
Has the President Cracked Up?

The President's Obsession!

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Leading circles within the U.S. today are gravely concerned with an apparent, serious disturbance of President George W. Bush, Jr.'s current state of mental health. His obsession with the prospect that a reluctant Israeli government's launching of the current war against Lebanon might provide the Republican Party ticket a much-desired "October Surprise" for the coming November general election, has gone glassy-eyed.

Sane leading figures of both Democratic and Republican party pedigrees, are more or less equally concerned by the danger to civilization generally, and also the U.S. in particular, in the glassy stare they see in the President's eyes.

As I emphasized in a report published this past January, the favored option for Republican Party victory in the coming November mid-term elections depended upon the U.S. ability to induce Israel to plant WMD then in the possession of Israel (probably in Negev desert locations) at the Iraq border, preferably in Syrian territory. So far, the current Israeli invasion of Lebanon has all the relevant hallmarks of an operation intended to accomplish precisely that result.

All the schemes now on the table, for neutralizing the spread of the mounting asymmetric warfare in Lebanese territory, are assured strategic failures at the outset. The only way out is an enforced Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory, and an enforced movement to a general Middle East peace based on drawing in all of the relevant prospective partners from the region, in a commitment to implementation of an equitable general two-state solution for the respective sovereign states of Israel and Palestine. No other solution exists; even that solution is not available, unless the U.S. government commits itself unequivocally to that policy.

It is not necessary to demand agreement to all details of a settlement in advance. Nonetheless, an agreement to begin immediate implementation of an enforced peaceful solution is required, and to do this in no way which impairs the human rights of any of the persons of the respective parties.

The President of the U.S. must accept this option. We are lurching at the edge of not only the worst global monetary-financial-economic crisis in modern history, but the enflamed preconditions for the spread of what must tend to become a global asymmetric, also nuclear-armed form of World War III. We must not fail this time, as the world failed at Munich 1938. The President must give up his glassy-eyed obsession.

Will 'October Surprise' Trigger World War III?

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On Jan. 11, 2006, keynoting an international webcast in Washington, D.C., Lyndon LaRouche issued a pointed warning about the danger of a new Mideast war. He spoke of a possible "fake weapons of mass destruction" hoax, orchestrated by Vice President Dick Cheney and former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. LaRouche warned:

"We also have a situation in Israel, which is extremely tricky and dangerous, and it involves Bush, but most specifically Cheney, Vice President Cheney. As you know, Ariel Sharon is very seriously ill, is crippled, and will probably never again participate in a government in Israel. Whether he will live or not, is also in question, given his condition. Or whether he's able to function at all, if he lives, is in question.

"The threat is, that a Benjamin Netanyahu, who is one of the ugliest characters on the Israeli scene, of any significance, is in discussion with the circles of Vice President Cheney. And Vice President Cheney would like to have an attack on Syria, by Netanyahu. And if the Israeli forces in this strike attack into Syria, were to occupy some territory, they would haul some evidence from the desert where the Israelis are holding it, which they created for this purpose, to try to 'prove' that Saddam Hussein had had weapons of mass destruction, but had moved them into Syria. But this 'evidence' would be moved into Syria by the Israelis from the Israeli desert, where it's being housed in preparation for this operation.

"That's what's going on.

"We could have the entire region of Southwest Asia, blow up. And a lot more soldiers being killed suddenly, because of this complication—[more] U.S. soldiers—than there have been so far.

"This is a *grim* situation, in which virtual *treason* by the Vice President of the United States, who is a known liar, threatens civilization, and our civilization here in particular."

Our Decision To Publish

Now, in recent weeks, *EIR* specialists have received a series of new reports from qualified U.S. and Israeli sources, suggesting that a desperate Bush-Cheney White House is pushing a number of "October Surprise" schemes, all aimed at salvaging the November 2006 midterm U.S. House and Senate elections for the Republican Party—regardless of the fact that any one of these reckless schemes could trigger a planetary plunge into war.

The information arriving on the doorsteps of *EIR* came from distinct and unconnected intelligence circles, with