationship of the increase of both numbers and life-span to scientific discovery-driven, and re-

lated changes in human behavior.

Ancient Sparta, a prime model for later fascist states, limited the population, especially of the slaves (helots), in the manner of limiting the number of herded, bred, and culled cattle. The trend toward process of depopulation of Italy, coinciding with the growth of slavery, from the close of the Second Century B.C. on, especially under the empire, is a case in point; so are the Malthusian features of the Code of Diocletian.

The feudal system was always a product of the same, subsuming imperial intent to bestialize mankind expressed by the imperial Code of Diocletian. Feudalist fanatic Dr. François Quesnay's so-called "principle" of *laissez-faire*, the principle plagiarized by Lord Shelburne's lackey Adam Smith, was premised, from beginning to end, on a determination to keep the mass of humanity in the state of herded and culled human cattle. Virtual Cathar Quesnay argues, that the profit taken by the feudal estate is generated by the magical powers of nothing other than the landlord's aristocratic title to that estate, as if by vicious little green men under the floorboards of reality, fixing the throw of the dice to make some men rich and powerful, and others wretched. Similarly, pro-Satanist Bernard Mandeville argues that it is the magical power of private wickedness which produces the profit of society. Adam Smith agrees; his doctrine of "free trade" even-handedly plagiarizes the lunacies of both Mandeville and the Physiocrats Quesnay and Turgot.

In modern times, what is called Malthusianism is presented in Giovanni Botero's *Della ragion di Stato* (1588) and its early Seventeenth-Century English translation. That theme continues with Venetian Giammaria Ortes' famous *Reflessioni sulla popolazione della nazioni* (1790), whose prompt English-language edition was plagiarized by Thomas Malthus. These cases prefigure the late-1960s revival of Malthusianism as the foreign policy of the U.S.A. under National Security Advisors Henry A. Kissinger (e.g., *NSSM-200*) and Zbigniew Brzezinski (*Global 2000*). The policies of "zero technological growth," popularized for the early adulthood of the "Now Generation," are typical of the same Olympian policy, of dumbing down the masses to the mental and social habits intended for human cattle. The accelerated rate of degradation of public and higher education during the recent forty years, since Dr. Alexander King's Paris OECD report of 1963, is another prime example of the same bestializing intent which empiricism always represented implicitly, from its beginning.

This is only half the story behind the legacy of the Olympian hatred of Prometheus. The human individual is not the soulless digital computer of Bertrand Russell clone John von Neumann's *The Computer and the Brain*. The characteristic of individual behavior is not a matter of statistics, but of *choice*, the latter otherwise referenced as the individual human will.

Free will is not the privilege of lunacy; it is, rather, the joyful experience of freeing mankind from the slavery of ig-

norance, through the discovery, adoption, and obedience to an expanding knowledge of the lawful powers, called "natural law," already embedded in the universe. It is freeing mankind, and oneself first of all, from the shackles of popular ignorance and habituated follies.

## Life, Death, Identity, and Drama

For man and woman made equally in the image of the Creator, the individual's choice is controlled by his, or her sense of personal identity.

So, in the tragically failed Denmark of legendary rotteness, Shakespeare's Hamlet succumbed, because, as that swashbuckling killer pleads in the famous Third Act soliloquy, he is terrified, not by the thought of death, but by his fear of contemplating his own immortality. Contrast Jeanne d'Arc, to that wretched Hamlet. As Friedrich Schiller correctly understood the historical Jeanne d'Arc, she expresses the quality of the *Sublime*. She cared more for the outcome of her life for humanity, of the way in which she spent the talent of her mortal life, even under fearful conditions, than for a relatively comfortable prolongation of that mortal life, if that were to become a living moral failure in the eyes of God, man, and herself alike.

The Christian notion of the Imitation of Christ, exemplifies that notion of the superiority of the immortal self, so expressed by the mortal one, as Jeanne would have agreed.

On such account, the human individual is, in reality, essentially a *spiritual* being, in Vernadsky's sense of *noësis*. By *spiritual*, I refer to those acts of discovery of those universal *powers* by means of which man knows and commands that unseen universe, powers by means of which we may, increasingly, produce willful control over the shadows of sense-perception.

In the context of my immediate remarks at this place in this report, I point to my own personal *spiritual* relationship, as an act of hypothesizing in the here and now, when I might address the Plato, Archimedes, Kepler, or Gauss, whose discovery of some universal principle I were replicating at that moment. So, in such instances of re-creating the experience of discoveries of universal principles, I experience the compression of a lapse of time from as long as millennia, or merely centuries, in the mode Raphael Sanzio's *The School of Athens* does: a compression of a passage of as much as centuries or longer, to be something which is, relatively speaking, the cognitive experience of virtually an instant. The existence of the social relations among humanity, considered in this way, are compressed so, from a voyage of centuries, millennia, or longer, into a mere moment of a virtual simultaneity of eternity. In that moment, I walk and converse, spiritually, with an actual Plato, Archimedes, the Apostle Paul, Jeanne d'Arc, and many others, or actually witness the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, in this way, almost as were they living mortals still today, or I were living then and there.

So, this same sense of a simultaneity of eternity applies



*Cheney's chicken-hawks combine the fundamental passion for a new world imperialism arising from the influence of H.G. Wells (left) and Bertrand Russell, with the specific lunacy known as the Clash of Civilizations war against Islam, formulated as policy by the British Arab Bureau's and Princeton University's Bernard Lewis (right).*

not only to matters of physical science, but is also the spiritual quality which identifies Classical principles of artistic composition, as apart from all other modes, or works, in so-called artistic composition or performance. John Keats' *Ode on a Grecian Urn*, in a choice of subject which is itself an act of genius, expresses this Classical principle concisely, precisely, and beautifully. Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, or Brahms, performed as music, rather than as notes, brings the innermost personality of the composer to life again, within the living tissue of our minds. Leonardo da Vinci, Rafael Sanzio, and Rembrandt, spring to life, from their greatest paintings, within the living tissue of my mind. On similar account, the best work of now deceased friends, and their personality itself, is recalled to active life within me.

That almost timeless relationship of humanity to me, is my true identity. That sense of personal identity, as situated within a simultaneity of eternity, is my intention, my motivation. I have come to know that it is more or less the same for all those much too rare personalities in law, who have devoted their life's principal work to seeking a more perfect act of justice from within the domain of the admirable and failed decisions in past and future history. For many too many others, as for Shakespeare's Hamlet, matters are seen differently.

There is a choice between two opposing extremes in the way a university student, or graduate in physical-science specialties, may select a view of what he or she regards as scientific knowledge. Much opinion among such circles lies somewhere between the two extremes: most often, until now, leaning toward the lower moral side of things.

In the higher of those poles, a devotion to the cause of universal truth for its own sake, prevails. In the best such case, the quality of practiced personal devotion to truth partakes of what Friedrich Schiller defined as the Sublime.

At the opposite extreme, such substitutes for truthfulness

prevail, as, "I am usually a truthful person, but I have to go along with popular opinion," to "If I offend the teacher, I may not graduate," or, "Cringe and crawl if you must, but think about our family's welfare," or, "Unless I conform to what are, admittedly flawed, generally accepted classroom mathematics, this discovery I have worked so hard to accomplish, will go into the waste-paper basket," or, "I have to think about my pension," or, simply, the crude, generic, "What will the nosy neighbors think?"

The individual's sense of personal identity is defined in terms of a sense of a functional personal relationship to the experience of sense-perception as such. The person of lower intellectual and moral qualities, takes sense-perception as such, as the location of the benchmarks of a sense of "I-ness" within the shadow-world of sense-perception. The great scientific thinker, or great Classical artist, for example, uses reference-points in the Platonic domain mapped by the noëtic processes. The less moral personality, has adopted the identity of a vulgar hedonist. In between the two poles, is today's typical good citizen, a moral-intellectual mediocrity, a compromised hedonist whose thoughts and morals are tempered by a guilt-ridden sense of respect for what he or she imagines to be science, decency, and good taste. That good citizen is essentially a hedonist, but usually prides himself or herself on showing what he imagines might be good taste in all occasions which might require a show of "company manners." What lurks behind his mask?

Reconsider the point I have just summarized so. Now, this time, look, briefly, at samplings of some typically tragic forms of behavior in real life, or Classical drama; and, after those samplings, look at such behavior so illustrated from the comparative standpoint of the Sublime. See, then, why a young genius, Friedrich Schiller, like William Shakespeare before him, chose Classical drama and poetry, so successfully, as the way to teach the principles of real-life history to popular audiences. Start, once again, with the case of Hamlet, and then reflect on some of today's typical flights from reality.

For our first such example: Shakespeare's Hamlet lacks the needed passion for a sense of immortality.

When confronted with a challenge which demands a controlling sense of the sublime, Hamlet, the swashbuckling slaughterer, is stricken, as in the Second Act soliloquy, by the moral weakness of will befitting "a rogue and peasant slave."

His faithful sword hangs, sheathed, at his side, but, suddenly, for the moment, his hand has lost the nerve to touch the hilt. The nerve goes out of him, as he explains in the Third Act soliloquy. His weakness is, that his sense of personal identity lives between the bookends of mortal birth and death, and, thus, his sense of self is tucked, much like that of a mere predatory beast, between the shallow bed-sheets of mortal sense-perception; he has no real feeling for that real world beyond the shadows of sense-perception. He has a sense that there is a real world lurking “out there,” but for him it is like a ghost. He asks himself, “Is it real?” and as those his own words are echoed back to him, he melts.

Most leaders of nations today, are much like that Hamlet, or Schiller’s Philip II, Posa, Don Carlos, or worse. They lack that sense of personal conviction about securing their permanent place in history, which is required to face the actuality of hard realities. So, when they might attempt to summon the needed conviction to act effectively against a systemic kind of crisis, they melt. They flee tragically from that challenge, to something like a schoolyard game, and hope, if but only desperately, as when Hamlet marched stubbornly to what he has adopted as his inevitable doom, that winning some mere such game, or death, will, by sympathetic magic, cause the intimation of a lurking threat of immortality to go away.

They show us, thus, that they are not yet true adults, but still only, like pathetic President George W. Bush, Jr., childishly immatured souls, whose minds flee from reality into the mental refuge of child-like games, as if in flight from the war, or from the terminal economic-financial crisis which has overtaken them, into games of sports. They flee either symbolically, or even literally. So, as spectators fleeing from the real world, into the view of a fantasy-world from the stadium’s seats, they hope desperately that the victory of their momentarily chosen champions of such childish games, actual or dream-like, will cure the fearful prospect awaiting them in the crisis-torn real world from which they had fled.

So, when the real economy of the U.S. is collapsing, they focus on temporary upswings in what is essentially an unreal game, a financial-market game imitating the childish board game of “Monopoly,” and, in their rags, ask one another, “How is the market today? How about my money?” Unwilling to face the real-world’s crisis, like the mob which lost trillions gambling on lunatic Norbert Wiener’s and mad John von Neumann’s “technology” bubble, they try to win an unreal game whose fantastic rules they prefer. The present moment’s hysterical flurry over a lunatic’s U.S. tax-cut game, or winning useless, endless, symbolic wars concocted by lunatics for places such as Afghanistan and Iraq, are typical of such Classically tragic flights from reality.

See such illustrations of pathetic behavior as Shakespeare and Schiller, and the Aeschylus of *Prometheus Bound*, addressed their audiences.

The secret of Classical drama is reported by Shakespeare in the remarks by *Chorus* delivered directly to the audience

at the opening of *Henry V*. As in science, what is perceived on the Classical stage, are but the shadows of a reality cast by an unseen real universe, a universe known as the noëtic imagination. As Shakespeare’s *Chorus* warns us, the events which occur on that performance’s perceived stage, are but the mere shadows of the shadows of the reality of Shakespeare’s intended drama. This principle of all competent physical science, is also the controlling principle for not only Classical drama, but for all Classical artistic composition, and, also, for all truthful accounts of history and its natural law.

Does such thought bring on a feeling of eeriness? Of a ghostly universe? Compare this to the ghastly feeling of the student whose experiment must, for the first time in his experience, address an efficient presence of a some “thing” lurking efficiently in some remote smallness of the nuclear microphysical domain. Next, think of a student of the successive work of Pasteur and Curie, who must adduce the efficient presence of life with an experimental apparatus composed of non-living material. Next, think of the formation of an efficiently validated hypothesis, which is, itself, situated experimentally within the confines of the Biosphere, which expresses a principle of noësis not characteristic of any living process other than the efficiency of the individual human mind.

Such sensations of eeriness should be assessed in three successive degrees of approximation:

1. The Eeriness of the Reality of Universal Physical Principles.
2. The Eeriness of the Difference, Between Viewing Such Principles from the vantage-point of sense-perception, and looking at the relevant sense-perceptual evidence from the vantage-point of Universal Physical Principles.
3. The Eeriness of the Difference in Sense of Personal Identity associated with the difference in choice of vantage-point from which who looks at whom or what.

For example, Shakespeare’s Hamlet, whose sense of identity is located within the shadow-world of sense-perception, knows that principles exist, but, for him, they are outside the circle of sense-certainty, and therefore appear to him as like faintly sensed pale ghosts. He can not tell himself that they do not exist, and he senses them as an ignorant man may be awed by the sensation of a gravitation of whose principle he has no inkling. Yet, for him, principles exist only in the form of habituated superstitions, not as knowledge. Indeed, for such a person, as shown by any of the relevant “fundamentalists,” any taught superstition may supplant experimentally demonstrable universal principles. Hamlet is so terrified by immortality, that he would silence that ghost by plunging himself toward the most efficient way of escape from sense



*The plan to invade and conquer Iraq was presented and discussed at a White House cabinet meeting within four days of the Sept. 11, 2001 "Reichstag Fire"; it had been forwarded by many of the current Cheney team to Israel's Netanyahu government in 1996, and represented Cheney's aborted plans as Defense Secretary in 1990-92.*

of its presence, even by his own early death.

So, as beloved Ophelia approaches, he expresses the death-wish to which the argument of his soliloquy has led him.

So, the good performance of all great drama proceeds as the argument of *Chorus* from *Henry V* proposes. The function of the drama's opening, and its performance, must transport the mind of the audience, and also the state of mind of the players, from a vision of the scene on stage, and from a sense of the theater in which that performance occurs, to a place of the imagination, where all subsequent developments unfold. The minds of both audience and players, each seek to uncover a principle which defines a unity pervading the unfolding drama. So, as Schiller points out, having adopted that better vantage-point, the audience departs from the theater better people than they were when they had entered it.

No decent drama is ever performed as a work of a pathetic Jane Austen or the like, as it were a propaganda-tract for some teaching of vulgar notions of "morality": in today's popular entertainment, a display of more or less beastly immorality. The morality of Classical artistic composition, is the morality of Gauss's referenced 1799 attack on the common folly of D'Alembert, Euler, and Lagrange. In Classical drama, that happy consequence experienced by audience and players alike, is the shifting of the sense of personal identity of the actors and audience, alike, toward the standpoint of viewing the interplay of persons and events on stage, away from the vantage-point of sense-perception as such, to that domain of universality in which universal principles actually exist.

Morality is not a list of does and doesn't, nor ever expressed as a mere list of "single issues." Morality is essentially a point of view, at its best, an appropriate location of an immortal sense of personal identity, away from the down-to-earth folly which Hamlet expressed. What people prefer to

believe is determined in this way. What they are wont to do, or capable of discovering the will to do, is so determined.

### **When the Gods Were Evil**

Zeus's fraudulent charge of hubris against Prometheus, shows the nature of the evil embodied in the pantheon of those pagan gods. The intention expressed by that charge and its execution, is a legendary oligarchy's fear and hatred of man's and woman's equal likeness to the Creator.

Zeus's Olympus expresses, thus, the Satanic hatred of its modern imitators, such as the empiricists. It expresses the hatred of Voltaire, Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, H.G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, Heidegger, Hannah Arendt, Leo Strauss, and Cheney's lackeys, against the very idea of truth. It is also today's real-life echo of the condemnation of Socrates by a council of ancient Athens' real-life Democratic Party. Both literary and real-life cases of this type express systemic forms of oligarchical hatred, against the idea of the potential for truthful hypothesis by the human individual, that potential which, alone, sets mankind apart from the mere beasts, that potential which is the active principle of the individual person's likeness to the sovereign personality of the Creator.

The principle of real-life Classical tragedy posed by the combined legendary and historical cases, is essentially two-fold. First, the legendary pantheon of those gods is the apotheosized image of any similar ruling oligarchy, and also its attending retinues of lackeys. Second, the fools who, still today, submit out of cowardly caution to an imaginary or real-life form of such an oligarchy, by saying that the continuing reign of such powers were inevitable, have, by that act, transformed themselves into nothing better than human cattle, and thus invite the destruction of their nation to be wreaked upon themselves.

So, the tragic citizenry of the U.S.A. submitted to a insane choice between two alternate aspirants for the November 2000 Presidential election: Gore-Lieberman and Bush-Cheney, or simply not voting. The vice in, paradoxically, all three choices has since been proven to have been equally evil. That, my friends, is true tragedy, the Classically tragic suffering of a guilty popular opinion's U.S. citizenry today.

The tragic Olympian model of an oligarchical order of affairs, is echoed by a real-life Jacobin mob's wont to deliver a Phrygian-capped, Satanic insult to the Creator. It to be recognized in the real-life Jacobin court condemning the great Lavoisier to death, with the words spewed from a British Foreign Office Bentham agent's foul mouth, "The Revolution has no need of men of science." It is displayed as the orgy by the legendary Furies, in the real-life Jacobin leaders chopping off one another's heads. It is the real-life common bandit of Europe, the erstwhile Robespierre asset, Napoleon Bonaparte, on his Caesarian rampages, like that of fascist bandit Dick Cheney's lackeys, of shameless butchery and looting of any nations of the world within his reach today. It is today's almost unreal Attorney-General Ashcroft mimicking the fascist legal dogma of Nazi Germany's Carl Schmitt, while, according to current legend, anointing his own self-accursed head with Crisco. It is the incarnation of every real-life, rampant, oligarchical, and utterly foolish evil.

On that account, Diodorus' chronicle of the origins of Olympus is provocatively truthful.

As Aeschylus, Goethe, Shelley, and other notables have emphasized this fact, the Olympian persecution of Prometheus is no idle myth. It is one of the most essential of the true facts of all known human existence to date. It is also an active recipe, as it was for Adolf Hitler, for both degrading men and women to human cattle, and slaughtering those selected to be culled from the human herd. It is what is in the process of being attempted, today, by Dick Cheney and that pack of fascist lackeys known as the neo-cons. The worst of it all, is not what Cheney et al. thus intend for human beings inside, as also outside these United States; the worst is, what Cheney's religious accomplices intend to induce the victims, especially our own citizens, to do to themselves; that, in the name of the fascistic, pantheistic "fundamentalism" toward which I have pointed since the outset of this report. It were sufficient to convince fools to believe in such a pantheonic, fascist form of "fundamentalist" religion, to have recruited them already as fascist storm-troopers.

The mechanism by which such a pantheistic fascism is being attempted now, may be usefully labelled "systemic theological mass-insanity." In other words, it represents a paganist form of pantheon, like that of ancient imperial Rome, or the H.G. Wells-Bertrand Russell program for the presently ongoing "Open Conspiracy" of world government sought through preventive wars of nuclear terror. The mechanisms involved in such evil enterprises are best understood from above, by adopting, as I have done here, the vantage-point of

my application of a Riemannian approach to systemic mapping of a culture in terms of the relevant set of hypotheses underlying that culture.

To set the stage for what is to be presented here, begin with an hypothetical set of an array of both known and yet-unknown primary universal physical principles of the universe. Although we actually know only some among the total array of those principles, and even that much imperfectly, we are not helpless. For example: we know that there is much of this which we do not know. On the other side, we have discovered that many of what had been assumed to be such principles, have been shown to be false. We also know, as for the case of the hoax known as empiricism, that societies have been burdened with axiomatic assumptions which were not merely false to fact, but had been falsehoods willfully, and maliciously inserted into the array of what became widely accepted underlying assumptions.

In the latter case, we should speak of maliciously false assumptions. In total, the tragic trans-Atlantic culture being examined, is a mixed axiomatic system, which not only lacks many truthful universal principles yet to be discovered, but includes false assumptions, among which are some important ones which have been embedded by maliciously false intention. The inclusion of the latter class of false assumptions as implicitly axiomatic in authority, defines a clinically insane culture.

The Nazi system derived from the existentialism of Hegel and Nietzsche, was such an insane culture. Even worse than the Nazis, is the existentialist form of "fundamentalist" pantheon associated with Dick Cheney's core political base. The latter is to be considered worse than the Nazis, partly because it has, and intends to use nuclear-weapons arsenals. It is also worse for more profound reasons. Nuclear weapons may destroy men's bodies; the insane pantheonic system which is a crucial element in the hard core of Cheney's base, destroys both bodies and souls.

The crucial distinction of that fascist axiomatic system is its baldly synthetic origins, as attested by the fascist literature of circles of the fascist Leo Strauss and his crony, synarchist Alexandre Kojeve. It not merely repeats many among the worst features of past cultures, but studies those precedents in the way a military-weapons laboratory might use an already dangerous infectious agent, as a base from which to develop a far more deadly one. The evil contained in such a selected pathogen from the past, is employed as a model for creating a form of cultural agent which is intended to be more evil than anything from the past. Thus, by even no other evidence than its own copiously expressed intent, Cheney's pack is more evil than Hitler's, as that pack is eagerly waiting to show us, "foam-mouthed and chomping at the bit," so to speak.

The essential evil of that system is situated within a kind of cultural soup-stock of oligarchism and pantheism, including arts of genocidal religious warfare from, chiefly, the greater Mediterranean regions in general. To this, tyrant of



Venice Paolo Sarpi, had added the empiricism peddled from door to door by his household lackey Galileo Galilei. The simmering threat of the American Revolution, impelled the British East India Company's Lord Shelburne to retain Gibbon to show that the collapse of the Roman Empire had been caused by Christianity, and, therefore, that lesson showed the pagan's way to a British rebirth of such an empire.

Similarly, London led in snatching a French echo of the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution from the hands of the patriotic French leaders Bailly and Lafayette. The global impact of President Abraham Lincoln's defeat of London's treasonous Confederate puppet, prompted the precautionary measure, by Edward VII's London, of exploiting the successful assassination of President William McKinley, for organizing the so-called World War I which set those Eurasian continental nations which had become admirers of the Hamilton-List-Carey American System of political-economy, at one another's throats.

Meanwhile, the successful birth of fascism, in bringing a self-proclaimed Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, to a new imperial form of oligarchical power in Europe, prompted an ambitious imitator of the morally defective I. Kant, G.W.F. Hegel, to concoct a synthetic oligarchical doctrine of the "end of history," the first formal doctrine of modern fascism, out of the triumphs of the Emperor Bonaparte. It was evident, that even the defeat of Bonaparte had not discouraged Hegel in this effort. After the Vienna Congress, Hegel switched his affections to his correspondent Prince Metternich, and produced a theory of history, and of the state, which, in the course of time, with the help of his crony Savigny, built the stage, on planks of positivism, phenomenology, and existentialism, upon which the likes of Friedrich Nietzsche, Carl Schmitt, Martin Heidegger, and Adolf Hitler trod.

The Hegel-Nietzsche notion of a doctrine of "the end of history," so situated, is the key to the synthesis of the new, Nazi-like, pantheistic state religion being peddled and practiced by Dick Cheney's pack of lackeys.

## **Pox Populi and the End of History**

As St. Augustine reported, the ideology of the imperial Roman Pantheon and the ruling popular opinion of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus during those times, were systemically interdependent. The two, pantheonic law and what were best termed "pox populi," were integrated under that general concept of a body of imperial law addressed by von der Heydte, an actually pantheonic notion of imperial law which was, and remains antithetical to the very existence of a sovereign nation-state.<sup>29</sup>

A modern caricature of that Romantic conception of imperial law and popular opinion has appeared, newly costumed, today. It is a new strain of an old pandemic infection,

an infection which can be identified most succinctly as "pox populi."

