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The Birth of Jesus Christ

by James Drummey

Jesus Christ, whose birthday is celebrated throughout the world this month, has had a greater impact on human history than any person who ever lived. Though he died at the age of 33, the year in which we live is dated from his birth. Though he lived in an obscure corner of the Roman Empire nearly 2,000 years ago, more than one billion people today call themselves followers of Christ. Though he never wrote a book; tens of thousands of books have been written about his life and teachings.

Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, a town in Roman-occupied Palestine, around 4 B.C. After a flight into Egypt to escape the murderous wrath of King Herod, Jesus returned to Palestine with Mary and Joseph and grew up in the village of Nazareth, where he worked in Joseph's carpenter shop.

At the age of 30 Jesus left Nazareth, gathered around him 12 men who became known as his apostles, and traveled throughout Palestine preaching love of God and love of neighbor and attracting followers by the thousands. He was a marvelous storyteller, illustrating his teachings with examples and parables about persons, places, and things that were familiar to his listeners. Christ's parables (e.g., The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son) are often cited even by non-Christians as literary and moral masterpieces for their simple, yet profound, messages.

The core of Jesus' moral code was love, not only of God and neighbor, but even of enemies because "this will prove that you are sons of your heavenly Father, for his sun rises on the bad and the good." He adhered to this difficult standard himself on the cross by asking forgiveness for those who had crucified him.

Jesus urged his followers personally to help those in need—the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the imprisoned—saying that whatever they did "for one of my least brothers, you did it for me." He asked them to forgive the faults of others and laid down the Golden Rule: "Treat others the way you would have them treat you." He forbade murder, adultery, anger, and hatred, and encouraged prayer and fasting and sacrifice, saying that "if a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps."

Thousands of people were drawn to Jesus by his tenderness and compassion for the sick and the suffering ("Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."), by his mercy and forgiveness toward sinners (Jesus said, "People who are healthy do not need a doctor; sick people do"), and by his courage and fearlessness (He chased the moneychangers out of the temple and condemned the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees, calling them "white-washed tombs—beautiful to look at on the outside but inside full of filth and dead men's bones").

The Pharisees, angry at Jesus' criticism of them and jealous of the crowds that followed him, sent clever men out to question Jesus while he was speaking in the hope of tripping him up. But he confounded them time and again, as when they asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to the hated Romans, and he replied: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." Or when they asked if a woman caught in adultery should be stoned to death, and Christ said: "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

But Christians throughout the world believe that Jesus was more than just a good and holy man; they believe that he was the Son of God, the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. As evidence of their belief, Christians cite the fulfillment in Jesus of Old Testament prophecies regarding the place and circumstances of the Messiah's birth, the betrayal and suffering he endured, and the manner of his death.

But the most convincing evidence of Jesus' claim to be God was the spectacular miracles he performed before hundreds and even thousands of eyewitnesses—"These very works which I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent

me.” He changed water into wine; cured the blind, deaf, and lame; exorcized demons from people; fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread and fishes; and raised three people from the dead, including his friend Lazarus.

The raising of Lazarus four days after he had died was the last straw as far as the chief priests and Pharisees were concerned and they wove a plot to kill Jesus, getting unexpected help from one of Christ’s own apostles, Judas, who was willing to betray his master for 30 pieces of silver. Jesus was arrested late at night, put through the mockery of a trial, beaten and tortured, and then put to death on the orders of Pontius Pilate.

The followers of Jesus thought they had seen the last of him when his body was taken down from the cross and placed in a borrowed grave outside Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago. But, three days later, the tomb was found to be empty and more than a dozen people reported having seen Jesus alive that Sunday. Over the next 40 days, Jesus was seen in different places at different times by small groups of people and by large groups, including a crowd of 500. On the 40th day, according to reliable eyewitness accounts, he gave his apostles their final instructions, to carry his teachings “to the ends of the earth,” and then rose up into the heavens, not to return until the end of the world.

Whatever attitude people hold toward Jesus Christ, whether they believe him to be God or not, there is no question that if his teachings were followed faithfully by everyone, the world would be a better and more peaceful place to live.

