

The East was flooded on all levels by western advisers who, with few exceptions, did not want to help, but had come with firm orders to eliminate competition in the East. Even trust became an instrument in this process of destruction.

The psychological wall

Germany is once again whole, and that is wonderful, but the price is high, very high. People in the East overcame the barbed wire and the Wall, but politicians of all shades in both parts of Germany have constructed an even higher wall in their minds. Those walls will stand for a long time, since the chasm between the people has become greater than it ever was. The clumsy, rotten, incompetent and ignorant people of the East are confronted by the perfect, omniscient, superior ones of the West.

No one wanted that in the East. The 16 million people there knew that the government leadership lived at their expense, was corrupt, and that the people counted for nothing with it; that the environment suffered heavy damage through ruthless exploitation; and that mandatory state plans had caused the decline of the economy.

In the Socialist Unity Party (SED) state, everyone had to tolerate what was dictated to him, where he was allowed to travel, what he was allowed to say and do. Only some members of the party had greater room in which to move. For the SED, a human being was merely a means to an end, a commodity to be politically exploited and made docile by pressure, extortion, and threats. During the whole time, the people were occupied with an image of the enemy, and the enemy threatened from the West.

No one failed to appreciate all that, but what do the people in eastern Germany have today? They now live in a Germany finally reunited, a Germany that again became sovereign as a result of the eastern uprising. They want to work, but whether they will be allowed to work depends on the new masters of the German economy, who can only invest if these investments turn an immediate profit. Future investments that would be of great benefit to the existence of the country and the world only after years, are considered worthless.

They are allowed to travel where and when they want to, but only if they don't lack the means to do so. They can express their opinions freely and openly, but none of those concerned listen. And they can, as consumers, pay inflated prices, even though income in the East is only 45-50% of the average income in the West.

They wanted democracy, but they did not get it since, in the understanding of members of Parliament from eastern Germany, democracy is what *they* consider right. The people have a modest voice only in elections.

The year 1989 ended with great hope. It offered the opportunity to dismantle socialism and, beyond Karl Marx and Adam Smith, to create a new social state that rested on a free economy. This chance was squandered, and everyone now has to face the consequences.

U.N. moves to wipe out the nation-state

by Michael Billington

Since the conclusion of the bombing phase of the war against Iraq, the Bush administration and the various spokesmen for the "new world order" have issued a myriad of policy proposals and dictates intended to eliminate the fundamental principle of the sovereignty of nation-states. Every conceivable excuse for overriding sovereignty in favor of "superseding international interests" has been proposed or, in some cases, implemented—by U.N. decree, by conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank, or by the imperial demands of George Bush.

The common element of all these efforts is the demand that Third World nations accept the cutoff of development funds and modern technology, while meeting debt service payments to the bankrupt international banking establishment, despite the death toll that such payments extract from the subject population. Behind this is the constantly recurring racist theme that non-white populations are incompetent to manage their own economies, their physical territory, or their political practice.

What follows is a partial documentation of these measures for a new fascist world police state.

Economic conditionalities

The "conditionalities" imposed by the IMF and the World Bank on loans to Third World nations are the longest-standing mode of attack on the sovereignty of nations, dictating economic policy as a requirement for access to international credit. Nor has the policy been reconsidered as a result of the fact that such "conditionalities" have proven to be a complete failure, resulting in the collapse in Third World living standards over the past decade, while the debt crisis grew worse.

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus has extended this concept by announcing, at the recent Bangkok meeting of the IMF, that any funds for development in the Third World must come from the elimination of subsidies for farms and industries and from the gutting the target nation's defense capabilities.

Scientific inspection

The U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is being transformed into an anti-science police force to im-

pose "technological apartheid" on the Third World. In October, IAEA chairman Hans Blix announced that the agency intends to carry out inspections of nuclear programs in various countries. Those that don't meet their demands or fail to cooperate will be subjected to enforcement measures by the U.N. Security Council. The draconian and illegal measures used against Iraq's nuclear program are the model for the expected restructuring of the IAEA's role at its upcoming meeting in December. The measures against Iraq not only prevent all development or research in nuclear physics, but ban a broad array of industrial, military, and scientific activities. Technologies and materials which are indispensable for any modern industrial economy are banned from development or import because of their potential "dual use" in the nuclear area.

