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Abbott and Hockey dig in on free market fascism, but support grows for CEC's solutions

This week Treasurer Joe Hockey exposed his swastika-embazoned underwear when he openly acknowledged what the CEC has been warning for months—that he will rip resources from public services in order to prop up big business and banks.

"I say to you emphatically, everyone in Australia must do the heavy lifting. The age of entitlement is over, the age of personal responsibility has begun," said the man who is pushing ahead with bail-in legislation so banks can remain too-big-to-fail, in a 3 February ABC Radio interview.

Hockey offered a token acknowledgment of the government's responsibility to the needy: "We need to help those people who are most vulnerable in our community. That is our duty and we will do that." But he made it clear that performing that duty is conditional: "But we can only do that *on a sustainable basis*. It can only be done if everyone who has the capacity to lift does indeed lift." [Emphasis added.] Hockey was explicit in his 2012 speech to London's Institute of Economic Affairs that it is the government's creditors, i.e. the banks, who decide what is "sustainable".

Continuing the theme in a 5 February *Australian Financial Review* interview, Hockey said the government's decision not to grant funds to SPC Ardmona was about establishing an important principle. "It neatly fits in with what we are saying around the globe in the year of our leadership of the G20," he said.

"Most governments everywhere have run out of money and a private sector that is awash in money needs to start doing the heavy lifting and the private sector is individuals as well as corporates," he said. This signals that the "age of corporate entitlement, as well as social entitlement, is over," commented another *AFR* article which covered Hockey's 2012 IEA speech, heretofore only mentioned by the CEC.

What the *AFR* did not say is that this "principle" also locks in the drive for private sector bail-ins of banks; though it will mainly affect you, not the big corporates. The corporates will be invited to enter into partnership with government in return for any "sacrifice" they make—just as they did in Mussolini's Italy where fascism was first forged as "a merger of state and corporate power".

Hockey also indicated that the big-business-run Commission of Audit findings will be revealed earlier than expected, pointing to the government's desperate drive to condition the public for the oncoming cuts in the May budget.

But Hockey has got a fight on his hands.

His own Coalition MPs are in open revolt: Liberal Sharman Stone has called Abbott a liar for the excuse he gave for not supporting SPC Ardmona; and a group of National Party MPs

are rallying around Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce for indicating support for a government bank to solve the rural debt crisis. An example of how much a government bank is identified as a CEC policy came on the ABC's Q&A program on Monday night. When an audience member commented that the rural debt was the problem, not the drought, and that the Treasury could issue credit to solve the crisis, the failed National Party candidate for the seat of Hunter in NSW, Michael Johnson, who'd run against CEC Chairman Ann Lawler in the 2013 election, took to Twitter to tweet, "Looks like the Citizens Electoral Council planted some-

one in Q&A." Another Twitterer texted, "I bet this guy is from the Citizens Electoral Council." The audience member wasn't.

The CEC's campaign against Hockey's bail-in agenda and for Glass-Steagall is also gaining ground. Last night, 4 February, the Sydney council of Strathfield unanimously passed a resolution refusing to accept the policy of bail-in, and demanding Glass-Steagall instead. The council will officially write to the two federal members in the region, Shadow Finance Minister Tony Burke and MP Craig Laundy. This occurred due to the passion of a single councillor, and now we can and must replicate it across the nation. We have the perfect ammunition in our new *Glass-Steagall NOW!* pamphlet—order your copies and join in the campaign today!



(L to R) Robert Fisher, Tony Shepherd and Amanda Vanstone are on Abbott's National Commission of Audit, to justify the government's free market fascism. A revolt is already erupting to its pre-determined findings, even before they are announced.

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING - 4 FEBRUARY 2014

AGENDA

D. Notice of Motions signed by Councillor Andrew Soulos

1. Bank Deposits

I MOVE:

That in the interests of protecting bank deposits of Strathfield residents Council write to Craig Laundy MP, Federal member for Reid and Tony Burke MP, Federal member for Watson:

i. Stating that Council is unalterably opposed to the legislation now being drafted to enable the "bail-in" (seizure) of Australian bank deposits as happened in Cyprus in March of this year.

ii. Urging that they encourage the Australian Parliament to, instead of passing legislation enabling "bail-in", pass legislation modelled upon the U.S. Glass-Steagall law which functioned so successfully from its passage in 1933 until its repeal in 1999, which separated commercial banking from investment banking.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 7 (Fri)** Perth, WA—March Against the TPP, 1pm, State Library of WA.
12 (Wed) Brisbane, QLD—Economic Development Forum. Meet Customs House 11am for distribution outside.
14-16 (F-S) Seymour, VIC—Deployment, Farming Expo.
17-21 (M-F) Perth, WA—Week of GS organising with first week of State Parliament sitting.
20 (Thur) Brisbane, QLD—Queen St Mall permit for literature table, G-S petition, flyers. Site opposite Myer Centre 10am-4pm.
22-23 (S-S) Sydney, NSW—G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting.
23 (Sun) Tully, QLD—Old Community Cabinet. Tully State Primary School 2pm-5.30pm, 21 Mars St.
28 (Fri) Toowoomba, QLD—Day trip mass organising in T'mba CBD & institutions. Call Jan for lift.