The lunatic's rant, "You can not reverse 'Globalization,' " is typical of that caricature, as is implied in the fads of worldwide rule of "free trade," and kindred new fashions recently introduced to, or proposed for international law. These fads echo Roman imperial law in a way which shares the spirit of the plea for explicit paganism published as *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* by Lord Shelburne's lackey Gibbon. Today's new generation of geopolitics, for example, is a post-modernist "director's theater" recasting of the essential doctrine of ancient imperial Rome, a new costuming for the Anglo-Dutch model of imperial maritime financier power originally copied from the doctrine and practice of feudal Venice. President George W. Bush's rant against the UNO Security Council's resistance to Cheney's and Rumsfeld's Hitler-like, global doctrine of preventive nuclear warfare, is a reversion to the law of pagan imperial Rome, but an uglier, more corrupt, and more stupefied reincarnation than ever before.

That much said, we must now turn our attention accordingly, back to some continued development of the pertinent fundamentals of that case. Therefore, from this point of the report, onward, I shall emphasize, summarily, the relevance of certain principled features of an absolute distinction of a human social system from the forms of group interaction among the higher apes.

The principled social distinction of man from beast has three facets. The first of these classes of activity, is the function I have already described earlier in this report, the function of noësis in effecting those discoveries of universal physical principles which pertain to the individual mind's relationship to what is commonly referred to as "nature." The second, which I address here, is the principled character of the function of the same quality of noësis in the social process of replication of such acts of discovery of universal physical principle in the minds of other persons. The third, is the application of noësis to adducing the so-called Classical artistic and comparable principles of the social processes, the processes through which the combination of both of the preceding classes of noëtic functions operate effectively to promote newly needed elements of stability of an ongoing development process within a society. The fact of the existence of those noëtic principles of social processes is illustrated by the indispensable function of irony in a great composer's setting of a selected poem.

To illustrate the proceeding discussion of these matters, I refer to five pedagogical charts which I have frequently used in showing essential features of the 1966-2003 process of decadence and presently threatened disintegration of the U.S. economy (**Figures 1-5**). Those figures emphasize the contradictory trends among declining net physical-economic, monetary, and financial aggregates, when each and all of these have been scaled to a physical notion of a potential relative

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FIGURE 1

**A Typical Collapse Function**

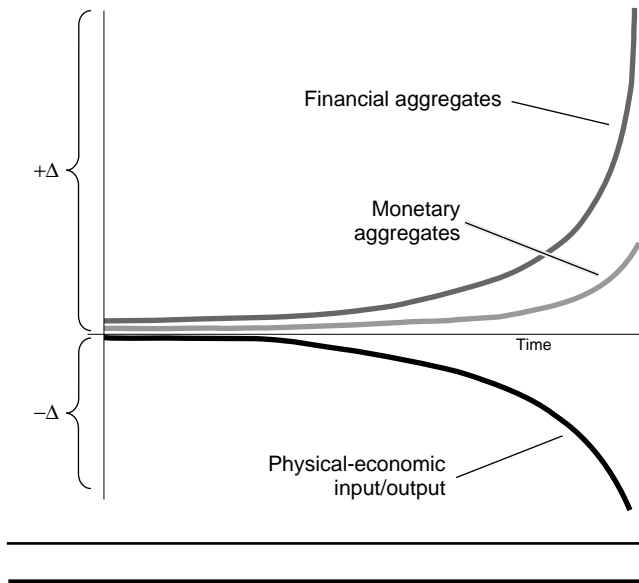
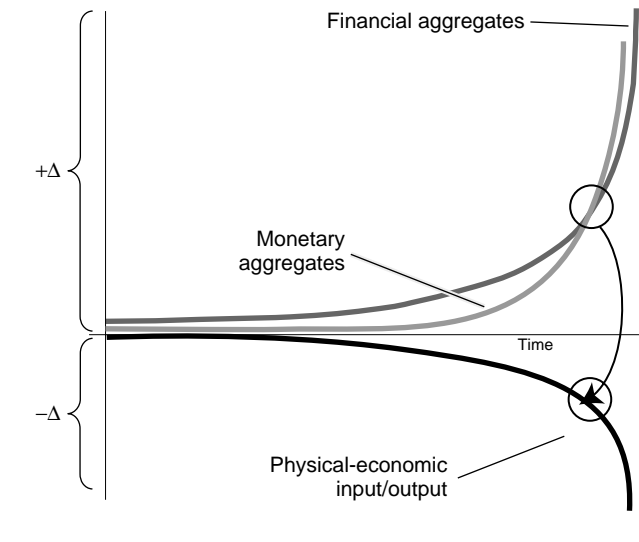


FIGURE 2

**The Collapse Reaches a Critical Point of Instability**



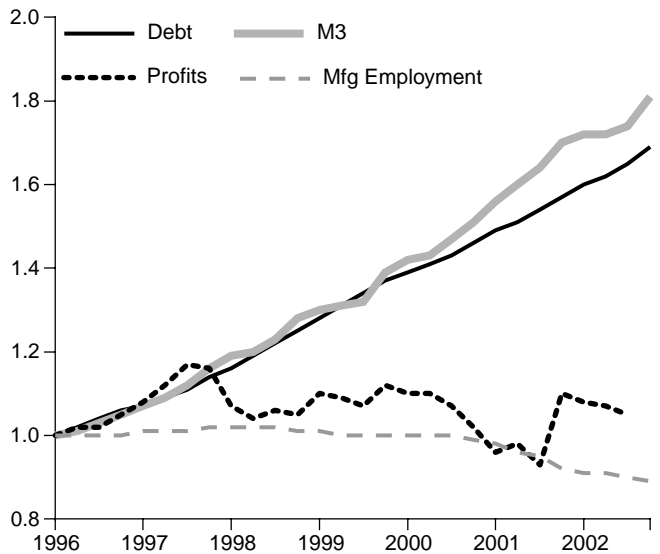
population-density as measured per capita and per square kilometer for societies, or groups of societies, each taken as a whole.

Physically, the U.S. internal economy has been in a continuing general trend of collapse over approximately the 1966-2003 interval. Since the 1971 change, from a successful form of 1946-1958, post-war, fixed-exchange-rate monetary system, to an increasingly inflationary and decadent “floating-exchange-rate” system, especially since the 1989 collapse of

FIGURE 3

**The U.S. Economy’s Collapse Function Since 1996**

(Indexed to 1st Quarter 1996 = 1.00)



Sources: Federal Reserve; U.S. Dept. of Commerce; U.S. Dept. of Labor; EIR.

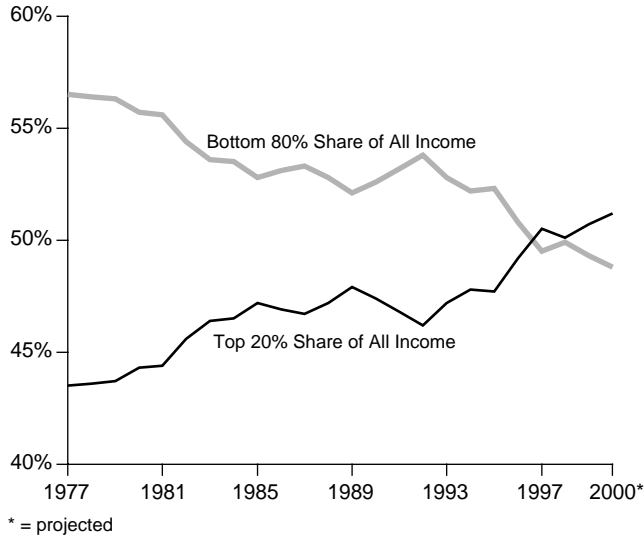
Soviet power, the United States has, despite its accelerating decadence as a consumer society, maintained its decaying internal physical economy by means of its remaining relative military-political power to loot most of the rest of the world at varying rates, and in varying degrees.

However, as those charts illustrate, despite the physical net decline of the internal U.S. economy, per capita, increasingly massive amounts of inherently inflationary monetary effusion have been used to expand vastly inflated nominal, financial holdings, or simply to muster a rear-guard defense of some part of their nominal value. Thus, the continued relative political stability of the U.S. economy as a system, has been secured, until recently, by an induced state of mass delusion of most of the population, a mass delusion induced by conditioning the victims to equate the ideas of economy and health of the political system with nominal, often fictitious financial assets, rather than physical-economic realities of life. This wild-eyed moral decadence of the U.S. political system, recalls the role of “bread and circuses,” and what is fairly named *pox populi*, in fostering, for a time, the political stability of a decadent, imperial Roman consumer society.

Admittedly, the United States claims, officially, that the rate of inflation has been low. Inspection of the wildly fraudulent way in which those reports are fabricated (according to a “hedonic,” marginal-utilitarian swindle), shows that it is not physical experience which regulates a duped population’s po-

FIGURE 4

**Top 20% of Population Have More Than Half of All After-Tax Income**



Sources: Congressional Budget Office; EIR

FIGURE 5

**Lower 20% of Households' Share of National Income Plunges**



Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Congressional Budget Office; EIR.

litical opinion on inflation, but rather a lunatic form of obsessive belief in the self-evident value of reported financial-market expansion per se. The population is not responding to reality even half as much as its behavior is governed, chiefly, by fraudulent types of false, “Potemkin Village” varieties of axiomatic assumptions, even by assumptions of whose existence, as assumptions, most of the population are not consciously aware.

Despite such induced, popularized mass-delusions, the physical reality of the existence of the individual in society, depends on physical considerations whose efficiency has no efficiently direct relationship to monetary or financial expansion.

We now come to nine points to be taken into account in concluding this report. I now list these points, as follows.

1. *I have already explored the act of (noëtic) discovery of an hypothesis which is then shown to be experimentally validated as a universal physical principle, or what Plato identifies as a power. So far, we have emphasized what would be more readily accepted as universal physical principles, such as the mathematical-physical principles typified by Gauss’s referenced 1799 paper.*
2. *I have referred, briefly, to the notion of replicating that act of discovery of an hypothesis in other individual persons, such as my reliving the act of such discovery made by some person thousands of years,*

*or fewer years ago.*

3. *I have mentioned, and partly illustrated, a third type of noëtic action, the discovery of social principles, comparable to a universal physical principle of mathematical physics, as are to be found in valid Classical principles of artistic composition. The development of a language-culture itself, is an illustration of the role and importance of those social principles.*

Those three points have been treated in the earlier portions of this report. The remaining six topics pertain to ongoing processes of development of the accumulation of a mixture of combined valid and invalid conceptions of social processes which are also to be treated as if they were validated universal physical principles. The beneficial, or detrimental changes in the combination of actual or assumed principles of such an area of study, is the meaning assigned to my use of the term *transformation* of a society to an implicitly improved, or worsened potential relative population-density. I feature six types of such transformations:

4. *Simple progress, through the accumulation of additional applications of such principles, as Platonic powers.*

The effort to conduct an effective test of a qualified

physical hypothesis, requires the design of an experiment which adds features which are relevant to testing whether or not the proposed hypothesis has the character of a new dimension among a matrix of Platonic powers. The progress of the successive work of Pasteur, Curie, and others toward showing, experimentally, that life is a distinct universal principle (*power*) is an example of the principle for design of such proof-of-principle experiments. The famous optical-rotation experiments of Pasteur, et al., illustrate the direction of experimental work toward settling such matters of principle.

If the principle is proven experimentally, then the features of the experimental design focussed on the relevant issue of the hypothesis, become a guide to construction of machinery, etc., which reflects the (constructive-geometrical) applicability of the tested principle as a usable new technology.

Sometimes the ingenuity and skill of the designer of the experimental apparatus is as crucial, practically, in proving a new principle, as the hypothesis itself. The skills of Wilhelm Weber in proving the relevant Ampère principle of electro-dynamics experimentally, is a prime example of this.

Such cases are illustrative of the elementary role of experimental treatment of valid hypothesis expressed through the increase of the average net productive powers of labor as increase of the potential relative population-density of a society.

5. *The notion of higher-order principles as ordering the development of the "matrix" of accumulated principles.*

The general development of electrodynamics, from Benjamin Franklin, Fresnel, Ampère, Gauss, Weber, Riemann, et al. onwards, is an example of the role of the development of an entire phase-space of physical principle. The impact of a commitment to developing systems of space-exploration is also exemplary.

6. *Dysfunctional assumed principles, as factors tending to abort progress.*

In modern times, the spread of the pernicious influence of reductionism, from the introduction of empiricism through Ernst Mach, and Bertrand Russell's *Principia Mathematica*, may result in the abortion of progress over wide areas of application. Typical are the hoaxes sprung from the work of two of Russell's influential "sorcerer's apprentices," Norbert Wiener and John von Neumann. As useful as computer technology is, Wiener's "information theory" and the "artificial intelligence" scam of von Neumann, Minsky, et al., have proven to be much worse than costly dead-ends. The spread of the folly of "benchmarking" is among the simplest illustrations of that point.

All these and related sillinesses, share with empiricism

the common feature of pathetic Isaac Newton's "hypothesis is not necessary," and what Gauss exposed as the similar folly of Euler and Lagrange. Human progress depends upon the discovery and mastery of additional powers through the method of Socratic hypothesizing. This is an activity generated only by the specifically human noëtic powers of the individual mind. Suppress the development and employment of those noëtic powers, and human progress comes to a halt, or worse.

7. *Assumptions introduced to the effect of aborting, or even reversing progressive transformations.*

The influence of Dr. Alexander King's 1963 Paris OECD office's draft reform of education, is typical of virtually world-wide reforms in education which were intended to halt and reverse human progress in a manner illustrated, inclusively, by the disastrous effects of Germany's Brandt reforms. The 1964-72 phase of the cultural paradigm-downshift, is most notable.

Empiricism is typical of such pathological assumptions. By outlawing hypothesis, empiricism accomplices two oligarchical objectives. It "brainwashes" its converts into not merely denying, but repelling the only crucial distinction of man from beast. Thus Galileo's student Thomas Hobbes defined the human individual as specifically bestial, as John Locke asserted the same point by different sophistry. None of these actually believed in a Creator, because they denied, systemically, the existence of any being with the essential attribute of a Creator, noësis, within the universe.

Once the empiricists and their like had, in their own opinion, eliminated God from the universe, they considered themselves at liberty to concoct artificial religions, such as the doctrine of "free trade." Since empiricists are self-defined as lacking any knowledge of the real universe behind the shadows of sense-perception, they, such as Locke, Mandeville, and Quesnay, adopted intellectual rubble left on the roadside of time, such as the "invisible hand" doctrine of the neo-Manichean Cathars. In turn, itinerant British garbage-picker Adam Smith, grabbed up the refuse left behind by Mandeville and Quesnay, and called it the magical powers of "free trade." Notably, the British of that time never allowed a "free trade" policy to be imposed upon London's mercantile financier class, but issued the dogma recommended to those they wish to loot, or even destroy, such as Eighteenth-Century France, or the U.S.A. under British agent of influence Gallatin's Presidents Jefferson and Madison, and Jackson, van Buren, Polk, Pierce, and Buchanan.

8. *Assumptions which tend toward the generalized devolution of society.*

Most of the so-called "ecology" doctrine spread since Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, has turned the clock of history



*The neo-conservatives' imperial war policy rests on a popular tolerance for might-makes-right, "the ideology of the imperial Roman Pantheon and the ruling popular opinion of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus during those times." LaRouche brands it "pox populi."*

backwards, with explicitly mass-murderous and related effects.

9. *Assumptions, such as the Hegel-Nietzsche "end of history" conception, introduced and applied with the intent not only to reverse society's progress, but to degrade mankind to a permanent condition of bestiality. These intentions are fairly described as satanic.*

This, otherwise to be classified as the "end of history" doctrine, is the principal matter on which our attention is now focussed.

Assumptions of the character of some combination of cases numbered six through nine define a cultural mind-set which is functionally insane. Such is the state of operating U.S. policy, and much of U.S. popular opinion today.

## Has History Stopped?

From the glorious Fifteenth-Century Renaissance, until a pattern of retrogressive developments which has dominated much of the decades of globally extended European civilization since near the close of the Nineteenth Century, the predominant long-term impetus of that civilization was the idea of progress. The Fifteenth-Century Renaissance, the Treaty of Westphalia, the accelerated eruption of scientific and technological progress since Jean-Baptiste Colbert's leading role, the 1763-1789 rallying of the best of European civilization to the cause of an independent Classical true republic in English-speaking North America, the radiation of the German Classical revival of the late Eighteenth Century, the progress of

physical science and technology during the Nineteenth Century, and the inspiring great victory of President Abraham Lincoln over Lord Palmerston's pawn, the Confederacy, are among the most notable benchmarks of these pulsations of modern humanist optimism.

Then, suddenly, in Paris, on July 14, 1789, the history of human progress skipped a heart-beat, when two agents of Jeremy Bentham's London, Philippe Egalité and Jacques Necker, quite literally, staged the storming of the Bastille as the leading event of Necker's campaign for Prime Minister.<sup>30</sup> The ensuing impact of, the successive rise of the Jacobins, including London's agents Danton and Marat, the continuing French Terror, the rise of a new imperial Caesar from the bowels of the ancient history, Napoleon Bonaparte, the evil that was the 1814-15 Congress of Vienna, the installation of the abominable Restoration monarchy in France, and the proclamation of the fascistic, Metternichean Carlsbad Decrees, were, combined, a shock to civilization comparable to

30. The Swiss banker from Lausanne, Necker, like Adam Smith, and Necker's wife's associate Gibbon, was a long-standing asset of the Lord Shelburne who controlled Barings' and the parliamentary payroll of the British East India Company. Shelburne, while Prime Minister of England, directed the 1782-1783 Peace Treaty negotiations with the U.S.A., on the one hand, and France on the other. This led to the self-induced bankrupting of Louis XVI's monarchy, an operation in which Necker played a key role at some points. Necker's daughter, the notorious Madame de Staël, was a spy inside Queen Marie Antoinette's circles. Another Shelburne agent, the British Foreign Office's Jeremy Bentham, was the head of the secret committee which trained and deployed British spies such as Danton and Marat, and who directed Aaron Burr. Bentham shaped British early Nineteenth-Century foreign policy, and created his most notable successor, Lord Palmerston.

what we have experienced with the 1962-1972 succession of the Cuba missiles-crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy, the U.S. war in Indo-China, the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, and the August 1971 wrecking of the fixed-exchange-rate world monetary system.

The outcome of that tragic succession of 1789-1818 events, was today's continuing legacy of the fascism of Napoleon Bonaparte, of his nephew Napoleon III, and of their imitators, such as Jefferson Davis' Confederacy, Benito Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler. That awful legacy is the manure of cultural pessimism in which excrescences such as Vice-President Dick Cheney's pack of fascist cronies have been bred.

Many of the features of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's tyranny have been rightly compared with the role of the Sun-King Louis XIV. Nonetheless, the form of the state founded as the Empire of Napoleon Bonaparte was not a France of the form of nation-state established under Louis XI, defended by Henri IV, and restored by the works of Cardinal Mazarin and his Jean-Baptiste Colbert. It was a replanting of the empire of Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, et al., under the fasces of imperial Rome.

The Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte devoutly worshipped by G.W.F. Hegel, emerged thus as the first modern fascist dictator. Hegel's theory of history and the state was the beginning of a theory of fascism modelled on Hegel's adopted image of Napoleon as Caesar. The Friedrich Nietzsche who wrote the sequel to Hegel's rant, proclaimed the coming Age of Aquarius as the end of history. So, among their followers today, we have seen the face of Nietzsche's Superman, Satan—of Nietzsche's Dionysius—mirrored in the face of Cheney and his pack.

The two central features of Napoleon Bonaparte's fascist state, were that it was, first, an empire premised upon, and heavily garnished with the symbols and sentiments of Caesarian Rome; and, second, it, like the cult of Sol Invictus adopted by "Sun King" Louis XIV, defined its underlying constitutional principle to be the Emperor Napoleon's pantheonic religious authority as avowed Pontifex Maximus over principles of law and religion. The current Bush administration has been rooted, from the beginning, in its "fundamentalist" caricature of the features of the Emperor Napoleon's system.

Especially since Sept. 11, 2001, the direction of evolution of the doctrines and practice of law, of fundamentalist cultisms, and foreign policy, have evolved into the direction of becoming a decreed state religion, like the dictator Robespierre's pantheistic cult of the Supreme Being, without rational division of their differing qualities of categorical functions.

Of such matters, I must say, as Benjamin Franklin spoke of the U.S. Federal Constitution as if to echo the poem of the aging Solon of Athens: We have given you a republic, if you can keep it. That means, again, today: If you recognize the nature of the enemy from within.

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## The Strauss Kindergarten

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# Israeli Outcroppings Of 'Universal Fascism'

by Steven Meyer

Several weeks before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, a colleague asked me to review a book which is causing an uproar amongst the Middle Eastern diplomatic community in Washington, D.C. Michael Oren's *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, has been characterized as the authoritative history of the Middle East, based upon its vast use of U.S. and Israeli government documentation which has been declassified in the recent years. The book, issued last Summer, made it quickly to the top ten of the *Washington Post's* bestseller list.

Many of the diplomats who were angered by the book were themselves military officials, so I consented to read it with interest, but with the hesitancy that the content with respect to military affairs was beyond the scope of my expertise. I got as far as reading the introduction, which was an outrageous fabrication of the history of both the Zionist movement and the Arab and Palestinian nationalist movements prior to the establishment of the state of Israel. I put the book down, determined to discover who had dropped this propaganda bomb into the preparatory phases of the current war in the Middle East.

What I found was the curious marriage between the family of Leo Strauss's kindergarten of philosophers and political operatives in the United States, and the like-minded family of the late avowed Jewish fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky. As a young man in the 1920s, Strauss met with Jabotinsky and carried on a correspondence with him, but it appears little has been written about their relationship. In 1954, Strauss spent a year in Israel. Today, Jabotinsky's kindergarten—and Strauss's network—reside in the Likud and radical parties to its right, a web of Israeli-American think-tanks, and several philosophy departments of leading Israeli universities.

The commonality of outlook of these networks is reflected in their successful joint effort that killed the Oslo Accords, the attempt to establish a just peace with the Palestinians. They all tend to promulgate Samuel Huntington's Clash of Civilizations thesis, and their explicit goal remains to establish a messianic Israel on both sides of the Jordan, with Jerusalem as its capital; as Lyndon LaRouche has said, their current doings have placed Israel on that very precipice of Hell that is leading Israel toward self-doom.

Any intelligence hand in the Arab world and Israel must



*Irving Kristol, godfather of the U.S. neo-conservatives, addressed the Shalem Center in 1999, "On the Political Stupidity of the Jews." According to him, their "stupidity" lies in the fact that they have historically been too susceptible to "universal humanism."*

master the epistemological underpinnings of these networks, which LaRouche's accompanying article explains, in order to understand how Anglo-American utopians have consistently deployed a fascist core within the Zionist movement to disrupt every potential peace accord between Arabs and Jews, beginning with the Arlosoroff negotiations in the early 1920s.<sup>1</sup>

That said, who produced Oren's book, and what does this larger Jabotinskyite-Straussian fascist monster look like?

## The Shalem Center

Oren is a resident scholar of the Shalem Center, a Jerusalem and Washington think-tank, and his book was one of its projects. Shalem was founded in 1994, with the explicit purpose of launching a cultural war inside Israel by the American Straussians. The associate director of Shalem, who also serves as the director of its Washington office, is Hillel Fradkin. Fradkin is a student of Allan Bloom, one of Strauss's leading apostles, and Fradkin has characterized Strauss as one of the two or three greatest men of the 20th Century.<sup>2</sup>

From 1986-88, Fradkin taught political science at the University of Chicago Committee on Social Thought, an interdisciplinary center created to house Strauss and his disciples. He is currently the director of the neo-con Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington. The Shalem Center describes itself as dedicated to "Jewish social thought and Israeli public policy"—an unmistakable reference to the two centers.

While teaching at the Committee on Social Thought, Fradkin also served as vice president of the Bradley Foundation and a program officer for the Olin Foundation. These

1. See Steven Meyer, "Will Israel Outlive Its Fascists? Jabotinsky: Mussolini's Favorite" and "Jabotinsky Wrecked Zionists Hope for Water for Peace in the Mideast," *EIR*, May 24, 2002.

2. "Parting of the Ways II: Jewish and Islamic Thought and 9/11," by Hillel Fradkin, lecture delivered at the American Enterprise Institute, May 13, 2002.

two foundations, along with the Mellon-Scaiffe and Smith Richardson foundations, have funded the entire gamut of neo-con think-tanks in the United States, as well as Straussian university deployments, including Samuel Huntington's ravings at Harvard.

