



Act Now! Stop Nuclear War!

Join Lyndon LaRouche, Malcolm Fraser to promote peace;
expose Hugh White, Michael Danby and the push for war!

26 October 2012—"An Anglo-American-led thermonuclear bombardment ... against leading nations of Asia including Russia and China: this danger now exists, for at least as long as a London-controlled U.S. President Barack Obama remains as President of the United States of America." (U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche, "Stop the Nuclear Holocaust!", Dec. 2011.)

Did you think we were exaggerating, if you read that front-page quotation in the June/July 2012 *New Citizen*? That issue, featuring the report "Australia Prepares for World War: Tragedy, or Just Plain Farce?" as part of our overview of today's global showdown, circulated in 250,000 copies.

In less than half a year, the threat to your survival—to the survival of every nation, and of mankind—has become even more perilous. Listen to leading military and political figures from the two world powers which have the greatest arsenals of nuclear weapons, the United States and Russia.

In New York to address the United Nations General Assembly, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov appeared 25 Sept. on the American TV interview show hosted by Charlie Rose, who asked him about the "Arab Spring" process of unrest and regime change in Southwest Asia. Said Lavrov, "I think we are now in the Arab Autumn. ... I hope it's not going to nuclear winter." The term *nuclear winter* refers to one of the worst-case scenarios for utter devastation of the planet in an exchange of thermonuclear barrages.

A week later at the 4 Oct.

opening plenary session of the Rhodes Forum-Dialogue of Civilizations, held in Greece, that organisation's chairman Vladimir Yakunin, who is also the president of Russian Railways and a close ally of President Vladimir Putin, warned about the escalating crises around the world: "Fifty years after the brutal Cuban Missiles Crisis, we may again witness the very same kind of development of events."

On this month's anniversary of that 1962 U.S.-Soviet showdown, newly released papers from the archive of U.S. President John F. Kennedy's brother Robert F. Kennedy, who negotiated with the Soviet Ambassador to defuse the crisis, drove home how close the world came to nuclear war. One document was a draft speech JFK might have given after a U.S. bombing of the Soviet missile sites in Cuba—a scenario urged on Kennedy by his military advisers. Then, as repeatedly in the 1950s when senior U.S. military officers had pushed President Dwight Eisenhower to attack the Soviet Union militarily, such nuclear "brinkmanship" could have led within hours to a spiral of escalation to global nuclear holocaust.

American Patriots Warn Obama Could Provoke War

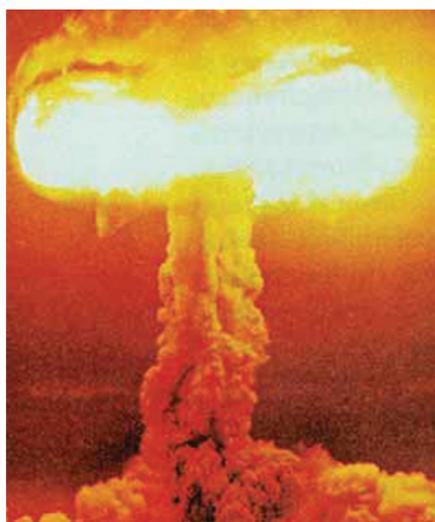
In the USA, LaRouche is currently putting the danger of such a rapid escalation to thermonuclear war, still today, front and centre in a series of five weekly *LaRouchePAC* webcasts before the U.S. election.

His warnings were echoed during a dramatic press conference, convened 21 Sept. by

Congressman Walter Jones (Republican of North Carolina), at which prominent military figures warned that if Congress did not reassert its Constitutional power over declaring war, the Obama Administration was likely to provoke a new, devastating conflict in the short term. Jones's own House Concurrent Resolution 107, which states that any President who fails to obtain Congressional authorisation before entering war will be subject to impeachment, was motivated by Obama's unilateral decision to bomb Libya last year.

Lt. Col. Lawrence Wilkerson (ret.), former chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell, expounded during the press conference on the danger that any new war, particularly against Iran, could lead to a thermonuclear confrontation between the USA and Russia, and the extinction of civilisation. Drawing on a recent study by U.S. former military, diplomatic and intelligence officials on the implications of an Israeli attack on Iran, Col. Wilkerson said that "regime change" in that country would require "10 years, 500,000 troops, and \$3 trillion;" and, yes, it could spread to a clash between NATO and Russia, as the imposition of a NATO no-fly zone over Syria also might.

Likewise former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, speaking 3 Oct. in Norfolk, Virginia, warned that a U.S. or Israeli strike against Iran's nuclear facilities not only would fail to wipe out Iran's nuclear program, but could "prove catastrophic, haunting us for generations in that part of the world."



Though recently posing as a peacemaker, former Deputy Secretary of Defence Hugh White has crusaded over the past two decades for a massive Australian arms buildup—part of a planned Anglo-American thermonuclear showdown with China and Russia.



On 7 Oct. the Russian news service RIA Novosti highlighted Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche's stark words on the imminent danger of nuclear war, delivered at the closing session of the Rhodes Forum. She put a point on the above-cited Russian and American warnings, as Novosti reported: "We are on the brink of nuclear war" ... warned Helga LaRouche. This is indicated, in her opinion, by the aggravation of the situation on the Turkish-Syrian border, the ever greater number of U.S. aircraft carriers in the western Pacific Ocean, NATO's creation of a nuclear [ballistic missile defence] shield, the policy of regime-change that led to the bombing of Iraq, and the threats against Iran."

Here in Australia, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser

and Prof. Richard Tanter have now added their voices to this international chorus of warnings against pursuing wars that can become a nuclear holocaust (see page 2). It is exceedingly important that such Australian opposition to these plans grow louder and more effective, as the plans, and propaganda for them, are stepped up. Featured in this issue (page 3) is new research into Australia's deep involvement in the war danger, with dossiers on former Deputy Secretary of Defence for Strategy and Intelligence Hugh White and chairman of the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Michael Danby.

