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Multinational hypocrisy strikes!

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Incredulous as it may seem, can you believe that with their militaristic, corrupt, corporate controlled and financed economies collapsing around them, the American and Argentine governments try the old “rally around the flag” hoax, as they collaborate on war games at the expense of their own citizens?

The Reagan Administration claims they had no advance warning of the Argentine act of aggression in taking the Falklands that set the stage for the travesty now taking place in the South Atlantic. It would appear strange that with billions of U.S. dollars invested in this South American nation, this government would not be aware of the most minute change in their policy that could have the slightest impact on the security of American investments—let alone something of this magnitude.

“Unaware,” they say, yet the Argentine newspapers reported months ago that the United States would back them in an effort to seize the Falkland Islands! On the other hand, the British fleet took forever to reach the Falkland site, yet attacked only after the U.S. promised military and economic aid.

Never let it be said that a fascist government failed to make a corporate profit at the cost of some son’s, daughter’s, father’s or mother’s actual blood or psychological trauma.

We as human beings need to be deprogrammed; it is not governments, institutions, political parties, races, or regions that are sadistic, narcissistic or corrupt, IT IS the disturbed personalities that make the policies that destroy nations and wreak havoc on their citizens’ lives.

This is as true in Russia as it is in Washington, Britain, or South Africa. Every corrupt capitalistic system in decay has marched towards fascism to maintain control over the minds, bodies, and lives of its people, people who had to be indoctrinated and to some extent, collaborators in the process in order for it to happen in the first place.

It is even more ironic that recent reports also show that many in the U.S. Military Industrial Complex “mob” knew in advance of the planned take-over of the U.S. Embassy in Iran, yet refused to bring American personnel home.

It was quite “timely” that the hostage issue was able to be used to create tremendous propaganda, hatred, and polarization against the Iranian people, not to mention soaring levels of American insecurity necessary to finance a military bonanza.

More incredulous still was the timing of the ending of the four hundred plus-day drama to coincide with the election and Inauguration. How lucrative the “Politics of Hate” must be.

As the Falkland Island theatrics unfold, we find Margaret Thatcher about to be thrown out of office on her ear, with a strikingly similar economic policy to that of Reagan, who has stimulated a tremendous economic collapse in her country causing skyrocketing unemployment.

She is all too anxious to use the Falkland situation as a vehicle to gain support, while thrusting her country’s resources into saving the Falklanders at a cost of

\$266,666.66 per person on the Island whose population totals 1,800—saving them from who?

Such caring, when only a few short months ago the British Parliament enacted a new Nationality Bill stripping the same Falklanders of the right to live in the Mother Country. If anyone cared to poll the Falklanders, I'm sure they opt to have the compassion for their welfare in the form of a certified check.

Then there's Argentina with a foreign debt in excess of \$34 billion, of which \$17 billion or 50% is owed to the same Military Industrial Complex that sold them their planes, ships and weapons—Great Britain.

This hypocrisy smells as tainted when 150 leading American corporations closed their factories in the United States, creating national unemployment of between 12-15 million, in order to go to South Africa to exploit slave labor guaranteed by that Apartheid Regime.

Of course the South African military and police state form of fascist government is supported by our own tax dollars. Initially the support was indirect by way of Israel, however, since the February lifting of export bands on military and police equipment by the Reagan Administration (or is it the Administration of the Marquis de Sade), U.S. support is now direct.

This is the true form of "Trickle Down Economics" and the tune should be called "What Goes Around Comes Around." If we passively finance slavery in South Africa, El Salvador, Russia, Iran, or even in our own inner cities, the misery we send will find its way back to us in triplicate.

It has been true for hundreds of years, certainly long enough for us to learn how to break the cycle now. If we finance the destruction of any mother's child, it ensures destruction of our own.