

A report to Germany on the challenge before the U.S. population

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Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairman of the European Labor Party in the Federal Republic of Germany, addresses this report on the political crisis in the United States to the citizens of her country.

Dear German citizens:

The American population has to take over U.S. foreign policy!

I am painfully aware of the dilemma facing the Federal Republic's best pro-American citizens. They have no illusions that the Federal Republic, in light of its current strategic situation, could maintain neutrality, and they know perfectly well that for cultural, historical, and political reasons their only alternative is to maintain the alliance with America. The big problem, however, is that the pro-American forces within the Federal Republic have no one within the administration with whom they can communicate; the State Department, which in fact ought to be responsible for foreign relations, is pursuing the diametrically opposite policy.

It is my own personal experience that the absolute majority of the Federal Republic's population is not anti-American, and that the large majority of Americans is not really anti-German or anti-European. And yet, the Alliance is in serious danger.

Whose deception is this? How does everything seem to be moving irrevocably towards a decoupling of Europe from the U.S.A., even though this in no way corresponds to the desire of both sides' populations?

It is an open secret abroad, unfortunately, that average American citizens know little about foreign policy and still less about Europe, even though most are of European extraction. And despite this they are on the verge of losing a possession whose value they are possibly not even aware of.

We can blame this to a great extent on the media, and especially on television, which—with its endless parade of soap operas, commercials, and human interest stories—manages to construct a fantasy world so complete that in comparison to this shimmering illusion, the real outside world emotionally recedes into the hazy distance.

This makes it all the easier for the Eastern Establishment-controlled media to slant the few shreds of European news which do get through, and their choice of what gets reported is almost exclusively determined by their political aims. The

media thereby produce the impression that the only thing going on in Europe was the so-called peace movement's anti-American demonstrations, and that the Europeans were in fact unwilling to maintain and pay for their defense.

Kissinger's decoupling plan

Into this carefully cultivated atmosphere of neo-isolationism Henry Kissinger has now used the pages of the March 5 *Time* magazine to introduce his lavishly publicized proposal for a restructuring of NATO, a proposal which includes his threat to reduce U.S. troop strength in Western Europe by up to half of its current level.

The details of this proposal are merely window dressing; the actual intent of Kissinger's intervention is nothing less than a complete decoupling of Western Europe from the U.S.A.—in other words, the final sellout of Western Europe to the Soviet Union! And that is precisely the response the proposal has met with in Western Europe.

As anyone who has had to deal with the realities of the military-strategic situation knows—and Kissinger is no exception—since 1949 the Atlantic Alliance has been exclusively founded upon the existence of America's nuclear umbrella over Western Europe. This is the sole consideration inhibiting the Soviets from extending their hegemony over Western Europe. Undermine the credibility of this nuclear umbrella—as Kissinger has repeatedly done—and the absorption of Western Europe by the Soviet Union becomes an immediate threat.

The threadbare argument that Western Europe has a larger population and gross social product than the Warsaw Pact nations, and that it should therefore be able to take care of its own defense, is nothing but a Jesuitical trick designed to play on the public's ignorance. A look at the map is sufficient to dispel this argument: In contrast with the Eurasian land masses, Western Europe is a relatively thin strip of land which, for geographic reasons, possesses no strategic reserves, and whose northern and southern flanks are distant and virtually impossible to defend. To this must be added the significant facts—recognized by only a very few Americans—that Europe in no way represents a political entity, that the Warsaw Pact has a four-to-one conventional superiority and an even greater advantage in intermediate-range missiles, and that therefore, even if Western Europe were to become trans-

formed into a militarized economy tomorrow, it would take it at least ten years to catch up.

On the other hand, Western Europe's potential as measured in terms of skilled workers and industrial capacity, is so large that, if it were to come under Soviet influence, Moscow's position as a world power would be assured.

It is in view of this state of affairs, as well as the additional fact that U.S. and West European military circles are increasingly worried over the Warsaw Pact's current unmistakable preparations for a surprise attack—e.g. on Schleswig-Holstein—that Kissinger's proposal verges on high treason. Moscow is only awaiting the moment when it perceives the West's will to be sufficiently undermined to risk such a test without fear of a full NATO strategic reprisal.