Publicly, White is the one who dons the mask of an erudite, oh-so-reasonable strategic thinker, racing against the clock

to avoid a looming thermonuclear confrontation between the USA and Australia, and China. In reality, in and out of Australia's most sensitive intelligence and defence posts over the past two decades, probably no one has done more than the Oxford-trained White to *promote* such a showdown.

For his part, Danby, who is also chairman of the Parliamentary Friendship Group with the United States, not only wildly denounced Malcolm Fraser's warning as spreading "hysteria", but has long clamoured for war against Syria and Iran and for regime change in China.

The Clock is Ticking...

As Zepp-LaRouche warned at Rhodes, there are multiple potential triggers for world war. Each

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The Way Out

The engine driving the seemingly inexorable escalation towards thermonuclear war is the accelerating collapse of the London-centred global financial system. The United States under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama has poured an estimated \$29 trillion into bailing out the private banks worldwide since 2008, augmented by resources from European and other nations, including Australia—all to no avail. Now, the U.S. Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank (ECB) have announced a new, massive bailout, to be accompanied by even more deadly enforcement of austerity measures that have already made death and unemployment rates soar in Greece, Portugal and Spain, most visibly. The policy is: "Kill the population to save the banks!"

Make no mistake: "Greece" is coming to Australia. Even such British-owned mouthpieces as climate-change guru Ross Garnaut now state openly that the living standard of average Australians will soon plummet.

The present collapse and slide towards nuclear war is neither normal nor inevitable. It is solely the result of the British Crown's ruthless enforcement of free trade, deregulation, privatisation, radical environmentalism, and other forms of globalist looting. These policies are specifically endorsed, throughout his writings, by that pious "anti-war" crusader Hugh White and other London and Wall St. assets. (The Oxford-trained White explicitly argues that economic growth, such as China's, *causes* war.) The new bailouts



Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood (right), with CEC Research Director Robert Barwick on *The CEC Report*, the weekly television show broadcast on Community TV in three states. Found on digital channel 44, *The CEC Report* is broadcast by "C31" Melbourne, "31 Digital" Brisbane, and "44 Adelaide" as well as on the CEC's website, <http://www.cecaust.com.au>.

known as the Fed's Quantitative Easing 3 (QE3) and the ECB's European Stability Mechanism will only worsen the situation, threatening to unleash a worldwide hyperinflation worse than that of Weimar Germany in

1923, when prices doubled every four days.

But there is a way out, for both this nation and the world! It is to dump the London/Wall St. globalist system and replace it with a community of

sovereign nation-states which reclaim their sovereign powers of credit-creation from the "too-big-to-fail" private banks, and deploy such credit individually and jointly to build great infrastructure projects; to conquer outer space; and to collaborate on other urgent "common aims of mankind", such as finding a defence of Earth against otherwise inevitable devastation by asteroids and comets, as has happened repeatedly in the past (see page 4).

For these sweeping changes to happen, to avoid a cataclysm of financial collapse, nuclear war, or both, *you personally must act*, along with your fellow citizens.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1) Call your MP and PM Gillard and demand that Australia pull out of its alliance with the

Anglo-American forces whose clear intent is to launch nuclear war against China and Russia. Write letters to the editor and get on talkback radio with that demand.

2) Take extra copies of this paper and spread them everywhere, particularly to members of the military and their families.

3) Demand that your MP and local councillor endorse the "Develop or Die" resolution on page 4. Our nation must enact the Glass-Steagall banking reform and other measures specified there as the alternative to war.

4) Join the Citizens Electoral Council. Don't be a self-deluded, suicidal fool: you do know, don't you, in your heart of hearts, that each and all of the "other parties" have pushed the policies which have brought us to the edge of doom?

Malcolm Fraser: Australia Heading for Nuclear War

Speaking to Melbourne University's Asialink centre on 25 Sept., former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser sounded the same clear warning as issued by the Citizens Electoral Council and U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche a year ago: that the present direction of U.S. and Australian defence policy is towards the unthinkable—nuclear war. Fraser was followed at the event, on the subject of "Australia-US Relations in the Asian Century", by nuclear weapons expert Prof. Richard Tanter, former Senior Consultant to the Australian Defence College's Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, who presented an even more sober analysis.

Mr Fraser's carefully-reasoned warning was met with outbursts of denial in major Australian media, typified by an editorial statement in Murdoch's *The Australian* that "Fraser should be dismissed".

Fraser situated his warning in the context of global strategic developments since the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall, which he recalled as an opportunity for global economic development to build a "fairer and more just world". Instead, he lamented, that opportunity was "brushed aside". NATO "behaved as if

the Cold War was still on" and aggressively encroached on Russia's sphere of influence.

"In so doing, the West destroyed the opportunity of building a cooperative partnership with Russia", Fraser said. "This was compounded by further mistakes when President Bush 2nd started talking of anti-ballistic missile sites in Poland and a radar site in the Czech Republic. The public mantra was that these anti-ballistic missile sites would be a protection against Iran. It was one of those public lies which only the most fanatic would believe. It was of course, directed at Russia."

"Containment"

Fraser's analysis parallels that of Lyndon LaRouche and the CEC, who have repeatedly exposed that America's aggressive foreign policy, under British direction, is aimed ultimately at two targets: Russia and China. Towards China, Fraser said, the U.S. is pursuing "A policy of containment", which includes: "More use of naval facilities in the Philippines, Singapore and potentially Vietnam; troops based in Darwin; more use of air force facilities, surveillance and communications facilities and military exercising

in Australia; spy planes based in Cocos Island; Stirling Harbour perhaps to become a home base for an Indian Ocean aircraft carrier taskforce, and strategic discussions with India."

He added, "We should also note the recent report published by the [Washington] Centre for Strategic and International Studies which feeds off a close relationship with the United States Defense Department. It may not be American policy yet, but the CSIS report points clearly to the direction of policy. It is worth looking at the extracts concerning Australia. They are written as though we are a strategic colony, taken for granted, total support for whatever the United States may do.

