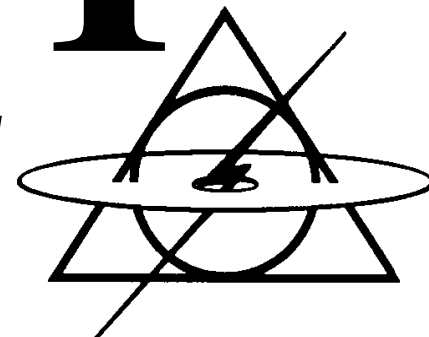


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# FED IS A PRIVATE Consortium Of Bankers

There's private ownership—not federal—with the illusion of U.S. Department of Treasury

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RE: FEDERAL RESERVE: OTHER OBSERVATIONS

FEDERAL RESERVE; CURRENT PROBLEMS

**Hatonn**—For this “aside” regarding problems that relate to the Federal Reserve System and the PRIVATE OWNERSHIP of same, we will continue to try to give you backup, especially for you readers who do not take other alternative-press papers.

I am especially “pushing” *AMERICAN FREE PRESS*, formerly *SPOTLIGHT*. This is because we have lived through problems identical to their takeover, toss-out and grab-games. They have exceptional writers and journalists and most of their information is, at the least, based on Truth.

I am currently a bit sad to see them relying on

some questionable contributors but we too offer information from these resources when it is worthy of attention and possibilities.

When they start talking about “Rumor Mills Reading Room”, etc., however, you are getting into a group of players who have misrepresented *CONTACT*, called us all CIA black-ops people and thus and so. That comes specifically from a very devious rip-off artist and con-person, “Russbacher”. I make no comment on either Rayelan or Gunther, for that is not the point here—but be cautious in recognition that you might be getting sensational input more than factual input. Either is extremely USEFUL so keep your balance. And while you are at it “check out” ours with every doubt you wish because of two things: We want you to have backup confirming information and keep focus OFF US while giving you input to allow discernment and necessary information to give you balanced data. We could do a hundred pages

a week but we would all bog in the swamp.

We want, in our instance, to do OUR APPOINTED TASK and that is taking place while needing all the background information we share with you. When you can understand the total mess with which we all have to deal—it is easier to see how and why our program “can” work and better evaluate “any” program or program director. There are many good inputs and some exceptional “directors”, i.e. Nader—but would his program actually WORK as a positive change? Yes, but not as presented. So too with LaRouche and several others you might recognize.

LaRouche, for instance, has all the right “changes” outlined but one or two of his promised changes would further destroy your system. He CHANGED during or after his Kissinger-precipitated time in a prison “REHAB” program. He came OUT espousing the wonders and marvelous pattern of political governance of one, FDR (Roosevelt). Well, you now KNOW that FDR, good or bad, was the first MAJOR KNOWN

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TRAITOR to the U.S., at Pearl Harbor. He also advocates “Clinton” as being one of the “best”. Best what? Lover? Dealer? What? LaRouche also says, “Clinton’s enemies are the same as mine.” What does that mean exactly?

Does this mean that LaRouche is a bad person? Of course not, for he hits right on the nail head and pinpoints most of the major problems. A “New Bretton Woods” agreement will simply do you in even worse than the fraudulent one you have. Just be careful, folks, and look very closely at what is offered that would come to pass should a man come into POWER.

And EVERYONE READING THIS: If you attend something as in a group setting, please do so independently and NOT as some representative of CONTACT and certainly “NOT” GAIA. You can attend anything as a reporter, audience, or citizen. We welcome any inquiries but we can stay in good stead IF WE MIND OUR PURPOSE AND REMAIN STEADY ON THE COURSE. Certainly, however, this does not mean we would not print a report as you might submit which is of public interest. I want to stay right with a specific focus on the Federal Reserve System this morning, first, because it is a confirmation as to private corporation status as backed up by recognized Ralph Nader.

Lester from New Zealand has also sent a very interesting paper from NEXUS that as time permits we can address on: The off-ledger trading programs operated by some central and international banks. They launder massive amounts of money and provide vast sums to fund covert “black budget” projects. What we have been given is only Part 1 of 2, so please keep your eyes open and we will continue on to Part 2 as time and space permit.

But now to the FED: [QUOTING AMERICAN FREE PRESS, January 21, 2002:]

### FED UP WITH THE FED

By Clayton Potts

#### Congress Chastised for Ignoring Watchdog Responsibilities

A panel of experts denounced the Federal Reserve Board for secrecy and Congress for failing to hold it accountable, but their views were ignored by the myopic mainstream media.

Experts chastised the Federal Reserve Board for operating in secret, “Scandalous” misuse of funds, and Congress for abandoning its watchdog responsibilities for a sweetheart role.

But the forum by the Center for the Study of Responsible Law, held Jan. 8 at the National Press Club in Washington, was ignored by the mainstream media. The center is one of Ralph Nader’s projects.

Several speakers denounced the FED for secret meetings with transcripts of the minutes shredded and Congress for holding only sweetheart oversight hearings.

“Fed officials may have skirted or violated the law when they made loans to foreign countries without congressional authorization,” said Robert Auerbach, a professor at the University of Texas and former

economist with the House Banking Committee.

“FED officials including Chairman [Alan] Greenspan planned and provided misleading testimony to Congress about the records of their meetings,” Auerbach said. The late Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.) said in 1993 that FED officials “planned to deceive and mislead Congress”.

“Greenspan’s career has been shielded from close scrutiny by an adoring cadre of financial journalists and a Congress that treats him more as a deity than a public official,” Nader said.

“Members of the Senate and House Banking Committees compete with each other in praising” the FED and most of their questions are “softballs”, Nader said. “Only a handful... led often by Bernie Sanders (I-Ver.) can be counted on to challenge the Federal Reserve with anything that resembles a tough question.”

When Greenspan was reappointed in 1996, after a General Accounting Office report found waste and abuse at the FED, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) wanted the Senate to debate the issue but was rejected by the leadership.

“Greenspan’s cheerleaders in the media started attacking Harkin for insisting on a full debate of the nomination,” Nader said. “The *Washington Post* labeled Harkin an ‘obstructionist’. The *New York Times* blasted Harkin’s remarks as ‘thoughtless barbs’. And Al Hunt of the *Wall Street Journal* called Harkin’s efforts an ‘outrage’.” (ALL THREE ARE BILDERBERG-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS.)

“The Federal Reserve takes in billions of dollars through the buying and selling of government securities... they draw interest from the Treasury on this growing portfolio of government securities, and Federal Reserve then spends whatever it desires out of these funds and returns the remainder to the Treasury each year,” Nader said.

The FED “draws up its own budget and finances it from its own activities,” Nader said. “CONGRESS HAS NO APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANY PART OF THE BUDGET. THE BUDGET DOES NOT GO TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. IT IS DRAFTED AND ADMINISTERED SOLELY BY THE FED.”

“We’re talking personal scandal here,” said Jeff Faux, president of the Economic Policy Institute. “We’re talking about the scandal of a huge concentration of power beyond the reach of democratic institutions.”

Despite the scathing denunciations, the fact that the **FED is a private—not federal—consortium of bankers** was unaddressed.

[END OF QUOTING]

**So, we have personal backup of the wall of private ownership with the illusion of U.S. Department of Treasury.**

In speaking directly with Treasury Department Authorities and high-level (senior) Treasury counsels regarding our GAIA program, we met the following and even though the parties didn’t ask for anonymity, we will remain discreet to give no excuse for abuse from V.K. Durham in one of her rampages through

the white pages: “The asset itself is guaranteed by the Federal Reserve and Treasury doesn’t have the last word nor the assets to cover if lodged. Lodged it would collapse the economy and the Federal Reserve right on up through the banking cartel.”

It was asked of this person if we should then again go to the Federal Reserve, for we had already gone that route. The Treasury person said, “By all means but I would suspect you will get no satisfaction because they will simply stonewall your claims.” This was proven before the conversation to be correct. And, in later working out suitable “use” agreements we had some substantial understandings.

Before that, however, registered claims were sent to the Federal Reserve in New York and in San Francisco. The counsel in San Francisco sent our package back to sender with a blunt: “If you send more, they will be put into the trash.” So, being persistent we immediately sent more and heard nothing further from that “branch”.

We were also told, though, that the offer to buy out the document was actually not to make it go away but to gain control over its use. There is no doubt of the validity of the asset—but they let us know as we moved further into the proposal agreements that they knew of the “assignment” but that V.K. Durham had cluttered everything with tracks as she tried to capture sole control.


In then going through other “intelligence” sources we asked “what about V.K. Durham’s claim and participation—what did they plan to do with her?” Response: “Nothing, just let ‘er die.” This did NOT in any way suggest “murder”, “homicide” or other attacks on the lady in point—ever, end of story. **They suggested she was unsound of mind and there would be no working with her—ever.** I believe we have all learned well enough why no one can work with her. In trying to get EVERYTHING, she made such unspeakable problems as to be assured by those in charge that she would get nothing, not even recognition.

It was said at upstart that the powers-that-be at the Federal Reserve/Treasury/IMF would “stonewall” everything. They could not lawfully “deny” but would not give recorded validation either.

As the banking cartel steals the world, specifically this week Asia, let us look at some of those covert financing programs in that parallel Economy.

Since I want to give “headline” attention to some of these topics I will close this out as we change the topic heading. Sometimes our writings are simply presented as we take them off the computer and send them and we often lose readers before they get to the next major topic.

It is difficult to see who is involved and yet the overlapping is major in visible recognition. However, you have very definitely TWO MAJOR factions at play, even in the financial grab game. Each faction plays its game from its level of power, control and expertise. Black ops, for instance will always revolve around CIA, etc. Sometimes the factions work together as with the CIA-MOSSAD, so keep a cool head.—GCH

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# International Banking Cartel And Certain Black Operations

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PART 1 OF 2

RE: COVERT FINANCE-PARALLEL ECONOMY

## PROJECT HAMMER

**Hatonn**—We are going to thank *NEXUS* magazine for publishing this article of David G. Guyatt.

We end up with little information as articles show up to our attention including no info on the magazine itself. However, it is easy to track the magazine—we assume at <www.nexusmagazine.com>

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Almost all of this material will be simply reminders about topics which we often have covered long ago in detail. For instance, we will have covered the Nugan Hand banking operations and even named a retired admiral we all know as being associated with that debacle but who we will leave out of THIS article; that would be Admiral Earl “Buddy” Yates. For a lot of our readers and friends these relationships confirm our information presented.

Are all of the writers for such as *NEXUS* other than U.S. citizens, etc? They are “writers” from anywhere and they are published by those daring enough to put their research to press. *NEXUS* dares!

You are going to find reference to names such as Ferdinand Marcos, Severino Garcia Santa Romana—and thus the soup thickens.

Is any of it true? Of course, however, a large part is totally “drama” material as everybody sets out to try to capture the “gold”. Please stay tuned-in through the end of this article, for this is as much for educational purposes as any article we have shared. An “aka” for Santa Romana was J. Antonio Diaz—and boy do we run into that one a LOT around these parts of the Philippines. We also run into the widow of Romana, Luz, a lot with claims by one, C.E. “Jim” Brown (writer) that he was actually married to her. She is now dead but there are still pronouncements of her participation as dramas continue.

On a scale of 1 to 10 where would I put the credibility of David Guyatt? Oh, very easily at least “9” in relationship to this particular topic.

[QUOTING *NEXUS*, Dec. 2001-Jan. 2002, “PROJECT HAMMER”, By David G. Guyatt:]

## PROJECT HAMMER COVERT FINANCE AND THE PARALLEL ECONOMY

*The off-ledger trading programs operated by some central and international banks launder massive amounts of money and provide vast sums to fund covert ‘black budget’ projects.*

Project Hammer is all about money. Stupendous great gobs of money. So much money, in fact, that it will challenge whatever reality you thought you had about the over-world of banking, finance and economics. It is also about the nether world of international banking and finance, a world that is said not to exist in reality. But exist it does.

More often than not, this never-never-land of international banking is concealed from public view by the judicious use of two sets of books. It is also eclipsed from interested investigators by a never-ending series of real frauds that result in arrest and imprisonment of numerous scam artists. This creates the clever illusion that the only things going on are artful scams designed to fleece the unwary.

Such swindles fall under the general category of High-Yield Investment Programs, Front-End Fee frauds and Prime Bank Note schemes. Numerous law enforcement cases such as these, when twinned with dire “beware” warnings published on FBI, U.S. Treasury and other Websites, easily lead one to conclude that there are no such things as “real” trading programs. And the powers-that-be don’t at all object to this conclusion being reached. It is the old case of hiding trees in a forest.

A key point to keep to the fore in what follows is that trading programs operate “off ledger”. That is to say, the banks and central banks that operate them run two sets of books: one set for public scrutiny, and another set for private viewing only. Another fact to bear in mind is that authorized programs generate quite spectacular profits for very little—in fact, minuscule—risk, and those who are invited to participate as funders accumulate capital at a shockingly rapid rate. One reason, perhaps, why the wealthy get altogether wealthier as the poor sink ever lower into the mire of poverty.

The financial, banking and economic shadow-world in which Project Hammer lived, breathed and manufactured money “out of thin air” is the dirty little secret of the Western economy. It is a form of money creation that is effectively unchallenged by any form of oversight or accountability as we understand it. Hammer and numerous other transactions like it are based on what are known as Collateral Trading Programs, although many other descriptive names and terms are also used.

The reason for such programs is to create vast pools of ready money that are earmarked for use in sanctioned (authorized) operations and projects. On the plus side, many beneficial projects throughout the world get funded as a result of program trading. On the negative side, there are more shadowy projects. Included in the latter category are **certain black operations**.

The amalgamated pool of funds created and now held in dormant and orphaned bank accounts runs to

trillions of dollars, according to insiders. At the low end of estimates, there is believed to be enough to pay off the U.S. national debt plus some change. At the higher end, estimates range up to hundreds of trillions of dollars. I have been repeatedly told, almost matter-of-factly, that the higher estimates are closer to the truth. I simply don’t know how big the sums amount to, but I can document U.S.\$12 trillion. This sum is revealed in the late Baron Krupp papers that form part of the exhibits of the companion volume to dossier *The Secret Gold Treaty* (<http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>).

Many different sources say that programs are also used to launder money by spinning it through a program cycle until it is pristine clean. Drugs, guns and the usual array of dirty money transactions are said to feature.

Since U.S. dollars are the cornerstone of all program activity, Uncle Sam naturally gets a bit of the action. A percentage of the proceeds is collected via private tax treaties negotiated with offshore entities. These treaties also help to shield the reality of these programs from public awareness. There are unsubstantiated rumours that some of the tax take occasionally gets “diverted” for altogether private purposes. It is an allegation that is impossible to stand up, however.

London and Zurich are key centres for program activity, although transactions are usually booked through offshore entities. London and Zurich are also gold centres, and more than one credible source confirms that “black” gold forms an important part of program trading activity. There are also good reasons to suppose that part of Uncle Sam’s share of trading profits is credited to the Exchange Stabilization Fund. Here it is pooled with other funds and used to shore-up the American economy by—amongst other manoeuvres—manipulating the gold price to keep it below a predetermined price.

Trading programs are the preserve of many governments, their treasury departments and the top international banks which by their very nature have the necessary mechanisms in place to enable trading to take place efficiently and secretly. Banks from G7 nations dominate.

It follows, therefore, that a number of problems occur as a consequence of the multijurisdictional nature of supervision; and although safeguards are in place to ensure that “clean” money is fed into the system, this doesn’t always happen. Funds of suspect origin do enter the system and are made pristine clean by this form of paper alchemy.

Large sums of black gold, cash or other forms of convertible assets are used as “collateral” to initiate trading programs. There are also certain classes of government-issued treasury notes and bonds that are privately lodged with major Western banks. These “treasuries” are never meant to see the light of day, but are in turn used by major banks to back the issuance of their own bank debentures “off ledger” in substantially leveraged amounts that can run into tens of trillions of dollars—or their foreign currency equivalents. **[H: Now we are getting there, are we not?]**

In turn, this bank “paper” is traded in pre-arranged “buy/sell” transactions at steep discounts (cents on the dollar) off the face value of the issued bank debentures. The trading of the paper between banks—using proxies—is arranged and coordinated so that the traded obligations effectively “wash out” or are otherwise cancelled, although other scenarios exist where issued paper is purchased at a fair

market value and held to maturity. In the past, trading was paper-based, but today everything is electronic “screen-based” and consequently the credits traded have a life of milliseconds.

The difference between the buy-and-sell price—usually known as the “spread” (in the case of Hammer, this was said to be many percentage points)—generates a “fallout”, a term that implies profit. In other transactions, most notably “Jacobe”, the spread was represented to be at least 10% on a planned face-value issuance of U.S.\$27.5 trillion, according to the documents I have seen. This would have created a fallout of U.S.\$2.75 trillion. However, for reasons yet unknown to this writer, it seems that the Jacobe program, privately hailed as the largest program “ever put together”, was—for reasons that are still inexplicable—only two-thirds completed.

Less grand, but just as interesting in other respects, was the fallout from Project Hammer, which is said to have totaled over U.S.\$220 billion. In fact, the precise sum is U.S.\$223,104,000,008.03.

#### THE NUGAN HAND BANK CONNECTION

One of the central characters associated with Project Hammer was Brigadier General Erle Cocke. Back in 1966, Cocke, along with his sleeping partner General Eugene Phillips, established the Washington-based consultancy firm Cocke & Phillips International. This was at the height of the Vietnam War, and just a few months after Cold Warrior Paul H. Nitze issued the directive authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Navy’s clandestine intelligence collection program more commonly known as “Task Force 157”.

TF 157 would later feature in the Nugan Hand Bank affair exposed by *Wall Street Journal* investigative reporter Jonathan Kwitny in his book *The Crimes of Patriots*. Task Force 157 came to an end on the instruction of Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, once he discovered the full involvement of “rogue” CIA agent Edwin Wilson in the Task Force. Wilson was responsible for so much intrigue and illegality that one could shake a stick at it. He was eventually arrested, tried and imprisoned—where he remains to this day, fighting for release. Many now believe that he was working on orders from above but in a deniable role and was cynically sacrificed to save other more prominent players.

During his investigation, Jonathan Kwitny learned that General Erle Cocke ran Nugan Hand Bank’s Washington office. Cocke’s partner General Phillips denied this, saying they had merely rented office space to Nugan Hand Inc.’s Hawaii President, General Edward Black—a former OSS, CIA and senior military officer. This proved to be untrue, however. Kwitny learned that papers filed with the U.S. Treasury listed General Cocke as the “person in charge” of Nugan Hand’s Washington office. Cocke claimed that someone else must have filed these papers without his knowledge or consent.

In April 2000, Cocke gave a deposition running to 67 pages concerning his knowledge and involvement in Project Hammer. Ten days later he died from pancreatic cancer. His explosive deposition reveals him as a very significant and highly connected player in a world few of us are familiar with.

Cocke fought in three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During WW II he was an artillery officer and a division staff officer and was a POW under the

Germans. He worked for General MacArthur during the Korean War and for General Westmoreland in the Vietnam War. Highly decorated for his service, he was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and cluster, a Purple Heart with three clusters, a Croix de guerre plus the Legion d’honneur from France, and a Medal of Honour from The Philippines. He was the youngest National Commander of the American Legion and, prior to his death, became the oldest National Commander. In addition he was distinguished by the Red Cross with the medal Cruz Roja, and he was made an Honourable Comrade of the Nationalist Chinese Air Force. **[H: By golly, sure makes you wonder if he happened to know Russell Herman, doesn’t it?]**

Cocke was a Shriner Mason of many years’ standing (he held a semi-official voluntary position for that organization) and a Grand Commander of the Knights of Malta—the secretive Vatican order that boasts numerous members who serve, or are closely affiliated with, Western intelligence and military services. Intriguingly, he claimed to have been the first Protestant “in 1200 years to be so honoured”.

In 1959 and again in 1960 he was a member of the U.S. delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, holding the rank (and pay grade) of Ambassador. After that, he was the first fulltime U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the World Bank, a position he held for four years from 1961-64. Pressed about this in more detail by his questioner, a Washington attorney, Cocke responded by saying:

“At that time I owned 28 percent of the stock and, of course, I had all kinds of people in the Treasury tell me what to do. Don’t get me wrong, I made all the decisions. But I was the executor, I was the delivery.”

He also confirmed that he had worked for every U.S. President: “... from Truman to date. At some stage of the game I worked for all of them. I have to admit that some of them were very minor chores and others were important.” **[H: According to V.K. Durham’s documentation Russell took his “oath” under Truman as well. Oh my goodness.]**

In addition to his many abilities and accomplishments listed above, Erle Cocke was above all other things a banker—a profession that ran in the family. His great-grandfather put a bank “together in 1867” which was then the only bank in Georgia. His grandfather founded a bank in about 1890, and his father was President of Fulton National Bank (which became Bank of America) and was at one time the President of the American Bankers Association and Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Asked about his own knowledge of banking, Cocke said he had taken all the normal banking courses, and added:

“I understand banking. I can teach banking—you understand what I am saying—at a college level.”