MARCH

- 1-2 (S-S)** Toowoomba, QLD—Politics in the street with Dick Thies. Call 0428 256 367.
2 (Sun) Woodridge, QLD—Logan Car Show, CEC trade stall 9am-2pm Lot 7 Jacaranda Ave.
7-8 (F-S) Wagin, WA—Wagin Woolorama CEC stand.
24-26 (M-W) Ballina, NSW—LGA and Councils meeting, anti-bail-in deployment with G-S planned.

For more detail on deployments, or if you know of potential deployment events coming up, please call the State Secretary for your state.

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Organising Report

Mobilise with new *Glass-Steagall NOW!* pamphlet

We will shortly have at our disposal an initial print run of the new pamphlet "Glass-Steagall NOW!" This pamphlet provides a concise but thorough run-down of the only solution to the global financial meltdown we are in the midst of, including all the ammunition we need to smash the proposed austerity and fascism that the Abbott government is now advocating.

If you haven't spoken to a CEC organiser about getting your copy/copies, call us now to place an order. Below is a list of organising ideas, as a starting point to get the pamphlet moving.

We heartily recommend reading the pamphlet in its entirety before you embark on your organising journey, even though you may have seen some of the included articles before.

In addition to the following suggestions, you may also like to blast the fascist agenda being pushed by Abbott and Hockey by delivering a short, sharp call to their offices.

*Make an appointment to deliver the pamphlet to your local MPs, both state and federal. If you can't go personally, make a phone call and follow it up with a letter. Demand to know what their position on Glass-Steagall is.

*Organise any local councillors you can make contact with. They should add their names to our stop bail-in/pass Glass-Steagall ad, and put that statement up to their council for endorsement as a resolution.

*Deliver the pamphlet to religious leaders in your area. We particularly want to organise the Catholic church, due to the extraordinary message delivered in Pope Francis's first Exhortation, namely that we cannot continue with the policies of the current economic system, which kill. Let us know of any leaders you have given it to, including priests, bishops and archbishops. Encourage them to contact Cardinal Pell about



Activists in Sydney organise with the new Glass-Steagall pamphlet, left. Contact us for your copy/copies.



the necessity for Glass-Steagall, which you should also do yourself. (Address: His Eminence George Cardinal Pell, St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Rd, Sydney, NSW, 1001. See catholicdirectory.com.au for contact details of all parishes and hierarchy.) There are also many Catholic Universities where staff and students can be organised, as well as numerous other administrative layers within the church. Also, regarding the Anglican Church, don't forget that the Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed support for Glass-Steagall (see the pamphlet for details).

*Organise local business representatives, address your local clubs about Glass-Steagall and offer the pamphlet for sale afterwards, or attend local events on the economic crisis.

*Don't forget that the CEC is on a membership drive, to retain our status as a federally registered political party, so sign up anyone that is keen! (Call us for forms.)

SPC and drought crisis reveal cracks in Coalition and spark calls for a government bank

The political furore over the fate of SPC Ardmona and drought-stricken farmers, and whether the government should step in, is a reflection of the pro-industry attitude of the general public, which the City of London-controlled free trade mafia has yet to expunge even after 30 years of calling the shots.

Liberal backbencher Sharman Stone has taken the extraordinary step of standing up for her Shepparton electorate by breaking with party solidarity and branding as a liar her all-conquering leader, Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

Meanwhile the National Party has dared to give credence to the idea that the financial oligarchy who are dictating Australia's free trade destruction hate the most—a government bank. At a rural crisis meeting in Roma, Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce indicated his openness to the idea put forward

by rural leaders for a government Rural Reconstruction and Development Bank to take over some of the near \$70 billion in debt that Australia's remnant family farmers owe to private banks. The free trade apparatchiks in the media and academia instantly rounded on Joyce, and Treasurer Joe Hockey carpeted him over the phone, but a group of National MPs have rallied around him, to send the message to their Coalition partners that some Nationals at least are not yes-men to the Liberal free traders as Tim Fischer, John Anderson and Mark Vaile were in the Howard government, and that they intend to fight on this issue.

These divisions are symptoms of the deepening economic crisis in Australia and the world. It is lawful that they are dividing on the policies long promoted by the CEC.

