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A Special Kind of Incompetence?

If you're an oligarch, you'll like what they have in mind. If you're human, it's time to stop them.

One of the scariest phrases in the English language is, "Relax, we have a plan," and that is especially true when the statement comes from that collection of bumbling boneheads known as the international financial oligarchy. They have a plan all right, and that plan is to turn the calender back 200 years, to the days when the Sun never set on the British Empire, when Lords were Lords and peasants knew their place. One can easily envision the pompous twits digging out their powdered wigs in anticipation of the new days of imperial glory.

Of course, implementing their plan will involve cutting the world population by at least half, destroying the nation-states, and condemning those who survive to a brutal and austere existence, but hey, no plan is perfect. The British Empire may not have been a pleasant place for the slaves who did all the work, but it was a sweet deal for the tea and crumpet aristocracy, the lords and ladies, the dukes and barons, the knights, and all the other silliness which ought to be relegated to the dustbin of history.

Look at the number of Americans who fawned over the British Queen in her visit to America. She should enjoy her visit, since it is rare for her to meet another leader who is dumber than she is, but she ain't Cinderella. The British monarchy is a brutal, repressive system that builds itself up by keeping other people down. We fought a revolution against this nonsense, and showed the world a better way. How quickly some of us forget.

Their contempt for humanity is stag-

gering. Take front-man Al Gore and his "global warming" campaign, for example. What these clowns have done is, essentially, to declare human beings and progress as pollutants, something to be kept under control. At the same time, they have declared pollution to be an asset, by turning limits on pollution into pollution allowances, which can be bought and sold. They've turned reality on its head!

The scam they call globalization is just as transparent. In the name of "progress," they have destroyed America's industrial capacity, the family farm and small productive businesses, and turned the American economy into a collection of financiers, lawyers, corporate drones, and Wal-Mart employees. We have become like the Brits, a small upper class living high on the hog, and a large lower class descending into Hell.

Add to this the Big Brother capabilities created by the advances in electronics, and you have a fascist's wet dream. The British, and the Venetians before them, raised to an art the techniques of spying on both their friends and their enemies, and in a world where "everyone who counts" is connected, spying, tracking, bugging, and monitoring are easier than ever before. The old adage of keeping your friends close and your enemies closer is especially true in the intelligence business, and particularly necessary when, as the Brits are so fond of saying, one has no friends, only interests.

Lyndon LaRouche recently observed that the oligarchy does not have a finan-

cial plan, but a strategic one. Their goal is not to save the bubble; they know that trillions of dollars worth of nominal assets will be swept away, but they also know that as long as they can maintain their power, they will have an income stream. They will be perfectly content as long as their palaces and castles remain perched upon whatever pile of rubble is left.

We have passed the point where the strategy is to keep the bubble going, and are well into the fight over what type of system will replace the current, hopelessly bankrupt system. The oligarchy's plan is to keep us all occupied while they manage the transition toward their new imperial system. To this end we are treated to a variety of soap operas, from the "everything is okay, despite a few problems" economic coverage to the salacious details of the latest celebrity meltdown and the latest political scandal. All of it is carefully crafted to keep us waiting to see what will happen next, instead of doing something about it.

The media coverage of the war in Iraq and the series of scandals hitting the Bush/Cheney Administration shows how this works. Everybody knows the American people voted for a sharp change in policies, and there is strong support for the impeachments of Cheney first, then Bush. Yet Cheney brazenly continues to lie and bully, Bush continues to play the role of idiot king, and the press continues to treat them as if they were not insane. Why?

What cannot be allowed, is for the citizens to realize their power, to not only demand, but actually force change. If the people demand something and then get it, they will demand more next time, and pretty soon the citizens will be running the country. That, say both Bush and the Queen, and the bankers behind them, just would not do.

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