

The EU Votes and the CIA Wins Again

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The European Union voted last month but not one of its 21st century war crimes and war criminals were a topic of conversation. The real possibility of a nuclear war between the EU and Russia wasn't an issue either. The great European economic crime – bank bailouts and austerity – was brushed aside too. Instead the talk was about an abstract parliament of an even more abstract Europe. Like children in a playground, the 400 million EU voters are oblivious to the world around them. And so they voted in favor of the status quo.

The European Parliament decides nothing of substance within the EU, nonetheless it indicates the state of mind of the EU. And to say that that mindset is somnolent is an understatement. The people of the EU are sleepwalking amidst wars and into a possible Armageddon. But don't wake them up! They're dreaming of "common values" and having nightmares about immigrants.

The EU's real issues are decided by non-Europeans. The Pentagon, Wall Street and the White House determine Europe's economic and foreign policies, as well as its "security". And the CIA covertly polices it all. These are the unspoken truths about the EU. And have been since the beginning of the European experiment – way back in the 1940s.

European integration was an American idea. As the preeminent neoconservative, Robert Kagan, points out in the latest Foreign Affairs magazine, the whole point of American policy in Western Europe, after the Second World War, was to "keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and the Germans down." Keeping "the Americans in" being the key objective.

With this in mind, the Americans began to construct a solid anticommunist block in the West of Europe in the late 1940s. Today's EU is the result of this US / CIA fanaticism. Writing in 2016, in the conservative British newspaper The Telegraph, the journalist, Ambrose Evans Pritchard, notes that:

"declassified documents from the State Department archives [show] that US intelligence funded the European movement secretly for decades, and worked aggressively behind the scenes to push Britain into the project."

Pitchard adds:

"The <u>Schuman Declaration</u> that set the tone of Franco-German reconciliation – and would lead by stages to the European Community – was cooked up by the US Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a meeting in Foggy Bottom. "It all began in Washington," said Robert Schuman's chief of staff."

"And the CIA? "one memorandum [within the declassified documents] dated

July 26, 1950, reveals a campaign to promote a full-fledged European parliament. It is signed by Gen William J Donovan, head of the American wartime Office of Strategic Services, precursor of the Central Inteligence Agency.

"The key CIA front was the American Committee for a United Europe (ACUE), chaired by Donovan. Another document shows that it provided 53.5 per cent of the European movement's funds in 1958. The board included Walter Bedell Smith and Allen Dulles, CIA directors in the Fifties, and a caste of ex-OSS officials who moved in and out of the CIA.

"Papers show that it treated some of the EU's 'founding fathers' as hired hands, and actively prevented them finding alternative funding that would have broken reliance on Washington."

This exposure of the deep ties between the EU and the CIA concurs with the book edited by Philip Agee and Louis Wolf, Dirty Work, the CIA in Western Europe (1978). In the middle of the book we read the following:

"The chief vehicle in the covert funding of pro-Europe groups was the CIA-created American Committee on a United Europe. Founded in 1949 by Major General William J. Donovan, head of American wartime intelligence, the committee kicked off its pro-Europe campaign by inviting leading Europeans over to speak in America, among them Sir Winston Churchill, Lord Layton, EEC founders Paul Henri-Spaak and Robert Schuman. More formally organized in 1950, the Committee coopted long-time CIA director Allen Dulles to be its Vice Chairman, and employed Tom Braden as its Executive Director. Braden at the time was head of a division of the CIA's "department of Dirty Tricks" which, he later revealed, ran an entire network of political "front" organizations which served CIA purposes. In 1967, it was revealed that the Paris-based Congress for Cultural Freedom and its London magazine, Encounter, were part of this network. But until recently little was known about the secret work of the American Committee on a United Europe.

The Committee made no secret of its Cold War views. To its delight, the nascent European Movement wanted a supranational Western bloc, a United States of Europe...."

None of this information is top secret but it might as well be, because it is almost never brought up by the European mainstream media whenever the nature or purpose of the EU is being discussed. As a result, the consequences are deadly.

They are deadly because the EU, with practically no internal debate, is finding itself in more and more American wars around the world. For example, America's absurd War on Terror has impacted Europe more than the USA. Yet no politician campaigning to be elected to the European Parliament in May bothered to question this totalitarian war.

Why? NATO is one reason – European aggression is "nation-state" based and Brussels bound. But the EU itself is another reason. The same "nation-states" that go to war for NATO are EU leaders and are also Brussels bound. The EU acts like an innocent Eurocentric body but it is a flawed organization that facilitates wars of aggression – inside and outside Europe. Under the EU umbrella and behind its benign blue flag malignant imperialists are at work.

The EU's cancerous DNA is to blame. The paradox is that the EU is more American than

European. Its roots in the deep American state, in particular the CIA, is proof of this.

The same US intelligence apparatus that teamed up with the Corsican and Sicilian mafias after the Second World War, manufactured the movement towards the European Union. The same organization – the CIA – that revived and expanded the global heroin market after the Second World War, initiated the EU. The same organization that systematically helped Nazis escape justice not only laid the foundations of the EU, but built its house as well.

The CIA made the EU for the Cold War. But this war never ended for America's secret army. This means that its assets during the original Cold War continue to be its assets today – in the new Cold War. And, indeed, EU policies today imply that this is exactly the way it is.

Ukraine is a case in point. And so too is Venezuela. The CIA's aggressive push into Ukraine in 2014 depended on EU cover. The EU's flag hid America's anti-Russian intentions. And when Europe's "star spangled banner" wasn't needed, the US in the person of Victoria Nuland, discarded it like a piece of trash – without a word of complaint from the EU.

The CIA's attempts to overthrow the government of Venezuela this year also have made use of EU cover. To give its criminal actions in Latin America some credibility, the US has needed the support of the nation states of the EU and the EU Parliament. And despite the obvious illegality and brutality of US actions in Venezuela, the Europeans have shamelessly given their moral support to the CIA. In 2019, therefore, the EU unambiguously obeys the US Empire rather than the UN Charter.

Instead of weakening, this EU obedience has been strengthening in the 21st century. From Iraq to Yemen, the EU has been cooperating nonstop with US war crimes. Indeed the EU has led the savagery in Libya and Syria. The founding fathers of the EU – the Nazi tinged CIA, not their European fronts – would be proud.

It's wrong therefore to expect a sudden change in EU behavior because of the recent EU elections. There are no real signs of critical intelligence within the main body of Europe. When it comes to western imperialism – the right, left and center of the European Parliament are supportive. The populists and the greens will change nothing.

The possibility of Iran or Russian gas breaking the CIA's grip on the European movement remains to be seen – the US Empire is stretching itself. But the chances are very slim. For seventy five years the West European body and mind has been a CIA captive. As a result its growth and development has been seriously compromised.

However, when did western Europe ever show that it was capable of developing and growing in a mature and responsible way? For thousands of years it had the chance to join the civilized world but failed to do so.

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