This banking expertise was at the core of this firm, Cocke & Phillips International, which began life as a: “... normal American firm, lobbying firm, here in Washington, and we grew into banking particularly. The UN contacts and the World Bank contacts—sometimes they help those people for 10 years.”

In a similar vein, he undertook all sorts of “chores” for some of the government intelligence agencies. He explained this as follows: “One thing is if they trusted you, they practically came in and said, ‘What do I do?’ I mean, you didn’t argue with them. You sort of proceeded with the program and gave them a few choices, of course. But they practically always

followed what we did. I was administrator, arbitrator. I was the moderator, bringing people together.”

Asked if that experience “would be true in the financial and banking world in particular”, Cocke replied:

“Oh, yes. I have been able to close things that other people can’t close.”

As we shall see, Cocke’s ability to “close” things other people could not close did not extend to Project Hammer—a financial operation that, according to Cocke, deeply involved Citibank and its chairman, John Reed. Cocke said he could get to see any President without any trouble, but complained that he could not get to meet John Reed.

#### COLLATERAL DAMAGE

Having briefly examined General Cocke’s background, let’s now return to that stupendous sum of “black” money mentioned earlier. For purposes of clarity, this amount was referenced in Erle Cocke’s deposition. If as we have said, this amount was stealthily “magicked” into being as a result of an exotic form of financial smoke and mirrors, the question is: Where did it go?

According to Cocke, this sum was lodged in “30-some odd accounts together”. Asked where these accounts were located, Cocke responded by saying, “In almost one solid block at Citibank.” General Cocke’s questioner then asked: “Would they have been in control of Mr. Reed?”—meaning former Citibank CEO and Chairman John Reed.

Cocke responded as follows, in this exchange with the attorney:

A. Probably not all because there were so many different participants involved, and in different locations, countries, that I would say no, he did not have complete control, but everybody recognized it wouldn’t be settled until it got to him.

Q. And these were, you say, accounts for various people around the world?

A. Yes.

Q. Produced as a result of what?

A. Well, most of them figured that greed in particular was mighty high. And, if they put up this amount of money, then I am going to get this kind of money coming back. That’s the way practically all of it was. I hate to use the word “sole”, but “present” might be a better word.

Q. Where these accounts for the benefit of people who had engaged in some kind of trading program?

A. They were all to get in the trading program. I haven’t found anybody that didn’t go in wanting to increase their income and their greed in the highest bracket if they could possibly put up money.

Q. What I am understanding from you is that whatever these individuals, corporate entities, or even government... they believed, apparently by putting these funds with Citibank as part of this effort, they would then receive later down the road a payoff?

A. That is correct.

Q. As a result of Citibank’s management of these funds, is that fair to say?

A. Yes, basically the whole trading bloc in a nutshell.

During the course of his deposition, General Cocke was asked if he knew who “created” Hammer “to begin with”. He admitted that he didn’t know and was even reluctant to make a guess, but added that whoever set it in motion “had to have been

somebody at a pretty high level". He then made the interesting observation that whoever it was who had authorized it, "the original structure" had "obviously got way out of proportion as time went by". The implication was that some of the money—the fallout—got diverted from its original intention.

More than a few of those involved in Project Hammer at various levels have told me that they believe some of the pool of money created by the Hammer project was "diverted" and used to rescue many of the world's major banks, which by the very end of the 1980s faced insolvency following reckless lending policies throughout the late 1970s and early/middle 1980s. It is certainly true that at that time many major banks like Citibank, HSBC, Chase, BoNY and others stood teetering on the very brink of disaster.

Another view is one that has been expressed by Daniel Hughes, of Hughes Oil Company, a Florida-based corporation. Hughes had been heavily involved in finding collateral to place in a number of trading programs over several years. This cost him tens of thousands of dollars, since most of these were illegitimate rather than genuine. It is a fate that waits for untold thousands of unsuspecting investors who step into this shadowy realm unprepared.

Even so, it seems that Hughes did play a part in attempting to place collateral in Project Hammer. He believes that the funds diverted from Project Hammer ended up in a CIA-controlled Swiss bank account in the name of the late Howard Hughes. On the basis of years of investigation, Daniel Hughes believes that Project Hammer involved the trading of U.S.\$13.6 trillion in debentures, resulting in a "fallout" of about U.S.\$1.1 trillion which was stashed in the Howard Hughes account in Credit Suisse. Whilst there is no hard corroboration in support of this claim, it remains an intriguing possibility. More so, for in his deposition General Cocke indicated that black money generated by trading programs might be hidden in dormant accounts, and a Howard Hughes account set up 30 years ago would clearly fall into that category.

According to Erle Cocke plus others I have spoken with, Project Hammer began life as an authorized but secretive trading program aimed at repatriating dollar assets that dated back several decades. Cocke confirms this when he was asked what the overall objectives of Project Hammer were:

"Well, it was mainly to bring monies back to the United States from all types of activities, both legitimately and illegitimately. Not that they were in the smuggling business per se, but they were all in the arms business; they were all retracing dollars of one description or another and had accumulated all through the '40s and '50s really. And that probably is as broad a definition as I can give you. And all kinds of nationalities were involved, all kinds of people were involved..".

Cocke was then asked who would have been behind the Hammer project. Would it, the questioner asked, have involved "various agencies of the U.S. Government"?

"Yes. Obviously the CIA, the FBI, the national security agencies of all types, Pentagon in the broadest sense of it and as such, and the Treasury, Federal Reserve. Nobody got out of the act, everybody wanted to get in the act."

But there were numerous other entities involved in Project Hammer. None more so than the world's big bank, as is made clear by the following exchange:

Q. What other banks and financial institutions were involved in it?

A. Well, if they were, they were still as correspondent to Citibank...

"Correspondent", in the sense General Cocke uses the term, means one bank's account maintained at another bank. This is used to handle money transfers between both banks, and it very often denotes a "special relationship" between the banks concerned. The questioner then asked:

Q. Do you know which of those would be involved? Was Chase Manhattan one?

A. I am sure that every big bank in every major country at some stage of the game had some of this pass by them. They had a chance to refuse, or they had a chance to take it up.

#### CITIBANK, "THE CHEESE"

Cocke was then asked who the "dominant participant" was in "terms of running this project, this vast project". The General is in no doubt about his reply when he says that, based on his own investigation, it was "Citibank of New York, in both their Athens, Greece, office and in their New York City office". He also acknowledged that Hammer was part of "an ongoing long-term kind of project".

Cocke went on to reveal that Citibank were "... going to be the trustees. They were going to be running the program. They were going to be the disbursing agency. They were the cheese."

Asked to identify which principle officer in Citibank handled Project Hammer, Cocke responded that "from all records, communications and contacts, John Reed was Vice President, but he was the lone coordinator, for a better word".

Reed, who was Citibank's President and Chairman during this period, has formerly denied his involvement in Project Hammer. In a deposition sworn in December 2000, Reed stated that he had "no recognition or knowledge of anything purportedly known as Project Hammer". Nor did he have "any recognition or knowledge" of any person named Erle Cocke. His deposition goes on to list a number of other items, people and allegations that he also had "no recognition or knowledge" about.

For their part, Citibank in a letter dated December 12, 2000, state that they "never issued commercial instruments on the basis of its possession of quantities of gold made available to it by agencies of the U.S. Government and the Federal Reserve in order to ensure the solvency of Citibank in the '80s and other bullion banks".

This denial, although emphatic, is interesting. Research shows that gold recovered by the forerunner to the CIA—the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)—was deposited in Citibank (and many other banks, too), not in the name of the OSS or CIA but in the name of one of their operatives, Severino Garcia Santa Romana.

On his death in 1974, some—but not all—of Romana's "assets" appear to have been illegally acquired by former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, who was a one-time Santa Romana's attorney. According to Santa Romana's widow, her husband gave Marcos a limited Power of Attorney for use solely in the Philippines, since he traveled abroad regularly. It seems that Marcos somehow made use of this to gain control over Santa Romana's gold and other assets.

It also appears likely, based on documents in this writer's possession, that considerable quantities of gold once held by Santa Romana were later placed under the control of former CIA covert operator Major-General Edward Lansdale. However, these assets were lodged with the Union Bank of Switzerland. Again, it is worthy of note that they were placed in Ed Lansdale's name, not in the name of a U.S. Government agency. These assets are very clearly off the books.

Large quantities of gold held by Citibank remained in the account names of Severino Garcia Sta. Romana and Jose Antonio Diaz de la Paz (the latter being a well-known alias for Santa Romana) under reference codes "Fanerst King Fisher" and "Burgst Harbor King" respectively. These have been the subject of a legal wrangle between Santa Romana's heirs and Citibank's John Reed.

The fact that the gold held by Citibank and others may not have been in the name of the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Reserve—but, rather, was in Santa Romana's name—may have been all Citibank needed to wriggle out of a poorly crafted question.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

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So, NOW, you can go back to sleep—if you on the team can manage it. Somebody get the next "edition" to us and we'll just tap, tap, tap it onto the pages.

I suggest, however, that the Greeks stay awake, for a lot of things will begin to make a lot more sense in the overall trail of interesting people and events.

Salu, GCH

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# Fallacies Of Political Systems Eloquently Analyzed, Reviewed

PART I

PART ONE

THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF  
DEMOCRACY  
THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE

THE INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNING

1/26/02—#1 (15-163)

RE: SERIES: *THE GREEN BOOK*,  
INTRODUCTION & PART ONE OF PART I

COMMENTS REGARDING  
THE UPCOMING PRESENTATION

**Hatonn**—To give meaning to the series we will refer to the writings as “*The Green Book*” because it is through that reference that the topics will be best recognized to the reading public.

In the just prior writing I referred to parties bringing a hand-typed manuscript-style document with a petition to present it, if possible, for interest of our readers and educational purposes, in *CONTACT*.

Last July 19, 2001 you may recall that we had a Professor bring an inscribed edition of a book which he asked also to be shared. He was a professor and is described as “a mass communication faculty member of the University of the Philippines in Cebu City (1976-1989)”. That is obviously his tenure as professor and not his life datings. He knows all about journals as he was editor of the *UPCC Bulletin* and associate editor of the *UPCC JOURNAL*. HE HOLDS A DEGREE, LL.B., and has a Master’s degree in “Journalism and Communication”.

The name referenced here is Professor Dr. Jaime B. Ramirez.

Dr. Ramirez writes on the topic of the nature and philosophy of the Al Fateh Revolution, the Third Universal Theory. This is referred to the Jamahiriya (or state of the masses).

This is not the place where we start the actual series, for his writings are on the Third Theory and you would want the background of the first two such theories. We have waited since last July to have the first “two” drop into our laps. God always provides in HIS perfect sequence.

Last July he sat with tears in his eyes pleading to have hearing, for he knew it had come to pass that help had been sent and surely enough we were “it”. However, we honor him and yet accept with appreciation his inscription from his heart to E.J. Ekker at that moment in passing:

“19 July 2001,

“TO Brother E.J. Ekker, President  
Global Alliance Investment Ass’n  
Makati City, Philippines

“With best wishes and let us continue the search for peace, justice, freedom and democracy everywhere. May God bless you and the family always.

“Prof. Dr. Jaime B. Ramirez, Manila, Philippines”

The books are presentations of a Great Thinker by the name of Muammar Al Qathafi and yes, leader of the

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

YOU ARE GOING TO FIND, READERS, THAT ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE BEEN LIED TO REGARDING TRUTH AND CONCEPTUAL IMPLANTS FROM THE WASHING MACHINE OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER.

Do “I” require recognition of even the “concept” presented? No, it is just another CONCEPT you have been caused, yea forced, to leave out of your limited considerations.

We offer it here for educational and informational purposes ONLY. Surprisingly enough, or perhaps not so surprisingly, Muammar Al Qathafi is a strong and idealistic LEADER and Libya, far from being a backward oppressed peoples, is forward, progressive, abundant and an idealistic example. This is the very type of nation and people that must be suppressed and destroyed by adversarial elements of a controlling “New World Order” of International Banking Cartels and oppression of the masses as you are now experiencing in the wondrously gifted United States of America, as evolvment now turns into Force under unconstitutional LAWS.

WE WORK FOR GOD AND GOD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY “EMPLOYER”. What you have been using doesn’t work and you have lost freedom and abundance so perhaps your system just doesn’t work and that could well be a consideration to be given thought.

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[QUOTING PART I OF *THE GREEN BOOK*,  
PREFACE BY THE PUBLISHER:]

## PART ONE

The thinker Muammar Qathafi does not present his thought for simple amusement or pleasure. Nor is it for those who regard ideas as puzzles for the entertainment of empty-minded people standing on the margin of life.

Qathafi’s ideas interpret life as it erupts from the heart of the tormented, the oppressed, the deprived and the grief-stricken. It flows from the ever-developing and conflicting reality in search of whatever is best and most beautiful.

Part one of *THE GREEN BOOK* heralded the start of the era of the Jamahiriya (state of the masses). Part two inaugurated an international economic revolution which does away with the old economic structures and brings them down on heads of the exploiters.

Part three of *THE GREEN BOOK* launches the social revolution. It presents the genuine interpretation of history, the solution of man’s struggle in life and the unsolved problem of man and woman. Equally it tackles the problem of the minorities and the Blacks in order to lay down the sound principles of social life for all mankind.

The living philosophy is inseparable from life itself and erupts from its essence. It is the philosophy of Muammar Qathafi.

The publisher.

“The instrument of governing is the prime political problem which faces human communities.”

Even the conflict within the family is, often, the result of this problem.

“This problem has become serious since the emergence of modern societies.”

Peoples, nowadays, face this persistent problem and communities suffer from various risks and grave consequences to which it leads. They have not yet succeeded in solving it finally and democratically.

*THE GREEN BOOK* presents the final solution to the problem of the instrument of governing.

**[H: I am going to take the liberty of changing “final solution” to “conclusive solution” because the “final solution” is so ingrained into your senses as to only represent a “Holocaust” of some kind and a “Jewish” “solution” of some kind. That is NOT what we are referencing here, so when you see “final solution” please replace, mentally, the term or word to clarify intent. This becomes incredibly important, for you have nothing save attitudes of massive resentment between Jews and Arabs to give definition to such a “term” as “final solution” when it has nothing to do with either.]**

All political systems in the world today are the product of the struggle for power between instruments of governing. The struggle may be peaceful or armed, such as the conflict of classes, sects, tribes, parties or individuals. The result is always the victory of an instrument of governing—be it an individual, group, party or class and the defeat of the people, i.e., the defeat of genuine democracy.

Political struggle that results in the victory of a candidate with 51 percent of the votes leads to a dictatorial governing body disguised as a false democracy, since 49 percent of the electorate is ruled by an instrument of governing they did not vote for, but had imposed upon them. This is dictatorship. Besides, this political conflict may produce a governing body that represents only a minority, for when votes are distributed among several candidates, one of them polls more than any other candidate. But if the votes polled by those who received less are added up, they can constitute an overwhelming majority.

However, the candidate with fewer votes wins and his success is regarded as legitimate and democratic! In actual fact, dictatorship is established under the cover of false democracy. This is the reality of the political systems prevailing in the world today. They are dictatorial systems and it seems clear that they falsify genuine democracy.

## PARLIAMENTS

Parliaments are the backbone of traditional democracy as it exists today. A parliament is a misrepresentation of the people and parliamentary governments are a misleading solution to the problem of

democracy. A parliament is originally founded to represent the people, but this in itself, is undemocratic as democracy means the authority of the people and not an authority acting on their behalf. The mere existence of a parliament means the absence of the people, but true democracy exists only through the activity of their representatives. Parliaments have been a legal barrier between the people and their exercise of the authority, excluding masses from power while usurping sovereignty in their place. Peoples are left with only false external appearance of democracy manifested in long queues to cast their votes in the ballot boxes.

To lay bare the character of the parliament, we have to look to the origin of such a parliament. The parliament is either elected from constituencies or a party or a coalition of parties, or is formed by some method of appointment. But all these procedures are undemocratic, for dividing the population into constituencies means that one member of parliament represents thousands or hundreds of thousands or millions of people, depending on the size of population. It also means that the member keeps no popular organizational link with the electors since he, like other members, is looked upon as a representative of the whole people. This is what the prevailing traditional democracy requires. The masses, therefore, are completely isolated from the representative and he, in turn, is totally separated from them. The prevailing traditional democracy endows the member of a parliament with a sacredness and immunity denied to other individual members of the people. That means that parliaments have become a means of plundering and usurping the people's authority. Hence the people have the right to struggle, through the popular revolution, to destroy instruments which usurp democracy and sovereignty and take them away from the masses. They also have the right to utter the new principle, "no representation in lieu of the people". If, however, the parliament emerges from a party as a result of winning an election, it is a parliament of the party and not of the people. It represents the party and not the people, and the executive power assigned by the parliament is that of the winning party and not of the people.

The same is true of the parliament in which each party holds a number of seats. For the members of the parliament represent their party and not the people, and the power established by such a coalition is the power of the combined parties and not of the people. Under such systems the people are victims, fooled and exploited by political bodies. The people stand silently in long queues to cast their votes in the ballot boxes in the same way as they threw other papers into the dust bin. This is the traditional democracy prevalent in the whole world, whether the system is one-party, two-party, multi-party or non-party. Thus it becomes clear that "representation is fraud". Assemblies formed by a method of appointment or hereditary succession do not fall under any form of democracy. Moreover, since the system of elected parliament is based on propaganda to win votes, it is a demagogic system in the real sense of the word, and votes can be bought and falsified. Poor people fail to compete in the election campaign and it is always the rich—and only the rich—who come out victorious.

Philosophers, thinkers and writers advocated the theory of representative government at a time when the peoples, without realizing it, were driven like a sheep by kings, sultans and conquerors. The ultimate aspiration of the people of those times was to have someone to

represent them before such rulers. Even that aspiration was nullified. Peoples went through long and bitter struggles to attain what they aspired to. After the successful establishment of the era of the republics and the beginning of the era of the masses, it is unreasonable that democracy should mean the electing of only a few representatives to act on behalf of great masses. This is an obsolete theory and an outdated experience. The whole authority must be the people's.

The most tyrannical dictatorships the world has known have existed under the shadow of parliament.

### THE PARTY

The party is the contemporary dictatorship. It is the modern dictatorial instrument of governing. The party is the rule of a part over the whole. It is the latest dictatorial instrument. As the party is not individual, it exercises a sham democracy through establishing parliaments and committees and through the propaganda of its members. The party is not a democratic instrument at all because it is composed of people who have common interest, a common outlook or a common culture; or who belong to the same locality or have the same belief. They form a party to achieve their ends, impose their outlook or extend the hold of their belief on the society as a whole. A party's aim is to achieve power under the pretext of carrying out its programme. And yet, democratically, none of these parties should govern the whole people because of the diversity of interest, ideas, temperaments, localities, and beliefs, which constitute the peoples' identity. The party is a dictatorial instrument of governing that enables those with one outlook and a common interest to rule the people as a whole. Compared with the people, the party is a minority.

The purpose of forming a party is to create an instrument to rule the people; namely to rule over non-members of the party. For the party is, fundamentally, based on an arbitrary authoritarian theory... i.e., the domination of the members of the party over the rest of individual members of the people. The party presupposes that its accession to power is the way to attain its ends, assuming that its objectives are the objectives of the people. That is the theory of the justification of party dictatorship, which is the basis for any dictatorship. No matter how many parties there are, the theory remains one and the same. But the existence of many parties escalates the struggle for power and this results in the destruction of any achievement of the people and of any socially beneficial plans. Such destruction is seized upon by the opposition party as a justification to undermine the position of the ruling party so that it may take over from them. The parties in their struggle resort, if not to arms, which rarely happens, to denouncing and stultifying the actions of each other. This is a battle which is inevitably waged at the expense of the higher and vital interest of the society. Some, if not all, of those of higher interest will be victims of the power struggle of instruments of governing. For the destruction of those interests supports the opposition party or parties in their argument against the ruling party. The opposition party, as an instrument of governing, has to oust the ruling body in order to have access to authority. To prove the unfitness of the instrument of governing, the opposition party has to destroy its achievements and to cast doubt on its plans, even if those plans are beneficial to the society. Consequently the interests and programmes of the society become

victims of the parties' struggle for power. Such struggle is, therefore, politically, socially and economically destructive to the society, despite the fact that it creates political activity. Besides, the struggle results in the victory of another instrument of governing, i.e., the fall of one party and the rise of another. But it is defeat for the people, a defeat for democracy. Furthermore, parties can be bought or bribed either from inside or outside.

