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The Cold War Never Ended

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Editor's Note: The following article on Russia's geo-strategic stance comes at an important time. Ever since Mikhail Gorbachev spoke of perestroika and glasnost, the Western world has embraced the idea that the Great Bear has been de-clawed. Yet, Russia's military certainly hasn't faded, nor has its intelligence arm been retracted. Instead, Russia's position as a global energy power is noticeably increasing, and its influence is being felt across the entire Euro-Asian zone.

J.R. Nyquist, a long-time analyst and commentator on Russia's geo-political, security, and economic posturing, offers us a compelling and thought-provoking article; one that will aid *Forcing Change* readers to better understand the complexities and realities of globalization from the angle of Communist grand-strategy.

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The cleverly titled *Wall Street Journal* column, "Gazprom Drills Deeper Into Europe," explains how the Russian energy giant (Gazprom) is invading Western retail energy markets. While Russian bombers and warships conduct war exercises in the Atlantic, the real 2008 Russian Winter Offensive is along economic lines. Not only has Russia protected itself financially, with bolstered currency reserves, we also find that Russian grain



production is up. Here the Kremlin's watchword is self-sufficiency. If global financial collapse occurs, the Russian people will survive. In fact, Russia sees opportunity as currencies devalue and markets fall. If we look at rising food costs in Russia, there is reason to suspect the Russian government is stockpiling grain.

By some counts, Russia has the best intelligence service in the world. A cheap trick of latter-day prognostication is to watch Russian moves with an eye to what they know. Prior to 9/11 the Russian parliament staged hearings in which testimony was presented about an imminent attack on America by "shadow forces." The dollar was expected to crash. The Russian people were encouraged to trade their dollars for gold. To this end, gold was made legal tender in Russia. Anyone watching these hearings, knowing the prescience of Russian

intelligence, would conclude that something “very nasty” was coming against America. And sure enough, 9/11 proved the point. Russian spies go everywhere. They look into everything.

It is worth noting that Russian economic moves have been telltale since 1998. At the time, under the leadership of Boris Yeltsin, Russia was cooperating with the West. But there were disturbing cracks in the friendly façade. A defector warned that Russia had a secret intelligence “alliance” with China. Even more disturbing, Russia was still working on a super-plague biological weapon, planning to build new missiles, and cheating on other arms agreements. Furthermore, Russia was refurbishing underground nuclear bunkers and nuclear-proof cities.

Why were these preparations taking place in the midst of peace, under the leadership of Boris Yeltsin?

Long ago Russian strategists predicted the West would suffer a severe economic crisis. As far back as the 1950s, Russian strategists talked of a “forty-year” strategy and more, with strategic preparations in the clandestine, criminal, economic and political spheres.

Though Communist ideology is supposed to be dead, Western analysts shouldn’t underestimate



the ongoing influence of Marxist ideas. Having seen the world through the lens of Marxism-Leninism, Russian and Chinese leaders didn’t become overnight disciples of John Locke or Adam Smith. The old battle line remains between rich nations and poor nations, between capitalism and socialism. As a self-conceived champion of the poor nations, the Marxist always anticipates a global capitalist meltdown that will bring a new balance of power (in favor of a Marxist-bloc of countries). This is part wishful thinking, part realistic thinking. History teaches that financial crashes periodically occur. If you are plotting to overthrow a global social system, it is logical to strike when that system has suffered an upset. In terms of playing to this expectation, the Chinese have concentrated on trade while the Russians have concentrated on monopolizing raw materials (oil, natural gas and minerals).

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Andrei Lugovoy

The Russian strategists expect the U.S. financial position to deteriorate in the near future, and they are prepared to give America a hard push if necessary. Of course, the best incentive to economic irresponsibility was already given to Western business leaders with the “collapse” of the Soviet Union. This was the move that led us to the present crisis. The market’s victory over “socialism” was a passageway to an abyss. Francis Fukuyama called it “the end of history.” In reality, the march of folly continued.

Behind the finely crafted finale of communism, the KGB kept watch. Its agents in the criminal underworld, the drug trade and in legitimate business, formed a strong combination for penetrating Western economies and, also, Western governments. An astute appreciation of reality is here denigrated as a “relic” of the “Cold War.”

Everyone knows the Cold War is over because our enemy said it was over. That infamous crew of liars and murderers, grown from Stalin’s potting soil, flowered into democrats and capitalists. How convenient for the shopping mall regime! If men once believed in magic or astrology, they are now duped by sociology and belief in “progress.” Since Western opinion-makers never understood Soviet Russia, it was easy and pleasant to imagine an instant change stemming from Mikhail Gorbachev. Such was the greatest sucker’s plaything ever devised by Moscow’s specialists.

After two decades the West has been thoroughly duped; its leaders manipulated, blackmailed, swindled to a point that overt hostile moves by the Russian military, or scathing threats from the Russian president, produces no meaningful reaction. We all know that Russian agents unleashed radioactive poison on the streets of London. British officials believe that Andrei Lugovoy was Putin’s henchman in the matter. And now, with hardly a squeak from so many political pips, Lugovoy is a member of the Russian parliament with full legal immunity. In a recent interview with Megan Stack, published in the 27 January *Los Angeles Times*, Lugovoy said: “I don’t believe the Cold War is back. It has never ended.”

The Cold War cannot end in a whimper. It must end in a bang. Here is the terra firma of Putin’s policy. Does anyone imagine the assassin thinks any differently than his boss? Lugovoy’s words and their meaning are as straightforward, as simple and easy-to-grasp as anything that has ever gained utterance. Russia under Putin is the enemy of the West. The Russian people are now persuaded that good is evil and evil is good. Who has persuaded them and why?

According to a Russian newspaper editor, quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*, if Lugovoy openly admitted to assassinating Alexander Litvinenko with polonium-210 in London, “He would... become a national hero of Russia...”

Here is another significant point. The old Stalinist system of propaganda has been replaced by

a psychologically superior system. Strangely, the Americans and British don't seem worried. They cling to their Cold War victory. "Once upon a time," we are told, capitalism was good and America won the Cold War.

"Once upon a time," however, is the opening line in a fairytale. Today capitalism is everywhere vilified. Under the regime of "new lies for old," the old Communist propaganda is reborn without the detriment of a Communist label. **FC**

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Quotes on Communism and World Change

"But democracy is by no means a limit one may not overstep; it is only one of the stages in the course of development from feudalism to capitalism, and from capitalism to Communism." – V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution* (International Publishers, 1917/69), p.82.

