

# Ahnuld Is Dick Cheney's Overpriced Geek Act

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Tyrone Power starred in a 1947 Hollywood motion picture, "Nightmare Alley," which exposed the depraved life of a group of travelling carnival personalities. Chief among the sick characters was the "geek act," the disheveled, half-dereanged figure who, at the appropriate moment, was brought on stage to bite off the head of a live chicken, before stalking off, like a "beast-man," his mouth dripping with the dead animal's blood.

While there is no evidence that the present California Republican gubernatorial candidate and Hollywood caricature, Arnold Schwarzenegger, ever consumed the head of a live chicken before a carnival audience, the image, nevertheless, of a "geek act," is appropriate to Arnie, whose own rags-to-riches rise was based on his steroid- and pot-driven bodybuilding career, and his later reincarnation as a Hollywood "beast-man" action hero. In Arnie's case, a fair characterization would be: that he is "Dick Cheney's overpriced geek act."

From his secret sessions with Enron boss Kenneth Lay, at the height of the energy pirates' looting of the state of California, to his embrace of the racist Proposition 187, denying immigrant offspring the right to public education, Schwarzenegger is the poster-boy for the kinds of imperial policies being peddled by the Vice President and his neo-conservative allies, through Cheney's Energy Task Force, his promotion of perpetual wars abroad, and his private-cartel looting of the general welfare at home. If you liked the ripoff of California, to the tune of approximately \$70 billion, by Enron, Reliant, Williams Energy, et al. between 2000-01, you will love Arnie's future plans for the further looting of what is left of the California state economy.

## Two Snapshots of a Speculator's Puppet

Two recent photos shed further light on the real powers behind the Schwarzenegger throne, and further underscore that Arnie is a willing carnival geek act for some of the biggest rentier financier ripoff artists in the world banking establishment today:

- On Aug. 15, 2003, most major American newspapers featured the same photograph of Arnie, unveiling his gubernatorial campaign advisory team, flanked by its two most prominent members: George Shultz and Warren Buffett. Buffett,

the Omaha-based mega-speculator and energy pirate, is Schwarzenegger's business partner in NetJet and a string of other ventures.

Shultz is the heir to the Milton Friedman throne of rabid free-trade economists, who are committed to the permanent end of the nation-state system, through the creation of a one-world financial dictatorship to be run through the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) or directly through the private financier oligarchy. Shultz, from his perch at the Hoover Institution and the Bechtel Corporation, also shares the distinction—along with mega-speculator George Soros—of being the leading U.S.A. promoter of the total legalization of all drugs, including heroin and crack cocaine. Shultz was the architect of former President Richard Nixon's take-down of the Bretton Woods System on Aug. 15, 1971, which brought on more than 30-years of economic collapse, speculative looting, and mass death throughout the planet. Shultz is the Dark-Age architect of beast-man candidate Schwarzenegger, one of the leading "Synarchists" of the day.

- On Sept. 23, 2002, the British Isles press, including BBC and *The Scotsman*, featured another prominent photograph of Arnie, again in the company of Warren Buffett, along with Lord Jacob Rothschild. The three were hosting a gathering at Lord Jacob's Waddesdon Manor in the English countryside, of a group of financier elites from Europe and America, to plot out how to make maximum profits as the planet plunges into war and chaos. Among the participants in the event: London *Times* financial correspondent Anatole Kaletsky, who wrote about the "dark age" gathering several days later; Nick Oppenheimer, of DeBeer Diamonds; former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker, who would, several months later, attend a session at Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Mundell's Siena, Italy castle, where plans for a single world currency under BIS control, would be mapped out; and James Wolfensohn, head of the World Bank.

Kaletsky reported that two "senior Washington officials" had attended the Lord Jacob-hosted closed-door event, and had provided the assembled with inside information about then-imminent plans for an Iraq war, and follow-on wars throughout much of Eurasia. While Kaletsky did not name the two Bush-Cheney officials, it has been subsequently learned that they were David Frum and Harold Rhode.

Frum earned brief notoriety as the George W. Bush speechwriter who inserted the "axis of evil" formula into the President's January 2002 State of the Union speech. His overblown ego led to his dismissal, but he remains a prominent figure in the neo-conservative stable, working at the neo-con "temple of doom," the American Enterprise Institute, and doubling as an editor of both the *Weekly Standard* and *National Review*, two leading war party propaganda organs. Harold Rhode is one of the most important, albeit little-known Pentagon war-mongers. The chief "Islamic world" advisor to Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz; and the intimate

colleague of British “Arab Bureau” elder and author of the Clash of Civilizations dogma, Bernard Lewis; Rhode is formally housed at Andrew Marshall’s Office of Net Assessments in the Office of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. But he has been a key activist in the intelligence fakery that led to the Iraq War. Rhode travelled frequently to London, in the run-up to the war, to meet with Iraqi National Congress chief Ahmed Chalabi, a convicted financial swindler (in Jordan), and the chief source of the fake intelligence on so-called Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, al-Qaeda links, etc.

