

Editorial

The 'bipartisan' spirit of fascism

Let there be no doubt in anybody's mind. As far as correcting the economic problems that are leading us into history's greatest financial crash, the "bipartisan" budget-slashing agreement hammered out between an economically lunatic Reagan administration and the nuts in the Congress is irrelevant. It doesn't even make a contribution in that direction. The only kind of thing that would make a contribution in that direction is a program that, in essence, gets America *producing* again, as LaRouche has focused the matter, using the emergency powers of the federal government to generate the credit for that (which is also the only thing that would solve the budget deficit).

However, the "bipartisan" budget-mauling agreement is much worse than irrelevant to economic solutions. The program is, in its own right, *fascist*. It is the next step in imposing a bipartisan "democratic fascism" on the United States, as it is being imposed elsewhere around the world.

Admittedly, many think "fascism" is militarism and police repression. What can we mean by "democratic fascism"?

The secret lies in understanding what occurred in the late 1960s in the United States. At that time, leading forces in the political parties and government of the United States, at the instruction of our Eastern Establishment, imported a new kind of fascism from the Social Democratic parties of Europe, called "fascism with a democratic face."

This is the "soft" fascism of Willy Brandt, and his Brandt Commission for Third World "development," which seeks to establish a malthusian world order, depriving developing-sector populations of science and advanced technology, in favor of pick-and-shovel "appropriate technologies" and birth-control devices.

The essence of this fascism is the same as that which was imposed by both Hitler and Mussolini--the looting of both capital and labor to shore up the *paper values* and *financial power* of the banking and insurance oligarchy. But they wished to make it easier to impose, this time around. The method is to organize the popu-

lation, not into a mass fascist party, but in such a fashion that they, in effect, loot themselves to the oligarchy's benefit.

The first decision taken in this direction was the decision to tear down industrial society, whose healthy existence depends on ever-increasing qualitative improvements in living standards and technology. At the same time, during the late 1960s, culminating in Nixon's blunder of August 1971, in taking the dollar off gold, these leading, mostly banking forces tore down the international monetary system, and replaced it with the "floating rate system." With the floating-rate system, it is possible to manipulate world currencies in such a way as to loot whole countries. This complements the post-industrial-society dictum that technological progress be outlawed.

Outlawing technological progress, of course, makes it impossible to improve conditions of life for everyone. Farmers, industry, and labor must fight each other to determine who is going to suffer the least from the austerity imposed by the post-industrial society.

This was where the financiers and their social democratic retainers got "creative." The best way to get someone to accept austerity is to give him the right to "choose" his own poison. Instead of having a banker come forward to demand austerity, the "democratic fascists"--like the heads of the Republican and Democratic parties--organize a "democratic" debate within the population. Who will give up medical care? Who will pay more for food? and Who will die? "Democracy" will now decide what, in each category, is taken away. That is the secret of the "budget summit" just concluded in Washington.

Who is the political team out to impose such a program? "Project Democracy," the National Endowment for Democracy, which includes the heads of both political parties in this country!

If their rigged "1988 election" is allowed to go through, the financial crash will turn into the worst depression this country has ever had, and there will indeed be a "democratic" fascist dictatorship in 1988.