

The United States Needs A Real German Partner!

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If it comes to the infamous “clash of civilizations,” which will be almost inevitable, if U.S. military operations against Afghanistan and possibly other Islamic states occur, the world will be faced with the acute danger of a third world war. This horrible perspective, this danger of an abyss for mankind, makes it urgent, that some of the mythologies left over from the previous two world wars be addressed and corrected.

This is all the more important, since certain Americans, as the superannuated American journalist broadcasting in Germany Don Jordan did in a recent talk show, are putting pressure on German politicians, saying that they would have no right to consider the implications and consequences of military actions in the Middle East, because “We [the Americans] liberated you from Hitler!” This is supposed to be the big stick aimed to shut up all Germans and get them into line.

The problem is, that recent developments in the United States do indeed bring forth the memory of Hitler in Germans, but in a quite different way than Don Jordan seems to have learned. Everybody in Germany, or, better, those who are allowed to know history, know very well the difference between the official myth of the history of the 20th Century and what really happened.

No serious historian today could maintain that Germany was the only guilty party for World War I. Nevertheless, the real prehistory of this war remains obscured. The cause for that war was chiefly the geopolitical obsession of the British establishment, based on Halford Mackinder’s strange views concerning the fight for world domination between the Atlantic rim countries and the Eurasian heartland. This caused

Prince Edward, the Prince of Wales and later King of England, to set up the chessboard for World War I, by organizing the Anglo-French Entente Cordiale, and then pitting Russia and France against Germany. Admittedly, the nephews of England’s King Edward VII, Germany’s Kaiser, and Russia’s Tsar, were fools. So, essentially, the uncle organized the two nephews to cut each other’s throats.

As a consequence, the German, Russian, and French people in particular, suffered enormous psychological and material damages, which uprooted an entire generation and prepared the ground for things to come. It should be noted, that the entering of the United States into World War I, on behalf of the Entente Cordiale, was the biggest blow to the identity of of the U.S.A., its Founding Fathers, and Lincoln; it began the Anglo-American “special relationship,” against which French patriots complain to the present day. The terms of the Versailles Treaty, which arbitrarily, fraudulently asserted the sole guilt of Germany, were intended to ensure that Germany would not recover for the indefinite future.

Fascism: Establishment Response To Depression

Germans know, that when the Great Depression occurred, key figures of the Anglo-American establishment intervened to put Hitler into power, especially Montagu Norman, the ex-head of the Bank of England, his business partner and subordinate Averell Harriman, and Harriman’s chief executive officer, Prescott Bush, the grandfather of the present President of the United States. Harriman and Bush played leading roles in channelling financial and other support to Norman’s and Hjalmar Schacht’s Nazi Party.

These Anglo-American backers of the Nazi Party oper-

ated from the profile based on Hitler's writings and the ideology of the SS; they were confident that Hitler would launch war against the Soviet Union, and that putting Hitler into power would therefore complete the destruction of Germany. Those Anglo-Americans, being fully aware of the lessons of Napoleon's 1812 defeat in Russia, calculated, that once the German armies were deeply entrenched in Russia, the Anglo-French could attack Germany in its rear, and crush it.

Soon, however, British intelligence discovered, that Germany used Ribbentrop's channels to engage the Soviet government in détente negotiations, which freed Germany to attack France and Great Britain first. At the point this was recognized, the British monarchy dumped Edward VIII, with his known pro-Hitler profile, in order to develop an understanding with the United States. The United States eventually joined France and Great Britain in the attack on Germany.

This Anglo-American backing for Hitler is well documented, but, naturally, is a taboo subject. Nonetheless, the fact remains, that when Hitler suffered severe losses in the election of November 1932, Montagu Norman, Harriman, and Prescott Bush intervened with their German accomplices, who included Hjalmar Schacht and von Papen, to save Hitler and his party, through financial and other support. This is documented in great detail in the book *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography*, by Anton Chaitkin and Webster Tarpley.

