

Can The Brzezinski-Wolfowitz Cabal's War Game Be Stopped?

by Michele Steinberg

The cabal in the United States centered around Carter National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and current Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz is in a desperation drive to hijack Bush Administration policy into a “clash of civilizations” war, after Secretary of State Colin Powell was given a mandate by President George Bush on Nov. 19 to organize for Middle East peace. The cabal is lobbying to attack Iraq, other Arab countries, and Somalia. Leaders of Russia, Germany, France, Japan, and Egypt and other Mideast countries went on record, beginning on Nov. 28, saying that an attack on Iraq, or other “broadening” of the war against terrorism, *will not be supported*.

Bush has tasked Powell to carry out a policy of peace-seeking in the Mideast, and of strengthening the alliance with Arab countries, but the war-mongers *in his own Administration*, whom *EIR* exposed as the “Wolfowitz cabal” (see *EIR*, Oct. 26, 2001), are running an active policy coup, and have “gone public” to the media to make an invasion of Iraq, or attacks on Somalia, Yemen, and Sudan, *a fait accompli*. Their offensive is getting top Anglo-American reinforcement, in the form of British Tory leader Iaian Duncan-Smith, who will arrive in Washington around Dec. 4 to lobby for turning the London-based Iraqi opposition, led by Ahmed Chalabi, a con-man and snitch who embezzled his CIA expense accounts, into a “Northern Alliance” fighting force that can “take Baghdad.”

One Mideast expert in Washington told *EIR* that, in effect, the “Clash of Civilizations” gang is deeply frustrated because Bush rejected their push for a broad war against the Islamic world, but they have not—and will not—give up. “It’s a faction fight that no one can predict,” said this source, “and it will go to the ninth inning.” Operatives such as the Hollinger

Corp.’s Richard Perle, who now heads the Pentagon’s Defense Policy Board, and former CIA head James Woolsey, a board member of the Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs (JINSA), which has long been identified as linked to spying operations for the Israeli right-wing military, are leading this drive, and will use every means of black propaganda to succeed.

Another intelligence expert, who spent years working on Iraq, told *EIR* that the claims made by Woolsey and Richard Butler, the former head of the UN inspection team now with the New York Council on Foreign Relations, about Iraqi links to the Sept. 11 attack and to anthrax attacks, are “totally false.” This source said that “Butler is a liar,” whose charges could never stand up to the official United Nations’ records of what was really found in the Iraqi inspections. The “Wolfowitz cabal” agenda for an Iraqi war “has nothing to do with the fight against terrorism,” said this source, because they came into power “obsessed with overthrowing Saddam Hussein.” He added that the Wolfowitz cabal is ecstatic over the war on terrorism and have “jumped in to push their own agenda. . . . They want war.” After nearly three months of the members of the cabal getting non-stop press and Congress refusing to expose the cabal’s designs, this source concluded, “I don’t think they can be stopped.”

LaRouche’s ‘Skunks List’

But, stopping the Brzezinski-Wolfowitz agenda is *exactly* what world leaders, and American statesman Lyndon LaRouche, have on the agenda. On Nov. 26, LaRouche, a 2004 Democratic Presidential pre-candidate, let it be know that his campaign is assembling a “Skunks List” of those in the United States who are clamoring for a religious war, a



Leading “skunks” Zbigniew Brzezinski, Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Perle head a pack of them, inside and outside the Administration and both parties, who are stinking up Washington with demands for new attacks on Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran. . . .

global equivalent of the Thirty Years War from 1618-48 in Europe. LaRouche said that his campaign would mobilize Democrats and conscience-stricken Republicans to oppose the “clash of civilizations” insanity. One of the key political weapons in this fight, is the LaRouche campaign’s “Crisis Bulletin #5,” entitled “LaRouche’s ‘Dialogue Of Civilizations’—The Road To Peace,” a 24-page pamphlet of which 500,000 copies have already been produced. It says:

“To ensure the success of this all-important initiative, the LaRouche Presidential campaign must increasingly dominate politics in the United States, which means Americans must engage in the effort, through mass literature distribution and organizing. The future of your country, of the human race, depends on it.”