Originally, the party is formed to represent the people. Then the leading group of the party represents the leading group. It becomes clear that the party game is a deceitful farce based on a sham form of democracy which has a selfish content based on manoeuvres, tricks and political games. All these emphasize that the party-system is a dictatorial, yet modern, instrument. The party system is an overt, not a covert, dictatorship. The world has not yet passed beyond it and it is rightly called "the dictatorship of the modern age".

The parliament of the winning party is indeed a parliament of the party, as the executive power assigned by this parliament is the power of the party over the people. The party power, which is supposed to be for the good of the whole people, is actually a bitter enemy of a part of the people, namely the opposition party or parties and their supporters. So the opposition is not a popular check on the ruling party, but is itself seeking a chance to replace the ruling party. According to modern democracy, the legal check on the ruling party is the parliament, the majority of whose members are from that ruling party. That is to say, checking is in the hands of the ruling party and rule is in the hands of the checking party. Thus shows clearly the deceptiveness, falsity and invalidity of the political theories dominant in the world today, from which contemporary traditional democracy emerges.

The party is only a part of the people, but the sovereignty of the people is indivisible.

The party governs on behalf of the people, but the principle is "no representation in lieu of the people".

The party system is the modern tribal and sectarian system. The society governed by one party is exactly like that which is governed by one tribe or one sect. The party, as stated above, represents the outlook of a certain group of people, or the interest of one group of the society, or one belief, or one locality. Such a party must be a minority compared to the whole people just as the tribe and the sect are. The minority has common interest or a sectarian belief. From such interest or belief, the common outlook is formed. Only blood-relationship distinguishes a tribe from a party and even at the foundation of a party there may be blood relationship. There is no difference between party struggles and tribal or sectarian struggles for power. And if tribal and sectarian rule is politically rejected and disavowed, then the party system must similarly be rejected and disavowed. Both of them tread the same path and lead to the same end. The negative and destructive effect on the society of the tribal and sectarian struggles is identical to the negative and destructive effect of the party struggle.

[END OF QUOTING PART ONE OF PART I]

We will next move on to the "Class" political system. We will, however, have to work in other topics as we present this so, please, readers, be patient (or impatient as the case may be) while we make an effort to input other information which is also as important.

Thank you, GCH

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# Violence And Change By Force Are Themselves Undemocratic

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GCH COMMENT—Remembering, please, that life is what happens while we make other plans, we will make a very large effort to get back to the *The Green Book* with ideas for governmental systems which are out of the ordinary or typical way of “doing business” controlwise. The plan itself is as expressed by Muammar al Qathafi and yes, this is the correct spelling of the man’s name and yes he is “that” one in Libya.

We will not, as usual, take space or time to “catch up” on the contents of PART 1 while asking you to do so for continuity.

PART TWO OF PART I

[QUOTING *THE GREEN BOOK*, Muammar al Qathafi:]

## CLASS

The class political system is the same as the party, the tribal or sectarian system, i.e., a class dominates the society in the same way that a party, tribe or sect does. The class, like the party, sect and tribe, is a group of people from the society who share common interests. Common interests arise from the existence of a group of people bound together by blood relationship, belief, culture, locality or standard of living. Also class, party, sect and tribe emerge from similar factors leading to similar results, i.e., they emerge because blood relationship, belief, standard of living, culture and locality create a common outlook to achieve a common end. Thus emerges the social structure in the form of class, party, tribe or sect that eventually becomes a political conception directed toward realizing the outlook and ends of that group. In all cases the people are neither the class, the party, the tribe nor the sect; these are no more than a part of the people and constitute a minority. If a class, party, tribe or sect dominates a society, the whole system becomes a dictatorship. However, a class or tribal coalition is better than a party coalition because the coalition consists originally of a group of tribes. One seldom finds people who do not belong to a tribe, and all people belong to a certain class. But no party or parties embrace all the people and therefore the party or party coalition represents a minority compared to the masses outside its membership. Under genuine democracy there is no excuse for one class to crush other classes for its own benefit, no excuse for one party to crush other parties for its own interest, no excuse for one tribe to crush other tribes for its own benefit and no excuse for one sect to crush other sects for its own interest.

To allow such actions means abandoning the logic of democracy and resorting to the logic of force. Such an action is dictatorial, because it is not in the interest of the whole society, which does not consist of only one class or tribe or sect or the members of one party. There is no justification for such an action. The dictatorial justification is that of the society and is actually made up of various parts, and one of the parts undertakes the liquidation of other parts in order to stand solely in power. This action is then not in the interest of a certain class, tribe, sect or party, i.e., it is in the

interest of those who replace the society. The action of liquidation is originally directed against the members of the society who do not belong to the party, the class, the tribe or the sect which undertakes the liquidation.

The society torn apart by party struggle is similar to one torn by tribal and sectarian struggles.

The party that is formed in the name of a class automatically becomes a substitute for that class and continues until it becomes a replacement for the class hostile to it.

Any class which becomes heir to a society, inherits, at the same time, its characteristics. That is to say that if the working class crushes all other classes, for instance, it becomes heir of the society, that is, it becomes the material and social base of the society. The heir bears the traits of the one he inherits from, though they may not be evident at once. As time passes, attributes of other eliminated classes emerge in the ranks of every working class. And the possessors of those characteristics take the attitudes and points of view appropriate to their characteristics. Thus the working class turns out to be a separate society, showing the same contradictions as the old society. The material and moral standards of the members of the society are diverse at first but then there emerge the factions that automatically develop into classes, like those which have been eliminated. Thus the struggle for domination of the society starts again. Each group of people, then each faction and finally each new class, tries to become the instrument of governing.

The material of the society is not stable because it has a social aspect. The instrument of governing of the single material base of the society will, perhaps, be stable for some time, but it will pass away as soon as new material and social standards emerge out of the same single material base. Any society with class conflict was in the past a one-class society but, due to inevitable evolution, the conflicting classes emerge from that one class.

The class that expropriates the possessions of others in order to maintain the instrument of governing for its own interests will find that material possessions have brought within that class what material possessions usually bring about within the society as a whole.

In short, attempts to unify the material base of the society to solve the problem of government or to put an end to the struggle in favour of party, class, sect or tribe, have failed, such as the efforts to satisfy the masses through the election of representatives or by organizing plebiscites to discover their views. To go on with these efforts has become a waste of time and a mockery of the people.

## PLEBISCITES

Plebiscites are a fraud against democracy. Those who say “yes” and those who say “no” do not, in fact, express their will. They have been silenced through the conception of modern democracy. They have been allowed to utter only one word; either “yes” or “no”. This is the most cruelly oppressive dictatorial system. He who says “no” should give reason for his answer. He should explain why he did not say “yes”. And he who

says “yes” should give reasons for approval and why he did not say “no”. Everyone should make clear what he wants and the reason for his approval or rejection.

What road, then, must human groups take to get rid, once and for all, of the tyrannical and dictatorial ages?

Since the intricate problem in the case of democracy is the instrument of governing, expressed by conflicts of classes, parties and individuals; and since the electoral and plebiscite methods were invented to cover the failure of those unsuccessful experiments to solve this problem, the solution lies in finding an instrument of governing other than these which are subject to conflict and which represent only one side of the society. That is to say, an instrument of governing which is not a party, a class, a sect or a tribe, but an instrument of governing which is the people as a whole. It neither represents the people nor speaks in their name.

No representation in lieu of the people is fraud. If that instrument can be brought into being the problem will be solved; popular democracy will be realized; mankind will have put an end to tyrannical eras and dictatorial systems; and the authority of the people will have taken their place.

*The Green Book* presents the solution to the problem of the instrument of governing. It indicates for the people the way to pass from the eras of dictatorship to the eras of genuine democracy.

This new theory is based on the authority of the people, without representation or deputation. It realizes direct democracy in an orderly and effective form. It differs from older attempts at direct democracy, which could be applied in practice and which was frivolous because it lacked popular organization on the lower levels.

## POPULAR CONGRESSES AND PEOPLE’S COMMITTEES

Popular congresses are the only means to achieve popular democracy. Any system of government other than popular congress is undemocratic. All the prevailing systems of government in the world today are undemocratic, unless they adopt this method. Popular congresses are the end of the journey of the masses, movement in its quest for democracy.

Popular congresses and people’s committees are the final fruit of the people’s struggle for democracy. Popular congresses and people’s committees are not creations of the imagination so much as they are the product of human thought which has absorbed all human experiments to achieve democracy. Direct democracy is the ideal method, which, if realized in practice, is indisputable and noncontroversial. The nations departed from direct democracy because, however small a people might be, it was impossible to gather them all together at one time in order to discuss, study and decide on their policy. Direct democracy remained an Utopian idea far from reality. It has been replaced by various theories of government such as representative assemblies, parties, coalition and plebiscites. All led to the isolation of the people from political activity and to the plundering of the sovereignty of the people and the assumption of their authority by the successive and conflicting instruments of governing beginning with the individual, or through class, the sect, the tribe, the parliament and the party.

*The Green Book* announces to the people the happy discovery of the way to direct democracy, in a practical form. Since no two intelligent people can dispute the fact that direct democracy is the ideal—but its method has been impossible to apply—and since this Third



Universal Theory provides us with a realistic experiment in direct democracy, the problem of democracy in the world is finally solved. All that the masses need to do now is to struggle to put an end to all forms of dictatorial rule in the world today, to all forms of what is falsely called democracy—from parliament to the sect, tribe, the class, and to the one-party, the two-party, and the multi-party systems.

Democracy has but one method and one theory. The disparity and dissimilarity of the systems claiming to be democratic is evidence that they are not democratic in fact. The people's authority has only one face and it can be realized only by one method, namely popular congresses and people's committees. "No democracy without popular congresses and committees everywhere."

First the people are divided into basic popular congresses. Each basic popular congress chooses its secretariat. The secretariats together form popular congresses, which are other than the basic one. Then the masses of those basic popular congresses choose administrative people's committees to replace government administration. Thus all public utilities are run by people's committees which will be responsible to the basic popular congresses and these dictate the policy to be followed by the people's committees and supervise its execution. Thus, both the administration and the supervision become popular and the outdated definition of democracy—**DEMOCRACY IS THE SUPERVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE**—comes to an END. It will be replaced by the right definition **DEMOCRACY IS THE SUPERVISION OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE**.

All citizens who are members of those popular congresses belong, professionally and functionally, to categories. They have, therefore, to establish their own unions and syndicates in addition to being, as citizen members of the basic popular congresses or the people's committees. Subjects discussed by basic popular congresses or the people's committees, syndicates and unions will take their final shape in the General People's Congress, where the secretariats of popular congresses, people's committees, syndicates and unions meet. What is drafted by the General People's Congress, which meet annually or periodically, will, in turn, be submitted to popular congresses, people's committees, syndicates and unions. The people's committees, responsible to the basic popular congresses will, then, start executive action. The General People's Congress is not the gathering of members or ordinary persons as is the case with parliaments. It is a gathering of the basic popular congresses, the people's committees, the unions, the syndicates and all professional associations.

In this way, the problem of the instrument of governing is, as a matter of fact, solved and dictatorial instruments will disappear. The people are the instrument of governing and the problem of democracy in the world is completely solved.

### THE LAW OF SOCIETY

Law is the other problem parallel to the problem of the instrument of governing. It has not yet been solved in the modern age although it has been solved at certain periods of history.

It is invalid and undemocratic for a committee or a parliament to be entitled to draft the law for the society. It is also invalid and undemocratic for an individual, a committee or a parliament to amend or abrogate the law of the society.

What, then, is the law of the society? Who drafts

it and what is its importance to democracy?

The natural law of any society is either tradition (custom) or religion. Any other attempt to draft law for any society, outside these two sources, is invalid and illogical. Constitutions are not the law of the society. A constitution is a basic man-made law. That basic man-made law should have a source for its justification. The problem of freedom in the modern age is that constitutions have become the law of society, and constitutions are based on nothing other than the views of the instruments of the dictatorial rule prevailing in the world, ranging from the individual to the party. The proof of this is that there is the difference between constitutions although man's freedom is the same. The reason for the difference is the disparity in the conceptions of the instrument of governing. This is the point where freedom is vulnerable in the systems of the contemporary world. The method by which the instruments of governing seek to dominate the peoples is established in the constitution and the people are compelled to accept it under the force of laws derived from that constitution, which is itself the product of the temperament and outlook of the instrument of governing.

The law of the dictatorial instrument of governing has replaced natural law. Because man-made law has replaced natural law, standards are lost. Man is the same everywhere. His physical constitution is the same and so is his instinct. For this reason natural law becomes a logical law for man as one and the same. Then the constitutions, which are man-made laws, begin to look at man as not one and the same. They have no justification for that conception other than the will of instrument of governing—the individual, the parliament, the tribe or the party—to dominate the people. So we see that constitutions are usually changed when the instruments of governing change. This proves that the constitution is the product of the temperament of the instruments of governing and exist to serve their interest. It is not natural law. This is the impending danger to freedom latent wherever the genuine law of human society is absent and is replaced by man-made laws designed by the instrument of governing to rule the masses. Properly, the method of government should be in accordance with the laws of society, not vice versa.

Therefore, the law of the society is not subject to drafting and codification. The significance of law lies in the fact that it is the decisive factor which distinguishes between the true and false, the right and wrong, and the individuals rights and duties. Freedom is threatened unless society has a sacred law based on stable rules which are not subject to change or substitution by any instrument of governing. On the contrary, it is incumbent upon the instrument of governing to abide by the law of society. Nevertheless, peoples throughout the world are now being ruled by man-made laws that are liable to change and abrogation because of the struggle for power between instruments of governing. Plebiscites on constitutions are not enough because plebiscites in themselves are a sham democracy, permitting only yes or no. Under man-made laws, people are compelled to accept plebiscites. A plebiscite on a constitution does not mean that it is the law of society; it means that it is only a constitution, or that "thing" subject to plebiscite, nothing else.

The law of the society is an eternal human heritage that is not the possession of the living only. Hence, the drafting of a constitution and holding a plebiscite by present voters are farcical.

Encyclopedias of man-made laws derived from man-made constitutions are full of material penalties against man while traditional law seldom has these penalties.

Traditional law imposes moral, not material penalties, that are appropriate for man. Religion embraces and absorbs tradition. Most material penalties in religion are postponed until the day of judgement. The major part of its rules are exhortations, instructions and answers to questions. This law shows proper respect to man. Religion does not acknowledge temporal penalties, except in extreme cases where these are necessary to protect society.

Religion embraces tradition, which is an expression of the natural life of the people. Thus, religion, embracing tradition, is an affirmation of natural law. Non-religious, non-traditional laws are invented by one man for use against another. Therefore they are invalid because they are not built upon the natural source of tradition and religion.

### WHO SUPERVISES THE CONDUCT OF SOCIETY?

The question that arises is: Who preserves the society from any deviation from the law? Democratically there is no group whatever that can claim the right of representative supervision over the society. "Society is its own supervisor." Any pretension by any individual or group that it is responsible for law is dictatorship. Democracy means the responsibility of the whole society, and supervision should be carried out by the whole society. That is democracy and its proper implementation is through the democratic instrument of governing, resulting from the organization of society itself in basic popular congresses and from the people's rule through the popular congresses and the General People's Congress (National Congress) in which come together the popular congresses, administrative people's committees, unions, syndicates and all other professional organizations. According to this theory, the people are the instrument of governing and in this case they are their own supervisors. In this way self-supervision of the society over its law is realized.

### HOW DOES SOCIETY READJUST ITS DIRECTION IN CASE OF DEVIATION FROM ITS LAW?

If an instrument of governing is dictatorial, as in political systems in the world today, the society's vigilance towards deviation from law will have only one way to gain readjustment. That is violence, which means revolution against the instrument of governing. This violence or revolution, even if it is an expression of the feeling of the society against deviation, is not carried out by the whole society. It is undertaken only by those who have the initiative and boldness to proclaim the will of the society. However, this approach is the way to dictatorship, for this revolutionary initiative increases the opportunity for an instrument of governing, representative of the people, to arise. This means that the instrument of governing is still dictatorial. Moreover, **violence and change by force are themselves undemocratic**, although they take place as a result of the existence of a previous undemocratic situation. The society that is still entangled around this resultant is a backward society. What, then, is the solution?

The solution is for the people to be the instrument of governing—from basic popular congresses to the General People's Congresses. The government administration is abolished and replaced by people's committees. The General People's Congresses should be a national congress where basic popular congresses, people's administrative committees, unions, syndicates and all professional associations come together. If a deviation from society's law takes place under this system, it should be dealt with through a democratic revision rather than by force. This is not a process of voluntary choice of the method of change or of treatment; rather it is an inevitable result of the nature of such a democratic system. In such a case, there is no outside group against which violent action may be directed or which may be held responsible for deviation.

## THE PRESS

The natural person has freedom to express himself even if, when he is mad, he behaves irrationally to express his madness. The corporate person also is free to express his corporate identity. In these cases, the first represents only himself, and the second represents no more than the group of natural persons composing his corporate person. The society consists of many natural and many corporate persons. Therefore, when a person, for instance, expresses himself in an irrational manner, that does not mean that the other persons of the society also are mad. The expression of a natural person is only self-expression and that of a corporate person is only the expression of the interests or viewpoints of the persons forming the corporate person. For example, the company for the production and sale of tobacco only expresses the interests of the participants in that company, i.e., those who benefit from the production or sale of tobacco although it is harmful to the health of the others.

The press is a means of expression of the society and is not a means of expression of a natural or corporate person. Logically and democratically, the press, therefore, cannot be owned by either of these.

Any newspaper owned by an individual is his own and expresses only his point of view. Any claim that a newspaper represents public opinion is groundless because it actually expresses the viewpoints of a natural person. Democratically, a natural person should not be permitted to own any means of publication of information. However, he has the natural right to express himself by any means, even if it is an irrational manner to prove his madness. Any journal issued by a trading association or by a chamber of commerce is only a means of expression for this particular social group. It presents its own point of view and not the viewpoint of public opinion. This applies to all other corporate and natural persons in society. The democratic press is that which is issued by a popular committee comprising all the various categories of society. In this case only, and not otherwise, will the press or any information medium be an expression of the whole society and bearer of a viewpoint of its categories and thereby the press or information medium will be indeed democratic.

If the medical association issues a journal, it must be purely medical. Similarly this applies to other categories. The natural person has the right to express only himself and he is not entitled from the democratic point of view to express anybody else's. In this way, what is called the problem of press freedom in the world will be solved radically and democratically. The continuing problem of press freedom in the world today is generally the product of the problem of democracy. It cannot be solved unless the entire crisis of democracy in the whole society is solved. Only the Third Universal Theory can solve the intricate problem of democracy.

According to this theory, the democratic system is a cohesive structure whose foundations are firmly laid on basic popular congress, people's committees and professional associations. All these come together in the General People's Congress. Absolutely, there is no other conception for a genuine democratic society.

Finally, the era of the masses, which approaches us at a rapid pace following the era of the republics, inflames the feelings and dazzles the eyes. As much as this era gladly announces the real freedom of the masses and their happy emancipation from the shackles of instruments of governing, so much it warns of the approach of anarchy and demagoguery if the new democracy, which is the authority of the people, does not relapse and the authority of the individual, class, tribe, sect or party again comes to predominate.

Theoretically, this is the genuine democracy. But realistically the strong always rule, i.e., the stronger part in the society is the one that rules.

[END OF QUOTING PART TWO OF PART I]

# ‘Freedom’ Is NOT ‘Enforced Equality’

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RE: *THE GREEN BOOK*, PART THREE, “PART II:  
“PROGRESSIVE SOCIALISM”

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS REMINDER: THERE IS NO POLITICAL OR PROPAGANDA “TERM” LEFT UNTAMPERED. BY THIS I MEAN THAT YOU CANNOT SIMPLY READ A WORD AND THINK IN TODAY’S FALSE LABELS. “COMMUNISM” DOES NOT MEAN A “COMMUNAL SYSTEM” AND “SOCIALISM” DOES NOT MEAN WHAT WILL BE THOUGHT INSTANTLY BUT WILL BE EXPRESSED HERE.

SO, YES INDEED, THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WILL FLOW WHEN THE MANIPULATION OF YOUR MINDS IS STOPPED AND KNOWLEDGE AGAIN FLOWS INSTEAD OF DELIBERATE CHAOS AND CONFUSION.

WHERE YOU HAVE NO BALANCE IS THAT EVERYTHING IN YOUR “TODAY’S” WORLD IS DELIBERATELY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU ARE TOLD TO THINK. EXAMPLE: THE PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE. FACT: THE GOVERNMENT MANAGES TO HOLD EVERYTHING FROM THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE SACRIFICE, SERVE AND ARE “LITERAL” SLAVES. THIS IS KNOWN AS: “THE LAW OF THE BUREAUCRACY” (THAT WHICH IS PRESENTED WILL PRODUCE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT OF THAT WHICH IS PRESENTED). ANOTHER LAW OF THE BUREAUCRACY ESTABLISHES THAT ANYTHING PUT INTO THE HANDS OF BUREAUCRATS WILL BE CORRUPTED! IT’S YOUR LIFE, CITIZEN.