"For the complete extinction of the state, complete Communism is necessary." – V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution* (International Publishers, 1917/69), p.78.

"Peace is inevitable. War will not help us reach our goal – it will spoil it. We must rest on the position of coexistence and non-intervention, and eventually Communism will be in force all over the earth." – Nikita S. Khrushchev, quoted in *Conquest Without War* (Simon and Schuster, 1961), p. 58. Comment made in 1960.

"Soviet foreign policy and foreign propaganda efforts continue to be linked to the objectives of fostering and accelerating world-wide social revolution." – Frederick C. Barghoorn (analyst on Soviet policy), *Soviet Foreign Propaganda* (Princeton University Press, 1964), pp.43-44.

"In October 17 we departed the old world and irreversibly rejected it. We are travelling to a new world, the world of communism. We shall never deviate from this path." – Mikhail Gorbachev, television broadcast, November 2, 1987, as quoted by Maurice Tugwell, *Peace with Freedom* (Key Porter Books, 1988), p.214.

"The Cold War may be 'over' for the West. For the Soviets it has entered a new, active and promising phase." – Anatoliy Golitsyn (ex-KGB officer), *The Perestroika Deception* (Edward Harle, 1995), p.127.

"...the West's main weakness remains unchanged: it cannot grasp the fact that it is facing an acceleration in the unfolding of Soviet convergence strategy which is intended to procure the subservience of the West to Moscow under an ultimate Communist World Government." – Anatoliy Golitsyn (ex-KGB officer), *The Perestroika Deception* (Edward Harle, 1995), p.143.

"The time has come to develop integrated global policies." – Mikhail Gorbachev, *In Search for a New Beginning: Developing a New Civilization* (HarperCollins, 1995), p.26.

"The time has come to choose a new direction of global development, to opt for a new civilization." – Mikhail Gorbachev, *In Search for a New Beginning: Developing a New Civilization* (HarperCollins, 1995), p.69.

"New approaches are needed, new orientations in both thought and action. We must make

the transition to a new civilization...We are talking of a transition toward a new civilization. No one knows what it will be like. What is important is to orient in that direction...I am convinced that a new civilization will inevitably take on certain features that are characteristic of, or inherent in, the socialist ideal.” – Mikhail Gorbachev, *On My Country and the World* (Columbia University Press, 2000), pp.73-74.

“Obviously the goals of global management cannot be achieved all at once, in a great leap... Thus it is necessary to approach this goal step by step, to try to enhance the role of existing institutions and encourage coordination of the efforts of various governments.

Above all, we are thinking about the United Nations.” – Mikhail Gorbachev, *On My Country and the World* (Columbia University Press, 2000), p.227.

Menno Peace? A Response to a Pastor

By Carl Teichrib

The quest for peace is never ending. Middle East diplomats shake hands for peace, religious leaders plead for peace, and we sing songs proclaiming peace on Earth. In the news, the antithesis of peace takes front-and-centre: War between nations and peoples, and the growing strife of civil conflict and crime. Peace, it seems, is now being presented in a myriad of ways, manners, and arrangements.

The following article, developed through a short note sent from a pastor, is an example of how inter-religious pressures are colliding with the Christian witness. I’ve known this gentleman for many years, and I respect his stand for truth and his pursuit of Biblical wisdom. Now, he’s facing an uphill battle against a “Christianized” form

of political correctness – peace at the expense of truth. Frustration is evident in his note, and I don’t blame him.

It’s important to keep in mind that inter-religious cooperation for peace has become fashionable across the Christian spectrum, from the United Methodist denomination to the Church of England to various Baptist circles. Therefore, the following article, which centres on the Mennonite community, can easily be modified to fit any number of Christian denominations struggling with interfaith peace overtures.

To ensure anonymity, the pastor’s name, church, community, and country have been intentionally left out. Furthermore, some of his wording has been revised for flow, but the essence of his statement remains. My response likewise has been modified for improved editorial continuity, and I have enlarged the commentary in an attempt to better address the issue.

Note: A Mennonite “Conference” is an association of Mennonite churches.

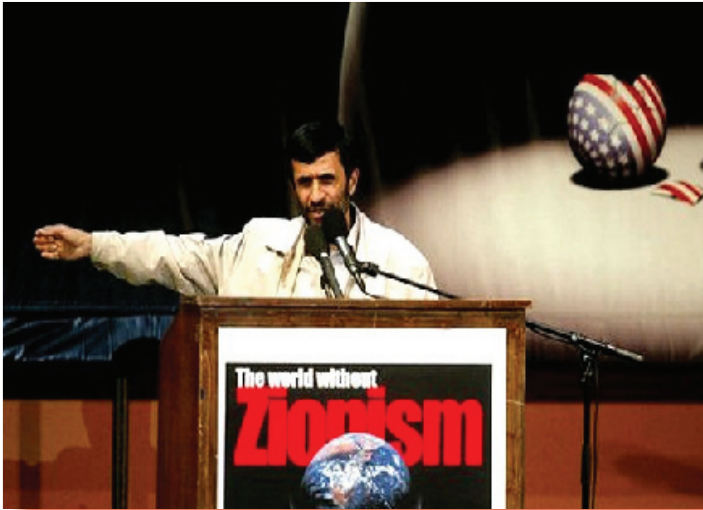
Pastor:

We just had Conference meetings this last weekend and boy are things going down the drain. Muslims want to dialogue with some of the churches and one of our representatives gets up and says, “Of course, we’re all about peace. Let’s do it.”

Didn’t God say not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers? Didn’t God tell the Israelites not to make treaties with pagans? We’re headed for Hell in a hand-basket. That’s not the worst of it yet. But I won’t bore you here...”

Response:

Your Conference leadership needs to evaluate this proposition through a highly critical, Biblical lens. In contemplating this potential interfaith chain-of-events, I’ve penned a few thoughts on the subject. As you read this, you’ll notice that much of my analysis deals with the interfaith problem as a whole, rather than to your Conference’s direct



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situation. The reason is straightforward: the dilemma is philosophically linked.

Although none of what I've written below is new to you, I'm hoping that by putting this to paper, it might be of some value in formulating a larger response.

