

'New World Order' Gang Is Back, with G.W. Bush

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According to several recent news accounts, sometime in the Summer of 1998, a Bush family war council took place at the Kennebunkport, Maine vacation compound. At that gathering, the George W. Bush Presidential effort was formally launched. Former National Security Council Soviet expert Condoleezza Rice, flanked by her former boss, ex-President Sir George Bush, agreed to take on the task of walking Dubya through the fine points of foreign policy and national security.

Others were soon added to the team, which Rice dubbed "The Vulcans," after a statue of the Roman god of metal-forging in the steel center of Birmingham, Alabama, her home town. A more accurate name might be the "Martians," after the Roman god of war. Because if this gang of throwbacks to Sir George Bush's New World Order gets anywhere near the White House, you can expect a strategic confrontation with Moscow and Beijing, a bloody mess in the Persian Gulf and throughout the Middle East, and many other similar extremely unpleasant surprises.

Given ex-President George H.W. Bush's lifetime affinity for nefarious "secret parallel government" operations, and his blood-vendetta hatred of Bill Clinton, over his 1992 reelection defeat, it should come as no surprise that, within months of that initial meeting, "the Vulcans" had established a shadow "national security" apparatus, which would deploy over the next two years to willfully and vindictively sabotage many U.S. national security and foreign policy initiatives, including the Middle East peace process and the Clinton Administration's efforts to bring peace and stability to the Korean peninsula.

The Shadow Cabinet

The Kennebunkport gathering had followed an April 1998 meeting at the Palo Alto, California home of former Reagan Secretary of State George Shultz, at which the Texas Governor had been first introduced to Condi Rice. Shultz and

Dick Cheney next tapped Paul Wolfowitz, another Bush-era national security hawk, to join what was soon dubbed "GWU" ("George W. University").

Constantly in the background at all the early planning sessions was Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's National Security Adviser and current alter-ego, who, along with Sir George and former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell, is a British Knight, so dubbed by Queen Elizabeth II for "service to the Empire" during Operation Desert Storm.

The Maine session took place in the midst of the escalating impeachment drive against President Bill Clinton, and the Russian default, which would shortly trigger the near-collapse of the Long Term Capital Management hedge-fund. The Bush Leaguers, according to media accounts provided by Condi Rice, among others, went to work immediately, creating what the former Bush National Security Council staffer described as a shadow national security council, to counter the Clinton Administration's every move, with sharp rhetoric and Congressional sabotage.

Almost every Sunday night since the Autumn of 1998, Governor Bush, Rice, and Wolfowitz have held a three-way conference call, to plan out the week's wrecking activities, including public statements and other interventions by the Bush gang, to gum up the Administration's initiatives. Every Monday morning, a second conference call reportedly takes place—with a larger group of participants, including such Bush Administration Cold Warriors and Zionist Lobby zealots as Richard Armitage, Richard Perle, and Dov Zakheim. The late Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-Ga.) served as the liaison between "Team Bush" and the Republicans in the Congress.

Thus, when Perle, the suspected Mossad spy and ally of convicted traitor Jonathan Jay Pollard, met with two senior Israeli negotiators on the eve of this past July's Camp David summit, and urged them to stage a walk-out the moment the Palestinians brought up the subject of Jerusalem, he was act-



The former First Family

ing on behalf of the Bush “shadow cabinet,” interfering to wreck a vital U.S. foreign policy initiative.

The Vulcans’ policies, largely codified in the foreign policy and national security sections of the Republican Party Platform, focus on battling “rogue states,” keeping China and Russia on the defensive, and otherwise keeping the United States out of the endless string of “humanitarian” missions that have defined American military outreach under the Clinton Administration. Never mind that almost all of the “hot-spots” where American troops are still engaged, were crises inherited from the Bush Administration, such as the Balkans, Haiti, and Africa. The new Bush team will blithely let the rest of the world go to Hell, unless some “vital” American security interest—like control over the world petroleum reserves or other strategic raw materials—comes into play.

Implausible Denials

In the pages that follow, you will be reintroduced to the Bush League apparatus that you came to know and hate during the 1989-93 period, until Bush was voted out of office, in a stunning repudiation of an incumbent President. The cast of characters who will populate a George “Dubya” Bush Administration are the *identical* personnel who brought you the Panama invasion, the Persian Gulf war, the “New World Order,” economic recession, and the crack cocaine epidemic.

In a recent *Washington Post* interview, Condi Rice, the “quarterback” of the Bush policy team, tried to downplay the similarities, by waxing philosophical: “The world is a different place than it was in 1990 or 1991 or 1992,” she said. In fact, to the extent there are differences between the immediate post-Cold War period, when the Soviet Union was going through its death throes, and today, those differences

drive the Bushies into even more extreme forms of “New World Order” imperial fantasy.

Thus, Rice, Wolfowitz, et al. vow they would no longer hold back from a full-scale ground invasion of Iraq, running into Baghdad to remove Saddam Hussein from power by force. And a Dubya Bush Administration would pay no heed to the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, and would proceed with a National Missile Defense system, ostensibly aimed against “rogue states,” but, in reality, targetted at Russia and China. This, despite the fact that then-Vice President George Bush was one of the biggest bureaucratic *opponents* of President Ronald Reagan’s 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), and played a pivotal role in the railroad frameup and jailing of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the intellectual author of Reagan’s SDI, which would have sought Soviet *collaboration* in ending the Kissingerian era of Mutual and Assured Destruction.

And, Rice made it clear that a Bush II Administration would not pursue positive global engagement, such as the Clinton effort to establish closer American ties to Africa. At a moment when President Clinton has belatedly woken up to the threat posed to all mankind by the spread of HIV/AIDS and other deadly diseases, Rice, with the cold, calculated logic of a Henry Kissinger, belittles the idea of treating such issues as real U.S. national security concerns.



Vulcan, the Roman god of metal-forging, after whom the Bush foreign policy team named themselves. Forging metal is easy, compared to teaching Dubya Bush anything about foreign policy.