DO “I” ADVOCATE THIS METHOD OF GOVERNANCE? IT IS NOT MY BUSINESS. MY BUSINESS IS TO OFFER POSSIBILITIES THAT OUT OF THEM MIGHT SPRING A BETTER WAY TO GO. CERTAINLY IF YOU BRING MERITOCRACY CONCEPTS TO THIS—AND THIS TO A “TRUE” CITIZEN’S DEMOCRACY, ETC., YOU COULD HAVE A BETTER SYSTEM FROM THE TRIBE UP THROUGH MANKIND. HOWEVER, IN A WORLD OF “CHOICES” AND “FREEDOM” IT WILL CORRUPT THE MINUTE IT IS LEFT TO DEVELOP ON ITS OWN AND WILL CORRUPT TO THE LEVEL OF THE “MOST” CORRUPT HANDLERS.

I ASK THAT THIS NOTATION BE PUT INTO CAPITAL LETTERS SO THAT IT IS RECOGNIZABLE AS MY OWN PRESENTATION.

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[QUOTING *THE GREEN BOOK*, Muammar al Quathafi. Presented to us in manuscript format but existing in published volumes. We offer it as a service requested. People looking toward better ways to structure society must look at everything available upon which to build instead of developing systems that destroy:]

PART THREE of our series, PART II of the manuscript.

THE SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEM  
“PROGRESSIVE SOCIALISM”  
THE ECONOMIC ASPECT OF  
THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL THEORY

Important historical developments have taken place which contribute to solving the problem of work and wages, i.e., the relationship between the workers and the employers, between the producers and the owners. The developments include fixed working-hours, wages for additional work, different types of leave, minimum wages, profit sharing and participation in administration. In addition, arbitrary dismissal has been outlawed and social security has been guaranteed, along with the right to strike and whatever other provisions are found in almost all modern labour laws. Of no less significance are the changes in the field of ownership such as the emergence of systems limiting income or outlawing private ownership and transferring it to the state.

Despite all these not inconsiderable developments in the history of the economic problem, nevertheless the problem still basically exists. The modifications, improvements, provisions and other measures have made the problem less severe than it was in past centuries by gaining many advantages for the workers. Yet, the economic problem has not been solved. All the attempts which have concentrated on ownership have not solved the problem of producers. They are still wage-workers, even when ownership has been transferred from the extreme right to the extreme left or has been given various intermediate positions.

Attempts to improve wages are as important as those which lead to the transference of ownership. The benefits received by workers, guaranteed by legislation and protected by trade unions, are all that has been achieved in tackling the problem of wages. Thus the hard conditions of the producers immediately after the industrial revolution have been transformed, and, in the course of time, workers, technicians and administrators have gained previously unattainable rights. However, the economic problem still, in fact, exists.

This attempt, confined to wages, was certainly not a solution at all. It is an artificial attempt, aimed merely at reform, more of a charity than a recognition of the right of workers. Why are the workers given wages? Because they carry out a production process for the benefit of others who hire them to produce a certain product. In this case, they have not consumed their production, but have been obliged to surrender it for a wage. The sound rule is:

“He who produces is the one who consumes.”

Wage-workers are a type of slaves, however improved their wages may be.

The wage-worker is like a slave to the master who hires him. He is even a temporary slave, since his slavery lasts as long as he works for wages from the employer, whether the latter is an individual or a state. The workers’ relationship with the owner of the productive establishment as regards their own interest is one and the same... under all conditions prevailing now

in the world they are wage-workers, even though ownership varies... from the right to the left. The public economic establishment itself gives to its workers only wages and other social benefits; and these do not differ from the charity granted to the workers by the rich, the owners of private economic corporations.

The argument that, in the case of public ownership, income reverts to society, including the workers, in contrast to the case of the private corporation where income reverts only to its owner, is valid. This is so provided that we take into consideration of the general interests of the society rather than the particular interest of the workers, and provided that we assume that the political authority which monopolizes ownership is the authority of all the people; that is to say the authority of the people in their entirety, as practised through their popular congresses, people's committees and professional syndicates rather than the authority of one class, one party, group of parties, sect, family, tribe, individual or any other representative authority. However, what is received directly by the workers, as regards their own interests, in the form of wages, percentage of the profit or social benefits, is the same as is received by the workers in the private corporation. That is to say, workers in both public and private establishments are equally wage-workers though the owners differ. Thus the change in ownership from one type to another has not solved the problem of the worker's right in what has been produced directly by himself, and not by society or for wages. The proof is that the producers are still wage-workers despite the change in ownership.

The ultimate solution is to abolish the wage-system, emancipate man from its bondage and return to the natural law which defined relationships before the emergence of class, forms of government and man-made laws.

Natural law has led to natural socialism based on equality among the economic factors of production and has almost brought about, among individuals, consumption equal to Nature's production. But the exploitation of man and the possession by some individuals of more of the general wealth than they need is a manifest departure from natural law and the beginning of distortion and corruption in the life of the human community. It is the beginning of the emergence of the society of exploitation.

If we analyze the economic factors of production from ancient times till now we always find that they are composed of these essentials: raw materials, an instrument of production and a producer. The natural rule of equality is that each of the factors has a share in this production, for if any of them is withdrawn, there will be no production. Each factor has an essential role in the process of production and without it production comes to a halt. As long as each factor is essential and fundamental, they are all equal in their essential character within the process of production. Therefore they all should be equal in their right to what is produced. The encroachment of one factor on another is opposed to the natural rule of equality, and is an attack on the rights of others. Each factor, then, has a share regardless of the numbers of factors. If we find a process of production which can be performed by only two factors, each factor shall have half of the production. If it is carried out by three factors, each shall have a third of the production and so on.

Applying this natural rule to both ancient and modern situations we find the following:

In the state of manual production the productive process involves raw materials, and man, the producer. Later, an instrument of production intervened between the two and man used it in the productive process. The animal may be considered as an example of the instrument as a power unit. It, then, developed and the machine replaced the animal. Raw materials increased in kind and quantity, from cheap simple materials to valuable complex ones. Likewise, man developed from an ordinary worker into a technician and an engineer and a large number of workers began to be replaced by a few technicians. Although the factors of production have quantitatively and qualitatively changed, the essential role of each factor has not changed. For example, the iron ore which is one of the factors of production, both past and present, was primitively manufactured by the ironsmith to produce a knife, an axe or a spear, etc. The same iron ore is now manufactured in big furnaces, from it engineers and technicians produce machines, engines and all kinds of vehicles. The animal—the horse, the mule or the camel and the like—which was one of the factors of production, has now been replaced by the vast factory and huge machines. The means of production which were formerly primitive tools have now become sophisticated technical equipment. The essential natural factors of production are basically stable despite their great development. The essential stability of the factors of production makes the natural rule sound. It is inevitable, after the failure of all previous historical attempts, which disregarded natural law, to return to it in order, finally, to solve the economic problem.

The previous historical theories tackled the economic problem either from the angle of ownership of one of the factors of production only, or from the angle of wages from the production only. They have not solved the real problem, namely the problem of production itself. Thus the most important characteristic of the economic systems prevailing in the world today is the wage system which deprives the worker of any right in his production whether it is produced for society or for private establishment.

The industrial establishment is based on raw materials, machines and workers. Production is the outcome of the workers' use of the machines in the factory to manufacture raw materials. In this way, the finished goods pass through a process of production, which would have been impossible without the raw materials, the factory and the workers. So if we take away the raw materials, the factory cannot operate; if we take away the factory, the raw materials will not be manufactured and if we remove the producers, the factory comes to a halt. The three factors are equally essential in the process of production. Without these three factors there will be no production. Any one factor cannot carry it out. The natural rule in this case, requires that the shares of the three factors in the production are equal, i.e., the production of such a factory is divided into three shares, a share for each of the factors of production. It is not only the factory which is important, but also those who consume its production.

The same is the case in the process of agricultural production. That which involves man and land without the third factor, the instrument, is exactly like the manual process of industrial production. Here production is only divided into two shares in accordance with the number of factors of production. But if an agricultural machine or the like is used, production is divided into three shares; the land, the farmer and the

instrument used in the process of agriculture.

The producers are the workers; we call them "producers" because the words "workers, employees, or toilers" are no longer applicable. The reason is that the workers, according to the traditional definition, are quantitatively and qualitatively changing. The working class is continually declining as science and machines develop.

Strenuous tasks which previously had to be performed by a number of workers are now done by machines. To run a machine requires a smaller number of workers. This is the quantitative change in the labour force. While the qualitative change necessitated the replacement of a physical force by technical skill.

A power which is totally concerned with producing this now becomes one of the factors of production. As a result of these developments the workers have changed from a multitude of ignorant toilers into a limited number of technicians, engineers and scientists. Consequently, trade unions will disappear to be replaced by professional and technical syndicates because scientific development is an irreversible gain to humanity. Through such scientific development, illiteracy will be eradicated and the ordinary worker as a temporal phenomenon will gradually disappear. However, man, in his new form, will always remain an essential factor in the process of production.

#### NEED

Man's freedom is lacking if somebody else controls what he needs. For need may result in man's enslavement of man. Need causes exploitation. Need is an intrinsic problem and conflict grows out of the domination of man's needs.

The house is the basic need for both the individual and the family. Therefore it should not be owned by others. There is no freedom for a man who lives in another's house, whether he pays rent or not. All attempts made by various countries to solve the problem of housing are not solutions at all. The reason is that those attempts do not aim at the radical and ultimate solution of man, which is the necessity of his owning his own house. The attempts have concentrated on the reduction or increase of rent and its standardization, whether at public or private expense. In the socialist society no one, including the society itself, is allowed to have control over man's need.

No one has the right to build a house, additional to his own and that of his heirs, for the purpose of renting it, because this represents another person's need, and building it for the purpose of rent is an attempt to have control over the need of that man and "In Need Freedom is Latent".

The income is an imperative need for man. Thus the income of any man in the socialist society should not be a wage from any source or a charity from anyone. For there are no wage-workers in the modern socialist society, only partners. Your income is a form of private ownership. You manage it by yourself either to meet your needs or to share in the production, where you are one of these main factors. Your share will not be used as a wage paid for any person in return for production.

The vehicle is a necessity both to the individual and the family. Your vehicle should not be owned by others. In the socialist society no man or any other authority can possess private vehicles for the purpose of hiring them out, for this is domination of the needs of others.

## LAND

Land is no one's property. But everyone has the right to use it, to benefit from it by working, farming or pasturing. This would take place throughout a man's life and the lives of his heirs, and would be through his own effort without using others, with or without wages, and only to the extent of satisfying his own needs.

If possession of land is allowed, only those who are living there have a share in it. The land is permanently there, while, in the course of time, users change in profession in capacity and in their presence.

The purpose of the new socialist society is to create a society which is happy because it is free.

**[H: Nope, not so, sorry to interrupt but this is total hogwash as in the prior paragraph it says, "is allowed". What is that other than total control? Do you see the problems with a man trying to decide on the government and what "is allowed"? But is there a society of Utopia? Yes, the minute you bring man to a "Utopian" or goodly mindset. All the laws, lenient or severe, will not suffice the need for man to return or become "Christ"-conscious in intent of basic attitudes. When there is "will be allowed" or not allowed you have inserted the use of FORCE.]**

This can be achieved through satisfying the material and spiritual needs of man, and that, in turn, comes about through the liberation of these needs from outside domination and control. Satisfaction of these needs must be attained without exploiting or enslaving others, or else it will contradict the purpose of the new socialist society. **[H: Yes, and you can see what then happens—someONE comes and decides what those needs might be.]**

Man in the new society works for himself to guarantee his material needs, or works for a socialist corporation in whose production he is a partner, or performs a public service to the society which provides his material needs.

Economic activity in the new socialist society is productive activity for the satisfaction of material needs. It is not unproductive activity or an activity which seeks profit in order, after satisfying material need, to save the surplus. That is impossible under the rules of the new socialism.

The legitimate purpose of the individual's economic activity is solely to satisfy his needs. For the wealth of the world has limits at each stage as does the wealth of each individual society. Therefore no individual has the right to carry out economic activity in order to acquire more of that wealth than is necessary to satisfy his needs, because the excess amount belongs to other individuals. He has the right to save from his needs and from his own production but not from the effort of others nor at the expense of their needs. For if we allow economic activity to extend beyond the satisfaction of needs, one person will only have more than his needs by preventing another from obtaining his. The savings which are in excess of one's needs are another person's share of the wealth of society. To allow private production for the purpose of acquiring savings that

exceed the satisfaction of needs is exploitation itself. As in permitting the use of others to satisfy your own needs or to get more than your own needs. This can be done by exploiting a person to satisfy the needs of others and making savings for others at the expense of his needs. [???

Work for a wage is, in addition to being an enslavement of man as mentioned before, work without incentives because the producer is a wage-worker rather than a partner.

Whoever works for himself is certainly devoted to his productive work because his incentive to production lies in his dependence on his private work to satisfy his material needs. Also whoever works in a socialist corporation is a partner in its production. He is, undoubtedly, devoted to his productive work because the impetus for devotion to production is that he gets a satisfaction of his needs through production. But whoever works for a wage has no incentive to work.

Work for wages failed to solve the problem of increasing and developing production. Work, either in the form of services or production, is continually deteriorating because it rests on the shoulders of wage-workers.

First Example:

(a) A worker who produces ten apples for society. Society gives him one apple for his production. The apple fully satisfies his needs.

(b) A worker who produces ten apples for society. Society gives him one apple for his production. The apple is not enough to satisfy his needs.

Second Example:

A worker who produces ten apples for another person and gets a wage of less than the price of one apple.

Third Example:

A worker who produces ten apples for himself.

## THE CONCLUSION

The first, (a) will not increase his production, for whatever the increase might be, he will only get an apple for himself. It is what satisfies his needs. Thus all those working for such a society are always psychologically apathetic.

The first (b) has no incentive to production itself, for he produces for the society without obtaining satisfaction of his own needs. However, he has to continue to work without incentive because he is forced to submit to the general conditions of work throughout the society. That is the case with members of that society.

The second does not initially work to produce. He works to get wages. Since his wages are not enough to satisfy his needs, he will either search for another master and sell him his work at a better price or he will be obliged to continue the same work just to survive.

The third is the only one who produces without apathy and without coercion. In the socialist society the possibility for private production exceeding the satisfaction of individual needs at the expense of others, is not allowed. As the socialist establishment work for the satisfaction of the needs of society, the

third example explains the sound basis of economic production. However, in all conditions, even in bad ones, production continues for survival. The best proof is that in capitalist societies production accumulates and expands in the hands of a few owners who do not work but exploit the effort of toilers who are obliged to produce in order to survive. However, *The Green Book* not only solves the problem of material production but also prescribes the comprehensive solution of the problems of human society so that the individual may be materially and spiritually liberated... a final liberation to attain his happiness.

## OTHER EXAMPLES:

If we assume that the wealth of the society is ten units and its population is ten persons, the share of each in the wealth of society is 10/10—only one of the units per person. But if some of the members of society possess more than one unit, then other members of the same society possess nothing. The reason is that their share of the unit of wealth has been taken by others. Thus there are poor and rich in the society where exploitation prevails.

Suppose that five members of that society possess two units each. In this case the other five possess nothing, i.e., 50 percent are deprived of their right to their own wealth, because the additional unit possessed by each of the first five is the share of each of the second five.

If an individual in that society needs only one of the units of the wealth of society to satisfy his needs, then the individual possessing more than one unit, in fact, expropriates the right of other members of the society. Since this share exceeds what is required to satisfy his needs, estimated at one of the units of wealth, then he has seized it to hoard it. Such hoarding is only achieved at the expense of others' needs, i.e., through taking others' share in this wealth. That is why there are those who hoard and do not spend, that is, they save what exceeds the satisfaction of their needs, and, there are those who beg and are deprived. That is, those who ask for their rights in the wealth of their society and do not find anything to consume. It is an act of plunder and theft, but open and legitimate under the unjust and exploitative rules which govern that society.

**[H: Yes indeed, it truly IS difficult to go on through this as I am just about to lose my typist. But people, you MUST grow in your intelligence and find better ways than those presented thus far.]**

Ultimately, all that is beyond the satisfaction of needs should remain the property of all the members of society. But individuals only have the rights to save as much as they want from their own needs, because the hoarding of what exceeds their needs involves an encroachment on public wealth.

The skillful and industrious have no right to take hold of the shares of others as a result of their skill and industry. But they can benefit from these advantages. Also if a person is disabled or lunatic, it does not mean that he does not have the same share as the healthy in the wealth of the society.

The wealth of the society is like a corporation or a store of supply which daily provides a number of people with a quantity of supply of a definite amount which is enough to satisfy the needs of those people during that day. Each person has the right to save out of that quantity what he wants, i.e., he can consume or save what he likes from his share. In this he can use his own skill and talents. But he who uses his talents to take an additional amount for himself from the store of the public supply is undoubtedly a thief. Therefore, he who uses his skill to gain wealth that exceeds the satisfaction of his needs is, in fact, encroaching on a public right, namely, the wealth of the society which is like the store mentioned in this example.

In the new socialist society differences in individual wealth are only permissible for those who render a public service. The society allocates for them a certain share of the wealth equivalent to that service.

The share of individuals only differs according to the public service each of them renders. Thus, the outstanding experiments of history have produced a new experiment, a final culmination of man's struggle to attain his freedom and to achieve happiness by satisfying his needs, warding off the exploitation of others, putting an ultimate end to tyranny and finding a means for the just distribution of society's wealth. Under the new experiment you work for yourself to satisfy your needs rather than exploiting others to work for you, in order to satisfy yours at their expense, or working to plunder the needs of others. It is the theory of the liberation of needs in order to emancipate man.

Thus the new socialist society is no more than the dialectical consequence of the unjust relations prevailing in this world. It has produced the natural solution, namely private ownership to satisfy the needs without using others and socialist ownership, in which the producers are partners in production. The socialist ownership replaces a private ownership based on the production of wage-workers who have no right on what they produced.

Whoever possesses the house you dwell in, the vehicle you ride in or the income you live on, takes hold of your freedom, and freedom is indivisible. For man to be happy, he must be free, and to be free, man must possess his own needs.

Whoever possesses your needs controls or exploits you. He may enslave you despite any legislation outlawing that.

The material needs of man that are basic, necessary and personal, start with food, housing, clothing and transport. These must be within his private and sacred ownership. They are not to be hired from any quarter. To obtain them through rent or hire allows the real owners, even society in general, to interfere in his private life, to have control over his basic needs, and then to dominate his freedom and to deprive him of his happiness. The owner of the costumes one has hired could interfere to remove them even in the street and leave one naked. The owner of the vehicle could interfere leaving one in the middle of the road. Likewise, the owner of the house could interfere, leaving one without shelter.

It is ironic that man's basic needs are treated by legal administrative or other measures. Fundamentally, society must be founded on the application of the natural law to these needs.

The purpose of the socialist society is the happiness of man which can only be realized through material and spiritual freedom. Attainment of such freedom depends on the extent of man's ownership of his needs; ownership that is personal and sacredly guaranteed, i.e., your need must neither be owned by somebody else, nor subject to plunder by any part of society. Otherwise, you will live in a state of anxiety which will take away your happiness and render you unfree, because you live under the apprehension of outside interference in your basic needs.

The overturning of contemporary societies, to change them from being societies of wage-workers to societies of partners, is the inevitable dialectical result of the injustice to relations based on the wage system, which have not been solved.

The threatening power of the Trade Unions in the capitalist world is capable of overturning capitalist societies of wage-workers into societies of partners.

It is probable that the outbreak of the revolution to achieve socialism will start with the appropriation by the producers of their share in what they produce. The objective of the workers' strikes will shift from a demand for the increase of wages to a demand for sharing in the production. All that will, sooner or later, take place under the guidance of *The Green Book*.

But the final step is when the new socialist society reaches the stage where profit and money disappear. It is through transforming society into a fully productive society and through reaching, in production, the level where the material needs of the members of society are satisfied. In that final stage profit will automatically disappear and there will be no need for money.

The recognition of profit is an acknowledgement of exploitation. The mere recognition of profit removes the possibility of limiting it. Measures taken to put a limit to it through various means are mere attempts of reform, which are not radical, in order to stop man's exploitation by man.

The final solution is the abolition of profit. But as profit is the driving force of economic activity, its abolition is not a decision that can be taken lightly. It must result from the development of socialist production which it will achieve if the satisfaction of the material needs of society is realized. The endeavor to increase profit will ultimately lead to its disappearance.