Frankston to Melbourne Airport in 20 mins, via Maglev

ThyssenKrupp Transrapid Australia in 2008 proposed to build a 100 km, double-guideway Maglev railway from Frankston through the Melbourne CBD to the Melbourne Airport, which would make the trip, with stops, in just 20 minutes.

Transrapid put a cost on the project of \$4 billion.

The company made its submission in response to Sir Rod Eddington's 2008 report for the Victorian state government on east-west transport needs in Melbourne, *Investing in Transport*, which proposed a 17km conventional rail tunnel for \$7.5-\$8.5 billion.

Transrapid's submission observed that Eddington's report was "too narrowly focussed on conventional rail technology". It noted the conventional rail option was 19th century, in contrast to the 21st century magnetic-levitation option: "While an extremely expensive tunnel would be required to protect the Melbourne environment from the dirt, noise and vibration of a wheel on track train system, a quiet, fast and clean above ground Maglev system would actually enhance the city's image."

Transrapid further proposed that for roughly the same expense as Eddington's recommendation, a high-speed Maglev network could be built "linking Frankston, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Caulfield, CBD, Footscray, and Sunshine to Tullamarine

Airport and further linking Geelong, Avalon Airport and Werribee." Each station along such a Maglev line would become the preferred drop-off point for travellers to the airport, which would reduce Melbourne's road traffic considerably.

None of this was even considered by Sir Rod Eddington in his 2008 report, because he had already announced himself as an opponent of using Maglev technology. In 2007, when Eddington testified before the British Parliament on a report he prepared into transport solutions for Britain, he called Maglev "speculative technology" with "fuzzy economics".

Eddington is currently the chairman of Infrastructure Australia, the authority in charge of ascertaining Australia's infrastructure needs and vetting infrastructure proposals, so his views on Maglev carry weight. But why would he take such a view? Probably it is because the big business heavyweight, who also chairs JPMorgan Australia and is a director of News Ltd., is an enthusiast for pay-as-you-drive roads and Public-Private Partnerships. In his 2007 British report, Eddington advocated charging motorists up to £1.67 per mile, and as much as £25 per day, to commute to work, as the way to ensure the "economics" of roads building. Forcing motorists onto congested toll roads promises large profits to the private investors Eddington represents, which an effective Maglev network would undermine.

Media Release

30 January 2014

'Missionary' Abbott's anti-Christian creed: banks and markets first!

Prime Minister Tony Abbott perversely invoked a religious motif for his anti-Christian message to the Davos World Economic Forum in Switzerland, that banks and markets must come first, ahead of the people.

While Pope Francis has used his first Encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), to attack the current free trade system as "an economy of exclusion and inequality" which kills, the supposedly devout Catholic Abbott declared at Davos on 23 January, "We should all be missionaries for freer trade."

Abbott attended Davos to stamp Australia's authority as the current president of the G20, responsible for overseeing the implementation of a G20-wide "bail-in" regime by the time of the Brisbane G20 meeting in November. His Davos speech showed that he is enthusiastic about the G20 agenda.

Firstly, he flat out lied to rewrite history, brazenly asserting that the 2008 meltdown of the global derivatives bubble "was not a crisis of markets but one of governance." [Emphasis added.]

However, the G20, according to Abbott, played a crucial role in preventing "another great depression".

Abbott didn't specify that the centrepiece of the G20's financial stability agenda since 2009 has been its commitment to protect TBTF (too-big-to-fail) banks through the policy of bail-in, whereby creditors, including depositors, forfeit their accounts in order to keep failed TBTF banks afloat. With the global financial system currently convulsing in reaction to U.S. Federal Reserve "tapering" and a new "reverse carry trade" currency panic, the bankers are running out of time to add

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Western backing of neo-Nazi uprising in Ukraine a trigger for thermonuclear war

Australia's Anglo-American allies are behind the present crisis in Ukraine, which is part of a strategy that is pushing the world into a near-term thermonuclear war.

What the media paints as "democratic" protests in Ukraine is in fact an armed neo-Nazi insurgency with Western backing.

The aim of the uprising is to install a pro-NATO regime in Ukraine, which, combined with the U.S.-NATO expansion of its missile defence system to secure a nuclear first strike option against Russia and China, would very likely provoke Moscow into war. Just as the U.S. would not tolerate a hostile regime in Mexico or Canada, Moscow will not tolerate a hostile regime on its border. (Australia is heavily involved in the first strike nuclear targeting of China and Russia, through our extensive signals intelligence infrastructure and hosting of various U.S. military bases, so we are also a target in any nuclear exchange.)