- The interfaith approach is rationally directionless. If all religions are equally valid, then none of them are.¹ Therefore, the non-believer can logically reject Christianity as a meaningless sect among many meaningless faiths. By having your Conference form official allegiances with Muslim groups, the Conference has entered into the interfaith arena, complete with its logical dilemmas.

- The interfaith position counters the Christian mission of bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to all. Inter-religious peace bolsters the idea that a believer of another religion shouldn't be theologically challenged, as this leads to conflict. Likewise, under pluralism, Christianity shouldn't be contested either. Instead, a type of *status quo* develops with two predictable results: 1) The Christian witness, that of proselytizing and missions outreach for the sake of the Gospel, cannot be tolerated. This is already occurring where the interfaith movement takes on a political face. 2) It entrenches intellectual, historical, and theological laziness, as Christians no longer have to "contend

for the faith."² Theological mushiness becomes a standard.

- When church leaders interlock with other religions, the potential to confuse young Christians who are not-yet-grounded is very real. Our liberal-minded universities and colleges already *strongly* pressure youth to reject Christian beliefs and Western principles. Christian leaders, therefore, have a responsibility to encourage and strengthen these men and women, not to add to the spiritual confusion that already permeates society.

- For the elderly believer, Christian interfaith partnering can be a destabilizing factor. Puzzlement and confusion over long-held beliefs can and do enter the picture. On another front, animosity and/or apathy towards Christian leaders and churches may take root. In mid-December I witnessed this Christian-backlash first hand. A retired Mennonite lady joyfully told me that her grown children had all accepted the saving gift of Jesus Christ. She then explained how grateful she was that not one of them attends a Mennonite congregation, as the Mennonite community has chosen a path of spiritual ruin.

- When Christian leadership seeks to partner with other religions, schisms occur within the church body as congregations, leaders, and laypeople find themselves diametrically opposed with one another. Moreover, pastors who stand firm against official interfaith collaboration find themselves at odds with their Conference and/or association's leadership. And if the pastor's own church isn't willing to back him in countering the official line, then it becomes exceedingly difficult to effectively minister to the home congregation, let alone to contend with the pressures from denominational authorities.

Sometimes, even having home-church support isn't enough. I am personally aware of such a case: The pastor had the backing of his congregation, who could not in good conscious agree with

the interfaith path chosen by the denomination's governing entity. However, because of the legal arrangements between the local church and the national body, the congregation could only watch as the pastor was officially pulled and placed into a meaningless position at headquarters.

I had a chance to speak at length with this gentleman before he moved to his new posting. There was a resigned sadness as he recounted forty years of denominational service, and now, in his pre-retirement years, he found himself being shuffled to a back room in order to be "kept in check." His local church, which wasn't happy about the circumstances, knew that they probably had a major task ahead: to Biblically re-educate the replacement pastor, who was being suggested by the national office.

- Finally, the cultural signals sent by Christian leaders who walk the interfaith road compound the ongoing spiritual/social change. Currently, a large percentage of Western adults and approximately 60% of American youth hold to some form of religious universalism.³ To these individuals, Jesus Christ is no more than a moral man or great reformer, alongside Krishna or Buddha. In their minds that's all Jesus will ever be, because in the quest for peace, that's all interfaithism can allow.

It appears your Conference is facing a serious crossroad. Unfortunately, your organization is following a larger pattern of inter-religious/Mennonite assimilation. Consider the following details.

In 2004, the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) – the international Mennonite relief and development agency – published a booklet titled *What is Palestine/Israel?* This book stated that, "Christians, Jews and Muslims all believe in the same God... Christians, Muslims and Jews call God by different names depending on their native languages, but all of these terms refer to the same God."⁴ Theological comparisons between Christianity/Judaism and Islam, however, amply demonstrate that this statement is grossly inaccurate.⁵

MCC has also been holding interfaith meet-

ings with the Khomeini Education and Research Institute, an Islamic-Iranian institution. Iranian expatriates in southern Ontario, where one of the meetings was held, publicly compared Khomeini graduates to "Nazi Germany's Hitler Youth."⁶ Ironically, visible demonstrations against this event didn't come from Mennonite Christians. Instead, Iranians and Muslims in Ontario attended the meeting to protest over the Khomeini Institute's gross injustices.⁷ One Islamic scholar who opposed this event went so far as to publicly say that MCC was "dancing with wolves."⁸ But Mennonites were silent about the affair.

Then in September 2007, MCC arranged for religious leaders to meet with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the United Nations in New York City. This encounter was "convened out of concern that a deteriorating relationship between the United States and Iran could lead to war."⁹

Calling on the President's "strong religious orientation," the hope of this meeting was to open dialogue and dissipate tensions regarding Iran's position in the world. Was this a nice overture? Sure. Will this ultimately mean anything? Probably not.

Why do I hold a cynical view of this faith/political encounter? Heads-of-state are rarely swayed by questions and innuendos from relatively minor religious organizations, and foreign ones at that. I can just see it: Before Ahmadinejad gives the OK to send guerrilla cells into Iraq, or pipe petroleum to Russian oligarchs, he pauses, "I better rethink this. Mennonites in North America might not be too happy with me."

Sarcasm aside, I do give Mennonite leaders credit in one sense for engaging with Ahmadinejad. They are making an attempt, in their own way, to bridge a gap. However, dangerous waters need to be acknowledged.

First, Mennonites need to be aware of the potential to be used by Iranian/Islamic extremist groups as a propaganda/credibility ploy. This is a long-proven technique used by a wide variety of radi-

cal religious and political entities.¹⁰ Second, and more in keeping with the intent of this letter, is the inter-religious credibility concern. By publicly affirming Ahmadinejad as a “strongly religious person with a strong religious orientation,”¹¹ and by connecting this with a Christian approach, it can be perceived as an equalizing and confirming position regarding Islam. And while the intent behind this encounter may be different, the credibility perception still lingers – especially when many other questionable aspects of MCC/Muslim interfaith cooperation exist.¹²

Paradoxically, when this MCC/religious meeting with Ahmadinejad took place, one of the church leaders to address the President was the Rev. Karen Hamilton of the Canadian Council of Churches. In case you missed it, Karen is a female. In Ahmadinejad’s Islamic world, a woman would never question the President, or any other male religious/political authority. Such an act would be severely punished under Shiria Law.¹³

Within Mennonite circles, Islamic connections are not just confined to MCC. As your short note demonstrates, Mennonite Conferences are now considering where they can fit in. Furthermore, Mennonite churches, publishers, universities, and organizations are increasingly finding common ground with more than just Islam: a smorgasbord of alternative religions and spiritual expressions are being flirted with.¹⁴

All of this comes around to the quandary raised in your email: the problem of being “unequally yoked.”

