

War, Hitler, and Cheney

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The immediate situation of the United States is summed up as follows: At this moment, as I had forewarned you in 1999-2000, we are plunging into a world depression comparable to, but worse than the Herbert Hoover Depression of 1929-1933. As I forewarned you in an address broadcast at the beginning of 2001, new would-be Adolf Hitlers have now appeared, this time inside the U.S.A. Those would-be Hitlers now threaten the whole world with the kinds of wars for which the world later hung Nazi leaders, at Nuremberg: the new Hitlers from inside the U.S.A. and Blair's government, who act exactly as Hitler threatened Czechoslovakia in 1938, and invaded Poland in 1939.

The pivotal feature of that warfare, into which an already bankrupt United States has just been plunged, is the de facto usurpation of the function of a still-sitting President by Halliburton's Vice-President Cheney, and by a gang of his organized-crime-linked lackeys polluting not only the Departments of Defense and State; but also polluting, and virtually castrating elected and other leaders of the nominal opposition, the Democratic Party.

Ironically, but not accidentally, the present war-like situation in the Department of Defense, including the public rug-chewing exhibitions by Secretary Rumsfeld, reminds today's serious historians of the way in which Adolf Hitler, and his Roman Legions-modelled SS, ultimately destroyed that German military which would-be Caesar Hitler's gang feared and hated so intensely.

All too obviously, the leading war-makers inside the Bush Administration today are mere lackeys, nasty pimps like the Leporello of Mozart's famous opera. These real-life Leporel-



los, such as the politically pimpish Wolfowitz and Ashcroft, were spawned, chiefly, by Chicago University and associated circles of a prominent fascist ideologue, the late Professor Leo Strauss. This Strauss was a follower of the Carl Schmitt who crafted the law under which Hitler became dictator of Germany; so, are Strauss's ardent followers inside the Bush Administration today. This fascist, Strauss, who created Wolf-

owitz, was imported to the United States from the Germany of Carl Schmitt and Hitler-midwife Hjalmar Schacht, at the time also, that the later Robert Hutchins-sponsored Strauss was already known to be a fanatical follower of the leading Nazi ideologue Martin Heidegger.

However, like the Nazi SS enforcers, lackeys Wolfowitz, Perle, Bolton, Wurmser, Feith, and so on, are merely expendable hoodlums adorned with political motley. To understand them, you must look to those who created them and put them into their present positions. You must look to the London-backed Hjalmar Schachts and von Papens of the modern U.S.A., including the likes of the Conrad Blacks, the Rupert Murdochs, George Shultz, and the Shultz-allied forces behind the Halliburton firms' government and other connections.

The essence of the matter is exactly what I warned you might happen, in a broadcast address I delivered just before the inauguration of President George W. Bush. We are in an

accelerating world depression, while this year's U.S. Federal deficit already soars in the direction of the \$1 trillions mark. The U.S.A. experienced its "Reichstag Fire" on Sept. 11, 2001, and the storm-trooper legions of Vice-President Cheney marched forth from those smoking ruins, brandishing their Mein Kampf doctrine of "preventive nuclear" war. This is the Nazi-like doctrine which Cheney had adopted in 1991, then in his capacity of Secretary of Defense. Led by Cheney's

and Rumsfeld's lackeys, the depression-wracked United States is presently marching down the road toward self-inflicted Hell, unless the war is stopped about now.

We are, therefore, now trapped in a war for which no foreseeable exit is provided. It is not an "Iraq War"; it is a virtually endless world war, unless we stop it: unless you, personally, contribute to stopping it. It is a war already spreading, as the military forces of Turkey invade northern

Nazi-like Justification Of Aggressive War

Chancellor Adolf Hitler to the Reichstag Sept. 1, 1939, explaining why he invaded Poland:

For months we have suffered under the torture of a problem which the Versailles Diktat created—a problem that has deteriorated until it becomes intolerable for us. . . . On my own initiative I have, not once but several times, made proposals for the revision of intolerable conditions. All these proposals, as you know, have been rejected—proposals for the limitation of armaments and, even if necessary, disarmament, proposals for the limitation of war-making, proposals for the elimination of certain methods of modern warfare. . . .

For four months I have calmly watched developments, although I never ceased to give warnings. In the last few days I have increased these warnings. . . .

For two whole days, I sat in my government and waited to see whether it was convenient for the Polish government to send a plenipotentiary or not. Last night they did not send us a plenipotentiary, but instead informed us through their ambassador that they were still considering whether and to what extent they were in a position to go into the British proposals. . . .

Deputies, if the German government and its leader patiently endured such treatment, Germany would deserve only to disappear from the political stage. But I am wrongly judged if my love of peace and my patience are mistaken for weakness or even cowardice. . . .

The other European states understand in part our attitude. I should like all to thank Italy, which throughout has supported us, but you will understand for the carrying on of this struggle . . . we will carry out this task ourselves. . . . From now on bombs will be met with bombs. Whoever fights with poison gas will be fought with poison gas. Whoever departs from the rules of humane warfare can only expect that we shall do the same . . . until the safety, security of the Reich and its rights are secured.

President George W. Bush, nationally televised address March 17, 2003:

My fellow citizens. For more than a decade, the United States and other nations have pursued patient and honorable efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime without war. . . . The world has engaged in 12 years of diplomacy. We have passed more than a dozen resolutions in the United Nations Security Council. We have sent hundreds of weapons inspectors to oversee the disarmament of Iraq. Our good faith has not been returned. . . . Peaceful efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime have failed again and again because we are not dealing with peaceful men. . . .

