

which seemed to consolidate the impulse of a disoriented President Clinton in the direction of war.

Meanwhile, as part of its psy-ops campaign against Clinton, Britain also revved up its old Israeli go-it-alone scenario, to goad the United States into preemptive action. On Jan. 27, UN inspection team leader Butler told the *New York Times*, completely out of the blue, that the Iraqis had enough anthrax and botulin toxin “to blow away Tel Aviv,” and missiles that are “very crude, but work.”

The London *Times* escalated the scare campaign on Jan. 29, with an article entitled “Israel ‘Threatens Nuclear Reply’ to Iraq Germ Attack,” reporting that Israeli officials issued a warning to Iraq, that Iraq “could expect a nuclear response to any chemical or biological attack.” The paper commented that the likely response would be “the dropping of an Israeli neutron bomb on Baghdad.”

And, reinforcing the threat to Clinton that Israel might also strike other “rogue states,” the Congressional Republican Taskforce on Terrorism released a report on Feb. 14, written by a British-deployed, former Israeli Air Force officer, Yossef Bodansky, which said that Iraq had already dispersed its “weapons of mass destruction,” to Iran, Libya, Yemen, Algeria, and Sudan.

Meanwhile, fearful that Russia might yet convince Iraq to compromise, thereby cheating Britain and Israel of another war, Israeli Industry Minister and former Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky flew to Washington on Feb. 12, to demand of Vice President Al Gore that the United States confront Russia as responsible for Iran’s developing weapons of mass destruction.

Brits, Israelis widen war against Iraq

by Scott Thompson

No sooner had UN Secretary General Kofi Annan achieved significant progress with regard to renewing weapons inspections in Iraq, than Baroness Caroline Cox threw a monkey-wrench into a debate in the British House of Lords on Feb. 17, based upon a compilation of lies by Israeli Defense Forces intelligence officer Yossef Bodansky. Among Lady Cox’s lies was that, starting before the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Saddam Hussein had transferred Scud missile delivery systems, together with the means of production and stockpiles of so-called “weapons of mass destruction” (WMDs), to other nations, principally to Sudan, Libya, and Algeria. The British Minister of State, Ministry of Defense, Lord Gilbert, told the House of Lords that Her Majesty’s government would investigate and pursue Lady Cox’s charges (see *Documentation*).

During the debate, Lady Cox confirmed that her primary

source for this “intelligence” (i.e., the alleged transfer of 400 Scud missiles together with their launchers to Sudan) had been a Feb. 10 report, entitled “The Iraqi WMD Challenge: Myths and Realities,” prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, an association composed of members of the U.S. House of Representatives, but which is not an official body of the U.S. Congress. The chairman of this currently solely Republican group is Rep. Jim Saxton (R-N.J.), and its official director is Israeli intelligence’s Yossef Bodansky, who was the “spotter” Jonathan Pollard, an Israeli Lekem agent convicted in the United States for espionage.

Another feature of the House of Lords debate involving Lady Cox, Lord Owen, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, and others, was the call for the partitioning of Iraq, into the eventual formation of Kurdistan in the north and an independent Shi’ite entity in the south, that would leave Baghdad the capital of a geographic area no larger than ancient Mesopotamia.

As Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, who called on the British government to supply arms and money to the opposition Iraqi National Congress (INC) for irregular warfare against Saddam Hussein, acknowledged, one of the leading proponents of this scheme was former Reagan-Bush administration Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Policy Richard Perle. Well-informed sources report that Perle is bringing Ahmed Chalabi, who had been cut loose by the CIA — after a failed INC uprising against Saddam Hussein, and because Chalabi had publicly flaunted his personal abuse of CIA funding — to the United States to further this end. Chalabi will have arrived fresh from a meeting in the British Parliament building of the entire Iraqi opposition leadership, including members of the Kurdish PUK and KDP.

Perle himself had been caught red-handed, during a National Security Council investigation, supplying Israel with classified information. And, as co-founder (with Stephen Bryen, another Israeli spy) of the Jewish Institute for National Strategic Affairs (JINSA), Perle had been the one-time employer of Bodansky.

Who is Yossef Bodansky?

Baroness Caroline Cox is no stranger to the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) interface with Israeli intelligence. She is the main force behind an organization called Christian Solidarity International (CSI). The executive director of CSI-U.K. is Stuart Windsor, who worked for the ultra-secret Cheltenham General Command Headquarters (GCHQ, the British electronic eavesdropping equivalent of the U.S. National Security Agency). Windsor has told U.S. reporters that he uses his contacts with GCHQ for Baroness Cox’s trips to restricted zones in Sudan, where, under the guise of protecting Christians, she has been rendering military assistance to the National Democratic Alliance umbrella of guerrilla organizations seeking to overthrow the government of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

Lady Cox is also a leader in Labour Friends of Israel, which organized Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Neta-

nyahu's high-profile visit to Britain for a summit with Prime Minister Tony Blair, at a time when Washington was shunning Netanyahu.

