

Australia Dossier by Robert Barwick

Australia Aligns Itself with Bush

The Bush crowd is recruiting Australia to participate in a confrontation with China.

The countdown is on. In confirmation hearings before the U.S. Senate during Jan. 12 and 18, cabinet nominees of U.S. President George W. Bush repeatedly raised the specter of a U.S. war with China. Both Secretary of State Gen. Sir Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, hit out at China as a “strategic competitor”; their stance was so alarming, that outgoing Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth warned, “There is growing suspicion in China about the intentions of the U.S.” In the context of their anti-China posturing, Powell and Rumsfeld ominously foreshadowed a special role for their closest regional ally—Australia.

In reply to a question from Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) about “our valued ally Australia,” Rumsfeld linked Australia to Bush’s China strategy: “As you look at what’s happening in that part of the globe and periodic difficulties the People’s Republic of China has had with its neighbors—whether it’s the Spratley Islands, or difficulties with India, or Russia, difficulties with Vietnam—there’s no question but that Australia is a truly important nation,” he said.

On Jan. 18, Powell echoed Rumsfeld, in remarks to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on Australia’s role in helping to contain “a new and dynamic China.” Powell said that he sees Australia’s role as a continuation of its leading involvement in smashing Indonesia. “In the Pacific, we are very pleased that Australia, our firm ally, has played a keen interest in what’s been happening in Indonesia,” he said. “And so we will

coordinate our policies, but let our ally, Australia, take the lead, as they have done so well in that troubled country.”

On Jan. 8, Lyndon LaRouche exposed the true agenda of the Bush White House, and its allies in Australia, in a paper entitled “Why Kissinger’s Cronies Have Pulled Their China Ploy Now!” LaRouche wrote, “During a period in which the U.S.A.’s friends in Europe and Asia are tending to seek an alternative to a U.S.-led financial and economic collapse in Eurasian cooperation, how shall the Anglo-American Five keep themselves together, and their former allies and satrapies in line? Crisis-management.”

The “Anglo-American Five” include the currently Wall-Street-dominated United States, Britain, and Britain’s leading colonies, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. The five would “use covert methods to create the ‘who me?’ crises, to which they will then respond vengefully, to keep the world off-balance. . . . These were the methods followed by Hitler,” LaRouche said.

Australia is no stranger to the use of covert methods to provoke a crisis. An example is Australian Prime Minister John Howard’s triggering of the 1999 East Timor crisis, when he pressured a vulnerable Indonesian President, B.J. Habibie, to hold elections. That resulted in the predictable bloodshed and Australian intervention—an intervention which Australia had prepared for, for months, including by clandestinely sending crack Special Air Services personnel into Indonesia months before the election. Howard

applied a similar method to help provoke last year’s crises in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, which he then used to impose the Biketawa Declaration on the Pacific nations, self-appointing Australia and New Zealand to enforce regional “democracy.”

Such manufactured crises were used to push through a dramatic expansion of Australia’s military budget. Then, in August, Howard rammed through a bill to allow the newly expanded Australian Defense Force to be called out to put down *domestic* unrest, and which authorizes soldiers to use lethal force against Australian citizens—i.e., they may “shoot to kill.”

The ostensible excuse for this measure, was the rise of a classic provocateur movement, the “anti-globalist” S-11, which staged bloody riots in Melbourne in September against a meeting of the World Economic Forum. S-11 was spawned by the International Socialist Organization, a well-known front for British Intelligence. Under the bill, the official empowered to call out the troops is the Queen’s representative in Australia, the Governor-General.

The Howard government is enthusiastic about Bush, much more so than it was about Clinton. Anti-China fanatics in both countries kept their cause alive during the Clinton years, through the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, founded by the Australian CEO of Bonlac Foods, Phil Scanlan. Raving anti-China agitator Richard Armitage, a former Defense official in the earlier Bush Administration, is a Dialogue member, as are two of Bush’s current appointments, Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Economic Adviser Larry Lindsey. “This will be the best-informed Administration on Australian thinking and national interests [sic],” Scanlan gushed to the Jan. 19 *Australian Financial Review*.

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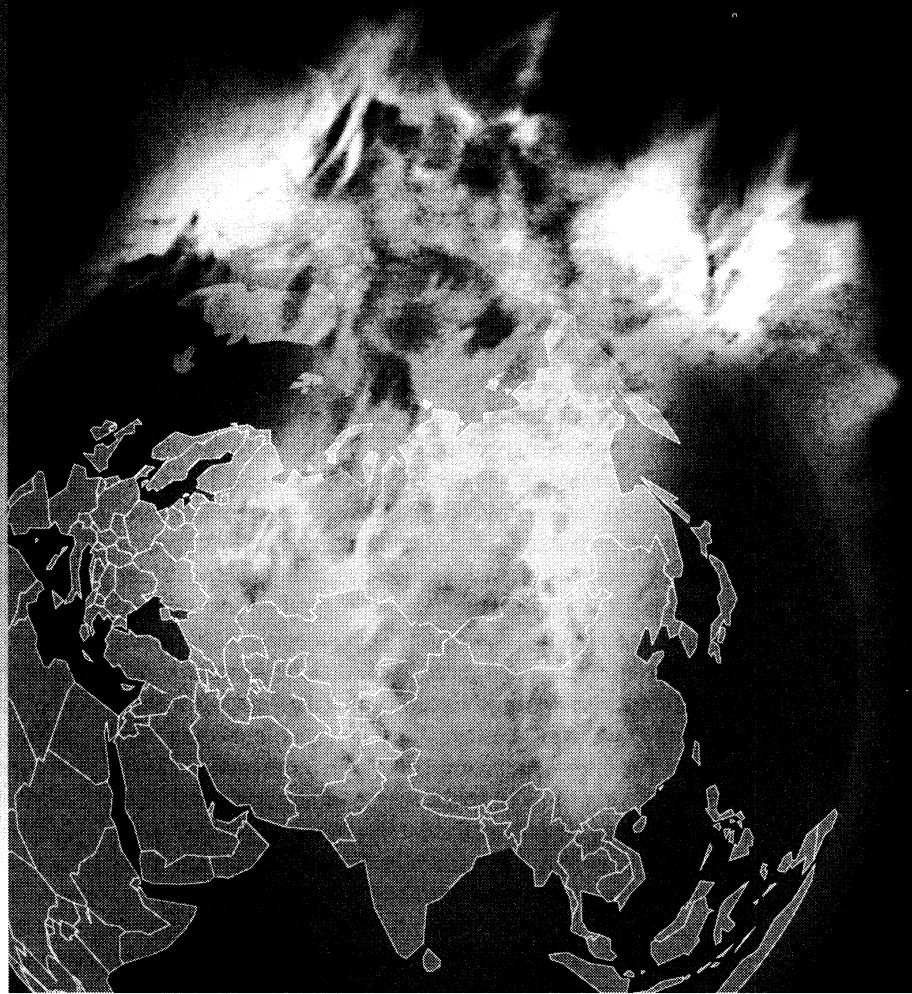
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