"They suggest an entire Marine Air-Ground Task Force which will be based in Darwin. Arrangements will also need to be made so that marines could be moved in high speed vessels and including appropriate naval facilities. America clearly expects us to pay part of the cost of the marines already agreed and also for the other elements that they intend to locate in Darwin. The wording of the report makes it quite clear that such discussions have begun. The Australian Government should

be required to be open and honest about its intentions."

(Another idea mooted in the CSIS report is having a U.S. aircraft carrier base at HMAS Stirling near Perth, which would escalate tensions with China even more. Defence Minister Stephen Smith recently denied that this was on the agenda, but Smith has repeatedly lied on the subject of the U.S. military presence in Australia.)

Continuing, Fraser sternly criticised Australia's present bipartisan attitude of mindlessly accommodating U.S. war plans. "President Obama's inappropriate speech in the Australian Parliament last November implied that Australia was fully in support of American militarisation of the Western Pacific and the policies of containment which this involves", he said. "If our Government and Opposition indeed take that view, they serve Australia's interests very badly indeed. ... The Australian Government, especially the Defence Minister says there are no American bases on Australia soil and there will not be. This is straight political spin of the worst kind because it is designed to deceive Australians on matters of peace and war. We certainly have both United

States and joint bases in Australia, even if technically they are under Australian control. ...

"Australia has under this Labor Government and with apparent consent of the Coalition, become the southern bastion of America's re-arming in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia. This is an extraordinary consequence of Australian Government ineptitude and of military planning, which might recognise America's interest, but pays little account of our own. ..."

Noting that the U.S. would find a conventional military conflict against China very difficult, Fraser then zeroed in on the overriding danger of nuclear war. He warned, "Any use of nuclear weapons between the United States and China would be a global humanitarian catastrophe, and any armed conflict between nuclear-armed powers risks nuclear escalation. So conflict—and provocation that might lead to it—must be prevented at all costs."

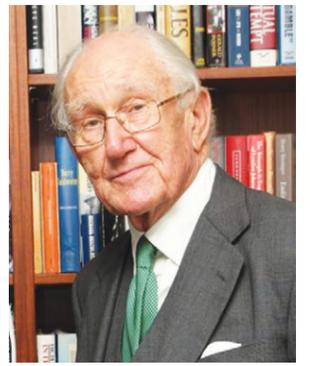
To this end, the former prime minister urged a major rethink of Australia's foreign policy. "We must urgently re-establish the reality of independence in our own policies", he stressed. "We should also make it clear that United States' communications and other facilities on Australian soil will not be used for targeting or triggering or facilitating use of nuclear weapons of any kind."

The Public Has a Right to Know

Professor Tanter then delivered his chilling follow-up to Fraser's speech, detailing the extent to which Australia is already a major target in a potential nuclear exchange between the USA and China. "The Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap outside Alice Springs remains the most important US intelligence base outside the US itself", he reported. "In the secret appendix to the 2009 Defence White Paper, the Defence Department confirmed it knows Pine Gap, the eyes and ears of the US military, is a high priority target in the event of US-China war."

The professor called for the government to be held accountable for this defence policy: "We need to ask the Australian government questions and keep pursuing rational and responsible answers beyond spin—and contempt—for the public's capacity to decide its view on the basis of comprehensive and reliable information."

Prof. Tanter listed some incisive questions for the Australian government to answer:



Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser

"How will the government ensure that no operations of the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap contribute to a nuclear attack on any country?"

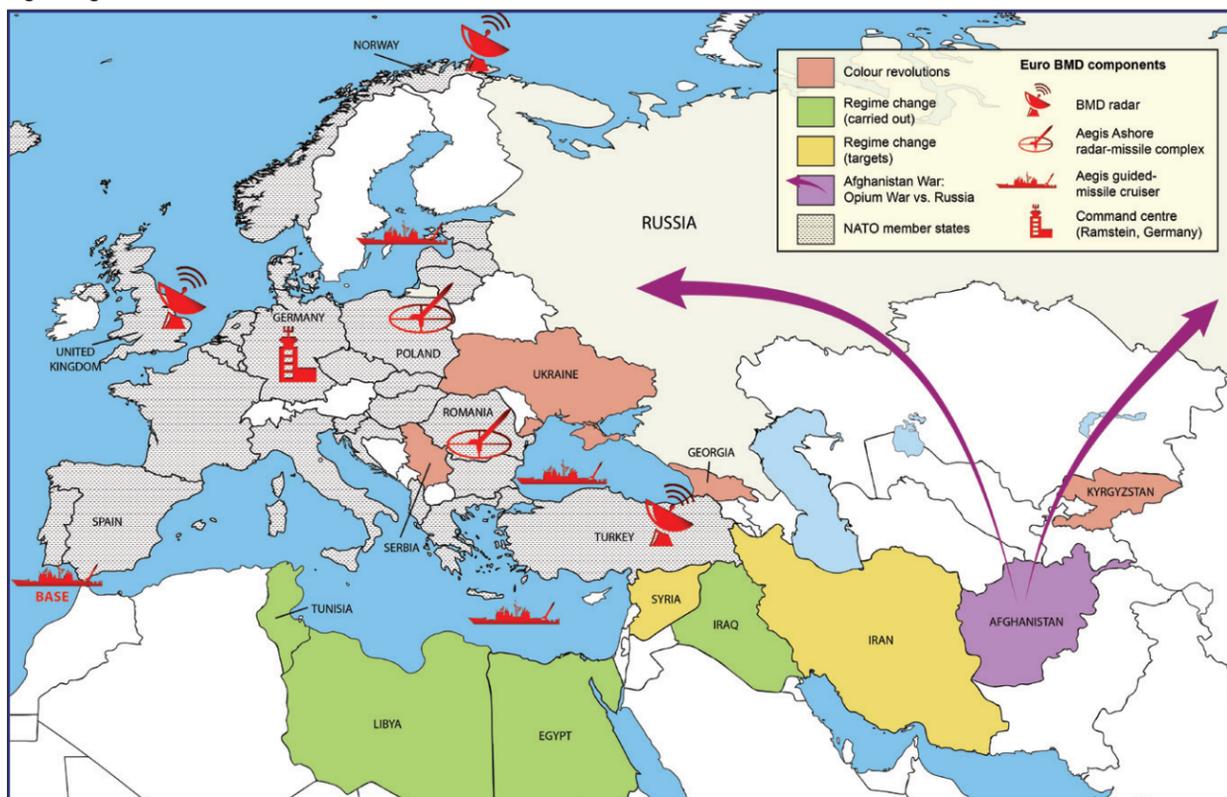
"How will the government ensure that the planned deployment of a large space radar facility at North West Cape under the auspices of the US Joint Space Operations Center will not contribute to armed conflict in space and possible escalation into nuclear war?"

