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**T**his arrived unbidden and the title wasn't encouraging. 'The global coup d'etat' is unintelligible, since *d'etat* refers to a state. The Great Reset? – ah yes, a cluster of conspiracy theories which were generated during COVID about . . . well some kind of global conspiracy. (I didn't pay much attention at the time.)<sup>1</sup> So I flipped through it. Lots of endnotes and sources. And look, the Round Table's mentioned near the beginning. So I decided to check the first endnote. Chapter 1 begins with this quotation, in italics.

We are now at the year nineteen hundred and eight, which was the year that the Carnegie Foundation began operations. And, in that year, the trustees meeting, for the first time, raised a specific question . . . : Is there any means known more effective than war, assuming you wish to alter the life of an entire people? And they conclude that, no more effective means to that end is known to humanity, than war. So then, in 1909, they raise the second questions and discuss it, namely, how do we involve the United States in a war?

At the end of the paragraph is a link to a note which directs the reader to the transcript of an interview by G. Edward Griffin with Norman Dodd.<sup>2</sup> This tells us that Dodd 'was the staff director of the Congressional Special Committee to investigate tax-exempt foundations – sometimes referred to as the Reece committee, in recognition of its chairman, Congressman Carroll Reece'.<sup>3</sup> The interview was conducted in 1982 and Griffin opens it with this quote from Dodd

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, for example, the summary at

<sup>&</sup>lt;https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-57532368>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <http://supremelaw.org/authors/dodd/interview.htm>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Griffin is an American conspiracy theorist, a member of the John Birch Society, and a prolific author and film-maker. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G.\_Edward\_Griffin>.

describing an encounter during his work for the Reece committee.<sup>4</sup>

Alan Gaither was, at that time, [1953] President of the Ford Foundation. Mr. Gaither had sent for me when I found it convenient to be in New York, asked me to call upon him at his office, which I did. On arrival, after a few amenities, Mr. Gaither said, "Mr. Dodd, we have asked you to come up here today because we thought that, possibly, off the record, you would tell us why the Congress is interested in the activities of foundations such as ourselves."

Before I could think of how I would reply to that statement, Mr. Gaither then went on to say, "Mr. Dodd, all of us who have a hand in the making of policies here, have had experience operating under directives, the substance of which is, that we use our grant-making power so as to alter life in the United States that it can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union."

Startling stuff! The great globalist plot revealed!

Alan Gaither was actually H. Rowan Gaither Jr., President of the Ford Foundation from 1953-56. Today he is best remembered as the author of the so-called Gaither Report of 1957 which argued for more US military spending in response to the perceived military threat of the Soviet Union.<sup>5</sup> So, whatever Dodd thinks he remembers Gaither telling him thirty years before, it won't have been the desire to merge the USA with the Soviet Union. The claim that the head of the Ford Foundation would want this is absurd; as is the idea that even if he really did, secretly, want this, he would express it to an investigator from a Congressional committee.

I looked at a second endnote. On page 17, under the subhead 'The Initiative for Eco-92 Earth Charter' there are extracts purportedly from a document issued in 1991 after a meeting in Des Moines of the United Nations Association of Iowa.<sup>6</sup> They include these paragraphs.

Will you take action now that President Bush has the political momentum or wait until you must convince America to fight a hundred Vietnams simultaneously? This is the time to save the Anglo-Saxon race and its most glorious production, the Anglo-Saxon system of banking,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Dodd's (just legible) report to the Reece Committee is at <A copy of Dodd's report to the Reece Committee is at: <https://shorturl.at/BSJC0> or <https://archive.org/details/ DoddReportToTheReeceCommitteeOnFoundations-1954-RobberBaron/mode/2up>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <https://alphahistory.com/coldwar/gaither-report-1957/>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> <https://archive.org/details/1991-una-environment/page/n3/mode/2up?view=theater>

insurance and trade.

We are the living sponsors of the great Cecil Rhodes will of 1877, in which Rhodes devoted his fortune to: "The extension of British rule throughout the world... the colonization by British subjects of the entire Continent of Africa, the Holy Land, the Valley of the Euphrates, the islands of Cyprus and Candia, the whole of South America, the islands of the Pacific not heretofore possessed by Great Britain, the whole of the Malay Archipelago, the seaboard of China and Japan, the ultimate recovery of the United States of America as an integral part of the British Empire . . .

We stand with Lord Milner's Credo. We too, are "British Race Patriots" and our patriotism is "the speech, the tradition, the principles, the aspirations of the British Race." Do you fear to take this stand, at the very last moment when this purpose can be realized? Do you not see that failure now, is to be pulled down by the billions of Lilliputians of lesser race who care little or nothing for the Anglo-Saxon system.<sup>7</sup>

How likely is it that the United Nations Association of Iowa would be citing Milner and Rhodes? The original document, most of which is an entirely reasonable survey of the world's environmental problems, has had the paragraphs above and a heading, 'Cobden Clubs, Secretariat for World Order', added to it. The 'Cobden Clubs' heading hasn't been properly aligned with the main text; and that shifts from a third person survey of the ecological issues facing parts of the world, to the first person plural 'We' in the final, added sections.

Which is to say, like many conspiracy theorists, Mr Nordangård takes on trust material which ought to be ringing alarm bells.

For what it's worth, Mr Nordangård's thesis is this.

The 2020 COVID-19 crisis has been the perfect trigger event on a historically unprecedented scale, with players like the World Economic Forum, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in concert what the UN system (including the WHO) and the G20 nations.

These international organisations and foundations have exploited the situation to the fullest, in order to further their technocratic and transhumanist agendas by using the threat from a virus that turned out to have a mortality comparable to a moderately severe seasonal flu. We

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <https://archive.org/details/1991-una-environment/page/n3/mode/2up?view=theater>

have paid, and will continue to pay, a very high price for something had been exaggerated beyond all proportions in order to implement a new techno-totalitarian order. (p. 259)

He hasn't even got the COVID-19 stats right.8

<sup>8</sup> See <https://shorturl.at/3gjvW> or <https://www.health.org.uk/reports-and-analysis/ analysis/one-year-on-three-myths-about-covid-19-that-the-data-proved-wrong?gad\_source=>