#### DOMESTIC SERVANTS

Domestic servants, paid or unpaid, are a type of slave. Indeed they are slaves of the modern age. But since the new socialist society is based on partnership in production rather than on wages, natural socialist law does not apply to them, because they render services rather than production. Services have no physical production which is divisible into shares in accordance with natural socialist law. Domestic servants, therefore,

have no alternative but to work with or without wages under bad conditions. As wage-workers are a type of slave and their slavery exist as long as they work for wages, so domestic servants are in a lower position than the wage-workers in the economic establishments and corporations outside the houses. They are, then, even more entitled to emancipation from the slavery of the society than are wage-workers from their society.

Domestic servants form one of the social phenomena that stands next to that of slaves. The Third Universal Theory is a herald to the masses announcing the final salvation from all fetters of injustice, despotism, exploitation and economic and political hegemony. It has the purpose of establishing the society of all people, where all men are free and equal in authority, wealth and arms, so that freedom may gain the final and complete triumph.

*The Green Book* therefore prescribes the way of salvation to the masses of wage-workers and domestic servants in order to achieve the freedom of man. It is inevitable then, to struggle to liberate domestic servants from their slave status and transform them into partners outside the houses, in places where there is material production which is divisible into shares according to its factors. The house is to be served by its residents. But the solution to necessary house service should not be through servants, with or without wages, but through employees who can be promoted while performing their house jobs and can enjoy social and material safeguards like any employee in the public service.

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So, back to the cave, slave, and remember something very important: Muammar al Quathafi is a DICTATOR over a society of "his" people. He might actually well enjoy living down in the apple orchard—until, that is, the apple harvest fails and he doesn't eat until next season—if then.

Get the corruption out of the Governing wardens' grab reach, put value under your money and let people EARN their way in their chosen positions according to their capabilities and prosper. In *THE GREEN BOOK* you have just created THE PERFECT PRODUCTION OF SLAVERY!

Oh indeed, this IS serious, for it is the SAME thing as presented by "communism" UNTIL, OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE WERE HOOKED AND RENDERED HELPLESS.

By the way, "**freedom**" is **NOT** "**enforced equality**" of some kind or another. FREEDOM IS!

Please read this with a very studied eye, for it is an idea taking hold in places where Corruption has taken control and people seek any way at all OUT OF THE OPPRESSION ITSELF.

Now, I will leave my apples and run along to the attentions of our job at hand.

We thank those who share with us and care enough to seek better ways in justice and growth—but please, let us not move backwards again and again to that which PROVEN to not work at all.

Thank you and good morning.—GCH

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# The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

## PIPELINEISTAN, THE GAMES NATIONS PLAY

By Pepe Escobar, *Asia Times*, 01/28/02

Two months ago, the White House was deliriously happy with the official opening of the first new pipeline of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium—a joint venture including Russia, Kazakhstan, Oman, ChevronTexaco, ExxonMobil and a bunch of other minor players.

This \$2.65 billion pipeline links the enormous Tengiz oilfield in northwestern Kazakhstan to the Russian port of Novorossiysk on the Black Sea: from there, the sky—i.e. the world market—is the limit. Bush II, according to the White House, is developing “a network of multiple Caspian pipelines that also include the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan, Baku-Supsa, and Baku-Novorossiysk oil pipelines, and the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline”. So one of the key nodes in the American petrostrategy is composed by Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey.

The pipeline consortium for Baku-Ceyhan, led by British Petroleum, is represented by the law firm Baker & Botts. The principal attorney is none other than Texan superstar James Baker—secretary of state under Bush I and chief spokesman for the Bush II 2000 campaign when all gloves were off to shut down the Florida vote recount.

Texas-based, scandal-prone Enron, together with Amoco, Chevron, Mobil, UNOCAL and British Petroleum, were all spending billions of dollars to pump the reserves of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. Baker, Scowcroft, Sununu and Cheney have all closed major deals directly and indirectly on behalf of the oil companies. But now the Enron scandal has just exploded right in the face of the oil industry—and Bush II’s administration. It will be very enlightening to see what the American tradition of investigative journalism will make of all this.

Enron once had a market value of \$70 billion. It filed for bankruptcy in December 2001 after admitting it overstated its profits by almost \$600 million. Paul Krugman wrote that “Enron helped Dick Cheney devise an energy plan that certainly looks as if it was written by and for the companies that advised his task force”. The Enron big-time crooks—close pals of Cheney and Bush II—dwarf any Asian “crony capitalists” Americans were carping about before and after the Asian financial crisis.

There’s no shortage of crooks in the oil industry. Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan have intimate relations with Israeli military intelligence. A so-called “former” Israeli intelligence agent, Yousef Maiman, president of the Mehrav Group of Israel, is nothing less than “Special Ambassador”, official negotiator and even policymaker responsible for developing the enormous energy resources of Turkmenistan.

Maiman is a citizen of the gas republic by presidential decree—signed by the Turkmenbashi himself, the fabulously megalomaniac Saparmurad Niazov, former member of the Soviet Politburo. Maiman, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, is actively involved in advancing the “geopolitical goals of both the U.S. and Israel” in Central Asia. He certainly does not beat around the bush: “Controlling the transport route is controlling the product.” Nobody knows where

Mehrav’s money comes from.

Mehrav’s planned pipelines bypass both Iran and Russia. But after the conquest of Afghanistan, oil sources in Singapore say Mehrav may consider dealing with Iran. It’s all to do with the importance of the Turkish market. Russia and Turkmenistan are fiercely competing to conquer the Turkish gas market. Considering the strategic relationship between Turkey and Israel, the Israeli game remains preventing Turkish strategic dependence on Iran. Turkey is a NATO member and a key U.S. ally. The U.S. and Britain routinely strike against Iraq from Turkish bases—from which they patrol the unilaterally-declared Iraqi “no-fly zones”. These “no-fly zones” are obviously not sanctioned by the UN.

Mehrav is also involved in a murderous project to reduce the flow of water to Iraq by diverting water from the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers to southeastern Turkey. And Magal Security Systems, an Israeli company, is also involved with Turkey: it will provide security for the 2,000 km-long oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan.

Crook-infested Enron—the biggest donor to the Bush campaign of 2000—was ubiquitous: it conducted the feasibility study for the \$2.5 billion trans-Caspian pipeline being built under a joint venture signed almost three years ago between Turkmenistan and Bechtel and General Electric. The go-between in the deal was none other than the Mehrav Group. Chairman Maiman spent a fortune hiring the Washington lobbying firm Cassidy and Associates to seduce official Washington with the trans-Caspian pipeline project.

The intricate relationship between Israel, Turkey and the U.S. means that as much as the trans-Caspian pipeline, the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline is also absolutely crucial. It could be extended to bring oil directly to thirsty Israel. During the Clinton years, oil giants were under tremendous pressure to build East-West pipelines. But all of them preferred to build North-South pipelines—much cheaper, but with the inconvenience of crossing Iran, an absolute anathema for Washington.

Russia already has a contract with Turkmenistan to purchase 30 billion cubic meters of gas a year. This represents a big blow to the U.S. field of dreams, the trans-Caspian gas pipeline. This also means that Russia will never let go of its sphere of influence without a tremendous fight. The Central Asian republics are on its borders, Russia has dominated them for centuries and they are home to millions of Russians. Russian is still the language they all use to do business with each other.

Thanks to master political chess player Vladimir Putin, Russia is now on the cosiest terms possible with Washington—and U.S.-Iran antipathy is apparently receding. Russia may eventually become a partner in at least some of Washington’s petrostrategy games in Central Asia—like the Caspian Pipeline Consortium. The regional map also reveals that Iran, besides holding important gas reserves, offers the best direct access from the Caspian Sea to the Persian Gulf, where oil and gas can be quickly exported to Asian markets. ...

Under the control of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), pipelines from Central Asia will also reach China’s Xinjiang. Oil sources in Singapore

stress that this will certainly spell a slump for the sea routes across the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. Washington is more than aware through its think tanks of the consequences: an extremely likely strategic realignment between China, Japan and Korea.

The Chinese have their sights on only one terrifying prospect: the encirclement of China by the U.S. UNOCAL is dreaming about profits. Washington is thinking about the robust Chinese economy. Whatever “war against terror” distractions, China remains the key strategic competitor to the U.S. in the 21st century. With Afghanistan in the bag, UNOCAL dreams of monster profits in the Asian market—much higher than in Europe—while Washington closely monitors the Chinese economy: growth of 8 percent in 2000, 7 percent in 2001, and needing all the oil and gas it can get. Chinese strategists are working around the clock to develop local forms of energy production.

What happens next will be closely linked to the deliberations of the Shanghai Five, now Shanghai Six, or more bureaucratically, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO): China and Russia, plus four Central Asian republics (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan). Manoeuvring with extreme care, China is using the SCO to align Russia economically and politically towards China and northeast Asia. At the same time, Russia is using the SCO to maintain its traditional hegemony in Central Asia. The name of the game for solidifying the alliance is Russian export of its enormous reserves of oil and gas. ...

Bush I is now Bush II, and assorted Pentagon hawks are still fuming, trying to fabricate any excuse to blow Saddam back to Mesopotamian ashes. But Saddam will not be attacked, because Saddam is the ultimate reason for American military bases in the Gulf—a splendid affair because on top of it all it is a free ride, the expenses being paid by the ultra-flush sheikdoms. Now, after the (also unfinished) New Afghan War, American forces are already establishing themselves in Central and South Asia to once again “protect the interests of the free world”. ...

America has been trying hard to “get” Afghanistan—the heart of Asia in Antiquity, the Pipelineistan crossroads of Asia nowadays—for more than 20 years. In the process, the mujahideen transformed Afghanistan, with CIA blessing, into the world’s leading producer of heroin, opening the crucial and ultra-profitable drug pipeline Afghanistan-Turkey-Balkans-Western Europe. More than a martini, oil-arms-drugs is the classic CIA cocktail. This “Drugistan” road has just been spectacularly reopened after the fall of the Taliban.

Pipelineistan is not an end in itself. Oil and gas by themselves are not the U.S.’s ultimate aim. It’s all about control. In *Monopoly*, Belgian writer Michel Collon wrote: “If you want to rule the world, you need to control oil. All the oil. Anywhere.” If the U.S. controls the sources of energy of its rivals—Europe, Japan, China and other nations aspiring to be more independent—they win. This explains why pipelines from the Caucasus to the West have to be America-friendly—i.e. Turkish or Macedonian—and not “unreliable”, meaning Russian-controlled. Washington, always, has to control everything: that’s what Brzezinski and Henry Kissinger always said. The same goes for the military bases in Saudi Arabia, and now in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

There’s no business like war business. Thanks to war against Iraq, the U.S. has its military bases in the Persian Gulf. Thanks to war against Yugoslavia, the U.S. has its military bases in Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia. Thanks to war against the Taliban, the U.S.

is now in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Not to mention the base in Incirlik, Turkey. The U.S. is also in the Caucasus—in Georgia and Azerbaijan. Iran, China and Russia are practically encircled. There's no business like show business. Raise the curtains. Enter Pipelineistan.

**[JR: There is too much here to adequately comment on—and it would be a good idea to save this article for future reference. This is the really big picture and an almost up-to-date past, present and future history of the role of Afghanistan and Central Asia as envisioned by the Elite plotters and schemers. The rubble has yet to cool down from the bombings in Afghanistan and already the Elite has made it a hotbed of activity for their plans for control of this area. The U.S. military is there for the long run to secure Afghanistan for OPERATION OBSCENE PROFITS. It's been in the planning stages for twenty years now by the oil companies, the U.S. and Israel. You can be sure that the funding for the U.S./Israeli interests in this monumental effort comes right out of New York City the financial capital of the world, i.e. World Trade Center.]**

#### KABUL MAY ADOPT DOLLAR AS PROVISIONAL CURRENCY

AFP, Kabul, 01/31/02

Afghanistan could adopt the dollar as an interim currency before a new national unit is issued, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Tuesday.

"There are several versions of the Afghani currency in circulation, that in itself creates an important problem," said Warren Coats, the IMF deputy director of monetary affairs.

"A number of options are being discussed with the authorities for solving this problem," he said after meeting Afghan officials to discuss the reconstruction of the economic system in the war-ravaged country.

Although the interim Afghan government says it has not issued currency since taking office on December 22, large quantities of newly printed Afghani notes have been arriving in the country since then.

Currency dealers in Kabul's money markets say warlords, political parties, foreign powers and forgers are all making Afghanis.

Transactions in Afghanistan are currently carried out in three currencies—the dollar, the Pakistan rupee and the Afghani.

Issuing a new currency would help end this confusion, but Coats said the country did not yet have the necessary political and economic stability to do so.

"For that, I don't wish to put any firm number but in my mind I think in two or three years," he said, adding the question was "all very political and less technical".

Coats is part of a 20-member IMF and World Bank assessment team in Kabul for four days of talks ending Thursday with the governor of the Central Bank, Abdul Qadir Fitrat, and the ministers of finance, commerce and planning.

Fitrat said the main purpose of the IMF-World Bank mission was to assist Afghan authorities with "budget preparation, tax collection, banking supervision, accounting procedures, payment system, national accounts and statistical gathering."

**[JR: Afghanistan and its people will face more problems and difficulties after Mr. Coats and his fellow members from the IMF/WB involve**

**themselves in Afghanistan's currency, banking and financial affairs. The assistance provided by these parasites from the IMF/WB will infest the vital organs of Afghanistan's government and businesses and will add to the instability of the country and its people. The U.S. bombings of Afghanistan's cities and villages will pale in comparison to the devastation left after these vultures pick Afghanistan clean.]**

#### JUDGE DENIES BAIL FOR JDL PAIR

By Howard Breuer, *Pasadena Star-News*, 01/30/02

LOS ANGELES—JDL Chairman Irv Rubin was stunned and speechless Tuesday as a federal judge denied bail, saying Rubin might flee or hurt someone.

District Judge Ronald S.W. Lew then made a similar determination for Jewish Defense League West Coast Coordinator Earl Krugel, who along with Rubin is charged with planning to bomb the King Fahd Mosque in Culver City and the field office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R-San Clemente.

"Obviously, this is extremely disappointing," said Rubin attorney Bryan Altman. "It's disheartening to the Rubin family. He is not a flight risk or a danger to the community. He's lived in the same modest town home for over 20 years."

He said Rubin, 56, of Monrovia, is in poor health, has lost 40 pounds since his Dec. 12 arrest and needs to go home to his family....

"He will ultimately be exonerated," Shelley Rubin said outside the federal courthouse. "But I want him to be alive when he's found innocent."

Federal prosecutors said the defense's arguments for bail were no different from those made after Rubin's arrest on charges including conspiracy to use a destructive device, attempted arson and solicitation to commit a crime of violence.

"As is evident from (Rubin's) statements to the informant and his statement on his hotline about the need to hunt down Palestinians, (Rubin) has a deep-seated hatred of Arabs," wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory W. Jessner.

He said Rubin was recorded saying he regretted lacking the resources to destroy an entire building like the Sept. 11 terrorists.

"Indeed, it is difficult to imagine what more (Rubin) could have done to establish beyond all doubt that he is an extreme danger to the community," Jessner wrote.

He added that the bomb plot was averted not by Rubin's conscience but by the intervention of law enforcement.

"Faced with the choice of living out his days in a federal prison away from Los Angeles or with living out his days as a fugitive," it's naive to think Rubin would not flee, perhaps to Israel, Jessner wrote.

"He has extensive contacts there and even traveled there in an effort to serve in that nation's armed forces during a time of war," he said.

A JDL spokesman said Israel is unlikely to harbor an American fugitive, especially one accused in a terrorist case.

"The government of Israel does not want Jews who cause trouble any more," said JDL spokesman Brett Stone.

During his 30 years with the JDL, Rubin was arrested in 40 cases and was once the target of an assassination attempt, but he never fled, Altman said.

He told Lew the government could do several things to protect its interests, like take Rubin's passport and make

him wear a device that alerts them if he leaves home.

Altman said the only person involved in the alleged bomb plot who suggested hurting people or who collected explosives was the government's informant, Danny Gillis, who sold the FBI on a terrorism case against Rubin in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I hope there will be no capitulation to the hysteria of the moment," Altman told Lew.

Lew responded that he's paid no attention to media coverage of the case, but he sees no reason to dispute a magistrate judge's original denial of bail....

**[JR: I am just as shocked and speechless that Judge Lew would follow through and deny bail to JDL head Irv Rubin. After 30 years and 40 arrests it seems justice has finally caught up to Irv Rubin. It is understandable his wife would "like him alive until he is found innocent," but what about the lives of the Arabs he plotted to kill. What did these Arabs do before Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> that made Rubin, an American, hate them so much? Rubin is charged in a "terrorist case" as stated by the JDL, so why isn't he being tried as a terrorist? Israel would, in a heartbeat, give sanctuary and a hero's welcome to Rubin and his family along with the 100-plus Zionist detainees held in the U.S. caught celebrating the 911 disaster. You can run but you can't hide from G\_d and the light of truth.]**

#### ISRAELIS CONSIDER SECURITY MEASURES TO RING JERUSALEM

By Stephen Franklin, *Tribune*, 01/30/02

JERUSALEM—On nearly every downtown Jerusalem street corner rifle-toting Israeli soldiers were on duty Tuesday, while police stopped Arabs and checked their identifications. Soldiers also guarded heavily traveled streets leading into the heart of the city, and anti-terrorist teams cruised the area on motorcycles.

As the Israeli government tried to calm a jittery citizenry with an overwhelming show of strength two days after a suicide bombing killed two people and injured 150 others, politicians and security officials presented Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with long-term plans for sealing this ancient mountaintop city against Palestinian attackers.

The plans, as reported by the Israeli news media, call for added security and a buffer zone around Jerusalem with walls, barriers, ditches and roadblocks that would limit access. Although news reports detailed the use of checkpoints between predominantly Arab East Jerusalem and West Jerusalem, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert denied any intention to monitor Arabs' travel within Jerusalem.

The goal of the effort, Olmert told Israel Radio, "is to make entry into Jerusalem for unwanted visitors very, very difficult."

Such efforts are controversial for a number of reasons, including the fact that any truly reliable protective seam around the city would be expensive, and the Israeli economy is in its worst recession since 1953.

Some estimates put the cost of the system sought by security leaders at \$30 million, government officials said. Any talk of sealing off the city also quickly sets off Israeli politicians, urban planners and residents, as well as Arabs who live, work and pray in Jerusalem alongside their Jewish neighbors.

Right-wing Israeli politicians say that creating a shield around Jerusalem goes against the need to solidify Israel's claim to the West Bank. They want to see a greater crackdown on violence in the

West Bank by the Palestinians and more surveillance of the Arab-controlled areas by the army.

Meanwhile, some left-wing politicians say it is a mistake to think that Jerusalem's security problems can be solved with walls, ditches, and check posts. They say the answer lies in dealing with the rage that festers among the 3.2 million Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

To Ziyad Abu Ziyad, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council from Jerusalem, the idea of added checkpoints and barriers seems to be a recipe for more discontent among Palestinians.

"All of these measures will not help. They will not provide security to the Israelis. They will only cause more suffering for the Palestinians in their daily lives," he said.

"Jerusalem is already sealed," Ziyad added. "They have blocked many of the roads leading to Jerusalem with hills of mud or ditches or military check posts. This has made travel between Jerusalem and the neighborhoods outside the city very difficult."

Israel Kimhi, a former head of Jerusalem's planning department, and now head of research at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, said he, too, was worried that an effort to seal off the city would "take us back many years".

"Hopefully, the situation will change and all of those security means will be dropped. But a wall would be problematic," Kimhi said.

Also Tuesday, Israeli troops staged an early-morning raid in the West Bank village of Artas, near Bethlehem. A senior leader in the militant group Islamic Jihad and two other Arabs suspected of taking part in "terrorist activities" were captured.

On Wednesday, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to meet with Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben Eliezer to discuss the worsening crisis between the Israelis and Palestinians.

**[JR: Building a wall around Jerusalem is appropriate only in that it represents the mindset of the Jews against the Palestinian people. The walls and the barriers will temporarily provide a false sense of security but it won't keep out the problems the Israelis have in putting down the hatred and the hostilities that are directed towards them. You can bet the U.S. taxpayer will pay for those walls and barriers with or without an Israeli recession and despite our own recession.]**

#### SHARON REGRETS NOT KILLING ARAFAT

*Japan Today*, 02/01/02

JERUSALEM—Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in an interview on Thursday Israel should have killed Yasser Arafat in 1982 when it had the Palestinian leader under siege in Beirut.

Sharon's comments underlined the depth of animosity between himself and Arafat after 16 months of violence and pushed the prospects of their holding peace talks even further back.

Recriminations over Sharon's remarks and new violence in which Israeli troops killed two Palestinian gunmen and one teenager on Thursday overshadowed efforts to persuade the United States to resume high-level mediation in the conflict.

But in a new sign of attempts to secure a truce, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he expected to meet Palestinian parliamentary speaker Ahmed Korei on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in New York later on Thursday.