LaRouche’s Skunks List of war-mongers will be updated daily, by tracking the hate literature spewed out by Brzezinski, Perle, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, *Clash of Civilizations* author Samuel Huntington, “Arc of Crisis” godfather Bernard Lewis, Woolsey, and the like. The list will identify the hard core of this faction’s press outlets: the *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, CNN, the Murdoch press in New York and London, and the Hollinger Corp.’s *London Daily Telegraph*.

The Skunks List will be a key weapon in cutting through the “smoke and mirrors” propaganda run by the Brzezinski-Wolfowitz cabal. In a replay of Nazi Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels’ tactics, the cabal repeats “big lies” in several controlled media outlets to create a *perception* that Iraq is guilty of terrorism, and any Arab or Islamic country “could be the next Afghanistan.” Theirs is a deadly game of “wheel of fortune,” in which any nation could become the target of a “blitzkrieg” or “lightning surgical strike” because the cabal targetted it.

In just the last ten days in November, members of the cabal targetted the following countries for military action if they give “inadequate” cooperation in the fight against terrorism: Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Iran, Syria, Indonesia, the Philippines, and, of course, Iraq. At the same time, a broad effort by the right-wing Zionist lobby is under way in Congress to force Bush to target the Palestinians and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Chewing The Rug

To see how insane the cabal’s thinking is, one need only look at the performance of its leaders—Perle and his Siamese twin, Robert Kagan, of the neo-conservative *Weekly Standard*—at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace forum on Oct. 30. There, they raged at Secretary of State Powell and others in the Bush Administration for not conducting all-out war against Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and for relying on a “coalition.” Echoing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s attack on Bush, the Perle-Kagan duo equate “coalition,” especially one that includes Arabs, with “appeasement.”

Perle-Kagan shamelessly announced that the United States has lost the “first phase” of the war on terrorism, and it was at this forum that they *invented* “Phase II in the war on terrorism”—and they were drawing up the list of targets.

Kagan raved that when—not *if*, but *when*—the United States is hit in a second terrorist attack “in a hard way, a devastating way, . . . at that point we will move very quickly to the second round with an entirely new, military and other political grand strategy. . . . Then, it’s time to start realizing that this war *is not going to be confined to Afghanistan.*”

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the cabal used two premier press empires—the late Katharine Graham’s *Newsweek* and Rupert Murdoch’s *Sunday Times* of London—

to launch their “Phase II.”

The *Sunday Times* led the charge on Nov. 25, citing “senior sources” in London and Washington, saying that as soon as the campaign in Afghanistan is over, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen will be “at the top of the hit list.” Preparations are said to be under way, and intelligence agents from Britain and the United States on the ground, in all three countries, preparing for “stiletto” attacks against bin Laden training camps, reported the *Sunday Times*.

The Dec. 3 issue of *Newsweek* reported on Nov. 25 that “well-placed U.S. officials” said the Philippines is also on the hit list. A “handful” of U.S. Special Forces was reportedly already there, helping the country’s President “fight the al-Qaeda-backed insurgency.”

Despite the naming of other countries, and a *Newsweek* opinion that targetting Iraq is “not likely,” in sheer quantity of press coverage, Iraq won out as the cabal’s most popular “Phase II” target.