As for Lady Cox's "good friend" Bodansky, he is a former officer in the Israeli Air Force, who was recruited by Israeli Defense Force intelligence. As *EIR* documented in the March 17, 1988 *Special Report*, "The Kalmanowitch Report: Moscow's Moles in the Reagan-Bush Administration," Bodansky was the "spotter" for recruiting Naval Intelligence official Jonathan Pollard to work for a top-secret Israeli intelligence unit, known as Lekem, which was headed by Gen. Ariel Sharon's close associate Rafi Eytan. Eytan, before running Lekem, was notorious as the thuggish head of Israel's "Terror Against Terror" operation.

Bodansky has produced a slew of reports for the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, replete with Israeli disinformation. (The White House, for example, has said it has no confirmation that Iraq has proliferated weapons to other nations.) As Bodansky revealed in a discussion with a Washington, D.C.-based journalist, this position still gives him extensive access to classified U.S. intelligence material.

Cox told a reporter that she first learned of the alleged Iraqi transfer of means of production and stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons to Sudan at a meeting with Bodansky, CSI-U.S. board member Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), and Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.). Soon after this meeting, CSI-U.K. began to circulate a statement signed by Farouk Abu-Eissa, who describes himself as "spokesman for the National Democratic Alliance," which charges that the Sudanese government is developing chemical and biological weapons. Abu-Eissa's fact sheet cited "foreign military" sources, which are believed to be Israeli. The Cairo-based Abu-Eissa, who is head of the Arab Lawyers Association, is a notorious communist. Yet, many of his charges are in Bodansky's Feb. 10 report, "The Iraqi WMD Challenge," that was used by Lady Cox in the House of Lords debate, and which bears the imprimatur of several Republican congressmen.

Many of Bodansky's reports for the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, along with other documents by him, are circulated by something euphemistically called the Conference for Middle East Peace (<http://www.cmep.com/main.htm>). One report given prominence by the CMEP states that the Palestine Liberation Organization and Arabs are making a fuss about the fate of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque on top of Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem, as a ruse to force Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to negotiate the future of Jerusalem, which Zionists make Biblical claim to.

Ironically, the CMEP interlocks with The Kahane Website links page, which is a Who's Who of the Israeli terrorist organizations named in a U.S. State Department report on terrorism, including Kahane Chai ("Kahane Lives") and the Jewish Defense League.

The CMEP also has links to the Christian evangelical/

Zionist terrorist Temple Mount Faithful, who have plotted to bring on "Armageddon" by blowing up the Muslim holy sites on Haram al-Sharif to rebuild Solomon's Temple; as well as to the Jewish fundamentalists in the Ateret Cohanim National Movement, which is training a priesthood on making the proper animal sacrifices within Solomon's Temple once it is rebuilt. One would expect that the Republican Congressmen who are members of the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare would disavow all association with such Israeli terrorists, and with Bodansky.

Bodansky is also an analyst on world terrorists and an advisory committee member of the Houston, Texas-based Freeman Center for Strategic Studies, founded by Bernard J. Shapiro in 1992. Shapiro has many Zionist lobby ties; he was active in JINSA, and is a consultant to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL). Israeli Infrastructure Minister Gen. Ariel Sharon's chief publicist, Uri Dan, is a frequent contributor to the Freeman Center's monthly journal, *The Maccabean*, and Sharon has contributed policy statements as well. Dan is a shared property of Conrad Black's Hollinger Corp.-owned *Jerusalem Post*, and the *New York Post*, owned by Lord Beaverbrook's protégé Rupert Murdoch.

One of the items circulated by the Freeman Center is an open letter by Uri Dan and Dennis Eisenberg, dated October 1997, to Israeli President Ezer Weizman, demanding that he pressure President Bill Clinton to release Pollard. Incredibly, Dan and Eisenberg compare the Pollard case to the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—even though the latter were executed on the basis of a trumped-up conviction brought about by Roy Cohn. It is noteworthy, that FBI files show that the ADL reported anyone to the FBI who questioned the Rosenbergs' ritual execution. Thus, the imputation of "anti-Semitism" in the Pollard case, who was caught passing documents to Sharon's hard-line Likud circles in Israel through Rafi Eytan—documents which then mysteriously showed up in the possession of Soviet intelligence—is the height of sophistry.