Von Schleicher was Germany's last option for overcoming the depression, in ways similar to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Through pressures from Britain's Norman and Norman's New York banker allies, Schleicher was ousted on Jan. 28, 1933 and Hitler was appointed Chancellor on Jan. 30, 1933.

In the beginning, Hitler's Chancellery was weak, but the Reichstag fire created the pretext to give Hitler's regime police-state powers. This was done, first, through the so-called Presidential decree of Feb. 28, 1933, which eliminated the basic rights of the Weimar Constitution. This constitutional coup was completed with the agreement of the Reichstag, to adopt the emergency laws ("*Ermächtigungsgesetze*") desired by Hitler. This coup was finalized with the assassinations following the alleged Röhm putsch of June 30, 1934. What essentially happened after these leading changes, was a far-reaching perversion and destruction of the Constitutional order—"Right is what is advantageous to the German people, injustice is what is damaging to the German people," was a principle of which one is reminded, when one hears today the slogan, "Who is not with us, is against us."

Which Way For The United States?

The position of the prosecution in Germany was strengthened to the disadvantage of civil rights and the authority of the courts. The tendency to abolish any legal foundation of their actions increased as the regime radicalized with the years. This is what made the concentration camp systems and the mass killings of the mentally retarded possible. This is

how Hitler, after von Schleicher was assassinated and von Hindenburg died, assumed absolute power. World War II was the ultimate consequence.

It is this historical period of which one is reminded today, if one sees the aftermath and effects of the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, which are the equivalent of the Reichstag fire of the Hitler regime. Immediately following these attacks, the Attorney General has come forward with proposals for legal changes, which are threatening to destroy the American Constitution and turn the United States into a dictatorship.

This time the intended victim is the United States itself, to lure it, and the West in general, into a clash of civilizations which almost certainly would end up in a third world war. That, everybody should understand, is the crisis of civilization today.

What is the reaction of the typical German, when he reads these lines?

The typical parliamentarian would shriek: "Are you crazy, don't you know that I owe my position and my pension to the fact, that I always will follow the American line?" And besides, if he would dare to pursue an independent policy in the interest of Germany, "then we will have another Rohwedder, Herrhausen, or a case like Kohl!" (referring to the assassination of Detlev Rohwedder and Alfred Herrhausen by the supposed third generation of the Baader-Meinhof, whose existence is highly doubtful, and the discreditation of Helmut Kohl through the so-called party financing scandal). "I cannot possibly be overheard to criticize the United States, no matter what is going on there!" says this average fool. But in reality a lot of people in Germany, especially the older ones, who were maybe born during the First World War, or who lived through the hyperinflation of 1923, or the Great Depression, or the Nazi takeover, World War II and the occupation period, know that history was not so simple as the clichés of Hollywood try to suggest. And they see the danger that were the coup in the United States to be consolidated, not only would the United States turn into a nightmare domestically, but the whole world would be in mortal danger.

So, What Is To Be Done?

It is very rare, that history offers the opportunity to completely change its course. Such an occasion existed when President Reagan, in 1983, offered to the Soviet Union, collaboration in the development and implementation of the Strategic Defense Initiative, which would have ended the division of the world into blocs, and terminated the terror regime of nuclear destruction as it existed with the NATO strategy and with the policy of Mutually Assured Destruction. This opportunity was lost, when Soviet General Secretary Andropov rejected the offer.

Such an occasion existed again, when the fall of the Wall and the reunification of Germany created the chance for a

completely new definition of East-West policy based on infra-structural and industrial integration of the Eurasian continent. This chance was destroyed, when Thatcher, Bush, and Mitterrand forced Germany to capitulate to the Maastricht Treaty and imposed the so-called “Reform Policy” on the countries of the former Comecon, which was based on the geopolitically-nourished intention to reduce these countries to raw materials exporters with an essentially Third World status.

