

World Forum Series: New Age kooks and political 'has-beens'

by Scott Thompson

Under the auspices of former Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachov and former British prime minister, now Baroness Margaret Thatcher, a series of forums are being held through November that will combine New Age kooks with these political "has-beens," ostensibly to chart the 21st century. The first of these events, the State of the World Forum, was held on Sept. 27 to Oct. 1. It was sponsored by the Gorbachev Foundation's branch in San Francisco, in order "to build new vision for the post-Cold War world." The Forum plans this series to be the first part of "a five-year process designed to build global consensus on the vision and priorities needed for the coming century."

While Gorbachov, Thatcher, and Bush will conclude the conference with their CNN-televised reflections on the Cold War and where to go from here, the interim conference will be four days of "roundtable discussions" in which the participants will include such New Age kooks as:

Zbigniew Brzezinski, who peddled menticide by endorsing the "artificial intelligence" dogma in cybernetics with his 1967 book *Technetronic Age*. Later, as presidential assistant for national security to President Carter, Brzezinski picked up the Bernard Lewis Plan (Lewis is a member of the British Arab Bureau) to foment an "Arc of Crisis," whose results included installation of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Hazel Henderson, who is the author of New Age books such as *Paradigms in Progress*, a member of the World Future Society, and an associate of a medieval village run by the Cathedral of St. John heretical kook-factory known as Lindsfarne.

Willis Harman, who is now head of the Institute for Noetic Sciences. Earlier, he ran the futurology department of the Stanford Research Institute, and wrote *The Changing Images of Man*, the seminal work ushering outcome-based education into public schools. He co-founded the Esalen Institute, a New Age brainwashing factory which played a major role in launching the rock-sex-drug counterculture.

Amory Lovins, who popularized "Small is beautiful."

Ted Turner, a depopulation fanatic who hates Christianity and co-chairs the Gorbachev Foundation.

Lester Brown, a depopulation genocidalist who heads the WorldWatch Society and is on the board of the World Future Society.

Maurice Strong, a high-level British agent who organized the non-governmental organizations for the U.N.-sponsored Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 from a genocidalist, New Age perspective, a co-chair of the Gorbachev Foundation, and chairman of the Earth Council.

Michael Murphy, who is head of the New Age Esalen Institute that explores everything from Tavistock Clinic-initiated group brainwashing and sexual perversity to extra-sensory perception (ESP).

Robert Muller, a globalist education theorist formerly with the U.N., where he co-launched the genocidalist Club of Rome. The Robert Muller Schools set up by the Lucis ("Lucifer") Trust practice explicit satanism.

These are some of the "experts" that Gorbachov, the man with the "mark of the beast" on his forehead, has put together. Roundtable topics include: "The New Architecture of Global Security," "The Global Crisis of Spirit and the Search for Meaning," "Economics in the Twenty-First Century," "The Emerging Civic Society," and "The Environment." Each day, over four days, there will be a new focus within these topics. For example, panelists will contemplate their navels in "The Global Crisis of Spirit" category, examining such subjects as "Asian and Western Perspectives on Crisis and Meaning," followed by a concluding panel on "The Future of Desire: Consumerism and Spiritual Longing," in which Gorbachov will speak alongside Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh.

Bush's 'A World Transformed'

Following Gorbachov's mega-group grope, according to a spokesman for Bush, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and the Forum for International Policy will sponsor an Oct. 8-9 conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in Cold Springs, Colorado. Again, the primary theme will be the Cold War and its legacy for the future. Almost the same group of "has-beens" will be featured speakers at this day-and-a-half conference, namely: Bush, Thatcher, Gorbachov, and former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The title of the conference is "A World Transformed," and the 100 tickets cost \$5,000 each.

The Forum for International Policy, which is co-sponsoring the event, includes: former Acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, chairman; and former Presidential Assistant for National Security Gen. Brent Scowcroft, president. Eagleburger carries heavy responsibility for helping to ignite one post-Cold War legacy, the genocide in the Balkans, along with Lords David Owen and Peter Rupert Carrington. Scowcroft praised the former world leaders in the conference, saying: "When the Cold War drama unfolded on the world stage, these were the central figures who shaped and guided events. . . . They were there. They are the authorities."

Baker's foreign policy challenges

Finally, the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy will hold its first annual conference at Rice University on

Nov. 13-14, titled "Foreign Policy Challenges at the End of the Century." Baker, who was secretary of state during much of the Reagan-Bush administrations, co-chairs the Gorbachev Foundation.