Documentation

From the House of Lords debate

Baroness Caroline Cox

Hansard Lords Text, Feb. 17, on Lady Caroline Cox's statement during the House of Lords Debate on Iraq:

My lords, . . . I wish to focus on some of the wider ramifications of the challenge Saddam Hussein is posing to the international community, with particular reference to his policies of exporting weapons of mass destruction to other countries, and to ask the Government for their response to

the implications of these policies.

A great deal has been said and written about the effectiveness of air strikes against targets in Iraq. However, even if they achieved everything they are intended to accomplish, they would provide only a short-term solution. For they would still leave untouched the stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons which Iraq has exported to other countries and the plants which Iraq is helping to establish for the further development of the weapons of mass destruction in those countries. . . . Therefore . . . I should like to highlight the very disturbing evidence of Iraq's involvement in the development of weapons of mass destruction outside Iraq; for example, in Sudan and Libya. Sites of storage of weapons of mass destruction and the development of new weapons in these countries are unchecked by United Nations inspection teams.

The transfer of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction started before the outbreak of the Gulf War. . . . Further dispatches of materials and of experts to safe havens took place in the spring of 1991. . . . I will quote some of the information which has been made available by reliable sources from Sudan, and I will draw heavily on a significant report released on 10th February, just last week, which was prepared by the United States House of Representatives Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. . . .

The Iraqi-Sudanese strategic co-operation was established during the Gulf War and has developed in subsequent years with the delivery by Iraq to Sudan of weapons and of personnel with specialist expertise. In March/April 1991, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, asked Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir for permission to move Iraqi chemical weapons and Scud missiles to Sudan to avoid their destruction by UN teams. Later, in 1991, as UN inspections became inevitable, Iraq transferred a large number of Scuds—estimated at about 400 missiles—and chemical weapons for “safe keeping” to Yemen and Sudan. Those sent to Yemen were subsequently transferred to Sudan.

The American report details further movement of supplies, including nuclear material, to Sudan in 1992. . . . The first joint Iraqi-Sudanese weapons of mass destruction project was built to provide facilities for chemical weapons. . . . Since then there have been reports of the actual use of mustard gas canisters against the Sudanese People's Liberation Army by Sudan government forces on at least two occasions—in 1995 in southern Sudan; and in 1997 in eastern Sudan.

In May 1997 . . . Iraqi experts arrived in Sudan to prepare for the production and storage of biological weapons which Saddam originally had planned to use against the Kurds. . . .

Of course I believe that there can be no room for complacency or leniency with Saddam Hussein, with his track record of the production of weapons of mass destruction and his ruthless use of them against his own people. I have visited the Kurds in Northern Iraq—or Iraqi Kurdistan—and seen how they still suffer from the aftermath of Saddam's brutality.

Indeed, as the noble Lord, Lord Owen, rightly emphasised, they are still suffering horrifically and they require a Kurdish protectorate. . . .

[Saddam Hussein's] policies of exporting so much of his arsenal . . . raises far-reaching questions. May I therefore ask the Minister three of these questions?

First, does this dispersal of much of Saddam Hussein's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction have any bearing on decisions to undertake air strikes and other military offences against Iraq? Secondly, is there a case for urgent consideration of measures to investigate the extent to which Iraq has exported materials and expertise for the development of weapons of mass destruction to other countries, particularly to Sudan and Libya? Thirdly, do the Government have any policy with regard to working with other UN member states to try to achieve the detection and control of the development and use of weapons of mass destruction in those countries working in conjunction with Saddam Hussein, particularly Libya and Sudan? . . .

Lord Gilbert

Statement by the Minister of State, Ministry of Defence (Lord Gilbert):

I should like particularly to deal with some points raised by the noble Baroness, Lady Cox. I was glad to have had some forewarning of the questions that she asked. Indeed, only about an hour before I came over to the House this afternoon, I asked what information we had from the best source available to us with regard to those matters. I have not been able to get any authoritative information on those matters, but I shall be happy to study the questions which the noble Baroness raised—the noble Lord, Lord Moynihan also raised them in his opening remarks—about whether Saddam Hussein has been, as it were, “parking” some of his weapons of mass destruction and stores of agents in other rogue states. I consider those matters to be extremely important, and I undertake to the House and to the noble Baroness that I personally will ask for an investigation within the United Kingdom Government of every single one of the points which the noble Baroness raised. Indeed, if the noble Baroness would like to write to me with any other details, I should be happy to receive any such information as she wants to give me.