Fradkin also served as a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, where he published with "Clean Break" author David Wurmser. His "ethics" include promoting the use of military force for regime change in Iraq and the other so-called axis-of-evil states, and he has been among the small numbers of signators of public letters in support of such action, written to President Bush by the neo-con Project for a New American Century.

Now, the marriage.

The Israeli director of Shalem, Yoram Hazony, was an admirer of the racist, terrorist Meir Kahane, whose father was a friend and collaborator of Jabotinsky. Hazony published a eulogy for Kahane in the *Jerusalem Post* in 1990. "We were mesmerized," wrote Hazony. "We listened in astonishment, and finally in shame, when we began to realize that he was right. . . . [We express] gratitude to someone who changed our lives, thrilled and entertained us, helped us grow up into strong, Jewish men and women. Many of us found other ways of doing what he asked."

Hazony was sent to Shalem from Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu's political stable, where he worked as an advisor, speechwriter, and ghostwriter. Netanyahu is an avowed follower of Jabotinsky, having been raised in that political and philosophical tradition by his father, whose mentor, Abba Achimier, was a leading member of Jabotinsky's Betar. Achimier, an admirer of Hitler and Mussolini, wrote a weekly column in the *Palestine Betar* newspaper, entitled "From the Desk of a Fascist." Achimier was accused of being the author of the murder of Chaim Arlosoroff.

Hazony, an American-born Israeli, was schooled in the United States and received his Ph.D. at the Political Science Department of Wilson Carey McWilliams, a resident Straussian at Rutgers University. The department receives Bradley Foundation monies for its doctorate program. Michael Oren received his Ph.D. at Princeton in 1986, in the Near East Studies Department, whose resident scholar was British intelligence hand Bernard Lewis, author of the "Clash of Civilizations" doctrine later popularized by Samuel Huntington.

Shalem's purpose, as stated in the founding edition of its quarterly magazine *Azure*, is to establish cultural and philosophical hegemony amongst Israel's intelligentsia. It plans to provide Israel's conservative political parties with the essential ideas necessary to govern. The center plans to create a university devoted to producing a cadre elite. Shalem has devoted itself to translating and publishing Hebrew editions of works of leading conservative economists and philosophers, such as Friedrich von Hayek, Adam Smith, Milton Friedman, and Edmund Burke (one of U.S. Secretary of Defense for Policy Doug Feith's icons).

Shalem was created with large amounts of cash from U.S. multi-millionaire Ronald Lauder—known in Israel as Netanyahu’s piggy bank—along with funds from the Sanford Bernstein Company. The latter is owned by Roger Hertog, a financial partner of Michael Steinhardt, whose father was a fence for Meyer Lansky’s organized crime syndicate, and who is now a leading light in the circles of the Democratic Leadership Council (see *EIR*, Aug. 9, 2002). The two own the *New Republic*, which published Hazony’s book, *The Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel’s Soul*—an attack on those who have not succumbed to Shalem’s doctrines. Israeli academic Shlomo Avineri has characterized Hazony’s style of attack as a synthesis of Pat Robertson and Sen. Joe McCarthy.

## Enter, Irving Kristol

Irving Kristol, a devotee of Leo Strauss and the “godfather” of the U.S. neo-cons, addressed the Shalem Center in 1999, during the 50th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the state of Israel. His presentation was entitled, “On the Political Stupidity of the Jews.”

Castigating liberal American Jews and Israelis alike, Kristol asserted that both suffer from political stupidity which stems from “nothing less than a deeply grounded utopian expectation that good ‘human relations’ can replace political relations between other ethnic and religious groups, whether one faces these groups within the context of domestic American life, or across the border in Israeli foreign affairs.”

The ultimate cause of such “utopianism,” according to Kristol, is the fact that since Jews historically lacked any political tradition, they were susceptible to “universal humanism” during the Enlightenment, and that this universal ideal has unfortunately become a “quintessentially Jewish belief.” It is a sorry state of affairs that both Israeli and American Jews are still susceptible to these ideas, he said, which are are but “day dreams, . . . abstract theories of universal rights and international laws,” which have left the Jews “intellectually disarmed.”

Kristol’s assertion is so wild, that it doesn’t seem plausible to me that it was widely circulated in Israel or the United States—or he would have been politically lynched. But his construct is worth looking at, because it is pure Straussianism.

The Straussians, who claim to be the experts on Plato, overlook the existence of Moses Mendelssohn (1729-1786), the Orthodox Jew and Platonic philosopher known the world over during his lifetime as the “Berlin Socrates.” Mendelssohn and his Jewish collaborators promoted the ideas of Gottfried Leibniz and the creation of the American republic and other modern nation-states, based upon the idea of justice and equality for all. They were also key in furthering the scientific discoveries of Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven, and contributed to other areas of universal knowledge. For Mendelssohn, Plato’s concept of reason was coherent with Mosaic law.

Strauss, a Jew who emigrated from Germany in 1934 under the sponsorship of top Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt, did a critique of Mendelssohn, saying that, unfortunately, his prof-

concerning reason and Mosaic law was insufficient. Strauss also attacked Gotthold Lessing’s play *Nathan the Wise*, in which the character of Nathan, the learned Jew, was known to be modelled upon Mendelssohn. Nathan uses an ecumenical approach to bring together Christian and Islamic protagonists.

Irving Kristol closed his 1999 address to Shalem with the following charge: “Before the daunting task of instilling a tradition of thinking politically among the Jews, there is little to be done other than to continue the work of education. Such work is very difficult, but it must be done if both Jews and Judaism are to survive. Those of us in the United States who have been involved in this enterprise for some years now are certainly encouraged to see a comparable enterprise under way in Israel.”

The Israeli Education Ministry during the Ehud Barak Administration officially determined the Shalem Center to be “a research institute whose leanings are extreme right wing and even fascistic.” Shalem’s board of directors includes Irving Kristol’s son William Kristol, of the *Weekly Standard*, Ronald Lauder’s public spokesman Allen Rother, and *New Republic* owner Roger Hertog.

## The Straussians and ‘Clean Break’

“A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm,” was written at the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, based in Jerusalem and Washington. It was a research project of the Division for Research in Strategy, whose co-director, William R. Van Cleave, received his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. The Claremont Schools, the West Coast version of Chicago University’s Committee on Social Thought, are dominated by Harry Jaffa, a protégé of Leo Strauss, who was Professor Emeritus of Government at Claremont McKenna College and the Claremont Graduate School.

IASPS’s founder, Robert J. Loewenberg, was a Straussian professor of history at Arizona State University before moving to Israel. Applicants to IASPS’s Graduate Fellowships are required to have a mastery of Strauss’s works.

The executive director of IASPS Jerusalem is Zev Golan, who is also the director of the Temple Institute, a messianic right-wing Jewish organization which wants to build the Third Temple on the site of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

When Golan immigrated to Israel from the U.S. in 1979, he became an assistant to the elderly Rabbi Moshe Segal, one of the first members of Jabotinsky’s Betar organization in Palestine. Segal led the infamous 1929 Betar demonstration by several hundred cadres, armed with explosives, to the Wailing Wall and Temple Mount. It was the first provocation of its kind, and in the ensuing riots, hundreds of Arabs and Jews were killed. Segal was an avid promoter of Third Temple until his death in 1985.

Segal was also national commander of Brit Habirionim (Union of Terrorists), a violent underground group that used terror against Israeli founding Prime Minister David Ben Gu-



tion and the Histadrut. He rose to the top levels of the Irgun High Command and the Stern Gang. Through Segal, Golan became intimately involved in the Betar networks, compiling an oral history of the group.

IASPS has received over half a million dollars in recent years from the Bradley Foundation and the Sarah Scaife Foundation. One of IASPS's major funders is the San Francisco-based Koret Foundation, which has been financing it yearly for close to half a million dollars. Koret's president, Tad Taube, is a member of the governing board of the board of overseers of the Hoover Institute, along with Donald Rumsfeld and Richard Mellon Scaife. The Hoover Institute, for whom Van Cleave is a senior research fellow, receives a yearly grant of \$1.25 million from Koret. Hoover's current vice president, and the director of its Washington office, is Kenneth R. Weinstein. Prior to joining Hudson, he was the managing director of the Shalem Center's Washington office.

### Strauss's Israeli Protégés

Prof. Paul Eidelberg graduated from the University of Chicago in 1966, as a protégé of Strauss. He joined the faculty of Bar Ilan University in 1976, where he taught political science for several years. A devotee of Jabotinsky, whom he refers to as a "philosophic-statesman," he also wrote that Jabotinsky was "a man of impeccable character; truthful and magnanimous, fearless and compassionate, and wholly dedicated to the welfare of the Jews." Eidelberg castigated both Netanyahu and Sharon for their weakness in not establishing a completely Jewish state that encompasses all of Gaza, Judea, and Sumeria. His articles are circulated widely in right-wing journals and Internet sites in Israel and the United States.

An ardent opponent of the Oslo Accords, he stated in the *Jewish Press* that "Yitzak Rabin and his cohorts created the emotional and political climate that led to his assassination."

In lamenting Israel's current state, he has written that "Israel desperately needs a Jabotinsky-like alternative to its present leaders," but he does support the Sharon government's military policy against the Palestinians.

Eidelberg runs the Foundation for a Constitutional Democracy, which promotes a constitution he has written for Israel. Although seen as an extremist in Israel, his ideas on a constitution are endorsed by elements within the Likud party centered around Moshe Feiglin. In 1988, Eidelberg wrote an article for the Foundation for a Constitutional Democracy which would even make Irving Kristol blush. Entitled "Justice and the Arab Vote, a Socratic Issue," he argued that Socrates would have come to the conclusion that Israeli Arabs do not have the right to vote.

Another prominent Israeli Straussian is Prof. Emil Fackenheim, who was born in Germany in 1916. His mentors were both Strauss and the existentialist Martin Buber. He is one of Israel's more important theologians and philosophers. A fellow at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he is internationally acclaimed as an expert on the Holocaust.

Fackenheim's outlook is weighted with pessimism toward the human soul. His basic thesis is that for any Jew living anywhere in the world, whether they are sufficiently able to recognize it or not, modern history begins with the Holocaust, whose aftershocks remain a driving force of history. Furthermore, Jewish identity in the current era, begins with the establishment of the state of Israel, and any perceived danger, real or imagined, legitimizes an Israeli reaction. Fackenheim lectures on the 614th commandment (his own creation), which states: "Jews are forbidden to give Hitler posthumous victories."

Fackenheim has a substantial international following in academia. As with Strauss, international colloquia have been held, uniting scholars to present papers on his life's work. A vociferous opponent of Oslo, he endorses a "Greater Israel" policy and the creation of a Jewish-controlled Jerusalem as the only possible capital of Israel. He and chicken-hawk Doug Feith are founding members of One Jerusalem, which promotes such a policy.

Fackenheim and Eidelberg sit on the editorial board of *NATIV*, the journal of Israel's Ariel Institute for Policy Research. Established in 1997 by former Stern Gang leader Yitzhak Shamir to oppose the Oslo Accords, the Institute has promoted Huntington's Clash of Civilization thesis. Ariel's advisory council includes IASPS's William Van Cleave; its board of directors includes Mark Zell, Feith's law partner.

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## Why the ‘Surprising’ Rise Of Shi’ite Power in Iraq?

by Hussein Askary

The April 22-23 pilgrimage of 2 million Iraqis to Karbala in south central Iraq, commemorated the martyrdom of Imam Hussein ibn Ali, the grandson of Prophet Mohammed, who was killed in 680 and regarded by Shi’ites worldwide as the ultimate symbol of martyrdom and selfless struggle against tyranny. Because it is both a religious ceremony and a political expression of grievances, the pilgrimage was banned by Saddam Hussein’s regime for over 25 years. The huge, completely peaceful gathering, in a relatively small city, showed a high degree of organizing and discipline by the religious authorities in Karbala and Najaf, internationally known as the Hawza, or the Islamic Seminary. Food, water, and medical care were provided to this huge crowd of pilgrims, in spite of the enormous pressure caused by weeks of war and lack of basic supplies. The Hawza is emerging as the new civilian Iraqi authority in areas of Shi’ite majorities—i.e., southern Iraq and large parts of Baghdad. They make up 60-65% of the country.

The religious ceremony turned political, with large demonstrations headed by the clergymen, calling for an end to the American-British military occupation, and establishing a united Iraqi government. The dominant chants were those rejecting the occupation, and “No, no, to all the Chalabis,” in a reference the U.S.-backed politicians such as Ahmed Chalabi, the darling of the U.S. neo-conservative chicken-hawks. The demonstrators also chanted that they don’t want a Shi’ite or Sunni state, but national unity.

### Stupidity or Imperial Arrogance

*Washington Post* coverage that day was headlined, “U.S. Planners Surprised by Strength of Iraqi Shi’ites.” Bush Administration officials acknowledged to the press that they had underestimated the Shi’ites’ organizational strength, and are unprepared to try to prevent the rise of a fundamentalist, anti-

American government in Iraq. The officials were cited saying that “the U.S. has no diplomatic relations with [predominantly Shi’ite] Iran, and thus no window into what Iran is doing in Iraq.” In truth, this “surprise” was caused by the pack of lies promoted by the civilian war-hawks in the Pentagon through discredited Iraqi National Conference chairman Chalabi. Some Administration officials were “dazzled” by the exile Chalabi, the *Post* noted; Pentagon policymakers had convinced themselves that he was a Shi’ite who could lead other Shi’ites.

But the *Post* wrongly forecast the prospect of an Iran-modelled “Islamic fundamentalist state” in Iraq. This assessment is meant to focus attention on Iran, both as a next target of the imperial war, and also as a scapegoat for U.S. policy failures in Iraq.

In a front-page story on April 23, the *New York Times* said that Iran is sending its agents into southern Iraq, working in Najaf, Karbala, and Basra, including members of the Badr Brigade, and perhaps also Iranian Revolutionary Guards. Lord Conrad Black’s *New York Sun* ran an editorial, “Beware of Tehran,” claiming that “Iran’s tyrants see an opportunity to extend their influence—and they are doing so.” White House spokesman Ari Fleischer and hawkish Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) issued threats to Iran.

What raises more question marks on the targetting of Iran, was the announcement in April 22 by the U.S. Central Command (Centcom) in Qatar, of a “cease-fire” agreement between U.S. forces in Iraq and the Iranian terrorist group Mujahideen-e Khalq Organization (MKO), one of the groups on the State Department’s list of international terrorist organizations, which was supported by Saddam Hussein against Iran. MKO leaders immediately expressed their willingness to continue their activities against Iran, but in collaboration with the United States. The MKO base northeast of Baghdad was not

targetted during the recent bombing campaign.

The danger here is twofold. First, there are probably people in the “war party” in Washington who would like to see Iraq descending into chaos and sectarian and ethnic war. Second, if the United States and Britain continue to insist on running Iraq as a colony and a base to target other nations in the region, such as Iran and Syria, the *Post*’s prophecy might become self-fulfilling. Both real and false-flag anti-American “armed resistance” groups may emerge, supported by foreign powers.

### **Shi’ite Leaders Rebuke Reports**

Following the Karbala pilgrimage, press conferences were held in both Karbala and Tehran by Shi’ite leaders. Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim spoke to the press in Karbala; he is the spokesman and deputy chairman of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), and had just returned from exile in Iran. He is also the brother of Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, chairman of the Iran-based SCIRI, who held the other press conference there. SCIRI is the most influential Iraqi opposition group. According to Reuters, Ayatollah Al-Hakim stated: “There is no doubt we are going to cooperate with all sides and forces that have relations with the Iraqi issue. . . . Among these sides are America, Britain, the United Nations, the European Union, Arab and Islamic states. . . . We cannot make a comparison between the Iraqi and the Iranian people. . . . We should not make a copy of the Iranian revolution and establish it in Iraq.” Al-Hakim said there could be a separation of church and state in Iraq, unlike in his host country Iran. “Religious leaders are from the people and they must carry out their responsibilities,” he said. But “it is not very necessary for the Iraqi regime to be in the hands of religious people. It all depends on the will of the Iraqi people.”

On the demonstrations in Karbala, Ayatollah al-Hakim said: “In these marches the Iraqi people want to say they are able to manage their affairs themselves.” Asked if U.S. troops should immediately leave Iraq, he said: “The Iraqi people must start to establish their national government and take responsibility to manage their affairs. There is no necessity for any foreign domination in Iraq. The Americans say they will remain in Iraq only for a very limited period, but I don’t know how long that will last.” Ayatollah al-Hakim is expected to leave Iran soon, after more than 20 years in exile.

At the Karbala press conference, the presence of Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim was a sign of the Hawza’s choice of its political spokesman. And he said that the Hawza “has performed a role in the current ceremonies ranking above any political or civilian administration. [This] shows that the Iraqi people are capable of running their own affairs.” Al-Hakim said that a meeting of all the Iraqi groups that opposed Saddam Hussein’s rule would be convened in Baghdad soon, to establish a democratic and united government. He emphasized that “the whole world regards the presence of U.S. and British troops in the country as an occupation,” but that it would be re-

sisted peacefully.

The first meeting of opposition groups inside Iraq was organized by the U.S. military command in April 16, under the chairmanship of American “administrator of Iraq,” Gen. Jay Garner (ret.). That meeting was boycotted by SCIRI and other major Shi’ite groups. They will attend the next one, now that they have made a tremendous demonstration of political power in Karbala.

### **LaRouche’s Work Invoked**

The U.S. occupation army is not making things easier, as some believe it is trying to provoke peaceful demonstrators. In April 22, the U.S. Army in Baghdad was forced to release a religious leader arrested the day before, when thousands of angry protesters issued an ultimatum to the U.S. commanders at the Palestine Hotel. The protesters demanded the immediate release of Sheikh Muhammad al-Fartusi, representative in Baghdad of the powerful Hawza of Najaf. Sheikh Hussein al-Assadi, a member of the Hawza council, who described himself as a student of Sheikh Fartusi, warned during the protest that U.S. forces in Iraq should be aware of Muslim sensitivities, “otherwise there will be an explosion.”

Only one day later, U.S. forces in Baghdad arrested Stam al-Gu’oud, chairman of the United Federation of Iraqi Intellectuals. The reason given was his alleged possession of arms. This pretext was ridiculed in a country where almost everyone has a gun. Al-Gu’oud is an outspoken critic of the U.S.-British occupation, and a political leader who is not part of the “imported” opposition. He appeared in an interview with Abu Dhabi Television on April 21, describing what is happening in Iraq in the context of the neo-conservatives’ now well-known “Clean Break” strategy. This is probably a more credible reason for his arrest. His group is opposed to the division of Iraq along ethnic and sectarian lines.

There are dangerous attempts to put emphasis only on the Shi’ite factor in Iraq. In Iraq’s modern history, there has been no known sectarian strife. Shi’ites and Sunnis, Iraq’s second largest Islamic denomination, have united in the face of foreign threats, as in the 1919-20 revolt against British occupation. Saddam Hussein’s regime tried to survive politically by playing on differences between the sects and tribes of Iraq. The United States and Britain may try that too, but it is never the natural state of Iraqi society.

To prove that point, on April 17, Iraqi Sunnis organized massive Friday Prayer events, followed by demonstrations in Baghdad. The major event in Baghdad was the Friday Prayer sermon given by Sheikh Ahmed al-Kubaisi in Imam Abu Hanifa Mosque. Al-Kubaisi, one of the most revered Islamic scholars in the Arab world, did not call for an Islamic state, as English-language media reported. He called for establishing a “Committee of Wise Men,” which would monitor the activities of whatever civil administration were established; and for civil disobedience, on the model of Mahatma Gandhi, whenever that administration acts against Iraqis’ welfare.

Al-Kubaisi, while denouncing the illegal war and occupa-

tion, invoked the “True America.” “What we see today is not the great America, which we have known all the time. The America which we knew was the America of freedom and scientific progress, not the one we see today.” He described in fascinating detail how President Eisenhower put an end to the British-Israeli-French attack on Egypt in the Suez War in 1956, as an example of great American leadership. Al-Kubaisi had referred to the ideas and work of American Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, in an address at the Zayed University in Abu Dhabi in November 2002.

On the other side of the river, Shi’ites were attending Friday Prayer in al-Kadhimiya, at the Shrine of Imams Jaafar Assadiq and Mousa al-Kadhim. They, too, went out to demonstrate against the occupation. They crossed the bridge and joined their Sunni compatriots in a display of national, non-sectarian unity. The slogan was “No Shi’ite, no Sunni will sell out this country.”

The danger of sectarian division and strife in Iraq depends on the intentions and acts of the U.S. and British occupation and politicians in Washington. The continued deterioration of the Iraqi people’s living standards and the political instability in the country, would create conditions for such a disastrous development. The intention of the “war party” in Washington, to “move to the next target,” leaving Iraq a mess, is what could make such a development likely in the short term.

## Oil Robbery Under Way In Occupied Iraq?

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

The United States, having allegedly “won” the war in Iraq, now finds itself in an inextricable bind regarding its plan to exploit Iraq’s massive raw materials resources. The misinformed view of Vice President Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Richard Perle, et al., had been that, after a speedy coup d’état against Saddam Hussein, an American puppet regime would crank up oil production, expand exports, reap handsome revenues, and use them for “reconstruction” of the infrastructure that the combination of bombs, looting, and arson had destroyed. Contracts for “reconstruction” could be earmarked for faithful corporate war supporters, like Bechtel and Halliburton, while non-American companies would be excluded. Furthermore, to ensure total control over oil and the industry, the U.S.-sponsored regime would declare all Saddam-era contracts with other parties null and void. This would remove Russia, France, and others from the field of competitors.

That was the plan. Thus, as soon as Baghdad had “fallen,” April 9, President Bush declared that the UN sanctions against



*The American Pentagon’s “Iraqi face,” Ahmed al-Chalabi, returned to Iraq after nearly 50 years in Europe, wants to head its government and build a pipeline to bring its oil to Israel.*

Iraq should be immediately lifted, so that Iraqi oil could be exported, the economy reactivated, and reconstruction begun.

### Tearing Up UN Resolutions

But this declaration is utterly illegal. The Russians and French objected, correctly, that the sanctions could not be lifted by fiat, or by American imperial decree. Sanctions had been imposed, in the wake of the 1990 Iraqi intervention in Kuwait, through a United Nations Security Council resolution, which specified that they could be lifted only after a UN inspections team had certified that Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction. Thus, diplomats from Paris and Moscow argued, the UN inspectors should return to Iraq and complete their task. If a clean bill of health were delivered, then the sanctions could be lifted. For his part, UN inspections chief Hans Blix confirmed on April 23, that his team could be back on the scene within two weeks.

Although the French, in a conciliatory gesture, offered a compromise formula—“suspension” of the sanctions, pending delivery of a report by a “mixed” team of inspectors (the UN official team along with the ad hoc group of inspectors which the United States had assembled) U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Negroponte maintained his hard line, rejecting any role for the UN inspectors. He said the United States saw no UN role “for the time being or the foreseeable future.” Instead, he stressed that the U.S.-led coalition “has assumed responsibility for the disarming of Iraq.” The handpicked, well-paid inspectors assembled by the United States would continue scouring the land, until they came up with, or contrived, some sign of weapons of mass destruction.

The significance of the French and Russian position, is that it stresses, rightly, that the UN must be the body which decides on the sanctions. It is the UN which has controlled Iraq’s oil revenues through the Oil-for-Food program, and the Security Council decided on April 24 that this should remain so, until an independent Iraqi government comes into being. Furthermore, the recognition of a new Iraqi government, they both agree, is a responsibility of the UN.

One leading German expert on international law, Prof.

Dieter Blumenwitz, summarized the fundamental argument in an interview with *Die Welt* on April 12: Removing the government of a state (“regime change”), and installing a new government in the occupied territory, a puppet or “quisling” regime, is banned by international law, as established in the Code of War Conduct (The Hague Convention of 1907) and the 1947 Geneva Conventions. Any such regime should be viewed as an instrument of the occupying power, and not acknowledged as a legitimate government. All measures decreed by such a government are in violation of international law. An Iraqi post-Saddam government can be established only by the Iraqi people, through the help of the UN.

