

of the Third Temple on the site of al-Haram al-Sharif as its crematorium, its "Masada." Is the *Washington Post*, for example, supporting Israel? Does one describe a man who throws a hand grenade as a supporter of that hand grenade? If Israel's Nazis did not exist, the haters of Judaism would probably have had to have created them.

The easiest way to destroy a selected victim, is to induce him to destroy himself. Send an assassin to kill, and remove all traces back to the man who sent him. Such is the role assigned to the self-doomed victims of "Pokémon" and "Harry Potter." Some say the fault lies with the legendary lemmings.

In a certain sense, they are right. Any adult who joins a cult, such as the ranks of the Mont Pelerin Society's admirers, has no one as much as himself to blame for what follows. With children and adolescents, it is different; their parents, their schools, and, in relevant cases, the doctrine of "family values" are to be blamed for the murder of the mind of that dependent.

If you think you admire "Harry Potter," please stand before a mirror, while saying to yourself, "I must be nuts, like Ariel Sharon, or like the presently disintegrating personality of that modern 'Humpty-Dumpty' known as Henry A. Kissinger."

## Greenspan's Soul Now Sold To 'Harry Potter'?

by Don Phau

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and Wall Street count on Americans to turn their kids over to Satan this Christmas, to keep them in business. They expect that revenues generated and projected by sales of "Harry Potter" books, toys, games, and movie tickets will "stimulate an economic recovery." Other countries are counting on "Harry" too. The Treasurer of Australia, Peter Costello, said in the first week of December, "We hope we can have a Harry Potter-led recovery around the world this Christmas."

An Associated Press release on Dec. 2, said that for its first three weeks the movie *Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone* was the number-one grossing film, earning by its third week \$241.1 million. AP adds that record ticket sales are expected this Christmas and New Years, when the holidays fall on Tuesdays: "Five-day weekends bring the family out moviegoing."

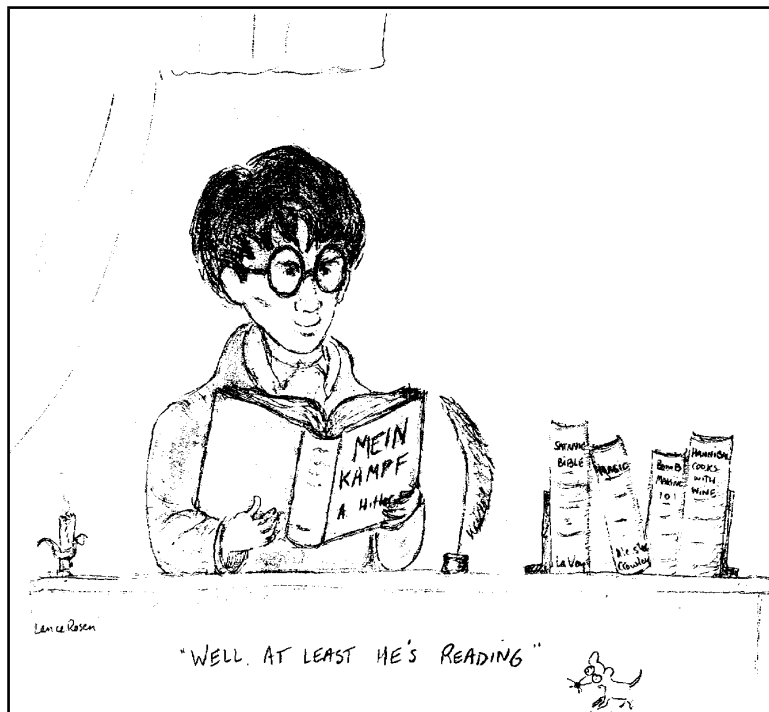
According to a U.S. Consumers Survey published in *Newsweek*, over half of all American children have read at least one Harry Potter book. So far the four books written by J.K. Rowling have appeared in print in 116 million copies, in 200 countries, translated into 47 languages. The *Washington Post* raved "The first four volumes, in Rowling's promised seven-book series have become the greatest success in publishing history." Sales of books, related toys, and games are expected to be over \$1 billion.

The U.S. toy company Hasbro has bought the rights to market Harry Potter "trading cards and

games, role-playing games, candy and 'youth' electronics." Hasbro's plans substantiate Lyndon LaRouche's charge that the Potter cult is designed to be "Pokémon II." Hasbro, according to the London *Financial Times*, "is responsible for the Pokémon boom. . . . The hope is to re-create the craze with the magical Potter gang." Movie theatres, toy and game makers are also gearing up for the dollars to be had from the just released film version of J.R. Tolkien's New-Dark-Ages sorcery trilogy, *Lord of the Rings*.

