

No Economics without Politics

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The Politics of Science & Technology

Mankind ~~struggles~~ has no Agenda for the 1980's,"
It makes no difference that the
although this be the subject of an impressive United Nations
meeting on the subject
This week. We might as well be laughing at
ourselves as making up these ~~lists~~ ^{Without political movement they remain simply the} list of ^{corruptions}
expert fantasy, the ~~fantasy~~ ^{little better than the}
of individual ~~fantasy~~ ^{of individual experts and the}
tongue twisted appeals which confused
delegates from 152 ~~nations~~ governments ~~pouring~~ ^{pouring} over their
shoulders ~~for~~ ^{for} their readiness to appear are in
the habit of setting.

Agenda means: "what ~~must~~ ^{is to} be done." But
tells us that it ~~must~~ ^{really} means
practical wisdom ~~who~~ "who must do what, for whom,
and when?" Unless we ^{can power a} ~~living reality~~
living reality into these interpropatives, we ~~have~~ ^{have} no agenda;
we have only ~~absurdities~~ ^{opening} a seed catalogue ^{to a}
world deep in trouble. ^{These interpropatives are interconnected, for}
the "who" implies the "what" and vice versa, and so also with the
agenda for whom and how and when.

however, to

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~~However~~ To provide world-wide revolution in the modern world ~~the~~ according to a scheme of benevolent and beneficent changes such as we are ~~in~~ considering, we need a new kind of elite. ~~It cannot be~~ The new world revolutionary cadre cannot be made up of fanatic militarists, ~~bureaucrats, plutocrats~~ and ~~clergy, if and not~~ ~~material workers~~. ~~The new elite must~~ ~~one hundred thousand cadre~~ "mix" is required. Of the stipulated ~~half~~ ^{truly proper} a fifth can be ~~half~~ of a ^{new} military type and another fifth of what might be called a ^{kapotic} clergy -- meaning all those persons in the world who devote themselves ^{undogmatically} to the healing of souls and the organizing of ^{helping} groups. At least another fifth needs to be a fully politicized scientific and expert class, accompanied by ^{other} ~~other~~ fifth of students of all disciplines. A fifth would be constituted from ~~the~~ ^a new ~~be~~ ~~social~~ political-managerial class. And then all other might be included in lesser numbers, those to include ~~those~~ ^{and are stubbornly} politicians ~~personally~~ who are capable of world vision, ~~and~~ ^{and are stubbornly} persistent, ~~and~~ who possess the skills appropriate to the organization of and movement of the new elite, and who can reach out among the masses and communicate with them and bring into engagement with the politics of revolutionary change those elements who are sufficient to shift ^{then, promptly} & ^{transform} the whole mass.

among us (menacing clockwork. And
1 can deny this ~~effort-like trend~~, Still, the rest
of ^{the present-day} ~~those~~ who are ^{anxious about} ~~concerned with~~ the world, need
the continuous reminders ~~whether they work as~~
they come and go.

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From one year to the next, I ^{barely get to} ~~hardly~~ see
 The ^{elegant} ~~headquarters~~ ~~buildings~~ of the UN, or the
 classic UN buildings in Geneva, or the modernistic
 style of UNESCO, or the massive ^{construction} stones of ~~the~~ Rome.
 When I do ^{see the UN headquarters} I have a bad feeling that ~~the UN~~
 I am in ^a ~~be, after all~~ a country club, a resort away from the
 problems of home. I should like to set up in all of
 the ^{U.N.} locations a huge billboard of ~~my~~ clockwork
 signs, that no officer ^{or delegate} can ~~see~~ ^{avoid} seeing every day, nor
 any visitor. There would be a Population Clock ~~that~~
 whose hand counts every new birth. There would be a
^{Destruction} ~~Nuclear Bomb~~ Clock ^{whose hands would move with every} ~~which~~ ^{increment of high explosives and military vehicles} ~~that~~ moves with each new
~~terrible event that~~ produced on Earth. Then I would
 have a Starvation Clock to show how many people are
 hungry today, and tomorrow, and the day after
 tomorrow. There would be a Suppression Clock, too,
 which indexes ~~continuously~~ ^{being} continuously the number of
 people who are ^{being} deprived of liberties of expression
 and movement. There would be a Debtor Clock
 exhibiting the mounting ^{international} ~~the~~ obligations of governments
 in relation to their revenues. I would have an
 Inflation Clock and an Energy Clock. We all know that
 time is running out on the possibility of a peaceful,
 orderly, and comfortable world. Only ~~the~~ jolly fools

In politics, you need not lose your bearings as humanists and tutors of the world. You expect a general to continue to behave like a general when in politics. And ~~as~~ a scientist ~~has~~ only to modify his manner of address to put his knowledge to use. The intellectuals often scorn slogans, but slogans are what ~~we~~ ^{we} need -- to organize by, and to win the people of the world.