The scandal is that, similarly to the way the West has aided and abetted al-Qaeda terrorists in Syria, the Anglo-Americans are supporting actual neo-Nazis in Ukraine, who march under the red-and-black banner of the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN-B), the Nazi collaborators led by Stepan Bandera who exterminated tens of thousands of Jews and Poles as an adjunct of the Nazi occupation of Ukraine in WWII. The previous president of Ukraine who was the golden boy of the West, Viktor Yushchenko, in 2010 named the WWII Nazi Bandera a "Hero of Ukraine" in one of his last acts as President. The neo-Nazi uprising is targeting his successor, current president Viktor Yanukovich, whose decision in November to back out of a plan to sign an Association Agreement with the economically moribund European Union, and orient toward the more vibrant Eurasian economies instead, sparked the crisis.

On 25 January, 2014, thirty Ukrainian leaders of political parties, civic and religious organisations, including former presidential candidate and parliamentarian Natalia Vitrenko, sent an open letter to the United Nations Secretary General and leaders of the EU and the United States, decrying the Western support for the neo-Nazi campaign to carry out a

bloody coup against a legitimately elected government.

The open letter read, in part: "You should understand that, in supporting the actions of the guerillas in Ukraine ... you yourselves are directly protecting, inciting, and egging on Ukrainian neo-Nazis and neofascists. None of these oppositionists (Yatsenyuk, Klitschko, and Tyahnybok) hide that they are continuing the ideology and the practices of the OUN-UPA. ... Wherever the Euromaidan people go in Ukraine, they disseminate, besides the slogans mentioned above, neo-Nazi, racist symbols. ... Also confirming the neo-Nazi nature of the Euromaidan is the constant use of portraits of the bloody executioners of our people, Bandera and Shukhevych—agents of the Abwehr."

In recent days some major media outlets have reported the fascist component of the Ukraine uprising: *The Guardian* on 29 January ran the headline, "In Ukraine, Fascists, Oligarchs and Western Expansion Are at the Heart of the Crisis," with the kicker: "The story we're told about the protests gripping Kiev bears only the sketchiest relationship with reality."

CounterPunch magazine also on 29 January published an article by Eric Draitser, "Ukraine and the Rebirth of Fascism," which began with the warning: "The violence on the streets of Ukraine is far more than an expression of popular anger against a government. Instead, it is merely the latest example of the rise of the most insidious form of fascism that Europe has seen since the fall of the Third Reich. ... In an attempt to pry Ukraine out of the Russian sphere of influence, the U.S.-EU-NATO alliance has, not for the first time, allied itself with fascists."

The respected American strategic analyst and physical economist, Lyndon LaRouche, is urgently warning that the strategic crisis caused by the Anglo-American's instigation of the Ukrainian uprising could escalate into a thermonuclear exchange in a matter of weeks. LaRouche is demanding the U.S. Congress immediately impeach President Barack Obama and remove him from office, so that the U.S. can step back from the brink with Russia and end the danger of a thermonuclear exchange that would exterminate the planet.

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this bail-in capacity to their so-called "resolution toolbox". Reflecting their urgency, Abbott stated, "These reforms do *now* need to be finalised."

By signing on to the G20 commitment to save the TBTF banks at all costs—including the very lives of the people—Abbott is consciously subverting the principle that government must serve the common good. Instead, to his philosophy, government must ensure the profitability of private business, because, he claimed, wealth isn't created by governments, but by profitable businesses. "Markets are the proven answer to the problem of scarcity," he intoned.

After reviewing Abbott's speech, Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood railed, "Abbott is revealing a chilling anti-Christian ideology, which is evident in the dichotomy between his views and those of the present Pope. His ideology is also factually rubbish: governments do create wealth. The Snowy Mountains Scheme was created by the government. It is one of the greatest assets Australia has. In

fact, governments arguably create more wealth than private businesses, especially big businesses, because the big business parasites that Abbott represents are always demanding that governments privatise public assets so they can get their greedy mitts on them.

"If the Abbott government was not ideologically locked in to putting markets and banks ahead of people they would have already made moves to scrap bail-in and instead implement a Glass-Steagall separation of retail banks from speculative investment banks, because it is such an obvious solution! It would immediately solve the TBTF problem—the banks would be smaller, but functional, once you take the hot air of speculation out of the equation.

"Once Glass-Steagall is in place we can get down to the business of rebuilding our economy, by focusing on directing public credit into nation-building projects, not on further unleashing the so-called 'market forces' that created the collapsing financial bubble in the first place.

"Join the CEC if you want to get that job done."

Helga Zepp-Larouche: "World teeters as Ukraine faces 'fascist coup' from West"

Helga Zepp-LaRouche gave the following interview Feb. 1 to the *Examiner*, with the headline above. (<http://www.examiner.com/article/world-teeters-as-ukraine-faces-fascist-coup-from-west>)

A century after World War I broke out, the planet faces a thermonuclear showdown of truly global proportions.

