

U.S. kowtows to China to get U.N. vote

The United States made every possible deal with the devil to get U.N. Resolution 678, authorizing "all necessary means" to oust Iraq from Kuwait, passed by the U.N. Security Council on Nov. 29, by a vote of 12-2. In addition to a deal with Mikhail Gorbachov, the United States has now dropped even the pretense of sanctions against the People's Republic of China for the June 1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square and the murderous crackdown since.

Great Britain led the stampede back to accepting China, and on Oct. 23, the European Community (EC) lifted sanctions against China.

For all the kowtowing by the West, Beijing managed to maintain an officially ambiguous position, by abstaining from the vote. Of course, had Beijing been determined to stop the war, it could have used its veto power as one of the "Permanent Five" members of the Security Council, joining the negative votes of Yemen and Cuba. Communist China has played the "George Bush card," proving, as Deng Xiaoping said, that "the West has a short memory."

Japan, the United States, and the EC will continue to prop up the monstrous Beijing regime—if that is possible.

The Chinese Communist Party only continues to rule by mass executions and mass brainwashing campaigns. Beijing has now gone ahead and charged 12 of the leaders of the Tiananmen demonstrations last year. Two leaders, Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, are charged with "conspiracy to overthrow the government" and "counterrevolutionary propaganda and agitation," which carry the death penalty. Hundreds of workers have already been condemned and sentenced, in dozens of cases to death, for the Tiananmen demonstrations, but this is the first time that the student and intellectual leaders of the protests have been charged. Their trials will be secret.

Beijing's move was carefully timed. The trials coincide with the public announcement that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker had invited Foreign Minister Qian Qichen to tour the United States. Qian flew to New York for the U.N. vote on Resolution 678, maintaining the entire time that he would not support it, because China "has always maintained that there should be a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis and that war should be avoided." Qian made it clear that he expects an audience with President Bush, dismissing hypocritical U.S. claims that official contacts were still "banned." "I do not see the whatever differences there are between contacts and exchanges," Qian said.—*Mary Burdman*

Solidarnosc media.

But the problem facing Solidarnosc is that as long as the Weimar-style mass impoverishment persists, with its accompaniment of rage against whatever is seen as the "establishment," verbal attacks from that "establishment" against the "outsider" merely tend to increase Tyminski's popularity. One is reminded of Germany during the Weimar period, when the Nazi Party, while all along supported by Anglo-American financier circles, cleverly exploited popular rage against the economic imperialism imposed on Germany, the onerous reparations payments dictated by the Versailles Treaty, the crippling debt repayment plans, the Dawes Plan, the Young Plan, etc.

To politically destroy Tyminski, the myth he presents as the "self-made man" must be destroyed. The facts concerning which international forces are backing his campaign, and for what reasons, must come to light.

The Solidarnosc media unfortunately do not have the resources to dig into the questions many are asking: Where did Tyminski, a total unknown in Poland until two months before the election, get the money and—perhaps even more intriguing—the logistics and personnel to have mounted the kind of campaign he did?

As one example, somehow Tyminski, a man who had "nothing" inside Poland, managed to have his campaign posters, in quantities matching or even surpassing those of Solidarnosc, all over Warsaw and other Polish cities and towns. Polish sources claim to have evidence that this logistical network was, at least in part, provided by sections of the OPZZ, the Communist trade union organization. The OPZZ, the "Trojan Horse" opposition and competition to Solidarnosc in the the labor movement, would like nothing better than to see Solidarnosc weakened as much as possible. Beyond that, one sees in this reported OPZZ deployment, another ominous parallel to the Weimar period, when the initial currents of "right-wing" chauvinism, and "left-wing" national bolshevism, then out of the ranks of the German Communist Party, later fused into a broad fascist movement.

Tyminski will unfortunately not disappear after the Dec. 9 runoff. He will remain and continue to operate as the spearhead of an attempt to destabilize the Walesa presidency, and Poland's newly emerging democratic national institutions. Demagogue that he is, he will loudly proclaim himself as the true upholder of Polish national interests, while working to undermine them and thus prevent Poland's reemergence as a great nation-state.