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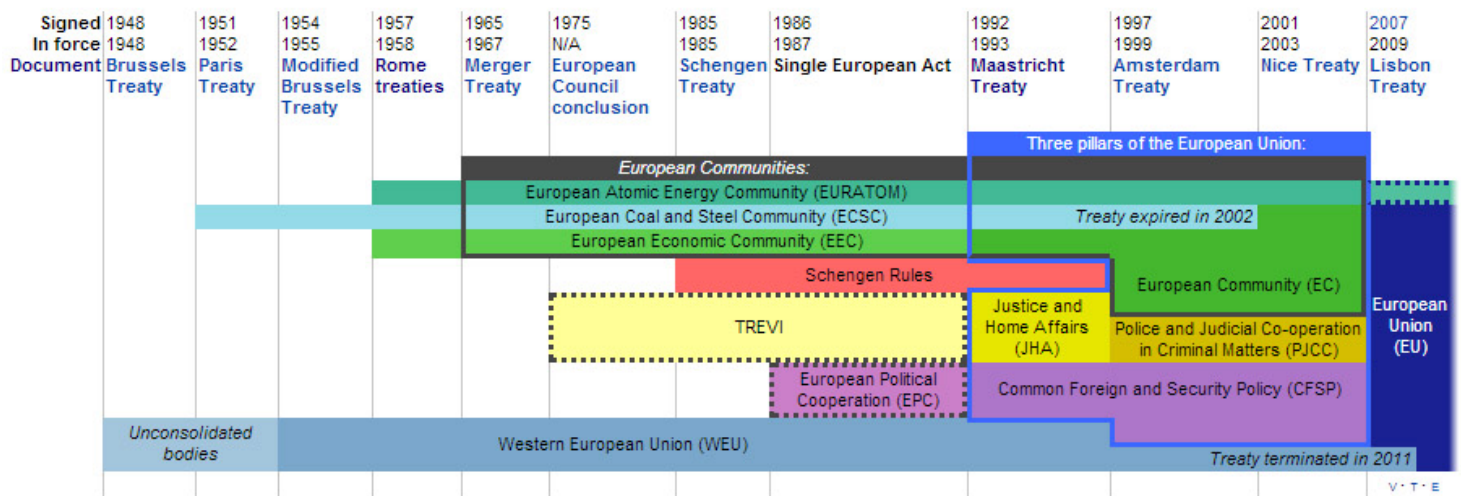
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*“This island never did, nor never shall  
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror,  
But when it first did help to wound itself...”*

Those lines of Shakespeare’s are often quoted without the third one, which makes the first two nothing but a brazen boast. Does the significance of the third now require any emphasis? Great Britain is not, as the faint hearts have it, a crowded off-shore island of Europe, riddled with quaint traditions and offered no finer prospect than that of a museum. Great Britain is yet the centre of the Commonwealth, and she yet has the power to give leadership to that Commonwealth and a matchless example to the world. The centuries past are filled with great events that have been honourably shaped by the energy and blood of those whose roots sprang from the British Isles. Time has dimmed the importance of those events, but they should not be eclipsed by the wounding blow of a fit of irresolution.



There are those who will tell you that history offers no future to us. I claim that without our history we have no future. And the whole of that history challenges us not to succumb to the scandalous and tawdry allurements of mere commercial gain. If we do succumb, then that is the end of the Commonwealth. No nation that has been called upon to fulfill the role that Great Britain has, that has developed such a constitutional genius, that has defended with such selfless vigour liberty all round the world, and that has contributed so much to the dignity of man, can flourish if her people are to be infused with enthusiasm for nothing other than material reward. But even if it is commercial enterprise and markets that attract the attention of the present Government of the United Kingdom, why is it that the Commonwealth is to be shunned? Here is a market of 700 million, and to increase the purchasing power of the members of this market by one penny per day is to find a market that increases in value by more than £1,000 million per year. Here surely is a challenge and an opportunity that cannot be despised. But the real challenge and opportunity of the Commonwealth lies in other fields - in the spreading of understanding and of tolerance, the building of self-government, the encouragement of liberty, the uplifting of the weak, the helping of the poor, the conquering of disease and of famine, the inculcating into the minds of all generations of Commonwealth people the sceptred truth that the Commonwealth is a great cause, and that great causes are seldom lost because they find enemies. They are lost when they lose their friends.

