

Did Lieberman Resign From Democratic Party?

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On June 16, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., Senator “Neo-Con Joe” Lieberman delivered a speech which was—or at least should be—his resignation from the Democratic Party. Lieberman announced to a gathering of the top 80-100 Iraq warmongers and neo-con crazies in Washington, that the Korean War-era, warmongering Committee on the Present Danger (CPD), was being “reborn for a third time.” The event was sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, and of all the speakers, Lieberman was the most rabid.

There was only one reason for the gathering: Bush and Cheney are in increasing trouble, and “Super Watergate” is in the air. The meeting was called to try to regain the offensive in the Iraq war and spread war to other “rogue nations”; the sponsors needed Lieberman to steer Democrats back into being “Cheney’s protection racket.”

Lieberman delivered, saying that *if* the President of the United States—the leader of this war against terrorism—“happens to be a Republican” (which of course, he is), then that President has *his* full support, because “ultimately, loyalty to country” is much more important “than loyalty to party.” To sweeten that declaration of war against the Democratic Party, Lieberman claimed that he represents “the true ideals” of the Democrats.

Fight Islam Everywhere, Says Joe

The pseudo-Democratic Senator demonstrated a degree of Islam-hating that was shocking. He warned that a “new empire of evil” was in the making: a new Muslim Caliphate, run by Osama bin Laden, and the “Islamists,” which would extend from “Istanbul to Islamabad, from Khartoum to Kabul, from Kuala Lumpur to Bangkok, and beyond.” Reading from the words of Osama bin Laden in 1998—Lieberman claimed this empire will give a home to “every Muslim” who must “obey God’s command to kill the Americans and plunder their possessions wherever he finds them and whenever he can.”

Lieberman said this “Islamic Jihadism” is the same as “Nazi totalitarianism,” and fighting it is the same as fighting the Nazis. Without the United States, the leaders of the Muslim countries lack the drive and the commitment to stop the Islamists, he charged. In a poor imitation of Winston



This 1976 LaRouche campaign poster took on the last “incarnation” of the Committee on the Present Danger, which pushed candidate Jimmy Carter. Joe Lieberman’s mug belongs there now.

Churchill’s 1946 Iron Curtain speech, “Neo-Con Joe” told the audience that the role of the new CPD and of the Foundation is critical, because a new “theological wall” is going down over the Arab world. The assembled audience has a “critical role,” he said, because, “today in America, support for the [Iraq] war is in jeopardy.” He attacked those who want to use the prison abuse scandal to “pull our troops out.” America might lose the will to win, Lieberman repeated several times: “The terrorists will never defeat us militarily. We cannot allow them to defeat us politically.”

Giving 100% support to Cheney’s lies about the al-Qaeda/Iraq connection, Lieberman said, “The connection between the Iraqi insurgency . . . and al-Qaeda’s worldwide campaign of anti-democratic terror is now clear. Bin Laden’s henchmen are fighting side-by-side with Saddam loyalists on the streets of Baghdad, Fallujah, Najaf, and across Iraq—killing Americans and Iraqis.” Lieberman even pleaded for reprinting of bin Laden’s writings, so that “every school-child” can be made to read them in order to know the danger of terrorism.

Twice before, the anti-American System faction of the U.S. establishment used the Committee on the Present Danger moniker to push pre-emptive war and nuclear strikes. In 1950, CPD-I’s target was China. In 1976, CPD-II’s target was the Soviet Union. This was the network of nuclear warmongers that Lyndon LaRouche exposed in his first half-hour national TV show, during his 1976 Presidential campaign. The fact that some Democrats use Lieberman and his neo-con thugs to exclude LaRouche becomes a bigger scandal by the day.