—*The Review of the News*, December 24, 1981

Occupy Wall Street

by Jonah Goldberg

“I want to stipulate up front that I am firmly on [Occupy Wall Street’s] side,” Michael Tomasky declared in a recent column for the *Daily Beast*. “I don’t really know who its leaders are, and I don’t especially care. I don’t know its exact goals—a subject on which the movement has been roundly, and in my view pointlessly, criticized.”

Put bluntly, this is the intellectual and political equivalent of a woman’s saying before a blind date even gets started, “Let me just tell you up front, wherever we go to dinner and no matter how you treat me, I’ll sleep with you.”

Tomasky’s hardly the only cheap date out there. E.J. Dionne, Harold Meyerson, Nancy Pelosi, John Kerry, Paul Krugman—the list goes on and on—have embraced the movement in principle with the understanding that they’ll worry about the details later, if at all. I don’t choose the artwork for this magazine, but if I did, I’d have Roman Genn whip up a picture of E.J. Dionne weeping tears of joy as he tells a face-pierced meth-head wearing a Che T-shirt and Mao cap (complete with little contrails of urine stench wafting off him), “You had me at hello [sob]. You. Had. Me. At. *Hello*.”

Many of these mainstream liberals are open about what they claim to be their motivation: Liberals need a tea party, damn it. And even though the core of the Occupy Wall Street movement is by all appearances a motley coalition of bored campus leftists on the ten-year plan, performance artists, thawed-out SANE Freezers, would-be baristas who couldn’t pass the drug test, freelance revolutionaries, and public-library loiterers, these same establishment liberals are nonetheless convinced that this is merely the bitter yeast that will give rise to the sweet dough of a mainstream mass movement.

The comparison between the tea partiers and the protesters of Occupy Wall Street (often shortened on Twitter and blogs to “OWS”—which, if these urchins keep defecating on police cars, could soon gain some onomatopoeic heft from some well-aimed billy clubs) is strained on almost every level. But the main difference is fairly obvious. As the name would suggest, the tea parties are at their core a *taxpayer* revolt. “This is America! How many of you people want to pay for your neighbors mortgage that has an extra bathroom and can’t pay their bills?” railed Rick Santelli in his famous “rant heard round the world” that marked, symbolically at least, the launch of the tea-party movement.

Looking at the OSWers in the most flattering light possible—i.e., ignoring the anarchist poseurs, the twentysomething hobos, and other denizens of what Teddy Roosevelt aptly dubbed “the lunatic fringe”—you’re still left with the people Santelli was complaining about (although huge student-loan debt seems to be the more relevant grievance than bad or unwise mortgages). In other words, the tea parties are motivated by anger at being forced to *pay* for bailouts, while the most compelling poster children of the “99 percent” are angry that they’re not *getting* bailouts.

That doesn’t mean they don’t have good reason to be angry. Sustained high unemployment, the housing crisis, and the other dismaying structural problems of

the economy have produced large numbers of undeserving “losers.” Visit the “We Are the 99 Percent” website. Yes, you’ll find lots of sad sacks, malcontents, whiners, and deviants (some of whom are oddly both proud and resentful about being “forced” to become prostitutes). But you’ll find far more people who are clearly suffering real hardship imposed upon them by an economy that is simply horrid.

But just because their anger and frustration is understandable and, in some cases, justified, doesn’t mean their preferred policies have merit. And that’s assuming they have preferred policies. As many people have commented, the movement is almost completely bereft of serious proposals. There’s no official list of demands, no concrete agenda. After spending several days among the protesters, the left-wing blogger Matt Stoller concluded that the crowd down at Liberty Plaza was constructing a “church of dissent” whose only common bond was a burning desire to find meaning. Charles C. W. Cooke posted an interview on National Review Online with a meek, hippie-ish lad holding up a sign that simply said “I Hate Stuff Too!” He explained that hatred of “stuff” was the only thing uniting the protesters. It seems they’re both right: It’s simply one big party where the price of admission is an overwhelming sense of grievance or victimhood.

I’ve attended several tea-party rallies, and you could be sure that if any speaker proposed anything nakedly unconstitutional, the crowd would boo. Every tea-party meeting begins with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. As far as I can tell, every Occupy Wall Street meeting begins with a pagan drum circle and advice about which local restaurant protesters can steal toilet paper from.