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton

Hansard Lords Text, Feb. 17, on Lord Thomas of Swynnerton statement during the House of Lords Debate on Iraq:

I believe we should give much greater support—money and arms—than we have so far to the Iraqi opposition, including the Iraqi National Congress, whose chairman lives in this country. We could support those gifts of money and arms with covert action of the kind which this country surely over many generations has shown itself particularly well equipped to carry out, particularly in this part of the world. Some suggestions along these lines were made by the United States ex-

Deputy Secretary of State [sic], Mr. Richard Perle, in a widely distributed article last week. . . .

Of course, it will be represented that a policy based on what I have suggested . . . risks the break-up of Iraq. That is something that may have to be faced. . . .

The noble Lord, Lord Owen, . . . referred to the possibility of the establishment of Kurdistan as a separate state. . . . The noble Lord referred to a conference in Cairo in 1921 when the question of the future of the Kurds was decided. On that occasion the idea of backing the establishment of an independent Kurdistan was proposed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. . . . I need hardly remind your Lordships that the colonial Secretary of State who made that proposal and who would have backed it further was Winston Churchill.

Neo-cons' 'X Committee' leads attack on Clinton

by Scott Thompson

According to Howard Kurtz, writing in the Jan. 22 *Washington Post*, the first person who made public mention of an alleged affair between President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, was William Kristol. Wrote Kurtz: "Kristol says he knew of the imbroglio, from a source who had heard the tapes, a day before an ABC staffer handed him the [Matt] Drudge item" off the Internet, concerning the Lewinsky scandal. When questioned by this author, Kristol, who is publisher and editor of the *Weekly Standard*, refused to answer questions about how he came to be among the first to know about Lewinsky's charges.

The role of Kristol as the initial public source on the "Lewinsky Affair" spotlights another British-Israeli apparatus, one that has been deeply involved in the "Get Clinton" effort from the outset. Kristol and his associates are collectively referred to as "neo-conservatives," a rather stunning euphemism, considering that the first generation of neo-cons were all former Stalinists, Bukharinites, and Trotskyites—who later found a "comfort zone" working as assets of British and Israeli intelligence against American national interests. The neo-cons associated with Kristol were high on the list of suspects, as the Pentagon attempted to identify the high-level controllers of Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard inside the U.S. intelligence community, following Pollard's arrest for espionage in November 1985. The overlap between the suspected members of the Pollard spy ring—which was, at the time, dubbed the "X Committee"—and the crew of neo-cons currently out to destroy the Clinton Presidency,

through the "Lewinsky Affair" and the drive to force the President into a self-destructive war with Saddam Hussein, is well worth studying.

State of the Union

At the peak of the media feeding-frenzy over the Lewinsky scandal, Kristol, as chairman of the board of directors of a newly created Project for the New American Century, issued a public letter to President Clinton on Jan. 26, demanding military action to overthrow Saddam Hussein. The letter stated, in part:

"We are writing you because we are convinced that current American policy toward Iraq is not succeeding, and that we may soon face a threat in the Middle East more serious than any we have known since the end of the Cold War. In your upcoming State of the Union Address, you have an opportunity to chart a clear and determined course for meeting this threat. . . . That strategy should aim, above all, at the removal of Saddam Hussein's regime from power. . . . Even if full inspections were eventually to resume, which now seems unlikely, experience has shown that it is difficult if not impossible to monitor Iraq's chemical and biological weapons production. . . . It hardly needs to be added that if Saddam does acquire the capability to deliver weapons of mass destruction, as he is almost certain to do if we continue along the present course, the safety of American troops in the region, of our friends and allies like Israel and the moderate Arab states, and a significant portion of the world's supply of oil will be put at risk. . . . The only acceptable strategy is one that eliminates the possibility that Iraq will be able to use or threaten to use weapons of mass destruction. In the near term, this means a willingness to undertake military action as diplomacy is failing. In the long term, it means removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power."

The signators of this open letter included:

- Richard N. Perle: Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Reagan and Bush administrations, Perle is today a highly paid consultant for the Israeli arms industry. He is known to have had a connection to the Israeli Mossad since 1970, when he was working for Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). At that time, a National Security Council-ordered wiretap on Perle's phone revealed that he was passing classified U.S. information to the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Although he was caught red-handed, Mossad allies assured that he retained his security clearance and position as Senator Jackson's aide.

In 1976, Perle and his longtime associate Stephen Bryen formed the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), which served as a cover for Israeli intelligence operations in Washington—particularly aimed at recruiting assets from within the U.S. military.

One of Perle's first employees was the self-described "universal fascist" Michael Ledeen, who was a central figure in the Iran-Contra fiasco. Ledeen's wife, Barbara, headed the