This time, the tinderbox is in Ukraine.

"A fascist coup is being imposed, and it's been prepared for more than 20 years," says Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the international Schiller Institute.

Countering Western media reports, LaRouche says the protests in Kiev are neither democratic nor representative of the Ukrainian people. Rather, the demonstrations are being orchestrated by Westerners, including George Soros and the highest levels of the U.S. and British governments.

"This is part of the encirclement policy that started with the fall of the Soviet Union," LaRouche told *Examiner* in an interview.

"The neocons and the British empire decided on a policy of regime change against every government" that opposed them. (George W.) Bush started wars based on lies (Iraq) and (Barack Obama did the same with Libya.)

"View Ukraine in that context," she said, noting that European think tanks have raised \$30 million to \$40 million to build up some 2,000 non-government organisations in Ukraine.

"What do you think Washington would do if people started occupying government buildings here?" asked the wife of one-time Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

Mrs. LaRouche charges that the Ukraine agitators, nominally led by some of the country's most extreme political elements, are "bought off by the West."

In the latest provocation, one activist claims he was abducted and "crucified" by Ukraine police. Dmytro Bulatov's account—

yet unproven—is seen as yet another ploy to stir unrest.

Attempting to calm the situation, Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed tripartite talks involving Moscow, Ukraine and the European Union. But Western leaders scotched that idea.

"They're not interested in freedom and human rights and democracy—their goal is geopolitical expansion," LaRouche asserts.



Go to larouchepac.com/node/29691 for more details, including an *EIR* Fact Sheet. Pictured left, the red and black flag of the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN-B) waved at a recent World Cup playoff, right, the swastika-like image on the flag of the Ukrainian Nationalist Party.

She said the West keeps gasping the Eastern European fire through NATO's "first-strike" nuclear doctrine. That policy has merely forced Russia and China closer together in a siege mentality—setting the stage for an epic East-vs.-West confrontation that will make the Cuban Missile Crisis look like a game of backyard beanbag.

LaRouche says it doesn't have to be that way, and the Schiller Institute offers a "new paradigm" to reduce tensions.

"There's no reason not to include Russia in any alliance. We have proposed Eurasian cooperation from the Atlantic to the Pacific," she said.

The Schiller initiative would "replace petty geopolitics with the common aims of mankind"—notably life-giving programs to eliminate hunger and produce more energy through heretofore untapped fusion power.

Above all, LaRouche says Westerners need to wake up to what's happening in their own countries, where joblessness and income inequality are becoming the new normal.

"It's sleepwalking like 1914," she says. "The main war danger comes from the trans-Atlantic economic system collapsing."

"Today's European Union is more like the old Soviet Union than (modern) Russia."

NATO's Rasmussen delivers nuclear threat to Russia

NATO secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen used the occasion of the Jan. 31 - Feb. 2 Munich Security Conference to threaten Russia to stop being so "bellicose" as to dare protest over the U.S. and NATO's continuing deployment of a ballistic missile defense (BMD) system on Russia's perimeter. That BMD system has been repeatedly cited by Russian president Vladimir Putin, his predecessor Dmitri Medvedev, and the country's highest-ranking military authorities, as an existential threat to Russia's very existence whose deployment they will not tolerate.

The Rasmussen comments and related developments, Lyndon LaRouche commented today, mean that "the countdown is on." This is all happening on the Queen's policy orders, LaRouche stated; the British Empire has made it clear that



At the Munich forum, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had a heated public exchange with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen (pictured), in which the latter accused Russia of "bellicose rhetoric" and Lavrov responded by citing the European missile defense program as an attempt to secure a nuclear first-strike capability against Russia.

they would rather see the human race extinguished, than to be defeated.

Rasmussen, according to a report in *Stars and Stripes*, "said that increasingly bellicose rhetoric out of Russia is hindering chances for more cooperation between the alliance and its old Cold War foe. 'We must refrain from threats against each other, NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said during the Munich Security Conference. Rasmussen chided Russia on a range of issues, such as the recent deployment of ballistic missiles in the country's west.

Rasmussen also scolded Russia for describing NATO missile defense plans as an 'offensive' system, which NATO says is defensive in design. Russia has long complained about the U.S.-led missile defense plans as a threat to its own nuclear missiles."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov responded sharply to Rasmussen's provocations, reiterating the Russian policy

that NATO's missile defense plans are an act of hostility at a time when "military confrontation in Europe is unthinkable. The military people realise missile defense is part of the strategic arsenal of the United States," Lavrov said. "When a nuclear shield is added to a nuclear sword, it is very tempting to use this offensive, defense capability."

