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Quotes of the month

I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that. Thomas Edison, almost 100 years ago!

We're borrowing money from China to buy oil from the Persian Gulf to burn it in ways that destroy the future of human civilization. Every bit of that has to change. Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore to the Democratic National Convention where Barack Obama accepted the presidential nomination of his party in front of an astonishing 85,000 people gathered in the Bronco's football stadium in Denver, Colorado (Thursday, August 28, 2008)

Evidence of the new Congress and administration's national priorities was confirmed in President-elect Barack Obama's victory speech, who called on America to defend a "planet in peril" as one of the three great challenges of our time. Sue Brown, Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation Action Fund (NOTE: Check out www.PlanetInPeril.org, a very useful and interesting site that was created by and is maintained by VWG VP Ted Stalets.)

If at first, the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it. Albert Einstein

News in brief

New municipal endorsement

Joseph Squitti, the mayor of a small community called Alleyn-Cawood, called Jim Stark and said that his council voted for our municipal resolution last week. That makes two! He also said he was half way through reading *Rescue Plan*, and said: “Every time I have a new question occur to me, I turn the page or read on and you answer it.” Mayor Squitti said he is going to donate \$50 personally to our campaign.

New website for municipal campaign

Ted Stalets and Jim Stark worked very hard to get a new website established for your use in getting your local council to join in with us at: www.MayorsForWorldDemocracy.org. The front page is a chart showing where we intend to go with this idea, plus which items are done, started or not started.

Two new VWG Board members

Welcome to Brian Coughlan, the newest board member of Vote World Government. For a look at Brian’s diverse background, see www.voteworldgovernment.org/who.shtml. A current resident of Sweden, Brian has been producing videos on YouTube, on a theme very similar to that proposed by VWG, since April 2007. Here’s an example of one of his many YouTube videos ... <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=98ScgQPt66E> Here is his new video about the global referendum ... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_X62Qr4n5c We are very fortunate to have Brian with us!

Welcome also to Bob French, of Deep River, Ontario, Canada. He wrote in response to the *Sun* article (below) and said, “You are not alone. How can I help?” Bob has retired from a career in education, and is active in the Rotary Club. He has worked on projects in several countries to improve sustainability and the quality of life. He is painfully aware of the seriousness of the climate change crisis, and wants to help us reach our goals. We are so fortunate to have him on our Board.

First print coverage

On Monday, November 3, 2008, the *Ottawa Sun* ran a story on VWG president Jim Stark and the global referendum project. Here is one good part of that report:

Last month, Shawville (Québec, Canada) passed a resolution calling on people to vote online in a global referendum for one world government. “I know it sounds a bit goofy at first,” says Shawville Mayor Albert Armstrong. “But I did some research on this, read all the information Jim provided, and you know what, I think he’s on to something. We believe in this idea ... We didn’t just sign it and say, ‘Don’t come back, Jim.’”

There were, however, many inaccuracies and absurdly negative aspects to the *Sun* story, as well as a number of inventions presented as fact. We should not repeat those things, as they are now in the hands of a lawyer who will seek an apology and a legal settlement. It is most unfortunate when someone seeks an adult conversation on an important issue and is met with mockery. The very first quote in *Rescue Plan* is from Andrew Schopenhauer: “All truth passes through three states: First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. And third, it is accepted as self-evident.” The *Ottawa Sun* seems to suffer from arrested development in the first stage.

Radio talk show

The article above was written by Ron Corbett, and on the same day (November 3/08) that the newspaper article appeared, VWG president Jim Stark was a guest on Corbett’s radio phone-in show, *Unscripted*, on CFRA (Ottawa). Notwithstanding the strange negativity in the article, the radio show went very well. It can be accessed in CFRA’s archive (go to <http://autopod.ca/rss/chum/3/>; scroll wayyyyy down to “November 3, 2008” and click on the MP3). Perhaps the radio part went well because before the show began, I told him he should not “make stuff up” about other people and then publish that stuff in newspapers. I am of the impression that he knows reporters can get fired for that.

Rotary reaction

There was exactly one contact directly as a direct result of the *Sun* article, from Rotarian Bob French (as mentioned above, he is now on our Board). He gave me the addresses for Rotary documents, and I was quite impressed. Rotary could make the world referendum happen. They are big, and they are decent ... and I had quoted them on page 30 of *Rescue Plan* as follows:

“While we must be prepared to meet the trial if war comes, we should gear foreign and domestic policies toward the ultimate goal, the abolition of war from the face of the earth. You cannot control war; you can only abolish it.” In #6 of Rotary’s “Seven Paths to Peace.”

Biggest radio show yet

On November 11 (Canada’s Remembrance Day), VWG’s president Jim Stark was on the *Jerry Doyle Show*, a nationally syndicated (American) radio show broadcast on over 200 (!) stations daily, on Talk Radio Network. The host was doing his job, trying to make it entertaining, but we got the sense that he wasn’t taking what we are doing very seriously. It takes time to be accorded credibility, and we are moving forward well, but we are not there yet—not by a long shot. Stay tuned.