

## Mike Moore: Mussolini without a uniform

Economic policies are not the only similarity between the Italian dictator Mussolini and New Zealand's Mike Moore. Mussolini was the product of a cultural movement in early 20th-century Italy known as Futurism, which heralded the "New Age" and which prophesized the death of Christianity in favor of a "reevaluation of all values." The chief political expressions of this New Age, Mussolini argued, were Fascism and Bolshevism, spiritual brothers in their enmity to Western Christian civilization and its institutions and values. The pro-Soviet socialist Moore, with his fascist corporatist schemes, is precisely such a prophet of the New Age, as the following excerpts from his thinking demonstrate:

**On the destruction of New Zealand/world food supplies:** Moore has been one of the world's leading proponents of collapsing food production in the name of "free trade." Ignoring even United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization statistics, Moore rants, "There is no shortage of food in the world, only a shortage of money to purchase it." And again, on New Zealand's 3YA Radio Morning Report, "The world is awash with an oversupply of red meat."

Moore is a close friend and supporter of grain cartel agent Clayton Yeutter, one-time U.S. Special Trade Negotiator, now U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and the chief proponent of slashing world food production through the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) arrangements. Moore not only set up the GATT Council in New Zealand, but was instrumental in forcing agriculture onto the agenda of the recent Montreal round of GATT talks, which he called "my greatest moment in politics."

"The intellectual battle on agriculture is won. Nobody now talks of food security," brags Moore. "Food security" means the right of each sovereign nation to take the necessary steps to ensure the growth of its own food supply, which Moore and his GATT friends have polemicized against in favor of "free trade" arrangements where nations would have to go to the cartel which dominates world food trade, and purchase from them—at whatever price they dictate. Moore also advocates the establishment of a United Nations Food Bank, the better to control world food supplies.

**Post-industrial one-worldism:** Moore, like at least 40 other members of New Zealand's 98-member Parliament, is a member of the one-worldist Parliamentarians for Global Action, which calls for the establishment of the United Nations and similar regional supranationalist bodies as the seed-



crystal of a one-world government. Moore has pushed not only U.N. schemes, but also the Closer Economic Relations (CER), which before long will turn New Zealand from an independent nation into a state of Australia, and a Pacific Parliament plan which would gradually supersede the national parliaments of South Pacific nations. "National strategies are anachronistic in our present-day world," Moore quotes Socialist International bigwig and former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt approvingly. "It is outdated nonsense to even think of a purely national economic policy, a purely national foreign policy, or a purely national security policy."

Moore fanatically expounds his "brave new world" philosophy of the post-industrial New Age at every chance. "We are in the post-industrial economy. During the industrial age, chief inputs were steel, energy, paper, and sweat. In the post-industrial age—the information age—the chief inputs are ideas, knowledge, information, and intellectual property. This jars many New Zealanders, many of whom still think work is done only with your sleeves rolled up." He berates the optimistic outlook of his compatriots, which he calls "a primitive, pathetic attitude that the productive sector must be supported."

Not only is work outdated in Moore's dreams, but so are sovereign governments. "The new service and information industries are growing at many times the rate of traditional product-based industries. Governments are becoming less meaningful as a global economy develops. Instead of driving against the world economy and giving subsidies with taxpayer funds stolen from education, housing, or health, New Zealand enterprise has to be competent to manage as part of the new global reality." It is presumably this "new global reality" which has led the Labour government to call, in

January 1989, for the establishment of casinos in New Zealand, a move Moore strongly backs as part of developing tourism as “the premier industry of the 1990s.” In line with his New Age values, Moore strongly supported the sodomy-legalizing Homosexual Law Reform Act passed a couple of years ago.

**Pro-Soviet beliefs and activities:** Moore began his career in the youth section of the Soviet-controlled Socialist International which sponsored his travels all over the world, including to Moscow. Moore noted in his autobiography, “I made contact with left-wing politicians in every country I visited.” He finally became the Asian vice president of the International Union of Socialist Youth, the youth wing. He describes his interventions on behalf of Soviet causes, such as his work for Father Walter Lini, the pro-Soviet “independence leader” who became the first head of state of Vanuatu, the former New Hebrides: “I paid for, and smuggled up to him, the first Vanuatu flag, which was hoisted when independence was unilaterally declared.” Vanuatu under Lini has become known as the “Cuba of the South Pacific.” Moore