The United States, disregarding these instruments of international law, argues that both the UN sanctions and the UN Oil-for-Food program have been rendered “irrelevant” by the war. Furthermore, Washington has arrogated to itself the right to form an Iraqi government of its choosing. In the meantime, the United States assumes the right to direct Iraqi economic policy, in particular, to pump oil. At a “town meeting” of Baghdad civic leaders April 24, addressed by the American “Viceroy of Baghdad,” Gen. Jay Garner, it was announced that 70,000 barrels a day of oil were already being pumped in southern Iraq.

Garner also announced, “I think you’ll begin to see the governmental process start next week. It will have Iraqi faces on it. It will be governed by the Iraqis.” He could have added: “It will market the oil.”

### **Coalition ‘Retains Absolute Authority’**

From the onset of the aggressive war against Iraq, U.S. and British politicians have been asked the question, “Who, in a post-Saddam, era, will control Iraqi oil, its production, export and revenues?” U.S. Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman, in remarks to Italy’s *Corriere della Sera* on April 20, gave the standard reply: the “Iraqi people.” When asked to be a bit more specific, he said, “some Iraqi authority.” The London *Financial Times* on April 21 reported on the coming-into-being of one such “authority.” A man named Fellah al-Khawaja had presented himself in Baghdad, as representing the “Co-Ordinating Committee for the Oil Ministry” which, in turn, is under the auspices of the local government, a self-declared entity under a self-declared mayor, Mohamed Mohsen al-Zubaidi. The committee, according to the report, issued a list of people allowed into the ministry. (The Oil Ministry, unlike 35 other ministries, leading museums, libraries, etc., had been immediately seized and protected by American troops.)

U.S. authorities, in both Iraq and Washington, embarrassed by al-Zubaidi’s assertiveness, have issued disclaimers. Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, commander of the ground forces in Iraq, made perfectly clear that the U.S.-led military coalition “alone retains absolute authority within Iraq.” Al-Zubaidi presumably asserted the right to become Baghdad mayor, by virtue of the fact that he is secretary of the Iraqi National

Congress (INC), the organization of exiled Iraqis which is officially backed by the Pentagon. Its leader, Ahmed Chalabi, is the crown prince, designated by Rumsfeld to lead a new government—what General Garner indicated was “an Iraqi face.”

A Chalabi government, according to the Washington blueprint, would be the entity to market Iraq’s oil. Not only that: Chalabi has gone on record endorsing a project to revive an old, pre-1948 pipeline from Iraq to Israel, which would provide Israel with cheap Iraqi oil. State Department sources say that a Chalabi regime would have at the “top of the agenda” a peace treaty between the new Iraq, and Israel. The “vision” of reviving the pipeline goes back to 1975, when Henry Kissinger signed a Memorandum of Understanding, whereby Israel would be guaranteed oil supplies and energy in time of crisis, by the United States. Once the Iraq war came on the Washington agenda, the pipeline project began to be openly debated. As for who would build the necessary infrastructure, the answer should be obvious. The *Financial Times* reported, “The plan was promoted by the now Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, and the pipeline was to be built by the Bechtel company, which the Bush Administration last week awarded a multibillion-dollar contract for the reconstruction of Iraq.”

The “vision” would become reality in the manner cited above: Chalabi would be installed as a leader of a new Iraqi government, whose task would be to jack up Iraq’s oil production capabilities (with help of Bechtel et al.), export it (also to Israel), and allocate the revenues to “reconstruction,” with juicy contracts for Bechtel, Halliburton, and other friends of Cheney.

Developments on the ground, since the fall of Baghdad, have drawn a radically different picture, of self-organization among Iraq’s real political, religious, and social forces, whose unifying slogan has become: No to Saddam Hussein! No to America! No to Chalabi! There is no way that a Chalabi government, or any other quisling of the United States, can rule in Iraq. Chalabi himself, who set up headquarters at the Hunting Club in Baghdad, has become virtually a prisoner in his own compound, kept alive only by the 700 “Free Iraqi Forces” who protect his every move. On April 21, it was reported that Chalabi had barely escaped an assassination attempt, in which one or more of his bodyguards were killed. That attempt may not be the last.

The United States is under extreme time pressure to put something together, if not with Chalabi, then with some other “Iraqi face.” The Oil-for-Food program runs out on June 3, and Washington must have an interim Iraqi administration in place by that time, to be able to claim that this entity “owns” the oil, and can sell it.

The hitch, again, is that no government (interim or otherwise) will have international legitimacy in this respect, unless it is put in place through the UN process. And that, at the moment, does not seem very likely.

# Brazilians Denounce Iraq Occupation As Threat to Sovereignty of Nations

by Lorenzo Carrasco

While the Brazilian government has demonstrated excessive caution in its condemnation of the barbarous Anglo-American occupation of Iraq, out of concern over the very likely economic reprisals which the country would suffer were the government to express its view honestly, differing political and diplomatic circles in Brazil have repudiated that occupation with unprecedented vehemence.

The Brazilian elite is concerned not only about the Iraq War's implications for world affairs, but also that the chicken-hawks who architected that war have parallel designs upon Ibero-America. These are promoted under the doctrine that re-establishing "effective sovereignty" over the "ungoverned areas" of the region requires supranational action, as stated explicitly by U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during the November 2002 Fifth Defense Ministerial of the Americas, in Santiago, Chile.

The lead editorial in *Folha de São Paulo* on April 15 typifies the view of leading Brazilian circles. "No one will be safe . . . until Bush and his 'hawks' leave the White House," Brazil's most influential newspaper warned, in commenting upon the Bush Administration's threats to continue war with an attack on Syria. "Washington's 'hawks' have already proven that they will not be stopped by instruments such as diplomacy or international public opinion." Strictly speaking, there is no legal impediment that prohibits Syria from giving asylum to members of Saddam Hussein's government, nor to [its] possessing chemical weapons, as Syria is not a signatory to the convention against chemical weapons, the paper pointed out. But, "the United States has already run over international law in the case of Iraq, and there is no reason to believe that Law will stop them now or in the future. Washington appears to have decided to exercise its imperial calling."

Even more harsh was the article by Ambassador Rubens Ricupero, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), published in *Folha de São Paulo* on April 14. This top Brazilian diplomat compared the ravings of the chicken-hawks in power in Washington, to Mussolini's and Hitler's attacks on the League of Nations:

"To reject the reforms which would make the United Nations Organization effective, and at the same time scorn it because this rejection condemns it to irrelevance, is to repeat

the ill-fated farce of those who buried the League of Nations. One of those masters of cynicism and hypocrisy described the League as an 'academic organization, without life or importance,' adding that he did not believe 'in either the possibility or the usefulness of perpetual peace . . . , rejecting pacificism, which hides flight in the face of struggle, and cowardice in the face of sacrifice, [because] only war brings all the human energies to their point of maximum tension, and places the mark of nobility upon the peoples which have the courage to confront it.' Another of these unfortunate figures stated that peace would not be 'assured by waving olive branches, with tears in the eyes, by whining pacifists, but by the victorious sword of a people made up of gentlemen who put the entire world at the service of a superior civilization.'

"Does this sound familiar in spirit to recent statements?" Ricupero wrote. "The first quote is from one Benito Mussolini in his leading work, *Il Fascismo*. The second is from Adolf Hitler, in *Mein Kampf*."

## Eurasian Land-Bridge the Target

A harsh warning was also sounded on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies in Brasilia on April 11, by Congressman Irapuan Teixeira, from Congressman Dr. Enéas Carneiro's Party for the Rebuilding of National Order (PRONA). Teixeira condemned the "the unilateral war which the George W. Bush government, captive of a group of neo-fascist ideologues coordinated by Vice President Dick Cheney, launched against Iraq."

What distinguished Congressman Teixeira's discussion of the war, however, was his precise identification of what drives the war party: to prevent the emergence of a global economic system that could replace the current financial system, which, the Congressman stressed, is now in its death throes. Teixeira told his fellow Congressmen that these neo-fascists seek nothing less than to unleash a Clash of Civilizations and "perpetual



Rubens Ricupero

war,” in order to destroy the great Eurasian Land-Bridge project which could provide the basis for world recovery.

Congressman Teixeira’s speech (see box), clearly drew upon the pamphlet published by the Brazilian branch of Lyndon LaRouche’s Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), titled *Imperium Insanum*, which contains several of LaRouche’s analyses of the war. In less than a month, 26,000 copies of the pamphlet have been distributed by networks in every corner of Brazil.

Two weeks before Teixeira spoke, PRONA party head Dr. Enéas had addressed the Chamber of Deputies also, call-

ing upon President Lula da Silva to take the only action by which Brazil might change the current war-driven course of world affairs: Break with the International Monetary Fund system, declare a moratorium on its gigantic foreign debt, unpayable in any case, and ally with China, Russia, India, France, and Germany in the construction of a new economic system. (See *EIR*, April 11, 2003.)

### **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Fractures**

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## **Iraq War ‘Aimed Against The Eurasian Land-Bridge’**

*Speaking to the plenary of the Chamber of Deputies on April 11, Congressman Irapuan Teixeira, of the PRONA party, gave this briefing on the perpetual war strategy of those who launched war against Iraq.*

... The Brazilian government did nothing at all against the unilateral war which the George W. Bush government, captive of a group of neo-fascist ideologues coordinated by Vice President Dick Cheney, launched against Iraq. . . . I celebrate the notable growth of the anti-war movement worldwide, even without sharing some of the analyses popular in it, the which disorient an understanding of the real cause of the bellicose obsession of Washington and London.

The war does not represent either the final phase of capitalism, nor a way of bringing about an economic recovery, for the simple reason that the United States no longer has the powerful industrial base upon which President Franklin Roosevelt could implement his famous New Deal and the economic mobilization for World War II, from which the country emerged as the greatest economic power in history.

On the contrary, throughout the last three decades, U.S. industry and economic infrastructure were ruined by the same liberal ideology inherited from Anglo-Dutch colonial practices, whose hegemony transformed the world economy into a speculative financial casino, provoking the systemic crisis which is today in the midst of its final death-rattle.

Similarly, we are not dealing with a simple war for the control of natural resources, such as the oil of the Middle East and the Caucasus, even it if is undeniable that the United States of America and its few allies—or better, only ally—could benefit from it in the short term.

These explanations minimize the global geopolitical interests of the Anglo-Americans and their allies in Israel. The Anglo-American assault against Iraq represents a watershed for all humanity, not only because of its openly unjust and illegitimate nature, but because of its destructive global effect on the very bases of international law and civilized coexistence among nations. The Anglo-American attack on Iraq could soon define a scenario of perpetual war, whose immediate consequence could be a conflict involving a desperate North Korea, and, later, other countries considered rebels—already even named by the Americans—against the imperialist designs of Washington and London.

Thus, the offensive against Iraq and the accusations against the regime of Saddam Hussein were merely pretexts to set in motion a Clash of Civilizations, a state of perpetual war, which would begin against the Islamic peoples, and would extend like a trail of gunpowder along the routes of Eurasian integration.

The destruction of the effort to establish a Eurasian Land-Bridge capable of triggering the urgent process of world economic recovery, is the primary objective of the imperial impulse.

In reality, the attack on Iraq has been planned for more than a decade by a group of supremacist ideologues and policymakers, such as Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, Dick Cheney, Lewis Libby, and others who held various posts in the government of Bush’s father, and returned under Bush, Jr. Keeping in mind that we could go on at length analyzing these writings—the which a very intelligent critic, the journalist Lorenzo Carrasco [*EIR*’s correspondent—ed.] has at hand—the ease with which the United States took Iraq, surprises me. . . .

The Brazilian government must be alert not only on domestic, but also foreign policy, in order that we preserve the country for our children and grandchildren. The possibility that Brazil could be invaded as Iraq was, by bellicose governments that had not the least compassion for the people of that country, worries me.

Washington and London have cultivated obsessively since the end of World War II, both as a key instrument of their drive for world government, and as the means to impose “technological apartheid” upon developing nations. The irony of this development, is that one of the arguments used to justify the attack on Iraq was precisely that of blocking possible possession of nuclear weapons by the Baghdad regime. The war against Iraq, however, reopened the discussion in Brazil, over Brazil’s signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1998, under the government of Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

The issue came up in last year’s national election campaign, when then-candidate Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva criticized the NPT as discriminatory, during a debate hosted by the Military Club in Rio de Janeiro. Later, Lula’s Minister of Science and Technology, Roberto Amaral, set off a storm when he said, just after assuming his post, that Brazil should again take up nuclear research for military purposes. He was immediately forced to issue a retraction.

Nonetheless, the explosion of the conflict in the Middle East, and the ostensibly different attitude of the Bush Administration toward Iraq and North Korea, have led to a rethinking of the Brazilian non-proliferation policy, as officials consider restructuring, re-equipping, and modernizing Brazil’s Armed Forces, in order to provide them with an effective deterrent capability against any foreign threat.

Sen. Roberto Saturnino Braga raised the issue on the Senate floor on March 26. If the United States’ pushing aside of the United Nations in its unilateral aggression against Iraq be allowed to stand without international sanction, “we would be obliged to rethink our position on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,” the Senator declared. “If the argument is, that only force matters; if law no longer has any value; if the international bodies are worthless; if it is force and military power which matters; then all countries are obliged to arm themselves, and better their military position in relation to the rest of the countries of the world.” Braga reminded people that he had supported the signing of the NPT in 1998, but “there is no reason to remain . . . as a nation of fools, respecting the NPT, when what is proliferating is the force of arms, the use of brute force, the use of massive aggression on a scale never seen in the history of the world.”

Likewise, on April 6, *Jornal do Commercio* published an interview with the president of the Senate, former President of the Republic José Sarney, in which he said that the whole world is now asking what will happen after George Bush’s war. That war wrecked “the international system which had been built to ensure the coexistence among nations,” the which, for better or worse, was capable of controlling the Cold War for 50 years in the nuclear era. When the Iraq War concludes, we will find ourselves on unknown ground, “where the only thing that exists is the path of force. Everyone is going to want to arm themselves. It will generate a demand for nuclear arms,” Sarney warned.

As the case of North Korea shows, the nuclear arms race has begun again.

The same day, *Folha de Sao Paulo* published an interview with one of the grand old men of Brazil’s missile and aerospace programs, Air Force Brig. Gen. Hugo de Oliveira Piva. Brazil must take up its nuclear program again, even if it does not return specifically to the production of nuclear weapons, Piva said. He was categorical: “He who doesn’t have advanced technology, will become a vassal. He will have to submit to the feudal lord. The more a country advances technologically, the more able it is to make more precise and more powerful weapons. But Brazil is a peaceful country,” he said, and that pacific nature must serve as the guarantee for the international community.

Evidently the reaction in Brazil to the strategy of “preventive wars of aggression” worried Washington officials enough, that Undersecretary of State for Non-Proliferation John Stern Wolf deployed to Brasilia April 14-15, for consultations with the Brazilian government on the NPT’s upcoming fifth-year review. Wolf tried to gild the lily, declaring that “Brazil is the leader amongst developing nations, and in Latin America, an important partner of the United States, which did the right thing in the area of non-proliferation, when it renounced nuclear weapons and restrained the missile program. These were important decisions, which made Brazil into a successful example in the area of non-proliferation, and made the country important in international forums.”

Such propitiatory statements, however, will not allow the United States to change the institutional reaction of Brazil. Wolf seems to have forgotten the grave diplomatic incident provoked by the neo-conservative hitman John Bolton, Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Matters, who succeeded in removing José Augusto Bustani as Director General of the United Nations Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in April 2002. Bustani, today Brazil’s Ambassador to London, is one of the principal diplomats responsible for the Brazilian non-proliferation policy so lauded by Wolf.

### **No to ‘Effective Sovereignty’**

Along with this, the principal item in Brazil’s security concerns with the United States, is its opposition to the doctrine of “effective sovereignty” enunciated by Rumsfeld, according to which sovereignty is to be respected only in those areas where a state maintains a physical presence, the which leaves open the possibility of foreign interventions into areas dominated by organized crime, or underpopulated strategic regions of the continent, such as, for example, the Brazilian Amazon. Brazilians are aware, as former Defense Minister Geraldo Quintana told *Gazeta Mercantil* on April 15, that the doctrine of “effective sovereignty . . . is a derivative of the doctrine of preventive attacks followed by the government of George W. Bush.”



## Philippines Becoming Just U.S. War Appendage?

Father Eliseo Mercado, currently at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. as a Fulbright New Century Scholar, was President of Notre Dame University in Cotabato City, Mindanao, Philippines, from 1992-2002. He has served as the chairman of the Independent Cease-Fire Monitoring Committee of the Philippine Government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and now chairs the National Peace Council in Mindanao, working for a resumption of the peace process between the government and ethnic, religious, and political organizations in Mindanao. Fr. Mercado is a Doctor of Divinity and Humanity, and completed Islamic and Arabic studies at the Gregorian University in Rome and at the Oriental Institute in Cairo. He was interviewed in Washington by Michael and Gail Billington on April 14.



**EIR:** Father Mercado, you were the official negotiator between the Philippines government and the MILF under both the Estrada and Macapagal-Arroyo Administrations, but in both cases you resigned those positions. What were the circumstances that led to your resignations?

**Fr. Mercado:** To begin with, the negotiators, understanding that they would be coming from the non-government organizations, the NGOs, they know that they are not supposed to be either with the MILF or with the government, that perhaps they would be more effective in bridging the two, moving towards resumption of formal peace talks. So after Estrada's all-out war, we were all upbeat when Macapagal declared an all-out peace initiative in the South. But, of course, things changed last Feb. 11, because the . . . Armed Forces of the Philippines conducted new military initiatives attacking the MILF council, and the peace talks broke off again. I saw this, and that's when I came here.

Before coming here I talked to different people, including the Defense Secretary, and I saw the hopeless attitude, and I believe nothing will happen as long as [Gen. Angelo] Reyes is Defense Secretary of the Philippines. He was the Chief of

Staff during the Estrada Administration, and he articulated the doctrine of the use of force as "softening the position" of the MILF. Now as the Defense Secretary, I believe that he follows the same doctrine.

**EIR:** General Reyes has very, very close relations with U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who is certainly the leading promoter of the war policy in the United States. What is your perspective on his relationship to Rumsfeld and the United States?

**Fr. Mercado:** Personally, I believe that Reyes follows the same school as the people running the Defense Department in the United States. That is to say that if you really show your muscles, then you can really demand the terms of surrender on your enemies, by showing your superiority. But to me that will never solve any problems. Secretary Reyes also believes, and the Philippines government, for that matter, believes we will only be able to modernize the Armed Forces of the Philippines if we dovetail the policy and priorities to that of U.S. policy. So that means the Philippines Defense Department will be really practically becoming a department or an extension of the U.S. Defense Department, or our foreign policy will really appear now as an extension of the State Department policy. For them that is the only way to modernize the Philippines military, because they have no money.

**EIR:** Ideologically, we have shown recently in the pamphlet, *Children of Satan: The 'Ignoble Liars' behind the Bush No-Exit War*, that the civilian leadership at the Defense Department, under Rumsfeld and Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz and Perle, comes from the Leo Strauss school—himself a student of Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Carl Schmitt fascist apparatus in Germany. You're familiar with that school?

**Fr. Mercado:** I am familiar.

**EIR:** And it certainly appears that what you are describing is a Nietzschean form of thinking, that you need to assert power, to show that you are capable of doing anything evil to terrorize your opponents into submission. What is your thought on that?

**Fr. Mercado:** The way they are doing it, our armed forces under the leadership of Reyes follow that particular school. At least there are indicators that point to that. That's why Reyes has always been called a military "hawk" in the Philippines, more hawkish than anybody else in the country. And for what purpose? They want to show manifestations of might and supremacy over all the enemies of the state, so called.

**EIR:** Since the launching of the war on terrorism after 9/11, the U.S. military has been participating in "exercises" in Mindanao, actually live combat operations against the Abu Sayyaf; many contend that this is a breach of the Philippines' Constitution, which forbids foreign troops in combat in the

Philippines. LaRouche has warned that this is part of a broader effort by the war party in Washington to create basing rights in Asia, with a view to confronting China. How do you see that?

**Fr. Mercado:** The first time they launched the Balikatan [military exercises] in the southern Philippines, we thought that the United States had definitely opened Southeast Asia as the second front in their war against terrorism; and, lo and behold, they issued a report about terrorist networks in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, and the southern Philippines, which fully occupied newspapers, local as well as international. So there is a real necessity to my view then, that they had to start this in the Philippines, not necessarily to get a military base, but definitely what you call a launch pad; and that definitely Mindanao needed to be open, for example, not necessarily to the old understanding of bases; but all military bases in the Philippines, and Philippines airports, accessible to the United States without the actual bases—unlike before, with Subic [Bay] and Clark Field. But then by tying the interest of the Philippines government and the U.S. government, and then tying together also the U.S. defense interest as well as the Philippines’ defense interest—then you have the bases without the name, without the label.

So, I think they have accomplished that. I don’t think really the target is the Abu Sayyaf, because before 9/11, these were only a few hundred people, lawless elements. It’s really a police matter, not a matter for the military, and definitely not for a coalition of international forces, because there are only some 200. And after the first Balikatan, the Abu Sayyaf problem is never solved. So this is something different, definitely, than Abu Sayyaf . . . definitely, it is really the consolidation of Southeast Asia. At one time I thought it was the anti-terrorist coalition second front, but I think there is a bigger agenda than simply the terrorists. . . .

**EIR:** What is your view of the adoption of the new U.S. strategic doctrine of unilateral, pre-emptive warfare?

**Fr. Mercado:** To me it is particularly dangerous, to say the least, a dangerous doctrine. Practically, the United States now dictates world policy, and can disregard the whole United Nations at will, you see? It is a unilateralism based on military might. The so-called “coalition of the willing,” is really what you call a shell. There are only about three or five, and the rest you never heard! I don’t know who believes in this “coalition of the willing.”

**EIR:** In general, I know you are here studying the relationship between the peace process and religious militants. What is your sense of the terrorist problem in Southeast Asia and, in particular, do you agree with those who describe it as an adjunct of international terrorism, or do you think it is something domestic?

**Fr. Mercado:** Personally, I believe that most of the so-called terrorist groups labeled by the White House or the State Department are genuine ethnic, and perhaps even national,

groupings and movements, and they do have legitimate grievances, and they are not part of an international terrorist front or coalition. There might be, of course, radicals within the groups, but a few radicals within the group would not make the whole group part of a so-called terrorist coalition against the West. So they really try to make something very big out of this very little minority within these different Islamic groups.

**EIR:** What do you think is their purpose in calling this international terrorism?

**Fr. Mercado:** Personally, I believe it is to consolidate their interests in Southeast Asia. It is a big territory, particularly Indonesia and the whole southern Philippines, including Malaysia now, and the whole of ASEAN [Association of Southeast Asian Nations] for that matter.

**EIR:** The RAND Corporation did a series of studies on Asia and China, which said that the only nation on Earth capable of becoming a threat to America’s role as the only superpower, was China, and that therefore, this was the nation they wished to confront; in doing that, they proposed, in one of their documents, that they had to “hedge in” China by establishing a military presence in Southeast Asia, and named, in particular, the Philippines and Singapore.

**Fr. Mercado:** Yes, by history also, the Philippines and Singapore formed a military alliance against China. the old SEATO, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, which corresponded with NATO, was actually composed of certain ASEAN countries. The power to check them was China, and it is still China that has the power to check them, in the eyes of the United States. So historically, ASEAN, and for that matter, Southeast Asia will form that alliance to check any expansionist threat from China. But they never label *their* expansionist and hegemonic impulse in Asia, while they always protect their interests. They have expanded U.S. interests, in establishing their own hegemony, but they don’t call it a threat. It’s the language of power, part and parcel of the unilateral definition of relations and politics.

**EIR:** Do you have a sense that China can play a positive role both in Asia generally and in global efforts to counter this move toward global warfare?

**Fr. Mercado:** First, I think China is trying to present to Asia and ASEAN, in particular, that it does not desire to establish hegemony in the whole of Asia, and, definitely, even if they have conflicts with some countries in Southeast Asia, they would rather see that it be negotiated peacefully, than resorting to war. I think it is precisely because of that presentation that the United States is afraid, because ASEAN and Asia may believe, may be convinced by China’s peaceful intent of co-existence, and living together, and really advocating for the use of the new millennium as belonging to the Asia-Pacific. . . .

