

InSight

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Dictatorship: how close?

It is now just one year since the "incident" at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Harrisburg, Pa., and at this writing, less than a week from the scheduled deadline for the settlement of the New York city transit dispute or a crippling strike. In Washington, our sources report that the "Omnibus Banking Bill" of 1980, authored by those Wisconsin worthies Reuss and Proxmire, could pass Congress by as early as the end of March, legislating the technical dictatorship of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker over the United States.

The appropriate analogy for the situation we are moving into is late Weimar Germany. Between the New York-Connecticut primaries, which took the lid off the anti-Carter sentiment boiling up in the electorate, the impending 1930s-style chain of major bankruptcies, and the flight into Egypt of Henry Kissinger's pet shah, which has pretty much wrecked Carter's hopes for a hostage "deal," the occupant of the Oval Office is headed for total collapse. Ready to assume control over the United States is an extralegal nonelected government which the Congress sheepishly allowed to come into existence last year around this time. It is called the "Federal Emergency Management Agency."

FEMA as we previously reported is authorized to bypass all constitutionally mandated institutions to implement whatever measures it deems necessary. Only the National Security Council, another nonconstitutional body, has jurisdiction over it. FEMA came officially into existence one day before the Three Mile Island incident began last year.

The Three Mile Island malfunction can only be rationally explained as sabotage. This *EIR* documented in a full technical analysis last year. It has been used by the Carter administration just as

Hitler used the Reichstag fire of early 1933, in which Hitler's own goons burned the German parliament building and then used this to justify suspension of all civil liberties of the opposition.

Since TMI, more than a dozen nuclear reprocessing facilities, which provide the safest way to get rid of nuclear waste, have been closed; and new regulations are under consideration to prevent a plant from functioning within a ten-mile radius of a city, to stop new construction until evacuation plans have been worked out for the population.

This activity is just as fascist as having hooligans beat up workers in the streets, as Hitler did. It is letting loose a gestapo against the one energy source that would provide abundant, cheap energy for industrial growth. And now, the standby emergency rule that was established with the TMI sabotage affair is ready to carry out a lethal assault against the remaining technological capabilities and civil freedoms of the United States.

Set into motion by Samuel Huntington, the author of the Trilateral Commission's policy on "The End of Democracy," FEMA is committed to enforcing austerity conditions and containing resistance to international economic-warfare measures that are intended to create a much more serious economic crisis here.

The New York transit scenario fits right in. An aide to House Banking Committee Chairman Reuss admitted it is intended to usher in the recession. If necessary, New York will be put under direct FEMA control.

The question is whether Americans will tolerate the end of constitutional rule in order to maintain the economic doctrines of austerity which FEMA was set up to enforce or demand a different economic policy in order to preserve the republic.