

GERMAN BUNDESTAG BETRAYS NATION

## Ignoramuses Plan for Weeks; Russia, China for a Century

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Oct. 1—With the German Bundestag’s approval of an expansion of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) for further bailout packages, German politics has finally descended to the level of a sumo wrestling match. Brutal pressure and degrading methods were applied to those parliamentarians who had wanted to vote against the bailout in accordance with their own conscience, as well as with Article 38 of Germany’s Constitution (Basic Law). As *Stern* magazine corrected observed, it was a “political and human disgrace.”

This government, along with the pro-euro Members of Parliament, have morally discredited themselves, and therefore must be replaced as soon as possible. But even though this was a vote in which Germany’s very existence and future were at stake, it was revealed by the Panorama TV show that many representatives didn’t even have an approximate idea of the sums involved, nor of how much had already been handed out, or to what country. And soon, we will all be paying the price for their criminal negligence, with hyperinflationary devaluation of the euro and of our own life savings.

Chancellor Angela Merkel’s irresponsible capitulation, along with that of her Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, to the financial oligarchy’s pressure to accede to what is, in fact, an unlimited (and secretly agreed-upon) bailout mechanism for the moribund banking system, at the expense of the population, is as disgusting as it is incompetent. Indeed, the policies of the U.S. Federal Reserve, the European Union, and the European Central Bank to use electronic money printing in

order to postpone the impending insolvency of many large banks and of some countries, signify nothing less than that Europe’s and America’s trans-Atlantic system is hopelessly bankrupt. It won’t be very long at all before the continuation of this policy leads to the same kind of hyperinflation we experienced in the Spring to Autumn 1923—only this time not just in one country, but on two continents, at the very least.

### Resistance Crumbles

The European Union finance ministers’ meeting in Poland on Sept. 16 still had a certain amount of staged theater-play, as if some Europeans were going to make a fuss over U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner’s proposal to implement a so-called “leveraging” of the EFSF on the American model, turning it into an unlimited money machine. But only a week later, at the International Monetary Fund’s annual meeting, the line among all participants was that the Germans would no longer put up any resistance, and that the Merkel government would agree to the leveraging.

Questioned by Green party representative Gerhard Schick about whether the government would reject leveraging the expanded EFSF, Schäuble replied vaguely that he couldn’t rule it out, since the guidelines on how the EFSF was to function had yet to be worked out. But then *Handelsblatt* reported that those guidelines had indeed already been agreed upon, under strict secrecy, but that Merkel had asked EU Commission President José Manuel Barroso not make it public until after parliament had voted.

Such behavior is deliberate deception of elected representatives, and is thus a flagrant violation of the oath of office, which commits the Chancellor to protect the German people from harm. In the meantime, sparrows are singing from the rooftops about how all the “bailout” variants, ranging from the EFSF to the European Stability Mechanism, the eurobonds and the European Economic Government, to the “United States of Europe,” ultimately serve one and the same purpose: to organize a gigantic redistribution of wealth, out of the population and into the banks and speculators.

But this won’t last long, since hyperinflation is going to rapidly wipe out everyone’s assets, anyway. Inflation is already running at 3% officially, but if you include all the basic commodities which the non-wealthy require to live—food, energy, etc.—it is far greater. And it’s going to explode shortly, the moment new problems arise with Spain, Italy, Belgium, and even France. The phantom can be upon us in just days, or perhaps weeks from now.

### **The ‘Mainstream’ Stinks**

And what then? “History shows,” wrote financial expert Stefan Homburg in the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, “that when things get serious, governments seize upon radical means, such as expropriation, compulsory levies on property, and prohibition of private possession of gold. Even the ordinary homeowner, pensioner, or life insurance holder will have all the fat cut out of them. And once a national state of emergency has been achieved, even basic civil rights will be suspended.”

The sheer incompetence of the Merkel-Schäuble government, a government which hasn’t the faintest idea of physical economy or of our history—not of how Germany emerged as an industrial nation, nor of the errors that led to the catastrophe of the 12-year reign of terror—the deliberate deception maneuvers that it repeatedly uses to plot intrigues behind the population’s back and to undermine our constitution and our democratic rights; its extreme endangerment of the general welfare of present and future generations—all this, even on the face of it, is fully sufficient to put the immediate resignation of this government onto the agenda.