Now, again, such an historical opportunity exists. Two weeks after the catastrophe in the United States, Russian President Putin came for a long-scheduled state visit to Germany and addressed the German Parliament with a truly historic speech. He emphasized that the Cold War was over, and offered a completely new quality of cooperation among the nations of this world.

If one looks at the total package of Russian political, economic, and cultural initiatives taken by the Russian government in the recent period, it is clear that Russia not only is committed to the development of the Eurasian Land-Bridge as a policy of war-avoidance by bringing prosperity to all countries of Eurasia including those of Central Asia, the Middle East, and the Near East. It is also the view of leading circles in Russia that world peace can only be secured, if the United States follows the path indicated by Lyndon LaRouche, namely, that the United States must be integrated into the Eurasian Land-Bridge as it extends via the Bering Strait into the Americas. So, it is up to the United States to join the potential for a new community of principle, as it was intended by the American Founding Fathers.

The United States has two options. One is to become an American version and a new variety of the dictatorship of Hitler, whom Montagu Norman, the Harrimans, and others, after all, helped to bring to power. (For example, in the American Eugenics Society, it was promoted that Hitler’s race policy was exactly what every “civilized society” should implement.) If this were to happen, the fate of mankind would be doomed for a long time. Or, the United States will remind itself of its tradition, to be a beacon of freedom and a temple of liberty, of the proud heritage of Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, FDR, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King.

A lot will depend, on how real friends now help this struggling nation to find the right way.

This is why it is urgent, that a good number of Parliamentarians and average German citizens should stop trying to *appear* to be brainwashed—because they fear that they will be crushed otherwise by the Anglo-Americans—and learn the lesson of history. Had leaders in other countries not praised Hitler after his takeover, or kept quiet or supported him like the *New York Times* until 1938, events might have turned out differently.

And Don Jordan should not brag so much, because it is true, that Germany was saved from Hitler by the United States, but it is also true, that he was helped into power by Americans of the type Don Jordan obviously likes.

Ashcroft Seeks Hitler-Style Dictatorship Measures

by Edward Spannaus

To understand the extraordinary powers being sought by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft under the rubric of anti-terrorism legislation, one must know the process by which the Nazi emergency measures, the *Notverordnungen*, were established in early 1933, on the pretext of the Reichstag fire.

As is discussed in this issue’s Editorial, Adolf Hitler had been put into power by a circle of British and U.S. financiers, whose situation was becoming increasingly desperate at the time. Within a month, the Anglo-American-backed plotters of the Hitler coup d’état, arranged the Reichstag fire—immediately and falsely blamed on the Communists—which was used as a justification for the emergency police-state laws.

In January 2001, shortly after the nomination of John Ashcroft was announced, Lyndon LaRouche warned that we would soon see the outbreaks of provocations and wars, to which the Bush Administration would respond with crisis-management, *Notverordnung*-type emergency measures. If John Ashcroft were confirmed for U.S. Attorney General, LaRouche warned, he would be in a position of crucial responsibility as part of an Executive branch crisis-management team, at the point when the administration would be faced with an unavoidable series of financial and strategic crises.

LaRouche and his associates made a fight out of the Ashcroft nomination—on precisely this issue of the role that Ashcroft would play under crisis conditions. The leadership of the Democratic Party ducked the issue, even when the Senate Democrats clearly had the power to stop Ashcroft’s confirmation as Attorney General. Today, there can be no doubt: that LaRouche was right, and they were wrong, in allowing Ashcroft’s nomination to go through.

The parallel of the Nazi emergency laws is the precise parallel to understand what Ashcroft is now doing. That is not to say that he is witting of the overall *coup d’état* plot now under way. But Ashcroft’s actions today are consistent with those of certain Nazi officials in 1933. He is playing into the coup plot, the same way some German officials played into the 1933 plot to put Hitler into power and then to quickly establish a dictatorship.

Ashcroft’s Emergency Powers

Since the events of Sept. 11, Ashcroft, who up to that point had operated largely out of the public limelight, has