

EIR Special Report

Eurosocialists launch takeover of Democratic Party

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The American capital was host last week to the largest gathering of Eurosocialists ever to take place on U.S. soil. They came for the avowed purpose of intervening into the internal affairs of the United States. Never before had it been done so blatantly.

The specific occasion was the Dec. 5-7 “Eurosocialism and America” conference of the social-democratic Second International, sponsored jointly by the German Marshall Fund and the Washington-based Democratic Socialist Institute.

The goals elaborated were: 1) radicalize America’s Democratic Party, drive the conservatives and moderates out of it, and turn it into an anti-capitalist institution under tight top-down control, on the model of the British Labour Party; and 2) use this class-war battering ram against the Reagan administration, in the expectation that Reagan will precipitate a depression by adopting the economic policies of the present British Conservative government.

The guiding policy is to obstruct the coalescence of the business, labor, and minority-group majority that gave Reagan a mandate for an economic growth policy; the policy guides are typified by the bankers who finance the German Marshall Fund—Averell Harriman, David Rockefeller, and Walter Wriston, who have tenaciously backed the efforts of the Carter administration and the U.S. Federal Reserve to deindustrialize the United States.

Of the over 2,000 attending the conference from Europe and the United States, the leading participants included the West German Social Democratic Party chairman, Willy Brandt; the French Socialist Party president, François Mitterrand; British Labour Party Executive Committee member Anthony Wedgwood Benn; Dutch Labor Party chief and president of the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community, Joop den Uyl; British Member of Parliament and Sussex University (Tavistock) fellow Stuart Holland; Swedish Social Democratic Party chairman Olof Palme; Interna-



Willy Brandt (l) with U.S. social democrat Michael Harrington.

tional President of the International Association of Machinists and AFL-CIO executive council member William Winpisinger; Rep. Ron Dellums of California; Bill Lucy of AFSCME and leader of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; feminist Gloria Steinem; and Michael Harrington of the sponsoring Institute for Democratic Socialism, who also served as conference supervisor.

In Washington meeting with Palme and other luminaries of the Social Democracy was Georgi Arbatov, head of the Soviet Union's U.S.A.-Canada Institute. The Institute is the main Soviet institution charged with studying the United States as well as running operations into the country, particularly in behalf of the Soviet central intelligence agency, the KGB.

But Arbatov did not limit his activities to discussions with conference participants. Both before and after the conference, Arbatov held a series of highly confidential meetings with American politicians, among them Henry Kissinger.

It is noteworthy in this respect that the various policies proposed at the Socialist International conference are identical with those the right-wing Heritage Foundation is trying to foist on the incoming administration. Arbatov's interlocutor, Henry Kissinger, will either be part of the Reagan executive or will continue his attempts to influence it from the outside.

The private meetings

As confirmed by former State Department Director of Political-Military Affairs Leslie Gelb, the round of

high-level meetings that coincided with the Second International conference included first, a meeting of Gelb himself, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, and Georgi Arbatov; second, a meeting of Gelb, Willy Brandt, and Olof Palme. The former Swedish premier is now serving directly under Austrian socialist Kurt Waldheim as director of United Nations "mediation efforts" in the Iran-Iraq war. In further meetings, Arbatov conferred separately with Palme and with Henry Kissinger.

Private meetings in Washington during the weekend also involved high officials of the Soviet think tank IMEMO, an entity in the "class war" faction of the Soviet Union that also includes the KGB.

This convergence of meetings intersecting Kissinger, Vance, the Second International Eurosocialists, and representatives of the Soviet KGB had a lengthy preparation. In October, the Eurosocialists formed a new group called the Palme Commission, based in Vienna. The group's membership includes Palme himself, Cyrus Vance, Leslie Gelb, and former British Foreign Minister David Owen. From the Soviet side, the members include IMEMO-KGB figures Arbatov and retired General Mikhail Mikhalev. Next week, this group will hold a plenary session in Vienna.

Gelb himself recently described the group's function as forming "one of the two or three channels that will definitely stay open [the other two being embassies and the U.N.] if the Soviets go into Poland . . . all other channels will freeze shut and stay shut."

In other words, the anglophile KGB colleagues of the Eurosocialist crew would clamp the padlock on informal Franco-Soviet, German-Soviet, and Reagan-Soviet channels.

Such meetings between Eurosocialists and the KGB are quite common in the old capitals of Central Europe such as Vienna. The Vienna "Treffe" are designed to allow a cold war to proceed under what is termed by British policy-makers "crisis management," meaning protection of the interests of the Anglo-Continental "black nobility," while the interests and positive alignment of the U.S., France, Germany and Russia as nation-states is sabotaged.

This past weekend was, however, unprecedented. The "Treffe" between these Eurosocialist leaders and the KGB were located this time in Washington, D.C.; the timing, by design, was the aftermath of Ronald Reagan's presidential election victory.

And, most significant, the overriding theme of the conference was "Eurosocialism and America," where Palme, Brandt et al. gave major speeches and press conferences. The bald gameplan presented by this one-worldist group: take over the Democratic Party and create in its stead a social democracy, a carbon copy of the British Labour Party.

The theme and the conference proceedings—a group of Eurosocialists linked to the KGB scheming how to orchestrate a takeover of the Democratic Party—was sufficient cause for the national media and press to place a ban on coverage. Despite well-attended press conferences given by Brandt, Palme and others, except for a perfunctory article in the *Washington Post*, no public mention of the conference was recorded anywhere in the country.

