CLAVO EN EL CORAZÓN PUBLICATIONS

Happy New Year?

Part One – A Continuing Theft

By
Antonio A. Velásquez
January 1, 2010

For those that continue to believe in the power of hope and prayer, that hang onto every positive note that Federal Government representatives and stock market brokers sing in the controlled corporate media, it must be somewhat confusing that reports from State budget analysts, as well as from non-partisan agencies that know better, are continuing to offer up statistical information that clearly confirms that this *economic depression*, euphemistically being called a *recession*, is continuing and striking with even more vengeance on working people that should be more fittingly called the functionally poor.

California is facing an additional $21-billion deficit into the end of next fiscal year with no revenue solution in sight as small businesses are failing at 80% over last year at this reporting time. Over the growing belief in a recovery is the even greater growth of unemployment that has now reached an admitted 12.5% of the work force. Of course, as always we must add to this at least another 18% of those that have given up looking for work or are underemployed and have been dropped from the statistical count rolls. Do the math. During the so-called Great Depression, the unemployment rate was around 24%. At that time, however, they did not play around with figures as they deceitfully are doing now.

These figures combined are depression-level numbers make no mistake about it. The crowing over the up-tic in *temporary hourly, part-time,* and *non-benefitted* jobs replacing eliminated positions cannot hide the fact that millions of *permanent* jobs have been lost *permanently* over the past year. Moreover, no one should be lulled into thinking that the temporary debt-increasing spending spree associated with bank bailouts, *Cash For Clunkers Program*, money give-away to businesses *too big to fail*, and the holiday buying season, albeit guarded, is any positive indicator of a recovering economy.

Following these repeated bailouts and a massive surge in military expenditures to continue the murder of innocents in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and now Somalia and Yemen, to add salt to the wound; here at home the criminal circus is debating so-called health care *reform*.

What had been touted as a move to break the back of parasitic *insurers*[1] by offering the public an inexpensive *Medicare-for-everyone*, degenerated into a debate on how to force everyone into purchasing insurance from these very same criminal bloodsuckers against whom they had pretended to fight.

While in México, the so-called *Jefe de Jefes* drug lord, resource *supplier* to much bigger *business owner* fish in the US is killed, the more superior drug cartels, U.S. pharmaceuticals, are openly in business corrupting politicians while *poisoning*, *infecting*, *de-gendering*, and *de-activating* a terrorized population with deadly vaccines, over-prescribed hormones and depressants.

Logic would indicate that there would be no more projected Federal bailout money, while local governments have already been over-raided, forced work furloughs are being contested, and any further tax raises will likely cause a worker revolt. Nevertheless, logic is not what greed breeds. What is happening to us is simply what they call getting to the *new normal*. However, the question that begs for an answer is - for how long will people remain hypnotized to the manipulation? Let us hope that history is not an indicator on what may happen this depression around.

If one reviews documents from that past period, surpluses in agriculture had depressed prices and were destabilizing the industry. Gold had continued being the most stable *store of value*, and was a safe haven from possible inflation and dollar devaluations. After the stock market crash of 1929, ushering in the Great Depression that lasted into the mid-1940's, there was a deliberate strategy to devalue the dollar in order to stabilize the economy and provide the demanded higher prices for farm products.[2] Not coincidentally, just before this inflation was set in place there was a move to *delegitimize* convertible precious metals.

Then as now, it seems everyone not completely wiped out by the recent massive swindles; ones that still have capital in bank deposits or stocks, are hedging on a further drop in the dollar's value and investing in precious metals. However, it would do well to study history. Then, even this false sense security lasted for a very short time as refuge in a gold market option vanished with a swift use of the Presidential Executive pen. Today it is déjà vu with the dollar being devalued against the Euro at close to 50% in just the past three years with gold selling currently at over $1,000 an ounce.

[1] *If "insurers" curiously conjures up "usurers", it should. They're one and the same parasitic weasels that do not produce but live off the blood of their stupefied hosts.*

[2] *Not coincidentally, to maximize profits the agricultural Industry began allowing in 1935 large number of exploitable workers from Mexico, the Philippines, among other countries.*