"Under the US policy of 'rebalancing to Asia', including the application of the Air-Sea Battle Concept to offset China's defence of its home waters, how will the government ensure that US forces deployed to ADF facilities will not be drawn into an escalation to nuclear conflict?"

Prof. Tanter concluded, "We are at a peculiarly dangerous time strategically. If anything, Mr Fraser has understated those dangers, both in range and severity." (Emphasis added.)

These striking warnings from an experienced statesman and an expert in nuclear conflict come in the wake of the mass distribution of 250,000 copies, nationwide, of the CEC's June/July *New Citizen* newspaper under the banner headline: "British Crown's Endgame: Financial Collapse and Nuclear War". The newspaper documented in great detail, illustrated with maps of the subjects touched upon by Fraser and Tanter, that the British-Obama policies of ballistic missile defence, targeting Russia and China, combined with "regime change" against sovereign nations in the Middle East, have provoked both Russia and China to warn in no uncertain terms, that they are being pushed into a nuclear confrontation. The June/July *New Citizen* also documented the foolhardy direction of Australia's defence policy in support of this British-Obama agenda, which is almost guaranteed to provoke a war with China.

Fig. 1. Anglo-American "Containment" of Russia



As Eurasia's keystone nation, Russia has been surrounded by political, economic, and military destabilisations. The map shows countries that are neighbours, allies, or economic partners of Russia and have been affected by past or intended future "regime change" through Colour Revolutions (a technique developed at Oxford University and aimed against Vladimir Putin in Russia beginning 2011) or military insurgencies. The red symbols show the European Ballistic Missile Defence System, created as part of NATO's eastward expansion. Potentially part of an attack on Russia, it is identified by Moscow as a threat to its sovereignty and a tripwire for war. The Euro BMDs is part of the global U.S. missile defence project, which in the Pacific region meshes with similar attempts at what Malcolm Fraser calls "a policy of containment" against China.

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of those crisis-points has escalated in recent months.

Israel's pro-war PM Benjamin Netanyahu threatens to strike Iran at any moment, while U.S. aircraft carrier strike groups are clustered around the Persian Gulf. September military exercises in the Gulf led to Russian public statements like this 23 Sept. national TV comment: "Judging by the concentration of military equipment, we may turn out to be just one step away from war. ... A record number of warships has assembled—from over 30 countries, including the USA, Britain, and Saudi Arabia. Battleships, submarines, aircraft carriers, including Nimitz-class vessels with up to 70 fighter aircraft

on board. The participants do not conceal the fact that this show of force is addressed to Iran."

Fighting within Syria, driven by British- and Saudi-backed insurgents, has ignited firing across the border between Syria and NATO member Turkey, whose parliament has approved an invasion of Syria. Turkey has initiated formal consultations with NATO on the situation. Article 5 of the NATO treaty defines an attack on one NATO member as an attack on all of them. Thus the USA is involved, while Russia is a long-time ally of Syria.

In the Pacific Basin, Sino-Japanese tensions rose in September over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands, as Japan tried to settle a

simmering ownership dispute by nationalising the rocks, thus provoking China to send naval ships to the area. By October, two U.S. carrier strike groups had also sailed nearby in the largest U.S. show of naval force in the western Pacific since 1996, which Japanese officials called "a demonstration of U.S. resolve" to include the islands under the U.S. nuclear umbrella covering Japan. The London *Economist* headlined: "Could China and Japan Really Go to War...?"

In the Philippines, the U.S. rotation of forces to its mammoth Subic Bay naval base, after an absence of two decades, has become so intense that the Asia editor of Britain's *IHS Jane's Defence Weekly* trumpeted in a 16 Oct. commentary, "The U.S. Navy Returns to the Philippines."

During the same months, the

build-up of the U.S. global Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) network, aimed at both China and Russia, continued headlong. In September, the USA and Japan announced agreement on building another ground-based BMD radar in Japan. On the other side of the globe, Spanish Prime Minister Rajoy in early October finalised the basing agreement for U.S. Aegis radar-missile ships (Fig. 1). "Russia could find itself surrounded by a ring of NATO radar and missiles," said Russia Today TV. The U.S. and Israel are conducting joint BMD exercises in October. Within months, the Royal Australian Navy will take delivery of the first-ever Aegis systems for installation on its ships.

As shown in the last *New Citizen*, Russia and China identify this unilateral U.S. BMD pro-

gram as an attempt to allow a U.S. first strike by neutralising Russia's and China's ability to launch their own missiles in retaliation. The Russian Strategic Missile Forces (SMF) have just now tested and demonstrated those retaliatory capabilities. Early-September command-staff exercises of the SMF had the stated purpose of honing nuclear deterrence "for the event of an armed conflict with the participation of Russia." In October came simultaneous testing of Russia's land-, sea-, and air-launched strategic nuclear weapons, in exercises personally overseen by Putin and announced as the largest-scale such practice in Russia's 20-year post-Soviet history.

Both Russian and Chinese officials have warned that they reserve the right to launch nu-

clear first strikes, should a combined U.S. offensive and BMD build-up on their borders threaten their very existence. And what does the anti-war crusader Hugh White have to say about all this? In return for the U.S. "accommodating the rise of China", he demands that "China should stop its ... complaints about [U.S.] BMD programs in Asia".