When Christian groups form alliances with other religions, it throws up significant spiritual flags. Theologically, one of the primary landmines encountered is the issue of Jesus Christ and His exclusive message of sin and salvation. If all faith expressions have validity, as the interfaith movement ultimately proclaims, then the work of Jesus Christ is suspect. Either Jesus’ teachings were true and His actions factual – including His self-proclamation as the Son of God and His resurrection from the dead – or He was an incredibly proficient

conman, or a lunatic who somehow managed to ensnare two thousand years of civilization with a delusion.¹⁵ But for someone to say, in 2008, that Jesus was simply a moral person or a great teacher is nonsense. Either we accept His declarations as legitimate and embrace the politically incorrect truth this presents, an exclusive Way that transcends cultures and time, or we concede that the “wisdom” of a madman formed our long-held principles of justice and mercy.

Millions of individuals throughout the centuries, from paupers and lepers to statesmen and scientists,¹⁶ have weighed the evidence and made a choice, electing to believe in the salvation message of Jesus Christ. Along the way, hundreds of thousands have suffered a martyr’s death for refusing to compromise the Gospel. For those souls, it mattered not if society viewed their convictions as politically outmoded.

Putting all of this into the perspective of our pluralistic culture, it’s hard to fathom that the exclusivity of Jesus Christ can now blend with the inter-religious paradigm. Logically, in pursuing a *meaningful* interfaith vision of peace, Jesus Christ must be downgraded, by omission or otherwise, to ensure appeasement. Therefore, when Christian leaders embark on inter-religious bridge building in the name of peace, without openly dealing with the “problem” of exclusive truth, a spiritual fraud takes place, or at the least reckless naivety.

I can hear someone saying; “should Christians then stay away from people of other faiths?” Of course not: Jesus Christ didn’t shy away from anyone. Instead, He met people where they were with compassion, and at times with confrontation.¹⁷ Ultimate truth, however, was never compromised. The Apostle Paul, too, had uncomfortable encounters. One example was in Athens, where he debated with Stoic philosophers and men of other faiths. During this debate, which focussed on the many idols found throughout the community, Paul tactfully employed the city’s culture to demonstrate a more excellent way.¹⁸ But nowhere do we find truth traded for appeasement.

At the personal level, I have friends and acquaintances of other religions, and some who are avowed atheists. We visit, we talk, we laugh, we debate, we respect each other as individuals; and we openly disagree on many issues. This doesn't make us enemies, but it does mean that on spiritually viewed issues, we cannot converge – nor can we present a public face of religious collusion without seriously muddying the waters.

But muddying the waters seems to be the latest trend.

I know this response doesn't cover all the bases, but I trust it has been helpful in thinking through this perplexing issue. **FC**

Endnotes:

¹ See "Understanding Religious Universalism," *Forcing Change*, Volume 2, Issue 1.

² See the book of Jude.

³ Carl Teichrib, "Understanding Religious Universalism," *Forcing Change*, Volume 2, Issue 1.

⁴ Sonia K. Weaver, *What is Palestine/Israel? Answers to Common Questions* (Mennonite Central Committee, 2004), p.32.

⁵ For a theological comparison from the perspective of a Christian Arab, see the book *Islam Revealed* by Dr. Anis A. Shorrosh (Nelson, 1988). An interesting website tackling theological, historical, and cultural contextual aspects of Christianity in comparison to Islam is www.answering-islam.org.

⁶ Jonathan Gatehouse, "You've been talking to Who?: Canadian Mennonites have built a bridge to Iranian extremists," *Maclean's*, May 21, 2007, p.20.

⁷ See, "Protest to Mennonite-Muslim dialogue covered widely," *Canadian Mennonite*, Volume 11, Number 13, [<http://canadian-mennonite.org/vol11-2007/11-13/widerchurch.php>].

⁸ Ibid, p.20.

⁹ Brenda Suderman, "Building relationships with Iran: Winnipeg's Mennonite leaders meet with Iranian president," *Winnipeg Free Press*, September 29, 2007, p.A5.

¹⁰ For the analysis of Soviet peace propaganda strategy and the use of Western pacifists as a tool, see *Soviet Foreign Propaganda* by Frederick C. Barghoorn (Princeton University Press, 1964), chapter 4. A short explanation of the duping of Western pacifist supporters is found on page 106. Adolf Hitler also noted the difference between "supporters" and "members" as these two groups related to propaganda ploys. See *Mein Kampf* (Houghton Mifflin, 1925/71), p.581. For a similar approach from the Palestinian position, see the 1968 *Palestine National Covenant*, which states in part; "Since the liberation of Palestine will liquidate the Zionist and imperialist presence and bring about the stabilisation of peace in the Middle East, the peoples of Palestine looks to the support of all liberal men of the world..." For more on the use

of Islamic propaganda in its various forms, see the book *Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism*, by Abraham H. Foxman (Harper, 2003).

¹¹ *Winnipeg Free Press*, September 29, 2007, p.A5

¹² Some of this is documented in the report, *The Mennonite Central Committee: Issues and Concerns, Expanded Edition*, which can be downloaded in the *Forcing Change* membership section (www.forcingchange.org).

¹³ For two websites that deal with Shira law and Iranian human rights, see the Iran and Kurdish Women's Rights Organization [www.ikwro.org.uk] and Human Rights Iran [www.hriran.org].

¹⁴ The web-blog, *Roll Over Menno*, has done an excellent job of documenting and tracking Mennonite interfaith/mystical leanings. See, <http://rollovermenno.wordpress.com>.

¹⁵ C.S. Lewis famously employed this question of Jesus' compared legitimacy as an apologetics position.

¹⁶ For a short book on scientists who were believers, see Henry M. Morris, *Men of Science, Men of God* (Master Books, 1982/2005).

¹⁷ Jesus' encounters with the Pharisees and Sadducees, important Judaic sects, are good examples where His uncompromising stance resulted in uncomfortable confrontations. See Matthew 23.

¹⁸ See Acts 17.

