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Knesset Member: Jail Investment Advisors

Israeli Knesset member and chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee Vaishay Braverman told an open forum, "Thieves get sent to prison. What about investment advisors, who serve the interests of the investment banks that employ them?"

Braverman, an economist and former president of Ben Gurion University, was speaking before an emergency meeting of the Small and Medium Enterprises Authority Oct. 27. "Anybody who thinks that while the U.S. gets pneumonia and Europe gets tuberculosis, Israel won't catch anything, doesn't understand the gravity of the situation," he said, as reported in the daily *Ha'aretz*.

Nordic Council Youth Condemn British Acts

At a meeting of the Nordic Council in Helsinki on Oct. 27, the official youth organization of the Council said, we "condemn the unforgivable acts by the British government against the people of Iceland and make a strong call on the Nordic countries to put pressure on the British government.... If we do not stand together in times of crisis, there is no reason to stand together in peace times." The Youth Nordic Council represents 60 established youth organizations.

The British government seized Icelandic assets, using the pretext of anti-terrorism laws, when Iceland's financial system plunged into crisis.

The Council meeting was dominated by the Icelandic financial crisis, and was split between those supporting Iceland and those pushing it into the death grip of the International Monetary Fund and the British.

The leader of Iceland's delegation to the Council, parliamentarian Arni Pall Arnason, said in a press release that "Britain has placed Iceland in the same category as terrorist organizations. It is difficult to see how they can justify citing

British national interests."

But the Prime Minister of Norway, Jens Stoltenberg, said he wants Iceland to take aid from the IMF instead of Russia, and promised \$2 billion in aid. In a ploy to push Iceland into the arms of the IMF, the Nordic prime ministers, meeting later the same day, decided to postpone monetary aid to Iceland, and appointed a working group to study the IMF program.

Crisis Is Driving Down Farmers' Income in China

China's 800 million farmers are being directly hurt by the world financial crisis, *China Daily* reported Oct. 29. Income growth for the rural population is a critical issue for the government, because the urban-rural income gap in China is already one of the highest in the world. The gap could reach 7% this year.

The situation will only get worse in 2009, economist Cheg Guoqiang of the State Council Development Research Center told *China Daily*. Per-capita cash income was just 3,971 yuan (\$580) so far this year, and that does not include rising prices. The international crisis has brought down agricultural product prices in the last three months on the international market, which is suppressing domestic prices, while fertilizer and other costs remain high.

Increasing the living standards of China's farmers is a key national policy: The stated goal is to double incomes between this year and 2020.

Cuba's Fidel Castro Endorses WWF

In an article Oct. 31 titled "The Worst Choice," Fidel Castro continues with his published "Reflections," this time denouncing the U.S. Federal Reserve for giving a line of credit to a number of countries in order to strengthen the U.S. currency to keep the system afloat. In contrast, he says, "The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) declared yesterday in Geneva that

at the current rate of spending, humanity would need the resources of two planets by 2030 to maintain its life style."

Castro writes: "The WWF is a serious institution. There's no need to be a university graduate in mathematics, economics, or political sciences to understand what that means. It's the worst choice. Developed capitalism still hopes to continue to looting the world as if the world could endure it."

Castro doesn't say what he offers as a remedy. But the most famous spokesman for the "serious" WWF, Prince Philip, the consort of Queen Elizabeth, has stated that he hopes to reduce the human population in order to save the planet. In a previous article, Castro endorsed British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's choice of remedy, which works to that genocidal end.

Carbon Swap Tested In Indonesia, Brazil

As part of the effort to convince nations to give up expanding agriculture, mining, or industry, the World Bank has chosen Indonesia and Brazil as "test cases" in its drive to depopulate the globe under the guise of "lowering carbon emissions." Carbon emissions are accused as the villain in the global warming swindle.

A program called Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) will "give a monetary incentive to various countries and companies to lower their annual carbon emissions by setting a yearly maximum emissions output." This is connected to the carbon swap markets being set up to "trade" carbon emissions, which is currently Al Gore's mission in London at his "Blood and Gore" hedge fund.

The World Bank, which refers to Indonesia as "the third largest producer of greenhouse emissions," has told Indonesia that if it "zones the land for the Carbon Credits program," it will make more money than through logging or agriculture. The World Bank, of course, does not mention their plan's by-products of nondevelopment and starvation.