The tea parties are a remarkable and fairly novel historical development in part because they represent, in Rich Lowry’s words, “solid burghers who typically don’t have the time or inclination to protest anything.” Occupy Wall Street represents a class of people who enjoy protesting *everything*. “It’s about taking down systems,” one protester explained to the *New York Times*. “It doesn’t matter what you’re protesting. Just protest.” Or as a popular sign reads: “We Demand Sweeping, Unspecified Change!” This open-ended standard means that all points of view are welcome, including absolutely reprehensible ones. Put simply, Occupy Wall Street is operating under the rules of the hard campus Left: Every idea deserves space on the community bulletin board, and every cause has a right to hold meetings in the student union. Every cause, that is, that starts from left-wing or anti-American

assumptions.

We’ve spent two years hearing that the tea parties are “extreme” because they want the government to borrow less money, send some federal responsibilities to the states, and cut subsidies for cowboy poets. This is quaint stuff compared with the OWSers who admit they want to “overthrow the government”—in the words of the communications director of NYC General Assembly, the ad hoc group that “governs” the Liberty Park crew.

But what is amazing is how liberals just don’t care. This you-had-me-at-hello weakness for radicals to their left has been the Achilles heel of the Democratic party for more than a half century now. It began as a tactical policy of *pas d’ennemi a gauche*. From the late 1930s to the mid-1950s, vast swaths of American liberalism couldn’t bring themselves to see their Communist friends as anything other than allies. The Progressive party, which nominated FDR’s former vice president Henry Wallace for the presidency in 1948, was quite simply a Communist enterprise infested with Soviet spies and stooges. The best you can say about Wallace, not a Communist himself, is that he was an extremely useful idiot for Moscow. The McCarthy era is usually cast as a morality tale of right-wing excesses and paranoia, but what is often overlooked is that it got so ugly because mainstream liberals just couldn’t bring themselves to condemn Communists in their ranks. Instead they elevated their “anti-anti-Communism” into some kind of high principle.

The more relevant period for today is, of course, the 1960s. One need not rehearse the whole sorry chapter, but suffice it to say that the Democratic party’s weakness for left-wing radicalism pulled it apart like a tin of free hash brownies dropped in the middle of Liberty Park. Democratic elders responded to urban riots by apologizing to the rioters and giving them whatever they wanted. After the Watts riots, Lyndon Johnson said that such behavior was to be expected when “people feel they don’t get a fair shake.” Hubert Humphrey said that if he’d been born poor, he might have rioted too. At Columbia, Mark Rudd and his Jacobin goons screamed “Up against the wall, mother *****!” and the faculty admired their commitment. At Cornell, where armed students seized the school and threatened bloodshed, administrators acted like they had it coming. Everywhere and anywhere young radicals threatened to burn it all down, you could be sure there was a liberal making apologies or gushing with a mixture of envy and pride, like a stage mom watching her kid from the wings. Everywhere and anywhere the radicals paddled button-down liberals for being squares, or sell-outs to the

Man, or male chauvinist pigs, or warmongers, the liberals would shout, “Thank you, sir, may I have another?”

What, exactly, does a self-described leftist revolutionary have to do to be roundly condemned by liberals? Assassinate a president? Oh, wait, Lee Harvey Oswald did that—and liberals condemned conservatives for it.

Meanwhile, if you come up short of murder, there’s really nothing you cannot advocate. Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein, Michael Moore, Frances Fox Piven, Jeremiah Wright, Spike Lee, Van Jones: The hard-core celebrity Left can support anything, say anything, and mainstream liberalism just doesn’t care. Point out that the Liberty Park Commune is chockablock with Communists, anarchists, and truthers, not to mention the perfect cast for an *Escape From New York* remake, and mainstream Democrats will immediately change the subject. Suddenly, the only issue is the protesters’ “right to protest.”

