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Rudd copies Bush, while G-14 nations turn to LaRouche's New Bretton Woods

The Bush/Paulson \$700 billion bailout had an immediate impact on Monday, crashing markets all around the world. In Australia, hundreds of thousands of retirees and pre-retirees have now joined farmers, mortgage-stressed homeowners, and pensioners as victims of the economic collapse, having lost hundreds of billions of dollars in superannuation.

Yet what is our Government doing? Kevin Rudd is taking his lead from the dumbest president in history—save the bankers, and screw the people! The Government that can only “watch” fuel prices, food prices, homeowners, and pensioners, bends over backwards for bankers. Is this what you expected when you voted for him? The only approach that will save the people from ruin and a new dark age is Lyndon LaRouche's proposal for a complete reorganisation of the financial system, which is premised on the understanding that there is no way that the financial system in its present form can be saved.

By contrast to Rudd and his “leader” Bush, many other nations, particularly in Europe, are turning to LaRouche's New Bretton Woods reorganisation:

- On Sunday evening, Russian National TV's Vesti Nedeli (News of the Week) program, watched by 70 million viewers, chose to broadcast LaRouche elaborating on his Rooseveltian, New Bretton Woods proposal, as the solution to the international crisis: “This system, in its present form, is virtually extinct. This system will not live out, probably, this year. By the first of the year, we may have a broken-down international financial-monetary system. The question is, what is the alternative to a collapse? It means a reorganization, on an emergency basis, of the entire international monetary-financial system. It would require that the United States would have to go to the three largest nations, outside itself, which would be Russia, China, and India. If [they] agree on reorganizing the international financial-monetary system, we could solve the problem. This would mean going to a Roosevelt approach, to a kind of new Bretton Woods system.”

- French President Nicholas Sarkozy is leading moves in Europe to scrap the deadly constraints which the Maastricht Treaty imposes on the national governments of Europe, and initiate a government-run, Roosevelt-style reorganisation of the financial system. His initiative is being taken up by the G-14, which includes the G-8 and China, India, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, and sometimes South Korea, Australia or Nigeria. LaRouche commented: “There's a complete coincidence between what the Russian TV quoted from me, and the policy and the circumstances of the policy that has now essentially gone through in Europe, as the outlook of Europe, and that is coming out of the G-14 grouping. So the whole G-14, implicitly by this broadcast and by the things coming from France and so forth, is saying that the entire system is going through reorganization, and that it's going towards a Roosevelt-style system, a Roosevelt-style reform... The Europeans are acting. They are acting their way: not my way, but their way. That's what is happening. There is an agreement that the present IMF system is implicitly dead—that we're going back to something like the Roosevelt system—and that is coming from sources such as the President of France. It involves not just Europe, it involves also the G-14.”

Australians must decide: Bush, or LaRouche? Bankers, or the people? We must insist that the Rudd Government stop copying the Bush banker-bailout policy, and reach out to collaborate with the G-14 moves to reorganise the system.

What you can do

The first step in a reorganisation must be an emergency firewall to protect the people. This is the intention of the *Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill*. Read the petition overleaf, and sign it and fax or post it to your Federal MP this week. A LaRouche Youth Movement/Citizens Electoral Council delegation will be in Canberra next week, to meet MPs and push for the bill to be tabled in Parliament. Go to www.aph.gov.au for your MP's contact details.

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

The petition of certain citizens of Australia points out to the House—

Government Must Enact *Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill 2008, Now!*

The world is presently in a far worse global financial crisis than that of the 1930s Great Depression. In this dire emergency, therefore, Governments must act to defend the Common Good, as did U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and our Federal and state governments to a lesser extent, in the 1930s.

For example, President Roosevelt in April 1933 introduced legislation to stop home and farm foreclosures, declaring that it was “national policy .. that the broad interests of the Nation require that special safeguards should be thrown around home ownership as a guarantee of social and economic stability..” One month earlier, his Bank Holiday reorganised the nation’s failing banks under Federal protection.

In the emergency caused by World War I, the Australian Federal Government passed the *War Precautions Act 1916* and its *Commonwealth Moratorium Regulations* to stop foreclosures until 1920. In part modeled upon that precedent, every state in Australia enacted legislation during the Depression to stop home and farm foreclosures, including Queensland’s *Home Purchasers Protection Act*, Victoria’s *Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Act*, and *Financial Emergency Act 1932*; and, the most effective of them all, Jack Lang’s New South Wales *Moratorium Act* of 19th December 1930, which, as amended, ultimately stopped all foreclosures until 1937. Additionally, the Federal Government passed the *Farmers’ Relief Act*, which provided £12,000,000 to the states for the relief of farmers.

The intent of all of this legislation was to protect the Common Good, as summed up in the paper, “Moratorium Legislation”, read into Hansard on November 15, 1935:

“It was not expedient in the national interest that the welfare and comfort of the community should be unnecessarily imperilled by allowing debtors to be crushed out of existence...”

All parties agreed, conservative as well as Labor:

The principles of the *Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill of 2008*, proposed by economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., are urgently required to meet this present crisis, both for the U.S., and for Australia. It requires emergency action that only the United States

Congress, or our Federal Parliament, has the capability to enact. This bill includes the following provisions:

1. Parliament must establish a Federal agency to place Australian licensed retail Banks, Credit Unions and Building Societies under protection, freezing all existing home and family farm mortgages for a period of however many months or years are required to adjust the values to fair prices, and restructure existing mortgages at appropriate interest rates. Further, this action would also write off all of the speculative debt obligations of mortgage-backed securities, derivatives, and other forms of Ponzi Schemes that have brought the banking system to the point of bankruptcy.

2. During the transitional period, all foreclosures shall be frozen, allowing Australian families to retain their homes and farms. Monthly payments, the equivalent of rental payments, shall be made to designated banks, which can use the funds as collateral for normal lending practices, thus re-

capitalising the banking systems. These affordable monthly payments will be factored into new mortgages, reflecting the deflating of the housing bubble, and the establishment of appropriate property valuations, and reduced fixed mortgage interest rates. This shakeout will take several years to achieve. In the interim period no homeowner or family farmer shall be evicted from his or her property, and the Australian licensed retail Banks, Credit Unions and Building Societies shall be protected, so they can resume their traditional functions, serving local communities, and facilitating credit for investment in productive industries, agriculture, infrastructure, etc.

3. State premiers shall assume the administrative responsibilities for implementing the program, including the “rental” assessments to designated banks, with the Federal government providing the necessary credits and guarantees to assure the successful transition.

We, the undersigned, demand that our Federal Parliament enact such legislation immediately.

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Please note that this petition may be used to publically call for the *Homeowners and Bank Protection Act 2008* through advertising within newspapers and websites.

Please send completed petition to: Craig Isherwood, National Secretary, Citizens Electoral Council, PO Box 376, Coburg, Vic. 3058.