

## Editorial

### *Now Beware the Chicken-hawks!*

There are some very unhappy people in and around the Bush Administration these days: They are deadly afraid that they may have their *war* taken away from them!

We are talking, of course, about the Chicken-hawks, that group of draft-dodging lunatics, led by Vice President Dick Cheney, who are, as Lyndon LaRouche wryly noted, not taking they're Iraq loss "flying down." They are apoplectically demanding a war against Iraq no matter what the circumstances or pretext, and are boasting—as Paul Wolfowitz did recently in a Florida appearance—that they are preparing to launch that war come what may. Richard Perle, Wolfowitz, Douglas Feith, Elliott Cohen—all, like the obsessed Vice President, never saw a day's worth of service in the military.

But still they are determined that they will have a war; and not just an invasion of Iraq, but a perpetual religious war, targetting one after another those nations in which most of the world's Muslims live. They are virtually one political force with Ariel Sharon's and Benjamin Netanyahu's Likudniks, who desperately seek that same outcome from an Iraq attack. Some of them go further, in the spirit of Huntington and Brzezinski, and are determined that this Presidency will be drawn into war preparations against North Korea; into a long-drawn-out series of threats to the existence of China's government; and for good measure, into a strategic confrontation with the government of Brazil. Thus they can also properly be branded, "Moonies."

Most of these characters have been salivating for this objective since the early 1990s, but this last Spring, after they had shifted President Bush away from the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, they thought they had it made. Surely, they would be able to launch their war against Iraq by the Fall of 2002.

But it got "jammed up." Leading the offensive against them was none other than Lyndon LaRouche, who combined his international diplomacy, with an "into the streets" agitational campaign, against the war party *in Congress*, centered around Senators Joe Lieberman and John McCain. In this environment, the military

veterans, retired and active, began to come out more vigorously against a war that could not be won. The Europeans, Russians, and many others stiffened their resistance, through the United Nations and otherwise.

At length, the President committed himself to work through the United Nations, and adjusted the Administration's proposal to permit reaching a UN Security Council agreement. The Chickenhawks—who had tried unsuccessfully to get rid of Colin Powell a year ago, to prevent just such an eventuality—could only squawk, and squawk, and squawk.

Unfortunately, these creatures cannot be simply ignored. They are not without power.

Put to one side, for a minute, the braying of their mouthpieces in the media, where zealots like Charles Krauthammer have essentially called for the gunning down of chief UN inspector in Iraq, Hans Blix, because he might not have the Chicken-hawks' desire and determination to declare Iraq incorrigibly in non-compliance, and launch a war. Their attacks have gotten loud enough that Dr. Blix, uncharacteristically, has pointed to them by name as a problem. This is very ugly, but, for now, only atmospheric.

But the likes of Wolfowitz and Feith have already done palpable damage to the course of war prevention, by, on the one hand, boasting of a new pre-emptive assassination policy by the Administration; and, on the other, forcing through a confrontational policy against North Korea. And Vice President Dick Cheney, merciless and mercenary as he is, remains only a heartbeat away from the Presidency.

There is absolutely no room for complacency. LaRouche has called for concentrating on destroying the Chicken-hawks' leading procurer and conference-organizer, the Unification Church Moonie sex-money cult. On top of that, the war party itself must be boxed in, and politically isolated and destroyed.

Let the Chicken-hawks flap, but we must continue to mobilize to get them removed from power, and make sure their warplans don't fly.