

Capitalism

The Political Idea And Method In Capitalism

The idea upon which politics in the capitalist bloc is based is the spread of capitalism which detaches religion from life's affairs. Although in conflict amongst themselves, all capitalist countries seek to spread the capitalist intellectual leadership and to make its viewpoint dominate the entire world.

Colonialism, the enforcement of political, military, cultural and economic control over the weak nations in order to exploit them, is the method employed by the western bloc to spread capitalism. In spite of the change of governments and laws in the western countries this method remains unaltered.

It is incorrect to say that colonialism is the highest stage of capitalism, as Lenin has stated. For colonialism is an essential part of capitalism and the method by which this ideology is spread throughout the whole world. Consequently, one can say that the foreign policy of the western bloc is fixed in both its idea and method, and is free from any influence of the conflict occurring between the western countries. Britain, the U.S.A., France, Italy and the remaining western countries all seek to colonise other nations so as to spread capitalism.

To understand the method employed by the western bloc, one has to recognise that this method develops with time. The change in the means of colonialism is one such example of this development, and so too is the making of colonialism an objective rather than a method.

A New Colonialism

In the modern imperialist policy, the western countries have abandoned resorting to military occupation and have replaced it by other newer means. In addition to the exertion of political pressure and harassment, the U.S. for instance, has started to use her assistance in so called development projects; uses American experts who are present in many countries, and also uses loans, as the new means of colonialism. Britain too has developed some new means of colonising, such as the recruitment of agents, British intelligence, loans, suspicious trade deals and reliance on its agents amongst the leaders of other countries. Beside all these means, Britain still adheres to the use of force and the construction of military bases in its colonies or in close proximity to them.

As an illustration of how colonialism has become an objective rather than a method, one can refer to the fierce conflict between the capitalist colonialist countries to exploit Africa. The Congo crisis which lasted for several years illustrates very clearly the wild avarice and greed of the colonialist countries to exploit this continent, as does the Rhodesian crisis which set free the hands of the British to exploit it. However, in spite of all this, colonialism is still the method used by the west to spread capitalism and western civilisation. Actually, means such as schools, universities and missionary activities cannot be effectively used unless the colonisation of other countries by the west is achieved first.

British Plans In Muslim Lands

As for the political plans and styles, they vary according to the colonialist interests of the country. Of the two, the latter is more variable than the former. In examining international politics one can define the political plan as a general policy drawn to achieve certain objectives related to the spread of the ideology or its method, whereas the means is a specific field used to implement the plan and maintain its achievements. For example, the political

plan drawn by Britain to rule the Muslim world after she had divided it and made these divisions deeply embedded, was to join the Muslim countries in various confederations, and to link these confederations with a mere spiritual bond called the Islamic League. Libya, Algeria, Tunis and Morocco would form the North Africa confederation, which would preserve the internal independence and international identity of each country. The Nile Valley Union would consist of Egypt and Sudan. Kuwait, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine (after the removal of the name Israel) would form the Fertile Crescent confederation. The Arabian Peninsula state would include Saudi Arabia, North and South Yemen and the Gulf Sheikdoms. Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Malaysia, and Indonesia would remain as single units. A conference similar to the African Unity Conference with a permanent secretariat would link these confederations and units by a spiritual bond, the Islamic League. The conference would meet annually and take upon its shoulders the responsibility for solving any problems in these countries. Britain employed various means to accomplish this plan. She managed to convert King Faisal, who was an American agent to her camp by tempting him with leadership of the aforementioned conference. Responding to this temptation King Faisal paid visits to various Muslim countries in order to achieve this objective. Britain also managed to expel America from Morocco and Algeria. She worked to bring the North African states closer to each other and eased the way for them to form the confederation. Now Britain is working to quickly bring into existence the confederation of the Fertile Crescent. To establish the state of the Arabian Peninsula, she worked to unite the Gulf Sheikdoms. She subsequently left Aden and gave her independence, she expelled America from North Yemen by forcing out Egypt and the Egyptian army, and recruited covert agents to work in Yemen. Other means employed by Britain to achieve her plan for the Muslim world was the dependence on agents from among the people of the Muslim countries, the establishment of regimes which are ostensibly democratic and in reality dictatorial, deluding the people to take regional independence as an objective and to use this policy of forming confederations as the means to keep these regions separate.

