

It's the War, Not the Climate

by Rainer Apel, our German correspondent

Wiesbaden, Nov. 24—The contrast is as sickening as it is ironic. On the one hand, Europe is in the midst of a full mobilization, led by the Queen of England, toward the COP21 Climate Summit to convene Nov. 30 in Paris—allegedly in the interest of “saving humanity” from the threat of so-called man-made global warming, by cutting back on the very economic growth that mankind’s survival requires. On the other, the tens of thousands of refugees from the Middle East and North Africa find themselves facing the threat of deportation “home” and a dramatic rise in hostility, even to the point of having arson attacks on their shelters here in Germany.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the BÜSÖ (Civil Rights Movement Solidarity) political party, has been the only German leader to lay out the solution: Germany must immediately pull out of the British/Obama policy of regime change and war, and dump the Green agenda in favor of a full-scale embrace of the Chinese-led movement for global reconstruction through a New Silk Road. In this spirit, Zepp-LaRouche has also heartily endorsed the call by scientists Paul Driessen and Joe D'Aleo to turn the Paris Summit into a venue to mobilize to save the refugees with a real economic reconstruction plan (see below).

Germany Under the Strain

Both the political and physical situation around the refugees in Germany is reaching a breaking point.

For four months now, Germany has had a daily influx of 8-10,000 (or more) refugees entering its borders, most of them from camps in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Syria, where there are 12 *million* refugees. In November alone, the total was 180,000; by the end of the year, the numbers are expected to swell to one million or more.

These streams of refugees, which burgeoned in July, have found Germany unprepared—as Chancellor Angela Merkel herself has admitted. “Someone else should take care of that” was the attitude. Yet, in late

July, Merkel took the decisive step of declaring that Germany would welcome refugees from war-torn Syria, laying aside the usual bureaucratic procedures for immigrants. That announcement was extraordinarily popular with the population at the time, as shown by the still ongoing mobilization of tens of thousands of German citizens in private groups, including churches, who have come forward to provide refugees with clothing, food, and shelter.

Merkel’s humanitarian policy, however, has been compromised from the start by her kowtowing to her Finance Minister, Wolfgang Schäuble, who has blocked the release of additional funds to municipalities straining to handle the refugee stream. Schäuble insists that there must be zero-deficit (called the “black zero”) budgeting—a mantra he has maintained toward the decaying infrastructure of Germany, as well as toward the foreign guests. The Finance Minister argues that the only way the funds can be found for the refugees is that they come from *cutting* expenditures for German citizens—a recipe bound to build up a vicious reaction.

Xenophobia on the Rise

And such a reaction has indeed come. Fed by the mainstream media trumpeting the arrival of “Merkel-gate,” right-wing radicals have been staging weekly demonstrations against the refugees numbering on occasions into the tens of thousands. This motion on the streets has been accompanied by in-your-face confrontations with Merkel by leading political figures, such as Christian Social Union (CSU) head Horst Seehofer, who took the occasion of his party’s congress last weekend, to announce in Merkel’s presence that Germany should only take in 300,000 refugees a year.

Reaping the benefits of this polarization has been the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, a rightwing populist party which has only been on the German political scene for two years. The AfD has taken a strong anti-immigrant stance, and has seen its popularity surge



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Refugees huddle up against a fence in the cold, on the border between Serbia and Croatia, on Nov. 5, 2015.

in the polls. The latest polling by the INSA group in Germany, which asked participants who they would vote for if federal elections were held today, saw the AfD rise to third place, with 10.5% of the vote. The top two vote-getters were the Christian Democrat/Christian Social Union coalition (35%) and the Social Democrats (23.5%).

The entire crisis and political debate “is like a program tailored to promote the AfD,” said Mainz-based political analyst Prof. Jürgen Falter, a leading political pundit, on Nov. 19. When asked by *EIR* for her assessment of the AfD, Helga Zepp-LaRouche replied: “The AfD lacks everything: the analysis of the reasons why the refugees are fleeing South-West Asia and Africa, and the rationality needed to define a solution for the crisis. As for the German culture which they supposedly demand must be defended, I haven’t found a trace of it in the AfD.”

The War Policy

As Zepp-LaRouche has consistently stressed, the only way the crisis for Europe can be stopped is through a radical shift away from the geopolitical war policy of regime change which created the migration crisis to begin with. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s decision to intervene militarily with the Syrian government and armed forces in the fight against ISIS terrorists, has been a giant step in this direction.

Germany’s Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier was among the first in the West to respond positively. A few weeks ago, he declared that the demand for removing Syrian President Assad, as a precondition for talks among the Syrian factions, should be dropped, and a ceasefire and peace process should begin right away—with Assad’s participation.

In fact, Steinmeier had already put forward a proposal for such discussions, with the inclusion of the Assad government, back in 2012.

But, as in 2012, the British and American governments have so far refused to take up collaboration with Putin, in a serious fight to

destroy ISIS, and move toward a political solution in Syria. Instead of breaking with this Anglo-American war policy, Merkel decided to go along with President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron, and lend Germany’s support to the extension of sanctions against Russia until at least July 2016. This decision was made on the sidelines of the just-concluded G20 Summit in Turkey.

There has been some sign of resistance to the war policy in the German political debate. The fact that Germany is still selling tanks and other military hardware to Saudi Arabia and Qatar, major funders of the Islamic State (Daesh), has created an outcry, as has the publicity around Germany’s assistance for the war crimes being carried out in the U.S. drone warfare.

Change the Climate

Meanwhile, however, much of the political atmosphere is being absorbed with the propaganda campaign around the UN’s Global Warming Summit COP21, a black propaganda torrent which even goes so far as to blame the Syrian refugees crisis on man-made climate change! No less a spokesmen for the genocidal Green agenda than Prince Charles said as much just two days ago.

While Chancellor Merkel has not gone that far, she is otherwise a strong promoter of the Global Warming hoax, and her own personal “science” advisor, Sir Franz

Joachim Schellnhuber, is set to be one of the leading stars at COP21.

Schellnhuber, who played a major role in drafting the outrageous, anti-human message of the Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, is on record saying that the Earth has a carrying capacity of no more than 1 billion human beings. This is equivalent to demanding the elimination of more than six billion people—i.e. promoting genocide. Under such a mantra, the refugees might as well just go off and die.

Fortunately, there is another option, based on real science and the appropriate respect for the sacredness of human life.