The only argument against demanding its immediate resignation, is that the so-called opposition is even more dead-set on the British Empire’s policy of saving the banks at the expense of the general welfare, of eurobonds, of a European Economic Government, etc. And therefore, in view of the immediacy of this crisis, a better solution might be for forces within the Christian

Democratic Union (CDU) to induce the outrageous Mrs. Merkel to resign voluntarily.

She could be replaced by people who have demonstrably respected our Basic Law, and who have a sufficient degree of knowledge and conscience, such that they would, at any rate, be a better choice than the current Chancellor, who has clearly lost all sense of the interests of Germany, and even of her own party. The behavior of Bundestag president Dr. Norbert Lammert, and of Wolfgang Bosback, who heads the Committee on Internal Affairs, in the most recent developments, certainly better qualifies either of them, by orders of magnitude, for the Chancellor’s post.

But the more fundamental problem which must be corrected, is the axiomatic failure of Germany’s political “mainstream” over the past few decades. The day before the scandalous EFSF vote, the combined factions of the CDU/CSU, the Free Democratic Party, the Social Democratic Party, and the Alliance 90/Green party passed a resolution calling upon the government “to commit itself to a marked acceleration of the worldwide transformation of national economies into economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable economic models,” and to “be imbued with respect for the natural limits of our planet as the root of all its political and economic actions.”

Without naming, this is precisely the agenda of the report issued by Hans Joachim Schellnhuber’s German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), titled “New Social Contract for a Great Transformation,”<sup>1</sup> which calls for the total “decarbonization” of society. Quintessentially, this plan aims at relying solely on energy sources with extremely low energy flux-densities, thus causing a reduction of the world’s population, which would lead to genocide on a scale never before seen in human history. And so, with this combination of a hyperinflationary euro-bailout policy and a green economic policy, Germany and Europe are already as good as dead.

### **Sanity in Eurasia**

Fortunately, however, political conditions in other parts of our planet are not so insane. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin’s announcement that he will run for President in the upcoming elections, while President Dmitri Medvedev will run for Prime Minister, and especially the fact that Finance Minister Aleksei Kudrin was

1. See Helga Zepp-LaRouche, “No to Global ‘Gleichschaltung’: Make June 17 the Day of German Resistance,” *EIR*, May 6, 2011, [http://www.larouche.org/hzl/2011/3818day\\_german\\_resistance.html](http://www.larouche.org/hzl/2011/3818day_german_resistance.html)

spectacularly thrown out of office, signify that Russia will henceforth focus on high technology, on developing its raw materials-rich Far East and Arctic regions, on constructing the Bering Strait Tunnel connecting Siberia with Alaska, on building a high-speed railway network throughout Russia, on building fourth-generation nuclear energy facilities, on manned space flight—especially in cooperation with China and India—on researching the possibilities of forecasting earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and hurricanes; on researching the effects of galactic processes on our weather—in short, on all areas upon which mankind will depend for its future survival.

So, while Europe is in peril of destruction as the result of British imperial policies, the dynamic of world history has now suddenly shifted to the rapidly developing trans-Pacific alliance. In the United States, efforts to rid the country of Obama’s failed Presidency even before the 2012 election are gaining strength, while the perspective of a new alliance with the Pacific powers Russia, China, and other nations of Asia, as Lyndon LaRouche has been calling for, is also gaining momentum as each day passes. Alaska’s Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell, while attending a conference organized by Putin in the Russian city of Arkhangelsk, issued an im-

passioned call to Washington to cooperate with Putin’s ambitious program to develop the Northern Sea Route, to open up Arctic natural resources, and to expand air routes, weather forecasting, and communications.

Meanwhile, China has launched the first building block of its own orbiting space station, and extensive cooperation agreements are in preparation for Putin’s visit to China Oct. 11-12. Other nations, such as India, Japan, and South Korea are ready to join as active participants in such a new trans-Pacific alliance. In the United States itself, each new day sees growth in the ranks of enthusiastic supporters of the perspective of joining with Russia, China, and other nations in shaping the 21st Century and its great tasks.

We in Germany, and in Europe’s other nations, have a choice: Either we stick with the hyperinflationary policies of the euro holdouts and advocates of a worldview that says the Earth is flat and the planet is limited, and thus plunge into a dark age—or, we can achieve sovereignty over our own economy and currency, and work with the Asian powers and a soon-to-be-changed America, to shape the 21st Century.

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