

Private Armies, Captive People

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In 2001 the Cheney-directed government of President George W. Bush, Jr. seized the opportunity created by the terrifying moment of the September 11th destruction of the World Trade Center buildings, to push through an attempted copy of the form of dictatorship which was given to the Adolf Hitler regime through Hermann Göring's organization of the burning of the German parliament, the Reichstag. The attempt was led by Vice-President Dick Cheney, on the same evening as that attack, to introduce forms of dictatorship which had been prepared in advance of that terrifying incident. These measures did not date from the January 2001 inauguration of George W. Bush, Jr. as President. This represented measures already underway in 1991, from the office of then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, under President George H.W. Bush.

Cheney was not fully successful in the proposals presented on the evening of September 11, 2001. Although important elements of the prepared plan for dictatorship were not pushed through at that time, important steps in the direction of tyranny were pushed through in the Patriot Act and related measures. Since that time, there has been resistance to such measures, from among leading Republicans as also Democrats; but, the corrosion of human Constitutional rights has been continued, step by step, on and on.

Briefly, as Jeffrey Steinberg presents these facts in the accompanying report, Cheney used his earlier position as Secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush, to push through legislation which represented the first of a still continuing series of attempts to take the control of the military and intelligence services out of the hands of

government, and transfer these functions and powers to private corporations, as is merely typified by the cases of Halliburton and Bechtel, then as now.

After leaving the office of Secretary of Defense, in 1993, Cheney walked over to take the leadership of Halliburton. Later, Bechtel-linked George P. Shultz, formed the team which was to become the Bush-Cheney government of 2001-2006. Cheney appointed himself Vice-President of the George W. Bush, Jr. government, and controller of virtual puppet-President George W. Bush, Jr. Cheney and long-standing Cheney crony Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, conducted the wars which Cheney's lies had launched. More, and more, and more of the powers of the U.S. military and military-related intelligence functions, were handed over to private enterprises of Halliburton, Bechtel, and their high-priced cronies, while the actual U.S. military and its regular intelligence services, were gutted almost into ruins today.

Yes, this is a case of massive financial corruption orchestrated by the Bush-Cheney Administration; but, there are worse kinds of corruption than merely stealing from the public. The use of such privatized powers for torture, murder, and fostering of what had been previously adjudged to be wholesale crimes against humanity; crimes akin to those of the Nazi and Pinochet regimes, are worse. Those are the crimes whose spoor leads to the doors of not only the current Bush-Cheney regime, but to the office of the Cheney of 1989-1993.

The image with which these Cheney-linked developments confront us today, is that of a system of "world government" (so-called "globalization"), in which private armies and private secret-police forces, all employed by private financial



Felix Rohatyn and Donald Rumsfeld at a meeting of the National Economic Council in 1988. The two, along with George Shultz and Dick Cheney, form the core of the grouping that has been handing more and more of the powers of the U.S. military and military-intelligence functions, over to private companies—run by themselves and their cronies.

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consortia in the image of Halliburton and Bechtel, operate a new form of world dictatorship, killing any persons or groups of persons who are disliked, and enforcing arbitrary laws crafted by private financial interests' bureaucrats, just as the Nazis intended to set up a global system of international Waffen-SS rule, had Hitler won World War II.

No one who claims to be both intelligent and well-informed has the moral right to pretend that this is not precisely the kind of threat which the cabal behind Cheney and his and his wife's London accomplices represents. Globalization, a form of world-wide elimination of the sovereign nation-state which is already far advanced, is a process of transfer of the power of sovereign nations to global syndicates of giant blobs of private financier interests, such as those typified by the globally predatory system of hedge-funds today. Today, hedge-funds composed of consortia representing world-wide assortments of private financier interest, are gobbling up, and often obliterating entire national private industries and public investments, from around the world.

Synarchist Financiers

The ideological hard-core of this is traced to figures such as the same, notorious Alexander Helphand "Parvus" who indoctrinated his dupe Leon Trotsky in the Synarchist (e.g., anarcho-syndicalist) doctrine of "Permanent War, Permanent Revolution." You could also look up the facts concerning Trotsky's doctrine of "Neither Peace Nor War" at Brest-Litovsk. This influence of Parvus over Trotsky was the genesis of the Trotskyist neo-conservatives associated with the circles of Carl Schmitt protégé Professor Leo Strauss of the University of Chicago and the doctrine of those followers of the Carl Schmitt dogma of Thrasymachus associated with the present-day U.S.A.'s Federalist Society.

The modern notion of financier-ruled world empire, takes its origins in the role of the Martinist freemasonic cult of Count Joseph de Maistre, which orchestrated the French Revolution through the hoax of the 1785 affair of the Queen's Necklace, the July 1789 Siege of the Bastille, the Danton and Marat regimes, the Jacobin Terror, and the reconstruction of the personality of Jacobin Napoleon Bonaparte, a Robespierre asset, into the "Roman Imperial" image of Napoleon Bonaparte. This Thrasymachus-like image of Napoleon as emperor was the model of G.W.F. Hegel's theory of the state, for the pre-fascist Romantic school of law of Hegel and his Berlin university crony Savigny, and such outgrowths of that as the modern fascist doctrines of Nazi Crown-Jurist Carl Schmitt.