So far, most of the criticism from the right has focused on the cognitive dissonance and plain old hypocrisy of Democrats who embrace the patchouli-soaked hordes as a wonderful flowering of democracy, an American Arab Spring, even though they saw the tea-party movement as recrudescing fascism. Democratic House minority leader Nancy Pelosi—a multimillionaire from an old machine-politics family who shared political control of Washington for two years—says of Occupy Wall Street, “I support the message to the establishment, whether it’s Wall Street or the political establishment and the rest, that change has to happen.” This is the same woman who, as speaker of the House, wrote (with Steny Hoyer) in *USA Today* that American citizens protesting Obamacare at town hall meetings were “un-American.” Mainstream Democrats look at the radicals with a parent’s love, seeing idealism and hope and passion and (fingers crossed!) mobilizing power that will yield electoral victory. They put on their rose-colored glasses and see a Norman Rockwell painting made flesh at Liberty Park. Middle-class Americans look at the same scene and see a convention of glue sniffers and shoplifters.

The same thing happened in the 1960s. At the 1968 Democratic convention, the police went hard on the protesters after days of provocation and insults. Mainstream liberals took the rioters’ side. The protesters were “idealistic, demonstrably brave, concerned for their country, and

their fellow men,” Tom Wicker famously wrote in the *New York Times*. “The truth is that these were our children in the streets, and the Chicago police beat them up.” Liberals and radicals alike were profoundly moved by the chants of “The whole world is watching!” And they were right, at least figuratively: The American people were watching, and polls showed that the American people sided with Mayor Daley, the cops, and, by extension, *National Review* and Richard Nixon, by a two-to-one margin. Those weren’t *their* children.

But all that is ancient history to today’s Democrats. Their desperation, their tea party envy, their psychological need to indulge their inner revolutionaries, their 1960s nostalgia: All these things contribute to the gob-smackingly idiotic impulse to embrace the tumescent lumpenproletariat without heed to their agenda or their leadership.

This can end in several different ways. The least likely is the one the Democrats are betting on: a popular protest movement that can be successfully channeled into meaningful electoral victories and liberal reforms. Not only are Democrats backing the wrong horse for that, the horse they’re backing isn’t even in the race; it’s running in an open field toward some utopian land of loan forgiveness and free government cheese. The most likely end is that, like the flies swarming the protesters, the protests themselves will die off with the first frost. Of all the reasons that comparisons to the Arab Spring are nonsensical, the most obvious is that these bozos started in the fall. It’s going to get cold just in time for midterms. That will leave only the least photogenic and most radical kids behind.

But the medium-plausible scenario is that Occupy Wall Street will turn ugly—sorry, uglier. Frustration over the inability to convert their unspecified demands for sweeping change into action will breed bitterness. Attention addiction will elicit ever-more-idiotic antics and stunts. Yet mainstream liberals will continue to support the occupation of Wall Street and its companion movements just long enough to reconfirm everything they’ve worked decades to disprove. And when things go bad, the cheap dates will take great offense at anyone who dares to notice that they’re tramps.

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Occupy Wall Street: Destroy Capitalism

by Matthew Vadum

It hasn't taken long for the socialist-organized "occupation" of Wall Street to jump the shark.

In a surreal news conference at the United Nations, anti-American radical and rogue financier George Soros (net worth: \$22 billion) threw in his lot with the thousands of Communists, anarchists, eco-feminists, malingerers, and professional protesters who have been baiting and taunting police in lower Manhattan as part of a mass demonstration that began September 17.

Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) also jumped on the anti-Wall Street bandwagon. In a move that ought to permanently disqualify him as a GOP presidential candidate, Paul gave aid and comfort to the radicals who want to destroy America. "If they were demonstrating peacefully, and making a point, and arguing our case, and drawing attention to the Fed—I would say, good!" Paul said.

When told that a New York police officer pepper-sprayed protesters, Paul reflexively took the side of the radicals. "I didn't read the stories about it. But that means government doesn't like to be receiving any criticism at all. And my argument is, government should be in the open—the people's privacy ought to be protected. So I don't like it."

The protests, which have spread to other large cities, are part of what ACORN's neo-communist founder Wade Rathke calls an "anti-banking jihad." Not surprisingly, the remnants of the ACORN network are deeply involved in the Occupy Wall Street movement. New York ACORN's new front group, New York Communities for Change (NYCC), led by veteran ACORN enforcer Jon Kest, is one of the major protest groups leading the effort to turn America into one big socialist armpit.

