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## Guns, No Butter — No Brains Either

Certain drastic changes on the top policy-making echelon of the Atlanticist cabal have occurred which no longer justify the appellation "Rockefeller Cabal" in describing this entity. The Rockefeller family grouping, finding now itself in a defensive minority position is left with no choice but to allow the Averell Harriman -George Ball -Kennedy line on foreign policy to exert hegemony over affairs of state. Nonetheless, the recent actions and stated intentions of the newly hegemonic grouping leave no doubt that incompetence and its accompanying viciousness are by no means the exclusive preserve of the Rockefellers — their factional opponents in the Atlanticist cabal share abundantly in these qualities.

As a result of this strategic shift at the top, the entire capitalist world today is at an inflection point identical in character to the 1937 situation in Nazi Germany when that country's financial-industrial elite made the decision to unleash world war and started its preparations to that end under Hitler's "Guns, No Butter" policy.

Viewed from the standpoint of the Soviet leadership, this shift seems to be offering a reduction of the immediate danger of nuclear world war as a result of the abandonment of the "Schlesinger Doctrine," coupled with an all-out political and economic attack against the working class throughout the capitalist sector. Examination of the internal political-economic features of this new situation ought to immediately convince Soviet policymakers that the deal they are about to buy from the Atlanticist cabal cannot but be a deadly fraud: unless the Western working class busts up the entire Atlanticist arrangement and replaces it with a New World Economic Order to emerge out of a worldwide debt moratorium, the entire Socialist community will be faced with the choice of either going to nuclear war or capitulating within the next 18 to 24 months — at any rate, certainly before this decade is out.

### The Hitler Model

The decisions presently being made by the newly hegemonic group in the Atlanticist cabal will lead to war as surely as Hitler's 1937 "Guns, No Butter" policy led straight to war in 1941. The substance of this policy, then as well as now, is total austerity, i.e. terminal looting of all manpower and resources in order to maintain existing debt structures. In this respect, the analogue, today, of 1937 Germany is the entire dollar sector of the world economy, i.e. the capitalist sector as a whole. In Nazi Germany in 1937 it had become obvious that any further increase in the rate of looting of manpower and resources was bound to lead to generalized disintegration of all internal economic, political and social

structures. Likewise today, a glance at both the Third World and the developed capitalist sector, including the United States leads any competent economist to the same conclusion. From 1936-37 on, all new credit in Nazi Germany was issued against future assets to be accrued by means of war.

This process is bound to occur if the new management of the Atlanticist Cabal has its way. These people have displayed a special kind of imbecility by which they choose to make blunders which leave them in a situation that dictates even grosser blunders in their subsequent efforts to extricate themselves from trouble. This is the nature of the present Guns, No Butter policy of Rockefeller's successors.

### Austerity

The new line has come down in the USA with Ford's State of the Union and Budget messages; in Western Europe with the Tindemans Plan; in Japan with the Fukuda-inspired new Liberal Democratic Party Program; in the Third World with the manically vicious debt-collection expeditions of the U.S. Treasury and the International Monetary Fund policemen. The word is: increase worldwide austerity by upwards of 20-30 per cent immediately and drive for a massive arms buildup. The two interconnected issues, one economic and one military of this new Atlanticist perspective interplay to create a single political situation which spells: WAR.

Firstly, on the economic issue. The policy for escalated austerity is meant to avert the imminent collapse of the worldwide debt structure of \$800 billion. Its immediate effect, ironically, is precisely to accelerate the already occurring collapse. The shutdown of industry now resulting from austerity policies has already fed into collapse of raw materials and primary commodities prices, thus eliminating any possibility of Third World debt payments. Any austerity policy, instead of arresting the financial collapse, is actually a trigger that will bring down the \$72 billion Third World debt due in 1976. This chain of events leads directly to the desperate search for an outside area to loot, and there exists only one such area today: the Socialist bloc.

It is therefore obvious that the renewed armament drive is merely the one side of the coin whose other side is austerity. The present emphasis on conventional arms buildup merely represents an increase of emphasis by the Atlanticist cabal, on John F. Kennedy's old "Flexible Response" strategy at the expense of the Rockefeller-sponsored "Schlesinger Doctrine." This renewed emphasis represents Averell Harriman's and George Ball's perception of "how to deal with the Russians." On the issue of nuclear war, these individuals reject the dangerous lowering of the nuclear

threshold embedded in the doctrine of "tactical nuclear war." Instead, they prefer to sit down with the Soviets and mutually determine what each side considers the "tripwire" threshold, which would lead to nuclear war. Once these extreme limits are mutually clearly determined, everything else is considered permissible. To meet the challenge in this broad area not subject to nuclear war provocation, this faction advocates "Flexible Response," i.e. maximum buildup of conventional forces of all the types that one must use in any conceivable non-nuclear situation. They are out for blood as much as the Rockefeller family is.

#### **No Time to Relax**

Therefore, from the standpoint of working-class strategists, the present situation in the Atlanticist camp is as follows: the Rockefeller tendency has shifted from an approximate 60 per cent majority to a 40 per cent minority. The difference between the two sides is not so much as the difference between the Krupp-Schacht wing of the Nazi Party and the Strasser ("Left") wing as it shaped in 1936: They are both for debt collection; they both agree to intensify their

austerity drives; they are both against the working class; they are both unscrupulous about going to war against the Soviet Union; they both share the same abundance of stupidity.

It would be suicidal for the U.S. working class to sigh in relief at either Kissinger's imminent removal, or the deceptive impression that the threat of nuclear war is lessened now that the "Schlesinger Doctrine" is out of favor among the warmongers. The idiots' oblivious march to nuclear extinction can only be stopped by a worldwide mobilization of all available forces for the imposition of debt moratoria and reversal of the imbelic austerity policies presently bringing the world economy to a grinding halt. Undoubtedly, these criminal bunglers' attempt to arrest the worldwide wave of bankruptcies by more austerity is laughable; yet one must forego the luxury of simply laughing at these criminal fools until the job of organizing the working class to wreck both the financial-political nexus of the Atlanticist cabal and its imbecilic austerity policies is decisively completed: Else the human race is in dire danger of dying laughing.