On Nov. 25 alone, *Newsweek*’s sister publication, the *Washington Post*, beat the war drums against Iraq, in a column by David Ignatius, and in a news article that linked Iraq’s alleged bioweapons to the anthrax letters in the United States. Israeli military intelligence mouthpiece Uri Dan, in Murdoch’s *New York Post*, said that the head of Israeli military intelligence, Amos Malka, had briefed Israeli ambassadors in Europe that the United States is going to strike Iraq, and Hezbollah locations in Lebanon that were linked to Syria. Adding his own twist to the “Armageddon, Now!” scenario, Malka added that a retaliation might be directed at Israel, so it should be prepared for war. Speaking on ABC-TV, Woolsey, claimed to have “new evidence” that Saddam Hussein was training hijackers to “use knives” in their assaults. Neo-con columnists joined the lynch mob, readying the noose for other Arab countries. In the *Washington Post*, columnist Jim Hoagland said that the United States should overthrow the Saudi regime and take over the oil fields, and George Will blasted Powell for being an “appeaser” and Bible violator for not supporting building the “Third Temple of Solomon” on the Muslim holy site of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

Among the hundreds of written and televised ravings by the cabal in late November, three items stand out: Brzezinski’s

targetting of Russia; junior cabal member Eliot Cohen’s declaration of World War IV; and a nest of right-wing Catholic fascists at the *National Review*, joining the chorus against Saudi Arabia.

Most significant is Brzezinski’s targetting of Bush’s relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Nov. 28 *Wall Street Journal*. He compares Bush to Franklin Roosevelt at Yalta, where, Brzezinski charges, Roosevelt “sold out” Europe to the Soviet Union. Brzezinski aped (and turned on its head) a recent statement by LaRouche about Bush’s “epiphany” on Sept. 11, saying, “Perhaps Mr. Putin’s sudden epiphany makes him now no longer wish to separate America from Europe,” nor forge a “strategic partnership with China” that threatens U.S. “hegemony.” Brzezinski says Putin was pursuing anti-American aims “up until a few weeks ago.”

On Nov. 20, “World War IV,” an op-ed by Eliot Cohen in the *Wall Street Journal*, argued for a global war. Cohen said, “Afghanistan constitutes just one front in World War IV.” (“The Cold War was World War III.”) The United States should promote the overthrow of the mullahs in Iran, target Iraq, and transform the U.S. military for the job. On Iran, he wrote: “The overthrow of the first theocratic revolutionary Muslim state . . . would be no less important a victory in this war than the annihilation of bin Laden.” On Iraq, he said: “The U.S. should continue to target regimes that sponsor terrorism. Iraq is the obvious candidate. . . . American allies will flinch, and the military may shake its head at the prospect of revisiting the aborted Gulf War victory,” but it makes good sense to him.

Cohen is an employee of Murdoch’s *Weekly Standard*, which is also the home of Kagan. His ravings were backed up on Nov. 20 in Murdoch’s *New York Post*, in which an editorial attacked Powell’s Mideast peace plan and promoted Undersecretary of State John Bolton’s attack on Iraq, Syria, Sudan, etc. Another op-ed, “On To Baghdad!” by Al Gore’s buddy, Dick Morris, said, “We need a full-scale effort to invade Iraq—taking Baghdad, and toppling and killing or arresting Saddam Hussein.”

The cabal is *immediately* parrying every thrust that opposes widening the war. Such was an article in *National Review* by its editor Rich Lowry, in response to a Nov. 26 *New York Times* editorial against invading Iraq. Lowry’s piece, entitled “Your Cooperation, Or Else: Phase II Of The War On Terrorism Begins With Scaring The Hell Out Of The Saudis,” blasts the *New York Times* for being soft on Iraq, and praises an “ingenious scenario” from the Moonie-owned United Press International, about overthrowing the Saudis.

Lowry says that if the Saudis refuse to be the base for an invasion of Iraq (which is preferable terrain to the rugged Turkish route), then the United States should go with this plan: “A coup attempt against the Saud family or a terrorist attack on the Saudi oil fields would provide America with

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ample pretext for seizing the oil fields to secure them from threats. And then, why give them back? A puppet ruler might be found internally. . . . Or a reliable friend could be imported. . . . The holy cities of Mecca and Medina could be left to the Saud family, or returned to Jordan's Hashemite dynasty." He adds that such an arrangement "for the next century," could turn the "vast Gulf oil wealth" from a "nuisance . . . into an asset" for the United States.

Isolating The Brzezinski Madmen

So far, not a single official from any branch of the U.S. government has come out publicly against the Brzezinski-Wolfowitz cabal. However, behind the scenes, the pressure is building, and the activity of the LaRouche campaign can make the decisive difference.

Also significant is the fact that foreign leaders have responded to the "Phase II" propaganda by stating they would not join any such operation. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Saltanov said that attacking Iraq would bring down the coalition against terrorism, increase tensions in the Arab world, aggravate the Palestinian situation, and destabilize the Persian Gulf.

As reported by the Russian news agency Interfax on Nov. 28, Saltanov said, "In such circumstances, it would hardly be possible to preserve the unity of the international anti-terrorist coalition," because Arabs "are known to oppose the broadening of the anti-terrorist operation to the region, including Iraq." Reports about such an option, he said, "cause concern," adding that the Iraq problem "does not have a military solution" but "can be solved only by political and diplomatic methods."

As if to illustrate Saltanov's statements, Arab League head Amr Moussa said that any attack against Arabs would have "dangerous repercussions," especially in view of what is occurring in Palestine. Jordanian spokesman Saleh Qallab said that his country "rejects the issue of force against Iraq." Even the leading European countries in the coalition—Germany, France, and Britain—oppose any action against Iraq. German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said that he opposes naming additional countries, besides Afghanistan, as targets for new military strikes. Especially in the Mideast, this would have a destabilizing effect and "start things flying around our ears that we cannot keep under control." German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who had a long telephone conversation with Putin the evening before, echoed Schröder's concerns. French Defense Minister Alain Richard also opposed action against Iraq, saying, "The evidence we have . . . shows no other nation to have become an active ally of this organization." And British Defense Minister Geoffrey Hoon was quoted saying he thought that an "invasive military response" might be needed in countries unable to deal with terrorism, but he excluded attacks on Iraq: "I have not seen any evidence to link Iraq directly with al-Qaeda," he said.

The 'LaRouche Factor' In Enron's Demise

by Harley Schlanger

In several webcasts after Nov. 7, 2000, economist Lyndon LaRouche identified the key political initiative which Democrats and patriotic Republicans must take if the nation were to be spared from disintegration in the aftermath of the election debacle: The "Southern Strategy" must be defeated, once and for all. LaRouche pointed to the energy crisis, which was just then becoming visible in California—the result of a lethal mixture of post-industrial environmentalism and deregulation, both major components of the Southern Strategy—as an example of the bleak future facing the nation if this offensive were not successful (see *EIR*, Jan. 1, 2001, "Southern Strategy: Assault On The American Republic").

In particular, LaRouche singled out Houston-based Enron, as a leading institution behind the Southern Strategy, for its role in promoting the blatant looting of the collapsing U.S. economy. Enron had become the largest energy trader in the world through a variety of manipulations, some of which were legal, others not. Taking advantage of the deregulation of energy, for which it had spent many millions lobbying, Enron moved aggressively, engaging in what the Feb. 12, 2001 *BusinessWeek*—in a cover story entitled "Power Play," which hyped Enron as the paradigm for the new corporation in a deregulated America—referred to as "the financialization of energy."

As Enron's revenues surged above \$100 billion in 2000, with total net income up 150% above 1999, its executives arrogantly predicted that, in the years ahead, its trading practices would revolutionize business in the United States and worldwide.

The political climate certainly seemed to favor Enron's continuing ascent. The new President, George W. Bush, relied heavily on its CEO, Kenneth Lay, for advice on energy policy, and massive financial support. The Congress elected on Nov. 7 had a pro-deregulation, Republican majority in both Houses. It featured a compliant Democratic minority with a "go along to get along" approach, which had blown its chances in the elections by backing the only Democrat who could lose to Bush, the unelectable Al Gore, a true believer in the anti-American philosophy of the Southern Strategy.

Thus, the spectacular meltdown of Enron in late November is both remarkable, and apparently inexplicable. But con-