"The prime minister knows I am going to meet him (Korei) and knows what I will speak to him about," Peres told Israel's Channel One television.

Previous meetings between the two architects of interim Middle East peace deals have failed to stem the bloodshed, and Sharon has previously given Peres a limited mandate.

Sharon blames Arafat for failing to rein in militant groups during the 16-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation. Arafat accuses Sharon of blocking peace, and his aides say the Israeli leader has a vendetta to remove Arafat from the scene.

Their animosity goes back decades, to when Arafat was in Lebanon during Israel's invasion in 1982.

"In Lebanon it was agreed that Arafat would not be eliminated. To tell the truth, I'm sorry we didn't eliminate him," Sharon told the Israeli newspaper *Maariv*.

Sharon directed the invasion of Lebanon as defense minister, sending tanks and troops to the outskirts of Beirut where they bottled up Arafat and his PLO fighters before an internationally brokered deal led to the Palestinians' evacuation by sea.

"I think this reflects what has been always said—that Sharon is trying to finish what he began in 1982," said Palestinian cabinet member Saeb Erekat, accusing Sharon of harboring "gangster intentions".

Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Pique, whose country holds the European Union presidency, said he had not seen Sharon's remarks but that, if confirmed, "they deserve our rejection." State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said such remarks "can be unhelpful".

Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin said Israel had no plans to oust or kill Arafat, although the army has confined Arafat to his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah following a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings.

Fresh violence erupted shortly before Middle East envoys from the United Nations, the European Union and Russia were due to meet U.S. officials in Washington to discuss the conflict.

Palestinian security sources said a Palestinian teenager wounded on Thursday by Israeli fire in the West Bank village Ausarin died late in the day. The army had no immediate comment.

Earlier on Thursday, Israeli forces killed two Palestinian gunmen from the Islamic militant group Hamas who ambushed a convoy headed for a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip.

Shortly after the attack, mortar shells hit a settlement in the Gush Katif bloc, injuring one Israeli. Palestinian witnesses said Israeli forces entered the nearby Khan Younis refugee camp and detained 10 Palestinians at a Gaza Strip checkpoint.

Israeli forces also entered a Palestinian Authority office in the West Bank town of el-Eizariyeh, confiscating documents and smashing furniture, Palestinian security officials said. The army said the building was illegally used by Palestinian security services.

Security guards at the Jewish settlement Elon Moreh shot at three Palestinians they said were trying to infiltrate the settlement, wounding two who were taken to hospital. Palestinians from the nearby West Bank village Azmut said the three were teenagers who were probably on a hike.

At least 826 Palestinians and 249 Israelis have been killed in the uprising that began in September 2000.

**[JR: If anyone of the earthly powers have any intention, however slight or remote, to rein in Sharon and hold him accountable they better act soon. Keeping Arafat confined in Ramallah since**

**December is creating a vacuum of power without a succession of leadership. By this act the Palestinian people are without a voice or leadership. The U.S., like Israel, is as cruel a culprit in this game of baiting and tormenting the Palestinian people. I guess the world will wait until there aren't any Palestinian people left to grieve over.]**

#### NIGERIAN MILITARY FACES STUNNED, ANGRY NATION

By Glenn McKenzie, *Daily News*, 01/30/02

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Sadness turned to rage against Nigeria's military Tuesday for putting a huge arms cache smack in the middle of a crowded Lagos neighborhood and setting the stage for the explosions and panic that left more than 600 dead.

Distraught people searching for missing loved ones blamed the military for storing weapons, including rockets and heavy artillery shells, in the northern Ikeja neighborhood.

"The army uses money to buy weapons that kill us," yelled David Eytse after emerging from a mortuary in a hospital where he had just found the body of his 19-year-old brother, Henry.

Many Nigerians remain distrustful of the military following 15 years of corrupt and sometimes brutal dictatorship that ended with 1999 elections.

President Olusegun Obasanjo on Tuesday declared a day of national mourning after a string of explosions at an army weapons depot Sunday left hundreds dead, mainly women and children who drowned after leaping into a canal to escape the inferno. Flags were flown at half-staff across Lagos, a city of 12 million that is Nigeria's commercial capital.

Obasanjo said that more 600 bodies had been recovered, many from the Oke Afa canal. "What happened in Lagos was a monumental tragedy," he said in a radio address.

Lagos' *Vanguard* newspaper estimated more than 2,000 people were killed, while state television cited unidentified witnesses as saying between 750 and 1,000 bodies had been recovered. The reports could not be confirmed.

Army spokesman Col. Felix Chukwumah said the explosions began when a fire spread to the depot, which is surrounded by crowded slums and working-class neighborhoods. The blasts propelled shrapnel and shock waves for miles, shattering windows 6 miles away at the international airport.

The army has acknowledged the storage facility at Ikeja was old and in need of revamping. A spokesman said he did not know how the fire started, but a police officer said Sunday that it began at a nearby gas station.

State and military officials were quick to assure Nigerians that the fire was accidental and not a sign of military unrest. They announced an investigation into its cause. Rumors of a coup had circulated after the blasts began.

Suspicion of the military remains strong in Lagos especially after some 200 to 300 eastern Nigerian villagers were massacred by the army in November in an apparent reprisal for the abduction and murder of 19 soldiers by ethnic Tiv militants.

The explosions sent fireballs towering over Nigeria's commercial capital. Hundreds of bodies on Monday were pulled out of the canal in Lagos' Isolo neighborhood, which is about 5 miles from the arms depot, reflecting the force of the explosions.

Getting an accurate death count remained difficult—in part because volunteers were carrying out the rescue effort and whisking some bodies to private homes.

NIGERIA AID WORKERS  
FEAR MISSING CHILDREN HELD CAPTIVE

*The New Zealand Herald, 02/01/02*

LAGOS (REUTERS)—The Nigerian Red Cross was yesterday searching for hundreds of children missing or being held in captivity after a devastating arms depot fire in Lagos that killed more than 600 people.

More than 1100 people are still missing since fire and explosions from the arms dump triggered a mass panic on Sunday.

Red Cross spokesman Patrick Bawa said many children listed as missing were believed to be alive but were not being turned over to their families.

The development is worrying social workers in a country known as a link in a West African child-trafficking network.

“We have found situations that are very abnormal,” Bawa said.

“There are security officials who have children in their custody and they don’t want to release them to us.

“This is making our job very difficult.”

A social worker, who asked not to be named, said: “This cannot be good news in a country where child theft and trafficking are common.”

Aid workers said uncertainty over the fate of the children was adding to the trauma of relatives burying the dead and searching through piles of decomposing bodies in poorly maintained hospital mortuaries as the grim task of identification continued....

Bawa said witnesses had reported that more than 1000 children were at the Oduduwa police station in Ikeja district on Sunday night, but Red Cross workers who arrived the next morning were told they had gone.

“Police in Oduduwa said the children were there but had left,” he said.

The independent *Vanguard* newspaper said 172 people, mostly women and children, who had sheltered in a Catholic mission on Sunday night were forcibly removed by armed soldiers on Monday.

“People who are holding children should please take them to the Red Cross,” Bawa said.

He declined to speculate on why they would be held....

The absence of a Government rescue operation at the Pako Canal has angered hundreds of relatives and sympathisers, who have paid amateur divers to continue searching for bodies believed to be stuck in the murk.

“You cannot do anything meaningful here until the weed is cleared,” said one rescuer as he tried to clear some of the undergrowth.

President Olusegun Obasanjo, who faced fierce criticism over the location of the armoury in a crowded district and over the Government’s handling of the tragedy, yesterday ordered a review of arms storage by the military.

**[JR: The indifference of the military has led to the deaths of probably thousands. Why was there such a lapse of responsibility by the military and the government that allowed the storage of explosives and ammunitions in residential neighborhoods? Africa is just one of the many places of poverty where people caught in the middle of the power struggles are considered expendable. The greater tragedy besides the deaths is the missing children. Who has them and who wants to exploit them for profit? We can only hope the government is very serious in finding these children and make the search for them their topmost priority.]**

A LAW-ABIDING AMERICA IS SAFER

By Lee Dembart, *International Herald Tribune*, 01/30/02

PARIS—The legal problems of the United States regarding the Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners being held in Cuba have broad consequences far beyond the current situation and the long-term war on terrorism. If Americans want the protections of the Geneva conventions in the future, they must recognize and apply those protections now.

In the long run, if the United States fails to follow every jot and tittle of the rules of war regarding the captives at Guantánamo Bay, it risks appearing hypocritical and losing the high moral ground it has invoked in going after Osama bin Laden and his cohorts. Moreover, it jeopardizes the safety of American soldiers taken captive in future conflicts. That is what Secretary of State Colin Powell has been unsuccessfully arguing within the administration. There is no evidence that the 158 men from Afghanistan have been mistreated, but people and governments around the world, including America’s staunchest allies, are making clear their displeasure over the Bush administration’s refusal to acknowledge that the Geneva conventions apply to the prisoners and to follow the required procedures in determining who is a prisoner of war and who isn’t. Article 5 of the convention on treatment of prisoners mandates that if there is doubt about a captive’s status, the determination can be made only by a “competent tribunal”, which Washington refuses to convene because it does not want to risk granting the rights and privileges of POW status to the captives.

Under interrogation, a POW is entitled to give only his name, rank and serial or service number. When hostilities end, a POW must be released and repatriated unless he is charged with a specific war crime. If there is a trial, it must be held in the same court and under the same rules of evidence and procedure that apply to members of the detaining country’s armed forces—in other words, a court-martial, not one of the special military tribunals that President George W. Bush has authorized. The question is not theoretical. As recently as 1999, shortly after the start of NATO’s air war against Yugoslavia, three American soldiers were ambushed and apprehended near the border between Macedonia and Yugoslavia. They had been attached to the UN peacekeeping mission in Macedonia, which had just ended, and their legal status was unclear.

Their faces were badly battered from beatings by their captors, and the soldiers were paraded on television—all in violation of the Geneva conventions. President Slobodan Milosevic announced that the men would be put on trial for participating in the war against Yugoslavia—also in violation of the conventions.

The United States called the capture a kidnapping and demanded that the soldiers be recognized as prisoners of war. President Bill Clinton said Mr. Milosevic would be held “personally responsible” for their safety. Enormous diplomatic pressure was brought to bear. No trial was held, and the men were released after 32 days.

Washington’s current bypassing of the rules for deciding who is a prisoner of war differs from its previous practice. Until now the United States has recognized its obligations under the Geneva conventions.

In 1989 it invaded Panama to remove Manuel Noriega from power. He was brought to Miami and put on trial on drug trafficking charges. He asserted that as a military officer seized during an armed conflict, he was a prisoner of war.

Rather than ruling on its own, as it insists on doing in the current situation, the government followed the

requirements of the Geneva conventions and asked Judge William Hoeweler, the federal judge who was conducting the trial, to rule on General Noriega’s claim. The judge held that the Panamanian strongman was indeed a prisoner of war, even though Washington had never recognized his government, just as it never recognized the Taliban as the government of Afghanistan.

Because of his POW status, General Noriega was allowed to wear his military uniform in jail and at his trial.

He was convicted on the drug charges and sentenced to 40 years (since reduced by 10 years). He is not serving his time in a federal penitentiary—the Geneva conventions bar holding prisoners of war in regular prisons—but in a special two-room prison suite attached to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Miami, where he has an exercise bicycle, a color television, a computer and a shower. In compliance with the conventions, he is entitled to regular exercise and sunlight.

He is today the only prisoner of war on U.S. soil.

Legal requirements and the rule of law sometimes grant rights and privileges to people who seem not to deserve them. We live with those anomalies in order to make sure that the rights themselves remain strong and vibrant. To do otherwise is shortsighted and dangerous.

**[JR: The questions that beg answers are: Who are these specially selected detainees and why is the U.S. so adamant in keeping their identities secret? Why is the U.S. so bent on redefining their status? Why does Bush, and in particular Rumsfeld, refuse to recognize their status as prisoners of war? Why were these prisoners, some of which are 20 years old and younger, removed from Afghanistan and sent to Guantánamo, Cuba? If they fought in a declared war why are they not allowed the rights and protections guaranteed under the Geneva Convention? If we intend to extend the war into years and not months will these prisoners ever be repatriated and allowed to go back to their countries? Are these detainees going to be “reprogrammed and trained” as a unit of specially trained forces (terrorists) to be used against specific targets? With our focus of a war against terrorism and the emphasis on secrecy, will these prisoners fit into this new method of covert operations?]**

STATES, CDC REVIEWING QUARANTINE LAWS

By Erin McClam, *Daily News*, 01/28/02

ATLANTA (AP)—Sobered by the recent alarm over bioterrorism and anthrax, state officials have begun using the Q-word: quarantine.

The public-health tactic has been revisited as officials consider roping off homes, blocks or even entire cities to keep a potentially dangerous agent from spreading.

Health leaders stress that it would take an emergency—such as a wide release of smallpox in a sprawling airport—to trigger a quarantine, which would restrict potentially exposed people to a tightly controlled area.

But at least 20 states and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are reviewing their quarantine laws, trying to determine exactly who has the authority to call one—and who would enforce it.

“We realize the Q-word is pretty loaded with emotion,” said Dr. Marty Cetron, deputy director of the CDC’s quarantine division. “The struggle to balance individual liberty with the public good is not something we take lightly.”

The anthrax attacks in the fall killed five people, but anthrax isn’t contagious. If terrorists released deadly smallpox, plague or Ebola virus, quarantines could be

critical to prevent thousands of deaths, experts said....

Rushing to help states that wanted to be more prepared after Sept. 11, the CDC asked Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities to write a sample law that legislatures could use as a pattern.

The latest version includes detailed instructions for handling a quarantine, declared by a state's top health officer. It directs the government to use the "least restrictive means necessary" to keep a killer germ from spreading.

And it takes pains to make sure the quarantined people—whether it's an office building or an entire neighborhood—get enough food, decent clothing and good medical care.

Health officials say it represents a huge shift in the purpose of the quarantine itself—focusing on caring for the people who may have been exposed instead of just shutting them off from the population.

Still, health officials admit they're fighting fears produced at the mere mention of quarantine—images of armed guards swarming around hospitals, with infected patients left helpless inside.

But huge advances in public health since the old days of quarantines, particularly in the study of infectious disease, should reassure people that such a doomsday scenario is the smallest of possibilities, the CDC says.

"The public is a lot smarter than people think," said Dr. David Fleming, CDC's deputy director for science and public health. "This is common sense."

What's not as clear is exactly who would enforce a quarantine. CDC lawyers have told state health officers that the law allows lots of options, from local police departments to a state National Guard regiment to the U.S. military.

It all depends on the danger of the outbreak, how soon it's detected and how widely the germs are believed to have spread, Cetron said.

The uncertainty has arisen partly because quarantining is a fairly rusty process. Mass quarantines haven't been seen in the United States for decades.

If there's one thing health experts learned from anthrax, it is that the public demands clear information from an authoritative government figure in the event of a bioterrorism crisis, said Gostin, who wrote the sample law.

"There should be very clear communication to the public," he said. "Failing that, you could have hysteria, confusion and even civil disobedience. You can't overestimate the importance of calm."

**[JR: Citizens' rights and humane conditions should be written into any quarantine laws in clear and precise terms without any room for misinterpretations or fabrication. It should also be noted that federal agencies such as FEMA and Home Security would not interfere or override the authority of state governments and local law enforcement agencies. The problem is that Congress passed terrorist laws that have disallowed any such considerations. Since we are at war, we have no rights as citizens and are subject to military martial law. Any arguments are moot and a sham at this point in time.]**

#### BUSH WHITE HOUSE TO REDEFINE 'CHILD'

By Kathy A. Gambrell, *The Washington Times*, 01/31/02

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Bush administration issued a proposed regulation Thursday that would effectively raise the status of an unborn fetus, giving it expanded protection under a national health insurance program.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson pointed to the importance of prenatal care for low-income women and their babies as a reason for the change in policy....

The proposal set to be published in the *Federal Register* in the next few weeks would "clarify the definition of 'child'" under the state Children's Health Insurance Program, HHS said. The new regulation would allow states to include coverage for children from conception to age 19. It also means women would be able to receive prenatal and delivery care under the program.

HHS estimates that 10.9 million women of child-bearing age, 18-44, do not have health insurance, and approximately 2.3 million children were enrolled in CHIPS in 2000. In his federal budget proposal due to be released Monday, Bush will propose extending the availability of \$3.2 billion in unused CHIPS funds due to expire in fiscal year 2002 and fiscal year 2003. The states will have access to those funds through 2006.

The move is the latest shock to the anti-abortion movement, the first which came this time last year when Bush—hours after taking office—halted U.S. aid to international family planning organizations. It drew sharp criticism from women's rights groups and family organizations who characterized it as a way to sidestep the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gave women the right to seek an abortion.

"The Bush administration's proposal to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to cover embryos is the latest ploy in its ongoing stealth campaign to have government make abortions illegal," said Kate Michelman, president of NARAL, an abortion-rights organization.

She said the administration's proposal demonstrates its commitment to undermining a woman's right to choose by ascribing legal rights to embryos.

Judith L. Lichtman, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families called the action a "sham policy" that did not provide any new health coverage to pregnant women.

"Despite rhetoric to the contrary, this policy does not actually provide any new health coverage to pregnant women—a population that can already be covered by the CHIP program," she said. "It is clear that the real goal is to establish a legal precedent for granting personhood to fetuses."...

Professor Rita Simon at American University's Washington College of Law saw the move "as clearly a way to get around Roe v. Wade, which said a fetus was not a child until three months of the pregnancy had gone by."

"This seems to be a plan to bring pre-natal care to give the poor a chance to get assistance in pre-natal care" and if a mother had considered abortion "because she couldn't face the costs and difficulties of bringing a baby to term, this might help. She could deliver the baby and put it up for adoption."

Simon said she was sure some abortion-rights groups would try to appeal the change.

**[JR: Women's rights groups and family planning organizations made their own stealth campaign around the Constitution to legalize abortion. They promoted it on the issue that it was a women's right to choose as guaranteed by the Constitution under the Bill of Rights. This maneuver pushed into the background the issue of the rights of the unborn that was never taken into consideration until now. The debate will continue to go on and on as it has become a political issue when it is a moral issue.]**

#### SPERM-LESS EMBRYO PRODUCES STEM CELLS

By Paul Recer, *Nando Times*, 01/31/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—Using a technique that may offer an alternative to therapeutic cloning, researchers created a monkey embryo asexually—without the use of sperm—to make stem cells that then turned into heart, brain and other specialized tissue.

In a study appearing Friday in the journal *Science*, a research team led by Dr. Michael West of Advanced Cell Technology reports using chemicals to cause a monkey egg to turn into an embryo, an asexual process called parthenogenesis. The scientists then extracted stem cells from the embryo and made specialized cells.

"These were fully developed cells that could have been used medically," said West.

Advanced Cell Technology sparked a torrent of criticism in November after announcing it had cloned a human embryo that was allowed to grow to six cells.

West said although the new study used only monkey eggs, it demonstrates that it may be possible to make human embryonic stem cells through parthenogenesis. Other experts, however, said such a technique would have a medical application limited only to women of reproductive age and would not benefit males.

West said he believes that making embryos through parthenogenesis may bypass ethical objections raised by many toward therapeutic cloning—a technique aimed at making specialized cells to treat ailing hearts, diseased brains or to cure diseases such as diabetes.

In contrast to reproductive cloning, which could produce a whole person, therapeutic cloning involves growing embryos for only a few days in order to produce specialized cells for medical treatment of a specific patient.

However, President Bush and some members of Congress are opposed to all forms of human cloning. A bill to ban human cloning has passed the House and the Senate is expected to take up the issue this year. The National Academy of Sciences, in a recent report, opposed reproductive cloning but said therapeutic cloning has a potential in medicine.

West said the study using monkey cells mimicked parthenogenesis that occurs in nature, though it is not considered a normal process.

"Parthenogenesis occurs naturally in some women, forming a mass of cells from an egg in the ovary," he said. This group of cells is called a teratoma, a benign mass that may contain fully developed cells, said West. Teratomas form on the ovary and are usually removed surgically.

In the study, West and his team exposed 77 monkey eggs to chemicals that can cause the eggs to develop into embryos.

"The chemicals cause the egg to believe it has contacted a sperm" and to change into an embryo, said West.

Twenty-eight of the 77 eggs started developing into embryos, but only four reached an advanced pre-implantation stage called a blastocyst. From these, the researchers were able to successfully extract a single group of embryonic stem cells. The cells, which the researchers called Cyno-1, had a full complement of genes, all from the female monkey that produced the egg.

In normal reproduction, an embryo gets half of its genes from the mother and half from the father.

The researchers used chemicals to prompt the stem cells to change into highly specialized cells, including heart cells, muscle cells and brain cells.

When the stem cells were injected into immune-deficient mice, they developed teratomas that contained



a number of different specialized cells, including neurons that make dopamine, the brain chemical lacking in Parkinson's disease patients, West said.