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British Empire's Hugh White Prepares for War with China

Former Deputy Secretary of Defence Hugh White has likely done more than anyone else in Australia to promote policies leading to a thermonuclear war with China, while posing as a full-time campaigner to avoid it. White argues that the USA must neither withdraw from the Asia-Pacific region, nor seek to dominate it as in the past, but should take a third way: accommodate the "rise of China" in a "concert of powers" in the Pacific. White compares his "concert" with the 1815 Congress of Vienna, the post-Napoleon diplomatic disaster that set Europe on a century-long course of British-manipulated conflicts within a "balance of power", which White considers a success.

White also holds, however, that his "concert" is highly unlikely to come about. Thus, the massive defence build-up that he describes as intended to establish Australia as a "middle power" within the concert, is far more comprehensible as a component of Anglo-American preparations for a full-scale nuclear showdown with China.

White advocates acquisition not merely of the now planned twelve attack submarines for the Royal Australian Navy, to replace our six aging Collins-class subs, but double that number; and double the planned 100 Joint Strike Fighters, as well. In his words, the objective is to develop "air and naval forces that can effectively deny our air and maritime approaches to substantial hostile forces out to several

thousand miles from our shores, and project significant force beyond that."¹

And who might the target be? Hugh White was the lead author of Australia's *Defence 2000 White Paper*, which asserted that Australian "air and naval forces had to be able to operate effectively in coalition operations against the region's major powers like China."

White's insistence that China "stop its complaints" against the U.S. global ballistic missile defence program, in return for the unlikely U.S. "accommodation" of China in the region, gives the lie to his peacemaker image. The BMD plan is part of global showdown preparations: it rings Russia and China with anti-missile radars and batter-

ies for the purpose of enabling a thermonuclear first strike by developing the capability to knock out a retaliatory response.²

Anglo-American Imperium: the Cheney Doctrine

On 23 March 1983, U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced his Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) for anti-missile defence. As conceived by its author, U.S. economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche, and by Reagan, the SDI was to be a joint U.S.-Soviet program not only to eliminate the escalating danger of thermonuclear war, but also to unleash a scientific renaissance as the cornerstone of a global economic recovery—the basis for truly durable peace. The Soviets rejected the SDI, launched a forced-draft military build-up, and the USSR collapsed eight years later.

With the apparent disappearance of Russia as a superpower, British-owned elements in the USA revived the notion of ballistic missile defence, but this time as a means of securing permanent Anglo-American world domination. In 1992 then-Defence Secretary Dick Cheney developed a Draft Planning Guidance for coming decades, saying, "Our strategy must now refocus on precluding the emergence of any potential future global competitor". Use of military force, including nuclear weapons, was included. An outraged then-Senator, now Vice President Joe Biden commented that it was "a plan for 'literally a Pax Americana,' an American empire".

The Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment (ONA), which drove the campaign for the Cheney doctrine, had argued since 1977 that China would soon emerge as the chief threat to the United States. The ONA maintained intimate relations with Australia's own ONA, the Office of National Assessments, the nation's premier intelligence body.

Hugh White has been involved in designing Australia's

"defence" doctrine that accords with the Cheney Doctrine since 1992, when he entered the Australian ONA as head of its Strategic Analysis Branch. His whole career gives the lie to the notion that showdown with China is an American scheme that White is resisting with his "concert"; he has been pushing an adversary relationship with China for two decades.

White has described his 1992-93 stint at the ONA and work in the Defence Department's International Policy Division in 1993-95 as a search for Australia's position in the post-Soviet world. With the USSR gone, the remaining obstacle to Anglo-American plans for world domination was China. Most Australians would not sign on to preparations to fight China as a national priority, so White has promoted a massive military build-up as being vital for Australia's own defence, up to and including the possibility that Australia "might contemplate fighting China alone... [a] question [that] has exercised me since the mid-1990s when we began to wonder about the consequences for Australia if China just kept on growing."³

Australia's "Defence" Doctrine: Made in Britain

In a 2008 paper, "Strategic Interests in Australian Defence Policy: Some Historical and Methodological Reflections", White described basing Australia's so-called defence doctrine explicitly upon that of the British Empire: "During the early 1990s some of us working in Defence began exploring this problem of defining Australia's wider strategic interests in the post-Cold War world. Our attention was caught by Lord Palmerston's famous line about 'Britain having no permanent friends and no permanent enemies, only permanent interests.' We started to look at how Britain defined these permanent interests, and what we might learn from them. For centuries British



Hugh White

policy was guided by a view of its strategic interests which had hardly changed from the time of Elizabeth I until after World War II, articulated and implemented by men like Burleigh, Marlborough, Walpole, Pitt, Wellington, Palmerston and Churchill."

British imperial concepts should be applied to Australia, White argued, because Britain, like Australia, was an island nation. It had organised "concentric circles of defence", ultimately to embrace the whole world: first, guard the English Channel; next, control European ports from which invasion fleets might sail; and, finally, "align with weaker powers to preserve a balance of power among Europe's major states and ensure that none became dominant. These precepts have determined British strategic policy for centuries."

Asked White, "How might we apply the principles of Pitt and Palmerston to Australia in the 21st century?" His answer was an Australian version of the British imperial concentric circles theory: first, "defend the Australian continent"; then, deal with the "near neighbours"; and, finally, tackle the Asia-Pacific version of the "dominant power on the European continent"—China.

White boasted that British imperial doctrine had been transformed into Australia's national strategy, as first embodied in the *Defence 2000 White Paper*: "The ideas that we adapted from Pitt and Palmerston

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FIG. 2. Anglo-American Military Encirclement of Russia and China



The U.S.-Israeli-NATO military buildup around Southwest Asia (violet dots) directly targets Iran and Syria, but the ultimate targets in a global showdown are Russia and China. The green dots along Russia's western borders show the U.S.-NATO European Ballistic Missile Defence System, which Moscow has called a trigger for war. In the Asia-Pacific region, the yellow dots represent the increasing U.S. military presence for confronting China, into which Australia has been drawn. U.S. Navy Ohio-class submarines armed with Trident II D5 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (locations shown are representative of operating areas) are the strategic nuclear capability that would inflict a first strike on Russia or China.