## ENOCH POWELL NAILS HIS COLOURS TO THE MAST 1973

The Common Market issue once again came back to its correct place in the political life of this country, with the Rt. Hon. J. Enoch Powell, M.P., firmly opening the campaign to make sure that the question of our continued involvement in Mr. Heath's Common Market adventure, is the major issue at the next general election. The objective is clear- to make sure that at least the British people will have THEIR say. In his various radio and television interviews Mr. Powell was at great pains to suggest that people should read carefully what he DID say in his speech to the Stockport Luncheon Club, Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport, at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 1973, as distinct from what the political pundits are trying to read into his speech.

Mr. Powell said:

### WHEN COUNTRY COMES BEFORE PARTY

"It has often been observed that in a democracy opposing parties tend for the most part to move closer together, because their outer wings have no alternative refuge- or at least no alternative practical prospect - and can therefore be taken for granted, while the supposed floating vote lies in the middle, and each party aims at detaching from its opponents that portion of their spectrum which is nearest to itself. This indeed is the normal condition.

The political earthquakes which alter the physical geography of politics for a long period afterwards can only occur when this rule is suspended: that is to say, when the outer wing of one party finds that some single object, which for the time being seems to it more important than all the rest, is procurable not from its political allies and comrades but from its enemies.

"The historic and endlessly instructive case in point is the great split in the Liberal party in 1886. Joseph Chamberlain and his followers were, you remember, the radical wing of the Liberal party: they were constantly pulling Gladstone and his colleagues towards what we should call the left. Then, all of a sudden, an issue arose which to them appeared to overshadow all other political issues and to place country in the opposite pan of the balance to party. Sooner than consent to the United Kingdom - the "empire", as it was then commonly called- being dismembered by Irish Home Rule, Chamberlain and his friends were prepared to vote with their lifelong enemies, the Tories, and to place and establish them in office for the sake of that one overriding object. Twenty years of Conservative government was the result; and the Conservative Party, which apart from Lord Beaconsfield's six-year administration, had hardly known office since the repeal of the Corn Laws, became and remained the preponderant vehicle of British government from that day to this.

### ELECTORS YET TO HAVE A CHOICE ON E.E.C. MEMBERSHIP

"Unlike every other country concerned, Britain has had no opportunity as yet to express a national opinion upon the potentially biggest event in its political history. The European (*Economic -ed*) Community was anxiously withheld from the electorate in 1970. Even if the parties had presented more difference of approach to this subject, the great majority of all candidates were desperately determined to impress upon the electors that, whatever else was an issue, they were not voting about that: a time for that might come, but it was not 1970. It would be quite otherwise if in 1973 or 1974 or 1975, the two main parties offered the electorate a choice. Nothing could then prevent the general election from being treated, by those electors who wished to do so, as a referendum; and there is plenty of reason to think that a large number of electors would wish to do so, and consider that they would have already been denied what was their right. Nor would the prospect be much modified by doubts about either the credentials or the unswerving sincerity of those who offered the electorate the respective choices. Presented, if they were presented, with two opposing parties which offered them a choice between the option they desired and the option they did not desire, electors would be perverse indeed to choose what they did not want for fear that those who promised what they did want would not perform it.

### CONSERVATIVE PARTY LOYALTY VERSUS NATIONAL LOYALTY - MORTAL CONFLICT?

"There is one respect in which such a conjunction would be more explosive than the historical parallel of Chamberlain and the Liberal Unionists. I intend no imputation against any person or party when I say that the mental association of patriotism and the Tory Party is strong and persistent. It is perilous to any party in the state of the appeal of country to conflict with the appeal of party. To Conservative Party it is a conflict which could be mortal.

### THE CHOICE - NATION STATE OR PROVINCIAL STATUS

"I have repeatedly and publicly affirmed that, if he believes it, an Englishman may honourably contend that this country ought to become a province of a larger state and a Member of Parliament may honourably vote to reduce the Parliament of the United Kingdom to the status of a provincial and subordinate assembly. Let there be no misunderstanding, however, that this is the meaning if Britain remains party to the European Economic Community within the present framework. This is not a remote or hypothetical or debatable consequence.

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It is already present fact, albeit provisional in that - the electorate can still procure a House of Commons which will recover this country's parliamentary independence. But make no mistake: until and unless it is speedily recalled, that independence is gone, in the most practical and thoroughgoing sense.

