

Editorial

A Showdown with the Empire

The current British imperial rape of Ireland should put the entire world situation into focus for those who know they should take responsibility for the world's fate. The Inter-Alpha Group of banks, along with its allies in the European Union, have demanded that the Irish people slit their own throats, and give up their sovereignty, in order to bail out Inter-Alpha's banks, and the euro system as well. And if Ireland concedes (as Greece was forced to do), the rest of Europe, and the world, are to come—*unless we in the United States take the long overdue measures of financial reorganization that Lyndon LaRouche has insisted upon.*

Indeed, the Irish themselves can play an extremely useful role in this global battle. All they have to do is refuse to comply with the terms of capitulation, by bucking their current government's agreement with the EU and IMF. Already, the broad opposition to the government's intention was expressed in the Nov. 27 demonstration of over 100,000 people. Now, the uproar over the Nov. 28 capitulation, particularly, the pledging of EU\$17.5 billion from the Irish National Pension Reserve Fund to bail out the banks, shows that there is the passion for resistance.

Ireland's refusal to go along can bring the Inter-Alpha Group to its knees—and that can change the agenda internationally, immediately.

The British may, under those conditions, go for dictatorship—and that's where the international support for Ireland's resistance is needed. The most critical place for measures of support is, of course, the United States, and the key measure required is the re-establishment of FDR's Glass-Steagall law. In fact, as Lyndon LaRouche commented Nov. 28, if the Glass-Steagall bill had been passed during the last Congress, this current full-

blown financial crisis would not be occurring.

Remember LaRouche's May 8 webcast, where one interlocutor reported, from personal knowledge, that the British government considered the reimplementation of Glass-Steagall to be an act of aggression by the U.S. against it, and was communicating that message to the U.S. government. To put it concisely, the British demand that the U.S. *not* re-establish Glass-Steagall, is the proximate cause for British puppet Barack Obama's sabotage of the measure. And the refusal to implement Glass-Steagall, has left the London imperial monetary authorities in control.

Direct support for Ireland, in its resistance to bailing out the banking casino, is also of crucial importance. The program of draconian austerity, while creating hyperinflation to bail out the bankrupt banks, is a global one—as we see in the U.K., throughout Europe, and in the plans of the incoming Congress of the United States. The bankers are salivating over the prospect of Obama's collaboration with the anti-government, von Hayekian wing of the Tea Party, in slashing Social Security, Medicare, and the investments in the necessary infrastructure to save the U.S. economy from utter collapse.

But, LaRouche recently asked, what happens to all these grand plans for fascist austerity, if Ireland says no, and the British Inter-Alpha system falls on its face? Suddenly, the powerful masters are exposed as the desperate marauders they are, and they are ripe for being put in their place—in the garbage heap or the zoo.

We are talking the fate of civilization here. If Inter-Alpha "wins," they, and we, ultimately lose. If Inter-Alpha loses, we have a road to potential victory.