Michael Danby: the Project Democracy Road to Nuclear War

Chairman of the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Michael Danby accused former PM Malcolm Fraser of "hysteria", for sounding the alarm that Australia's defence build-up puts our nation on a course towards nuclear war. Danby pontificated, "No rational examination of the foreign policy of the US under Obama or Australia under both prime ministers Gillard or Rudd could lead anyone to believe Canberra or Washington had sought or encouraged nuclear confrontation with China."

An honest examination of Danby's own international political activity reveals him as one Canberra-based figure who has pushed events in exactly such a direction. Anglo-American encirclement of Russia and China (Figs. 1 and 2) includes a British-founded "Project Democracy" component of "colour revolutions" and "regime change", done under the flags of "democracy and human rights". Such ostensibly non-violent schemes, directed against major nuclear powers China and Russia whose leaders understand them as threats to national sovereignty, serve to intensify a global showdown and increase the likelihood that a particular hot spot will suddenly zoom to

full-scale nuclear war. As with his nominal opponent Hugh White, with whom Danby has squabbled, charging that White is selling out to China and seeks an "Asian Munich" (as in Neville Chamberlain's notorious appeasement of Hitler in 1938)—all roads lead back to London. Danby serves on the steering committee of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD), founded in 1999 as a spin-off of the British-guided U.S. National Endowment for Democracy. Thus he is a leading proponent of the Project Democracy road towards nuclear war.

Danby is also an International Patron of Britain's Henry Jackson Society (HJS), founded at Peterhouse College, Cambridge. The manifesto of the HJS gives the British imperial game away: "The British Moment: The Case for Democratic Geopolitics in the Twenty-first Century", by Brendan Simms, a professor in the History of International Relations at Cambridge's Centre of International Studies. The HJS advocates a "forward strategy" to spread "liberal democracy across the world" through "the full spectrum of 'carrot' capacities, be they diplomatic, economic, cultural or political, but also, when necessary, those 'sticks' of the military domain."¹ The HJS achieved noto-



Federal MP Michael Danby

riety in 2011 when it emerged that the opposition Syrian National Council's plan for carving out "safe havens" for insurgents in Syria, which the U.S. and British would then move to secure militarily, as had been done in Libya, was actually written by HJS staff. Simms boasted about operations in Libya, in an article on the HJS's website: "Democracy Can Be Dropped From 10,000 Feet".

Even as NATO and the U.S. waged their illegal war to overthrow Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, Danby and co-authors Peter Khalil (a former Rudd foreign policy advisor) and Carl Ungerer of the Hugh White-founded Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) screeched that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad

was a far more important target: "The close relationship between Syria with [sic] Iran makes it an even more significant test of the Arab spring than Libya, Tunisia, Yemen or Bahrain." Claiming that the Syrians are secretly developing nuclear weapons, Danby et al. concluded that "Australia has a direct stake in ensuring that the current regime in Syria is removed as soon as possible."²

Danby has also vehemently advocated a U.S./Israeli strike against Iran. In *The Australian* of 14 Dec. 2010, "Iran's Nuclear Plans give West a Tough Choice", he and the same co-authors lied: "The international community... share an inescapable view that Iran is pursuing an offensive nuclear weapons program", adding that "sanctions are never enough", and that "the only credible alternative" to Iranian domination of the region, with or without nuclear weapons, "is to use military force" and "accept the short-term pain and consequences" of a war, rather than "live with the longer-term strategic challenges of a nuclear-armed, regionally dominant, militarily aggressive and emboldened Iran". What's more, according to the title of Danby's article in the 11 Feb. 2010 *Wall Street Journal* article, the world should "Blame China for Iran's Nukes".

As with the Project Democracy crowd at large, Danby demands not only war against Syria and Iran, but regime change in China, as well. As in his raucous criticism of the Hugh White "concert of powers" scheme, Danby harps on the theme of concessions to China being like appeasing Hitler. Danby's alternative to "a Canberra Munich moment" is to overthrow the current Chinese leadership, using Project Democracy methods to achieve "a process of China transforming into a non-belligerent, liberal democracy."³

Danby chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet. In July 2009 he led the first-ever Australian parliamentary delegation to meet with the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, where he demanded, "Let freedom reign in Tibet". The Chinese government angrily charged Danby with interfering in China's internal affairs, as they did again the next month when he organised a visit by a Uighur leader to the Melbourne International Film Festival. Anglo-American intelligence agencies have long supported the secession of Xinjiang Province in China's west, agitating among its large Uighur population. Danby has also been a leading member of the Australia-Taiwan Parliamen-

tary Friendship Group. In March 2005 China passed an anti-secession law, declaring that should Taiwan secede from China, its action would be met with military force.

In 1986-93, this great democrat was editor of the *Australia-Israel Review (AIR)*, founded by Robert Zablud, a follower of the Jewish fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky. Israeli founding father David Ben-Gurion famously referred to Jabotinsky as "Vladimir Hitler", but Danby has defended him as a "much-misunderstood centre-right Zionist ideologue". One of the *AIR*'s major financial supporters has been multi-billionaire Frank Lowy (whose Lowy Institute has been home base for Visiting Fellow Hugh White). Danby and Lowy share their admiration for Jabotinsky with the son of Jabotinsky's long-time personal secretary—Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, who is presently leading a crusade for a war with Iran, with its likely escalation to thermonuclear war.