The European Union: A British View

By Dr. David Abbott

Editor's Note: This presentation by Dr. David Abbott was given at the Freedom 21 conference in Reno, Nevada, July 16, 2005. It's an important speech, giving insight into the workings of European regionalism and its impact on Great Britain.

Even though Dr. Abbott's lecture was given in 2005, its relevance cannot be overstated. As regional approaches to government and economic development are fast spreading through all parts of the globe, the lessons learned through this article can be dovetailed into practically every spectrum of regional integration. Although the problems of regional management may appear somewhat academic and even obvious, such as bureaucratic overkill and losses of individual autonomy, Dr. Abbott's approach allows us to view the issues from both a grassroots and macro-government perspective.

Please note: all bold and capitals-for-emphasis are part of the original transcript. Also, a few

slight changes have been added to enhance the flow and clarity of the text, such as comma placements and non-altering bridge words.

About Dr. David Abbott:

Born and raised in Southampton, Dr. David Abbott, MRCP, qualified as a doctor, then rose through the ranks of the NHS to locum consultant. He went to America, where he raised a family and practiced medicine in Oregon for 25 years.

David returned to Winchester in 2000 in order to join UKIP's campaign for the freedom, independence and prosperity of all Brits. He stood for MP in the 2005 General Election, and saw the vote for UKIP double.

He continues to consult, and is close to his children and granddaughter who live in Spain and New Jersey. He is a Christian, an environmentalist, and a marathon runner.

1) INTRODUCTION

In Britain many of us admire the U.S. and realize you are way ahead of us in areas like technology and space exploration.

But in one area we are years ahead of you. We have given away most of our freedoms to our government, to the European Union and other supranational bodies. You are in the process of doing something very similar, but we are 5 to 10 years ahead of you.

I'm very glad to be here, and I want to leave you with an understanding of the fight of the people against the European Union, and also confirm your concerns about what is happening in the United States.

When Michael Shaw originally looked at my website, and saw I am an environmentalist, he was on the verge of withdrawing my invitation. I AM an environmentalist...I always take the paper bag option. I mostly turn out the lights. I grow organic vegetables.

But I learned 12 years ago that the biggest threat



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to the environment came from government itself. Twyford Down was a beautiful hill near my house in Winchester. The hill was in private ownership, and in addition was protected by various scenic, scientific, and historical designations, and was also designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Government wanted to make a road through the Down, rather than a tunnel. The tunnel would have cost \$150 million more. (This incidentally is the amount we send to the EU in the space of three days.) They violated the private property rights of the Trust that owned the land by shoving through the road. This resulted in the area's desecration, and saw me racing in protest across the defiled landscape. I was unlawfully arrested, clapped into jail, and subsequently received a formal apology and a substantial settlement from the Hampshire police for my unlawful detention. Now, under new legislation, they probably would have classified me as a terrorist, and I would have lost my rights.

At about the same time, the effects of the Common Fisheries Policy, agreed to by Mr. Heath in 1972, were becoming apparent. Increasingly Spanish and other foreign trawlers, often using illegally small net sizes, were devastating the fish stocks around Britain. Britain had 80% of EU fish stocks because the stocks had been carefully managed for hundreds of years. France, Spain, and Italy had virtually destroyed the fish stocks of the Mediterranean and around



their coasts. Now they were destroying ours with the connivance of the British Government. Things are now so bad that fish stocks in several areas may never recover, so the EU has enlisted the cooperation of the governments of 20 African countries, and is now treating their offshore fish in the same way, in the process often killing the native fishermen who fish in small boats and often at night.

The biggest threat to the British environment, however, is the Government's open border policy. It should be easy to defend an island from illegal or unwanted immigration, but in fact our border is as open as your border with Mexico. Millions of people are flocking into Britain, which is already the most crowded country in Europe. This is largely because of our membership in the EU. There is free movement of people across the 25 countries of the EU, and they mostly want to come to Britain, because many of them already speak English as a second language; because Britain still has a fairly buoyant economy since it has not taken on all the regulations demanded by the EU; and because Britain has a relatively generous welfare benefits system.

And, in order to fit in with the European ideal, Britain has already signed the European Charter of Human Rights. This makes it impossible to deport many people who are found to have entered the country illegally. The result-

ing population growth is putting enormous strains on all aspects of the British environment as the need for housing, roads, hospitals, schools, and shopping centers increases. And with the powers that the Government is giving to the Regional Assemblies, which I will talk about later, there is little that local activists can do to stop the destruction of their environment as a result of Government policy.

2) EU: A BRIEF HISTORY

We are all talking about the EU now, but how did it begin?

In 1972 Britain joined the Common Market; in 1974 a referendum on whether we should stay in the Common Market was held. We were told that our nation's essential sovereignty would not be lost. We now know that we were lied to repeatedly. There is a law in Britain called the 30-year law in which Government papers are made public after a period of 30 years. We are now able to see the papers that preceded the 1974 vote, and have found out that the Government knew full well that they were signing us up to a political union, but knew they could not reveal this because it would not be popular with the voters.

No one told us that today the EU would be making 80% of our laws. That's not 8% or 18%. That's 80%. The EU called 9-11 "a beneficial disaster" because it enabled them to trot out legislation that further curtails our freedoms. The EU even admits that we face a democratic deficit.

So we joined the Common Market, then found ourselves in the European Economic Community, then found ourselves in the European Community, and now we are in the quagmire of the European Union.

This has been very costly for Britain. We send the EU \$55 million a day. In addition, the cost of living has increased tremendously for every person in Britain. This is because the EU, which was sold to us as a free trade area is in fact a customs union with heavy tariffs on all imported

goods – particularly agricultural goods. Thus we no longer enjoy cheaply produced food from the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. Instead, preference is given to much more expensive French products, and, of course, the French farmer is supported by the immensely costly Common Agriculture Policy, and still cannot produce the goods as cheaply as you can in the States.

Part of the immense cost of the EU is due to its corruption, fraud, and nepotism. It has its own system of auditing its accounts. This is known as the EU Court of Auditors. The Court has not okayed the accounts for the last ten years. The EU system of bookkeeping is so antiquated that no proper checks can be made. There are thousands of offshore bank accounts, for instance, which have been set up for who knows what purpose.

3) HOW BRITAIN DIFFERS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Britain has been a self-governing nation for 900 years and has been developing democracy and freedom for most of that time.

In contrast European countries have relatively little experience of democracy. They have been under the control of autocratic kings and dictators until very recently. Now, they are ruled by the EU's unelected bureaucracy.

