

Will dictatorship follow a 1980 election deadlock

by Kathleen Murphy

The U.S. may be living under an emergency dictatorship modeled directly on Adolf Hitler's "legal coup d'etat" in 1933 Germany by this time next year if a scheme now underway for deadlocking the presidential election and plunging the country into the most acute constitutional crisis in history goes according to schedule.

Developed primarily by the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission and the Aspen Institute, the plan, which aims at disintegrating the political system of the United States and replacing it with a crew of committed zero-growth technocrats, is based on the following scenario:

Three major presidential candidates will be in the running (the Democratic and Republican nominees, plus "independent" John Anderson), on election day 1980. After ballots are counted, the Electoral College will be split, and none of the candidates will get the majority needed to be elected President. At this point, under the provisions of the Constitution's 12th Amendment, the newly-elected House of Representatives is mandated to choose the President from among the three top vote-getters. In the event that the House cannot reach a decision by Jan. 20—Inauguration Day—the Constitution's succession amendment goes into effect. This means that the country could be without a President for months—if it gets one at all.

The political vacuum which such a development will almost inevitably create is bound to be magnified by the ongoing domestic downturn—which even the Carter administration's economic wizards are now conceding is

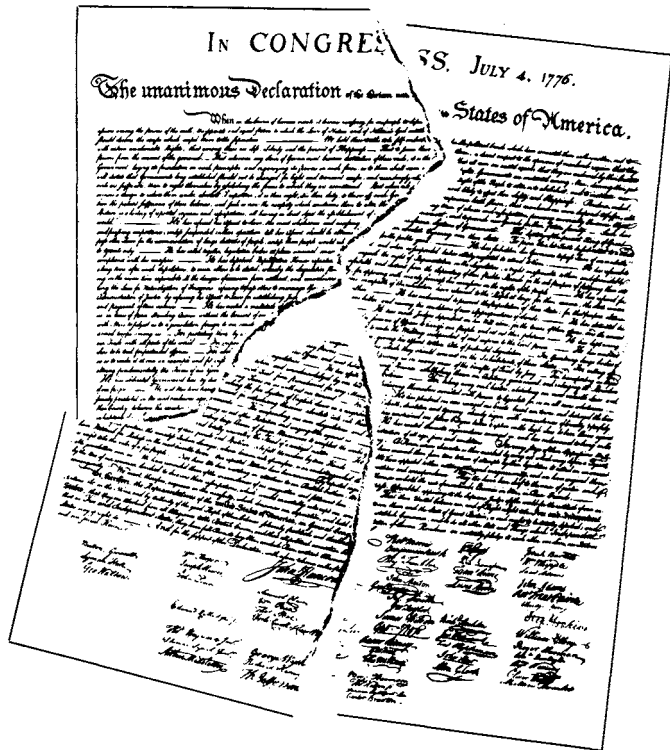
severe—and a steadily worsening international situation, which could at any moment see a superpower confrontation. In these circumstances of crisis piled upon crisis, the architects of the so-called House of Representatives scenario are hoping that the population will be thrown into such confusion and panic that they will gladly accept "order"—just like the German citizenry accepted Hitler—even if it comes, as intended, in the form of an unconstitutional emergency dictatorship.

This is no idle speculation. All the workings of such a dictatorship—from personnel to policies—are already in operation under FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency). FEMA is getting ready to run the country by taking over local governments in areas hit by natural disasters under the guise of providing emergency help.

The Anderson Ploy

This gameplan, which has been under backroom discussion for some time, went "live" last week when the Eastern Establishment decided to make John Anderson (whose independent facade doesn't quite obscure the fact that he's a member in good standing of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderberg Society) look like a credible major candidate.

Beginning with former Undersecretary of State George Ball (now a partner in Wall Street's Lehman Brothers-Kuhn Loeb), who endorsed Anderson in a nationally televised interview earlier this month, top East Coast insiders have been rallying behind the Anderson



banner. Among them: *New York Times* columnist James Reston, former Arms Control and Disarmament Administration official Carl Marcy, Ambassador Hans Morgenthau, and Felix Rohatyn.

Rumors that Walter Cronkite has privately agreed to become Anderson's running mate are still widely circulating, while New York Governor Hugh Carey is reportedly quietly working to place Anderson on the state's Liberal Party ballot for the presidential elections—a place usually reserved for the Democratic nominee.

Rohatyn's deployment into the Anderson camp, where he functions as chief economic adviser, shouldn't be interpreted as meaning that the CFR has decided to make the Rockford Congressman President. It is a very precise indication, though, of the kind of Schachtian economic policies the CFR and friends intend to implement through a FEMA dictatorship, which the Anderson campaign is crucial to bringing to power.

It was Rohatyn, of course, as chairman of New York City's Emergency Financial Control Board, who engineered on a local scale the kind of slash-and-burn austerity-oriented financial dictatorship now being readied for national implementation. Rohatyn has recently been touring the country outlining the policies a national Big MAC would effect, including: a reconstituted Reconstruction Finance Corporation, empowered to take over and run financially troubled corporations; a national economic planning commission; a wage-price freeze; sharp cutbacks in energy consumption, to be accomplished partially through an incredible 50-cent-a gallon

tax on imported gasoline; and an incomes policy which would levy additional taxes on companies that granted wage increases over an established, miserly, federal

Where the favors of the Council on Foreign Relations go, the press is never far behind. The East Coast press has been running a propaganda campaign to build up Anderson into a major political figure. James Reston devoted his May 15 column to a plea that Americans embrace the "Anderson Difference"; next day, the *Baltimore Sun* printed an op-ed by former Eugene McCarthy staffer Curtis Gans entitled, "Yes, Anderson Can Win," while the *Christian Science Monitor* editorialized in favor of an Anderson policy. The latest Lou Harris-ABC poll, claiming that Anderson could receive 30 percent of the popular vote come November, received widespread coverage. And former President Gerald Ford put his two cents in predicting that the election could well wind up in the House.

These same press outlets are also vigorously retailing the line that a deadlocked election is all but inevitable. First put into print in April by the *Los Angeles Times*, the scenario was played up big in both the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times* May 15. It is being widely circulated in the local and regional media as well as television and radio talk shows.

Both the *Times* and *Journal* articles center on the role Anderson is slated to play in forcing the elections into the House. The *Journal*, in particular, hints at the possibility for an emergency government to emerge in these circumstances of deep constitutional crisis, concluding its coverage with the ominous words: "One possibility would be for Congress to pass emergency legislation . . . until something is decided," in the event that the House fails ultimately to choose a President.

Two cents from Britain

The British oligarchy, the real power behind this subversion of U.S. republican principles, has no qualms about announcing outright what kind of government they hope to impose on the former colonies. The *London Times* smugly observed in a May 15 editorial that "Europeans are beginning to doubt whether the American system is any longer capable of producing a really good President and a Congress with which he can work." The *Daily Telegraph's* Peregrine Worsthorne, writing even more bluntly under the headline, "Why Uncle Sam Is a Danger to the West," claimed that "the world as it has become is no longer suited to American leadership; the problem does not lie in the defect of this or that President but in the nature of American society itself." Much better, says Worsthorne, if America was not "populist" (read republic) but "oligarchical."