If Kissinger were a genuine deep-cover Soviet agent, he could not have picked a better time for doing damage to the West. And as the British press has correctly inferred, this is but a part of Kissinger's bid to grab the post of Secretary of State in the next Reagan administration, if not earlier. The fact that, only ten days after his *Time* article, Kissinger was appointed to Reagan's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, has further intensified the pro-American Europeans' fear that they may have to evaluate this as a sign of official Presidential support for Kissinger personally, and hence for his proposals as well.

It is apparently but unfortunately true that President Reagan has no European policy of his own, and that the Eastern Establishment liberals within the administration such as Shultz, Eagleburger, and Kissinger have been given free rein to pursue their decoupling drive, along with neo-conservatives Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz.

The decouplers in Europe

Most revealing of all, however, is the support Kissinger is getting from Social Democratic disarmament expert Egon Bahr and former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Egon Bahr, who advocates a neutralized *Mitteleuropa*, immediately embraced the proposal because it quickens the "underlying current" toward decoupling. This comes as no surprise to anyone who knows Bahr. But the so-called Atlanticist Helmut Schmidt, who for some time has been cashing in on his long years of service, is now speaking with "his master's voice."

Writing in the pro-Moscow periodical *Die Zeit*, Schmidt falls over himself in paeans to Kissinger and actually praises the "worldly-wise and history-conscious East Coast elites"—precisely the oligarchical traitors who for approximately 200 years have been striving to undo the achievements of the American Revolution. Schmidt leaves no doubt about what he has in mind: a supranational "group of wise men"—apparently not selected by any democratic process—which is to take charge of working out a new NATO structure.

Put still more succinctly: Behind Schmidt's extravagant praise, behind Bahr's wheelings and dealings, behind Eagleburger's contortions and Kissinger's threats there lies the

simple fact that the international oligarchical elite has begun a new offensive to attain their own version of supranational world domination, in which the world is to be divided up according to a "new Yalta" agreement with the Soviet Union.

The fundamental question here—what makes Kissinger's treachery so monstrous—is this: Are we or are we not prepared to defend the much-touted values of the free West? Nothing less than the entire 2,500 years of Europe's humanistic and Christian civilization is at stake, since the East's "anti-Western" offensive is aimed directly against this. Or can we completely forget that it was precisely these traditional European ideas which flowed into the American Revolution, and of which the young American republic was the most prominent expression, because on those shores a truly republican state was created for the first time?

Precisely the same issues which cost George III his last shards of sanity, and which spurred the oligarchy into repeated attempts to extinguish the fact of this republican revolution, are the issues today in Kissinger's attempt to destroy the Atlantic Alliance. He and his cronies argue that this alliance cannot continue to exist, because an alleged "transformation" of European and American values has led them along diverging paths.

But the real problem is precisely this "transformation." This is what we must halt and reverse, because its aim is to cause American and European citizens to revert into subjects of the oligarchical elite, against whom the American Revolution was fought. Only this time the oppression will not consist of slavery, but rather in the average citizen's isolation from the policymaking process, since he would rather watch television than concern himself with all aspects of his nation's affairs.

We must therefore emphatically call upon the American citizen to immediately resume the attitudes of citizens during the time of the American Revolution. America's foreign policy was then the best in the world, as anyone can easily see by reading William Penn or John Quincy Adams. And this was when the young nation's friends were the best forces in the world, because their policies were based upon a community of principle.

American citizens must therefore be encouraged to harken back to these best traditions, to remove Kissinger and his consorts from every public office, and to take foreign policy into their own hands.

We can promise them that this world contains many worthwhile things to discover, things which today the oligarchical elite is withholding from them: the real Europe of Dante, for example, or of Leonardo da Vinci, Leibniz, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Shakespeare, and Schiller—their true spiritual forefathers.

World history has so arranged things, that the ability of our human species to survive depends on their choice. We in Europe should help them by making our own voices heard, and by not abandoning the field to the decouplers.