

# Iraq crisis placed Gore center-stage

by Michele Steinberg

When President Clinton called off the bombing raids against Iraq in mid-November 1998, he was bucking most, if not all, of his national security “team,” among them, most emphatically, Vice President Al Gore. But by staying in Washington on Nov. 14 and 15, Clinton unwittingly gave an opening to the very international financier forces that have been out to destroy him, and the institution of the U.S. Presidency. The plotters of the Iraq war among the British Empire’s Privy Council, and the 10 Downing Street headquarters of Prime Minister Tony Blair, were able to substitute Al Gore, “President Impatient-in-Waiting,” for Clinton, at a crucial international meeting on the global financial crisis in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Gore’s trip to Malaysia to represent the U.S. at the meeting of the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC), represented a turning point, where Gore’s ambition to become the “New Age” President became obvious, and his pedigree as an operative against technology and development for the Third World came to the fore.

Not only did the hoked-up Iraq crisis prevent Clinton from meeting in Malaysia with his crucial allies among world leaders, Russia’s Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov and China’s President Jiang Zemin, but Gore broke all protocol by virtually declaring war against the meeting’s host, Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, who had led a valiant battle to save his country from financial speculators like George Soros, who had ravaged the currencies and looted the industries of the Asian countries since mid-1997. Instead of bringing the United States into the policy of a New Bretton Woods financial system that many Americans had hoped Clinton would adopt, Gore sounded the battle cry of “*reformasi*,” praising the forces behind riots and destabilizations of Indonesia and Malaysia. With the voice of the U.S. Vice President coming out against Mahathir, within weeks, financial pirate Soros openly called for Mahathir to be overthrown because of his successful defense of Malaysia’s economy with protectionist measures.

Gore instantly became the darling of the financier oligarchy’s media voices, the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, which praised his behavior as a “champion of freedom of human rights” in Kuala Lumpur, saying that he had delivered the best performance of his career. Even as they lauded Gore, they were viciously denouncing Clinton for “backing down” to Saddam Hussein, and making the United States the “laughingstock” of the Arab World. The *Journal* went so far as to say that Clinton’s decision to *not* bomb Iraq

was proof he should resign, because he’s so weakened by the Starr allegations.

From Nov. 17 to Dec. 16, as the parallel British-run crises of impeachment, and the Iraq war took their course (see next article), Gore made bolder moves than at any time of the Clinton Presidency, to take over foreign policy. Among the actions announced, Gore will hold two international conferences at the State Department on the subjects of “Reinventing Government,” with 40 countries, on Jan. 14-15; and “Fighting Corruption,” on Feb. 23-24, with 65 countries invited.

Gore’s ascendancy in the foreign policy realm has secretly delighted Clinton’s enemies, particularly the Anglophile and Zionist fanatics inside the Democratic Party, who have had to put up a show of support for the President. One Gore insider derided Clinton’s lack of resolve to overthrow Saddam Hussein, claiming that Gore would be happy to go all the way to crush Iraq.

## British/Israeli propaganda

A clear sign that, like his namesake, Al “I’m in Charge” Haig, Gore is impatient to take over, was the speech he delivered on CNN’s Larry King interview show on Dec. 16, just a few hours after the military strikes on Iraq began, and while Clinton was under the gun of the Congressional coup d’état. For his briefing, Gore used British intelligence misinformation that *EIR* exposed as having been planted into the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) in February 1998 (see *EIR*, Nov. 27, 1998, p. 50), when again, President Clinton had accepted a diplomatic settlement of the UNSCOM “inspection” crisis in Iraq.

Flanked by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on CNN, Gore repeated huge segments of the phony UNSCOM reports to justify the attack, just as he, Albright, and members of the “principals” groups had discussed in their secret meetings without Clinton.

“We tried to make this inspection regime work, and Saddam would not cooperate,” Gore lied. “He obstructed the inspectors. And so we are going to take the other alternative . . . to use our military to degrade his weapons of mass destruction and threaten his neighbors . . . [and] we may have to do it again.”

