

# Germany must dump Thatcherism

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The fact that the Patriots for Germany itself could not count on receiving a large percentage of the vote in the Dec. 3 elections, was clear from the very outset, considering the limited means which we could devote to this campaign. But our stated electoral goal was not to achieve a numerically good result, but rather to bring into discussion our programmatic concepts for overcoming the economic crisis in the East. And in this we enjoyed a considerable degree of success.

It is good for Germany and for the world, that Helmut Kohl won the elections, and he has shown himself to be personally up to the historic challenge before him. But the critical question is how the Kohl government will now utilize the new opportunities offered by German sovereignty, in view of the twin strategic crises in the Persian Gulf and the Soviet Union. Unless Germany makes an immediate and complete break with all aspects of Thatcherism, we can soon have a catastrophe on our hands.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the economic realm. While the economic power of the old West German states would certainly be adequate to rapidly transform the new eastern German states into the most modern, flourishing industrial centers, the question of how to finance urgently needed infrastructure is already becoming much more critical. Infrastructure programs, especially the expansion of the high-speed railway system, waterways, and roads, do not themselves generate profits; but without them, no industrial or agricultural development is possible. Moreover, they cannot be financed to the degree necessary with the financial instruments available on the capital market.

The last few months' events have shown that the ideology of the "free market" has already led to potentially catastrophic errors, or at the very least has caused unnecessary delays, in the area which was formerly East Germany. The influence of Jeffrey Sachs, whose ideology is that of a madman, prevailed in Poland, with the result that today Poland suffers from 1,000% inflation and a million people have lost their jobs.

The entire territory of the Soviet Union and of the former East bloc states are currently undergoing a gigantic economic

collapse—the result of 45 years, or in other cases 70 years of primitive socialist accumulation, whereby the resources of men and materials were exploited to the hilt. If, now, on top of this, the primitive accumulation of liberal monetarism—i.e., of Thatcherism—is forced upon the already plundered area, a catastrophe will ensue. Bloody civil war and a resulting terrible war—even Gorbachov has spoken of this danger not only threatening the Soviet Union, but the entire world.

## **The 'Productive Triangle' must be built**

Only an infrastructure program which encompasses all of Europe and the Soviet Union, such as has been proposed by the Patriots for Germany with the concept of the "Productive Triangle" as the precondition for rapidly developing a market of 500 million people, can give people the courage to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and to have hope for a better future. Such a comprehensive program, which would involve opening up the entire economic region from the Atlantic Ocean to Siberia, cannot possibly be financed with private credits and interest rates ranging from 9-10%—especially not in a situation where the Anglo-American banking system is de facto bankrupt.

This policy of preserving peace through economic development can only become reality if we apply the same economic theory upon which all successful industrial revolutions have been based, namely "physical economy" as it has been developed by Gottfried Leibniz, Alexander Hamilton, Friedrich List, and Lyndon LaRouche. . . .

German unity and the achievement of German sovereignty represents a great stroke of luck for everyone; but it still can end in a catastrophe, unless Germany immediately rids itself of all vestiges of Thatcherism, which has so obviously failed.

The problem is typified by the fact that Otto Graf Lambsdorff of the liberal Free Democratic Party, which is part of the government coalition, supports the insanity of the Anglo-Americans' GATT policy—a policy which in view of the immense hunger crisis in the Soviet Union and the developing countries, would destroy Europe's agriculture. And if the rumors are true that the Chancellor's office has decided to impose a "carbon dioxide environmental tax," then this is a sign of a great lack of clarity on economic fundamentals, since first of all, this thesis of the so-called greenhouse effect has never been scientifically proven, and second, it would simply be another hidden tax which would discourage productive investment. . . .

The election results have created an indispensable prerequisite for solving those problems; and yet, the real challenges still lie ahead of us. We are on the threshold of radical changes in the strategic situation. European Christian civilization will only be able to prevail against the assaults of the Anglo-American "New World Order" and chaos in the East, if we bury Thatcherism once and for all.