Kest explained why NYCC is involved by using what has become the standard Marxist boilerplate about the financial collapse. "When the big banks tanked our economy they took away millions of people's shot at achieving the American Dream," he blogged. "It's about time all these people come together and hold Wall Street accountable for what they've done to our futures and the future of this country." Of course Kest didn't bother to mention the role that ACORN played in creating the mortgage bubble by strong-arming Fannie Mae, pushing the financial affirmative action scheme known as the Community Reinvestment Act, and blackmailing banks

that didn't want to lend money to people who wouldn't be able to pay it back.

SEIU board member Stephen Lerner has vowed to do his part to drive a stake through the heart of capitalism and drag the populace into economic misery. Lerner says he wants to "bring down the stock market" through a campaign of disruption. Last year George Goehl, executive director of Chicago-based National People's Action, said that "the banking crisis" was "the next big thing," and "the way to build a big economic justice movement in this country."

Soros said he sympathizes with the rabble. "Actually I can understand [the protesters'] sentiment, frankly," said the preeminent funder of the American activist Left in remarks to reporters.

But anyone who has followed Soros's life wouldn't dare to describe him as a working class hero.

Remember that this corrupt investment banker fired his butler for complaining after his cook used Château Lafite in a stew. The butler won a wrongful dismissal lawsuit against Soros. Soros was also convicted of insider trading. A French court fined him millions of dollars.

Soros's hedge fund invested almost \$1 billion in shares of Petrobras, the Brazilian oil concern, coincidentally just before the Export-Import Bank of the United States announced it was lending \$2 billion to the company.

Soros closed a hedge fund to outside investors rather than submit to the new Dodd-Frank financial regulations—regulations he helped to enact by giving money to groups that lobbied for them. Soros shed a few crocodile tears for small business owners whose credit lines got squeezed after the 2008 financial collapse. "An awful lot of them actually were put out of business," he said.

Remember also that Soros deliberately collapses national economies for fun and profit, openly expresses admiration for Communist China, and has said European-style socialism "is exactly what we need now." He wants the American economy to sink into the abyss. "I'm having a very good crisis," Soros said in 2009.

Even though Soros is the archetype of the Wall Street insider, leftists can't bring themselves to criticize him, preferring to demonize the invented billionaire bogeymen of the Right.

Plenty of other rich liberals have been holding court near Wall Street in recent days.

Hip hop and credit card mogul Russell Simmons (net worth: \$340 million), alleged comedian Roseanne Barr (net worth: \$80 million), actress Susan Sarandon (net worth: \$50 million), and celluloid propagandist Michael

Moore (net worth: \$50 million) have all dropped by to cheer on the protesters in their quest to redistribute wealth while radically transforming the nation.

Simmons stood beside Frances Fox Piven as the Bolshevik academic unwittingly created an impromptu parody of the “we’re all individuals” crowd scene in Monty Python’s *Life of Brian*. “Wall Street is the center of the neo-liberal cancer that has spread across the world,” Piven said, pausing every few seconds to allow the mob to repeat her words.

After Piven finished, Simmons stood up and did the same routine like an automaton from a creepy cult. As the mob repeated his words, Simmons condemned the “class warfare being waged on the poor and the middle class” and claimed:

The fact is our problem, at least our number one problem, is the corporations and the other special interest groups that are more important to our politicians than the people. The lobbyists and the money gotta get the f*** out of Washington.

The next big exercise in Marxist mobocracy is scheduled for later this week in the nation’s capital.

The October 2011 Coalition plans to take over Freedom Plaza near the White House, beginning today “if any US troops, contractors, or mercenaries remain in Afghanistan.” Protesters will “resist the corporate machine” by occupying the area “to demand that America’s resources be invested in human needs and environmental protection instead of war and exploitation.” The group’s stated goal is to make the plaza one block away from the White House “our Tahrir Square, Cairo.”

Plenty more disruptive demonstrations are scheduled.

Next week will be busy, SEIU’s Lerner said during a panel discussion Monday at the Take Back the American Dream conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the left-wing Campaign for America’s Future.

About 10,000 demonstrators are expected to hit the streets of Chicago while protesters march on Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, he said.

