

Towards Global Domination

Quote from Rudolf Steiner: „In the first half of the 19th century and a little further into the second half ... it was the person with money who exercised power; but then this power principle changed, so that money as such became the dominant influence“ (19.10.1919, GA 191).

As we know, it was Alan Greenspan as president of the FED who managed to overturn the banking law passed in the 1930`s (Glass-Steagall-Act of 1933) whose aim was to prevent financial crises like the one in 1929. As a result the money powers were able again to unleash financial crises. The new crises affect the middle classes not just directly, but also indirectly by way of taxation. The state now has to bear the liability for the bankruptcies, only of the banks and not of private individuals, and thus sink ever more deeply into the quagmire of debt. And the creditors, whoever that may be, can in this way gain increasing control over states. Working in the background are the Ahrimanic powers, who are striving to win control of civilization by means of money. In this process the bankers and financial experts are nothing more than their instruments.

These background influences are, generally, not known to all the critical economists who have, for years or even decades, been predicting the financial collapse of whole nations. They do not realize that the aim of this 'programme' is to relegate the greater part of humanity to a modern caste of enslaved who can do no more than battle for survival and are thus robbed of any individual – i.e. truly human – development. Consequently, no state will 'default'; it will instead, under the pretext of debt repayment, become a field for experimentation, as we see is happening at the present time in Greece. The states that are not yet bankrupt, Germany above all, have to bear the debt of the Greeks, and later of the Portuguese, Italians, Spaniards and Irish. Germany has been chosen because it was possible for the Allies, as a consequence of the 1st World War, to carry out the National-Socialist experiment there, as a result of which they were able to force Germany into 'collective guilt/debt' ('Schuld' has both meanings – Trans.). Through the 'costs arising as a consequence of the war' (R. Augstein of *Der Spiegel*), Germany was burdened with a gigantic debt. Ever since, Germany has been forced, because of her 'eternal guilt/debt', to finance any kind of rubbish and to neglect, increasingly, the needs of her own people. However, it is not the material but, above all, the spiritual poverty that is growing to such dramatic proportions. A Middle-European culture worthy of the name is not permitted by the Ahrimanicly-steered cultural-political forces working behind the scenes. Instead we are fed with cultural trash. And also caught up in this cultural decline is, of course, the abstract and dead knowledge taught at our universities, which must lead, of necessity, to a corruption of consciousness and stunting of the intellect.

And the astonishing thing about all these manoeuvres is that they all seem to take place entirely within the law; no-one can be held responsible for the economic mismanagement and the exploitation of states and their local communities. These acts of plunder take place before the eyes of the world and are described and discussed in great detail in the press, which otherwise remains silent about everything of real importance or refers to it in veiled terms. But maybe the aim is to communicate to us the fact that we are powerless in the face of these acts of plunder. We saw already in the case of the 'Rathauszocker' (town hall speculators) that they cannot be prosecuted. The state attorney would have to prove those at the head of local or town councils guilty of deliberate fraud or embezzlement if they wish to prosecute them. How is it possible that these acts of fraud against the common-weal always go unpunished? The following article from *Zeit-Fragen* throws important light on this question:

The 'Lawgivers'

... A large number of lawyers go into politics, and in many countries, including the U.S.A., all politicians are known as 'lawgivers'. In the days of genuine 'political economy' the greater aim of politics was the creation of a nation that was ruled by law and not by people. Today politicians create the laws (hence the popular euphemism 'lawgivers') and only answer questions about these laws when forced to do so.

Of course, the 'lawgivers' do not write or read the laws; as a rule, they let them travel along the tracks of party politics. The core of Mr Obama's programme is the law regarding healthcare provision. In its present version it is 30 cm. thick when it is printed out – 2000 pages and 500,000 words long. The U.S. constitution in its original form can be printed out, complete, on 11 pages. Even an issue of the 'Priva-teer' is bigger than this. And the U.S. constitution with all 27 additional clauses is only 18 pages long.

The law regarding healthcare or any other piece of modern legislation was not written by one individual. And no individual, least of all one of these 'lawgivers', will ever read one of these laws which they are arguing about. Modern laws are not drafted in order to be read and understood. They have been drafted to contain wide loopholes which will allow any action that appears to offer a solution to a problem that arises, to be regarded as legal ...

On Jan. 13th (2010) the heads of the great Wall Street banks were asked to attend a hearing in a room in Washington DC. They were to face the so-called committee for investigation of the financial crisis. The man in the focus of the enquiry was Lloyd Blankfein, the manager of Goldman Sachs, the biggest beneficiary of the government's rescue plan which had been enacted in an atmosphere of panic in September 2008 and is still in force unchanged. According to most of the financial media in the U.S.A. Mr. Blankfein and his colleagues ought to apologize for their actions to those banks which are too big to fail. At least for those actions which are alleged to have led to the crisis.

The committee chairman began as had been predicted: "People are angry", he intoned – "Mea culpa" – I am guilty – replied all the bank chiefs. Mr. Blankfein claimed that the banks had been struck by a bolt from the blue and did not foresee the collapse. He said that what had actually happened was as though four hurricanes had hit the Eastcoast of the U.S.A. simultaneously. Something that no-one could have anticipated.