President Bush, at the swearing in of Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates, reiterated his call for the reordering of CIA priorities, emphasizing efforts to stop the transfer to Third World countries of technologies with potential use in biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons. Bush has already banned a long list of chemicals for export to the Third World and demanded that all other nations join in the ban.

Social policy

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in its yearly *Human Development Report* for 1991, published a "Human Development Index" and a "Human Freedom Index." As the "world's largest multilateral grant development assistance organization," this group's indices are intended as a measure of which nations will and will not receive assistance. The indices deemphasize economic development in favor of more "human" criteria, including such things as advocating population control and homosexual rights. Given that access to credit anywhere in the world is usually dependent on meeting IMF and U.N. criteria, these indices function as an external control over even the most culturally determined social conduct.

The author of the UNDP report, Mahbub ul Haq, and his boss William Draper, are proposing a reorganization of the U.N. to include an Economic Security Council. Such a council would use the debt crisis to forge a "Global Bargain that must be struck between developed and developing nations." The "bargain" is based on the constantly repeated premise that the poverty of Third World nations is not caused by the past decade and more of economic looting and debt manipulation, but by the mismanagement by government officials, overspending on development projects (called porkbarrels), and too large a defense budget. The Economic Security Council would force the elimination of the target nation's defense capacities ("cut military spending"), force changes in uncooperative government officials ("curb corruption"), and force cutbacks in economic development programs ("spend more on reducing poverty and hunger"). This colonial control would be enforceable by the same methods now in

use in Iraq under the U.N. Security Council, backed up by U.S. military power.

Environmental fascism

The international campaign to prepare an "Earth Charter" for adoption at the June 1992 "Earth Summit" in Brazil, is a blatant attempt to create legally binding controls over the territory of Third World nations by the practitioners of the new world order. The forests, raw material wealth, rivers, and so forth in sovereign nations are no longer to be viewed as the patrimony of the nation, to provide the means for the development and livelihood of its population. Rather, under the ruse of such anti-scientific frauds as "global warming" and the "ozone hole," large sections of target nations are to be placed under U.N. control for "protection of the environment." Various technologies necessary for development are to be outlawed as "environmentally unsafe," including even the materials needed for refrigeration. The debt will also provide another pretext for outright seizure of territory, by "debt for nature" swaps. Plans for a Global Environmental Facility administered by the World Bank and the IMF would oversee the surrender of sovereign control over large tracts of land for "conservation," in exchange for debt relief, essentially prohibiting the development of the territory or even the extraction of raw material wealth by the targeted nation.

Refugees

The blatantly illegal occupation of parts of Iraq by U.S. military forces for the purpose of resettling the Kurdish refugees, carried out despite the fact that the Kurdish leaders had reached an agreement with Saddam Hussein to return the refugees to their homes, has provided a model for future intervention in many parts of the world.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace president (and former U.S. ambassador to Turkey and Thailand) Morton Abramowitz, in a *Washington Post* commentary, said that "conditions are riper" as a result of the Iraq war to "establish permanent emergency authority for well-prepared U.N. teams to travel anywhere in any country immediately at the outset of a refugee crisis, to make clear the responsibility for the crisis and to set out practical requirements. . . ."

The U.S. Congress in June passed a "Horn of Africa" bill, which established U.S. financing for several non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide aid to refugees in various areas of Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia. However, the aid was to be delivered from foreign bases without the consent or even the knowledge of the governments! As in the Iraq case, it was claimed that the governments were guilty of "gross human rights violations, political repression, and environmental destruction" by the bill's author. Such an unsubstantiated claim is now all that's needed for the new world order troops to discard the sovereign rights of nations.