Activists in New York are planning to campaign to extend that state’s tax on millionaires. “We may go visit

some of them,” said Lerner, whose union goons have terrorized the families of many corporate executives in their homes.

Goehl’s National People’s Action group is planning a “Make Wall Street Pay” event on November 3. That’s two days before Guy Fawkes Day, the annual commemoration of the Gunpowder Plot in which English dissidents plotted to vaporize Parliament.

Fancy that.

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Occupy Wall Street: Collapse the System

by Aaron Klein

Stephen Lerner, a controversial anti-capitalist SEIU organizer, is one of the forces behind the protests on Wall Street and nationwide, according to quotes obtained by a socialist activist who doubles as a *Washington Post* columnist.

WND [WorldNetDaily] was first to report Lerner was the brain behind some of the economic protest templates being used by the Occupy Wall Street campaign.

Lerner recently laid out a mass economic protest plan intended to bring down the stock market, and boasted his plan could be used to cause a new financial crisis. His ideology prompted some conservative critics to go so far as to label him an economic terrorist.

Writing in the *Washington Post* on Tuesday, columnist Harold Meyerson, the vice-chair of Democratic Socialists of America, quoted Lerner describing how a coalition is fomenting the current economic protests.

Lerner described himself as part of that coalition, referring to the organizations behind the demonstrations as “we.”

Lerner told Meyerson: “It’s a confluence of planned and unplanned demonstrations. . . . We build on each other. We go ping-ponging back and forth.”

The Occupy Wall Street unrest first started Sept. 17

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with a protest called the “Day of Rage.” Planners used their own website—USDayofRage.org—which told protesters to “bring your own tent.” That website is now a sister site for the Occupy Wall Street initiative.

The website is not specific about the purpose of the protests other than calling for “integrity” to be “restored to our elections.”

The site accuses corporations of using “money to act as the voices of millions, while individual citizens, the legitimate voters, are silenced and demoralized by the farce.”

In March, ACORN founder Wade Rathke announced what he called “days of rage in 10 cities around JP Morgan Chase.” Rathke was president of an SEIU local in New Orleans.

The planned Sept. 17 protest seems to have been the culmination of Rathke’s efforts.

WND reported how those efforts were organized by Lerner, an SEIU board member who reportedly visited the Obama White House at least four times.

Lerner is considered one of the most capable organizers of the radical left. He recently organized the SEIU’s so-called Justice for Janitors campaign.

As part of his planned protests, Lerner called for “a week of civil disobedience, direct action all over the city.”

His stated aim was to “destabilize the folks that are in power and start to rebuild a movement.”

In an interview about the Wall Street protests, Lerner outlined his goals: “How do we bring down the stock market? How do we bring down their bonuses? How do we interfere with their ability to, to be rich?”

“Economic terrorist”

Lerner came under fire in the conservative blogosphere and digital news in March after he laid out an economic plan some claimed amounts to economic terrorism.

In an op-ed titled “This can be our moment,” published in the radical *In These Times* magazine, Lerner calls on followers to “go on offense” and “make Wall Street pay for the trillions it stole from us.”

Lerner outlined his campaign to “stoke simmering discontent into concrete, concerted direct action to challenge corporate extremism.”

Lerner’s campaign was intended to sow “the seeds of a movement that turns the tables on them [Wall Street].”

TheBlaze.com first posted a video of Lerner addressing a conference in which he stated the aim of such an economic campaign would be, among other things, to “bring down the stock market.”

Lerner continued, “There are actually extraordinary things we could do right now to start to destabilize the folks that are in power and start to rebuild a movement.”

During the presentation, Lerner called for a mass strike by mortgage payers that, he said, could cause a new financial crisis.

Stated Lerner: “And so the question would be, what would happen if we organized homeowners en masse to do a mortgage strike. Just say if we get, and, and, if we get half a million people to agree, we’ll all not, we’ll agree we won’t pay our mortgages, it would literally cause a new financial crisis.”

Lerner’s plan had him dubbed an “economic terrorist” in headlines by writers for *American Thinker* and a multitude of blogs. TheBlaze.com owner Glenn Beck used the “economic terrorist” label for Lerner, as well.

Forecast for American cities: Confrontation, intimidation?

There are other indications a coalition of radicals and unions is planning chaos using the current economic crisis.