Dr. John Gearhart, a Johns Hopkins University stem cell researcher, said that producing stem cells through parthenogenesis has already been done in mice.

"This shows that you can do the same thing in a non-human primate," Gearhart said.

He said using parthenogenesis to make stem cells "would have a very limited medical use." Such stem cells, he said, could be used only in the women who produced the eggs. Otherwise, the cells would be rejected. As a result, Gearhart said the medical technique would be useful only for women of reproductive age.

**[JR: I may be misinterpreting this article but it seems to me that they can now use "chemicals to cause a monkey egg to turn into an embryo asexually—without the use of sperm". Does this mean that in the near future women could become pregnant even without the male sperm? Would there then just be Eve and Eve and no Adam? Could this also lead to selective breeding and with the right chemicals produce super humans? The major question that makes cloning inconceivable also applies here. Will this chemically-induced child be born with a soul?]**

#### THE DILEMMA FOR WEALTH, THE CASE FOR GOLD

By John D. Meyer, *gold-eagle.com*, 01/24/02

When, lo, as they reached the mountain's side,

A wondrous portal opened wide,

As if a cavern was suddenly hollowed:

And the Piper advanced and the children followed,

And when all were in to the very last,

The door in the mountainside shut fast.

—Robert Browning "The Pied Piper of Hamelin"

Images of riots and runs on banks in Argentina greeted our New Year. For Americans, it's just another disaster in some distant country. It's just another run-of-the-mill Latin American or Third World crisis. Nothing new, they have them all the time!

Since 1993, beginning with China's competitive currency devaluation, the devaluation disease has devastated country after country. Since 1997, the pace has quickened. Now, the second largest economy in South America is in default, and Japan, the second largest economy in the world, is in collapse. Japan is finally confronting a banking system with a negative net worth of U.S. \$1 trillion. Total world indebtedness, having exploded since the collapse of the Bretton Woods Agreement in 1971 when America defaulted on its Dollar obligations, is now confronted by a global synchronized recession. At the root of these seemingly disparate and unrelated events is a common cause, the world's failing monetary system. The world of competitive currency devaluations roams the financial world preying on the savers and producers. Because America is allowed a "privileged" position, we have developed a false and unearned smugness about our economy, our markets and our Dollar. The "superior" position which coddles America is a delusion.

All political antagonisms and conflicts throughout history revolve around economic and monetary issues. Yet, the subject of money is rarely ever discussed by the press or Wall Street, nor is it taught in our colleges and universities. The subject of money—real money—is the most overlooked yet most important issue confronting

our welfare. Investors are obsessed with financial assets and smitten with an almost blind faith in Mr. Greenspan and the Federal Reserve. They ignore the *analysis* of money, the denominator for all their financial assets. This is a fatal flaw, since the very foundation of all their financial assets—money—is terminally ill. The devaluation disease which has been progressively destroying the rest of the world has reached the U.S. Dollar.

The tide of monetary history has been gradually moving against the United States. For the past century we have had our own way with money. The chapter is now on the last page, as the United States with its "money" monopoly, has exploited its citizens as well as the world to the point of exhaustion. The Dollar, having lost more than 98% of its value since the Federal Reserve was created in 1913, is running out of victims. All the monies of the world are dying, and gold and silver, true money, are being manipulated in an attempt to maintain the illusion of worth for an increasingly worthless dollar. It is in the interest of the Fed and Treasury to maintain the perception that you don't need gold anymore, that money in mutual funds is safe, and that all is well. The perception that "all is well" is all they have left. Reality is otherwise. The current monetary system, facing the greatest defaults since the 1930s, is bankrupt.

The coming crisis has its origin in the nature of the international monetary system. The Dollar, as the reserve currency of the world, forces other countries to accept its paper as "payment" for their goods and services. In fact, the system does not permit payment having substituted a debt or credit money for what was once the role of gold. Credit money obliterates the distinction between money and credit and that is the problem. Wealth is real. It is not a floating abstraction. Jacques Rueff, in *The Age of Inflation*, referred to this dirty little secret of "deficits without tears" as—"The Monetary Sin of the West". Dollar issuance has been virtually open-ended. Every nation in the world has suffered as they have been forced to import our inflation because it is the reserve currency. Beginning with Mexico in 1995, then the 1997 Asian contagion, Russia in 1998, Brazil in 1999 and now Latin America we are witnessing the spreading tremors of our global monetary system in collapse.

As, General Charles De Gaulle in 1958 noted, the U.S. Dollar enjoys an "exorbitant privilege", which impoverishes the world. Our monetary system is a cruel hoax. Having exported our inflation throughout the world, global economies have literally been trapped into its import creating financial bubbles. Japan has been our biggest victim. Their bubble burst in 1989. Since then the monies of the world are spiraling downward in a race to the bottom. A vicious circle of economic exploitation forces one neighbor to devalue then the next. Ironically, the process has repeatedly caused a flight to the Dollar. Wealth has been destroyed around the globe on a scale not seen since the Great Depression. At the heart of this is a dysfunctional monetary system, addicted to debt. These recurring monetary crises are like the *Titanic's* bulkheads, once the first was breached the ultimate sinking was inevitable as the subsequent bulkheads went in rapid succession.

These monetary firestorms are challenging Keynesian monetary theory of floating currencies and competitive devaluations. Keynes' notion that deficit spending produces economic growth and wealth is crumbling with each Argentina. The "wealth" creation of the 1990s has consisted entirely of increases in consumer and government debts. For a time the nominal value of paper assets rises, but nothing, absolutely nothing is added to the national wealth. The

monetary meltdown occurring all around us is proof of this. The fact is that such pseudo-wealth discourages savings and investment promoting speculation, capital consumption and destruction. The widening economic and monetary crises reveals the global monetary system is unjust and untenable.

The resultant accumulation of paper financial assets has created the largest pool of financial "wealth" the world has ever seen. Currently, these financial assets are valued on the assumption that these claims, mostly debt, will be honored. Throughout history, governments have sought the "freedoms" that paper money provided them over their citizens. Worldwide for more than thirty years, governments have been unrestrained in their abuse of the public purse. The problem for wealth lies in the fact that the volume of these financial assets overwhelmingly exceeds our economic capacity. This deferred hyperinflation currently lies imbedded and unspent in our financial markets.

Greenspan's monetary policy has created multiple bubbles. While the NASDAQ bubble clearly has burst, others such as the Dow, continue. The biggest bubble is the U.S. Dollar. With a recession and a war against terrorism the Federal Reserve has dropped all pretense of fighting inflation. And the other central banks of the world are pressured to outdo themselves and the Federal Reserve, lest their currencies appreciate against the Dollar. As "deflationary" trends have been emerging, Greenspan has been increasingly desperate to keep pumping in the credit.

Without the moral courage, Mr. Greenspan can't stop. The inflation has to continue so that the debt pyramid doesn't collapse. The game of competitive currency devaluation has shifted into high gear.

The Dollar bubble is not like any other. Refuge for bubbles within the context of financial markets is simply to go to cash or find another uninflated sector. But, when money is the bubble, there is no escape within the financial system itself. It's tragically ironic that the majority of the world's savings is stored in forms that rely upon the performance of government power and integrity to maintain its value. Does it make sense to hold wealth denominated in the currency of the world's greatest debtor?

With the consumer ravaged by debt and negative savings, the economic and political establishment is united to discourage savings of any kind. Our government has no genuine concern for the rational and prudent individual. They have declared war on the saver and the creditor. Their whole effort is to protect the wildcat financial establishment, which is dangerously leveraged with excessive debt and derivatives. The perverted economics of Keynes to borrow and spend without regard to the levels of debt has brought us to this moment. Savings are not created through credit and printing presses. They occur by consuming less than what is produced. And the first step toward saving or consumption is always production.

The American Revolution, as the *Declaration of Independence* declared, was fought over the natural rights of man to life, liberty and property rights. The American Revolution began because the British government had repeatedly violated the sacredness of private property. While on July 4th, we celebrate the spirit of independence from tyranny, pathetically few understand how our government's current monetary system betrays our wonderful heritage and threatens to consume our wealth.

The story of money parallels the story of civilization. The "liberal" civilization in which most people believe we are still living started slipping away in 1913 with the creation of the Federal Reserve. It represented a definite

turning point in the development of Western Civilization, which until then had been based on a respect for contracts, property rights and monetary freedom. In 1971 we concluded what had begun in 1913. The last vestige of a monetary standard and sound money was discarded. A positive fixed standard of value was replaced by an "IOU nothing". Government had quietly seized the ultimate power over the wealth and lives of its citizens. As Adams and Jefferson had warned, savings and personal wealth were left exposed to a tyrannical government and their bankers.

The game has been afoot for quite a while and is finally approaching an ending. Of course, it is not really just a game. It is your life, your work, your savings and most of all your future. It is a game that is played on the backs of honest productive citizens who are swindled in order to subsidize the American socialism of the corporate welfare state.

Our Founding Fathers realized that the rights to life and liberty could not be sustained without private property. Money is necessary to convey property in an exchange economy not only in the present but more importantly into the future. Man needs money as an economic good to store his surplus wealth. Real money has always been property. Trustworthy money is the most basic element of human liberty. Monetary debasement is the prime lever of the collectivists to enslave the individual. It is a hidden form of confiscation making a mockery of a civil society. Isabel Patterson, in *The God of the Machine*, wrote: "The crucial test of private property is the attitude of government toward money. Devaluation (inflation) of currency is outright expropriation."

The state of money decides the fate of mankind because it stands at the threshold of liberty and property rights acting as "The Gate Keeper" between liberty and totalitarianism. The debasement of our money has been the principal avenue for the advancement of socialism in the last century.

Today, the whole world is addicted to fiat money and debt. Debt makes sense when money supply is feverishly being expanded, since future money is always going to a discount. The system keeps the addicts coming back, while eviscerating the saver and the producer. The biggest addict today is the United States government. It has made promises and incurred debts so huge that they cannot be paid in terms of money with anything close to today's purchasing power.

The word patience takes on new dimensions when applied to gold investors. But, who would have thought that investors would be confronted by a government criminally intent upon plundering their savings. The evidence presented by Reginald Howe in his suit\*, currently before the Federal court in Boston, alleges that our government and others have been conducting a war against gold for most of the last decade. The reason for such behavior lies in the fact that our current fraudulent monetary system is dying. They have run out of victims. The Dollar as the world's reserve currency depends on the financial markets denominated in Dollars to exist without any competition. The continued functioning of the world's financial system requires that there is no flight to real assets. Any sustained rise in gold, the most liquid of real assets, would threaten it.

The choices for today's investors are not pretty. Greenspan has left us with a financial beast that has to be fed continually lest it implodes. Wall Street is a fools' paradise. The world seems fixated on the Fed, expecting Greenspan to clean up the mess. He cannot, since the monetary system administered by him lies at the root of the problem.

Survival for today's wealth is not to be found on Wall Street or in Washington—but in the history of money and political philosophy. Historically, wars on gold have been associated with tyranny and totalitarian reaches for power. Looking back over monetary history, one sees that gold has always been associated with economic freedom, political stability and growth while irredeemable currencies (paper money) with financial tyranny. Anthony C. Sutton wrote in *The War on Gold*: "When we project earlier monetary experience to modern times it should not surprise us to learn that all totalitarian societies, from John Law's France to Hitler's Third Reich and Stalin's Soviet empire, have conducted a war on gold." Indeed, the economic freedom and independence granted by gold ownership cannot be tolerated.

Today's culture fervently pays homage to religious freedom and freedom of the press, but not monetary freedom. The anti-gold press love to describe those who believe in gold and the discipline of sound money as bugs or religious zealots. Presumably, one is supposed to be intimidated or ashamed. If you want a free gold market and free banking—free of government and central bank interference—you are a fanatic. Those knowledgeable enough to understand economic history and our enlightened heritage realize the assault upon our liberty as a result of an irredeemable currency. No, we are not fanatics, but we are radicals for freedom and justice just as were our Founding Fathers.

A young Mr. Greenspan wrote in his 1966 essay "Gold and Economic Freedom": "Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statist' antagonism toward the gold standard."

All money managers must define some sort of investment philosophy. But today, to ignore the issue of money is putting the cart before the horse. The nature of money must be an integral part of that philosophy. Normally, this should not be necessary, but we do not have free markets or free banking. Money has been politicized. True diversification must include real assets along with the fiduciary assets. They have always been linked, as we are about to learn. Today investors must understand fully the nature of wealth. For the survival of wealth goes well beyond the field of conventional money management. Economics and investing divorced from political ethics and the theory of money are vacuous and irrelevant. That is the message coming from these monetary firestorms, like Argentina.

Twice before in the Twentieth Century we have seen such speculative extremes as today. These two previous bull markets resulted because of a credit inflation which attempted to prevent the collapse of the then current monetary system. Each of these periods produced an unprecedented bull market in stocks. The gold exchange standard put in place after World War I led to the 1930's depression and the Bretton Woods Agreement after World War II and Viet Nam led to Nixon dishonoring international dollar claims to gold in August, 1971. The unwinding of the great bull markets of the 1920s and the 1960s also destroyed the international monetary system that had given birth to them. As this stock mania is unwinding, gold will once again emerge into a multi-year bull market just as in the 1930s and 1970s.

The progressive breakdown of world currencies has throttled economies and devastated global wealth. We need only look to the wealth destruction in Asia, Japan, Korea, Russia and Latin America to understand our future. In the absence of sound money, fiduciary assets denominated by that fiat currency are eventually devastated. Paper

money and government bonds are not wealth.

Our enemy is ignorance. The Federal Reserve Note is an instrument of *debt*, not of value. Fiduciary assets are only indirect forms of wealth. Honest money is the necessary foundation for financial assets and their performance. With our monetary system in collapse, financial assets will be the "killing fields" for wealth. In order to preserve wealth today, you must be financially independent of our current monetary system. And that means gold, which is the most liquid of all real assets. Gold is immune to default or devaluation.

Good Luck!

\* Reginald H. Howe, a lawyer, gold analyst and proprietor of an Internet site—[www.goldensextant.com](http://www.goldensextant.com)—is suing the Bank for International Settlements, the Fed, the U.S. Treasury and five investment houses to stop the suppression of gold's price. The suit filed in U.S. District Court, Boston, charges conspiracy to fix prices, securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duty, as well as charging government officials with exceeding their constitutional authority to regulate commerce and the U.S. economy. Reginald Howe's brilliant and courageous lawsuit will soon show us whether our government still works for freedom and the individual. The charges were first made in 1999 by Bill Murphy, Chairman, of the Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee - [www.gata.org](http://www.gata.org). Their efforts need your support. Churchill referring to the heroic Spitfire pilots during the Battle of Britain, remarked that "never in history has so many owed so much to so few." The stakes for honest money are far greater.—John D. Meyer, P.O. Box 885, Great Barrington, MA 01230; [bfameyer@aol.com](mailto:bfameyer@aol.com)

#### THE END OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER?

By Tim Rifat, *rense.com*, 01/24/02

The September 11 attack on America was organized by a Trillionaire Elite who own the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England, the World Bank and the IMF—whilst bin Laden is a bought-and-paid-for front man for these aspirant world rulers. America was attacked because the Bush clan and the U.S. military are vying for supremacy in the NWO with the Trillionaire Elite, who wish to cripple the U.S. and render its armed forces impotent. If the Trillionaire Elite win this struggle, the same group that organized Kennedy's assassination and Nixon's impeachment will oversee the downfall of Bush. The world will be shocked by revelations of War Crimes from camp X-Ray in Cuba; for it is an open secret that the Muslim madmen there have been given the full NSA treatment. This involves roof-of-the-mouth surgery, to place implants in the prisoners amygdalas, so that at the flick of a switch the pain receptors in their brains can be electrically stimulated to induce total agony.

This work was pioneered by Delgado, continued by the CIA in MK-ULTRA and developed by the NSA for all U.S. prisoners. To cover their tracks another implant in the hypothalamus erases all short-term memory and thereby removes all memory of their torture.

The masks and hoods the prisoners are forced to wear conceal the after effects of this NSA torture surgery. In effect a new Holocaust is in the offing with the NSA given free rein in the concentration camps built across America.

These American concentration camps are now being publicised in newspapers across Europe and, in response, liberal Europeans are beginning to view Americans as the new Nazis. While this may seem extreme, it should be remembered that the Trillionaire

Elite own these newspapers; they also funded Hitler and Lenin—and the stigma of a new Holocaust against Muslims will be used against Bush and his allies if they lose against the Trillionaire Elite.

While these two malefic groups compete for world supremacy they forget that the Russians, Chinese and Indians have not been entirely subjugated. Putin has just had the Western-armed Chechen army decimated in Afghanistan; while the Jewish media mogul who owned three independent TV networks broadcasting anti-Russian propaganda has been silenced and the Russian has told the Trillionaire Elite that they can wait forever for repayment of past Soviet debts. Meanwhile the Americans seem to be intent on goading China, but to no avail. First the Chinese embassy in Belgrade was bombed—after which Taiwan was armed. Then the recent fiasco with the U.S. spy plane and now Boeing has sent the Chinese President a heavily bugged 737 to serve as his Presidential jet; while India nearly, but not quite, got into a nuclear confrontation with Pakistan.

However the Trillionaire Elite have made a big mistake. To ensure success they should have engineered Russia's total collapse via incessant Vietnam-like wars in the south of country, using Chechens and Muslim fanatics as insurgents. India and Pakistan should have crippled each other in a small-scale nuclear conflict; while the U.S. could have been manipulated into annihilating China, using a spurious Gulf of Tonkin-type attack in the Taiwan Straits to allow open war with China. But none of this happened.

Instead various factions in the New World Order have been at odds. But arguing over who rules the N.W.O. before destroying these three pretenders to the throne could prove fatal. The advent of psychic warfare enables the Russians, Chinese or Indians to Remotely Influence and then snuff out the odious Trillionaire Elite and the Bush clique in one fell swoop. Already telepathic hypnosis, using Remote Influencing to knock a victim out from a distance, has been used on G.W. Bush while he ate a pretzel and then choked on it. Now imagine what would have happened if he had been swimming or stepping out of the Presidential jet.

Using Remote Influencing (RI) on the insular cortex—the brain centre that controls the heart—causes heart attacks in the victim; Cheney is especially vulnerable due to his heart condition. Raising and lowering serotonin or melatonin massively and erratically can drive the target insane; Rumsfeld is keen to better Heinrich Himmler with his NWO concentration camps—so Remote Influencing him to loosen his grip on reality would be child's play. Switching on suicide genes (using the morphogenic field of the RI operator on the target) in the cells of the capillaries in the brains of the Trillionaire Elite would kill them all from brain embolisms in one fell swoop. For a slower kill the morphogenic field in the RI operator can switch on to the “onco genes” in the Trillionaire Elite, so that they become riddled with incurable cancers—a rather appropriate reward for these purveyors of pharmaceutical fraud and chemotherapy.

Considering one person anywhere in the world can use RI to kill all the Trillionaire Elite, their families plus Bush and his clique, the hoax of the NWO oligarchy could finally be thwarted. Ironically it was Sept. 11 when the adherents of the NWO and their agents lost their biophysical bodies that opened up this new avenue of warfare, where the eye in the Illuminati Pyramid is burnt away using RI. Bill Cooper's death should show all Americans that anyone who resists the New World Order will be eliminated—but thanks to Remote Influencing, anyone can eliminate the New World Order.

### GATA'S WORK TO EXPOSE THE GOLD PRICE SUPPRESSION SCHEME

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#### **THE GOLD ANTI-TRUST ACTION COMMITTEE INC. A SUMMARY, JANUARY 27, 2002**

In 1998, as he began *www.LeMetropoleCafe.com*, his Internet site of financial commentary, Bill Murphy noticed that the gold market wasn't trading as normal markets do. Eventually he sensed collusion among market participants to suppress the gold price and wrote about it repeatedly.

Following Murphy's commentary with great interest, a newspaper editor in Connecticut, Chris Powell, noted that collusion to control prices is against U.S. anti-trust law and suggested that gold partisans and gold market participants mobilize against it, and so GATA was formed and incorporated in early 1999. Murphy is chairman, and Powell is secretary/treasurer. GATA is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charitable, educational, and civil-rights organization. It has received contributions from mining industry sources as well as hundreds of individuals with an investment or philosophical interest in gold.

GATA has advocated litigation against collusion to suppress the gold price and, indeed, has helped bring such litigation in U.S. District Court in Boston, with its consultant Reginald H. Howe. But GATA has discovered that the gold-price suppression scheme involves not only big bullion trading banks but also governments and particularly the U.S. government.

Indeed, GATA has discovered that the gold-price suppression scheme was actually put down on paper, in public, by Harvard Professor Lawrence Summers, just before he went into the Clinton Treasury Department, eventually becoming treasury secretary. (He's now president of Harvard.)

