

Editorial

Time to get back to Americanism

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in a June 26 speech at the Atlantic Bridge meeting in West Germany, gave expression to a political depth on important issues rarely seen from leaders in the West recently. The "anti-Americanism" rampant among certain Social Democratic as well as Green Party circles in West Germany, said Kohl, is not based on opposition to American policies, but on something much more fundamental: Nazi ideology, as Kohl defined it with precision—a rejection of the very values of Western civilization which the American nation and its traditional commitment to progress exemplify.

Kohl is right about the content of this anti-Americanism, and in this regard, he was close to quoting Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche when he identified such anti-Americanism cum Nazism as rooted in "cultural pessimism." There is no contradiction in such "Nazis" being Soviet assets or outright Soviet agents in Europe today. The oriental despotism which is Russia shares this Nazi-like rejection of Western concepts of the value of the human individual and of that progress which makes each individual mind precious.

The point, however, is easily lost below the Tropic of Cancer, where few will believe that America itself stands for "Americanism."

Above all, the American government persists in its support for the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank.

Something new has just come our desk: Even as tens of thousands of Africans starve who otherwise would not, for lack of basic infrastructure to permit transport and distribution of food, the World Bank is trying to prevent the European Community from providing aid for construction of a road linking land-locked Burkina Faso (Upper Volta) to the Nigerian port at Lagos. It is proven fact, *which would stand up at Nuremberg*, that the IMF and World Bank do not have "financial" policies, but only policies of knowing genocide against the darker-skinned peoples.

Yet, were it not for the support extended to them by the U.S. government, both agencies would be powerless to perpetrate the unspeakable crimes against humanity we are just beginning to witness. Where, in the support given the IMF by George Shultz's State Department; where at Paul Volcker's Federal Reserve, Malcolm Baldrige's Commerce Department, and James Baker's Treasury Department, is the "Americanism" Chancellor Kohl praised as the beacon of hope and progress in the world?

The genocide policy ("population control") which is the real key to the "economic" policy principles of the State Department et al., is rather what Kohl correctly called "anti-Americanism."

No surprise that the same U.S. agencies are provably riddled with Soviet agents-of-influence. The hatred for the "American" principle of progress harbored by Malthusian Nazis of this type is also expressed in a philosophical commitment to the "imperial" ordering of world affairs promised by Russian domination, in opposition to the American model of the sovereign nation-state based on scientific and technological progress.

Something can be done about this. The way in which the confirmation of Soviet asset Richard Burt as ambassador to West Germany was put on hold, thanks to a concerted mobilization of citizenry who flooded the Capitol with phone calls, contains a lesson. For example, Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter stated on June 28 that he was no longer prepared to say, after what he had heard of Burt's history from constituents by phone and in person, if he would vote for the nomination. Yet, Specter himself showed every sign of being willing to hand West Germany to the Soviets—the consequence of Burt's confirmation—when he sponsored a resolution against President Reagan's trip to Bonn this past May.

When citizens "throw down their ploughs" and make their will known, even some pretty bad fellows can be forced to do something good in the way of making America stand for "Americanism" again.