U.S. announces deployment of BMD destroyer to Spain

Amidst his bluster about challenges from Russia and China, U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced at the Munich Security Conference Feb. 1 that the U.S. has deployed ballistic missile defense destroyer *USS Donald Cook* (DDG 75) to Spain, to increase NATO's anti-missile shield in Europe, *Russia Today* reported. *USS Donald Cook* is equipped with the Aegis shipboard integrated combat weapons system. While claiming that Iran was the target, Hagel went on to stress "challenges" from China and Russia.

Hagel said: "An important posture enhancement is European missile defense in response to ballistic missile threats from Iran," adding that the U.S. is committed "to deploying missile defense architecture there" as a part of Phase 3 of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPA). He said that over the next two years, three additional Aegis-enabled missile defense-capable destroyers will be added to the effort to



USS Donald Cook (front).

protect NATO countries on the European continent.

"Despite fiscal constraints, the budget that we will release next month fully protects our investment in European missile defense.... There are some capabilities that the United States military will continue to invest heavily in. We will continue to be the world leader in those kinds of capabilities," Hagel bloviated. Later in his statement, he noted that China and Russia "are rapidly modernising their militaries and global defense industries, challenging our technological edge and defense partnerships around the world," he claimed. Hagel had made similar statements in Poland a few days earlier.

The *USS Donald Cook* will become the first of four ballistic missile defense (BMD)-capable ships based in Europe. It will be joined by the destroyer Ross in a few months, while Carney and Porter will reach European waters in 2015, *Russia Today* reported.

Financial Times calls to overthrow Putin in Russia

Lyndon LaRouche warned from the outset that the British-led Nazi uprising in Ukraine was actually targeted against Russia, and was part of the drive for thermonuclear war. An editorial in the Feb. 2 *Financial Times* admits as much.

Headlined "Ukraine faces moment of truth," the editorial begins by saying that the Ukraine crisis is "now entering a decisive phase." "Yanukovich is today a spent force," it argues, and in order to ward off a possible hard-line response from his government, "Washington and Brussels should draw up a list of visa and financial sanctions that would be imposed on top Ukrainian figures if such brutality were shown... Second, the

west must be prepared to give immediate financial assistance to Ukraine if a new government comes to power that seeks to renew ties with the EU," and they then laughably add that the IMF "should be prepared to inject several billion dollars into Ukraine's economy to stabilise the country's financial position immediately."

Whistling past the graveyard, the *Financial Times* editorial states that "a military response from the Kremlin is inconceivable," and then gets to the punch-line: "If Ukrainians push the man in Kiev out of power, Russians might wonder why they should not do the same to the man in the Kremlin."

Congressman to file articles of impeachment against Obama?

On January 28, Barack Obama stood before the American people and the assembled U.S. Senate and Congress to deliver a State of the Union address which was one BIG LIE. Lyndon LaRouche denounced the speech in advance of its delivery in a statement entitled "Obama's Wicked Lurch." During the speech one congressman, Rep. Steve Stockman walked out to protest Obama's assault on the U.S. Constitution.

Stockman is running against incumbent Texas Senator John Cornyn in the upcoming Republican primary on March 4, while LaRouche Democrat Keshia Rogers is running in the Democratic primary.

Rogers has taken national leadership for several years now in calling for Obama's impeachment.

The day following his walkout, Stockman, who had previously purchased copies of the book "Impeachable Offenses" and distributed the book to every member of the Congress, posted the following statement on his website:

Should I Impeach Obama? January 29, 2014

Dear Patriot, I'm considering filing Articles of Impeachment against Barack Obama. You see, I walked out of Obama's State of the Union address last night. Obama defiantly vowed not only to radically expand the reach of government from cradle

to grave, but to smash the Constitution's restrictions on government power while doing it. His goal is to eliminate our constitutional republic. Last year I said I would consider impeachment as a last resort to stop Obama's abuse of power. And, quite frankly, were running out of options. But I can't do it alone.

This will only succeed if I have hundreds of thousands standing with me. That's why I need to hear from you immediately. Do you want Barack Obama impeached? Please go here and tell me whether or not I should file Articles of Impeachment against Obama.

You have the power to determine the future of our constitutional republic. I need hundreds of thousands like you standing with me. Go here now and tell me whether or not Obama should be impeached. Warmest wishes, Congressman Steve Stockman.



