

BEWARE OF MILITARY PACT WITH USA

"Senate debates military pact with US."

That is the front page headline of a news item on the ~~front~~
~~page~~ of NATIONAL CONCORD of 9th July, 1999 which gives details
of a motion to be debated in the Senate next week—reads:

"In view of the fact that Democratic governance in Nigeria
has been rather unstable and vulnerable to military
incursions, and considering the fact that there has been
eight coup-de-tats in Nigeria since independence in 1960
and also the need to uphold, protect, maintain and
treasure democratic principles, values and structures in
Nigeria, the Senate do hereby directs that the government
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria should immediately
commence negotiation and sign a military pact with the
United States of America and any other democratic
European Nation for the Protection of Democracy in Nigeria."

I did not know whether to laugh or cry when I read it. First
of all, we are not free from military shackles yet because the
Constitution in use is the military dispensation. It is a
Unitary Constitution instead of Federal that we claim to be.
The Senate and House of Representatives have to first work hard
to give Nigeria the Constitution by "we people of Nigeria"
reflecting a real democratic FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
before we jump or run into a military pact that may turn out to
install a "Civilian" dictatorship, worse than a military
dictatorship. Remember Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire who replaced
Patrice Lumumba and plundered the country for thirty two
years. Pinochet of Chile who replaced Salvador Allende and
jailed, killed, exiled and made opponents vanish for
Seventeen years.

Or Fulgencio Batista of Cuba, Military head of State from 1933, became "democratic" President 1940-45. Overthrown in 1945 for corruption and ruthlessness. Military Bact re-instated him in 1952 until he was overthrown in a popular up-rising in 1959 by Castro. There was mass discontent, poverty and corruption. Or recent event when ^{NORIEGA} ~~Nigeria~~ intended to free Panama Canal from US Military occupation. He was charged for drug related offences in a US Court, sentenced to forty years imprisonment. US mounted a Military invasion and arrested the President of a sovereign state who has been in US jail since, serving the sentence.

When MPLA Government of Angola was recognised by OAU, the terrorist UNITA leader had a red carpet reception in the USA. Even UN brokered a peace deal, UNITA reneged and has been re-armed to continue a war where many hundreds of thousands people have been killed, maimed, rendered homeless and become refugees roaming without any hope.

Is it irony of coincidence or grand design that those who sponsor the motion are all from the South and members of the PDP and AD? No APP members who are next to PDP in the Senate. WHY?

The Senate has not demonstrated its competence and maturity in running its own affairs. The election of the Senate ~~of the~~ President was clumsy. The appointee of the majority party was manipulated out. Screening and approval of ministers was a sham. The Senate President acted like a master of ceremony in a Social function. His vice just stream-rolled. No questions. Whereas many petitions against some of them came in from their parties and States.

Now, Senators want to stampede the Government into a very sensitive and delicate foreign policy, the consequences of which they cannot or do not care to calculate. These Senators reversed themselves on the PTF issue within a month. This does no credit to them. PTF is a military creation. It should not stay.

Corruption is the greatest problem which needs to be immediately tackled. The Bill is before the law makers. Let them accept the challenge. We have personal and ethnic interests which appear to have encompassed the nationalist and patriotic spirit which made our independence possible. This erosion of nationalism and patriotism is caused by foreign economic interests which stunt our economic growth and cause poverty on a large scale. To add military pact with a highly industrialised country or countries is back to slavery. This time without chains, but with more devastating economic effects.

These Senators should ask themselves why Britain, European Union and United States were so scared of M.K.O. Abiola who won the fairest, freest and most democratic presidential election ever in Nigeria, that they rushed to Nigeria in torrents when Abacha died. Just to stop Abiola. Even the Nigerian Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Ghanaian Secretary General of the UN were "robotised" into the tragedy. And Abiola died. And they were relieved.

They cajoled Abubakar to accept adopting the West. The result is the constitution that was being adjusted according to each election results from primaries to presidency. The US has a presidential and real Federal constitution. Britain has an unwritten (but strictly) observed parliamentary Constitution with a ceremonial monarchy and less expensive to operate. The US system, especially the elections, is very very expensive.