Here is an ~~slogans~~ agenda in brief. It is the countdown for world welfare -- 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and zero -- as 800 millions of Chinese ought ~~to~~ understand it, and 3 billion other people.

- 5 stands for ^{5 world coins of life} the ~~the~~ \$500 a year in UN ~~currency~~ currency that ought immediately be made available to every person in the world who ~~wants~~ wants it for food, ^{health} shelter, clothing, and learning.
- 4 stands for 4 billion ~~people~~ ^{limited world} people, The goal of population policy.
- 3 stands for ^{the} 3 freedoms, freedom of ~~communication~~ expression, freedom of culture, and freedom of movement.
- 2 stands for ^{two kinds of} health -- personal health and ~~the health of the~~ ^{the} environment.
- 1 stands for one united world.
- 0 zero - zed - stands for ^{no} wars. No wars.

The people are ready for this ^{message} ~~propaganda~~, and
 The capabilities of the intelligentsia can ^{fulfill} ~~promote~~ its
 promises. If every person of the world ^{learns and cheerfully and obstinately} ~~gives~~
^{gives} ~~gives~~ ^{these sayings} ~~these words~~ every time he confronts a
 politician, we shall be on our way to a far different
 and better world than we ~~to~~ experience today:

5 is for the 5 ~~world~~ crises of life.

4 is for 4 billion people.

3 is for the 3 freedoms.

2 is for the 2 healths.

1 is for the 1 united world.

0 is for ~~zed~~ wars.

I ~~remind~~ remind you again that time is running out. It is almost impossible now to reform the monstrous bureaucracies that give momentum to the status quo. It is nearly impossible to reorganize the world economy before the doom of hundreds of millions of people is sealed and many cultures are destroyed. You have to adopt the slogan: "The possible we do today. The impossible takes us a little longer." ~~Sometimes~~ The absurd is the only reality we possess.

Boldness is required, even desperate action ^{when it} ~~that~~ is instrumentally rational. If the world has great luck, some leading power, ^{with great resources} will step forward and discharge your obligation to lead alone. ~~Perhaps~~ Perhaps the European Community, perhaps the Soviet Union, Perhaps China. Perhaps India. Perhaps the United States, Perhaps an alliance of the Poor Nations. But you can ^{rely} ~~count~~ upon none of these, ^{at least not now.} All you can count on are yourselves, and ^{some precious} people of all stripes and stations.

The intellectuals, completely unorganized and confused though it be, can do these things:

monstrous bureaucracies ~~that~~ That size
 momentum to the status quo. It is nearly
 impossible to reorganizing ^{the} world ~~industry and~~
 economy before the doom of ~~hundreds of millions~~
 of people is sealed. ~~You have to be a jelly fish~~
~~Think otherwise.~~

Under such circumstances, boldness is
 required.

1. The intellectuals of the world should hold a ~~congress~~
 convention ~~as soon to select a~~ elect a panel of
~~judges~~ coordinators on world political and economic
 development. This ^{coordinating} panel should arbitrate thereafter
 on world ^{political and economic} priorities, ~~and~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~basis of~~ ~~on~~
 techniques of change and technologies. ^{on} ^{the world.} let us not be
 under any illusions or
 to who will call them
 election. you must do
2. You, and every other group of intellectuals, should
 exclude from your organizations and ranks and from
 NGO status in the UN all persons who are directly
 connected with the design, production, and delivery of
 nuclear arms. Somewhere you must begin to draw the line between
 Those who are helping and Those who are blocking the
 new world. This is a good place to begin.
3. You, and every other group, should demand ~~abolition of~~
 a world energy bank to collect and hold 15% of the
 world's oil reserves and ^{oil} profits for the development and
 installation of alternate energy sources in the poor
 countries of the world. ^{Oil} Shipments that have not paid the
 tax should be ~~blocked~~ ^{seized} and blocked. The petroleum
 exporting countries have only a few years to live unless
 they become part of the movement for world order. Perhaps they
 can realize this principle easier than ~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~believed~~

→ What has traditionally be done by political leaders of great movements. You get yourselves elected and you assume the role of a virtual government.

4. You would urge all non-governmental associations to endorse world government and ^{to} propose that their governments and parties take the initiative.
5. You can urge all educational and professional associations to review ~~the~~ school curricula to assess their ^{positive and negative} contributions, ~~and~~ ^{to} a benevolent and beneficent world order, so that we know, for example whether a course called International Economics teaches students to exploit or develop other countries.
6. You should ~~urge~~ press all ~~functional~~ associations to review technological plans and trends within their ~~own~~ province to determine their compatibility with the ~~new~~ hoped-for world system.
7. Wherever it can be done without severe repression, it would be well for the intellectuals to select and support a political party pledged to a new world order.
8. An organization is needed to investigate, inform, and counter-propagandize groups that are incidentally and ignorantly ~~opposed~~ ^{opposed} to world order.
9. The first convention for world government ought to set up the next phase, in which a virtual world government would be ~~set~~ constituted. This shadow government would ~~stand~~ ^{stand} as a model, or actually serve to take on responsibilities for world ~~government~~ ^{political purposes}.