Britain and America believe that individuals receive their freedoms and rights directly from God, that their rights are 'unalienable'.

In contrast Europeans see the state as the source of their freedoms and lifestyle. They have become used to THE STATE doling out freedoms and benefits.

This is reflected in the EU Charter of Human Rights, which is modeled on the UN Charter of Human Rights. The EU Charter was part of the EU Constitution in recent contention. The last sentence of the EU Charter says that all the rights of the individual can be withdrawn if necessary in the interest of the state.

Britain's Common Law is a bottom-up pro-

cess. The law wells up from individuals bringing individual cases. The Common Law protects our freedoms.

In contrast the Napoleonic Code and its successor, the Aquis Communitaire, is a top-down imposition of laws and regulations. It does not protect freedom.

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In contrast, Europeans have a long history of making thousands of laws. They are used to HIGH regulation and LOW compliance. [Example: Italians speak of certain EU laws as "English laws" because they know only the Brits are going to keep them].

British and American legal systems are very different from European systems. We are innocent until proven guilty. We have Habeas Corpus, Trial by jury, Protection against double jeopardy.

In contrast the European legal system has none of these protections.

Imagine that in America, in some future extension of NAFTA, American law was changed to Mexican law. This is what we are facing in Britain.

Under EU law the accused are assumed to be guilty, and have to prove their innocence. There is no protection against double jeopardy. There is no trial by jury. The same state employee investigates and charges you and tries you.

4) EUROPEAN UNION OF THE REGIONS

The full name of the European Union is the European Union of the Regions. Brussels wants to divide up all the larger countries into bite-sized areas that they can control directly, bypassing the national parliaments. In Britain, it was easy to hive off Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, since they were the right size for independent 'regions'. Then they took London, which was used to having an Assembly of its own.

However, the rest of England has proved difficult. The Government has created these regional

bodies by fiat. They are private organisations that have not been formed by statute. They have never been discussed in Parliament. The bodies that run them are appointed, not elected. They are supervising the destruction of England.

They are trying to split England up. It's as if you decided to get rid of your western states, and created a region called Cascadia that was run by the capital of the NAFTA super-state. The state government and city governments would have reduced powers, and would be subservient to the regional government. The regional government would not be created by an Act of Congress but would be imposed by bureaucrats working for the President of NAFTA.

In order to give the appearance of legitimacy, the British Government would like the regional assemblies to be elected. They figured that the area of England that had the most defined regional identity was the northeast, and they held a referendum to see if the public would prefer to have an elected regional assembly or an appointed assembly, as now. The people saw through this Government ruse that would destroy their country and impose another layer of bureaucracy and voted 72% to 28% against having an elected regional assembly. This is the most lopsided referendum vote in British history, and was achieved despite the Government spending a huge amount to swing the vote their way. Had the vote been on whether we should have a regional assembly at all, I suspect it would have been even more lopsided.

The regional assemblies administer funds provided by Brussels, which of course comes from the long-suffering British taxpayer after running through the leaky pipes of the EU bureaucracy. The assemblies spend the money on planning, among other things. They will run the national parks. These are not national parks as you have in the United States. They are areas of private land that will now be administered directly by the Government without local input. The property rights of people living within the parks will be significantly restricted.

A related scheme is the Deputy Prime Minister's Pathfinder Scheme. In this scheme he will spend \$500 million to destroy 400,000 older homes in the north of England and replace them with modern construction. These are solid, brick-built homes, many of which have been brought up to modern standard, and the rest of which could be brought up to standard at far less cost. Many suspect that the real reason for Mr. Prescott's plan is not the slight energy saving that will result, but the destruction of cohesive British communities – a move that will assist in the further Balkanization of my country.

There is now a EU plan to create mega-regions spanning national boundaries. It will be as if British Columbia, Canada, joined Cascadia. National identity will be further eroded.

5) POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE EU

Two political parties have cooperated in taking Britain further into the EU by approving all the treaties that followed the Treaty of Rome, which established the Common Market. They are the Tories and Labour. They have been urged on from the sidelines by a third political party, the Liberal-Democrats, who are even keener about integration with the EU.

These parties have been supported by virtually all of the broadcast media, and particularly by the BBC, which we call the Brussels Broadcasting Corporation. However, despite this, well over 50% of Britain would choose to leave the EU.

Twelve years ago the UK Independence Party was formed. We are the only party whose policy is to leave the EU. It's hard starting a new party. But in the elections for the EU Parliament last year, we received over 17% of the vote, coming second in several regions. This has had a marked effect on the overall political dynamic.

6) WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When Mr. Major signed the Maastricht Treaty, he fully intended to take Britain into the Euro. The opinion of the media pundits, and indeed many of the men and women in the street was that this was 'inevitable.' Now with most of the countries in the eurozone with economies in trouble, what a good thing that Britain didn't join. The reason that we didn't join the euro is really due to the late Sir James Goldsmith, a rich man who used his millions to challenge the Prime Minister to hold a referendum before taking Britain into the euro. Knowing that he would never win, Mr. Major never held the referendum, and Britain has remained outside the euro.

Last year the UK Independence Party (UKIP) did very well in the EU elections, as I mentioned. Because of this Mr. Blair became frightened. To defuse the votes of the euro skeptics in the general election that he was planning to hold, he promised to hold a referendum on the EU Constitution, the next EU milestone – or should I say millstone. In order to help Mr. Blair win the referendum, Mr. Chirac promised – no doubt over a lobster and champagne dinner – to hold a referendum in France. He had no doubt that the French, having benefited so significantly from the EU, would vote yes, and thereby encourage their British neighbors. How that backfired. It now seems highly unlikely that there will ever be a British referendum on a EU Constitution and hopefully there will never be a Constitution.

Dick Morris, who used to work for President Clinton, as you remember, now works part time for UKIP. He has pointed out that if it was not for UKIP, there would have been no promise of a British referendum, and no French referendum, and the Constitution would have steamrolled ahead with the approval of the French Parliament, instead of being rejected by the people.

The region I live in, southeast England, had a meeting of its assembly a few months ago. **A brave assemblyman proposed that the assembly should be dissolved. He received 71% of the assembly's vote.** Unfortunately it requires 75% to bring about dissolution.

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I remind you of the extraordinary referendum result in the northeast. This was masterminded by Neil Herron, a street trader.