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Mankind Must Grow Up! The Strategic Defence of Earth

Any one of half a dozen hot spots around the globe could quickly escalate to all-out thermonuclear war and the possible extinction of the human race. One of them likely will, if the British Empire is allowed to continue the “divide and conquer” policies typical of all empires throughout history. In his 1983 proposal for a joint U.S.-Soviet Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), American statesman and physical economist Lyndon LaRouche proposed a pathway for sovereign nations to escape imperial manipulation and the present thermonuclear nightmare, but that option was rejected by British-influenced Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

On 18 Oct. 2011 Russia's then-Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin, soon thereafter to become deputy prime minister for the defence industry, proposed a new form of the SDI called the Strategic Defence of Earth (SDE): international co-operation to safeguard our plan-

et against deadly threats from space. Bombardment by asteroids and comets is a part of Earth's history that will recur. Russia's TV channel Russia Today reported that Rogozin's plan was intended “to focus on fighting threats coming from space rather than just missiles. ... It would be an integration of anti-aircraft, missile and space defenses. ... [The system] would be targeted against possible threats to Earth coming from space, including asteroids, comet fragments, and other alien bodies. ... The system should be capable of both monitoring the space and destroying any dangerous objects as they approach our planet. ... The idea has been nicknamed ‘Strategic Defense of Earth’ as an allusion to ‘the Strategic Defense Initiative’”.

Upwards of one million asteroids orbit between the orbits of Mars and Venus, many of them intersecting Earth's orbit at some point. Only a tiny fraction of them have been identified. Even if an Earth impact could be pre-

dicted with certainty, there presently exist no means to stop it.

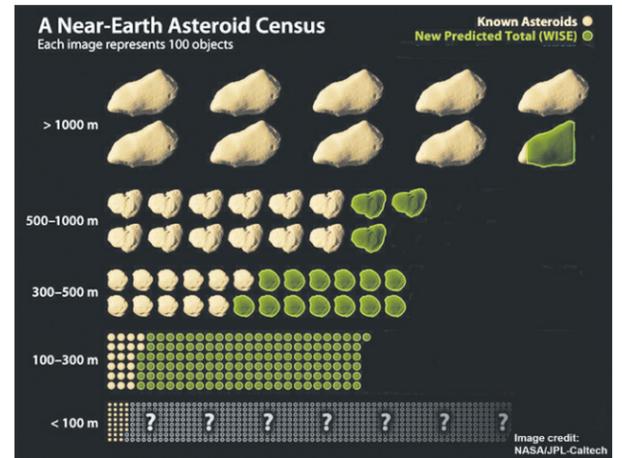
A relatively small asteroid, the size of a large whale, can devastate an area of around 800 square miles (over 2,000 km²), as happened when one exploded over Tunguska, Siberia in 1908. Every year around thirty smaller asteroids, in the range of 10 metres in diameter, explode in the Earth's upper atmosphere with a blast equivalent to the Hiroshima atomic bomb in 1945. A Tunguska-type event is estimated to occur every few hundred years. Geological evidence shows that, over time, many larger space objects come all the way to the surface of the Earth. The extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago was likely caused by an asteroid 10 km in diameter. Small to medium-sized asteroids that land in the ocean generate massive tsunamis, larger than the one which killed 200,000 people in Indonesia in 2004.

Asteroid 2005 YU55 passed by Earth just inside the Moon's

orbit on 8-9 Nov. 2011, while 99942-Apophis will pass Earth in 2029 inside the orbits of many communications satellites. Those are just two of the million or more Near Earth Asteroids (NEAs), half a million of them Tunguska-class or larger. Travelling towards the inner solar system from a greater distance and at higher speeds are comets, which may be larger, more difficult to detect, and far more devastating than asteroids.

Unlike non-existent man-made “climate change”, the deadly danger from space is assured, and mankind must initiate an international effort to deal with NEAs and other threats from space, such as the large solar storms of 1859 and 1921; their effects were minimal then, but today such radiation would wreck electric and communications grids for months or even years, plunging large sections of the planet into chaos.

Lyndon LaRouche said on LPAC-TV after Rogozin's 2011 proposal: “So SDI is back, my



A collision with one of the 1,000 Near-Earth Asteroids (NEAs) of more than one km diameter would devastate Earth. Though some 90 per cent of these large asteroids have been detected, we have no way to deflect any heading for Earth. Smaller asteroids are harder to detect, but also deadly: of the 1,500 or so asteroids 500-1,000 m in diameter, an estimated 80 per cent have been detected; of the 2,400 that are 300-500 m (still large enough to devastate a continent), only half are detected; and of the over 15,000 that are 100-300 m in diameter, just 10 per cent are detected. There are an estimated one million NEAs less than 100 m in diameter, like the one that flattened 2,000 km² in Siberia in 1908.

SDI in that sense. And the bringing of the United States into a direct alliance with China and with Rus-

sia, now, on this program, and other nations coming in, is the global requirement to save civilisation.”

Hugh White Readies for China War

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underlay the development of the short account of Australia's wider strategic interests provided in the 1997 *Strategic Policy Review*, and the revised, extended and more detailed description given in Chapter Four of the 2000 *White Paper*.”

The idea was to justify a massive Australian defence build-up for an Anglo-American showdown with China. In a recent essay, White wrote: “Howard's *Defence White Paper*, released in 2000, clearly acknowledged that China's rise constituted a major change in Australia's circumstances, and that Australia needed to take a wider view of its national interests and expand its military capabilities. The possi-

bility of war with China now influenced major force-planning decisions for the first time since the Vietnam War.”⁴

Unhappy with less than complete adoption of his perspective, White later in 2000 resigned his Defence post, but secured Defence Department funding to found a new think tank, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. Its purpose was to continue his crusade for “projecting power” many thousands of kilometres beyond Australia's shores.