All of these systems are outgrowths of what was known as the oligarchical form of empire of pre-Roman Mesopotamia, the failed imperialism of Thrasymachus, of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire launched by Diocletian, and the medieval system based on the alliance of Venice's financier oligarchy and the Norman chivalry. Since the medieval Crusader partnership of Venice and the Norman chivalry, all Europe-based empires of note have been primarily Romanesque empires of a financier-oligarchical power, such as the British East India Company's system of rule during the late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Centuries, empires modeled on the design proposed by that lackey of Britain's Lord Shelburne, Gibbon.

The financial system of the British since 1763 to the present day, has been an Anglo-Dutch Liberal variant, based on the Venetian financier-oligarchical model, encased within an intent to establish a permanent imperial order to succeed where Rome had fallen.

The creation of the Synarchist organization in Nineteenth-Century France defined the model usually chosen from among

leading private financier interests for any attempt to establish a world imperial rule based on the combination of the Venetian financier-oligarchical and Roman models. The name for that form of intended imperialism today, is “globalization.”

The intention is to create a world system, in which large financier syndicates, which exert greater power than any national government, actually rule the world instead of governments. The intention is to break the power of governments by degrees, and then use the first general financial collapse brought about by the current policies of the financier oligarchy itself, to establish a financial creditors’ imperial rule over technically bankrupt nations and their governments. This imperial system is called “globalization.”

That is the immediate threat to civilized forms of life, inside the U.S., and around the world, today.

The most powerful potential enemy of globalization is patriotism. If nations retain the power to govern, and to make laws according to the universal Christian and similar principle of protection of the general welfare, the power of usury is

helpless in the face of justice according to natural law. Therefore, since a threatened nation’s people will act to defend their rights under such circumstances, the instruments of physical power of the sovereign state are the most efficiently deadly foe of any attempted, imperialistic financier-oligarchical insolence. So, what Cheney has been doing, first as Secretary of Defense, then since 2001, and still today, has been to work to take the power of government away from the nation-state, and transfer that power to shoot to financier interests owned and used by the imperialist financier class. What Cheney has done to that effect, is therefore far worse than treason.

Rid ourselves of his position in government, urgently, now, while you still may, and restore the military, intelligence, and police functions of the nation back into the hands of constitutional government. Reverse immediately all legislation and other actions which perpetuate what is the intrinsic corruption associated with the legacy of the functional relations among Cheney, Rumsfeld, George Pratt Shultz, Halliburton, and Bechtel.

LaRouche Warned About Danger of Dictatorship

During his webcast on Jan. 3, 2001, Democratic leader Lyndon LaRouche announced his campaign for the 2004 Democratic Party Presidential nomination, and issued the following sharp warning about the dangers the nation immediately faced:

On the economy: “Now, technically, we are bankrupt as a nation. The entire banking system of the United States, as a collective unit, is bankrupt. The Federal Reserve system is bankrupt. The European central banking systems are bankrupt. The central banking systems, or the equivalent, of Central and South America, are bankrupt. Africa’s totally bankrupt. The Middle East is on the edge of a potential war, which can become a religious war, spreading throughout the Muslim and other parts of the world. There are explosions potentially in South Asia, crises of these types. There’s a crisis in Europe. Europe is bankrupt. England is bankrupt. Continental Europe, western Europe, depends upon the German economy, and the German economy is operating at a loss, under these conditions. They destroyed their export market, though they’re thinking of getting another one.”

On potential dictatorship: “I would pull every string in the book that’s serious, as a legislative string, to make sure that Ashcroft is not made the Attorney General. And I think that members of the Congress, members of the

Democratic Party, should act on that point, as if their life might depend upon it. Because the lives of many of them might just depend upon that.

“You don’t know—We’re going into a period in which either we do the kinds of things I indicated in summary to you today, or else, what you’re going to have, is not a government. You’re going to have something like a Nazi regime. Maybe not initially at the surface. What you’re going to have is a government which cannot pass legislation, meaningful legislation. How does a government which cannot pass meaningful legislation, under conditions of crisis, govern? They govern, in every case in known history, by what’s known as *crisis management*.

“In other words, just like the Reichstag fire in Germany, How did that happen?”

“Well, a Dutchman, who was a known lunatic, was used to set fires, as a provocateur. And he went around Germany setting fires. And one night, with no security available for the Reichstag, he went into the Reichstag building, and set the joint on fire. And Hitler came out and said, ‘Well, let’s hope the Communists did it.’ And Goering moved, and the Schmitt apparatus, that is, of Carl Schmitt, the jurist. And they passed the *Notverordnung*. And on the basis of a provocation—that is, crisis management—they rammed through the *Notverordnung*, which established Hitler as dictator of Germany.

“What you’re going to get with a frustrated Bush Administration, if it’s determined to prevent itself from being opposed—its will—you’re going to get crisis management. Where members of the Special Warfare types, of the Secret Government, the secret police teams, and so forth,