

## Editorial

### *A new era of butchery*

The just concluded Democratic Convention has the distinction of receiving the lowest TV ratings ever for prime time. Clearly the American public found the well-choreographed affair to be boring. Nothing was happening at this Convention and people perceived this, whether or not they understood why this was the case.

The reality of both the Democratic and Republican conventions is that whoever wins the election, Bush or Dukakis, has been programmed to be merely the public face for the policies of an otherwise faceless bipartisan coalition, which is intended to preside over the end of this republic as we now know it.

It is widely accepted in knowledgeable political and financial circles that the United States is next on the chopping block. If we do not see a crash this summer, there will certainly be one in the first days of the new President's term of office. At that time, the American people will face vicious austerity conditions. Not only credit cards, but even three square meals a day, will become a memory of the past.

So, too, will be the role of the United States as a superpower. The handwriting is already on the wall; the agreements are in place. What else is the significance of repeated assurances to the Soviets by the U.S. administration, and the countries of the European Community that whatever happens, food supplies will continue to flow into the Russia from the West? This "sale" of food to the Soviets at well below market price, is nothing else but tribute.

Most horribly, while the Soviet overlords are assured of their food, whatever the drought conditions or other problems of the producing nations, the Third World is already targeted for starvation. The United States is already threatening to reduce food exports to countries such as Bangladesh, where the drought is at least as bad as in the United States.

Background briefings are already being given to the international press that the U.S. State Department has slated 84 countries for the slaughterhouse. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), also infamous for its population reduction pol-

icies, concurs in this policy, which they couch in terms of a "prediction" that the U.S. drought will have serious consequences for the Third World.

This situation will obtain, regardless of who wins the election, because both the Democrat Dukakis and the Republican Bush are pledged to continue to implement the policy goals of the International Monetary Fund, the Bank for International Settlements, and the World Bank, policy goals which have been set by an international oligarchy which likes to style itself as the Trust.

One might, with some justification, find the prospect of a Dukakis victory even more awful than having Bush in the White House for personal reasons. Dukakis is such an evil character—such a Jimmy Carter clone. But can the difference between the two men be so great, particularly under present circumstances? How can a charade such as the Democratic Convention have occurred, except in a country overwhelmed by the stench of moral decay.

Michael Dukakis is clearly a man unfit for office, yet he is running for the highest office in his nation. While the Convention was still in session, an article appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution*, a guest column by Christopher Lydon, which reported that in 1973, Michael Dukakis pulled the plug on his own brother, despite the fact that he was on the road to recovery. The brother Stelian Dukakis had been in a coma for four months, after being hit by an automobile.

This was nothing short of butchery, and in 1973 "pulling the plug" was a capital crime, not graced by delicate locutions such as euthanasia. It was known by its proper name: the crime of murder. It shows how far we have descended into barbarism, that this ugly truth could be revealed in a leading newspaper, without even calling into question the mental and moral fitness of Dukakis for public office.

Still, the truth about Dukakis is so appalling that a reaction will have to occur ultimately. The one person who *can* win the upcoming U.S. election for Michael Dukakis is George Bush.