
Cheney's Demise and Germany's Grand Coalition

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Who Is Against the Grand Coalition?

Because world politics is determined, or at least influenced, by what is happening in the United States, it is worthwhile to take a look at the events of this week in Germany from this standpoint.

It is obvious, that the international financial interests—the “locusts”—that have been operating against Germany's Mittelstand enterprises, through mass hedge fund attacks, have no interest in Germany establishing a stable government under a Grand Coalition, which would use protectionist measures to protect German industry. This move toward protectionism had in fact already begun under the [former Chancellor Gerhard] Schröder government, which drew up a list of security-related enterprises that should be protected from foreign takeover. The international financial oligarchy fears nothing more than that the United States could return to a [President Franklin] Roosevelt policy, with a New Bretton Woods and New Deal, and that Germany could be influenced by this policy.

It would be naive to believe that the financial powers which were behind [former British Prime Minister Margaret] Thatcher's and [former French President François] Mitterrand's opposition in 1989-1990 to German reunification, were not active today. [Former Chancellor] Helmut Kohl's memoirs and the new book by Jacques Attali on the reunification period, throw light on the operations launched against Germany at the time. As said, the same interests are operating today, and that should raise questions about the fact that, following the Grand Coalition negotiations, Franz Müntefering, who had rigorously attacked the “locusts,” is no longer chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SPD). Just as thought-provoking is the fact that Edmund Stoiber, who is known for his commitment to state interventionist measures in the high-technology sectors, should, on the same day, be confronted with a blackmail scandal story in the Munich *Allgemeine Zeitung*, regarding the involvement of his father in criminal fraud in the early 1950s, allegedly having to do with sales of Mussolini's gold.

At any rate, the attempt to put Andrea Nahles in as General Manager of the SPD, which led to Müntefering's resignation, was no “industrial accident.” That might happen to freshmen, but not to hard-baked political professionals. There was very clearly an attempt to set up the basis for a new coalition.

Whatever the aims and overall interests of those behind the so-called “Networkers” and the “leftists” were—and one could designate them better as the Jacobins in the SPD—they were not shaped on the basis of principles and concern for the common good. If the 1968 generation in the SPD is about to leave the stage, there is no cause for celebration to see the coming generation of so-called “Tweeners,” who seem to be unified only by their ambition to come into positions of power. There are already enough think-tanks and lobbyists in the background who are speculating on how they can, with the aid of this new generation, reorient and convince politicians to dismantle the “obsolete” social system. In the interest of



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Germany, one can only hope that the new SPD chairman Matthias Platzeck will use his experience in reconstruction after the Oder flood catastrophe, to create 10 million new productive jobs in Germany.

But, Stoiber has not painted himself with fame. Whatever the background to the ominous *Allegemeine Zeitung* story may be, he should have remained and fought it through. To pull in one's tail and hide under the desk of the State Chancellery in Munich, is unforgivable in the realm of the tigers. And what should we take it to mean when he says that the office of governor is "his life"? That he wants to remain governor for life?

Unfortunately, the net effect of the political theater of the past weeks is that the population is daily more disgusted with the image that the politicians in the parties represented in the Bundestag give of themselves. The feeling that all of them, regardless of what party they belong to, are interested only in haggling over positions and their salaries, while the urgent problems of people in the country are irrelevant, has become very, very widespread. If this is not altered soon, in the coming stormy developments, the legitimacy of the democratic system will itself be placed in doubt. This must be prevented at all costs.

The BüSo and the LaRouche Youth Movement will not allow the intellectual leveling and perfection of general mediocrity to continue to grow. We will bring Germany to life as a people of poets, thinkers, and discoverers. This is as certain as the political demise of Cheney.