

Schiller Institute proposes agenda to Bilderbergers in Austria

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On Friday, June 3, the Schiller Institute had the opportunity to present the accompanying document to a meeting of members of the Bilderberg Group. Institute representatives were also able to monitor discussions and interventions from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, former French Foreign Minister Jean François-Poncet, and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, on the subject of Western strategies toward the Soviet Union, including the feasibility of a "Marshall Plan" for the East, and the cohesion of the Western alliance.

The Schiller Institute is a think-tank for republican foreign policy, founded at the initiative of West German political figure Helga Zepp-LaRouche in 1984 to prevent the destruction of NATO through the decoupling of the United States and Western Europe, and named for the great German poet, "patriot and world citizen," Friedrich Schiller.

The Schiller Institute presence provided a unique opportunity to the participants, meeting at the Inter-Alpen Hotel near Innsbruck, Austria. This year more than most, the Bilderberg meeting was held in confidentiality and strictly closed to the general public. The widespread distribution of the Schiller Institute's recommended agenda therefore brought some fresh dimensions to the Bilderbergers' deliberations, and might have prevented a certain kind of mental claustrophobia affecting participants, even if Innsbruck is indeed in one of the more expansive and breathtaking regions of Europe.

It is estimated that most, if not all, of the 100 or so attendees would have gotten the Schiller Institute document, and would have had a chance to read it. As we go to print, EIR has not received a full accounting of how participants such as former U.S. Federal Reserve chief Paul A. Volcker, Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, Theo Sommer of the Hamburg liberal magazine, Die Zeit, or former U.S. Senator Charles Mathias, evaluated the enclosed proposals, but we expect interesting reactions to come soon. Austrian security officials in the locality reportedly found the Schiller Institute proposals most stimulating.

Whatever may be the cumulative effect of the Schiller Institute's presence at the meeting near Innsbruck, it can

certainly be said that the Institute's contribution helped make this one of the more intellectually controversial and interesting Bilderberg Group sessions, since that day in 1954 when the Netherlands' Prince Bernhard first initiated this confidential policy forum for the Western transatlantic elites, during a meeting at the Bilderberg Hotel.

Below is the full text of the Schiller Institute's proposed meeting agenda, addressed to "The Ladies and Gentlemen of the 'Bilderberg' Gathering at Innsbruck, Austria".

Why not debate this agenda?

The past years have witnessed growing philosophical and psychological insanity among Western elites. Such mental deterioration is typified by, though not limited to, growing use of and addiction to drugs and the spread of AIDS within the families of the "establishments." Conceptual capabilities among our policy-makers have decayed. In a post-Club of Rome paradigm shift, outright lunacy and cultism has been added to technocratic malthusianism.

Such is the state of affairs in a time of profound economic, moral, and political crisis. As a result, we stand on the eve of a new Dark Age, modeled on the fourteenth century's eruption of destructive irrationalism and a general economic-physical and social breakdown. And, when "Peace in Our Time" is being proclaimed, war is never far away. Natural law will assert its own reality.

It is this reality which should provide the impetus behind the discussions at this year's Bilderberg gathering. Since influential personalities are gathered from all over the globe, this opportunity should be used to address the actual challenges and the real agenda facing humanity in this period.

For your assistance, we provide here a recommended agenda for your Innsbruck discussions over the next three days:

Why the 'new détente' will and must fail

Have you realized, as Moscow has, that your neo-détente or "Trust" arrangements with Moscow to jointly loot Eastern Europe have brought the economies of the East European

nations to the point of physical breakdown? Moscow is now drafting policies to terminate this joint looting arrangement. The Soviet Empire has rejected the schemes of an East-West "New Marshall Plan." Why waste your time discussing a continuation of 1920s-style Trust arrangements with the Muscovite Empire into the 1990s, when this policy is doomed to failure? The 1920s Soviet "Scissors Crisis" forced the Soviet policy change to break the 1920s Trust relationship with Western financiers, and to dump, and later execute, Nikolai Bukharin and associates.