To repeat, ~~Ag.~~ ^(are recommended for the benefit of you and others) we have nine activities to undertake: (15)

- Organize a cadre of the intelligentia. welfare
- Establish a Coordinating Panel to arbitrate world priorities, ^{and local}
- Purge ~~atomic~~ bomb-makers from the body of ~~experts~~ ^{the organization of knowledge}
- ~~Eliminate from the ranks of science, education and technology those who are devoted to nuclear ~~weapons~~ bombs.~~
- Press the ~~establishment~~ ^{alternatives} for an ~~Alternative~~ Energy Bank.
- Line up all voluntary groups for world government.
- Eliminate imperialism, ~~apathy~~ ^{and indifference} from ~~school~~ ^{school curricula}.
- Support political parties ~~who~~ ^{democratic} pledged to world government.
- Expose and denounce the ~~opponents~~ ^{opponents} of a ~~wellfare~~ ^{welfare} world.
- Constitute a ~~new~~ virtual world government.

concerned today with
As you can see, I am ~~more interested~~ in building
up the effectiveness of the intelligence in world politics.
~~be to~~ The ~~framework~~ framework for ~~a~~ a new
Thrust in world politics comes before the allocation
of resources, which, speaking truly, we do not
possess. You cannot decide that small ^{hydro energy} ~~factories~~ ^{plants}
are beautiful in ^{the Philippines} ~~Vancouver~~ when you know that
any day a great foreign concern ^{backed by its government} can come into the
country and win support for a great nuclear energy
plant. Money talks. Money backed by power
commands. Intelligence babbles ~~like a baby~~ or
is mute until it holds power and then money.
Then it ~~is privileged to~~ ^{consults}, ^{cooperates}, and ^{to}
^{has the grace to}
Then it can ~~talk and~~ command, which, if
intelligence ~~both~~ preserves its unique grace,
means to consult, to cooperate, to choose
the best of possible worlds.

respectable ~~person~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ must confront.

The "who" of our agenda is the most ^{"who"} difficult problem of all. ~~It is the~~ The ~~problem~~ is leadership. Who are leaders? Better, we should ask, "who are the leaders who ~~can~~ ^{will and} ~~will and~~ can achieve the world agenda?" ~~No more~~

Who did not get into trouble. We
may hope to change this history,
but today we ~~must~~^{can} still expect
political ~~entanglement~~ involvement with every
progressive idea. So I wrote a decade

We should reactivate the word
"intelligentsia," which the Russians
~~the intelligentsia~~ derived in the nineteenth
century ~~to mark off~~ for ~~the~~ people
who fought ~~that~~ by means of ideas
for the control of ~~of~~ opinion and
policy.

pill that ~~you~~ contained a day's diet, a contraceptive,
 a peaceful disposition and a ~~sublimed~~ ^{larger} intelligence,
 there would be powerful and perverted ~~to~~ political forces ~~to~~
~~the~~ who would want to control the pill and
 deny it to "gooks" and "niggers" and "the
 undisciplined rabble." ~~Some~~ ^{Some} of the world.

I am stressing that you cannot be
 removed ^{from politics} by your specialization ^{and your skills} ~~are~~
 It is ~~at~~ ^{difficult} to find in the ^{long} history of
 political science a great writer who was not
 politically persecuted. We may hope for that time to
 arrive, but we are far from it ~~to~~ today. As I wrote
 a decade ago, "Only a political movement of global
 dimensions can bring about ^{the} large-scale social changes
 that are needed within a generation. If this
 constructive political revolution does not come about,
 we do not get rid of politics. On the contrary,
 a politics will come to drive the world like a beast.
 It will brush aside the inane party politics of
 front pages of newspapers, and impose a new politics
 of reactionary explosion, contraction, and more
 explosion." ~~It~~ ^{It} seems to me that you have a
 reason for being here. It is to conspire for a world
 government under the cloak of science and technology.

play it stocking the shelves. ~~Of both of these~~
~~books~~ You are encouraged also to ~~for~~ distinguish

between science and politics, ~~and~~ abstaining from the political. If that is why, take note if you will --

The ~~finally~~ published ^{guide} booklet "Entitled" "Towards a World Economy That Works" is a masterpiece of dissembling ^{and subterfuge}. For, even while it goes on and on about the failures of economics and the troubles of the world, it interjects a sentence here and there like: "the world economy is not working well because the institutions, rules and systems which manage the world

economy are increasingly inadequate; ^{they are} remnants of colonialism. Again, it tells us, "Within the U.N.