### **Pumping Steroids: The Real Arnie**

Arnold Schwarzenegger was born on July 30, 1947 in a small town nearby Graz, Austria. He was the son of Gustav and Aurelia (née Jadry) Schwarzenegger, and Arnold’s father was the sort of alcoholic family tyrant who frequently would produce a manic-depressive “beast man” in his two boys. Yet, in the 1977 book by Arnold and Douglas Kent Hall, *Arnold: The Education of a Bodybuilder* (A Fireside Book by Simon & Schuster), Arnold is laudatory of his formerly brutalizing father, who took great “joy through strength” in Arnie’s pumped-up muscles and beautiful floozies.

Ironically, as Arnie’s steroid-pumped dreams (he started on heavy doses of the drug at 13) began to be realized, when he broke into the movies to a significant degree, he found it necessary to cover his back by hiring Los Angeles’ Simon Wiesenthal Center to investigate his dad’s role in the Holocaust. Rabbi Marvin Hier obliged Arnie, and pronounced his father, Gustav, although a Nazi Party member, not guilty of any overt war crimes. In return, Schwarzenegger has been a steady donor to the Center ever since, pouring at least \$750,000 into the institution.

More recently, 30 years after Gustav’s death in 1972, new archives were made publicly available. Not only was Gustav Schwarzenegger one of only 11% of Austrians, who after the *Anschluss* Nazi annexation of Austria, became members of the Nazi Party; but he served in the SA (*Sturmabteilung*) Brownshirts. Aaron Brightbart of the Simon Wiesenthal Center told *EIR* that after the collapse of the SA, Gustav became a member of the 521st Gendarmerie of the Fourth Panzer Division, which operated in Eastern Europe. Like the *Einsatzgruppen*, this unit shot partisans in cold blood, and burned villages.

Arnie’s physical description of his father, in the first chapter of *Arnold: The Education of a Bodybuilder*, sounds like you-know-who: “He was always neat, his hair slicked back smooth, his mustache trimmed to a line.” Later he described his father’s reaction to his bodybuilding obsession. His mother was dead set against his weight-lifting and the loose women with whom he socialized. “Things were different between me and my father,” Arnie wrote. “He assumed that when I was 18, I would just go into the Army and they

would straighten me out. He accepted some of the things my mother condemned. He felt it was perfectly all right to make out with all the girls I could. In fact, he was proud I was dating the fast girls. He bragged about them to his friends. . . . He was showing off, of course. But still, our whole relationship had changed because I’d established myself by winning a few trophies and now had some girls. He was particularly excited about the girls. And he liked the idea I didn’t get involved.”

What the Wiesenthal Center found in its second “vetting” of Arnie is as yet difficult to say. However, through the brutality of his father, Arnie became known as a man capable of extremes of “Thrasymachus”-type sadism upon fellow athletes and “movie star” competitors.

### **Backers from Mega Group and Bohemian Grove**

As Arnie rose to stardom, he accumulated a fortune estimated at \$100-200 million. His 63-page “Economics Interest” filing with the Secretary of State for the recall Gubernatorial race, lists over 19 mutual funds, real estate conglomerates, and companies in which he has over \$1 million invested. On his own website, “The Governor” boasts of his business acumen, which he learned from his “mentors,” including: underground economy-promoter Milton “legalize drugs” Friedman; casino magnate Donald Trump; real estate wheeler-dealer Leslie Wexner, co-founder with Charles Bronfman of the Mega Group, which replaced the “Billionaire’s Club” in support of fascist Gen. Ariel Sharon; and Warren Buffett. These financial promoters of dictators are Arnie’s business associates.

For his political associates, it is notable that the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported as follows from last Summer’s Bohemian Grove gathering of the aura-of-power crowd in the West Coast forests on July 23, 2003: “Behind the Count. All eyes will be on the California Secretary of State’s office today for the big recall count—but the real plays are going on well behind the scenes. . . . From what we’ve heard, the Republican hierarchy—especially those close to former Gov. Pete Wilson—would favor Schwarzenegger. At least that’s the word that came out of the Bohemian Grove this last weekend, where a number of state and national GOPers, including Presidential adviser Karl Rove, happened to have gathered at a club getaway.”

Former Gov. Pete Wilson—author of the racist Proposition 187 that would deny social services to non-naturalized immigrants—has emerged as Arnie’s campaign chairman.

One element of the Terminator that emerges in Wendy Leigh’s *An Unauthorized Biography: Arnold* (Congden and Weed, Inc., Chicago, 1990) is that Arnie, too, is a deep-dyed racist, who hates Hispanics, Africans, and anyone with darker-skinned complexion. Once was enough for an exported leader from Austria.