If that happens, of course, it is really seen as a threat to



*Philippines Defense Secretary Gen. Angelo Reyes (right) has made his department an "extension," says Father Mercado, of Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon. The result is no reconciliation process in the Philippines; and now, a plan to export 100,000 Filipino cheap laborers to "reconstruction of Iraq."*

U.S. interests in the whole of Asia, and Southeast Asia in particular. China, I don't think, personally, will come like the United States to Iraq, conquering, for example, a particular country in Asia, and asserting its so-called "divine right" to order and systematize, or even to change the regime, in any Asian country. I don't think China will do that.

**EIR:** Mindanao is a region, which is a mix of Muslims and Christians, and it is in a country, which is the largest Christian nation in Asia. What is the nature of the cultural and religious diversity, and the role of that in the character of the Philippines nation?

**Fr. Mercado:** I believe really that the Philippines government, and, for that matter, the Filipino nation, must open up to the reality that we are not a mono-nation-state; that we are polyethnic groups, and we are a "poly"-nation-state. We are always defining the Philippines as a "mono"-nation-state; that is to say, one culture, one people, and hence one country. It's possible to have many ethnic groups, and many nations, and still form one country, one republic. That is the first thing. The second thing is to see the root causes of the insurgencies and rebellions over the problem of separatism. I think what lies beneath the political separatism will be not only the policy of economic inequality, but also the policy of iniquity. People have experienced so much battering, since the time of the Spaniards, so this is a policy of iniquity, not only inequality. But this needs to be addressed, and also the participation of people in government, as well as greater self-determination in local affairs, a distinct nature, a distinct culture, at the same time participating in the whole national politics.

**EIR:** The conflict in Mindanao has been going on for over 30 years. What do you think are the necessary preconditions, or circumstances that are needed to end the fighting and bring peace and development to the region?

**Fr. Mercado:** I think by this time people in the military should be convinced that military force does not work, because it really just exacerbates the situation. I don't know why military people believe that they can compel people to follow them by exercising their military might. I think they have to change paradigm.

First, the military so-called "solution" to the problem, I think, is a bankrupt solution. Secondly, we definitely have to take a really serious look, even perhaps a constitutional amendment, to the so-called unitary form of government in the Philippines. Perhaps it is high time that we move to a federal system, and give greater autonomy to the regions, that takes into consideration the ethnicity and culture of the people, but without fear of partition. I also don't think that partition is a solution, but greater autonomy, and then also cultural identity. But cultural identity and greater autonomy *need not* lead to partition.

**EIR:** How do you see the difference between the Communist movement, the New People's Army (NPA), for example, and the Moros?

**Fr. Mercado:** The NPA has a strong political ideology, while the Moro struggle is governed by strong cultural and ethnic identity. Religion plays a very important role in the Moro struggle, as well as ethnicity, both as the identity of the Bangsamoro, setting them apart from the rest, but that setting

apart does not mean secessionism. The Communist rebellion is definitely political in nature, and ideological, so in that sense it is very different. Of course, the Communists will say that it is the peasant revolt and workers' revolt, and so on. . . .

**EIR:** What is the role of the NPA in Mindanao?

**Fr. Mercado:** They are pretty strong in provinces where Christians are the majority, while the MILF will be strong in provinces where Muslims are the majority; that will be five provinces and about two cities. In other provinces, the National Democratic Front will be strong. As a matter of fact, the military was so afraid of the strength of the National Democratic Front because in the 2001 election, they were able to get 11% of the entire electorate. That's why they got maximum representation of party lists in Congress—you need only 6% of the vote to get the maximum percentage of representatives. Most of their votes are coming from Mindanao.

**EIR:** You have criticized in the past the so-called "blueprint" for the development of Mindanao. Why is that, and what is needed?

**Fr. Mercado:** The blueprint of development in Mindanao is what people call an "agricultural corporate blueprint," really reducing Mindanao to agri-corporations, introducing cash crops, such as bananas or rubber. They would like to move some of the rubber plantations from Malaysia to Mindanao, because Malaysia is industrializing, so they need larger plantations in Mindanao. This is the kind of blueprint the government is presenting to the BIMP-EAGA; that is, the four-nation (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines) East Asian Growth Area.

The other proposal is development of palm oil. The plan is for corporate agriculture, but without consulting the population. The population would just be the workers, plantation workers. But what people want is land reform. It goes against the hope and aspirations of the people, who want to own the piece of land they till, and not to become farm workers, or seasonal workers.

**EIR:** What else would be needed for Mindanao, other than a competent land reform program? What about the industrial or infrastructural development?

**Fr. Mercado:** Definitely, one of the main features must be infrastructure. You see Mindanao is always Manila-centered. What we need now is the physical integration of Mindanao; that means more roads! I was told that in the United States, post-war—was it Eisenhower?—that all of your interstate roads were called "I" for Eisenhower, who launched the interstate road system connecting all the states for greater communication and interaction among the states. In Mindanao, we cannot even interact, because of the lack of major infrastructure. We need roads and bridges that connect provinces and surrounding areas. That is a big problem. Also we need sea-ports, because Mindanao is a big island, we need shipping.

This is basic infrastructure that can really boost the economic development of Mindanao. Then, you can facilitate the movement of people and trade. People now are at a great disadvantage, because they cannot move their goods.

**EIR:** You first heard about the Eurasian Land-Bridge in 1997, when you were President of Notre Dame University in Cotabato City. How do you view this idea? How do you see the Philippines' participation in that kind of great infrastructure program?

**Fr. Mercado:** To me, when I saw it, it's another concept of globalization, but globalization that is physically connecting the land-bridges, and restoring the connectedness of nations and countries. This is very good, because it includes not just the movement of goods and merchandise, but also of people. But I personally believe that this kind of plan will need a new paradigm for nations, for such a plan to work. The current paradigm cannot work for that kind of grand scheme, because of the interconnectedness, greater facility of movement of people and merchandise—not only interconnectedness in terms of trade, but interconnectedness of culture. It is redefining the relationships of people and countries, and nations; no longer based on who is stronger, an army or military, but the connectedness of peoples. That is a new paradigm.

**EIR:** A dialogue of civilizations.

**Fr. Mercado:** Yes, a dialogue, actually. . . . Personally, I believe that when the present paradigm is proven bankrupt, the failure of the present paradigm, this will open the eyes of many people. But until they see the collapse of the present dominant paradigm, they won't come over to this new paradigm.

**EIR:** This has always been LaRouche's view, that you have to prepare for changes that most people think are completely impossible, because at the moment that the old paradigm is proven to be a failure, then you must be ready to provide a solution.

On the economic crisis, with the Western financial system now in the final stages of breakdown, the Philippines is threatened with being treated the way Argentina was, basically left to rot. How do you see the crisis, and what does the Philippines have to do to deal with that?

**Fr. Mercado:** First, I think when they see that happening in the Philippines—the very reason why the Philippines government is following the U.S. policy is to be able to *prevent* being

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abandoned, but rather expecting the United States to come to the assistance of the Philippines. I think this is their whole reason behind this submissive policy, becoming an extension of the policy of the U.S. State Department and the Defense Department, hoping that when things really take a turn for the worse, the United States will come in shining armor, with the World Bank and IMF, which they control, and not allowing this to happen to the Philippines.

**EIR:** It doesn't seem to be working very well—the economy is a disaster.

**Fr. Mercado:** Yes, but that is the policy they are following. That's why the Philippines is always number one in supporting Bush and the White House. Instead of playing a neutral policy, the Philippines is right in the front. Now they are sending workers to help in the so-called reconstruction of Iraq.

**EIR:** President Macapagal-Arroyo jumped in last week, pledging to send a 500-person humanitarian task force to Iraq. At the same time, it was being reported that the Philippines was already negotiating through the Ambassador in Washington with the companies associated with what we call the chicken-hawks—Cheney's Halliburton, Bechtel, and American companies—for reconstruction of Iraq.

You have the Philippines government saying they are already negotiating for 100,000 jobs for reconstruction in Iraq, but why do they not seek to create 100,000 jobs to build the Philippines? Why not transform the Philippines?

**Fr. Mercado:** The Philippines has no money, but Iraq has the *oil!* Actually, it's that oil shouldering any development there. It's not U.S. money, either. Remember the first Gulf War, they froze all the assets of Iraq? Billions of dollars. Plus, all the oil revenues will be used for developing Iraq. So, they cannot do that in the Philippines. Who would pay for development?

Now, just yesterday, Manila is saying that they will prioritize Muslim Filipinos for reconstruction jobs in Iraq. That's a way of dealing with the Moros! And this is how Iraq pays for the spoils of war waged by the United States! But the spoils given to the Philippines is the dirty work, labor, while the corporations are from the United States.

**EIR:** You were President of Notre Dame University in Mindanao. What is the state of education in Mindanao, and, especially, the difference in education policy of Christian and Muslim communities, if they are different?

**Fr. Mercado:** Actually, Philippines education is highly centralized, from Manila. It is one culture, one educational system. This is one of the root causes of political separatism. Education is the consolidation of state policy, an *extension* of state policy, to make state policies sustainable. . . . The Muslims would like to have their own university, but who would fund it? Most of the Islamic universities in Southeast

Asia are financed by the Saudis, and have the Saudi stamp. It would be useful, but it would have to be pluralistic.

**EIR:** Is Notre Dame criticized for not having enough Islamic studies?

**Fr. Mercado:** Notre Dame is a Catholic University, but is a unique university because it is the only Catholic university where students are given Islamic studies. We have Islamic professors who teach Islamic studies to the Muslims. This is the reason why we have an increasing number of Islamic students. When I came in in 1993, the percentage of the students who were Muslims was only 20%, but when I left in 2002, we had 43% of the student population were Muslim.

In Mindanao, the Muslim population is approximately 20% of the total, and 70% Christian. In 1900, the Muslim population in the southern Philippines constituted 90%, but in 1972, they constituted only 20%, that's why they are only a majority in five provinces. From 1911, the U.S. policy was to move Christians into Mindanao, and that began after 1915.

**EIR:** Let me ask you about the role of the Vatican. The Pope has been extremely outspoken denouncing the U.S. unilateral war policy; and yet, the Philippines, a Catholic nation, has supported the United States. Why is this, and what do you think will be the consequences on relations with the Vatican?

**Fr. Mercado:** The influence of the Vatican is a moral influence and moral suasion, and the Philippines government is persuaded more by economic and political, rather than moral suasion. While they cannot oppose openly the positions of the Catholic Church, they continue to support Bush in the war on Iraq. I don't think the Catholic Church and the Vatican dictate politics in the Philippines. I recall Cardinal Sin appealing to the President not to join the "coalition of the willing," because the war was against humanity, but, nevertheless, she joined the coalition.

**EIR:** What are your own plans?

**Fr. Mercado:** I will be based in Rome starting in June. For one year I will be working in *Justicia et Pax* [Justice and Peace]. I will be coordinating Justice and Peace movements in the Congregation worldwide, from Rome. We would hope that people listen to peace before they listen to war, but people don't always buy that, so we are in the minority.

**EIR:** Do you have anything else you'd like to say to our readers?

**Fr. Mercado:** What I would like to say is about your role, at *EIR*, that you are presenting an alternative to the leaders around the world, a contact between the existing paradigm and what you are offering. As people get disgusted with this paradigm, they will be more open to your alternative. You are not only doing a good job, but fulfilling a role in the realm of ideas, a great role, giving alternatives.

# No. Ireland Report: Chance to Clean House

by Mary Jane Freeman and  
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High-level British government officials—past and present—have potential cause for great concern. On April 17, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir John Stevens, the most senior police official in Great Britain, released a summary of his still-secret 3,000-page report on collusion among British Army intelligence, Loyalist paramilitary groups, and the British police force, to murder Catholics in Northern Ireland. This isn't a new story, but the implications, if pursued, are enormous.

In 1998, an *EIR* book review and interview exposed the “dirty war” in Northern Ireland hinted at by the Stevens report. Filmmaker and author Sean McPhilemy's book, *The Committee: Political Assassination in Northern Ireland*, detailed this deadly collusion and pointed to higher-level government involvement. *EIR* wrote, “McPhilemy goes beneath the surface phenomena to tell a blood-curdling tale of collusion, from 1989 to 1991, between the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Loyalist paramilitary death squads, and respected Protestant citizens above suspicion, to plan and execute the murders of Republican paramilitaries and Catholics.” He documented collaboration between the RUC's Special Branch, British Army intelligence's Force Research Unit (FRU), and British Army agent Brian Nelson, in the murder of human rights attorney Patrick Finucane and others (see *EIR*, July 24, 1998).

Stevens' investigations began in 1989, after the RUC failed to find Finucane's killers. According to the Stevens report, joint work between an RUC agent and a British Army agent in the Finucane murder included stolen Army weapons given to the killers, a photo of the victim, and a map of where he lived! A confession by one of the murderers who was being recruited to work for the police, was ignored. Thus, the Stevens report, if ever made public, would, it seems, show that the Army and RUC could have prevented the murder, or caught the killers, and did neither.

This third Stevens report has centered on the FRU's role as a covert Army intelligence unit which recruited and deployed infiltrators. Brian Nelson became one of its most infamous agents. Potentially the most explosive aspect is that the head of the FRU, at the time when these murders were committed, was Gordon Kerr. Until February 2003, Kerr was the British Ministry of Defense (MOD) military attaché in Beijing—posted there after the FRU was disbanded and he was promoted to brigadier general. Kerr's sudden reassignment to the Iraq War front apparently occurred after Stevens had, in early

February, said he was preparing papers for the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in Northern Ireland relating to a prosecution of Kerr and 20 others, according to the *Sunday Herald*. A senior military source told the *Herald*, “This posting makes Kerr untouchable,” as he won't be “dragged away from essential war work” for questioning. Other *Herald* sources who know Kerr said, “It seems bizarre. . . . He isn't an expert in Arab matters.” Since the release of the Stevens material, the MOD insists there is no reason to discipline Kerr.

Kerr's chief FRU operative, coordinating the Ulster Defense Association's (UDA) perpetration of at least 30 murders, was Brian Nelson—the same one named by McPhilemy. Under Kerr's direction, he became the UDA's intelligence chief. In January 1990, the Stevens team identified Nelson as a key suspect, made plans to arrest him and others, but just hours before the arrests, they found their secure headquarters in flames. The fire alarms, telephones, and heat-sensitive intruder alarms were disengaged, and their files destroyed! Stevens insists it was arson. Notably, Nelson turned up dead in the U.K., supposedly of a brain hemorrhage, six days prior to the announcement of Stevens' new report. Asked whether Nelson took damaging secrets to his grave, Stevens replied, “I think he held things back.”

One reason Stevens gives for withholding the full report, is that most of it provides evidence he is preparing to present for prosecutions. But whether his work will be used merely to prosecute lower-level military and police officers, or to clean out higher-level officials who sanctioned and controlled this de facto assassination bureau, remains to be seen.

For example, McPhilemy's book also included evidence pointing to arms deals from South Africa, involving Israelis, to Loyalist gunmen. Some of his less-developed evidence pointed to British intelligence (MI5) and Secret Air Services (SAS) commandos being involved. *EIR* asked McPhilemy if then-circulating intelligence reports that Israeli intelligence official Rafi Eytan had been brought in by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in the early 1980s, to use Israeli capabilities against the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland, might buttress the story-line of his book. He replied, “Well, it certainly is not out of character with Margaret Thatcher.” Lord Mayor of Belfast Alex Maskey put his finger on it, in response to the Stevens report: “This is not about rogue elements with the British system. It is about a state policy sanctioned at the highest level.”

A serious investigation would follow out the leads in McPhilemy's book, and in *EIR*'s special reports, *The True Story Behind the Fall of the House of Windsor* (September 1997), and *George Bush and the 12333 Serial Murder Ring* (October 1996). This could blow back against current British Prime Minister Tony Blair, because of Blair's Iraq War policy. Thatcher, who was Prime Minister when the murders occurred, may be implicated. A senior British intelligence-linked source told *EIR* that Kerr and the FRU had to have been acting “on orders from the highest level.”

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## Book Review

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# Heidegger: The Roots of War and Fascism Today

by Mark Burdman

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### **Heidegger's Children: Hannah Arendt, Karl Löwith, Hans Jonas, and Herbert Marcuse**

by Richard Wolin

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As much of the world has looked on with alarm at the aggressive-war drive conducted by neo-conservative fanatics in the United States, the LaRouche movement has circulated internationally a groundbreaking report, to explain who and what is behind these mad designs and actions. The report, entitled *Children of Satan*, documents that these provocations emanate out of a tightly knit group of disciples of the late fascist philosopher Leo Strauss, who, although a German-Jewish emigré, many of whose family died in the Holocaust, was a promoter of the ideas of such core Nazi ideologues as philosopher Martin Heidegger and jurist Carl Schmitt.

For those wishing to pursue this subject in more depth, Richard Wolin's book can serve as a useful companion volume, albeit Strauss is only mentioned once, in a footnote, where his influence over the American neo-conservative movement is wrongly dismissed as "fleeting." Nonetheless, despite this and other weaknesses in Wolin's account, his book provides some devastating insights into Martin Heidegger, and, to a lesser extent, Carl Schmitt. He raises the troubling paradox, that core features of Heidegger's Nazi ideas were still being promoted, long after his death, by some of his erstwhile Jewish students.

The most egregious of these cases is that of Hannah Arendt, who had been Heidegger's lover, and despite being jilted by him, became one of those most involved in whitewashing his reputation after World War II, in full knowledge that he had been an enthusiastic Nazi. For anybody who has remaining doubts that Heidegger was a pillar of the Nazi regime, Wolin ruthlessly removes these doubts, showing not only that Heidegger—politically, professionally, and academically—was a fanatic Nazi; but that he saw in "Der Führer," the realization of his own, most treasured philosophical concepts,

Although Wolin would almost certainly shy away from the term, what he has brought to the fore, in this book, is certainly one of the most troubling phenomena of the last decades: that of the Jewish Nazi. There are many who cringe in horror at this apparent oxymoron, yelping loudly, "It is impossible for a Jew to be a Nazi!" Some of such yelpers have been somewhat neutralized by the abominable behavior of the Ariel Sharon regime in Israel, and the convincing historical evidence that Sharon's model and forebear, Vladimir Jabotinsky, was a supporter of the Hitler regime—minus its specific anti-Jewish beliefs and excesses.

That returns us to the case of Leo Strauss, Strauss was a German-Jewish emigré to the United States. At the same time, he was sponsored, for his emigré positions—first in Britain, then at his U.S. main base at the University of Chicago—by Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt, with whom he exchanged correspondence, and whose views, favoring the bestialist philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, he shared. Strauss was, too, a devoted follower and admirer of Heidegger.

The relevant point was most starkly made by one Emil Fackenheim, a former student of Strauss and author of a major study of Hegel, who has been in Israel for the past years. Fackenheim has devoted decades to evolving a bizarre "post-Holocaust existentialist Jewish philosophy," the which is significantly based on the ideas of Martin Heidegger. At the end of his active teaching career, some years back, Fackenheim asserted that "the day will come when, because it is philosophically correct, and thus just, Martin Heidegger will only be known because he made possible Leo Strauss."

### **'The Führer Is the Only Reality'**

How ghastly such words are, is clear, when one reviews Wolin's evidence that Martin Heidegger played an important role in having "made possible" Adolf Hitler. Wolin shows that Heidegger was a committed Nazi whose commitment was inextricably linked to his philosophy. This is a useful antidote to those revisionist schools, including many individuals in the Leo Strauss nexus, who try to separate the philosopher from the Nazi, and who say, "Sure, Heidegger was a Nazi, but . . ."

Wolin writes that Heidegger, after joining the Nazi Party in 1933, "on the lecture stump, proved an effective propagandist on behalf of the new regime, concluding one speech by declaring, 'Let not ideas and doctrines be your guide. The Führer is the only German reality and its law.'" Wolin notes: "In May 1933, Heidegger sent a telltale telegram to Hitler, expressing solidarity with recent *Gleichschaltung* legislation." *Gleichschaltung* meant putting every feature of life in Germany, public and private, under centralized control. That legislation, Wolin points out, was co-authored by Carl Schmitt. He notes that Heidegger engaged in "instances of political denunciation and personal betrayal. Moreover, Heidegger remained a dues-paying member of the Nazi Party until the regime's bitter end." As late as 1959, he was continu-

ing to wax lyrical about the “inner truth and greatness of the National Socialism.”

Heidegger was also a very devoted *implementer* of Nazi policies. In his 1933 Rectoral Address at Freiburg University, he concluded with an inspired paean to the “Glory and Greatness of the [National] Awakening.” Later, he was to declare: “The defining principle of my rectorship has been the fundamental transformation of scholarly education on the basis of the forces and demands of the National Socialist state.” Further, Heidegger was to want to complain that “dissolution” of the old structures did not go far enough, and, Wolin reports, angered his fellow faculty members by attempts to make participation in Nazi “labor camps”—including ideological training—a requirement of university life.

### ‘Truth Is Not for Every Man’

In 1936, Heidegger confided to Karl Löwith, one of the four Jewish students whom Wolin studies, that his “‘partisanship for National Socialism lay in the essence of his philosophy’; it derived, he claimed, from the concept of ‘historicity’ . . . in *Being and Time*.”

As Wolin shows, the roots go back to the pre-Nazi period. Born into a Catholic family, by 1919, Heidegger was renouncing his religion, in favor of the ideas of Friedrich Nietzsche. He took up Nietzsche’s theses: that “God is dead”; that universal concepts must be discarded; and that Platonic “ideas,” and an insistence on “truth,” must be rejected. He became part of what Wolin calls the “anti-civilizational” philosophical movement of the 1920s. In 1923, he was to declare that philosophy has no interest in solving problems of “universal humanity and culture.” On another occasion, he exclaimed: “Thinking begins only when we have come to know that reason, glorified for centuries, is the most stiff-necked adversary of thought.”

Wolin presents an interesting quote on Heidegger from Ernst Cassirer (who had been Leo Strauss’ thesis adviser at Marburg University, and more than well-informed on the species). In 1945, Cassirer declared that Heidegger “does not admit there is something like ‘eternal truth,’ a Platonic ‘realm of ideas’ . . . All this is declared to be elusive. In vain we try to build up a logical philosophy; we can only give an *Existenzphilosophie*. Such an existential philosophy does not claim to give us an objective and universal truth. No thinker can give more truth than his own existence; and this existence has a historical character. . . . In order to express his thought Heidegger had to coin a new term. He spoke of the *Geworfenheit* of man.” Wolin translates this as “being-thrown,” although it can also be rendered as “thrown-ness.” *Geworfenheit*, indeed, is the entry-point for all the worst forms of cruelty and bestiality, as it removes all culturally derived



Nazi Martin Heidegger’s student, lover, and lifelong promoter, Hannah Arendt. What author Wolin “has brought to the fore . . . is certainly one of the most troubling phenomena of the last decades: that of the Jewish Nazi.”

restraints, and reduces man to being a creature of wanton instinct.

“For Heidegger, philosophizing is an intrinsically aristocratic enterprise,” insists Wolin. In his 1935 lecture course, Heidegger stated, “Truth is not for every man, but only for the strong.” It is worth inviting the reader, here, to study researcher Tony Papert’s overview of the methods of Leo Strauss, in the *Children of Satan*. Every feature itemized here, is integral to the core of Strauss’ approach.

“In the last analysis, it seems impossible to separate Heidegger’s philosophical authoritarianism from the question of his political authoritarianism. . . . His philosophical and political predilections were related to one another necessarily rather than contingently,” Wolin further writes. Wolin even goes beyond that, “Heidegger believed that he understood Nazism better than the Nazis themselves,” and, in effect, Hitler owed him an apology, by locating the “National Revolution” on a racial-biological rather than ontological footing. What Heidegger insisted on, above all, was what he referred to as “ontological National Socialism” or “ontological fascism.”

### Heidegger, Schmitt, and ‘Having Enemies’

Albeit briefly, Wolin makes the useful point, of bringing Heidegger together with Carl Schmitt. He writes that “Heidegger’s existential realism invites comparison with the political philosopher Carl Schmitt.” He quotes Löwith: “It is not by chance if one finds in Carl Schmitt a political ‘decisionism’—in which the ‘potentiality-for-Being-a-whole’ of individual existence is transposed to the ‘totality’ of the authentic state . . . that corresponds to Heidegger’s



existentialist philosophy.”

Wolin establishes that the two men shared common roots in Nietzsche. Heidegger fully endorsed Schmitt’s statement, in the book *The Concept of the Political*, that “The high points of great politics are the moments in which the enemy comes into view, in concrete clarity, as the enemy.” This idea of Schmitt’s was lifted directly from Nietzsche’s insistence, on the importance of “having enemies.”

Even more interesting today, former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, among others, has asserted that Carl Schmitt’s declaration about the necessity of “the enemy,” is the underlying basis for the Clash of Civilizations policy of leading circles in the United States, and for the impulse toward war coming out of Washington.

For those who enjoy the irony, of Carl Schmitt having been the sponsor of the German-Jewish emigré Leo Strauss, Wolin provides the following quote, delivered by Schmitt at a meeting of German jurists, in the mid-1930s: “We need to liberate the German spirit from all Jewish falsifications, falsifications of the concept of spirit which have made it possible for Jewish emigrants to label the great struggle of Gauleiter Julius Streicher as something unspiritual.” Julius Streicher was the editor of *Der Stürmer*, the Nazi publication with the most virulent anti-Jewish filth.

### **Hannah Arendt: Lover, Defender, Disciple**

Clearly establishing Heidegger’s nasty philosophical pedigree, Wolin has set as his main task, tracing what this reviewer would call the “Heideggerian genes” in the thought of four of his Jewish students from the pre-Nazi era. On this task as such, Wolin only partly succeeds. Readers of his book should beware, that he himself is so steeped in the philosophical idioms of the truly bizarre and disastrous 20th Century, that his language and argumentation is often abstruse. With all the evidence he presents to show Heidegger’s monstrous qualities, he begins the book by glibly calling him “Germany’s greatest philosopher.” A few sentences later, he characterizes the miserable Hannah Arendt as “probably the 20th Century’s greatest political thinker.” Given that he otherwise shows her to be, in essence, a Heideggerian fascist, albeit of a “leftist” kind, that characterization is quite a mouthful.

In the profiles of Löwith, Jonas, and Marcuse, Wolin largely lets them off the hook. Of course, all three take their distance from Heidegger as a Nazi, but the traces of Heideggerian thought are quite evident, and Wolin could have been more forceful in demonstrating this. In Jonas, this takes the form of what can only be called “ecological fascism,” a “green-existentialist” extremism. In Marcuse, it took the form of embracing a counterculture movement founded on the “erotic,” and on “the primitive.”

Of his four subjects, Wolin’s most interesting and nastiest profile is of Hannah Arendt. He repeats the known fact, that she was Heidegger’s lover, whom, in 1928, Heidegger brutally jilted. That, plus his enthusiastic embrace of Nazism,

should have torn Arendt angrily away from him. But quite the contrary happened. Scandalously, Arendt became one of his chief exonerators in the post-war period, when he had already been subjected to denazification procedures. Wolin reports that the two “reconciled” in 1950, when she returned to Germany, at a time when Heidegger was still banned from German university life, and his reputation ruined, because he was a Nazi collaborator. “The reunion transformed her from one of his harshest critics into one of his most staunch defenders. . . . Arendt was ecstatic about their reunion.” She wrote that the evening and following morning “are a confirmation of an entire life.”

Wolin writes: “Arendt became Heidegger’s de facto American literary agent, diligently overseeing contracts and translations of his books. In a moment of desperation, Heidegger, elderly and cash-poor, contemplated auctioning off the original manuscript of *Being and Time*. Unworldly in matters of *Geld*, where was he to turn for advice? To a Jew, of course. Arendt dutifully complied. . . .”

After their reconciliation, Arendt “systematically downplayed the gravity and extent of Heidegger’s Nazi past. In her contribution to a *Festschrift* commemorating Heidegger’s 80th birthday, Arendt went out of her way to dispute the relationship between Heidegger’s philosophy and his enlistment for Hitler. . . . She characterized Heidegger’s 1933 Rectorial Address as a text that, ‘though in spots unpleasantly nationalistic,’ was ‘by no means an expression of Nazism.’ ”

Most importantly, she propagated Heidegger’s ideas: “Hannah Arendt became the ultimate political existentialist. Her political thinking followed what one might describe as a ‘left Heideggerian’ course: She transposed the revolutionary anti-rational energies that Heidegger praised in right-wing revolutionary movements to the ends of the political left.” As Wolin shows, with such of her ideas as “aesthetized politics” and “action for action’s sake,” and with her open contempt for modern democracy and preference for her own variant of “aristocracy,” she echoed some of the pet ideas of the 1920s political right, the which led into fascism and Nazism.

Where Wolin really falls down, is in his repeated conclusion, that the problem with Heidegger, Schmitt, and such disciples as Arendt, is that they were expressing some kind of “Germanism,” and/or were the end-product of some kind of specifically “German way.” Particularly as his arguments involve the complexities of German Jews, this is way off the mark, as further evidenced by his complete lack of understanding of the importance of the German Jew Moses Mendelssohn, in defining a universal identity for Jews, far beyond a German context.

But in the end, Wolin has provided a useful overview of the “left” counterparts to the “right” neo-cons of the Leo Strauss school today; and so, for those wanting to further their understanding of this phenomenon, and willing to trudge through often difficult argumentation, the book is recommended.

## Newt Gingrich at the AEI: The Return of the Undead

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) emerged on April 22 from nearly a half-decade of political hibernation, to deliver a psychotic diatribe against U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, the neo-conservative think-tank that one astute Washington insider has dubbed “the Temple of Doom.” Gingrich virtually accused Powell of treason, for squandering the Iraq “victory” with his planned “appeasement” trip to Damascus, Syria, and charged that the Secretary of State was willfully undermining President George W. Bush’s drive for a new global Pax Americana empire.

While scarcely visible since he was driven from the Speaker’s post in the late 1990s, Gingrich has been busy as one of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s closest confidants on the so-called “revolution in military affairs,” and serving on the Defense Policy Board, until recently chaired by super-chicken-hawk Richard Perle.

Well-informed sources in Washington told *EIR* that the Gingrich appearance at AEI was part of an orchestrated campaign by the neo-conservative crowd, including Vice President Dick Cheney and Rumsfeld, to force Colin Powell’s ouster as Secretary of State, and his replacement by none other than—Newt Gingrich. These sources report that the Cheney-Rumsfeld cabal intends to overhaul the State Department in the same Jacobin fashion that Rumsfeld, and Deputy Defense Secretary and Leo Strauss disciple Paul Wolfowitz, have already “transformed” the Pentagon into a chicken-hawk redoubt. The recent appointment of longtime Rumsfeld intimate Steven Cambone, as Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, giving him hands-on control over the super-secret “Gray Fox” elite counter-terror unit, is typical of the overhaul that the Defense Department has undergone—all over the ferocious protests of the uniformed military command. Rumsfeld, additionally, makes no secret of the fact

that he is directly challenging Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet for control over the vast U.S. intelligence community, whose budget and personnel are largely military assets.

Gingrich should be best remembered for his Jan. 20, 1995 “I am Robespierre” speech at a Republican National Committee gathering in Washington. Celebrating the Republican “Conservative Revolution” sweep of both the House and Senate in the November 1994 mid-term elections, Gingrich openly declared himself a Jacobin: “We need to understand that the scale of revolution that we need is so great and it is so dramatically different. . . . This is a real revolution,” he ranted. “In real revolutions, the defeated faction doesn’t tend to convert. It tends to go down fighting. . . . I mean, if you look at the Bourbons, in France, they didn’t rush in and say, ‘Oh, please, can I join the revolution?’ They remained Bourbons. In fact, most of them learned nothing and forgot nothing, and 50 years later were still locked into a world that was dead. . . . I am a genuine revolutionary; they [the Democrats] are the genuine reactionaries; we are going to change their world and they will do anything to stop us, they will use any tool, there is no grotesquerie, no distortion, no dishonesty, too great for them to come after us. . . . The future of the human race for at least a century rests on our shoulders. If we fail . . . then Bosnia and Rwanda, Haiti and Somalia are the harbingers of a dark and bloody planet.”

Within hours of the April 22 Gingrich AEI speech, the neo-con assault on one of the few sane figures of stature in the Bush Administration had already backfired. An unnamed White House spokesman told reporters that the attack on Powell was viewed as an attack on the President himself—since George W. Bush had personally asked Powell to undertake the diplomatic mission to Syria (the Perle gang, in stark contrast, has targetted Syria for military destruction since the

publication of the now-infamous 1996 “Clean Break” memo that Perle crafted for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu).

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage was more to the point, in a statement published on April 23 in *USA Today*. Asked about Secretary Powell’s reaction to the Gingrich fit, Armitage said that “the Secretary was astonished that Mr. Gingrich attacked the President. It’s clear, that Mr. Gingrich is off his meds and out of therapy.”

Writing in the April 24 *Wall Street Journal*, Al Hunt pointed to Gingrich’s membership on the Defense Policy Board, and noted that, if Rumsfeld does not fire him immediately, it will be tantamount to a Secretary of Defense endorsement of Newtzi’s attack on Powell. And that, alone, as one former senior Republican Senate staffer told *EIR*, is cause for Rumsfeld to be fired!

### Show Them You’re Nuts

The most dramatic counter to the Rumsfeld-Gingrich flight-forward, however, came from Democratic Party Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, who held an April 24 Internet press conference with dozens of university newspaper editors and political activists. LaRouche has been personally leading a drive among leading U.S.A. political institutions, to conduct a counter-coup against the “war party” inside the Bush Administration, which has driven “Bush 43” policy since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on New York City and the Pentagon.

In response to a question about the Gingrich AEI speech, LaRouche declared: “This is the most stupid, but understandable mistake that the friends of Newt Gingrich ever made. This is like the re-birth of the undead. Gingrich is a very dangerous person. He’s a fascist of the worst type. His famous speech in January of 1995, is typical: He made himself a Jacobin revolutionary—he’s a real fascist; nasty fellow. He has a long history of being very closely associated, and swapping spit with, ‘Bugsy’ Rumsfeld, the current Secretary of Defense, and he’s a stooge for that. He’s being deployed, presently, to try to become (the idiot!) to become the Secretary of State to replace Colin Powell; that’s what this crazy speech he made was all about. He’s saying, ‘I should be the new Robespierre, who chops the head off Colin Powell, and goes out and does what Donny Rumsfeld, Bugsy Rumsfeld, wants me to do for him.’ They’re very close—swapping spit.

“Now, this clown, and the people behind him—their greatest virtue is, they are stupid. I mean, we have two guys whom I played a key role in destroying, politically, in the United States, in their careers at the time. One was Oliver North. And, my friends and I, we *really wrecked* Oliver North’s efforts to become a Senator from Virginia. And he’s never come back, since, to any significance. Newt Gingrich, we worked to destroy. I considered him a number-one enemy of Bill Clinton, and did everything I could to try to destroy Newt Gingrich. And finally, with Newt Gingrich’s own help—because he’s also a fool and an idiot—was destroyed,

and out of the key position at the time, that the impeachment proceedings were dumped against Clinton. And, they were dumped against Clinton, not because of Monica Lewinsky, but because they wanted a pretext to get him out of there, because they didn’t like what he thought about economic reform, or monetary reform.

“So, at this point, the idiots, who are backing Newt Gingrich—including Newt Gingrich himself—are bringing up an issue which were better forgotten, if they had been wiser. The one thing these guys should *never* have done, if they wanted to slide something through—*never again*, drag that idiot, Newt Gingrich out, and display him in public! That is one thing, that is going to cause mass-to-mass, and coast-to-coast vomiting, across the United States, and around the world. And it’s going to be very interesting, to see how the friends of Bugsy Rumsfeld dig their way out of this Gingrich flap that they’ve created.”

### Reality Stinks!

What has Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Perle, Gingrich, et al. in such a desperate flight forward to consolidate their putsch, can be summed up in one word: reality. Every aspect of their utopian scenario for the “cake-walk” takeover of Iraq has blown up in their faces, despite desperate efforts by the Conrad Black and Rupert Murdoch-led yellow media in America to cover up that fact. One establishment view was expressed by columnist David Ignatius in the April 25 *Washington Post*: Saddam Hussein is gone from power, but “we may have created a new Iran here—an Iraqi democracy that will be dominated by a Shi’ite majority among which pro-Iranian clerics seem, at this point, to be the best-organized political force. Or Iraq may become another Lebanon—a lawless nation ruled by car bombs and warlords. . . . American actions over the next few weeks will determine whether Iraq loves its liberators or becomes a seething pit of anti-American anger.” (See article, p. 40, for *EIR*’s analysis.)

Beyond the borders of Iraq, the Wolfowitz-Perle gang are desperate, along with their serial war criminal ally Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to prevent the release of the “road map” plan for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, a prospect that drives the whole gang into murderous fits, and, in Sharon’s case, to acts of brutal terrorism. As LaRouche observed, “The operative question is whether Ariel Sharon will *not* resort to terrorism, to stop the release of the road map. For Sharon not to unleash terrorism would be an anomaly.”

And, inside the United States, the latest polls show that 64% of the American electorate consider the collapsing economy to be the number-one election issue. President Bush’s tax-cut folly is coming under mounting attack from inside his own Republican Party. Moderate GOP Senators refuse to go along with further cuts at a moment that the economy is crashing, and the Federal deficit is skyrocketing to a record high, as the current account deficit races, as well, towards a new record.

# FEC Report: Presidential Candidate LaRouche Has the Broadest Support

The following leaflet was released April 25 by LaRouche in 2004.

The April 15 filings of the Democratic Presidential candidates with the Federal Election Commission (FEC), show that Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche is *first* among all the candidates in the number of individual contributions recorded by the FEC. LaRouche is also *first* in the dollar amount of “un-itemized contributions,” which represents money given by persons whose cumulative contributions are less than \$200.

By official FEC figures, LaRouche had 7834 individual contributions, of those who have given cumulatively, \$200 or more, as compared to 6257 for John Kerry, 5582 for John Edwards, 4090 for Howard Dean, and 2744 for Gephardt. As to the dollar amount of un-itemized contributions, LaRouche had \$1,325,061 — far above Kerry’s \$407,299, Edwards’ \$242,745, Dean’s \$786,237, and Gephardt’s \$179,046. (See **Table 1**)

In addition, by FEC reports, LaRouche ranks *fourth* among the ten candidates in total money raised, with \$3.7 million, behind Sen. John. Kerry (Mass.), Sen. John Edwards (N.C.), and Rep. Dick Gephardt (Mo.)—all serving members of Congress. He has outraised Sen. Joe Lieberman—the Democratic Party’s candidate for Vice President in 2000—former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, and Sen. Bob Graham (Fla.), and dwarfed the fundraising of Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio), and former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (Ill.). New York Rev. Al Sharpton’s report is not yet available. Note that a substantial amount of Kerry’s and Gephardt’s funds were transferred from previous campaigns. (See **Table 2**)

What these official figures show is that the Democratic National Committee-ordered exclusion of Lyndon LaRouche from candidate forums and debates is a blatant political fix, which ignores the most objective criteria of candidate support available—the amount of money raised, and the base of contributors. LaRouche’s number of individual reported contributions over \$200, and his total dollar amount from smaller contributors, is the indisputably strongest measure of popular support available.

The major media, led by the *Washington Post*, whose stated editorial policy is never to cover LaRouche except to slander him, has reported the April 15 filing by lying by omission—ignoring the story of how LaRouche, the anti-war op-

TABLE 1  
**Number of Individual Contributions to Democratic Candidates**

Candidate	Number of Individual Contributions*	Amount Un-Itemized Contributions**
LaRouche	7,834	\$1,325,061
Kerry	6,257	\$407,299
Edwards	5,582	\$242,745
Dean	4,090	\$786,237
Gephardt	2,744	\$179,046
Lieberman	2,329	\$114,366
Graham	796	\$9,361
Kucinich	158	\$76,637
Moseley-Braun	71	\$4,678
Sharpton	n/a	n/a

\*Transactions by individuals giving \$200 or more in total.  
\*\*Amount contributed by individuals giving less than \$200.  
Source: Federal Election Commission.

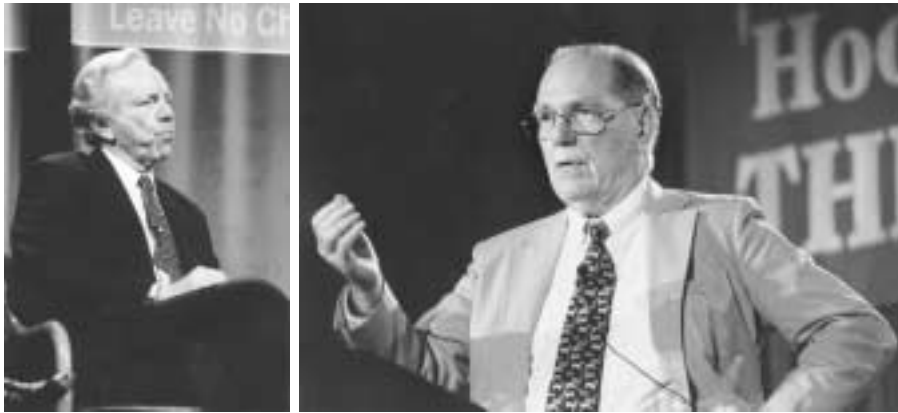
TABLE 2  
**Funds Raised by Democratic Presidential Candidates to March 31**

Candidate	Individual Contributions Less Refunds	Transfers from Previous Campaigns	Other	Total \$ Raised
Kerry	\$7,501,390	\$2,650,000	\$4,477	\$10,155,867
Edwards	\$7,398,836	0	0	\$7,398,836
Gephardt	\$3,353,928	\$2,403,521	\$172,475	\$5,929,925
LaRouche	\$3,704,005	0	\$2,082	\$3,706,087
Lieberman	\$2,961,023	0	\$51,600	\$3,012,623
Dean	\$2,932,262	0	\$12,100	\$2,944,362
Graham	\$1,092,161	0	\$27,000	\$1,119,161
Kucinich	\$172,695	0	0	\$172,695
Moseley-Braun	\$72,451	0	0	\$72,451
Sharpton	n/a	n/a	/n/a	n/a

Source: Federal Election Commission.

ponent of the “empire” faction, has outraised Lieberman and five others. The information was publicly available on the FEC’s website, [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov), under “press background.”

For its part, the LaRouche campaign has announced that through March 31, 2003, there are 18,079 individuals who have contributed to the campaign committee, LaRouche in 2004. The number of a candidate’s contributors is viewed as a leading indicator of grassroots, versus establishment,



*Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche's (right) campaign fundraising has deflated the pretensions of support of Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Vice-Presidential half of the Party's ill-chosen 2000 ticket. The Democratic Party press denies that LaRouche is a major candidate, are proven frauds.*

support. Of course, LaRouche's large grassroots support is nothing new: In the 1980s, LaRouche candidates running for Congress and local office regularly won between 15-30% of the vote. On March 18, 1986, two LaRouche associates won the Democratic primaries in Illinois for lieutenant governor and secretary of state, which prompted demands by Henry Kissinger and others that LaRouche be stopped by investigations and prosecutions. Pollster J. Michael McKeon, who had predicted the LaRouche victory in Illinois, and was then working for the late reactionary Daniel Patrick Moynihan, told *EIR* on June 24, 1986, "LaRouche has about a 25% core vote through the country."

### **'Debates' Without LaRouche?**

So now comes the spectacle of the Lilliputians from the Democratic National Committee (DNC), ignoring the world financial blowout and the coup against the Presidency by the Cheney empire faction, and frantically trying to tie down the world statesman and intellectual giant LaRouche to prevent his participation in debates. LaRouche's inclusion would explode the debates, bring in reality and solutions, and force the real Presidential campaign which the United States desperately needs to dump the policy of the Nazi-like chicken-hawks.

On Saturday, May 3, ABC News will televise a 90-minute debate of Democratic Presidential candidates in South Carolina, moderated by former Clinton aide, George Stephanopoulos. LaRouche has not yet been included, despite his campaign's demand. The debate will be aired in early primary states, and on May 4, highlights will be shown on ABC's "This Week," which Stephanopoulos hosts, and C-SPAN will rebroadcast it on cable in its entirety.

The *Washington Post* on April 21 names nine candidates who will be included; as the tables show, several have support which is minuscule, compared to LaRouche's.

Prominent Democrats in South Carolina are urging the state party to include LaRouche, but the party has not yet

agreed. During the 2000 campaign, Don Fowler, former state party chair and later DNC chair, created during his reign a special rule to exclude LaRouche, using the same argument used in the racist exclusion of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party convention delegates in the 1960s: The Democratic Party is a *private club*, and can include whom it wishes—reality be damned. This, while out of the other side of their mouths, the same Democrats proclaim themselves "the party of inclusion."

### **Enter the LaRouche Youth**

The LaRouche Youth Movement intends to help the DNC avoid the same mistake in 2004. LaRouche's growing youth movement is central to his campaign, and its strategy. LaRouche is the only candidate to hold a nationwide webcast for college students, on April 24, in which he told them: "There is a conflict between the 'now' generation and the 'no-future' generation which they have produced. The youth must inspire the older generation to face, and to change, the reality we are facing. The youth must go into the parties and revitalize the under-60 generation unwilling to face the reality of the world they have created—because there are solutions."

That is exactly what the LaRouche youth did on the Howard University campus in Washington, D.C. on April 1, when they confronted Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), the current chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, on the Caucus' failure, to date, to invite LaRouche to the four Presidential debates it will sponsor in Detroit, Los Angeles, Jackson, Mississippi, and either Baltimore or Philadelphia. The fearless intervention of the organizers into Cummings' planned speech on affirmative action became the talk of the campus, and the report in Howard's newspaper, *The Hilltop*, reflected the shockwaves created by the truth-telling of the LaRouche youth: LaRouche must be President, or the nation is lost!

The Ohio Democratic Party is also under pressure to face the reality that LaRouche is leading the so-called major Democratic candidates in his base of support, as well as ideas. So far, the party has not invited LaRouche to its upcoming Democratic dinner, which will feature the other major candidates. Likewise, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) has not invited LaRouche to his "Heartland Forums."

It is past time to stop playing Presidential campaigns as farce, and face the reality of who really is a major candidate based on support, without the "new clothes" provided by the press. Don't you think it's time to have a debate, and a discussion, that includes reality and solutions? That is to say, isn't it time the Democratic Party leaders included LaRouche, or moved on to never-never land?

# LaRouche Youth Open Campus 2004 Campaign

by Paul Gallagher

Directly calling on the “no future generation” of the nation’s college-age students to build their own future “on the idea of a general economic recovery of the world,” Lyndon LaRouche held the inaugural national campus Internet webcast of his Presidential campaign on April 24. The webcast, organized in two weeks by the rapidly growing national LaRouche Youth Movement, involved college newspapers and journalists from about 20 campuses, and many listening groups in classrooms and student unions around the country, particularly in the West Coast states. Coverage of the webcast in campus press began in some cases before it occurred. Questions and dialogue with the candidate, by newspaper journalists and Youth Movement leaders alike, went on for two hours following a brief statement in which LaRouche stressed: “We have two issues: war and the economic crisis. If we solve the economic crisis, I believe we can control the war crisis.”

## ‘Place To Fight for the Truth’

Campuses represented by journalists from their publications included the universities of Massachusetts, Indiana, Connecticut, West Virginia, Georgia, Southern Illinois, Alabama, and Florida, as well as Purdue, Ohio State, and Northeastern Universities, Cornell, UCLA, and a dozen others. The national participation of groups of students and journalists constituted an effective rebuke to the insane attempt by the media and party leaderships to keep LaRouche out of Presidential debates, when his campaign has demonstrated national support exceeding that of many other candidates.

The fight, under such adversity, for the truth, and the leadership the nation needs, was a recurring theme in the dialogue, which ranged from Middle East peace to the educational system in the United States. The first questioner asked why there had been no youth movement behind a Presidential candidate since Eugene McCarthy 35 years ago. LaRouche answered that a “break in intergenerational morality” had been caused since that time, by the abandonment of a *producer society* for today’s sinking consumer society; the “sense of knowing the truth and sharing it” had been replaced by subservience to popular opinion. “Campuses are a place to fight for the truth!” LaRouche answered a University of Connecticut journalist who asked about standards of education—and only if that fight is occurring can the nation’s and the world’s future leaders emerge. That, he said, was the concern that moved him to

launch his LaRouche International Youth Movement over the years since the 1999-2000 Presidential campaign.