#### “COMMUNITY DECISIONS” NOW IN CONTROL

“1973 is only five months old; but the House of Commons has already learnt, and not only the House of Commons, that power has passed from it. Decisions of the greatest moment cannot be debated before they are taken, because they will be Community decisions, and Her Majesty's Government cannot know in advance what they will be. Decisions cannot be debated after they are taken in, because they were Community decisions, and Her Majesty's Government alone cannot be held responsible for them.

It is in vain for the House of Commons even to defeat the government or for the electorate to change the majority in Parliament. The decisions remain. They are Community decisions; they are binding so long as the Treaty is in force. Already those who may be affected by such decisions know better than to come to Members of Parliament or to approach the House of Commons. They go to where actual power resides - not even to Whitehall, but to the Community. Men soon discover who their real masters are. The law of the Community overrides the law of Parliament; it does so for the most part automatically and silently without so much as the formality of debate or vote; and those who make the law, wield the power.

#### COMMITTED TO “ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION BY 1980” WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY CONSENT

“There may still be some who imagine that, while all this may be, indeed is, true, it touches only the hem or fringe of life and government. They are pathetically misguided. Even now, when the wood is green, the range of subjects on which Community law comes forward is extensive and rapidly extending. On banking; insurance, patents, as on driving standards and size of vehicles; on trade (all trade), as on agriculture (all agriculture); on companies, as on unions- on all these and a host of other subjects the Community is legislating, legislating, legislating; for the Community is the new state.

“Yet all this, much though it is, does not approach the magnitude of the surrender which has solemnly been made by this country, through the mouth of its

executive, without the consent of Parliament or people being sought, let alone obtained. Last October, without preliminary notice, not to mention debate, Britain was committed to European ‘economic and monetary union by 1980’; and the commitment, which is already being acted upon and taken as authority, has even now not been brought before the House of Commons.

#### ONE LAST BARRIER TO NATIONAL EXTINCTION

“ ‘Economic and monetary union’ effectively means unitary government; for when all that concerns economics and money is removed from government, precious little remains. ‘By 1980’ effectively means in the lifetime of one more parliament. Do not laugh or shrug the shoulders. You have been told; it is your own fault if you do not listen. In this present parliament the formal cession has been accomplished of the supreme right of the Commons to tax, to legislate, and to call the executive to account.

In the next parliament will be completed the absorption of Britain into the new European state as one province along with others. Between there lies one event, one hurdle to be cleared, one barrier across the way - a general election. There is just the little matter of securing for all this, before it is irrecoverable and irreversible, what used to be considered as manifestly indispensable - the full-hearted consent of the British people. Or is that all over and done with, too?

#### THE CHOICE MUST BE TO REMAIN “A FREE SELF-GOVERNING PEOPLE”

“My chief business today - it is in my opinion the chief business of the politician anyhow is to assert that a choice, and that of the most fundamental nature, is still to be made; and to warn that no one ought to hope that it can be burked. Yet I would not conceal, even if I could, where my own counsel lies. Independence, the freedom of a self-governing nation, is in my estimation the highest political good, for which any disadvantage, if need be, and any sacrifice, are a cheap price.

#### **It is worth living for; it is worth fighting for; and it is worth dying for.**

There is not a state in Africa or Asia, hewn out of some administrative unit of Western colonial rule, which would not scorn to bargain away its independence. It is not for us to judge what others may think it right to do with their own. It is for us, and us alone, to determine if we will continue to be a free, self-governing people. I refuse to imagine that we shall answer no.” \*\*\*

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# YOU ARE AMERICA'S IMMUNE SYSTEM AGAINST POLITICAL CORRUPTION, MEDIA MALFEASANCE AND GOVERNMENT CRIMINALITY... AND YOU'VE JUST BEEN ACTIVATED

by Mike Adams, the Health Ranger(NaturalNews)

America is being destroyed by a cancer. That cancer winds its way through the politics of the federal government, the lying media and the runaway criminality of regulators like the EPA, FDA and CDC.

The cancer is CORRUPTION... That's why I'm invoking this health metaphor today and calling on all concerned citizens to activate yourselves as America's immune system. It's time to defend ourselves against this malicious, insidious cancer that's now assaulting us all.

**Learn more:** [http://www.naturalnews.com/054261\\_Americas\\_immune\\_system\\_corruption\\_revolution.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/054261_Americas_immune_system_corruption_revolution.html)

## ACTION TARGET FOR THIS ELECTION

All candidates can now be known by going to the Australian Electoral Commission website, the ABC or watch the local media. Using the previously supplied *Voter's Test Kit*, now is the time to send the forms out to all your candidates. The importance of the exercise is not only to discover their answers but to get their written commitment to act. *Voters Test Kits* are also available from all League offices or from our website.