American Plan For Germany

Another example is the plan drawn by the U.S. to perpetuate the division of Germany and to prevent her from becoming once again a threatening force to her neighbours and others. In order to keep West and East Germany as two independent countries with the consent of the German people themselves, the U.S. wanted to form a federal or a confederal state of the two. By this method, she would have satisfied the Germans desire for unity and at the same time ensured Germany remained divided. To stop the return of Austria and other territories to Germany, that were annexed and given to countries like Russia and Poland, the U.S. adamantly opposed any investigation of the borders of East Germany and sought to keep this issue confined solely between the two sides of Germany. As for Berlin, the U.S. wanted to make it a third country and then join it with the other sides in a federal state. To accomplish this plan the U.S. employed various means. Firstly, she wanted to remove from the mind of West Germany, the idea of severing relations with any country that might recognise East Germany. Then she wanted to reduce the gap between both sides by signing trade agreements. She showed her support for West Germany in its right to West Berlin. She tried to bring both sides of Germany to the table to discuss travelling between them. She wanted West Germany to sign the agreement of nuclear disarmament. Finally, she limited the extent to which West Germany could reach her policy of establishing its military industry and rebuilding the German army.

Soviet Plan in The Far East

A third example is the plan drawn by Russia for the Far East. Russia wanted to keep China away from the Indian Ocean and to stop her expansion in South East Asia. She also wanted to isolate China by distancing North Korea and North Vietnam from her and allowing the U.S. to keep her presence deeply penetrated in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Russia employed several means to achieve her plan. Firstly, she established within China a powerful group calling for peaceful co-existence with the U.S. This forced Mao Tsetung to resist this strong

group. This resistance - known as the cultural revolution - paralysed the external activities of China for more than two years. Russia also embraced the question of North Vietnam and started to supply her with weapons and to back her international affairs. Finally, she tried to bring close together North Korea and North Vietnam. Thus, it followed different means to achieve its plan.

Changing The Political Plans And Means

It is clear from the above examples that the political plans and means are laid down for direct actions. However, it is not unlikely that a state may replace her present styles by new ones if she finds that the old styles fail to achieve the desired objectives. Equally, the state may change its plan if it finds that its plan is no longer fruitful and causes difficulties which work against the interests of the country.

However, when the state changes its plan it replaces it by another, and when it abandons one means it adopts another. The state does not stop planning and developing its means unless it becomes weak and declines from its status in the international arena. Italy after the Second World War being an example of such a case.

For instance, Britain initially planned to divide the Islamic world into various states and confederations, she then changed this plan choosing to split the Islamic world into an Arab world and a Muslim world. She then again changed her plan to establish instead the organisation of the Islamic Conference.

The initial American plan drawn up for Germany was to stir up German militarism and make West Germany a republic. She then changed this plan to weaken West Germany and to form a union between West and East Germany and limit her rearmament.

The old Russian plan for the Far East was to cleanse it from the presence of the west and at the same time encourage China to expand in South East Asia and to become active in the Indian Ocean. She then changed this plan and began to work against China to engulf her and to limit her vital sphere of influence.

Similarly, like the political plans, the means also undergoes changes. Britain in her plan to colonise the Muslim world used to depend on political pacts and military bases. She abandoned these means and started to use small loans, economic agreements, arms deals and assisted her agents to attain power in the Muslim countries as a new means of colonialism. The U.S. in her colonialist policy used to rely on alliances, military bases, and economic projects, then would weaken her presence in the alliances and diminished her dependence on arms deals. Then she began to give more emphasis to loans and economic agreements. Russia, in her plans, used to depend on the communist parties of the world. She then started to depend on her embassies, state machinery, arms deals and loans.

From this explanation of the idea on which policies are based, the method by which they are carried out and the political plans and means, the Muslims must be absolutely in no doubt that both blocs - East and West - neither alter their political idea nor their method. They only change their plans and means and replace them by new ones to help spread their ideologies. The destruction of these plans and means would condemn to failure the objectives for which these plans were drawn. Thus, the political struggle must be directed against these plans and means, to expose and resist them, and simultaneously against the political idea and method. Accordingly, it is incumbent on the Muslims to familiarise themselves with the plans drawn by each country and the means used to achieve them.