A Giant U.S. Base

The announcement of the permanent deployment of a contingent of 2,500 (initially) U.S. marines to Darwin occasioned much debate over whether a “U.S. base” were being established in Australia. In reality, the U.S. presence in our country has already expanded so dramatically over the past two decades, that Australia is practically one giant, ever-expanding U.S. military base, targeted at China in particular.⁵ This process began in the mid-1990s, under Hugh White's supervision. As Deputy Secretary of Defence for Strategy and Intelligence, 1995-2000, he oversaw the negotiations and deals struck with the USA and the UK towards this end.⁶

The *New Citizen* of June-July 2012 showed that the Brit-

ish called the shots in this process, though the USA was the more visible partner. “The Australian relationship with the UK is even more intimate than it is with the U.S.,” observed Greg Sheridan in *The Australian* of 27 Dec. 2007. And the 1997 Defence Efficiency Review, which strengthened White's position in the Defence Department, was headed by a top British Defence Department official, Dr. Malcolm McIntosh.

As closer ties with the USA and UK unfolded in exercises like Tandem Thrust, the 1997 first-ever U.S. Marine training exercise in Australia, expert Desmond Ball testified in 1997 Parliamentary hearings that not only had *Australia* requested the exercise, but that, “As recently as May 1997, Australia was sharply criticised in China's leading English language daily newspaper for being used with Japan as a US pincer to pin down China. ... There is a lot of rhetoric in this Chinese position but ... it does contain a germ of truth. ... The exercise did not easily fit credible contingencies in the defence of Australia.”

Who is Hugh White?

White was born into an old British oligarchical family, from which a son had migrated to become a grazier in southern Queensland. Since at least his

time in the Philosophy Department at Melbourne University, White was groomed by the Cambridge and Oxford Universities-centred priesthood that has managed the British Empire for centuries.⁷ That priesthood propagates an imperial view of people and the world, in the tradition reaching back to Babylon. Its precepts were bluntly expressed by Thomas Hobbes: that human life for the great majority of mankind outside the ruling oligarchy is “nasty, brutish and short”, and society is but the “war of each against all”.

Oxford traditionally produces “managers” for the Empire, with the Oxford PPE degree—Political, Philosophy, and Political Economy.⁸ Despite endless squabbles amongst these men and their epigones (such as those who trained White at Melbourne University and then Oxford, where in 1978 he won the coveted John Locke Award in Mental Philosophy), they are all fanatical “reductionists”, who reject the existence of “universals”, whether universal laws of the physical universe (as opposed to “statistical correlations”), or principles of human society such as truth, justice, and the reality of a Common Good within nations and among them. Instead, they argue, only isolated particulars have reality: those of the mind such as the “atoms” of formal logic, and isolated “facts” in the

“outside world”, knowable only by sense certainty.

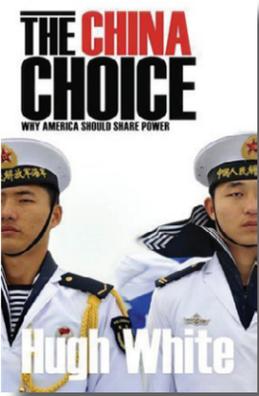
These people especially hate Christianity, as not only “wrong”, but disruptive to rule by an empire. Typical was the outlook of White's early mentor, Melbourne University philosophy department head and Trinity College, Cambridge graduate Douglas Gasking. An Australian who spoke with a proud pommy accent, Gasking denied the reality of the human mind in favour of the physical brain alone, holding that ideas or beliefs were merely “brain states”. Gasking boasted that he “had rejected Christianity since he was three”. White's own “set of habits of mind” were developed under such philosophical tutelage, as he wrote in a Feb. 2011 paper, “Why Study Philosophy?”

This philosophy gave rise to the “British school of international relations”, centred at Oxford and The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), an institution that since the 1950s has focused on managing the balance of thermonuclear terror. White calls himself a disciple of one of its leading figures, Hedley Bull, saying that his own “balance of power” proposal for Australia and for Asia “was foreshadowed by Hedley Bull in 1972”.⁹ The Australian-born Bull was number two at the IISS for decades, and headed British PM Harold Wilson's Arms Con-

trol office. His Hobbesian world view is captured in his magnum opus on “international relations”, *The Anarchical Society*, a work White lauds, even as he admits that Bull “once wrote that balance of power systems are not designed to prevent war, but to prevent hegemony, which they do at the cost of occasional, big wars.” Such a “big war” today would, as White well knows, be thermonuclear.

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Hugh White's book

The Future of Australia: Develop or Die

Whereas:

The presently ruling policies of globalisation, privatisation, deregulation and free trade, together with the enforcement of “environmentalist” policies so radical that they are best described as “green fascism”, are plunging the vast majority of Australians—along with most of the rest of the world—into poverty and misery; destroying our once-great nation; and eliminating any meaningful future for our children,

Be it therefore resolved:

1) That the entire body of “globalist” economic reforms introduced by the Hawke-Keating regimes beginning 1983 and relentlessly extended since then, be scrapped, together with all the equally-murderous, radical environmentalist legislation enacted since that time;

2) That this nation return to the traditional protectionist, well-regulated form of agro-industrial economy under which we once flourished, typified by the agreement in outlook between “old Labor” as exemplified by ALP prime ministers John Curtin and Ben Chifley, on the one hand, and Country Party leader and longtime Trade and Industries Minister John “Black Jack” McEwen, on the other;

3) That we must re-regulate our national financial system upon two essential pillars:

a) the immediate separation of sound commercial banking which benefits the average Australian, from the speculative merchant banking activities which have grown like a cancer under financial deregulation, both in this country and worldwide and which have largely caused the present, ever-deepening global financial crisis; the well-known precedent for such

a separation is the 1933 U.S. *Glass-Steagall Act*, which President Franklin Delano Roosevelt used to bring his nation and the world out of the Great Depression, and whose adoption is presently being debated in numerous countries around the world;

b) the immediate re-establishment of a new, government-owned national bank to provide credit for urgently needed great infrastructure projects as the engine to drive a great new renaissance in our agro-industrial, *physical* economy; we must have a sovereign Australian national *credit system*, not a London/Wall Street-controlled *monetarist system*, to enable us to secure the well-being of *all* Australians instead of just the privileged few, as under the present, monetarist system.

4) That we, the undersigned, will exert our utmost efforts to bring these reforms into reality, NOW!

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