The danger is clear: using chemical, biological, or one day, nuclear weapons, obtained with the help of Iraq, the terrorists could fulfill their stated ambitions and kill thousands or hundreds of thousands of innocent people in our country or any other. The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat. But we will do everything to defeat it. Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety.

Before the day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed. The United States of America has the sovereign authority to use force in assuring its own national security. That duty falls to me as Commander in Chief by the oath I have sworn, by the oath I will keep. . . . America tried to work with the United Nations to address this threat, because we wanted to resolve the issue peacefully. In the case of Iraq, the Security Council did act in the early 1990s, under Resolutions 678 and 687, both still in effect.

The United States and our allies are authorized to use force in ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. This is not a question of authority. It is a question of will. . . .

Should the enemy strike our country, they would be attempting to shift our attention with panic and weaken our morale with fear. In this, they would fail. No act of theirs can alter the course or shake the resolve of this country. We are a peaceful people. Yet we're not a fragile people. And we will not be intimidated by thugs and killers. If our enemies dare to strike us, they and all who have aided them will face fearful consequences.

Iraq, in preparation to deal with a Kurdish campaign to carve a Kurdish state out of a region including large chunks of Turkey and Transcaucasia. This is a war of incalculable implications, being pushed by dangerous, and largely morally demented lunatics, such as Mother Cheney's Chicken-hawks.

This is a spreading war, which threatens to topple most, or even all of the existing governments of the Middle East. As a result of the earlier foolishness of the Bush Administration policy toward the government of South Korea, President Bush's brainless launching of an absolutely unlawful war against Iraq, has created the grave possibility of an otherwise unlikely, nuclear-warfare incident between the U.S.A. and North Korea, with the possibility of a third nuclear-weapons detonation against Japan.

None of this insanity could have happened this way, had the U.S.A. been given the option of choosing a qualified Presidential candidate for the 2000 elections, instead of being presented with no real option but the utterly incompetent, but bad-tempered patsies Al Gore and George W. Bush. This war could not have begun as it did, without the role of Conrad Black's Hudson Institute in crafting the campaign to split both the Republican and Democratic parties, to elect a "Bull Moose" ticket of a pair of pro-war fanatics, Senators John McCain and Joseph Lieberman, in 2004. Whatever wrong the under-qualified President Bush has done, he remains the poor patsy from whom the pack of Cheney-Rumsfeld lackeys have managed to gain almost anything they wished, so far. However, this would not have been possible had the Democratic Party itself not fallen under the top-down control of the same behind-the-scenes forces which control Dick "Lady Macbeth" Cheney.

Already—bad as the present, thuggish National Committee leadership of the Democratic Party is—at this moment, President George Bush's chances of re-election are less than zero. Karl Rove must face the painful truth: With the outbreak of this war, Rove's candidate has just shot his own wad. Therefore, the more important, remaining question is, will there actually be a 2004 election conducted under the auspices of the actual U.S. Constitution? If the United States does not get out of the present war, by such possible means as returning the Iraq issues to the UNO, the chances for civilization as a whole quickly become very, very grim.

Amid all these fearful uncertainties of war, depression, and threatened Nazi-like forms dictatorship, even here, I can assure you of one thing: If enough of you back my 2004 Democratic Presidential pre-candidacy now, we, together with even the well-meaning, but cowardly fellows hiding under their Congressional benches, can reform the Democratic Party organization's presently corrupt, DLC-dominated, right-wing leadership. In that case, we have a good chance of getting out of the terrible situation building up now. That is something any citizen can do. Ask yourself: Do you have the "guts" to do at least that much?

Ashcroft Steps Up Secret Surveillance

by Edward Spannaus

Giving a recent briefing on U.S. Middle East policy at Washington's Georgetown University, Edward Peck, the U.S. Chief of Mission in Iraq in the 1980s, cited President Bush's repeated statements that "the terrorists hate us because of our freedom." Peck suggested that whoever believes this, should strongly support Attorney General John Ashcroft's policy—to remove the cause of that hatred by taking away those freedoms. Even without obtaining the draconian new powers being sought under the planned "Patriot II" legislation (see EIR, Feb. 28 and March 28), Ashcroft is accelerating the use of secret surveillance powers granted under the anti-terrorism Patriot Act of 2001, and exercising a broad array of measures against both immigrants and U.S. citizens.

More Surveillance, Less Protection

It was recently disclosed that Ashcroft has dramatically increased the use of two powers which were expanded under the first Patriot Act. These are: 1) "national security letters" (the equivalent of subpoenas, but without judicial review) that require businesses to turn over electronic records about finances, telephone calls and e-mail, and other transactions, and 2) "emergency foreign intelligence warrants" for wiretaps and break-ins. The Justice Department and the FBI have refused to provide data on the extent of their use of these powers, and some in Congress are considering legislation to require the DOJ to provide such information.

Additionally, the Justice Department on March 24 lifted a requirement that the FBI ensure the accuracy of information before adding to the nation's most comprehensive law-enforcement data base, the FBI's National Crime Information Center. These records are used routinely by state and local agencies to run checks on a person stopped or detained, or someone simply suspected of an offense. Information in the NCIC database can make the difference being monitored or not, or being arrested or released.

The change was made by the Justice Department to the 1974 Privacy Act. "It's a pretty big job to be accurate and complete," Washington lawyer and former intelligence agency official Stewart Baker told the Associated Press. "On the other hand, these are potentially very significant records . . . and if it's not accurate and complete, it can mean trouble."

The above-cited measures obviously can target U.S. citizens just as easily as immigrants. But, as is the usual case under Ashcroft, immigrants are being targeted for special