The fact that the conference participants repeatedly declared that the key to their perspective for takeover lies in ensuring a world depression confirms the acute embarrassment that objective coverage of the proceedings would have entailed.

British Labour Party leader Wedgwood Benn, in a keynote speech, outlined the perspective in precisely these terms. Benn stated in unequivocal terms how the accession of Margaret Thatcher and her imposition of depression policies had enabled a "successful radicalization" of the Labour Party, and the prospect of "after Thatcher, us." Benn extended the point to the new Reagan administration, gleefully outlining the prospect of a Thatcherized Reagan administration enforcing a U.S. depression, creating the only conditions under which Benn's takeover scheme becomes a possibility.

What exactly are these "Eurosocialists" who so cavalierly talk of promoting Thatcher policies of depression? Is it merely a line advanced for the credible that a depression is the best and quickest road for social-democratic takeovers?

There is a fundamental identity between the policies

of the Eurosocialists, social-democratic assets within the Democratic Party hierarchy, such as the pro-Volcker Tip O'Neill and Vice-President Mondale, on the one hand, and the Thatcher crew in Britain, Milton Friedman, and the other would-be Reagan administration Thatcherites on the other hand.

One instance is the convergence of the Thatcherite and American Heritage Foundation apostles of so-called "free enterprise" with the KGB-linked Eurosocialists in support of the establishment of Hong Kong-style "free-enterprise zones." The "enterprise zone" policy was first drafted by Sir Peter Hall, chairman of the socialist Fabian Society of Great Britain. The concept was vigorously endorsed at the conference by the leader of the radical left wing of the Labour Party, Anthony Wedgwood Benn. Tony Benn told a reporter present that his "only possible" difference with the Heritage Foundation on the enterprise zones industrial and urban policy is that "it must include local control."

The convergent policy commitment of the Socialist International and the Thatcherite Tories and pseudo-conservatives seeking positions of influence in the Reagan administration is deindustrialization and deurbanization.

Brandt and other leaders of Eurosocialism have gone on record endorsing the world population reduction demands that form the genocidal core of the "Global 2000" policy endorsed by the Carter administration. Global 2000 sets a goal of reducing a projected world population of 6½ billion in the year 2000 to less than 4 billion.

The endorsement of, and organizing for, a feudal strategy of severe population reduction, technology control (another recurring theme at the conference), deindustrialization and deurbanization, demonstrates the crucial point: the feudal blueprint is the product of an alliance of Anglo-American financiers and European black nobility. The "Socialist International" is the anti-capitalist, anti-technology Jacobin deployment of the leading oligarchic families against advanced industrial nation states.

The sponsorship of the conference is exemplary of the point. The meeting was organized by the German Marshall Fund, established in 1973 by American financiers such as Averell Harriman and Robert Lovett, whose ultimate policy goal for Western Europe is a "post-industrial society"—in effect, the belated implementation of the Morgenthau Plan, the infamous post-war scheme which was to have denied Germany any industrial sector. The German Marshall Fund has funded numerous studies along these lines, including the study which produced the blueprints for deindustrializing the German steel center of Dortmund and much of the Ruhr.

The crucial role of the Eurosocialists and various social-democratic institutions is their diffusion of "lim-



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William Winpisinger at the conference with reading material.

its to growth” and related Malthusian ideology to blue- and white-collar strata of the population. The related role is that of—with varying degrees of success—enforcing material austerity, while posing it as “advancing the quality of life.”

German Marshall Fund documents define “quality of life” as follows: “fewer people means that each person can consume more.” The black nobility and the IMEMO-KGB faction work towards a deindustrialized “North” (OECD and Comecon) which would ultimately resemble certain pre-World War I fiefdoms of Europe’s black nobility, such as Austria-Hungary, which the Hapsburgs kept utterly rural, utterly backward, and fraudulently deemed, from 1880 on, “overpopulated.”

This is no mere academic alliance between the Eurosocalists and the KGB for wrecking the industrial “North.” The destabilization of Poland, funded and orchestrated through the Eurosocalist networks (with additional ample bankrolling from the League for Industrial Democracy’s social-democratic leaders and assets in the American trade union hierarchy such as Lane Kirkland and Sol Chaikin), in direct policy alliance with the KGB, provides the current “model for the North,” to use Benn’s phrase in a statement he delivered to the conference.

The Polish model of Jacobinism has, in summary, overturned the industrial growth policies of the former

Gierek regime; cancelled industrial projects and nuclear plant construction; and, in ousting Gierek and his Politburo allies, dismantled the faction allied with the Franco-German opposition to the Brandt-KGB outlook.

Alongside Poland as the “model for the North” ran the conference’s companion theme of “El Salvador, model for the South.” As in the case of Poland, more than academic calls for civil war in El Salvador were involved. Brandt took the occasion to announce that the Socialist International would help fund the “revolution.” Thus, a Western Hemisphere explosion is being planned around Reagan’s inauguration, whose immediate strategic purpose is designed to poison any chances for an early U.S.-Mexican oil-for-technology accord that could serve as a paradigm for similar export of high technology accords with the developing sector.

As these conference proceedings and decisions demonstrate, the Eurosocalists, the KGB, and the Heritage Foundation will pull all stops to sabotage the crucial first 100 days of Reagan’s administration.

If the Reagan administration, with bipartisan support, moves early and decisively to reverse the Carter-Volcker slide toward a full depression and to break out of the “El Salvador trap” by underwriting Mexican development, the well-crafted plans of Brandt, Palme, Arbatov and the black nobility can rapidly unravel.