### AOL/Time-Warner

The Harry Potter movie was produced by AOL/Time-Warner, which on Dec. 19 will also premiere *Lord of the Rings*. AOL has spent \$300 million making the *Rings* movies, which will be released at Christmas time, one each for the



next three years. The target audience will be the next generation after Potter followers. Since its publication 50 years ago, Tolkien's story of wizards, elves, and dwarfs has sold more than 100 million copies.

AOL has embarked on a saturation advertising campaign to promote the *Lord of the Rings* movies. All showings and advertising of *Harry Potter* intensively advertise the *Rings*. A visitor to any of AOL's many internet providers, including Netscape and CompuServe, will be invited to join an "interactive sweepstakes" called "Search for the Magic Ring." For the first time, the *New York Times* Company will "integrate" an advertising package for the movies on its websites, indicating the degree to which this advertising permeates the Internet.

AOL/Time-Warner has also been in the lead of promoting the spread of the international trade in cocaine and heroin. Behind AOL's fantasy one-two punch are executives who have been open advocates and negotiators with the FARC, South America's and perhaps the world's largest narco-terrorist cartel. On Jan. 22, 2000 the founder of AOL, Jim Kimsey, Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange Richard Grasso, and other top businessmen met with Colombian President Andrés Pastrana. Acting as the spokesman, Kimsey announced that they were there to help organize international support for a "peace plan" with the FARC. This followed Kimsey's and Grasso's June 1999 visit to the jungles of Colombia to embrace and "legalize" the FARC.

## The Potter Cult

Many parents believe that anything that gets their children to read is good, even if it is about magic, sorcery and witchcraft. "They're just nice fairy tales," the claim is made of *Harry Potter*. But what are they really reading? In *Harry Potter*'s world, love of one's fellow human being is non-existent. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in a public speech given last year described the cartoon video game of Pokémon, the precursor to the *Harry Potter* cult: "Now as everybody knows, the minds of children are completely impressionable, because children learn primarily through imitation and through play. But what is there to imitate? Aggression. And what is completely lacking? Love, compassion, joy, beauty."

In *Harry Potter*, the characters substitute magic spells and tricks for the physical violence that is central to Pokémon. The effect on the child, however, is the same susceptibility to what Lyndon LaRouche has called the "New Violence."

Last July 8, thousands of children, led by their parents, lined up at midnight in front of 2,000 bookstores to grab the first-day release of the latest *Harry Potter* book for \$25.96. This year, with Christmas spending being intensively hyped as a virtual second "war against evil," Alan Greenspan and his friends hope to continue to have a good laugh as people rush out to spend millions on the latest *Harry Potter* books and paraphernalia.

# U.S. Congress Votes For Clash Of Civilizations

by Suzanne Rose

On Dec. 5, two resolutions were moved on Capitol Hill by which the U.S. Congress brought the Middle East closer to war. The House passed H. Con. Res. 280 "Expressing Solidarity with Israel in the Fight Against Terrorism," by a wide margin of 384-11. Twenty-one answered "present." Seventeen were not present for the vote. The Senate passed a similar resolution on the same day by unanimous consent. The resolutions would set the United States virtually at war with the Palestinian Authority and its supporters in the Arab world, abandoning any American search for Middle East peace.

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche said on Dec. 8 that these mindless votes showed the Congress to be massively corrupt. He warned that this is the major problem President Bush faces in dealing with Israel, because it demonstrates that the vast majority of members of Congress are supporting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's insane war drive. This means, noted LaRouche, that they back the Zbigniew Brzezinski-Samuel Huntington-Bernard Lewis "clash of civilizations" policy.

This includes not just the worst of the war-mongers typified by California Rep. Tom Lantos (D), and on the Senate side, by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.); but the entire leadership of the Democratic Party. Are they so corrupt, LaRouche asked, that they cannot support the President when he is right? He demanded that constituents hold their Congressmen accountable for the spreading Mideast war.

## The Target: Bush-Putin Collaboration

The reckless and one-sided resolutions, beginning with the House version brought by Reps. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) and Lantos (respectively chairman and ranking Democrat of the House International Relations Committee) reflect the growing desperation of the war-mongers in the Congress and Administration, over their failure so far to convince the Bush White House to go all-out for war against the Arab and Muslim populations of the Mideast. The actions continue the drumbeat of the Zionist Lobby since Sept. 11, claiming that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat alone is responsible for the impasse in the Middle East peace negotiations; that he and the Palestinian Authority are equivalent to Osama bin Laden, and that Israel should be unleashed against the Palestinians to take "preventive action against terrorism."

Lantos, Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), and others kept up the demagoguery of previous hearings, insisting that, by their vote,