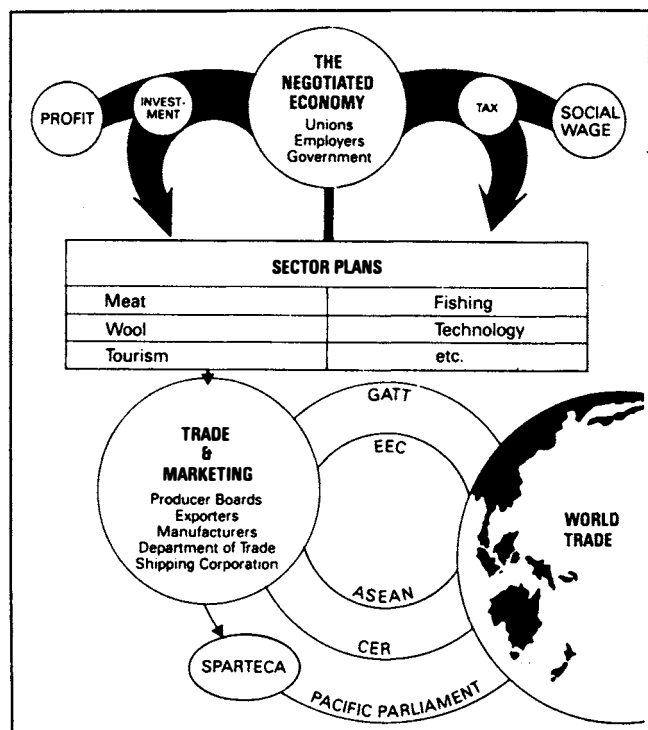
also intervened in Chile on behalf of the Soviets’ Andean spine strategy for communist takeover of Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, and Chile, a strategy being carried out in part through “human rights” fronts, such as Amnesty International: “I also had good briefings with Amnesty International and initiatives were worked out that can’t be disclosed publicly at present, but may be able to be talked about openly in the future.”

The very beginning of Moore’s career reflected the forces sponsoring him. On Oct. 25, 1975, the New Zealand newspaper *Truth* ran a two-page article entitled “Mike Moore and the Trotskyists,” which stated that “Mr. Moore won Eden [his parliamentary seat] in 1972 with the active support of the Trotskyist Communist Socialist Action League. Mr. Moore clearly defied the rules of the Labour Party when he gathered about him these communists in 1972.” This was not Mr. Moore’s only dealing with communists. In May 1986, Minister of Overseas Trade Moore announced a 24,000-ton sheepmeat deal to the Soviet Union worth \$16.7 million. The Soviets got an extremely good bargain from Moore, since they purchased both mutton and lamb at 69.6¢ a kilogram, whereas New Zealand mutton was then bringing \$1.54/kg and lamb \$4.75/kg in Britain. Moore was dumping this product in Russia at dirt cheap prices when New Zealand had not even met its quota at the time, at the higher prices, in Britain. Following the scandal which developed around that deal, all New Zealand meat deals with the Soviets have been shrouded in the deepest secrecy.

What makes Mike Moore tick? As he says in his autobiography, “Every action I’ve ever taken has been given the most sordid of motives, the darkest flavour of ambition and conspiracy, which sometimes, but only sometimes, was correct.” Typical of Moore’s duplicity was the press coverage which he *rigged against himself* during negotiations with the European Community over New Zealand’s agricultural products in late 1988. In secret discussions with the New Zealand Dairy Board and the Federated Farmers organization, Moore arranged for these two groups to attack him for “giving in” in the EC negotiations. He waved those clippings around in Europe to strengthen his hand in further dealings. Moore later bragged about it. “Yes. Had to send a message to the European farmers that we’re not over-happy.”

Regarding his latest venture, the Mussolini-style compact, Moore protests that he is not getting involved in anything underhanded: “I will not allow myself to be put in a position where I am seen to be used, because of the good will I have with various parts of New Zealand. I am not a shit. I will not be used to launder things that are unacceptable, I will not be the lipstick on the corpse.”

If that be so, then one of two possibilities presents itself: Either Mr. Moore is lying and does indeed intend to be the “lipstick on the corpse” of the New Zealand economy, or that he truly does believe in his corporatist fascist restructuring schemes.



This diagram, taken from Mike Moore’s 1984 book *The Added Value Economy*, illustrates Moore’s proposed tripartite “social compact” to run New Zealand’s economy. The tripartite council at the top and the subordinate “sector plans” are virtual carbon copies of the national authority and the industry-branch “corporations” of Mussolini’s Fascist Italy in the 1930s. Moore envisions this structure hooking into a system of one-worldist institutions: the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), European Economic Community (EEC), Closer Economic Relations [with Australia] (CER), and others.