The participants will include Bush; former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita of Japan; former U.S. Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney; Gen. Colin Powell (ret.), who is also on a special list of 100 attending Gorbachov's World Forum; and former foreign ministers Hans-Dietrich Genscher of Germany, Roland Dumas of France, Alexander Bessmertnykh of Russia, Taro Nakayama of Japan, and Uffe Ellemann-Jensen of Denmark.

There will be three panels: Economic Reform in Russia and China, Politico-Military Factors and the Future of Warfare, and The Role of Cultural, Ethnic, and Religious Factors in World Affairs.

On Nov. 13, the first Enron Prize for Distinguished Public Service, made possible by a gift to the institute from the Houston-based Enron Corp., will be awarded. Enron is tied to Bush's ambassador to Moscow Bob Strauss, Bush, Baker, and Scowcroft, and it has been involved in mammoth "heists," such as trying to purchase Gazprom in Russia.

Amb. Edward P. Djerejian, director of the Baker Institute, commented, "This inaugural annual conference will provide policymakers, public officials, academics, students, and professionals representing a variety of fields with an opportunity to examine foreign policy challenges facing the international community today and as we approach the 21st century."

The opposition to development

When Lester Brown of WorldWatch, who will be a panelist at Gorbachov's World Forum, was asked on Sept. 25 what he hoped would be the "consensus" to result from the meeting, he responded: "I hope that the Forum comes out committed to world population stabilization. Already, it is proving wrong that mankind has enough water for all purposes or enough seafood to eat. There are a number of other factors calling for reduction of population: biodiversity, deforestation, and depletion of aquifers. . . . Ted Turner is very concerned about overpopulation, and (hah hah) Jane Goodall will see it as the only way to save her chimps and great apes. Really, the pope is the only one who doesn't think that population growth is a problem. He believes in continuous development."

Asked if he had discussed the problems of population and the environment with the British monarchy's royal consort Prince Philip, Brown responded: "Yes, on several occasions. The Duke of Edinburgh is very concerned about environmental problems, including overpopulation. . . . I have [also] talked about environmental issues with her [Thatcher] several times, and I am sure that Margaret Thatcher shares my views on population."

New Age author Hazel Henderson is the "convenor" of

all four panels on "Economics in the Twenty-First Century" at the World Forum, including: New Indicators for Measuring Sustainable Development; Economic Transitions: Mixing Markets, Laws and Cultures; Globalization: Trends and Paradoxes; and Beyond Capitalism and Communism.

Asked how she planned to reach a "consensus" on economics at the forum, Henderson said: "We will have to rethink economics for a multicultural age. For example, in the New Indicators panel, we will examine several new systems. One new way has been adopted recently by the U.N., and its indices measure such things as infant mortality, the ratio between the civilian and the military sectors, and so forth. The World Bank is involved in developing a new system. And, I am with the Calvert Mutual Funds, which will be measuring the quality of life in the U.S.A. this spring.

"The panel on Economic Transition will discuss how all the world's economies are in transition. They are all mixed economies. Take the case of Russia and China, which are both going to a market economy. The problem with Russia is that it does not have the hundreds-year-old history of entrepreneurship as do the Chinese. So, China is making more progress. The President of Kyrgyzstan will be at the conference, and I hope to talk with him about this. It's fundamentally a question of culture. We must find goals and values different from capitalism.

"The panel on Globalization will discuss how this has been unable to positively affect poor communities. In fact, their economies have suffered. We need to discuss how to get micro-loans to these communities. Calvert has Special Investment Funds that have lent to Indian reserves."

Asked how she would go beyond capitalism and communism, her answer was local control: "There is only one way to get tangible results, when you go beyond capitalism and communism. That is to go from the local to the global."

Asked why Gorbachov chose her to be the convenor of all four economics roundtables, Henderson said: "I only met Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachov once at a forum in 1990, when he was already being ousted from power. . . . The reception was for the World Parliamentarians, and Gro Harlem Brundtland dominated events. The way Gorbachov chose me was that I came highly recommended by the Inter-Action Council of Helmut Schmidt, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and other former heads of state. I have addressed them many, many times."

Asked about a book she is working on, she replied: "Its title is *Backing a Win Win World: Beyond Global Competition*. After all, even Adam Smith knew you had to have certain rules. Otherwise, I am with the Calvert Group, which is based in Washington, D. C. It is a family of mutual funds that have a social and environmental screen. Calvert is the flagship of several such funds commanding billions of dollars of investments. We were the first out of South Africa, and we were the first to go back in with the end of apartheid. All of these funds are pulled together by the Social Investment Forum in Boston."