Summers co-wrote an essay for an academic journal examining the inverse relationship between the gold price and interest rates, and more or less concluded that government could keep interest rates low by suppressing the gold price. While there is no electronic copy of Summers' essay, you can read about it here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/message/850>

The mechanisms by which the gold price is being suppressed are, first, “leasing” of gold by central banks, wherein government gold reserves are sold into the market through intermediaries; and, second, the sale of gold futures, options, and other derivatives by bullion banks that, GATA believes, have assurance from governments that, if they ever have to produce actual gold to cover their positions, it will be made available to them cheaply from official sources.

Gold leasing is a matter of public record among the European central banks and some others. The United States, which reports the biggest gold reserves in the world, has always denied participating in gold leasing. But GATA has information that comes close to proving such involvement, undertaken through the secretive and unaccountable Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) of the Treasury Department. Surreptitiously issuing claims against U.S. gold reserves, the ESF and the Federal Reserve Board have put those reserves at risk and their true ownership is now in question.

One big piece of evidence of the surreptitious use of U.S. gold reserves to suppress the gold price is a statement by the Federal Reserve's general counsel, Virgil Mattingly, recorded in the minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of January

31, 1995, which you can read about here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/message/733>

Evidence of an auditing sort can be found in some essays by GATA and James Turk, editor of the *Freemarket Gold and Money Report*, which you can read here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/message/837>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/message/955>

For a broad perspective on the legal implications of all this, you can read the full complaint in the GATA-supported lawsuit, *Howe vs. Bank for International Settlements, et al.*, here: <http://www.goldensex.com/BIS-PFcase.html#anchor35871>

The lawsuit notes that the market in gold derivatives is tightly concentrated and overwhelmingly dominated by the J.P. Morgan/Chase investment bank. Of course the House of Morgan has a long and intimate relationship with the U.S. government. This concentration in the market for gold derivatives is in itself, GATA thinks, close to proof that the gold market is manipulated and not trading freely. This view is increasingly held by gold market observers.

A report on the one hearing held so far in the GATA lawsuit can be read here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/message/912>

What are the purposes of the gold price suppression scheme?

We believe there are several:

1) To keep interest rates down by deceiving the bond markets about the rate of inflation—inflation historically being gauged in large part by the price of gold. You may remember the famous comments about the bond market that were attributed to President Clinton not long after he took office. He was frustrated with having to take the advice of his economic advisers that the approval of the bond market was crucial to his administration's political success. Clinton said he resented having to make his administration one of “Eisenhower Republicans”. GATA thinks that the gold price suppression scheme—the massive deception of the bond market—was Clinton's revenge.

2) To strengthen the U.S. dollar in relation to other currencies; to suppress commodity prices generally, since commodity prices take their cues from the gold price; and, by extension, to raise living standards in the United States by expropriating the developing world, which makes its living largely from producing commodities.

3) To enrich through inside information about U.S. government policy, the Wall Street investment houses that have helped implement the gold price suppression scheme and that long have staffed the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve.

But the results of the gold price suppression scheme have been far greater than all this. The results include the devastation of the economies of the developing world, and particularly sub-Saharan Africa, and the vast misallocation of capital throughout the world in the last decade. That is, with the bond market deceived about inflation, the dollar, and the strength of the U.S. economy, most economic decisions around the world for the last decade have been based on horribly mistaken premises. The U.S. stock market bubble, now bursting, is evidence of this.

There's a lot more detail to be had here, but this is a start. All GATA's dispatches to its supporters, wherein GATA's evidence and commentary are laid out, are available here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gata/messages>

GATA believes that the most important work to be

done now is to compel the U.S. government to admit and explain its intervention in the gold market—its secret underwriting of the gold leasing done by central banks around the world and its putting U.S. gold reserves at risk. This is, after all, PUBLIC POLICY undertaken with PUBLIC resources, and there can be no justification for surreptitious government intervention in a supposedly capitalist economy in a democracy. Everyone should have equal access to information about such policy.

**GATA believes that the gold price suppression policy will end when it is exposed, because it can't stand the light of day and because no investors will take the other side of any trade they come to realize is fixed.**

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### THE GLOBALIZER WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD

By Greg Palast, *The Observer*, London, 10/10/01

#### **JOE STIGLITZ: TODAY'S WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS**

The World Bank's former Chief Economist's accusations are eye-popping—including how the IMF and U.S. Treasury fixed the Russian elections.

"It has condemned people to death," the former apparatchik told me. This was like a scene out of *Le Carre*. The brilliant old agent comes in from the cold, crosses to our side, and in hours of debriefing, empties his memory of horrors committed in the name of a political ideology he now realizes has gone rotten.

And here before me was a far bigger catch than some used Cold War spy. Stiglitz was Chief Economist of the World Bank. To a great extent, the new world economic order was his theory come to life.

I "debriefed" Stiglitz over several days, at Cambridge University, in a London hotel and finally in Washington in April 2001 during the big confab of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. But instead of chairing the meetings of ministers and central bankers, Stiglitz was kept exiled safely behind the blue police cordons, the same as the nuns carrying a large wooden cross, the Bolivian union leaders, the parents of AIDS victims and the other 'anti-globalization' protesters. The ultimate insider was now on the outside.

In 1999 the World Bank fired Stiglitz. He was not allowed quiet retirement; U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, I'm told, demanded a public excommunication for Stiglitz' having expressed his first mild dissent from globalization World Bank style.

Here in Washington we completed the last of several hours of exclusive interviews for *The Observer* and *BBC TV's Newsnight* about the real, often hidden, workings of the IMF, World Bank, and the bank's 51% owner, the U.S. Treasury.

And here, from sources unnamable (not Stiglitz), we obtained a cache of documents marked, "confidential," "restricted", and "not otherwise (to be) disclosed without World Bank authorization".

Stiglitz helped translate one from bureaucratise, a "Country Assistance Strategy". There's an Assistance Strategy for every poorer nation, designed, says the World Bank, after careful in-country investigation. But according to insider Stiglitz, the Bank's staff 'investigation' consists of close inspection of a nation's

5-star hotels. It concludes with the Bank staff meeting some begging, busted finance minister who is handed a 'restructuring agreement' pre-drafted for his 'voluntary' signature (I have a selection of these).

Each nation's economy is individually analyzed, then, says Stiglitz, the Bank hands every minister the same exact four-step program.

Step One is Privatization—which Stiglitz said could more accurately be called, 'Briberization'. Rather than object to the sell-offs of state industries, he said national leaders—using the World Bank's demands to silence local critics—happily flogged their electricity and water companies. "You could see their eyes widen" at the prospect of 10% commissions paid to Swiss bank accounts for simply shaving a few billion off the sale price of national assets.

And the U.S. government knew it, charges Stiglitz, at least in the case of the biggest 'briberization' of all, the 1995 Russian sell-off. "The U.S. Treasury view was this was great as we wanted Yeltsin re-elected. We don't care if it's a corrupt election. We want the money to go to Yeltzin" via kick-backs for his campaign.

Stiglitz is no conspiracy nutter ranting about Black Helicopters. The man was inside the game, a member of Bill Clinton's cabinet as Chairman of the President's council of economic advisors.

Most ill-making for Stiglitz is that the U.S.-backed oligarchs stripped Russia's industrial assets, with the effect that the corruption scheme cut national output nearly in half causing depression and starvation.

After briberization, Step Two of the IMF/World Bank one-size-fits-all rescue-your-economy plan is 'Capital Market Liberalization'. In theory, capital market deregulation allows investment capital to flow in and out. Unfortunately, as in Indonesia and Brazil, the money simply flowed out and out. Stiglitz calls this the "Hot Money" cycle. Cash comes in for speculation in real estate and currency, then flees at the first whiff of trouble. A nation's reserves can drain in days, hours. And when that happens, to seduce speculators into returning a nation's own capital funds, the IMF demands these nations raise interest rates to 30%, 50% and 80%.

"The result was predictable," said Stiglitz of the Hot Money tidal waves in Asia and Latin America. Higher interest rates demolished property values, savaged industrial production and drained national treasuries.

At this point, the IMF drags the gasping nation to Step Three: Market-Based Pricing, a fancy term for raising prices on food, water and cooking gas. This leads, predictably, to Step-Three-and-a-Half: what Stiglitz calls, 'The IMF riot'.

The IMF riot is painfully predictable. When a nation is, "down and out, [the IMF] takes advantage and squeezes the last pound of blood out of them. They turn up the heat until, finally, the whole cauldron blows up," as when the IMF eliminated food and fuel subsidies for the poor in Indonesia in 1998. Indonesia exploded into riots, but there are other examples—the Bolivian riots over water prices last year and this February, the riots in Ecuador over the rise in cooking gas prices imposed by the World Bank. You'd almost get the impression that the riot is written into the plan.

And it is. What Stiglitz did not know is that, while in the States, BBC and *The Observer* obtained several documents from inside the World Bank, stamped over with those pesky warnings, "confidential," "restricted," "not to be disclosed". Let's get back to one: the "Interim Country Assistance Strategy" for Ecuador, in it the Bank several times states—with cold accuracy—that they expected their plans to spark, "social unrest",

to use their bureaucratic term for a nation in flames.

That's not surprising. The secret report notes that the plan to make the U.S. dollar Ecuador's currency has pushed 51% of the population below the poverty line. The World Bank "Assistance" plan simply calls for facing down civil strife and suffering with, "political resolve"—and still higher prices.

The IMF riots (and by riots I mean peaceful demonstrations dispersed by bullets, tanks and teargas) cause new panicked flights of capital and government bankruptcies. This economic arson has it's bright side—for foreign corporations, who can then pick off remaining assets, such as the odd mining concession or port, at fire-sale prices.

Stiglitz notes that the IMF and World Bank are not heartless adherents to market economics. At the same time the IMF stopped Indonesia 'subsidizing' food purchases, "when the banks need a bail-out, intervention (in the market) is welcome". The IMF scrounged up tens of billions of dollars to save Indonesia's financiers and, by extension, the U.S. and European banks from which they had borrowed.

A pattern emerges. There are lots of losers in this system but one clear winner: the Western banks and U.S. Treasury, making the big bucks off this crazy new international capital churn. Stiglitz told me about his unhappy meeting, early in his World Bank tenure, with Ethiopia's new president in the nation's first democratic election. The World Bank and IMF had ordered Ethiopia to divert aid money to its reserve account at the U.S. Treasury, which pays a pitiful 4% return, while the nation borrowed U.S. dollars at 12% to feed its population. The new president begged Stiglitz to let him use the aid money to rebuild the nation. But no, the loot went straight off to the U.S. Treasury's vault in Washington.

Now we arrive at Step Four of what the IMF and World Bank call their "poverty reduction strategy": Free Trade. This is free trade by the rules of the World Trade Organization and World Bank, Stiglitz the insider likens free trade WTO-style to the Opium Wars. "That too was about opening markets," he said. As in the 19th Century, Europeans and Americans today are kicking down the barriers to sales in Asia, Latin American and Africa, while barricading our own markets against Third World agriculture.

In the Opium Wars, the West used military blockades to force open markets for their unbalanced trade. Today, the World Bank can order a financial blockade just as effective—and sometimes just as deadly.

Stiglitz is particularly emotional over the WTO's intellectual property rights treaty (it goes by the acronym TRIPS, more on that in the next chapters). It is here, says the economist, that the new global order has "condemned people to death" by imposing impossible tariffs and tributes to pay to pharmaceutical companies for branded medicines. "They don't care," said the professor of the corporations and bank loans he worked with, "if people live or die."

By the way, don't be confused by the mix in this discussion of the IMF, World Bank and WTO. They are interchangeable masks of a single governance system. They have locked themselves together by what are unpleasantly called "triggers". Taking a World Bank loan for a school 'triggers' a requirement to accept every 'conditionality'—they average 111 per nation—laid down by both the World Bank and IMF. In fact, said Stiglitz, the IMF requires nations to accept trade policies more punitive than the official WTO rules.

Stiglitz greatest concern is that World Bank plans, devised in secrecy and driven by an absolutist

ideology, are never open for discourse or dissent. Despite the West's push for elections throughout the developing world, the so-called Poverty Reduction Programs "undermine democracy".

And they don't work. Black Africa's productivity under the guiding hand of IMF structural "assistance" has gone to hell in a handbag. Did any nation avoid this fate? Yes, said Stiglitz, identifying Botswana. Their trick? "They told the IMF to go packing."

So then I turned on Stiglitz. OK, Mr. Smart-Guy Professor, how would you help developing nations? Stiglitz proposed radical land reform, an attack at the heart of "landlordism" on the usurious rents charged by the propertied oligarchies worldwide, typically 50% of a tenant's crops. So I had to ask the professor: as you were top economist at the World Bank, why didn't the Bank follow your advice?

"If you challenge [land ownership], that would be a change in the power of the Elites. That's not high on their agenda." Apparently not.

Ultimately, what drove him to put his job on the line was the failure of the banks and U.S. Treasury to change course when confronted with the crises—failures and suffering perpetrated by their four-step monetarist mambo. Every time their free market solutions failed, the IMF simply demanded more free market policies.

"It's a little like the Middle Ages," the insider told me, "When the patient died they would say, 'well, he stopped the bloodletting too soon, he still had a little blood in him.'"

I took away from my talks with the professor that the solution to world poverty and crisis is simple: remove the bloodsuckers.

#### BANK TRADER'S LOSSES TOTAL \$750 MILLION

By Jonathan Fuerbringer with Peter T. Kilborn,  
*New York Times*, 2/7/02

A currency trader working in Baltimore for a major Irish bank ran up \$750 million in losses over the last year that were hidden with bogus offsetting trades and not discovered until just recently, the bank said yesterday in Dublin.

The bank said that the trader, identified as John Rusnak, could not be found and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been called in. Bruce S. Lamdin, a lawyer representing Mr. Rusnak, said last night that his client was in Baltimore and had fully cooperated with the F.B.I. and the United States Attorney's office.

"He is in Baltimore; he is not a fugitive," Mr. Lamdin said, adding that he thought that Mr. Rusnak was with his family at their home. "At this point in time, there are no formal charges, and there are no warrants, fugitive or otherwise."

Mr. Rusnak does not seem to have profited greatly from his activities; rather, he appears to have been desperately covering mistakes. But coming in the wake of the Enron (news/quote) scandal, the sudden revelation rattled investors. The stock of the parent company, Allied Irish Banks (news/quote), fell 16 percent yesterday in New York trading.

While Allied Irish, Ireland's largest financial institution, and the subsidiary where the trader worked, Allfirst Financial of Baltimore, provided only general details of the bogus trading—foreign exchange traders and analysts were agog at the size of the losses and the length of time they had gone undetected and unhalting by normal checks and safeguards. The loss is 75 times the annual revenue of the Allfirst currency-trading operation.

Based on the losses, analysts and traders

surmised that Mr. Rusnak could have been taking positions worth more than \$1 billion, much larger than any individual trader would have been authorized to take at the biggest financial companies.

"This is way out of kilter for risk limits at a regional bank in Maryland," said David Gilmore, a partner at Foreign Exchange Analytics in Essex, Conn.

Executives at Allied and Allfirst said that they were looking into how the bogus trading was covered up—and that they suspected that other people were involved but had not yet found proof. Five other employees in the bank's treasury department have been suspended, the bank said.

The case was reminiscent of earlier scandals surrounding runaway losses incurred by rogue traders. Barings, the British investment bank, was brought down in 1995 by \$1 billion in losses on unauthorized derivatives trading by Nicholas W. Leeson, a trader in its Singapore office. Toshihide Iguchi, a manager of the New York branch of Daiwa Bank, pleaded guilty in 1995 in connection with \$1.1 billion of trading losses covered up for more than a decade. And a single executive's unauthorized trades in the copper market cost Sumitomo nearly \$1.8 billion before they were uncovered in 1996.

Some traders also said yesterday that they were surprised that few people in the currency markets caught a whiff of such extensive trading by a modest-size bank. "Generally speaking, when people are doing big external things, it usually shows up," said a manager in a major currency trading operation.

A trader who did some business with Mr. Rusnak said, "He was very active for a regional bank, but we felt he was chopping things up for clients," referring to the practice of bundling orders from many clients into a few big trades. Allied Irish Banks is a respected market participant, which may have quelled questions about Mr. Rusnak's trades.

Frank Bramble, chairman of Allfirst, said that last week a manager in the treasury division reported becoming suspicious of Mr. Rusnak's foreign exchange exposure and asked him about it. The trader became "aggressive", Mr. Bramble said—and said "he didn't want to reduce his exposure because it would hurt a profitable business".

Over the weekend, the manager spotted some suspicious trades, further raising his concern, Mr. Bramble said. "When he didn't show up on Monday or call in, that really got his attention," he added.

Allied said the F.B.I. had questioned Mr. Rusnak's wife. An F.B.I. spokesman in Baltimore confirmed that there was an investigation.

David B. Irwin, Mr. Rusnak's lawyer, told news services yesterday that his client was not a thief or a fugitive. "If they're claiming he stole money, that won't pan out," *Reuters* quoted Mr. Irwin as saying.

Mr. Rusnak, 37, has worked at Allfirst for seven years and earns about \$85,000 a year. He was a currency trader at Chemical Bank in the early 1990s, according to J. P. Morgan Chase (news/quote), which has absorbed former Chemical operations through mergers.

No one answered the door at Mr. Rusnak's home in the Mount Washington neighborhood, a tree-shaded district of mostly older homes occupied by upper-middle-class and affluent families north of downtown Baltimore. Several neighbors described the family as typical residents of the area who had not shown obvious signs of sudden wealth.

Mr. Rusnak was one of two currency traders at Allfirst, who together generated less than \$10 million a year in annual revenue. The other trader, unnamed by the bank, was not one of the suspended employees.

According to Allfirst's and Allied Irish's description of what happened, Mr. Rusnak went wrong because he did not take the normal step of hedging his positions—offsetting the risk of trades made for customers with option contracts that took the opposite position, limiting the bank's loss if the market moved adversely.

"From our initial investigation," the banks said in a statement, "it is clear that the foreign exchange deals were transacted in the normal manner. However, the offsetting currency option contracts were fictitious. They were artificially entered into the Allfirst systems."

It is not clear yet which currency was involved in the trades actually made. Foreign exchange traders said the trades probably involved Japanese yen; some suggested that a steep fall in the yen Tuesday may have been partly caused by Allied Irish rushing to the market to sell yen and buy dollars to unwind positions and stop any further losses. But a spokesman for Allfirst said there were trades in other currencies.

Allfirst officials said they could not explain how their controls were circumvented. They said that signs of a problem came up during a regular 18-month management review. Michael Buckley, the group chief executive of Allied Irish, did not learn of the \$750 million loss until Monday.

Susan C. Keating, Allfirst's chief executive, said in a statement, "I am greatly disappointed to learn about these events, and that policy and control procedures in place were violated." Mr. Bramble said, "what's not clear was how this trader was able to finesse the system."

Mr. Buckley said the bank would not know whether other people were involved, nor what the true purpose of the trading was, until it could interview Mr. Rusnak again.

What is so surprising about the trading losses is that foreign-exchange operations are supposed to have effective means of monitoring the activities of their traders. One common control is an upper limit on the overall dollar size of a position a trader can be in at any one time. Allfirst said last evening that Mr. Rusnak's limit was \$2.5 million, which is very low for the losses he is said to have accumulated.


Another control is the policing of trades, which must be recorded in the firm's computer system so that they can be reviewed by employees in the firm's back office and verified by a contact with the parties on the other sides of the trades.

In the case of the bogus hedging trades, such checks may not have been performed, or the bank's system may have been manipulated to record them unchecked.

Analysts said they could not understand why Allfirst's controls failed to work. If he did not have other employees helping him, said Mr. Gilmore of Foreign Exchange Analytics, "it was collective stupidity or a ship of fools."

Allfirst and Allied Irish had to spend much of the day reassuring the public about the soundness of the banks. "The group's underlying business and profitability momentum is not impaired by this once-off blow," Mr. Buckley said. "Our capital adequacy continues to be strong."

Still the \$750 million loss will shrink Allied Irish profits after taxes for 2001 to 401 million euros (\$348 million) from 997 million euros.

A spokesman for the Federal Reserve said it had sent bank examiners to Allfirst and that it was working with Irish authorities. Allfirst is state chartered; Maryland's chief banking regulator said she believed that the bank remained sound. 



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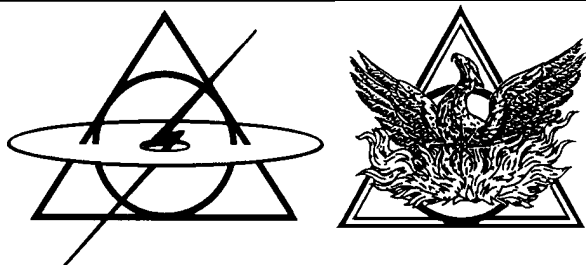
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