## ‘I Believe We Can Secure Peace’

Beginning with the second question, from a UCLA group which wanted to know how Israeli-Palestinian peace could be secured, much of the student dialogue focussed on the current “war-hawk” policy of the Bush Administration so widely opposed by the nation’s students, and where it came from—including the question of what happened on Sept. 11, 2001. LaRouche pointed to his January 2001 international webcast in which he forecast that the incoming Bush Presidency would be hit with an economic catastrophe, of a force it could not comprehend or handle. “Secondly, I warned that, comparing the present situation with what happened in the world and particularly in Germany between 1928 and 1933, that we had to fear under these circumstances that some forces behind the scene, some desperate forces, would do what was done with Hitler, with the Reichstag Fire . . . which made Hitler a dictatorship, and essentially caused World War II to become more or less inevitable. On Sept. 11, 2001, of course, we had our Reichstag Fire. We had the bombing in New York and in Washington, D.C. with aircraft. . . . We have since then, at that point, the same day and the following day, Vice President Cheney, who had been Secretary of Defense in the previous Bush Administration, back in the early 1990s, came out with a proposal for a war against Iraq and similar kinds of warfare.”

“I believe we can secure peace on this planet,” LaRouche said. “If we succeed in building around an idea of a general economic recovery of the world, that idea itself becomes an overriding interest; that overriding interest can be the basis for securing peace on this planet.”

LaRouche was asked by the *Ohio State Lantern* what separated him from the rest of the Democratic Presidential candidates (“Everything—especially competence”), and by a Youth Movement organizer in Arizona, how he would take the Democratic Party back from the organized crime circles which control its policies at the top. “I think we’re at a point,” he responded, “in which the political party formations will, in a lawful way, undergo a transformation,” because of the force of the U.S. economic collapse and the refusal of either party’s leaders even to admit it—the “Herbert Hoover” phenomenon. The upper 20% of income brackets have dominated both parties in recent years, he told the students, “but now the poor and seniors are being abused beyond belief, and even the middle income people face losing everything. The political parties must regroup,” and the corrupt and cowardly existing leaders will be run out. “The lack of participation of youth, in either party’s meetings and functions, is a typical signal of this.”

Student groups wanted to know how LaRouche saw the alternative to Herbert Hoover, the leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in today’s economic crisis—which, as one

Kansas journalist pointed out, was slashing higher education budgets nationwide. “I am in his [FDR’s] tradition, though I don’t copy him,” the candidate said. “The American people loved FDR” because he was a leader they could trust to put the general welfare first in his responsibilities; and he was competent to deal with the Depression. LaRouche answered the Kansas journalist’s question by explaining a “Hill-Burton” approach to higher education—referring to the 1946 legislation which mandated the provision of quantity and quality of hospital care to every county in the United States. “To raise the money for that, we have to restart the economy” through the kind of “Super-TVA” infrastructure program LaRouche has designed. Meanwhile, he said, the youth movement he started is informally fighting for real education—both fighting for its facilities and funding, and fighting for the truth in education, through restoration of Classical teaching curricula.

Beyond education as such, the candidate promised to “return the world to the kind of measures that Franklin Roosevelt took back in the 1930s, and to create, again, based on the lessons of that experience, a new monetary system, a fixed-exchange rate monetary system, using the lessons of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, to build a system of reconstruction, which will get us out of the mess, and which will build a basis for economic cooperation around the planet under which we can survive.”

## Reversing the Cultural Shift

LaRouche’s fundamental message to the students was that they had to reverse the “cultural paradigm shift” begun with their Baby Boomer parents, when the economic decisions of 1967-71 wrecked a traditionally proud producer society. “Back in the beginning of the 1960s,” he explained, “the world, and especially the United States, was put through an agonizing experience, which started slowly with the Bay of Pigs incident, went into the major crisis of 1962, the so-called Cuba missile crisis, then the assassination of Kennedy, and the plunge into the Indochina War. . . . In the course of this shock . . . there was the introduction of a cultural paradigm shift from what the United States had been, as the world’s leading producer society per capita, into becoming a parasitical consumer society, in which we today live largely on our ability to get cheap goods imported to us, without actually paying for them, from other countries, rather than producing ourselves. This . . . is the root cause of the terminal phase of the present international monetary financial system now going on today.” The big problem we have is to take the problems faced by the ‘no-future’ generation, the young people 18-25 years of age, who are willing to master things they must master, but who see no future before them under present conditions; or, if they see a future, they are usually pretty disillusioned about what the future is. So, our problem is to *move* these younger people. Remember the American Revolution was a youth movement.”

# Justice Department Evasions on ‘Patriot II’

by Edward Spannaus

In early February, someone from within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) took the risk of leaking a highly secret draft for a new anti-terrorist bill, which would give the Federal government sweeping expanded powers for secret investigations, detentions, and trials of suspected “terrorists”—and which would enable the government to target U.S. citizens the same way that foreign nationals have been targeted since Sept. 11, 2001.

The leaking of the new bill—quickly dubbed “Patriot II” by many and “Himmler II” by Lyndon LaRouche (see *EIR*, March 28)—intensified the debate around the first USA/Patriot bill, which was rushed through Congress in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

To date, 89 towns and cities have passed resolutions condemning the USA/Patriot Act, and resolutions are also winding their way through at least two state legislatures. Librarians and bookstore owners are especially upset about the law’s provisions that can require them to turn over to the FBI information on a patron’s reading habits or Internet use.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft’s DOJ is already moving ahead to implement some of the provisions of “Patriot II” in a piecemeal fashion, with the help of its allies in Congress, while other Congressmen and Senators are vowing to oppose any extension of the present bill, or expansion of its powers.

## DOJ Evasions

Ashcroft’s Department has so far refused to admit what is obvious: that the “Patriot II” bill was fully drafted at the point it was leaked, and was ready to be jammed through Congress at the first opportune moment.

At a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 4, Democratic Senators went after Ashcroft regarding the DOJ’s secrecy and deception around the “Patriot II” bill.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) told Ashcroft at the beginning of that hearing: “I’m glad you’re here, because last month a secret draft bill entitled ‘The Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003’ was leaked to the press as a sequel to the USA/Patriot Act.”

“In fact,” Leahy continued, “a member of my staff called the Department just five days, just five days before this bill was leaked to the press. She was told point-blank there was

no bill in the works. Five days later we have an 86-page bill and a 33-page textual analysis.”

“I know they’re good down at the Department of Justice, but neither this administration nor anybody else could put together an 86-page bill of this complexity with a 33-page textual analysis in five days,” Leahy said. “Somebody lied to a member of my staff—not you, Mr. Attorney General, I want to hasten to add. But somebody who reports directly to you, lied to her.”

Leahy also noted that it had only been a year since the passage of the first Patriot Act, and the Congress has been unable to get information from the Justice Department as to how it is being used. “But this leaked proposal would go much further in granting the government more surveillance powers over American citizens, while drastically curtailing the ability of Congress, the courts, and the American people to find out what the government is doing,” Leahy said.

Ashcroft’s lame response was to deny that there was any “proposal,” declaring: “No final discussion has been made with the Attorney General about proposals. No final discussion has been made with the administration about proposals.”

(It reminds one of the repeated statements from Administration officials prior to the Iraq War, that “there is no war plan on the President’s desk.”)

Ashcroft went on to explain that “we constantly are thinking of things that ought to be considered. . . . So if someone leaks the fact that there are items under consideration, or that there is a matter of discussion, that doesn’t mean anything out of the ordinary.”

“I want to assure you that there has been no bill decided on, no proposal decided on,” Ashcroft said, going on to a *reductio ad absurdum*: “I am keenly aware that the administration cannot pass legislation. . . . It would be the height of absurdity for me to have a secret matter that I hoped to make a law without telling Congress.”

## A Finished Product?

This writer had the opportunity to publicly question the Justice Department official known as “the architect of the Patriot Act,” at two events on April 24, which were sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA). The official is Assistant Attorney General Viet D. Dinh, who heads the Office of Legal Policy, which produced the USA/Patriot Act and then the draft of Patriot II.

In the first meeting, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security, the author noted Senator Leahy’s comments about his inquiries about Patriot II and the Department’s denials—five days before the document was leaked. “To the naked eye, it looks like a finished product. Some observers have speculated that the Department was waiting for some new catastrophe, like Sept. 11, to introduce it. Is that accurate? What was the Department waiting for?”

Dinh danced around the question in a lengthy non-an-

swer, never even acknowledging whether the draft came out of his office, or was being prepared for introduction in the Congress. Until there is a Presidential sign-off, and an Attorney General sign-off, nothing is final, Dinh said, going on to describe an extensive process of inter-agency review, etc. “We’re always thinking about how to improve things, what we can do better, and always asking for suggestions,” Dinh said. “In this day and age of computers and technology, it’s easy to make everything look very professional.”

The second meeting, sponsored by the ABA Section on Administrative Law, was in the format of a debate, in which a number of speakers were quite critical of what the DOJ has done since Sept. 11.

The author again asked Dinh about Patriot II, referring to the exchanges that had taken place earlier in the day, where Dinh had basically described the draft as a “suggestion box,” and come near to denying any knowledge of it at all. The question was broadened to include any of the other panelists who had read the draft, asking them to say whether it looked like a finished product to them.

Viet Dinh jumped in first, not to challenge any part of the question, but to say, “I expect a standard of professionalism and of quality of work product, from people, certainly in the Office of Legal Policy and throughout the Department of Justice. . . . We demand a very high standard, especially in this day of easy word-processing. . . . You would have to be a nincompoop not to make something look good. Just because it looks good, it doesn’t mean it is good, or that it’s been substantively vetted, or that it’s final.”

Dinh then talked about the need for deliberation and “adult supervision of half-baked ideas,” but he added “that process of deliberation was somewhat short-circuited by an unauthorized disclosure” to what he called “the rather ironically named” Center for Public Integrity.

Marc Rotenberg, the Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), responded, in a somewhat bewildered fashion: “It’s not clear to me, exactly what Professor Dinh just said.” He said he himself had worked as counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee, and had extensive interaction with the DOJ. Referring to the Patriot II draft, he stated: “This was a very refined legislative proposal . . . essentially ready to be delivered to potential sponsors.” He also noted that some of the provisions in the draft are already being circulated as legislative proposals in Congress.

“There is a type of communication taking place here, regarding legislative proposals, which requires much greater scrutiny,” Rotenberg said.

But in late March, the Justice Department clamped down on a different kind of communication, that is, any unmonitored contacts between DOJ employees and Congress, by directing that other DOJ officials would accompany staffers on most meetings—a move described by Congressional leaders as an attempt to “muzzle” whistle-blowers.



# Budget Gap Grows As GOP Splits

by Carl Osgood

The Grand Old Party presented itself as the party of balanced budgets in the 1990s, took credit for the balanced budgets that emerged near the end of the Clinton Presidency, and is now in the process of splitting, over that very same question. With the collapse of the U.S. economy, the Bush Administration's expensive perpetual wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the costs of the 2001 tax cut all bloating the budget deficits, a handful of Republicans fear the potential financial consequences of the Administration's ideological direction.

The ire of the White House's neo-con Republican allies is focussed on four Republican Senators, Olympia Snowe (Me.), George Voinovich (Ohio), Charles Grassley (Iowa) and Majority Leader Bill Frist (Tenn.). During debate on the budget resolution, Grassley promised not to allow a tax cut bill of greater than \$350 billion to pass the Senate, in order to gain the votes of Snowe and Voinovich, both of whom opposed any larger tax cut, because it was not going to pass otherwise. Frist not only approved the deal, but he reportedly failed to inform both the White House and GOP House leaders, earning severe rebukes from both. Frist then left town for Asia, without so much as a word even to his Senate colleagues. Also targeted is Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles (R-Okla.), who voiced support for Grassley's deal.

Frist's loudest critic has been freshman Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) who, according to columnist Robert Novak on April 21, did not feel bound by Grassley's deal, and vowed that any tax bill would meet President Bush's specifications. Novak noted it was Graham, who, as a member of the House in 1997, led the attempted coup against then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), calling him too willing to compromise with the Clinton White House.

## Plunging Revenues Lead the Way

The monthly budget review issued by the Congressional Budget Office on April 9 is not likely to make matters easier for the GOP. The CBO found that the total Federal deficit for the first six months of fiscal 2003 (which began on Oct. 1, 2002) added up to \$248 billion, "almost double the shortfall during the same period, last year," and \$90 billion higher than all of fiscal 2002. The CBO found that Federal receipts for the October-March period were \$58 billion lower than the same period last year, and outlays were \$58 billion higher. Because it is in April that the largest portion of tax receipts arrive at the U.S. Treasury, one cannot make a linear extrapo-

lation of the deficit at six months to conclude that the deficit at the end of the fiscal year, on Sept. 30, will be \$500 billion. It is the case, though, as noted by Nickles, that government revenues have already declined two years in a row. He pointed out, during Senate debate on April 11, that revenues for fiscal 2001 declined 1.7%, and dipped another 7% in fiscal 2002. Nickles attributed the collapse to the stock markets' fall, which meant diminished capital gains and personal income tax collections. As for fiscal 2003, the CBO report states, "Receipts in April will be a big indicator of the likely annual total for receipts," and the overall picture will be much clearer when April figures come in sometime in early May. Either way, fiscal 2003 is likely to end at well more than double the \$158 billion figure for 2002.

As for the increase in outlays, the CBO reports that defense spending rose at a 12.2% rate for the first half of the year, not counting the \$78 billion war supplemental appropriations bill, which had not yet passed Congress when the review was written. In contrast, non-defense spending only increased by 5.6%, compared to the 10.7% rate a year ago. Spending for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid increased an average of 5.7%, again, more slowly than last year's increase.

The CBO had also issued a report on March 25, on the effects of Bush's proposed tax cuts, which found that the proposed package will increase the deficit by \$1.8 trillion over ten years, relative to CBO's baseline estimate, two-thirds of which will be attributable to reductions in revenues. Grassley noted on the Senate floor on April 11, there are not sufficient votes to pass more than \$350 billion, and the CBO's reports are one reason why.

## LaRouche on Budget-Balancing

The debate, however, is based on accounting criteria, rather than on what purpose a government budget must serve in our society. Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, during his Jan. 28 webcast "On the Subjects of Economy and Security," defined the issue in this way: "We are responsible for human beings, especially young ones, because as we develop human beings, educate them, and so forth, and provide them opportunities, we determine largely what they can become. So, therefore, our job in society is not to balance the budget. We have to balance the budget in a certain way, but balancing the budget is not a moral standard; it's simply something you have to do. Balancing a budget is: What quality of human beings are we creating?"

So, he continued, the problem is "the development of the individual person and the effects of what we do upon the children and the grandchildren of the people we directly impact." LaRouche explained that "a human being's fundamental interest . . . is their investment in this sense of personal immortality. . . . It means they've earned their immortality by doing something, or living their lives in such a way that somebody in future generations is going to benefit." And so, a budget has to help provide for such an environment.

# Chicken-Hawks Now Prepare War on Syria

by William Jones

The drumbeat against Syria, begun by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on April 9 in the immediate aftermath of the Iraq War, and taken up by President Bush on April 13 (although Bush, under heavy domestic and international pressure, retreated considerably on April 20), was no spontaneous eruption of “anger” at alleged Syrian harboring of members of the Saddam Hussein regime or of Iraqi “weapons of mass destruction.” Rather it was the next step in the chicken-hawks’ plan in their broader program of “regime change” in the Middle East. The momentum of the “quick victory” in Iraq these hardy armchair warriors felt, could be used to pursue the next target, Syria, as if it were simply a continuation of the attack on Baghdad.

The war drums could already be heard when the Hudson Institute, a hotbed of the neo-conservative war-mongers, announced a forum back on March 7 with the title, “After Iraq: Can Lebanese Democracy be Revived?” The meeting was chaired by Meyrav Wurmser, the head of Hudson’s Middle East program. Wurmser, together with former Israeli military intelligence officer Yigal Carmon, co-founded the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), which went to work translating the most violent anti-Semitic diatribes they could find in the Arab press, and “marketing” these to gullible U.S. Congressman and other government officials as the expression of the Arab media. Wurmser’s primary aim was to discredit the fragile Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Wurmser’s husband David, formerly the director of Middle East Studies at the front-rank neo-conservative think-tank, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), is now special assistant to neo-con honcho John Bolton. A great favorite of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Bolton held court at the AEI until joining the Bush State Department as Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security. David Wurmser was also a member of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, which issued the famous “Clean Break” report in 1996, laying out the agenda for “serial warfare” in the Middle East, overthrowing both the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq and the Ba’ath regime in Syria, and scrapping the entire “land for peace” formula for Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The “Clean Break” report, composed for incoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, emphasized that the way to move against Syria was to challenge its role in Lebanon, where, since the early 1980s civil war triggered by Henry

Kissinger’s machinations, Syria has had a dominating military presence.

## ‘If You Don’t, Israel Will’

The topic of Lebanon at the March 7 forum was largely window-dressing for the real issue: overthrowing the Ba’ath Party regime in Syria. The Lebanon angle could, however, play on the strong sympathies for the Lebanese people in the United States, while at the same time bringing in more “neutral” Lebanese figures to speak against Syria.

Although Wurmser and company did succeed in luring a number of prominent Lebanese to the forum to speak, including former Prime Minister Michel Aoun, the real target was Syria. Already in the 1996 “Clean Break” paper, these neo-cons had recommended to Netanyahu that he move to isolate Syria, a tactic in which getting rid of Saddam Hussein would play a part. Ziad Abdelnour, the president of the U.S. Committee for Free Lebanon, explained to his listeners that there will be “no Lebanese democracy unless the United States takes action against Syria,” putting pressure on Saudi Arabia and dissolving the Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon. Abdelnour also claimed that Syria was providing military equipment to Iraq, an accusation which has been used by the neo-cons to pressure Bush to move quickly against Syria with the forces deployed in Iraq. “If the United States and Europe don’t bring Hezbollah down through pressure on Syria, the Israelis will,” Abdelnour said.

Also speaking at the Hudson event was Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), one of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee’s (AIPAC) favorite Congressmen. Engel had already introduced the “Syria Accountability Act of 2002,” which called for a U.S. embargo on Syrian exports, restricting U.S. exports to Syria, an embargo on loans, credits, or financial assistance to firms with respect to withdrawing their investments from Syria, and restriction of the activities of Syrian diplomats in the United States. Such restrictions, the legislation states, would be lifted only when the President can assert that Syria has ended support for Hezbollah, withdrawn from Lebanon, and destroyed its alleged weapons of mass destruction. The Engel bill is sponsored in the Senate by Rick Santorum (R-Pa.).

It is the height of irony that the Zionist neo-cons are using Lebanon as the ploy for their attacks on Syria. When Christian Lebanese like General Aoun were trying to fend off Syria, they were also forced to fight Israel and Israeli-controlled fascist Falangist forces, who, in 1982, were given the green light by Israel’s Ariel Sharon to slaughter Palestinian civilians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. As *EIR* warned the Lebanese representatives during the question-and-answer period of the meeting: As much as they may desire to reestablish national unity in Lebanon, serving as Israeli dupes in this new attempt to launch an offensive against another Arab regime, would sacrifice the hopes of Lebanon on the bloody altar of the neo-cons’ imperial crusade against Islam.

## Israel's Attack on The 'USS Liberty'

*Mr. Howard is an American filmmaker who produced "The Loss of Liberty," a documentary released in 2002 about the June 8, 1967 Israeli attack against the USS Liberty, in which 34 American servicemen were killed and 171 wounded. The Israelis later claimed it was a case of "mistaken identity," and the affair was covered up. There has never been an investigation by Congress.*

*Howard is currently the executive director of the Liberty Alliance, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to achieving a full investigation by the U.S. Congress into: the Israeli attack, the recall of the U.S. Sixth Fleet fighters sent to protect the Liberty, and the subsequent coverup by both the Israeli and U.S. governments. His current project is a series of biographical documentaries on America's Congressional Medal of Honor winners. Howard was interviewed on March 29, on "The LaRouche Show," the weekly audio webcast ([www.larouchepub.com](http://www.larouchepub.com)), by EIR's Jeffrey Steinberg and Michele Steinberg, co-directors of Counterintelligence.*



**Jeffrey Steinberg:** Tito, you have been involved in filmmaking for a number of years. You have 44 documentary films to your credit. You have spent nine years in the Middle East. Tell us a little bit more about your career.

**Howard:** Well, it's an interesting story. Some of it takes a long time, but I'll be brief. I was in Lebanon. I moved to Lebanon in October 1971. . . . I decided to get into film work—no experience, no training, but I finally convinced an ad agency to let me do a commercial for them, and it was for the Commercial National Bank of Kuwait. . . . Then I got into doing, in some senses, important work in the Middle East from a film standpoint, in places like Afghanistan, Turkey, Egypt, the Sudan, and so on.

And then I got very interested in the *Liberty* situation, and I had the burden on me from about the middle of 1975, when Adm. Thomas Moorer—who is one of the heroes in our film, had just stepped down eight months previously as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in his second term; he had also

been on the Joint Chiefs, as Chief of Naval Operations for an additional two terms—and he told me that the Israeli attack on the *Liberty* was premeditated and deliberate.

So, it was a burden on me, because then I knew it was a deliberate attack. (I want, very quickly, to point out to people: It doesn't normally take me a quarter of a century or longer to do a documentary film, but that was the case here.) The film, itself, is a pretty powerful document, we think; and my main effort was to get Americans, particularly military heroes of the United States—we have six Metal of Honor heroes. We have several key people from that time in the film, so I've enjoyed the film work. It hasn't always been lucrative from a financial point of view, but we do feel like we have helped to shed some light in some corners that perhaps needed more light.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** One of your other documentary films was on the massacres that took place at the two refugee camps in Lebanon—Sabra and Shatila, Palestinian refugee camps.

**Howard:** Yes, that was an absolutely vicious thing. Nearly 2,700 Palestinians were killed, and it was a series of events. The Israelis said, when they attacked Lebanon, that they were going to go just 20 kilometers in, and would not approach Beirut, an Arab capital—but they lied to us. They went into Beirut, and we [the United States] pressured the Palestinians into leaving.

The Palestinians asked us, "Well, if we leave, what about our women and children?" And the United States, in a document signed by Philip Habib, said, "Well, we will take care of your women and children." Then the Israelis surrounded the two smaller camps of Sabra and Shatila, near the much larger camp of Bourj al-Barajni in southern Beirut, and massacred a lot of people over two days, until, finally, it was stopped.

And I was very fortunate in getting some Americans, who had been in Beirut, to speak strongly about the massacre. I called the film *The Massacre and the Masquerade*.

Maybe my most important film after *The Liberty* is probably a film I did on Jerusalem. I called that *Prophets and Paratroopers*. But the *Liberty* film, I think, is the most important one for Americans to look at now. Because this country that we give 34% of our entire aid package to, made a deliberate attack on an American ship in international waters.

And the *Liberty* wasn't just any ship. In 1967—this predated the satellites—and the *USS Liberty* was 460 feet long. It was the most sophisticated intelligence ship in the world at that time. It had a Moon-bounce dish, eight 40-foot whip antennas, a top-side configuration *totally* unlike the *al-Quseir* [an old Egyptian ship], which is what the Israelis claim they mistook the *Liberty* for—in perfect weather in the afternoon of June 8, 1967.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** With flags flying?

**Howard:** Well, a flag flying. Early on in the fight, in the attack by the Israeli aircraft, which lasted 23 minutes,



Left to right: the USS Cole, bombed by terrorists in Yemen in October 2000; the USS Liberty, attacked by the Israelis in June 1967. The Liberty incident was covered up by both Israeli and U.S. governments, and Israel's incredible claim that this was a case of "mistaken identity" has never been subjected to the scrutiny of Congressional hearings.

pounded by at least 18 Israeli aircraft, mostly Mirage, but some Super-Mystères. [Then the holiday ensign was raised—the largest flag on a ship, used for special occasions.] But there were two people that didn't raise the holiday ensign—Brownie, [Francis] Brown, the helmsman, was killed at the helm of the *Liberty* during the attack. The Israelis ferociously attacked the bridge of the ship, and killed a lot of people, and the captain was badly wounded and the executive officer was killed on the bridge.

The *al-Quseir* is one-fifth the size of the *Liberty*. It looks absolutely nothing like the *Liberty*.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** Give us a general summary of the findings—your 25 years of investigation, and what you have put together in, I think, a 53-minute very, very powerful documentary.

**Howard:** Well, I think that there is overwhelming evidence in the film that this was indeed a deliberate attack. And to me, even worse than the Israeli attack on the ship, was the *American government recall of help*.

We had two large carriers with the Sixth Fleet in 1967, the *USS Saratoga*, skippered by Joe Tully, and the *USS America*, skippered by Don Engen, who was recently Director of the Air and Space Museum in Washington, until he was killed in a glider accident in July 2001. I had scheduled an interview with him in August, but he died about two and a half weeks before then.

I think one of the salient characteristics of this account, and I would like for an Israeli to have to answer this, is: If the

Israelis really want us to buy their argument that this, indeed, was a case of mistaken identity, why in the world did the attacking Israeli aircraft *jam all five American emergency radio channels*, if they thought it was an Egyptian ship?

In the film, Admiral Moorer handles that, and one of the radiomen, Terry Halbardier. And that's one of the things that I think is indefensible in [the Israeli] argument.

The other thing is the coverup that happened, which happened *immediately* after the attack.

We have a guy in the film, named Bill LeMay, who has 53 pieces of shrapnel in him. He was medivac-ed from the *Liberty* to the *America*, and then wound up in the American military hospital in Lanschtoven, Germany; and as he was coming out of a morphine-induced stupor, he noticed that his wristband had the name "Smith" on it. Shortly after that, a young Navy intelligence told him that "your name is now Smith. You were never on board the *Liberty*. Don't ever tell anybody you were." And that was the beginning of the coverup. And he says that in the film—and one of the guys who raised that flag.

*Every single Israeli report on the Liberty attack says there was no flag!* And every single *Liberty* survivor—and I have interviewed over 100 of them—all insist that the flag was flying, except for about 2-3 minutes, when the one was shot down. The Israelis "couldn't see it," but they could shoot it down! They put up the holiday ensign, and it's in the film, that holiday ensign. That ensign is at the end of the film, and it has bullet holes and things in it, and it is now at Fort Meade in Maryland, at the National Headquarters

of the National Security Agency.

And this is where the investigation would have to begin, because if there ever is an in-depth and honest investigation, it's an absolute lay-down. There is no question that this was a deliberate attack, and if Americans were aware of it, it would certainly create some serious downward pressure, in my view, on the amount of American aid going to the State of Israel.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** Tito, the attack on the *Liberty* ship, which, of course, occurred during the concluding days of the 1967 Six-Day War, lasted, you said, two hours and twelve minutes. Give us just a real quick sense of the sequence of the action.

**Howard:** I think it is again very important to note that on June 8, the war against Egypt and Jordan was virtually over. There was no fighting anywhere around al-Arish [in Egypt]; the *Liberty* was about 12 miles offshore, leaving plenty of leeway to the Egyptian-international line—about 10 miles.

By the afternoon of the 6th of June, Israeli armor had already made it to Sharm al-Sheikh, at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba, which had been the trigger that the Israelis used, and, of course, the Israelis said that Egyptian armor and infantry had attacked them from the Sinai, which was a lie. I mean, they attacked Egypt in what they called a pre-emptive strike, but like Pearl Harbor, it was a deliberate attack, sneak attack, much like Pearl Harbor in numbers.

We lost 80% of our non-carrier Pacific Fleet in 1941, and the Egyptians lost 80% of their Air Force on the ground.

And the sequence of the attack on the *Liberty*: About 2 minutes after 2 p.m., in the afternoon of June 8, the Israeli Mirages and Super-Mystères attacked the *Liberty*, but that was after being surveilled 13 different times, starting at 6:00 in the morning and into the afternoon, by four different kinds of Israeli aircraft; so they knew exactly where everything was on the ship. And they knocked out all seven of the connected antennae of the *Liberty*. The one that was not connected—they were having some problems with the tuner—but Terry Halbardier, one of the many heroes on the *Liberty* that day, connected that eighth antenna, and the attacking Israeli planes, when they fired the missiles, had to cut off their jamming devices, which gave a very narrow window that the *Liberty* could get out—and it was really carefully handled in the film by Terry Halbardier himself. The first to pick it up was Joe Tully on the *Saratoga*, and he immediately launched.

The carrier division commander was Larry Geis, who supported the action, and the Sixth Fleet commanding chief was Admiral Martin, who also approved it.

Several minutes after takeoff, those orders were countermanded by Secretary of Defense McNamara.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** All the way back in Washington?

**Howard:** All the way back in Washington. It was a wonder how they could—they knew that early on. . . . All of that, I think, contributed to the manipulation of, not only the 1967

war, but the attack on the *Liberty*, which I think is the blackest chapter in American military history. Here our own government covers up the fact that a foreign country deliberately attacked an American ship with great loss of life and heavy casualties—70% casualties.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** Last May, you along with a group of other very prestigious Americans launched the Liberty Alliance. Tell us about that, who some of the people are, and what the objective of the Liberty Alliance is.

**Howard:** We are blessed with a very, very capable board, and these are some of America's greatest people. Our chairman is Thomas Moorer, who was Chairman of the Chief of Staff for two terms, the longest-serving American four-star admiral, the only admiral to command both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. He was head of NATO. The main Navy fighter, even now, is the F-14 Tomcat, named for him. Our vice chairman is Gen. Ray Davis, a four-star Marine general, who won the Navy Cross in the Second World War, Medal of Honor in Korea, Distinguished Service Medal in Vietnam. A great man. I am a great admirer of his as well. Our treasurer is Adm. Merlin Staring, the former Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy. The director, Jim Akins, is one of the top retired American diplomats; and Jack Tiller, who has won an Oscar and Emmy in film; and myself—I'm obviously the weakest of the six.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** What is the purpose of the Alliance?

**Howard:** The only purpose for this—and we have a pretty good statement of purpose, I think, on that—is to have a full and complete investigation into the Israeli attack on the this American ship in international waters.

If that happens, we will unwind ourselves and go back to private life. Admiral Moorer was 91 years old on Feb. 9, and he used to be on the board of Texaco and Blunt Engineering and stuff, and he has cut out just about everything else. . . . We have a total of 18 admirals and only 3 generals, but we are working on that; in fact, that will be one of the topics on Wednesday.

**Jeffrey Steinberg:** Now, obviously, with Ariel Sharon—who we have referred to in *EIR* magazine as the “butcher of Sabra and Shatila”—in as Prime Minister of Israel, the implications today are precisely that the kind of action that was taken against the *USS Liberty*, targetting American military personnel, is not at all out of the question for this Israeli government. How do you foresee your initiative with the Liberty Alliance and the distribution of your documentary impacting on the fight for Middle East peace today?

**Howard:** Well, I think it brings a level of truth and concentration on the attack on the ship—and I think that one can add Jenin, to Sabra and Shatila for Mr. Sharon. I think he is a war criminal. I think he is very, very dangerous, and he is in unison with some of our misguided evangelicals in this country; it is

a very, very dangerous situation, as I see it in this horrendous war against Iraq.

Iraq, you know, with Egypt, this is the cradle of civilization. And, we killed about 168,000 Iraqis in 1991, and we are going to kill a lot more now, and I think we are going to be very surprised when we find out that they don't love us.

I think it is a very dangerous situation. I think the *Liberty* story—and I believe this to my bone marrow—is the one story that can get Americans to react and become activists in getting the American policy in the Middle East much more in tune with our principles.

And what bothers me the most about all of this, is that Sharon's influence on George II, our President, is so dangerous, that it is like the man is giving orders to our President, and it is very scary. I think the ability to get Americans aware of what happened in the *Liberty* attack might put more pressure to look into the Jonathan Pollard affair, and my own investigations into that—he had a *very* high clearance, Pollard, and I think Paul Wolfowitz was one of ones who helped given him that high clearance. I hope that is known one day.

**Michele Steinberg:** I'd like to go back to the film itself. I was very deeply moved by seeing this. One of the things that listeners will see when they see the film, is many, many individuals who lived through this ordeal came forward and are interviewed on the film, as well as the leading people from the Liberty Alliance. Tito, how did you find the survivors? That was difficult, as you explained in the film.

**Howard:** Well, I put together a production team, when I started seriously putting the film together about four and a half years ago. It was Admiral Moorer and Ambassador Akins; and then I had two *Liberty* survivors. Richard Kiepfer was the only doctor on the *Liberty*, and was an incredibly brave guy. If ever an American military doctor deserved a Medal of Honor, I think it is Richard Kiepfer. He was badly wounded. He had a burn, a gunshot, a broken right kneecap, and a 16-inch scar on his left kneecap, and he had 11 pieces of shrapnel in his abdomen, which he kept together with a life jacket, and then stood on those legs for 28 consecutive hours, saving American lives and limbs.

The other guy from the *Liberty* was Phil Tourney, who is even still today, the president of the Liberty Veterans Association. And he helped out a lot of the *Liberty* people, a lot of whom really suffer this post-traumatic stress syndrome. They are very paranoid. They were abandoned by the government.

Admiral Kidd, who was head of the Navy Board of Inquiry, scared the hell out of these guys. He'd take them in small groups, and I had three or four survivors saying that in the film: how he would remove his two stars, and say, "I'm just one of you guys, so now tell me what happened." They open up their hearts and souls. He puts the stars back on and says, "Now I'm an admiral again, and I'm telling you, that you are not to speak of this attack *ever*, not to your wife, not to your kids, not to your friends. If you do, there will be a

court-martial, imprisonment, or worse." And they all knew what "worse" meant.

**Michele Steinberg:** So, getting this story out is long, long overdue. I think the other chilling thing that is unforgettable: The rescue plane was called back from the air before it could arrive to protect the *Liberty* ship from the Israeli attack.

**Howard:** As Admiral Moorer points out in the film, if those planes had not been recalled—they would have chased the Israeli Air Force away, and the motor torpedo boats which left Ashdod base at 12:30 to come on scene at about 2:35 to the *Liberty* site—25 Americans at least would have been spared, the lives of 25 Americans.

I'd like to mention, too, that the Israelis targeted and destroyed the captain's brig, the whale boat, and *all* of the life rafts. The *Liberty* had over 821 rocket and cannon holes, over 3,000 armor-piercing holes from 50-caliber armor-piercing shells, and a 40x42-foot hole at the water line, nearly dead amidships, and it survived all of that damage thanks to the myriad of heroes. The last three life rafts were put in the water, and we have Lloyd Painter—who, after he left the Navy, worked for the U.S. Secret Service until he retired a couple of years ago—and he was an eyewitness to the return of the Israeli torpedo boats that *shot up the life rafts*. One got loose. It was picked up by one of the Israeli motor torpedo boats, and is now in an Israeli military museum in Damona, in the Negev.

## COVERUP EXPOSED!

### The Israeli Attack On the 'USS Liberty'



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# ‘The DLC Are Democrats Who Are Really Reactionary Republicans’

*Sen. Eugene McCarthy gave the first part of this interview—on his fight against a sitting President’s war policy with the aid of a national youth mobilization in the 1967-68 Presidential campaign—for publication in EIR’s April 11 issue. This second part of the interview was conducted by Nina Ogden for EIR on April 10, on who made the Democratic Party a “hollow party,” and whether that can be reversed, and the party of the disenfranchised can be revived.*

**EIR:** We last talked on March 8, before the war against Iraq officially started. Now, yesterday, Rumsfeld and the other chickenhawks made a formal announcement that they have won the war. But the fighting is still going on.

**McCarthy:** Bush’s Administration reminds me of the Romans at the end point of their empire, who went and attacked Africa, because they needed something they could have a big celebration about when they returned.

**EIR:** Bolton, Rumsfeld, Cheney, they were all boasting.

**McCarthy:** Was Cheney’s wife, Lady Macbeth, with him when he emerged from the crypt, where, they say, he’d been keeping a low profile?

**EIR:** They were threatening Syria, Iran, and North Korea—that they’d better stop harboring terrorists and get rid of weapons of mass destruction.

**McCarthy:** This is pretty bad. They’re pretty full of themselves. The people around Bush have no understanding of history.

The propaganda in the press creates the rush to war. I read one article in the *Washington Post* before the war started, which had eight paragraphs, and seven of them mentioned “weapons of mass destruction.” I would say that we were using “pretty much weapons of mass destruction” ourselves.

**EIR:** After talking endlessly about weapons of mass destruction, they just started saying “WMD.”

**McCarthy:** We’re destroying the whole country with “PMWMD” then. One hundred million people demonstrated to stop the war before it even started. They haven’t found one chemical or biological or nuclear weapon and they still went ahead.

Sy Hersh has a good article in the *New Yorker*.

**EIR:** He was your Presidential campaign’s first press secretary, wasn’t he?

**McCarthy:** Yes, he was.

The article exposes Cheney’s conflict of interest, and not only Cheney’s.

**EIR:** I believe Hersh documents about \$75 billion already awarded to companies connected to members of the Defense Policy Board—Perle and all the others.

**McCarthy:** The advisors to the Pentagon are giving the Pentagon advice about giving their companies billions of dollars. These are creatures of both parties. I was thinking about Sam Nunn, the so-called Democrat, one of the founders of the Democratic Leadership Conference. He went from being head of the Senate Armed Services Committee to being an arms merchant when he left government. He was like Henry Jackson: a force, but not for the good.

It’s bound to go this way when the military-industrial complex is in place—not only as a military institution, but also as an economic, diplomatic, and social one.

**EIR:** Many members of the House and Senate spoke up strongly before the war. Senator Daschle, for instance; but once the war started, they weakened and caved in, in the name of “unity.”

**McCarthy:** Tom Daschle would be less weak if the Democratic Party leadership were less weak.

The intimidation tactic of so-called “unity” was used against those who opposed the war in Vietnam and against our campaign.

When I entered the race [in 1967] in New Hampshire, and the Administration said, “Let us have no dissent, let us have no disunity,” I said I thought the time had come to divide the Party if it were not already divided. I thought the issues were important enough to the country that one had to run some risks. We should have been running the risk of further division, for ours was the party which in 1948 had raised the issue of civil rights, and said we were prepared to go down on this issue because it was so important to the nation. What changed was the leadership of the Party, which had itself dissented—moved away from the long-standing principles of the Party—and misread the overwhelming mandate it received in 1964, when the Democratic Party won the greatest election victory



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of any party in the century up to that time. The year 1964 had been one of triumph for Democrats. We mourned the loss of a great leader, but we were committed to carrying out the program of John F. Kennedy, to achieving objectives he had charted.

But since 1964 there had begun an erosion of spirit. Many people voted Republican in 1966 because they were losing faith in the Democrats.

If Barry Goldwater had been elected in 1964 and pursued the course of ever-widening escalation in Vietnam, Democratic unity would have been greater than ever before. The confusion of the Party derived from the fact that a Democratic administration was following a Republican foreign policy. The Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee were not the dissenters. The dissenters were in the Administration.

**EIR:** Dissenters from the FDR legacy like the pro-war candidate Lieberman from the DLC [Democratic Leadership Conference] now.

**McCarthy:** The Democratic Leadership Conference is made up of Democrats who are really reactionary Republicans. Much as I hate to quote George Wallace, there really “isn’t a dime’s worth of difference” between them. You don’t

have any political dialogue or debate; one is just an echo of the other one. John Quincy Adams said our nation had to avoid the mere struggles for power. But that’s what we’re seeing between the two parties now, just a struggle for power. Lyndon Johnson said that if you can control the TV people, the newspaper people, and the wire service people, you can control both political parties, and that’s what we have now. Look at these “embedded” reporters. The news media and the two political parties have become part of the military-industrial complex. They rule out open debate or a test of policy at the polls. There are no political elections, just struggles for power.

When I was in Minnesota last month I talked to Professor Disch of the University of Minnesota about the problems of the two-party system and forming a third party.

**EIR:** Isn’t that what the people of Minnesota did when they got Ventura in as Governor and you had all those squabbles about the Reform party?

**McCarthy:** The people who started it weren’t bad. They felt that the country was not being well governed by Republican or Democratic politics. But what was lacking was an image of what the mission of their government should be. But, how can we complain? A whole generation has never seen such a thing!

**EIR:** Can’t the Democratic Party be changed, in the way you tried to change it in 1968, and Lyn [Lyndon LaRouche] is trying to change it now?

**McCarthy:** I would hope so, but I doubt it. After 1968, the great fear of the Establishment was that a President might be elected on the basis of a political dialogue of the American people. There was great psychological warfare against me. You know there was great psychological warfare against Lyn.

They changed the rules of campaigning. The press was closed. The Federal Election Commission denied political freedom and set up the process by which those corporations which make up the military-industrial complex have become the dominant force in American politics.

The sacrifice the Democratic Party has made to the Democratic Leadership Council is the loss of its soul. The Party can no longer articulate what principles it stands for; it cannot hold together Congressional coalitions because it no longer has the principles with which to do this; it can no longer inspire the young; it can no longer lead the people toward ends that require selflessness and sacrifice. To co-opt or out-manuever is different than to lead.

It is fine to be in touch with the mainstream of the American people, but it was the special mission of the Democratic Party to be in touch with the people who were not a part of the bond markets, or members of PACs—the millions of people who are frozen out of politics and the economy of the nation.

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chised people of the country is a hollow party that wins hollow victories. And that's what we have now.

We have become an American republic lacking republican virtues.

**EIR:** When you ran for President in 1976, I believe that it was as an independent.

**McCarthy:** I found that laws passed after our 1968 campaign had the effect of suppressing or limiting movements of protest or division within the two parties. I ran as an independent candidate, principally to establish a basis for a Supreme Court challenge to the Constitutionality of the 1975-1976 amendment to the Federal Election Law, and also to challenge exclusionary and discriminatory state laws and practice.

In 1976, a prominent newspaper publisher declared, "This is a two-party country," much as an editor of *Pravda* might have declared of the former Soviet Union: "This is a one-party country."

**EIR:** How did Lincoln make his decision to become the candidate of the Republican Party?

**McCarthy:** The parties had become chaotic and meaningless. And many new parties had proliferated—from the Abolitionist Party to the Know-Nothing Party. Finally, the Republican Party emerged, with a clear identity and leadership. I believe we may have to go through a similar process.

**EIR:** As you know, Lyn has spoken about Lieberman and McCain forming a "Bull Moose" party to get Bush to dance to the tune of their fascist policies. He has also spoken about both the Democratic and Republican Parties splitting over the war and the economy. As you know, the Democratic National Committee threatened our youth movement with arrest and ejected them from the hotel, when they went to the Young Democrats meeting in Washington.

**McCarthy:** They used their 1968 Chicago Democratic Convention gameplan.

**EIR:** But when the kids from the LaRouche Youth Movement in California went to the meeting out there, and the bureaucrats tried to vote to throw out all the LaRouche campaign members, they couldn't get away with it, because our members outnumbered their members.

**McCarthy:** That's exactly what we did in the merger of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and the Democratic Party in the caucuses for the 1948 election.

**EIR:** All I know about that is Hubert Humphrey's Red-baiting tactics.

**McCarthy:** That might have been what Hubert was doing, but that's not what I was doing. In 1944, Franklin Roosevelt urged us to merge the Farmer-Labor Party and the Democratic Party to create one stronger party. The functionaries

didn't want to merge. Some people might have said that the functionaries we were dealing with were socialists or communists or whatever. But they didn't carry copies of the Communist Manifesto—they carried copies of Roberts Rules of Order!

After the War, many veterans, who were going back to school on the G.I. Bill, began to get involved in politics. They'd fought for a better world and they wanted to make a better world when they came home from the War. I was a member of the faculty of St. Thomas College, which is in Ramsey County in St. Paul, Minnesota, then, didn't have primaries, but had caucuses, and we had large numbers of students and others who attended the caucuses. The Party functionaries tried to exclude our delegates, but we had so many more than they did. We went to court and won. One of the best examples was the case of the Holy Angels nuns. They were a cloistered community, and according to the rules of their order could not leave the convent. However, they believed very strongly in what we were doing, so they all gave us their absentee ballots to participate in the caucuses. But the functionaries took us to court, saying that the nuns' absentee ballots were illegitimate because they weren't physically unable to attend the caucuses. We answered in court that they may not have been physically unable to attend the caucuses, but that because of their vows they were *morally* unable to attend. And we won!

We won the whole fight. Our members were organizing for issues, and not just positions. So we won in the caucuses and in the courts. We united the Farmer-Labor Party with the Democratic Party and became, for some time, a strong party with a platform people believed in. And we did it through fighting at every level, and outnumbered the bureaucrats.

**EIR:** I see! That was your start in politics. That's how you were first elected to Congress in 1948, and where your optimism came from in 1968. That's what we can do now with the LaRouche Youth Movement, who are growing in numbers and also inspiring the older generation.

**McCarthy:** So, I see I've given you a little something to chew on.

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### *The Empire Strikes Out*

Of all of the boldfaced proponents of American empire, our favorite “Wanna-be Colonel Blimp of the Week” is a real-live Colonel and West Point graduate, to boot, Andrew Bacevich. He is the author of a recent book, simply titled *American Empire*, which argues—unconvincingly—that the United States is already an empire, that the American republican heritage is already dead, and “for policymakers to persist in pretending otherwise—to indulge in myths of American innocence or fantasies about unlocking the secrets of history—is to increase the likelihood that the answers they come up with will be wrong.”

Bacevich was, more recently, the author of a *Washington Post* Sunday opinion piece, April 20, which was part of a larger feature series of articles on the theme of “The Perils of Empire.” Bacevich sees no perils, save for the failure of American leaders to give their undivided attention to the realization of a new global *Pax Americana*. His own recipes for global conquest match sufficiently with the recent rantings of Donald Rumsfeld, his “future wars” guru Newt Gingrich, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, Michael Ledeen and the entire neo-conservative gang in and around the Bush Administration, that his over-the-top frankness about the immediate goals of this “chicken-hawk cabal” deserves careful note—if for no other reason than it barefacedly exposes the lunacy of the entire imperial project.

The fact that the self-professed “futurist” Newt Gingrich is being promoted by Cheney and Rumsfeld (according to well-informed Washington sources) as the next Bush Administration Secretary of State, to replace Colin Powell before year’s end, is also not irrelevant to the issue of why Bacevich’s Blimpian fantasies need to be taken on.

What does the good Colonel propose? In his *Washington Post* op-ed, Bacevich concretely urged: 1) The United States must scrap NATO. The Soviet Union is gone, and Europe can sink or swim on its own military budget; 2) Pull the American troops out of South Korea as soon as the tensions with Pyongyang subside, so that all of America’s military might can be

targeted, for the foreseeable future, against the Islamic world—the center of global conflict; 3) “Transform” the American military into a truly imperial instrument, pursuing three missions, “to dominate, to punish and to police;” 4) Overhaul America’s diplomatic corps to assume the mantle of imperial proconsuls, combining the military and civilian overseas presence into one “mil-civ” function—what he calls a truly “imperial civil service.”

For patriotic American military officers—active duty and retired—Bacevich’s plans for “military transformation” to dominate, punish and police, need to be particularly torn to shreds. The Air Force is designated as the “dominatrix” of the services, using the new generation of “smart weapons” to kill from 50,000 feet. The Air Force and the Navy will also draw the responsibility to punish—also through long-distance aerial and shipborne missile bombardments. To the Army belongs the moral equivalent of KP duty: police the imperial domain. “But,” Bacevich lamented in his *Post* imperial recipe-book, “the Army has thus far refused to embrace this essentially constabulary role and resists the cultural, doctrinal and organizational changes that it demands.”

To say that this is madness is the supreme understatement. Not only is the United States in no shape—militarily, culturally, economically, or financially—to undertake this Napoleonic wet-dream. The very idea of American empire is an abomination, that flies in the face of everything that the United States once clearly stood for as a “beacon of liberty,” the “city on the hill” holding out the prospect for true national sovereignty and progress to peoples of every continent, race, religion, culture.

Lyndon LaRouche has devoted his every waking hour, for the past six decades, to reviving this true American republican heritage, and to waging war against those who would seek to bury that living tradition forever. It is high-time that others join more forcefully in this effort. Every time an Andrew Bacevich or a Newt Gingrich uncorks with an imperial rant, it is a moment of opportunity that cannot be missed.



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