... The politicians who put bankers in the dock – to defer the evil day when they will be put there themselves – are responsible for the bankers. They have the laws passed, they sit on committees and they monitor the regulatory institutions. They are active in lobbying. They appeal to the special interests which are to provide them with the financing they need for election. But once they have been elected it is they and no-one else who make the laws. Nearly all politicians and most of the really big bankers realized long ago that everything is possible, so long as they have the power to bring it about through the creation of a suitable law. ...

The Debt Traps – the Example of Greece

Up until the arranged financial crisis Greek debt was less than that of the German Federal Republic. "Greek government expenditure was just 43.6 % - five percent less than ten years previously. Moreover, the Greek government quota was always below the E.U. average" (*Die Welt*, 3.3.2010). Clearly, the Greeks have in the meantime, with the help of "prudent" bankers, become encumbered with a huge burden of debt. Even E.U. legislation made its contribution to the plight of the Greeks. For example, it obliged Greece to lower its tax rates, thereby aggravating the situation. But especially brazen in this connection, so *Die Welt* reports, "is the behaviour of Goldman Sachs. First they helped the Greek government to juggle the balance-sheets, and then with the help of the inside knowledge acquired they speculated on the financial collapse of the Acropolis" (*Die Welt*, 3.3.2010). And one is almost speechless when one hears what these bankers, who had recently been helped back onto their feet by means of state (tax) money, have been doing since then: "Speculators are betting with credit derivatives on the bankruptcy of Greece ... These are all financial institutions which would no longer exist today without state assistance" (*Die Welt*, 2.3.2010).

Greek is said to be indebted to the extent of 300 billion euros; in reality it could be 10 to 100 times this amount. It is probable that Greece never received the corresponding sum of money. Possibly at the bidding of Helmut Kohl and then Gerhard Schröder, the Greeks had their budgetary figures falsified by the bankers. Thus they became subject to blackmail and, as a result, put their signature to any piece of paper that was set before them, just in order to be accepted into the E.U. It is not inconceivable that similar things have been and are being done with Spain, Portugal, etc.

Madness: the Federal German Guarantees

And to ensure that nobody gets in the way of big finance as it carries out these transactions, further pressure was obviously applied to the Greeks: "Greece does not offer its bonds on the capital market, but sells them directly to a few big investors. ... The German state bank KfW could stand as guarantor [with derivatives] for Greek bonds bought by private banks." The state bank must therefore assume liability for the investment risks of private investors such as Goldman Sachs and their consorts. For "according to

E.U. agreements it is not allowed for them [at present the Greeks, for example] to be helped even by their E.U. partners." This is because the leading financial circles want to do the lucrative business, and the ECB (European Central Bank) has to stand surety for it. The ECB, and ultimately the tax-payer, will have, sooner

or later, to pay for the Greek collapse, a collapse in which the Wall Street banks “are involved on a very large scale”. On political Ash Wednesday in Mecklenburg even Angie Merkel complained with pretended innocence that “the banks, which have already led us to the edge of the precipice, were already involved in the falsification of the statistics from Greece”.

Shortly before our copy deadline the announcement went out, that in Germany there is still the wish to clamp down on the bets on sell-outs, for which the Federal Republic has to stand as guarantor. In the ARD-Teletext on 19.5.2010 it said: “In Germany certain highly speculative financial market transactions have been forbidden. The Federal Office for the supervision of financial services (BaFin) has forbidden the uncovered sell-out of shares of the leading German financial institutes. The ban also affects the uncovered sell-out of government bonds of the Euro-zone countries and uncovered Credit Default Swaps [CDS derivatives] – in other words, insurance against default on credit, which has no real foundation.” Then two hours later came a follow-up announcement: “Germany stands under criticism for its prohibition of the uncovered sell-out of government bonds of Euro-zone countries and the shares of important financial companies. EU-commissioner Barnier, who is responsible for financial services, said he can understand the concern about possible effects of the risky transactions. But what is important is that ‘the EU member states should act together’. The ban led to exchange losses in the financial markets. Share indexes in New York, Tokyo, London, Paris and Frankfurt plummeted.”

The insolence is unbelievable with which Barnier, as a tool of big finance, wants to lecture Germany on how to behave! And he is sure to find ways of making it clear to Germany that, here too, it is obliged to “keep quiet”. But what does the bankruptcy of Greece mean for the Greek people themselves?

The Surveillance Experiment

“Greece is an experimental laboratory ... The crisis is – to quote an American source – too good to leave unused.” And so it is: “... from 1st January 2011 Greece wants (or is obliged) to impose total control over all its citizens. Then financial transactions can only be carried out electronically and cash payments of more than 1500 Euros are treated as a punishable offence. Every Greek must have an official tax number and a bank account. But already this year, with effect retroactively from Jan 1st [2010], Greek citizens must retain all records of all their expenses, in order to be able to account to the state for all their living costs. The new laws can only be seen, on a par with the – already functioning – ID chip card containing all biometric data, as the setting-up of a surveillance state. In this way Greece is being used as the European trial area for total control of all citizens ...”¹

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¹ Udo Ulfkotte, *Secret Plan: the EU prepares total financial control of its citizens*.