CHILD SLAVES VICTIMS OF CAPITALISM

The recent BBC reports about the use of child labour in Pakistan's industries highlights yet another problem facing the "Third world" is actually a construction of the west and that the barbarity of forcing children to work is simply meeting the demands and needs of western industries and the kufr system of capitalism.

For example many carpets sold in this country are imported from Pakistan,. It is estimated that 500,000 children between the ages of four and fourteen are working in the carpet industry alone. The cramped working conditions often result in severe health defects whereby children's growth is stunted, spines are curved and many of them develop arthritis. Wages within child labour are pitiful, for example children are paid 10p to make famous brand footballs which sell in this county for £50 each.

The cheap and efficient labour these children provide contributes e to the so called "improvement" of Pakistan's economy which is enjoying the fruits of an increasing amount of foreign trade and investment. This has not only pleased the Bhutto government but has also won the approval of the kufr IMF (the expert organisation in the exploitation of developing countries) which has given Pakistan `a pat in the back' for being one of the most successful developing nations.

The issue of our children being used as tools in economic reform is something that when speaking officially, Pakistan's leaders condemn and deplore, "speaking candidly they consider the practice a distasteful but unavoidable part of an emerging economy". This "emerging" economy is a result of the Pakistani governments aspirations to a western capitalist system which has proved to be inadequate in providing citizens with basics such as food, clothing and shelter .

The failure of this system is evident in Pakistan as it continues to face mass poverty, an illiterate population, limited health care, poor housing and an economic structure that is diseased with corruption and bribery.

Also the feudal system in Pakistan ensure that the ownership of land is controlled by an elite of rich landlords who exploit the poor. Instead of wealth circulation in society, the rich simply get richer and the poor get poorer.

In the words of the dictator herself, Benazir Bhutto stated "Our strategy is to utilise the god gifted capabilities of every Pakistani". The kufr system that Bhutto's government implements is "utilising" or rather exploiting the capabilities of the poor whether it be under the banner of feudalism or capitalism.

The reality of Pakistan's governing system is that it has created a political, social and economic nightmare. Successive governments have tried to impose capitalism on what is a medieval or feudal society. The majority of people in Pakistan ie the poor, have been unable to adjust to the demands of the modern society and thus we see mayhem in all aspects of life. The failure of Pakistan clearly lies in the root of the country's economics stem from the political system. By looking at this we can see the problem in its entirety. No amount of diplomacy and political strategy can create stability in a civilisation resting on other than the foundations of Islam. Enough of weak man - made systems! The only solution to this problem is returning to the political system that Pakistan was originally created for, namely the Khilafah ruling system.

This system would eradicate the exploitation of children and emancipate the poor from the slavery which is imposed upon them by the rich. Muslim children would no longer have to take on the responsibility of the state to provide every citizen with food, clothing and shelter. The Messenger of Allah (/saw) said:-"The son of Adam has no better right than to have some bread and water, a piece of cloth to cover his nakedness and shelter".

Allah (SWT) has also forbidden the hoarding of wealth:-"And those who hoard up gold and silver and spent not in the way of Allah announce to them a painful chastisement." (EMQ 9:34) and Allah (SWT) has commanded that circulation of wealth is a duty:- "Whatsoever Allah may restore unto his apostle, the orphans and the needy... so that it may not be confined to the rich amongst you" (EMQ 59:7)

Only the Islamic political system can curb the problems of political corruption and bribery that we see in Pakistan. Ruling will be restricted to the Islamic text and the Islamic text only. Allah (SWT) says:- "Those who do not rule by what Allah has revealed are the disbelievers"(EMQ 5:4)

Wherever man has taken it upon himself to make the laws he has only produced decay, destruction and despair. Islam is not the regressive system that it is portrayed as but rather its the only system that is progressive. It is a system that ruled for over 1300 years and above all, it is a duty upon us as Muslims to make Allah's rule sovereign. Oh ummah of Mohammed (SAW) fulfil your duty and free the ummah from the shackles it is chained by. Remove the kufir regimes in Muslim lands and replace them with Allah's deen.