You are also able to see how your existing member has represented your interests **here:** <https://theyvoteforyou.org.au/>

Jeremy Lee has produced an excellent booklet *Conscience Voting*.

The booklet in PDF is available **here:** <http://alor.org/Library/Lee%20J%20-%20Conscience%20Voting.pdf>

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## ARE THE CLAIMS MADE FOR THEM STACKING UP?

### From PEI (Power Engineering International):

Power industry professionals remain to be convinced about the credibility of renewables, yet are being urged to adapt to what some analysts maintain is inevitable, unstoppable change in the sector. That scepticism was perfectly encapsulated during the *Financial Times Energy Transformation Strategies* event in London, when speakers questioned the data surrounding renewable penetration and the ability of wind and solar power to replace baseload capacity.

Philip Lambert, CEO of Lambert Energy Advisory and former adviser to Statoil told the gathering last week he had never seen 'so little confidence in the industry, along with a draining of investment and support' despite suspicion that renewables weren't yet proven to be reliant in powering economies.

"The greatest risk to the world economy today is that the (fossil power) sector becomes so battered that it doesn't invest enough to maintain. There is a populist belief in renewables but are we considering the unbelievable risk of holding that position?"

Lambert said a 'true carbon audit' would gauge if renewables were ready to replace baseload.

"We may destroy a system without something sustainable in the aftermath."

"The International Energy Agency's rigour on cost audits is not good enough at the moment. If you really think the world can move from a baseload system to one running

completely on intermittent without battery technology evolving to a huge degree that is monumentally dangerous."

### German Paradox

To illustrate his point he said: "Germany, the 'high priest of this movement, had installed the equivalent of a million barrels of oil a day of renewable capacity, between solar and onshore wind.

"Solar is working at 50,000 a barrels a day and 10 per cent utilisation, wind is at 70,000 barrels a day – 17 per cent utilisation - so that million barrel a day field is working at a 130,000 barrels a day. You cannot replace baseload with intermittent and promise the people it's going to work."

**"The Germans were promised this would all be worthwhile because it would reduce carbon dramatically. Yet their carbon emissions per capita are 40 per cent above the UK, France and Italy."**

Lambert drew attention to May 9th, the first day in generations that UK was powered completely without coal by pointing out that on that same day Germany generated 75 per cent of its electricity through coal and lignite."

Scott Foster, Director Sustainable Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, told the audience there was no point, in energy and environment terms, of setting up an adversarial relationship between fossil and renewable power.

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“Simply to say fossil is evil, that we have to move on to renewables is wrong. Renewables can’t deliver the quality of life that fossil can deliver. It’s a mistake to look at it as renewables versus fossil, and we’ve got to think about the sustainable energy system of the future. Fossil has got an important role to play in that. It’s not an either/or decision – every technology has a role to play.”

“We have to define what we mean by fair around the world as there is quality of life aspirations and if we are going to put a carbon price in and make fossils more expensive are those countries who are able to pay for it prepared to pay for investment in parts of the world with different priorities.”

Benjamin Sporton, Chief Executive of the World Coal Association, said many countries, particularly in Asia planned to use coal for many decades, even going so far as to include low emission coal technologies as part of their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions submitted at Paris.

Additionally, the IEA, in their new policy scenario in ensuring the Paris commitments are implemented, predict a growth in electricity from coal of about 24 per cent between now and 2040.

### **Wishing Coal Out Of The Energy Mix**

“If we ignore that and pretend coal and fossil fuels in general are going to go away we risk not achieving climate targets by not focusing on the right kind of technologies need to reduce emissions from all fossil fuels in particularly coal,” said Sporton who pointed to the reality in Asia.

“India is trying to drive its economy through electrification and has something like 290 GW of new coal fired power generation in the planning pipeline or under construction. That’s at the same time that about 190 GW of renewable capacity is on that pipeline.”

“We can’t wish coal out of the energy mix- we need to think about how to treat coal as part of the energy mix but recognise we need to do something about how we can reduce emissions from coal to meet our climate target. If we don’t invest in low emissions coal technology we’re not going to meet our climate target – it’s as simple as that.”

