

COWARDICE AND APPEASEMENT

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair, host and chairman of G-8 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, focused the agenda on easing poverty in Africa and climate change. In their final declaration the 8 leaders without considering their own indebtedness committed their nations to double the financial aid to Africa until 2010 from the present 25 billions to \$50 billions. Shortly before the summit already 18 nations received complete debt relief, which most likely means, that the international taxpayers relieved the banks from the consequences of the irresponsible lending. 14 of the recipients were from Africa. Between 1960 and 2000 Africa received \$500 billion worth of financial aid. Nevertheless the African economy contracted 0.6% between 1975 and 2000. The United States is supposed to contribute \$4 billion of the additional \$25 billion.

At the time of the summit President Robert Mugabe destroyed an estimated 25% of the Zimbabwe economy within a month leveling with bulldozers the homes of about 1.5 million of his own citizens in what he called an “urban renewal campaign” From the first day of his presidency in 1980 Marxist/Leninist Mugabe accumulated a criminal record. He eliminated his black opposition by murdering thousands of them, harassed the white farmers, began to have them chased from their properties by mobs and practically destroyed the national agriculture, committed mass murder of whole villages, mass rape and torture.

Zimbabwe, formerly South-Rhodesia, was not a British colony but a flourishing nearly independent nation within the Commonwealth with her own constitution and elected parliament and government of both races. South Rhodesia was called the bread basket of Africa because of its highly developed agriculture and management. Black and white citizens had a bright future. The nation wanted full independence. Britain however had other ideas.

During all the years of the independence battle all British governments insisted on the inclusion of Mugabe. For administrative purposes it wanted to combine their colonies North Rhodesia and Malawi (Nyasaland) with South Rhodesia, which had a far advanced government and economic structure, and was opposed to a Marxist structure. There were also internal election and international image concerns in London. But the main push came from the African Marxists leaders, Kenneth Kaunda, Josua Nyerere, Hastings Banda, Samora Machel and others who didn't want white or black conservative leaders around. When 29 tribal chiefs, the true leaders of the black population, arrived in London, after having traveled to India, Pakistan and Europe to make their independence case, and having been received by the pope in Rome, the British prime minister refused to receive them.

Britain appeased the Left like Chamberlain had appeased Hitler. The government denied South Rhodesia full independence, and with the help of the American and South African governments, manipulated the existing coalition out of power and installed Mugabe.

There was no concern for the Rhodesian people. The British establishment is responsible for the disaster of Zimbabwe. Involved in this process of betrayal over the years were the Home- Heath-, Wilson-, MacMillan- and Thatcher governments. Mugabe became rich, ruined the country and destroyed the lives of Zimbabwe's people. Instead of lifting Africa to their own high level of development through own efforts, Zimbabwe became a miserable recipient of foreign aid with a population close to starvation. And that has been in different versions the story of the continent of Africa.

Now comes Tony Blair, to organize "Help for Africa" to overcome poverty and hunger without any recognition of his predecessor's failures, and waste of money. The G8 "leaders" opened another round of the same failed Western policy. They enrich corrupt government receivers and the "Lords of Poverty" as author Graham Hancock calls the international establishment of development aid bureaucrats indebting their taxpayers even more. Another country, Niger, is already knocking at the Western doors. 2.5 million persons are threatened with starvation. We could learn from the Chinese who all over Africa avoid government involvement but have created a reputation of helping people getting jobs by seeing through directly infrastructure projects like roads.

The Mugave principle was applied to countless other situations but not restricted to Africa. G-8 decided in Gleneagle to provide \$3 billion to help the Palestinian Arab terrorists to form their own state. They simply don't want to learn. This money is not only wasted but finances our and Israel's deadly enemies. Money does not heal hatred, which destroys democracy. Hamas and Hezbollah have neither laid down their weapons nor given up their intention to destroy Israel and now pretend to be democrats. I don't trust Abbas. Sharon forces his own people out of their homes and delivers historic Israel homeland to terrorists without any guarantee that terrorism ends in order to make Israel more defendable. Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, however, stated, that retreating from Gaza will more realistically embolden the terrorists. Dr. Mahmoud al-Zahar, Hamas leader in the Gaza strip, considers this retreat a victory for to their terror campaign. According to World Net Daily he is determined, to continue the armed struggle against the Jewish state until "all territories" are in Palestinian hands.

A friend who has spent 45 years working in intelligence in rather senior positions commented to me that most of these kinds of arrangements "fail to fix the inherent problem. Our culture of coming up with quick solutions never allows us to focus long range on a problem. There are always countless 'hot issues' that have to get immediate attention and priority, and they tie up our assets to a point that long-range objectives were an exception rather than a rule". If that doesn't change it will destroy America.