

Of Locusts and Foot Soldiers

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The majority of the German population is currently tormented by the existential fear that today there is, oddly, no institution in our country which is actually concerned with the general welfare of the people. The latest social report of the European Union Commission reveals that among adults, 47% fear becoming unemployed, and 43% worry about losing their pensions; at the same time, fear of unemployment rises to 49% among the “future generations,” and 47% fear their pensions are insecure. Also producing insecurity is the worsening health care and rising cost of living. The confidence that the politicians, or even the managers would do something in some way to find a solution for these problems, has never before reached such a low point as it has today.

Nowhere is this lack of trust, which has spread throughout the population, been so clear as in the case of the total failure of the policy toward that which former Vice Chancellor Franz Müntefering, in June of 2005, called the “locusts.” Germany is currently a target of an unprecedentedly evil takeover through hedge funds and the so-called private equity funds, who for months have been buying up everything which is not nailed down: middle-sized companies, social institutions, villas, castles; simply everything. And after they have extracted the maximum profit out of these acquisitions, sold the “prime parts,” “devoured” the labor force, and raised the pressure for productivity on the remaining workers, they leave behind the sucked-out hulls of the enterprises or real estate, totally destroyed. The speculators have filled their pockets, the national income has been robbed.

The ultimate beneficiary of this modern piracy is the City of London, which has established itself far beyond Wall Street as the dominant financial center, and from which the majority of the hedge funds operate: 7,481 out of a total 9,000 hedge funds worldwide, that is 80%, are registered on the British Crown colony, the Cayman Islands. In the old fashion of the British Empire, the secret services now orchestrate the full spectrum of operations, to ensure that no people have the confidence to set themselves against the looting expeditions of this robber-capitalism.

Strange Bedfellows

A remarkable set of bedfellows are cooperating in the defense of the hedge funds, whose teamwork is only surprising at first glance: The financial press, propagandizing for



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche, shown here addressing the BüSo Party Congress on Jan. 20, reveals that the financial “locusts” have created a widespread fear of the future among the German population.

globalization, and an organized thought-police on the campuses of the universities and the streets, both make the same argument; namely, that the attack on the hedge funds is anti-Semitic. Thus, for example, the *Financial Times* and the powerful shock-troops of the so-called Antifa and Anti-Deutschen appearing on the streets are as one in saying that attacks on the hedge funds are anti-Semitic, because many of the “private equity firms on Müntefering’s hit list” have Jewish names, as columnist Wolfgang Munchau wrote in the Feb. 15 edition of the *Financial Times*. It is the height of sophistry for Munchau to write that Müntefering’s “irresponsible commentary has discredited our country on this question, so that he has made it unlikely that the Americans and the British will unite with us on a reasonable way to proceed.”

One could just as well say that anyone who calls a child-rapist by name, thus makes it unlikely “to unite on a reasonable way to proceed.” And whether this child-rapist is by chance Catholic or Protestant, one is by no means anti-Christian if one prevents him from raping children. As documentation provided by the *EIR* adequately proves, the Antifa and the Anti-Deutsch groups are no more than the foot-soldiers for the same oligarchical interests whose song Munchau sings. In any case you shouldn’t buy a used car from Mr. Munchau.

This is not to deny that this death-blow argument—that

any critic of the hedge funds is anti-Semitic, is a major reason for the cowardice of the politicians. In any case, until now nothing has been done to defend Germany from this robber-capitalism. Chancellor Angela Merkel promised in Frankfurt, at the New Year’s reception of the Bundesbank, that there would be no state orgy of reregulation of hedge funds. The Greens have meantime overtaken the FDP (Free Democrats) as the party best serving as apologists for globalization. In the SPD (Social Democrats), the young generation around Hubertus Heil have already made a coup against Müntefering, and invited the hedge funds and private equity funds to come to Germany, to invest in German environmental technologies. And no one in the Left Party seriously reckons with the fact that Rosa Luxemburg could have been right in her debate with Lenin over the collapse of capitalism.

The End-Phase Has Now Begun

A rude awakening is coming. Because the mega-bubble, which the hedge funds and private equity funds actually represent—the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) speaks of \$370 *trillion* in outstanding credit derivatives—has already begun to explode. The paradigm shift, which the Anglo-Dutch financial oligarchy put into place in the middle of the 1960s, namely, to replace an industrial society oriented to scientific and technological progress with a utopia of a post-industrial service economy, and a money economy without production, has thrown the world into a systemic crisis whose end-phase has now begun.

There is a widely spread myth that there is supposedly no alternative to globalization. This deliberate lie is spread by the forces who are seeking a new world empire along the Anglo-Dutch model, by which the sovereign nation-state will be abolished, and the world finally ruled by a few hundred managers of financial conglomerates and mega-cartels. If you look beyond the sophisticated phony label, which speaks of things like “PPPs” (public-private partnerships) and similar shell-words, then it is ultimately a return to feudalism, when everything was also “private,” and everything was sacrificed to the privileges of a few.

There is a very good alternative to that: The best example is the sovereign national republic, as it was fought out in the American Revolution, and whose economic aspect the German-American economist Friedrich List identified as the “American System,” in contradistinction to the “British System.” The fate of the world depends upon whether the current discussion now taking place within the United States can again bring alive the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, for which the LaRouche movement is leading a heroic battle. The Fundamental Law of the German Republic is perhaps a less coherent legal framework than the American Constitution, but Articles 1 and 20 are sufficient to defend the general welfare against the encroachments of robber-capitalism. Precisely for this reason the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity Party (BüSo) is indispensable.