The gathering heard that there are currently in the region of 700 large modern coal plants all across Asia that still have decades to go, with around 400 billion tonnes of coal reserves under China alone, and another 100 billion tonnes under India.

Laszlo Varro, Chief Economist at the International Energy Agency said ignoring those facts served to ignore political realities.

“Any government will regard those domestic energy resources as a strategic asset and it’s extremely difficult to see them voluntarily agree not to use their domestic

coal resources. So we (IEA) think that carbon capture and storage retrofitting of the Asian coal fleet is definitely part of the solution.”

To indicate the difficulty he envisaged in renewables presiding over a complete fossil phase out, Varro said one only had to look at the construction industry.

“Urbanisation is growing at the rate of a city the size of London each month. This is steel, cement, glass and plastics, all the energy-intensive commodities – there is no technical possibility yet to manufacture cement with solar power – it has to be done in the old school way.”

In a session at the same event, the industry was advised by various speakers to the perils of ignoring the accelerated rate of transformation taking place.

### **Culturally Incapable Of Change**

Paul Gilding, author of *‘The Great Disruption’* and adviser on sustainability, said a delusional mentality will sink businesses who are incapable of adapting to the new paradigm.

“The risk to the fossil fuel industry is not climate change, it’s not the transition to low carbon energy, that can be managed and you can work out that – the risk to the industry is to see yourself in the existing culture, to see yourself as what you are today rather than what you can become because you will miss the speed and disruptive nature of the change.”

Gilding expressed a bleak view as to the prospects of most companies in the fossil space coping with the dynamic changes being faced, saying that culturally they are incapable of acting quickly enough.

“There is an enormous amount of delusion inside the industry. There has been for a very long time and delusion is valued very poorly by the market. Delusion is an invitation for the fast to eat the slow. That lack of understanding of how the world operates is the fundamental threat to the industry.”

Commenting on the perspective held in the earlier debate among those sceptical of the renewable revolution, Gilding said their belief in fossils as the underpinning of the future of the economy no longer held up.

“The lack of faith in human ingenuity from some of the world’s biggest capitalists is breath taking. Energy is the essential to the future of the economy. Energy is the thing that underpins economic growth and will address poverty and the market and technology has come to a point where it says we the market have got a better way of producing energy so you guys are no longer the fundamental underpinning of the economy. You are in a process of dramatic transformational change that you can’t see in front of you. To misquote Douglas Adams in *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* – so long and thanks for all the energy!”...

**Source:** <http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2016/06/sceptical-power-industry-urged-to-change.html>

## REFERENDUM: SWISS VOTERS REJECT 'BASIC INCOME' PLAN

“Under the plan each citizen would have received an equal monthly payment, regardless of their circumstances. Swiss voters have overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to introduce a guaranteed basic income for all. (*financed by a redistribution of taxation-ed*)

Final results from Sunday’s referendum showed that nearly 77% opposed the plan, with only 23% backing it. The proposal had called for adults to be paid an unconditional monthly income, whether they worked or not.

The supporter’s camp had suggested a monthly income of 2,500 Swiss francs (£1,755; \$2,555) for adults and also SFr625 for each child. The amounts reflected the high cost of living in Switzerland. It is not clear how the plan would have affected people on higher salaries. The supporters had also argued that since work was increasingly automated, fewer jobs were available for workers.

Switzerland is the first country to hold such a vote.

There was little support among Swiss politicians for the idea and not a single parliamentary party came out in favour, but the proposal gathered more than 100,000 signatures and was therefore put to the vote under the Swiss popular initiative system.

Critics of the measure said that disconnecting the link between work done and money earned would have been bad for society. But Che Wagner from the campaign group Basic Income Switzerland, argued before the vote that it would not be money for nothing.

“In Switzerland over 50% of total work that is done is unpaid. It’s care work, it’s at home, it’s in different communities, so that work would be more valued with a basic income.”

The popular initiative system allows citizens to suggest changes to the federal constitution

- All initiatives that gather 100,000 signatures in 18 months go to a public vote
- A constitutional amendment by initiative not only requires a majority public vote but a majority of cantons must also approve it
- Differs from the mandatory referendum, which is

### A NATIONAL BALANCE SHEET TO DETERMINE A DIVIDEND by Victor Bridger

A Balance Sheet is not an account but a summary of ledger balances at the end of a financial period and is constructed in such a way that reflects the double entry system of bookkeeping, i.e., debits and credit balances of ledger accounts. For every debit there must be a corresponding credit and the Assets show the debit balances whilst the Liabilities show the credit balances.

called by parliament and does not need public signatures.

