

Are Europeans the World's Dumbest People?

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Aug. 31, 2009—Reading samplings of the European press, and also taking into account statements from prominent figures there, excepting some people in Italy, it appears from here, that Europeans are, speaking politically, the part of the world which is most nearly completely out of touch with reality. The greatest revolutionary upheaval in world history since World War II, a true mass strike like that described by Rosa Luxemburg, and as expressed in the cries, “*Wir sind das Volk*,” in toppling the Honecker regime of the D.D.R., has broken out inside the U.S.A.; but, despite that fact, the leading European press and man-in-the-street opinions detected by me from here, suggest that the people of Europe have, by and large, joined what was once identified in parts of the former D.D.R. as “the Valley of the Clueless.”

The “clueless,” in this case includes the press and leading political figures of one of my favorite nations, Germany.

To the extent that I might suspect Europeans of sincere feelings and intentions in such misguided behavior as that, I admit that most of what leading press and leading politicians express as opinions are apparently copies of what we used to identify as Soviet “masked opinion”; they appear to believe what they are terrified into saying by their fears of, most immediately, London, and, secondly, the line of the “official,” astonishingly vacuous, leading press of the U.S.A.

The most dangerous expression of these follies of currently expressed European opinion, comes from Russia, where a leading element of opinion has adopted the wishful, but also actually suicidal folly of asserting the absolutely silly presumption, that the collapse of the U.S.A. dollar would not bring down the entire world system, Russia among the first of the victims of such a calamity.

The most relevant factor in causing this astonishingly deluded state of European current opinion gen-

erally, has been the effect of the mass-brainwashing of European leading circles which occurred through the terrorizing of Helmut Kohl's Germany by the combined, essentially British imperialist interests represented by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, France's President François Mitterrand, and British lapdog and then President of the U.S.A. George H.W. Bush. Under the ruinous reign of the “Euro,” set into motion by an implied threat of warfare against Germany, all of western and central Europe became, emotionally, a collection of satrapies of the wicked war-monger Tony Blair's “post-Westphalian” British imperialism.

Now, despite the leading press of Western and Central Europe, and also leading official opinion expressed from Russia, the entire planet has entered the jaws of a rapidly accelerating phase of a general physical-economic breakdown-crisis, through a chain-reaction financial-monetary collapse process, of every nook and cranny of this entire planet.

The entire world market today, depends upon the crucial margin of a debt-ridden mass of nominally U.S.-dollar-denominated, largely worthless debt, the debt of a hopelessly bankrupt, entire world monetary-financial, IMF system, for which Joseph Stiglitz has reported the remedy to be turning the International Monetary Fund (IMF) into a world-wide “bad bank.”

In other words, a collapse of the U.S. dollar within the present setting of a virtual “Tower of Babel”-style spread of the cancer of “globalization,” in which each nation depends for its physical subsistence, on what is produced by other nations, and all controlled, top-down, by international financial markets which have been in a stage of accelerating collapse since September 2007, means that a drop of the market-value of the U.S. dollar to virtually zero, can happen at almost any time before, or after October 12, 2009. That means, in turn, a chain-reaction collapse of the entire world into a new dark age, which would immediately set the population of the world as a whole, careening downwards from, presently, an estimated 6.7 billions, headed toward about 2 billions, or less, over a couple of generations.

Meanwhile, the governments of nations are pretending to live in the peaceful dream of an Alice-in-Wonderland children's fantasy, saying of the crisis in the U.S.A., “Surely, it will not happen to us! Please, Your Majesty, may we share another cup of tea? What in Hell ever happened, ultimately, to Dick Whittington's cat?”