System, development issues are seen now as essentially political. It is widely acknowledged that governments must find the 'political will' to change existing

conditions within countries and internationally. "And then "Only a creative political process can fashion this international framework." And a final example: "

Eradicating hunger primarily requires political decisions by governments at the international and the national level, "from the highest political office to the local village council."

What I ~~am~~ ^{find} ~~telling~~ is that the ~~political~~ ^{can} ~~is~~ ^{be} resolution of world problems is only political. What I am saying is that even if you invented a cheap

place in the Louvre and moved to the
 Tennis court where they ~~took~~ pledged: "We are
 here by the will of the people. We ~~can~~ ^{will} be dispersed
 only by the force of bayonets." ^{Regrettably} ~~Unfortunately~~ There is
 little danger of this; but ^{the} day may come.

Now others say that the intelligentsia is
 being ~~manipulated~~ convoked in order to stock the shelves of
 the United Nations with scientific ~~prescriptions~~ ^{prescriptions} for
 a better world. Then the delegates in their wisdom
~~can~~ can pick the appropriate ~~best~~ ^{best} cures ~~for~~
 the world's ailments off the ~~best~~ shelves. ^{Perhaps this is why}
 recommendations denuded of their political instrumentation.

Might it be that the intelligentsia is here to
 decide ^{finally and in reality} upon an agenda? Not at all. ^{They} ~~you~~ are not
 organized into research teams, provided with staff. ~~you~~
 You cannot do ^{an action research report} ~~an action research report~~ without resources and in three days.
 I have ^{been part of} ~~been part of~~ too many such meetings to mistake their
 identity.

What I say is this, and it is not all bad.
 Secretly, ~~there are~~ ^{there are} those who
 would unleash the intelligentsia ^{into} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~the world of~~
 power politics for the sake of world welfare. But
 this is ^{still} impossible. ~~Given the state of the heavy-handed~~
~~meeting group in the~~ Therefore the intelligentsia is
 encouraged to meet without resources or power to
 speak disconnectedly on many subjects, ~~as~~ to

I said that the 'who' and 'what' ~~are~~
~~for whom, how and where~~ are interconnected. Very
well, ~~the "who" must be answered by~~ people like ourselves ~~now~~
~~down in the past.~~ → What is it ^{that} ~~we~~ ^{are} to do? What
can be done? ~~of~~ We can begin by asking why ~~we~~
we are here today. There must be reasons; nothing
happens for nothing. They are functional experts
assembled ~~down~~ the street from the delegates of 152 (3)
sovereign ~~of~~ states. ^{Surely there is no intention of letting the intelligentsia}
^{on the pretext of plotting the next decade,}
^{the last century as a way to save the world from decline and collapse?}
decade before The non-governmental organizations and ~~scientists~~
~~technologists~~ and educators could have stayed at
home ~~while~~ while their political voices spoke for them in
^{the assembly.}
But no, they are assembled on the fringes of the
Assembly, the poor relations, ^{they are outside.} for some reason, & there
an uneasiness about talking ^{troubles} of the world, without some
presence of those who are versed in them?
Some say that the intelligentsia must meet to
^{lobby} ~~lead~~ ^{own nationalistic} ~~support~~ for their viewpoints. This is true to a
degree. Many people among us — experts ^{and} educators —
have been, or are, or hope to be members of their
governments. ^{In fact, this} ~~is one of the reasons~~ why a
potentially dangerous ^{gathering} ~~the assembly~~ of experts is
tolerated. There is no ^{fear} ~~hope~~ of a repetition of the
French Revolution of 1789, when the ^{representative} ~~delegates~~ Estates
General was blocked from entering its proper

Now The "who" comes first: who is to

take upon themselves the management of the future?

Up to this day, this has ^{never} ~~been~~ proven incompetent.
Obviously ~~there is~~ a ~~contest~~ contest is occurring over the
leadership of the world, but the one element of the
elite that is scarcely represented in ~~the~~ ^{the} world circles of
leadership is the intelligentsia - the scientists, technicians,
teachers, human relations specialists, writers and
artists. ~~Notwithstanding~~ ^{Notwithstanding}, the intelligentsia is far more numerous
than ~~the~~ military officers, even more numerous than
the pure politicians.

The "What" of ~~the~~ our world is simple and keeps

The agenda of benefits is well known. It

repeats itself in our ears like a cracked recording. Universal

Disarmament, ~~necessities~~ universal basic ~~needs~~, ~~needs~~

Universal population stabilization, universal cultural self-expression. In

every one of these regards, the world is slipping, sliding,

even plunging into decline and collapse.