The idea is also under consideration elsewhere. In Finland, the government is considering a trial to give basic income to about 8,000 people from low-income groups. And in the Dutch city of Utrecht is also developing a pilot project which will begin in January 2017.

Another four issues were on the Swiss ballot on Sunday.

- A proposal to speed up the country’s asylum process was backed by nearly 67%
- The Pro Service Public initiative proposing that bosses of big public sector companies should not earn more than government ministers - a reflection of dissatisfaction with railways and telecoms provider Swisscom. It was rejected by 68% of the voters
- A proposal to allow genetic testing of embryos before they are inserted in the uterus in cases of in-vitro fertilisation, where either parent carries a serious hereditary disease. It was passed, with 62% backing it
- Transport financing: An initiative from the car lobby which wants more investment in roads. The government had urged a “No” vote, and it was rejected by 71%.”

*Looks like ‘back to the drawing boards’ for the ‘Basic Income’ folk. The “critics of the measure” who thought “disconnecting the link between work done and money earned would have been bad for society” might like to re-examine what they think about those people who live off of their financial investments. If that is not a disconnection between work done (for wages and/or salaries) and dividends through financial investments, I don’t know what is!*

*The Social Credit concept for a National Dividend is based upon the policy of all native-born citizens receiving a portion of the National Dividend - originating out of the belief that they are the rightful heirs of the cultural heritage built up, and added to, over the centuries by their forebears. Not a set income as was the Swiss proposal, but a financial dividend based on production. Not enough production – no National Dividend!*

**Ref:** <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36454060>

The contention that is being presented here is that the nation should be regarded as being similar to a large company and the accounting conducted on similar lines but not the same principles. A starting point would be to regard the nation, e.g., Australia as Australia Ltd. or Great Britain as Great Britain Ltd.

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A number of fundamental basics for the compilation of a National Balance Sheet would include:

- An inventory of all national resources including people.
- A change in the method of the original creation and distribution of money (credit which when used becomes money).
- The establishment of a Statutory Financial Authority with specific functions.
- The setting up of special national accounts.
- An alteration in the government budget process.
- A realistic assessment of the real situation in the economic process with regard to Production, Consumption, including Exports and Imports, and Appreciation and Depreciation.
- A recognition and acceptance of the principle that all citizens are shareholders in the Nation and should receive the benefits of their association, and their cultural inheritance.

In detailing the particular aspects of the above grouping it will be seen that a change in certain philosophies will

## **SYRIA: THE U.S. IS UNWILLING TO SETTLE - RUSSIA RETURNS FOR ANOTHER ROUND by Moon Of Alabama**

The Obama administration does not want peace in Syria. The Russians finally have to admit to themselves that the U.S. is no partner for a continuation of a cease fire, a coordinated attack against the Islamic State and al-Qaeda and for peace in Syria. Indeed, as Lavrov explains, the U.S. has again asked to spare al-Qaeda from Russian air strikes even as two UN Security Council resolutions demand its eradication. Huge supply convoys (vid) from Turkey are again going to the “rebels” who will, as always, share them with al-Qaeda and other terrorists.

The current renewed Syrian Arab Army attack towards Raqqa is being obstructed not only by sandstorms but also by a timely attack of al-Qaeda, Ahrar al Sham and Turkestan Islamist Party forces against government positions in the south Aleppo countryside.

More than 1,000 militants have begun an offensive against Syrian army positions southwest of Aleppo, the Russian ceasefire monitoring center in Syria said in a

## **IS THE COURAGE OF THE KURDS GIVING WAY TO TREACHERY IN SYRIA? by John Wight**

Syrian Kurdish forces have been among the bravest and most effective in the war against ISIS in Syria. They may well be on course to also be the most treacherous.

Whether organized under the auspices of the PYD (People’s Protection Units) or **SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces)** there is no doubting that the role played by the Kurds in northern Syria in first resisting and now taking the fight to ISIS will go down in history.

However, as the Kurds continue their advance through Raqqa Province, closing in on Raqqa City itself, the de

be necessary. It is no small assertion to state that it is precisely certain philosophies that have been and are a hindrance to the attainment of a change in national financial accounting principles for the betterment of the people in the world.