Ours is presidential too, but different in structuring. Very expensive. And ^{went} through a panick process of tragi-comedy manipulations. A "Convict." was whisked out of prison and worked up to the presidential ambition. No money. Not current in local and international politics during nearly four years incarceration. Soon money poured in in millions, beating the primaries hopeful hands down and sailed through like a hurricane to the PRESIDENCY.

If anybody thinks next election will again work out like this, it is day dream. Politicians of all parties and Nigerians in general should start working and talking seriously to get the National Assembly to put in motion the process of amending the Abubakar military constitution to give way to re-structuring that will give the nation a real Federal system and affordable election expenses with no registration of parties.

The cold war is still on. Now it is worst because of the collapse of the Soviet Union. The West now is synonymous with capitalism which is now teleguided by the American economic interests and values. Anything communist, marxist, Socialist or any national economy that does not submit to American investment domination must be crushed.

It is the West that created capitalism which bred imperialism, transatlantic slave trade, colonialism, neo-colonialism, colour bar, apartheid and the 1st and 2nd World Wars. It is also the West that created Communism; Marxism, democratic socialism and different forms of Socialism. A French Social philosopher, Charles Fourier (1772-1837) first evolved a system of utopian communism in his book written in 1808. Karl Marx, a German Philosopher, Journalist and radical leader created what he termed scientific socialism.

He and another German philosopher and industrialist, Fredrich Engels, published the Communist Manifesto in 1948. They borrowed the word Communism from the book written by Fourier in 1808.

The two groups (Capitalists and Communists) claimed Democracy. One operates on the principle of means of production and distribution concentrated in a few hands. The other says it is unjust and should be means of production and distribution in the hands of all the people. In a sort of state capitalism. The Russians borrowed it and called it marxism/Leninism. It transformed feudal Czarist countries into the second most powerful (economically and militarely) in the world. UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

The Americans say: it is Un-American whereas those who discovered the land owned by Red Indians, exploited the riches, eliminated ^{them;} ~~them;~~ ^{them;} ~~them;~~ contained the few left to reservations, and brought Africans as Slaves to till the land they got free, are all from Western Europe. The Portuguese and Spaniards spear-headed the discovery, plunder and conquest of the Western hemisphere. The British joined as pirates on the high seas. It was wars and wars between the European countries. The East one was against France by Britain, leading to creation of thirteen British colonios which fought Britain and won Independence in 1776 as United States of America.

The new creation , USA, expanded by conquests, annexations, purchases and started chasing European Powers from their colonial territories in South and ^{LATIN} Latin America and established super capitalist democracy which became the undisputed overlord of the hemisphere. It entered the first world war (1914-1918) when it nearly ended. It was then a debtor to Europe. But it became creditor to Europe at the end of the war. The second world war, which US joined after

Japan bombed its Military bases, Pearl Harbour, in 1941, brought it fully into world politics leading to a new ambition.

Let our Senators try to get hold of a book by Wise and Ross titled the INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT Published in 1965 in America, detailing the covert activities of American Central Intelligence Agency world wide whose director is directly responsible to the American President. When Jimmy Carter became President in 1977 he was so shocked by what he saw that he immediately clipped the wings of the Organisation. A pamphlet was also written in Nigeria later 1955 titled "BEWARE OF AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

But when Ronald Reagan became President in 1980 he reversed Carter's decision and gave the CIA more powers, more funds, and more secrecy. Then he introduced a new ambitious internal and global economic formula for world domination. The US Press gave it the name Reaganomics. In the US, it made the rich, richer and the poor, poorer. Globally, it created markets for American industry on the ruins of other countries' economies. He (Reagan) initiated the political, economic, intelligence, mis-information and disinformation services which led to the collapse of Soviet Union during George Bush presidency. It has become worse under President Clinton, who has now become more daring and ruthless in promoting America's interests and values globally by subordinating other countries Governments, Economies and interest to American investment domination. Using the IMF, World Bank, Orthodox and Unorthodox religious bodies and local agents.

Let our Senators guide and guard our FREEDOM. Other countries cannot protect us against our own Military. President Obasanjo, is taking the right steps so far. A good government that can fight corruption, create jobs for all, alleviate the sufferings and hardship that afflicts the populace will survive any coup attempt from any where.

Give Obasanjo a chance. I was one of those who doubted him because of the military background and influence of those who financed his costly election campaigns. He is proving us wrong.


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I don't know whether any paper published it. But I sent copies by post to President of Senate and Speaker of House of representatives