

Shultz 'peace packages' mean Soviet world rule

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In the intentions of its protagonists, the Reagan-Gorbachov summit of last December ushered in an era of joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. global strategic condominium, including the drawing of new lines of demarcation on the globe to bound the spheres of influence of the two contracting superpowers, backed up by the commitment of the two parties to act jointly to impose imperialist discipline on any nations that might seek to assert their sovereignty and independence against the logic of this New Yalta.

Because the lines of demarcation in question were redrawn to the massive advantage of the U.S.S.R., implementing the U.S.-U.S.S.R. condominium makes mandatory the transfer to Soviet hegemony of vast areas of the globe. Now, four months after the infamous Washington summit, as sanctimonious hypocrites like Secretary of State George Shultz bray about peace settlements, the consigning of the Middle East and southwest Asia into the hands of Soviet imperialism is far advanced. The horrors of the New Yalta are unleashed on the world.

George Shultz and the Bohemian Grove power brokers are convinced that, because of the weakness of the dollar and of the U.S. economy, this country can no longer sustain a worldwide rivalry with the U.S.S.R. Shultz is therefore determined to play out the New Yalta, including endorsing any START accord that he can get before Reagan leaves office. Shultz plans to liquidate any bureaucrat who might try to slow things down by denouncing the saboteur to Nancy Reagan as a barrier to the President's winning the Nobel Peace Prize. In all this, Shultz is already acting as George Bush's foreign minister.

Shultz's task is to vacate strategic assets and deliver them to Moscow, wrecking the independence and sovereignty of as many nations as possible in the process. Armacost, Murphy, and the other mad dogs in striped pants from the State Department criss-cross the world as harbingers of balkanization, partition, tribalism, secession, buffer states, annexation, and satrapy—all in the service of Shevardnadze, Vorontsov, and Poliakov, their counterparts. The United States is teaming up with Moscow to wipe out the viable and potentially progressive states still surviving in the indicated regions—with allies like Pakistan, Turkey, and Egypt



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, right, at the State Department with George Shultz on March 15, 1988. The goal of Shultz's provocations is to tilt Israeli politics in the direction of a Sharon-Shamir dominance in place of the current Shamir-Peres arrangement.

at the top of the list. These countries and others are to be propelled into a political and economic breakdown resembling the infinitely subdivided Holy Roman Empire of the Thirty Years' War.

Shultz's shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East must take its place as one of the most spectacular exercises in lying in modern times. On the surface, Shultz appears as a bumbler: In Israel, he praises King Hussein and attacks Shamir. In Jordan, he insists on television time to stress the primacy of Israeli security concerns, to anathematize the PLO, and to ridicule the idea of a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan River. As an affront to Egypt, he proposes to make the Gaza Strip an issue for talks with Jordan. After offending the Arabs by excluding Arafat, he meets with Palestinian Americans to feed Israeli hysteria. Talks with Assad of Syria go well because there is total disagreement on most substantive points.

More fundamental than Shultz the liar is Shultz the thug and agent-provocateur. The goal of the provocations is to tilt Israeli politics in the direction of a Sharon-Shamir dominance in place of the current Shamir-Peres arrangement. This is the script elaborated by Carter administration veteran William Quandt, now biding his time at Brookings and hoping for a post in a future Dukakis administration. A Sharon-Shamir "pacification" of the Palestinian problem might include the forced deportation of 1.5 million Arabs from the Occupied Territories. Or it might entail the mass murder of 25,000 educated Palestinians to decapitate this people. These were the alternatives that Henry Kissinger was recently overheard discussing. Either "final solution" to the Palestinian question would likely be accompanied by a general Middle East war. The Soviet Union is poised to exploit any and all of these developments to consolidate a Sharon regime in Israel as a Soviet strategic satrapy with regional as well as obvious

worldwide implications.

Otherwise, Shultz is in the Middle East to beat the drum for an international conference with Soviet participation. Such a conference would institutionalize the U.S.-U.S.S.R. condominium over the region at the expense of all Middle East states, just in time for the U.S. to depart the scene. Issues that such a conference might discuss could range from the eastern Mediterranean to the Gulf to Afghanistan—what Zbigniew Brzezinski used to call the Arc of Crisis. U.S. think tank academics offer soap opera explanations of Soviet motives in these proceedings; they say the Soviets want "involvement," "access," "participation," and "non-exclusion." In reality, the Middle East and other areas are to be reduced to the status of balkanized vassal states of Moscow, The Third Rome.

In Afghanistan, the perfidy of Shultz and Bush could not be more evident. By arrangement between the superpowers, the United States has cut off the most effective forms of military aid to the Afghan resistance. This crowns several years of systematic CIA support to the worst Islamic fundamentalist pro-Iranian butchers to be found in Peshawar. The U.S. has already acquiesced in the Soviet annexation of the Wakan corridor, whose maintenance was the object of the most strenuous British exertions in the past centuries. Now the U.S. will cover for the Soviet carving up of Afghanistan in a way designed to compromise the territorial integrity of neighboring Pakistan. And by playing the Pushtun card, and the Baluchi card, in the context of a tribal partition of the entire Indian subcontinent, the Soviets intend to realize their goal of unimpeded access to the world ocean.

More than 40 years after the first Yalta, Germany and Korea remain divided. Patriots the world over must prevent the ephemeral but lethal condominium of our time from rendering new victims.