**Victor Bridger’s National Balance Sheet here:**

<http://www.alor.org/Library/Bridger%20V%20-%20A%20NATIONAL%20BALANCE%20SHEET.pdf>

In an epilogue to another of his articles Mr. Bridger writes:

One of the main difficulties experienced by new readers to the subject of Social Credit is in divorcing their thinking in monetary terms and accepting physical reality. It is only when the importance of physical reality is realised that an understanding can be achieved.

To substitute physical facts for symbols, which in fact do not reflect those physical facts, which they should, means reversing the thinking which is associated with the use of those symbols.

It is not the symbols such as the \$ or € or £ which mean anything but the real things which they should correctly represent. \*\*\*

statement on Saturday.

The center also reported civilians in Aleppo as saying armed groups partly made up of Turkish soldiers had appeared north of the city.

The exact same scheme happened in March and April when a move towards eastern Syria by the Syrian army had to be stopped to prevent further losses against al-Qaeda south of Aleppo. It seems obvious that these moves (*by-ed*) U.S. supported forces are planned to prevent any gains of the Syrian government in the east.

Today Lavrov again talked to Kerry:

“Lavrov expressed concern about attempts to delay the resumption of political negotiations under various pretexts,” the [Russian foreign] ministry said.

As the U.S. is unwilling to settle the Syrian conflict Russia will have to retake the initiative...

**Ref:** <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article44814.htm>

facto capital of the so-called Islamic State, any concerns the Syrian government may have when it comes to their ultimate objectives and intentions will not be mollified by the presence of **US forces on the ground, embedded with the SDF in an advisory capacity.**

Concerns in Damascus were initially raised in March, when at a meeting in the town of Rmeilan in Hasakah province the Kurds and their allies unilaterally declared a northern autonomous federation... It doesn’t take a genius to discern a connection between both. \*\*\*

**Ref:** <https://www.rt.com/op-edge/345411-kurds-isis-syria-us/>



## EROSION SWALLOWS 50 METRES OF BEACHES

Huge waves and king tides pummelling the NSW coast have eroded about 50 metres of Narrabeen and Collaroy beaches, where a number of badly damaged waterfront properties remain at risk of toppling into the sea, an expert says.

“The beach is 50 metres narrower now than it was on Saturday afternoon,” said Professor Ian Turner, the director of the Water Research Laboratory at the University of NSW, who spent Monday night at the beach.

### KING TIDES – WHAT ARE THEY?

*Wikipedia:* “King tides are simply the very highest tides. Conversely, the low tides that occur at this time are the very lowest tides. They are naturally occurring, predictable events.

Tides are actually the movement of water across Earth’s surface caused by the combined effects of the gravitational forces exerted by the Moon and the Sun and the rotation of Earth which manifest in the local rise and fall of sea levels. Tides are driven by the relative positions of the Earth, Moon, and Sun, the elliptical orbits of the celestial bodies, land formations, and relative location on Earth. In the lunar month, the highest tides occur roughly every 14 days, at the new and full moons, when the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun are in alignment. These highest tides in the lunar cycle are called spring tides.

The proximity of the Moon in relation to Earth and Earth in relation to the Sun also has an effect on tidal ranges. The Moon moves around Earth in an elliptic orbit that takes about 29 days to complete. The gravitational force is greatest when the Moon is at perigee — closest to Earth — and least when it is at apogee — farthest from Earth — about two weeks after perigee. The Moon has a larger effect on the tides than the Sun, but the Sun’s position also has an influence on the tides. Earth moves around the Sun in an elliptic orbit that takes a little over 365 days to complete. Its gravitational force is greatest when the Earth is at perihelion — closest to the Sun in early January — and least when the Earth is at aphelion — farthest from the Sun in early July.

The king tides occur when the Earth, Moon and Sun are aligned at perigee and perihelion, resulting in the largest tidal range seen over the course of a year. So, tides are enhanced when the Earth is closest to the Sun around January 2 of each year. They are reduced when it is furthest from the Sun, around July 2. [1]

The predicted heights of a king tide can be further augmented by local weather patterns and ocean conditions.”

ON TARGET

**Comment:** I recall that when a friend wanted to buy land in Queensland’s tropics he was advised to ask an older local’s advice as to where to buy land not flood prone. The older local’s memories would reach back further than the go-getter land agent’s would.

Just as the sea’s King Tides occur every so often – so could 100-year rain deluges cause land-slides of recently cleared hill-sides in the tropics. \*\*\*

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