With George Bush-style disregard for allies and the truth, Gore foolishly claimed massive diplomatic support, saying, “We have strong support from around the world,” at the very moment that key allies like Russia, France, China and other members of the UN Security Council were condemning the United States, Russia recalled its ambassadors from the U.S. and Britain, and Arab leaders such as Egypt’s President Hosni Mubarak were denouncing the action as both unjustified and militarily foolhardy.

But, for Gore, the British “special relationship” was paramount: “The British are participating. . . . We’re very pleased with the level of support for this. . . . I think people all over the world are fed up with Saddam Hussein.”

Gore ignored the volumes of evidence that Iraq's defense programs had been inspected many times, and destroyed—evidence provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and by UNSCOM itself. He ranted, “How many people is [Saddam Hussein] going to kill . . . ? He's already demonstrated a willingness to use these weapons. He poison-gassed his own people. He used poison gas and other weapons of mass destruction against his neighbors. . . . So, this is a way to save lives.”

Gore's fixation on overthrowing Saddam Hussein has nothing to do with the report by UNSCOM's Richard Butler, but with a raw hatred of Iraq, and the very idea of development for countries of the Third World, especially through use of nuclear energy.

In a speech in September 1991, after then-Senator Gore had thrown his full support behind Bush's Desert Storm, Gore revealed his ulterior motive: “In general, the world does not need the contributions of Iraqi space science or of Iraqi work in nuclear physics—practical or applied. The United States should work to completely block future Iraqi activity of any kind in these areas, to the extent they are dependent upon equipment, services, or training—including university training—available from any country with advanced capabilities. . . . There is no way to think about certain branches of science and engineering in Iraq except as tap roots for . . . mass destruction.”

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## How Britain and Israel set up the Iraq trap

by Joseph Brewda

A network of British and Israeli agents and assets within the highest levels of the U.S. government was responsible for the United States' disastrous Dec. 16-19, 1998 war on Iraq. *EIR* has determined that this network, operating through a constellation of think-tanks and former U.S. government officials, especially from the Bush years, maneuvered through the offices of Vice President Al Gore, to finally push Clinton into the anti-Iraq decision.

As reported below, a series of meetings—which excluded Clinton—were held by cabinet officials and their Zionist mafia-linked underlings, who made detailed military and political plans against Iraq. Then, while returning from his ill-fated and fruitless trip to Israel and Gaza, Clinton was presented with the *fait accompli* of an Iraqi war-plan, using the hoax of Australian diplomat Richard Butler's report that the government of Iraq had “refused” to cooperate with Butler's UN Special Commission (UNSCOM)—in a mere five instances out of 427 inspections!

The purpose of the moves to trigger this war, by these British/Israeli traitors, is to pave the way for the Vice President Al Gore to become President, whom Britain and Israel hope to install as soon as possible. The Iraq action was conceived as a set-up of Clinton, based on a controlled environment of lying reports on Iraq, and cover-ups for the expected domestic and international blowback from the projected assault that leaves Clinton isolated and vulnerable.

Britain and Israel's aim is to preclude the possibility of a New Bretton Woods financial system, based on renewal of the kind of policy that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had during World War II, for U.S. cooperation with Russia and China against British imperialism, as Lyndon LaRouche has advocated. Typifying the dangerous game afoot, Heritage Foundation analyst Ariel Cohen exclaimed that Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov's call, in the aftermath of the strikes against Iraq, to form a “strategic triangle” among Russia, China, and India, to economically develop an Asia continent ravaged by the International Monetary Fund, is an effort to “gang up on the U.S.”

Secondly, Britain and Israel hoped the raid on Iraq would provoke terrorist attacks within the United States, and against U.S. interests worldwide, which could be linked to Iraq, and lead to further destabilizations. They also hoped to discredit and destabilize moderate Muslim countries friendly to the United States. The U.S. bombing of a civilian pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum, Sudan, in August 1998, misidentified as a chemical warfare site, was done for the same British and