Rep. Steve Stockman

BBC warns of 'crash of 1914' parallels, war

The chief economic correspondent of BBC, Hugh Pym, wrote a warning Jan. 27 that the 2008 financial crash was comparable to the Summer 1914 global financial crash that led directly into World War I. Pym noted that the 1914 financial crash was far more devastating than 1929 or the Great Depression, and was partially brought on by the panic over the feared imminent outbreak of war. Pym quoted former Bank of England Director Mervyn King, an economic historian, drawing the parallels between 1914 and 2008, with the obvious warning that we could be on the verge of world war. Pym also cited Kings College London professor Richard Roberts, author of the book *Saving the City—The Great*

Financial Crisis of 1914, that "It was the most serious systemic financial crisis that has ever overtaken Britain—or, indeed, the world. There were something like 50 countries which had stock exchange crashes and runs on banks."

At the time, in preparation for the formal declaration of war that followed within weeks of the crash, the Bank of England took the pound sterling off the gold standard and began a phenomenal printing of currency that was openly described as a taxpayer-backed bailout of the entire banking system. On the 100th anniversary of the 1914 events, the Bank of England has released previously classified files on the bank panic and the actions that were taken to go to war.

Fed trapped: 'We've created a monster debt bubble'

The chief New York global strategist for Deutschebank, Jack Reid, warned in a public research note Feb. 3 that the U.S. Federal Reserve has trapped itself in a "monster global debt bubble" and will have to reverse course and "untaper".

Taking off from the bailout by China of a company called Chinese Trust, Reid said that no debt/securities investor of even moderate size can be allowed "to default without there being market fears of its igniting panic in all financial markets.... We've created a global debt monster that's now so big and so crucial to the workings of the financial system and economy that defaults have been increasingly minimised by uber-aggressive policy responses. It's arguably too late to change course now without huge consequences. This cycle perhaps

started with very easy policy after the 97/98 EM crises thus kick-starting the exponential rise in leverage across the globe." Without realising it, most likely, Reid is referring to what was unleashed by the elimination of the U.S. Glass-Steagall Act.

"Central banks," Reid continues, "have little option but to keep high levels of support for markets for as far as the eye can see, and defaults will stay artificially low.... As such we remain bullish for 2014. However it's largely because we think the authorities are trapped. The world is fixated with U.S. monetary policy and huge flows have traded off the back of QE.... We have suspicions that the Fed may have to be appreciative of the global beast they've helped create as the year progresses."

British Empire has Argentine President in its crosshairs

The British Empire is out to overthrow Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, using assets such as the oligarchic Argentine Rural Society (SRA), among others, to destabilise the government and return to the murderous free-market austerity regime which devastated the country in the 1990s and is killing European populations today under the auspices of the Troika.

After the government's Jan. 24 decision to stop unlimited purchases of dollars, which allowed the official peso to devalue to 8 to the dollar, the British accelerated the financial warfare they've been waging for months, creating conditions that drove the black market or "blue" exchange rate to 13 pesos to the dollar. Royal Dutch Shell, the SRA and large grain exporters such as Cargill, Bunge, Dreyfuss, and ADM are complicit in this imperial destabilising effort, with grain exporters now withholding up to 8 million tons of soy and other grains—some estimate it could be as high as 11 million tons—to force an even greater devaluation, drive up domestic prices and create political chaos.

Not batting an eyelash, SRA President Luis Etchevehere baldly stated in a Jan. 23 interview with Infobae-TV, "it's better to speculate with inflation and the dollar than produce [crops] or other products."

Lyndon LaRouche commented on Feb. 1 that Pope Francis (himself an Argentine by birth) is opposed to this strategy against Argentina, and that the ongoing destabilisation is the British Empire at work. This is foreign meddling, he said, but

it may inspire a macho reaction amongst the Argentines, who will not tolerate such foreign meddling. The Pope will have some interest in this, he's the voice on this, LaRouche said.

Numerous London and Wall Street media outlets are crowing that the President they derisively refer to as "Queen Cristina" is bound to fall as a result of the current currency and financial upheaval. But the removal of the LaRouche organization from Argentina in the summer of 2013 was the precondition that made this assault on President Fernandez possible, as *Executive Intelligence Review* editor Dennis Small and Helga Zepp-LaRouche asserted in their July 27, 2013 webcast, "Who's Out to Topple the Kirchner Government in Argentina and Why?"



Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner

The SRA which, as the mouthpiece of the landed oligarchy, has served as a British tool for at least 100 years, is spearheading the destabilisation inside the country. On Jan. 27, it convened at its Buenos Aires headquarters a meeting of the so-called Business Convergence Forum (FCE). The FCE, journalist Ernesto Mattos pointed out Jan. 30, represents the same array of "agro-financier" forces that overthrew Juan Domingo Peron in 1955, Isabel Peron in 1976, and are out to do the same thing today against Cristina Fernandez. Recall that the Finance Minister of the 1976-1983 military dictatorship, who dismantled Argentine industry and scientific achievements, was the London-owned Jose Martinez de Hoz, former president of the Rural Society. The SRA was one of the military junta's staunchest defenders.