These are examples of how a small group of under funded, but patriotic amateurs can make an enormous difference.

7) CONCLUSION

I have shared with you why we at the UK Independence Party oppose the European Union.

We want to regain the right to decide how and by whom we are governed.

We want to regain our legal system and our ability to choose who we conduct business with.

Inherent in this battle there are messages and lessons for the U.S. and for all freedom-loving peoples of the world.

I am working on a website called the Britsworld-wide , which will feature a history of liberty. As soon as it goes online, I will let you know [Note: this website is now online. Go to www.britsworld-wide.org].

I can recommend the following websites:

www.globalbritain.org

www.ukip.org

www.brugesgroup.com



In His Own Words: The Most Trusted Man in America



Walter Cronkite

Editor's Note: Walter Cronkite, the most recognized news broadcaster of his day, has long been called the “most trusted man in America.” Yet there is a side to Mr. Cronkite that few have seen – his candid endorsement of world government.

In 1999, Mr. Cronkite received the Norman Cousins Global Governance Award, a prize given by the World Federalist Association to prominent individuals who have publicly advocated the cause of world government.

Attendees at the acceptance banquet included then United Nations First Lady Nane Annan, Ed Bradley of *60 Minutes*, actor and actress Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, Senator Alan Cranston (former WFA President), journalist

Lesley Stahl, and numerous staff and upper-level members of the World Federalist Association (now known as the Citizens for Global Solutions). First Lady Hillary Clinton, unable to attend this New York City gala event, sent a special video feed congratulating and praising Cronkite on his fight for “the way it could be.”

Below is the complete and official text of Cronkite's speech, as sent from WFA headquarters to its national membership. Interestingly, I have one other version of this speech; a circulated, unofficial edition that intentionally omits Cronkite's bashing of the “religious right wing.” This altered copy was made available to those who attended a Washington, DC joint meeting between the United Religious Initiative and the World Federalist Association (this interfaith/global governance event was held on November 13, 1999).

By reviewing these acceptance remarks, Forcing Change readers are given a window into the heart of “the most trusted man in America.” But this window offers a view that goes beyond one man: it gives us a taste of the aspirations and goals of the elite who support the cause of world federalism. – Carl Teichrib, FC Editor.

World Federalist Association

1999 Norman Cousins Global Governance Award

On October 19, 1999

Acceptance Remarks by Walter Cronkite

(Extemporaneous Remarks Excluded)

I am greatly honored to receive this Norman Cousins Global Governance Award for two reasons:

First, I believe as Norman Cousins did that the first priority of humankind in this era is to establish an effective system of world law that will assure peace with justice among the peoples of the world.

Second, I feel sentimental about this award because half a century ago Norman offered me a job as spokesman and Washington lobbyist for the World Federalist organization, which was then in its infancy.

I chose instead to continue in the world of journalism. For many years, I did my best to report on the issues of the day in as objective a manner as possible. When I had my own strong opinions, as I often did, I tried not to communicate them to my audience.

Now, however, my circumstances are different. I am in a position to speak my mind. And that is what I propose to do.

Those of us who are living today can influence the future of civilization. We can influence whether our planet will drift into chaos and violence, or whether through a monumental educational and political effort we will achieve a world of peace under a system of law where individual violators of that law are brought to justice.

For most of this fairly long life I have been an optimist harboring a belief that as our globe shrank, as our communication miracles brought us closer together, we would begin to appreciate the commonality of our universal desire to live in peace and that we would do something to satisfy that yearning of all peoples. Today I find it harder to cling to that hope.

For how many thousands of years now have we humans been what we insist on calling “civilized?” And yet, in total contradiction, we also persist in the savage belief that we must occasionally, at least, settle our arguments by killing one another.

While we spend much of our time and a great deal of our treasure in preparing for war, we see no comparable effort to establish a lasting peace. Meanwhile, emphasizing the sloth in this regard, those advocates who work for world peace by urging a system of world government are called impractical dreamers. Those impractical dreamers are entitled to ask their critics what is practical about war.

It seems to many of us that if we are to avoid the eventual catastrophic world conflict we must strengthen the United Nations as a first step toward a world government patterned after our own government with a legislature, executive and judiciary, and police to enforce its international laws and keep the peace.

To do that, of course, we Americans will have to yield up some of our sovereignty. That would be a bitter pill. It would take a lot of courage, a lot of faith in the new order.

But the American colonies did it once and brought forth one of the most nearly perfect unions the world has ever seen.

The circumstances were vastly different, obviously. While the colonies differed on many questions, at least the people of the colonies were the same Anglo-Saxon stock. Yet just because the task appears forbiddingly hard, we should not shirk it.

We cannot defer this responsibility to posterity. Time will not wait. Democracy, civilization itself, is at stake. Within the next few years we must change the basic structure of our global community from the present anarchic system of war and ever more destructive weaponry to a new system governed by a democratic UN federation.

I suppose I’m preaching to the choir here. So let’s not talk generalities but focus tonight on a few specifics of what the leadership of the World Federalist Movement believe must be done now to advance the rule of world law.

For starters, we can draw on the wisdom of the framers of the US Constitution in 1787. The differences among the American states then were as bitter as differences among the nation-states in the world today.

In their almost miraculous insight, the founders of our country invented “federalism,” a concept that is rooted in the rights of the individual. Our federal system guarantees a maximum of freedom but provides it in a framework of law and justice.

Our forefathers believed that the closer the laws are to the people, the better. Cities legislate on local matters; states make decisions on matters

within their borders; and the national government deals with issues that transcend the states, such as interstate commerce and foreign relations. That is federalism.

Today we must develop federal structures on a global level. We need a system of enforceable world law – a democratic federal world government – to deal with world problems.

What Alexander Hamilton wrote about the need for law among the 13 states applies today to the approximately 200 sovereignties in our global village:

“To look for a continuation of harmony between a number of independent, unconnected sovereignties in the same neighborhood, would be to disregard the uniform course of human events, and to set at defiance the accumulated experience of ages.”

Today the notion of unlimited national sovereignty means international anarchy. We must replace the anarchic law of force with a civilized force of law.

Ours will neither be a perfect world, nor a world without disagreement and occasional violence. But it will be a world where the overwhelming majority of national leaders will consistently abide by the rule of world law, and those who won't will be dealt with effectively and with due process by the structures of that same world law. We will never have a city without crime, but we would never want to live in a city that had no system of law to deal with the criminals who will always be with us.