WND reported that a slew of extremist organizations, some tied to Obama, are preparing protests to coincide with major NATO and G-8 summits in Chicago next May.

Foreshadowing possible violent confrontations, some of the same radical trainers behind the infamous 1999 Seattle riots against the World Trade Organization have been mobilizing new protest efforts geared toward world summits as well as the current economic crisis.

The NATO and G-8 summits are not the only focus of radical groups.

WND reported Heather Booth, director of a Saul Alinsky-style community organizing group, the Midwest Academy, was among the main speakers at the “2011 State Battles Summit” in June at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Booth’s husband, Paul, also was a speaker at the union summit. Paul Booth co-founded Midwest Academy in the 1970s.

The four-day summit was organized by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME, with participation from the AFL-CIO, the nation’s largest union.

An official schedule for the event, obtained by WND, declared: “Our union is under unprecedented attack in every state. Extremist politicians want to weaken us as we head into 2012. Their tactics include budget cuts, layoffs, privatization, and the denial of our very collective

bargaining rights.”

Continued the flyer: “New challenges require new energy and new thinking. We encourage union activists to attend this conference and bring their creative ideas on how to overcome the challenges ahead.”

Heather Booth participated in a panel entitled, “Our Message, Alliances, and Best Practices.”

Paul Booth delivered the opening remarks for the union conference.

Another speaker at the union event was John Podesta, who co-chaired President Obama’s transition team.

Podesta is president of the Center for American Progress, which is heavily influential in advising the White House. The center is funded by philanthropist George Soros.

Midwest revolutions coming to US?

Citizen Action of Wisconsin, an arm of Booth’s Midwest Academy, is part of the Moving Wisconsin Forward movement, one of the main organizers of the major Wisconsin protests in February, as WND first reported.

The protests were in opposition to Gov. Scott Walker’s proposal for most state workers to pay 12 percent of their health care premiums and 5.8 percent of their salary toward their own pensions.

WND reported at the time speakers at the rallies likened the Wisconsin protests to the ongoing revolutions in the Middle East and North Africa while calling for similar uprisings in the US.

Redistribution of wealth and power

Obama himself once funded Midwest Academy. He has been closely tied to Heather Booth.

Booth has stated building a “progressive majority” would help for “a fair distribution of wealth and power and opportunity.”

Her husband Paul is a founder and the former national secretary of Students for a Democratic Society, the radical 1960s anti-war movement from which unrepentant radical Bill Ayers’ Weather Underground splintered.

In 1999, the Booths’ Midwest Academy received \$75,000 from the Woods Fund with Obama on its board alongside Ayers. In 2002, with Obama still serving on the Woods Fund, Midwest received another \$23,500 for its Young Organizers Development Program.

Midwest describes itself as “one of the nation’s oldest and best-known schools for community organizations, citizen organizations, and individuals committed to progressive social change.”

It later morphed into a national organizing institute for an emerging network of organizations known as Citizen Action.

Discover the Networks describes Midwest as “teach[ing] tactics of direct action, confrontation, and intimidation.”

WND first reported the executive director of an activist organization that taught Alinsky’s tactics of direct action, confrontation, and intimidation was part of the team that developed volunteers for President Obama’s 2008 campaign.

Jackie Kendall, executive director of the Midwest Academy, was on the team that developed and delivered the first Camp Obama training for volunteers aiding Obama’s campaign through the 2008 Iowa Caucuses.

Camp Obama was a two-to-four day intensive course run in conjunction with Obama’s campaign aimed at training volunteers to become activists to help Obama win the presidential election.

Also, in 1998, Obama participated on a panel discussion praising Alinsky alongside Heather Booth, herself a dedicated disciple of Alinsky.

The panel discussion followed the opening performance in Chicago of the play “The Love Song of Saul Alinsky,” a work described by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as “bringing to life one of America’s greatest community organizers.”

Obama participated in the discussion alongside other Alinskyites, including political analyst Aaron Freeman, Don Turner of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Northwestern University history professor Charles Paine.

“Alinsky had so much fire burning within,” stated local actor Gary Houston, who portrayed Alinsky in the play. “There was a lot of complexity to him. Yet he was a really cool character.”

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