

TIME MAGAZINE PREDICTS "NEW WORLD ORDER" WITH INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY BIG BROTHER

In recent weeks, the world has been politely standing by and watching how things play out with the fiscal stimulus and latest bank-bailout plans in Washington. Yes, there's been some grumbling overseas about "buy American" provisions in the stimulus bill, but for the most part, officials elsewhere don't want to step on the toes of a new President to whom they are favorably disposed. They also don't want to endanger legislation that they hope will help jump-start the global economy.

Just wait a couple of months, though. Politicians from Beijing to Berlin to Brasília see the current crisis as the product of a messed-up global financial infrastructure dominated by the U.S., and they will soon be pushing for big changes--whether Americans like them or not.

All this will begin to gel on April 2, when the newish international organization known as the G-20--the leaders of 19 of the world's biggest national economies, plus the European Union--meets in London. An unofficial meeting has already taken place, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where G-20 officials (with the conspicuous exception of those from the U.S.) made speeches, conversed in the halls and gave a sense of the direction in which the world outside the U.S. wants to head. (Read TIME's special report on Davos 2009.)

FULL STORY <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1877388,00.html>

G20 TO DRAFT NEW WORLD ECONOMY RULES BY APRIL SUMMIT -

Feb 9/09. (RIA Novosti) - Measures to adapt the world economy to new challenges amid the global financial crisis could be prepared before the G20 summit in April, Russian Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin said on Monday.

The summit of the G20 Group of industrial nations and leading emerging-market economies will be held on April 2 in London to discuss specific measures aimed at resolving the ongoing global financial crisis.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20090209/120050280.html>

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS SPARKS UNREST

Feb 2/09. Here are some details of protests and developments as a result of the global financial crisis: in ... France, Russia, Madagascar, Iceland, Davos, Britain, Greece, Guadeloupe, Bulgaria, Latvia, and Lithuania.

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L1472255.htm>

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