Let me make three suggestions for immediate action that would move us in a direction firmly in the American tradition of law and democracy.

1. **Keep our promises:** We helped create the UN and to develop the UN assessment formula. Americans overwhelmingly want us to pay our UN dues, with no crippling limitations. We owe it to the world. In fact, we owe it as well to our national self-esteem.

2. **Ratify the Treaty to Ban Land Mines, the Law of the Sea Treaty, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the Convention to Eliminate All forms of Discrimination Against Women, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.** Most important, we should sign and ratify the Treaty for a Permanent International Criminal Court. That Court will enable the world to hold individuals accountable for crimes against humanity.

3. **Consider, after 55 years, the possibility of a more representative and democratic system of decision making at the UN.** This should include both revision of the Veto in the Security Council and adoption of a weighted voting system for the General Assembly. The World Federalists have endorsed Richard Hudson's Binding Triad proposal. George Soros, in his recent book, "The Crisis of Global Capitalism" has given serious attention to this concept which would be based upon not only one-nation-one-vote but also, on population and contributions to the UN budget. Resolutions adopted by majorities in each of these three areas would be binding, enforceable law. Within the powers given to it in the Charter, the UN could then deal with matters of reliable financing, a standing UN Peace force, development, the environment and human rights.

Some of you may ask why the Senate is not ratifying these important treaties and why the Congress is not paying our UN dues. Even as with the American rejection of the League of Nations, our failure to live up to our obligations to the United Nations is led by a handful of wilful senators who choose to pursue their narrow, selfish political objectives at the cost of our nation's conscience.

They pander to and are supported by the Christian Coalition and the rest of the religious right wing. Their leader, Pat Robertson, has written that we should have a world government but only

when the messiah arrives. Any attempt to achieve world order before that time must be the work of the Devil!

This small but well-organized group, has intimidated both the Republican Party and the Clinton administration. It has attacked each of our Presidents since FDR for supporting the United Nations. Robertson explains that these Presidents were and are the unwitting agents of Lucifer.

The only way we who believe in the vision of a democratic world federal government can effectively overcome this reactionary movement is to organize a strong educational counteroffensive stretching from the most publicly visible people in all fields to the humblest individuals in every community. That is the vision and program of the World Federalist Association.

The strength of the World Federalist program would serve an important auxiliary purpose at this particular point in our history. There would be immediate diplomatic advantages in just the world knowledge that this country was even beginning to explore the prospect of strengthening the UN.

We would appear before the peoples of the world as the champion of peace for all by the equitable sharing of power. This in sharp contrast to the growing concern that we intend to use our current dominant military power to enforce a sort of pax Americana.

Our country today is at a stage in our foreign policy similar to that crucial point in our nation's early history when our Constitution was produced in Philadelphia.

Let us hear the peal of a new international liberty bell that calls us all to the creation of a system of enforceable world law in which the universal desire for peace can place its hope and prayers.

As Carl Van Doren has written, "History is now choosing the founders of the World Federation. Any person who can be among that number and fails to do so has lost the noblest opportunity of a lifetime." **FC**

World Revolution: In Their Own Words

Editor's Note: World revolution for world government – this is the stated goal of international communism. It's a goal that has shaped history, and continues to motivate radical socialist movements and advocates of global communism.

For those who haven't studied international communism, its background and tactics, some of this short article may be perplexing (especially the historical aspects). However, this item amply demonstrates the perceived usefulness of crisis in fermenting global governance.

Written by Rod Sewell and Ted Grant, two contemporary communist thinkers, these short but revelatory paragraphs are part of a larger article titled "Marxism, Socialism and the New Millennium," published in January, 2000. To read the complete essay, go to www.marxist.com/marxism-socialism-new-millennium030100-5.htm

Excerpts from "Marxism, Socialism and the New Millennium"

By Rod Sewell and Ted Grant

A new revolutionary epoch will develop in the west, the ex-colonial world and throughout the entire planet. The Russian Revolution in 1917 mainly ushered in a European revolution, although it had consequences in the under developed world. Now we have entered decisively the epoch of world revolution. A new world slump, which could initially stun the working class for a period, can offer renewed activity on the part of the working class on the lines of the Spanish revolution of the 1930s. In this turbulent period, events will

put to the test the reformist and Stalinist parties. The mass of workers who will be propelled into political activity will move first of all to their traditional mass organisations, transforming and re-transforming them. A process that our tendency explained many years ago but has been completely ignored by the sectarians. One revolutionary success in one important country would transform the world...

The mole of revolution, to use Marx's expression, is burrowing deep in the foundations of capitalist society. Those organisations that attempt to hold the workers back will be broken by the crisis within their ranks. Dialectically, events will shake society to its foundations, and with it the working class and its organisations. Out of this struggle of living forces, the most conscious layers of the proletariat will find the road to Marxism. All the great Marxist teachers had enormous confidence in the ability of the working class to change society.

"Scientific socialist is the conscious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the instinctive and elemental drive of the proletariat to reconstruct society on communist beginnings", stated Trotsky. "These organic tendencies in the psychology of workers spring to life with utmost rapidity today in the epoch of crises and wars."

Events, events, events will transform the whole situation. The working class will learn from the painful experiences of life that capitalism offers no way forward. In the words of Lenin, "an ounce of experience is worth a ton of theory." Socialist and Marxist ideas will gain a mass audience as the left recaptures the workers' organisations. The Marxist tendency must base itself upon the capacity of the working class to struggle. On their shoulders rests the fate of society and the future of humankind. The working class will be propelled on the road of socialist revolution in one country after another. Armed with correct tactics and strategy, the coming to power of the proletariat in one important country will transform the entire world situation. It would set the world alight, resulting in the establishment of the Socialist United States

of Europe as a stepping stone to the World Federation of Socialist States.

This would open the road to the unlimited development of society, science, technique and culture. It would literally open the road to the stars. For the first time, human beings would begin to master nature. Ninety five percent of scientists who have ever lived are alive today. There is much talk about the Internet revolution, which has amazing possibilities for the future planned economy, but today, three-quarters of the earth's population do not possess a phone let alone have access to the World Wide Web. This field of science is still in its infancy. The possibilities are infinite. But only on the basis of world planning, world co-operation and a world government. Such a system can only be based upon world socialism, and the dissolution of the state, violence and all forms of oppression. **FC**

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