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The U.S. Goal to Establish Itself as the Hegemonic World Power, Militarily, Politically, and Economically

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The 20th century could be considered probably the most violent and bloodiest century ever in the history of human civilization. Two most horrible world wars took place. At the end of the second, the famous scientist Einstein was reported to have said in answer to a journalist's question, that "I do not know with what weapons the third world war would be fought; but I know with what weapons the fourth world war would be fought: with stones."

It clearly indicates that humans are straight on the way to massive self-destruction. This has special relevance to the world we live in after the great October Revolution that took place in 1917 and the attainment of Indian freedom in 1947. These events are two significant steps humans have taken towards the reconstruction of philosophical and structural edifices that governed human affairs until then. In other words, a new human civilization had begun in 1917.

It was no surprise that the United States of America turned out to be the enemy number one of that "civilizational" progress! Though American society had already undergone some "revolutionary" changes in its own evolution of the last four centuries, it was not yet ready or capable of understanding the true spirit of the 1917 Soviet revolution.

So, it had to take a confrontationist posture towards the USSR with a determination to finish the "evil empire" of the east. And it partially succeeded in the year 1990, thanks to two traitors of the Soviet people -- Boris Yeltsin and Michael Gorbachev.

The "system" that motivates, controls, and maintains the United States was born in violence, it sustains

through violence, and consequently it might collapse through violence. "9-11" could be considered as an indicator. But, before such eventuality the present "system" has determined to create havocs all over the world, inflicting incalculable miseries, pain and bloodshed to the rest of humanity. The process had already started in 1945 with Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and again in the 1960's in Vietnam. And right now it is demonstrating its ugly teeth through Iraq and soon possibly through Iran. The world has been helplessly watching!

Al Gore, the former presidential candidate, writes in his book *An Inconvenient Truth*, "... Inconvenient truths do not go away just because they are not seen. Indeed, when they are not responded to, their significance does not diminish, it grows." Even though he is specifically referring to the planetary emergency of global warming, the "inconvenient truth" is hidden in almost all aspects of American life and dealing with the rest of the world.

President Bush, claiming to be a born-again Christian, could be well advised to listen to another voice of human conscience. Declares the great Russian writer Leo Tolstoy: "A true Christian cannot be a member of a society that has an army and military institutions, and which sends its soldiers to kill their own foreign brothers or commit murder or violence in the name of God."

His Iraq policy has been totally disastrous from every angle one looks at. First of all it was the U.S. who had created a "monster" called Saddam Hussein. During the 1980's the U.S. had made an enormous profit of 20 billion dollars from the Iran-Iraq war. Out of that about 12 billion was diverted to Nicaragua and Cen-

tral America through U.S. military officers like Oliver North and General Poindexter in order to finance the covert operations directed towards destabilizing the region, destroying Nicaragua and its legitimate government. The whole story was brought to light through the famous trial of some of those officers. Had Oliver North been nominated as presidential candidate at the next elections, he would have been overwhelmingly voted to power into the White House. This again shows how the conscience of American voters could be manipulated and popular consent constantly “manufactured,” in the familiar term of Noam Chomsky.

Now since the “globalisation” trap is being steadily and systematically spread over the three continents of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, it is necessary to delve into its working pattern and larger objectives in which the U.S. has maximum stake. China is the only country in the world today which can stand up to the U.S. on all fronts and challenge its hegemonistic designs. The U.S. knows pretty well that India, China, and Russia have several common interests to which they are collectively committed. Jointly these three powers will constitute the most unshakable stumbling block on the path of America’s grand designs. Therefore, overt and covert efforts are being made by the U.S. to create frictions among these countries, especially between India and China. But wiser politicians are ruling those countries whom President Bush will find every difficult to “crack.”

A prominent Indian journalist, S. Varadarajan, recently wrote, “Forget about Iran, North Korea, and terrorism, the principal security challenge of our time is how to restrain the U.S. from pursuing policies that promote conflict and undermine international stability.” If only Europe and India would stop appeasing the Bush administration at every step, they would find there is plenty that they can do to push the U.S. towards more responsible international behaviour.

Fortunately, his term will come to an end soon. The next occupant of the White House is going to be either a woman or a black citizen. In either situation, the world can expect a better deal from the U.S. administration. It could possibly alter the colour and content of the great dream of the “Empire Builders” in favour of the dreams of civilization builders.

It is in this context I see the relevance of World Parliament and World Government. Thanks to Glen Martin and Eugenia Almand for championing this course.

Let us self-congratulate in this collective effort and get more people into the fold and struggle here.

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