Free market fascist von Hayek worshipped the Satanist, de Mandeville

Austrian School economist Friedrich von Hayek was one of the founders in 1947 of the British Crown's economic warfare unit, the Mont Pelerin Society (MPS). Since the 1970s the MPS has established itself in Australia through a number of fronts, including the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS) in Sydney. Howard government adviser Maurice Newman personally sponsored von Hayek to Australia in the 1970s, to lecture ministers in the Fraser government, in order to pave the way for the radical free market deindustrialisation of the Australian economy that started in the 1980s, and continues to this day in the policies Joe Hockey is determined to impose.

Mont Pelerinites worship von Hayek as if he were a god. Von Hayek, in turn, worshipped Bernard de Mandeville (1670-1733), whom he constantly praised in speeches and writings.

So who is Bernard de Mandeville? The short answer is, he was a Satanist. Born in Holland in 1670, he acquired a medical degree at Leyden in 1691, and slithered into London a few years later, in the wake of William of Orange's Venetian-rigged takeover. Mandeville founded the notorious S&M sex and bondage Hell Fire Clubs of the 18th century, which exerted extraordinary influence over the British governments of that period. Mandeville's career in Britain was dedicated to only one purpose: that of prescribing the doctrine that evil itself is the basis for good.

In 1714, the year that Britain's Venetian Party completed its murderous coup against the regime of Queen Anne, Bernard Mandeville anonymously published his *Fable of the Bees, or Private Vices, Public Benefits*. It proclaimed what became the official governing doctrine of the emerging British Empire—that vice, corruption, and downright evil were the necessary, desirable foundations of a successful, prosperous state.

Mandeville argued that man's uninhibited pursuit of his natural, evil instincts constituted liberty; that the state, therefore, ought not to interfere with "private vices", and that this seething mass of evil, in the aggregate, constituted the public good. This is free trade; this is "laissez-faire"; this is libertarianism; this is privatization.

A Model for Empire

Mandeville's *Fable of the Bees* was actually built around an earlier poem—actually ten pages of doggerel—entitled *The Grumbling Hive, or Knaves Turned Honest*, which he had published in 1705. Here he counterposes the supposed life of ease and luxury enjoyed by a society devoted to vice, to the poverty and economic ruin brought on by pursuing virtue and honesty.

Mandeville describes the "successful" model for the Empire:

Vast numbers thronged the fruitful Hive;
Yet those vast Numbers made 'em thrive;
Millions endeavouring to supply
Each Other's Lust and Vanity. ...

Thus every Part was full of Vice,
Yet the whole Mass a Paradise
Flatter'd in Peace, and fear'd in Wars
They were th' Esteem of Foreigners. ...
Such were the Blessings of that State;
Their Crimes conspired to make 'em Great;
And Virtue, who from Politicks
Had learn'd a thousand Cunning Tricks,
Was, by their happy Influence,
Made Friends with Vice: And ever since
The Worst of all the Multitude
Did Something for the common Good.

But, Mandeville warns, if "the knaves" turn honest and virtuous, and act like human beings instead of beasts, then the game is up, and society (meaning oligarchical society) is destroyed. Economic ruin follows, because the only source of wealth is stealing. Profit can only be derived from pandering and extortion, and can be increased only by maximizing the rate of human degradation. Even the broader circulation of currency depends on rising rates of crime.

Here is some of the commentary Mandeville included with his doggerel verses:

"I shall be asked what benefit the public receives from thieves and housebreakers. They are, I own, very pernicious to human society, and every government ought to take all imaginable care to root out and destroy them; yet if all people were strictly honest, and nobody would meddle with or pry into anything

but his own, half the [metal] smiths of the nation would want employment."

He adds that even the growth of their trade, producing for "both ornaments and defence," would "never have been thought of, but to secure us against the attempts of pilferers and robbers."

Bernard Mandeville had little interest in succouring the masses. He spoke for the British-Venetian oligarchs, at a point in history when they imagined they could exterminate the Renaissance idea of man—and the threat of the nation-state, that dreaded engine of creativity, designed to safeguard life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In his summary of *The Fable of the Bees*, Mandeville argues that to "have a frugal and honest society, the best policy is to preserve men in their native simplicity, strive not to increase their numbers; let them never be acquainted with strangers or superfluities, but remove and keep from them everything that might raise their desires or improve their understanding.

"Great wealth and great treasure will ever scorn to come among men, unless you'll admit their inseparable companions, avarice and luxury; where trade is considerable, fraud will intrude. To be at once well-bred and sincere is no less than a contradiction; and therefore, while man advances in knowledge and his manners are polished, we must expect to see, at the same time, his desires enlarged, his appetites refined, and his vices increased."