At that time, you placed your money on Bukharin, and got Stalin. Now you have a 1980s Comecon "Scissors Crisis." The economies of Eastern Europe have collapsed. The spillover effect is creating an impending economic crisis in the U.S.S.R. itself. This will doom both your neo-détente policies and today's generation of neo-Bukharinites in the Soviet leadership. These are the realities shaping the future course of the Soviet Empire that will be characterized by savage austerity, autarchy and an acceleration of the *military* build-up. The way out for the Russian Empire will be military blackmail and conquest, but this time, viewing Western Europe as the new satrapy to be economically looted.

The economic reality

As all at this gathering know only too well, there was never any "Reagan Recovery" since 1982, but rather another of the continuing attempts since the late 1960s breakdown of Bretton Woods, to hollow out world physical productive plant and infrastructure in order to service speculative short-term capital market demands.

The "solutions" of the 1970s, in which this body had a not insignificant role, postponed the collapse of the U.S. dollar reserve system by fiat inflation of world energy prices, more than 1,300% over a seven-year period until 1980. You discussed this at Saltsjoebaden in May 1973. The results were predictable: industrial decline, soaring unemployment, severe contraction of world trade flows. Of course, global dollar flows expanded exponentially. This, we were told, was the new "post-industrial age," with its "globalization" of world financial markets.

But that has also not sufficed. Predictably, in precisely the manner that refusal to abandon the lunacy of the 1920s Versailles war debt and reparations burdens led to the speculative bubble of the 1927-29, the "petrodollar" recycling of the 1970s has created the Debt Bomb of the 1980s, feeding the recent financial speculation boom, at the expense of real long-term investment in productive areas.

Auto-cannibalism is no sound basis for world policy, neither for economies nor for populations. It was not in the 1920s, nor is it today. The latest desperate phase, with which no doubt many of you are familiar, is the embrace of the financial markets of ever more "profitable" short-term gains. Today, global recycling of illegal narcotics flows are propping up far too many institutions of world finance as did

petrodollars a decade before. Those profits are not without staggering social consequences, yet some among you are now advocating legalization in order to expand that lunacy.

Decoupling of financial flows from industrial production and the stifling of both the rate and depth of technological advance has created a Frankenstein monster. October 19, 1987 is only the beginning of what is, assuming continuation of OECD policy trends since last October, an inevitable "killer depression," further ruining the already decayed industrial and qualified manpower base of the real economy.

The political and social institutions of the West will crack under the assault of the depression. The military security of the West will become "unaffordable." The economic crisis in the Third World will turn into a holocaust that will produce social chaos and epidemics such as AIDS that will sweep into the North. There are no "quick fixes" and no "regional" solutions. A U.S. depression collapse is a world depression. Internal markets in the OECD are a cruel sham and hoax without a policy to massively export and build real infrastructure in developing regions of the planet.

The sustainable way out

We propose for your discussion the following agenda:

- What large-scale global infrastructural and agro-industrial projects are necessary for the development of the Third World?

- How can the military security of the West be guaranteed with the most advanced, "post-nuclear" technologies like SDI, TDI and other electromagnetic effect weaponry? How can a "France 1940" morale be averted in the West?

- How might the crash development of such energy sources as nuclear fusion and a Western Mars Colonization Space Program be realized?

- How to combat the plague of international drug-trafficking:

- A. What are the sources of drug production and trafficking?

- B. How might a cultural renaissance be brought about in Western societies, to reverse the cultural pessimism that leads youth to drugs?

- How to eradicate the AIDS pandemic:

- A. What public health measures are necessary to combat AIDS?

- B. How might crash Manhattan Project-type research programs be initiated so that we might better understand the virus?

- C. Which new medical technologies, drawing upon such fields as optical biophysics, non-linear spectroscopy and electromagnetic effects, should be encouraged, to deal most effectively with the virus?

We of the Schiller Institute have developed concepts and policies to provide answers to those questions raised by the reality of the present historical crisis. We are available to assist and contribute to your deliberations.