

## Christian pharisees target China, Sudan

On June 23, a gaggle of activists ranging from the “religious right” and neo-con networks, to liberal Democrats, held a summit on religious persecution overseas. The meeting, held at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., was to organize a grassroots, church-based movement to target certain nations allegedly persecuting religious minorities. These people are no more interested in protecting religious freedom, than the 1980s’ Project Democracy was intended to promote democracy. A look at one of the leading participants, Christian Solidarity International (CSI), shows clearly that what is being organized is a grassroots mob to cover for the foreign policy of the British oligarchy: the destruction of nation-states. The whipping boys for these modern pharisees are the two premier nation-states of the developing sector, Sudan and China.

The meeting included the London-controlled Freedom House of Leo Cherne (chairman of the Reagan-Bush President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board), the Family Research Council of Gary Bauer (another specimen from the Reagan-Bush White House), Father Richard Newhouse, a radical epigone of Michael Novak, Michael Horowitz from the Hudson Institute, CSI’s Jim Jacobson, Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition, and another Catholic radical free-trader, William Bennett of Empower America, among other cheerleaders for the “Contract on America.” The odd Democrat made for ecumenical window-dressing, including co-chair Sen. Joe Lieberman (Conn.). The event was sponsored by Empower America, and co-chaired by Bennett.

Nina Shea of Freedom House opened the gathering, with a broadside against Sudan, which is *de rigueur* for any meeting involving Lady Caroline Cox’s Christian Solidarity International. Cox is making a career of trying to overthrow the Sudanese government, under cover of saving Christians, and is currently organizing logistical support for Sudanese rebels who, under her influence, have refused to join the government-initiated peace treaty to end the decades-long civil war. Along with Lady Lynda Chalker, Cox is also organizing support for the Ethiopian and Eritrean allies of Ugandan dictator Yoweri Museveni, who are currently attempting to invade Sudan.

Shea’s diatribe, a catalogue from her book *In the Lion’s Den*, of hideous allegations of torture, genocide, and enslavement of Christians, made no mention of Sudan’s civil war, which was set up by the departing British colonialists between the predominantly Muslim north and the Christian-animist

south. Nor did Shea mention the peace efforts between Khartoum and most of the southern rebel groups, culminating in April in the historic signing of a peace treaty—following which Cox’s operations were stepped up. Nor did Shea mention that 10 miles from Sudan’s southern border, in Congo-Zaire, the unparalleled slaughter has cost the lives of at least half a million Rwandan Hutu refugees and of opponents of Laurent Kabila and his backers in Kampala and London.

Sudan has earned itself pride of place on Britain’s imperial enemies list (it is the only former British colony that is not a member of the Commonwealth), because of its fight against colonialism and resistance to the International Monetary Fund predators.

### Ravening Wolf

The other target of the meeting was China. Shea was followed by CSI’s chief Congressional lackey, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.), who has led the campaign in Congress to break U.S.-China relations, using the cover of human rights violations. Ironically, Wolf and his friends cannot claim to have the backing of the Vatican for their campaign on behalf of “persecuted Christians.” Shea and Wolf’s methods are rooted in the British 19th-century tactics of Lord Palmerston: Build “popular” movements to destroy governments from within, in the name of liberating oppressed minorities. In the case of China, London’s point man has been Gerald Segal of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, who wrote the blueprint to break China up into pieces, along “ethnic” lines.

The grouping got its start in January 1996, at a conference on “Global Persecution of Christians,” when the National Association of Evangelicals issued a statement condemning religious persecution. In September, Congress passed resolutions targetting various Islamic governments and China for the persecution of Christians. In November, an advisory committee in the State Department was created to monitor religious persecution.

In May 1997, a legislative vehicle for the movement, the “Freedom From Religious Prosecution Act,” was unveiled by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Rep. Frank Wolf at a press conference. The act introduces a White House post called “Director of Religious Persecution,” and mandates varying degrees of sanctions depending on the victim-nation’s alleged level of religious persecution. Such legislation, involving the creation of a human rights gestapo in the Executive branch of our government, would go a long way toward subverting the core of U.S. foreign policy, which is based on serving the national interests of this country through a commitment to the best interests and development of other sovereign nations—the long U.S. foreign policy tradition of a “community of principle.” The Congressional co-sponsors, including several who are directly tied to CSI, such as New Jersey’s Chris Smith (R) and Ohio’s Tony Hall (D), have been promised full support by Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), the chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee.