

in that region. Many college campuses around the country have hosted his most recent talk: ‘The Moral Case for Supporting Israel.’” Brook founded three companies, including BH Equity Research, a venture-capital consulting firm in San Jose, California, and was an assistant professor of finance for seven years at Santa Clara University. He holds a B.Sc. in civil engineering from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology, and an MBA and Ph.D. in finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

Preemptive Nuclear War

Killing the nation-state with bad economic policy, as Greenspan did, is not enough for the Cheney war party. A quick review of the activities of the intersection between the ARI and the Lynne Cheney/Campus Watch/Horowitz network shows that they are presently on an organizing drive

to promote preemptive nuclear warfare, modelled on the approach pushed by Britain’s Bertrand Russell after the death of Franklin Roosevelt, explicitly defending the use, by Truman, of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and urging the use of nuclear weapons against Russia.

The call by Brook, in his UCLA speech, for killing “hundreds of thousands” of Muslims is characteristic of this blood-thirsty outlook. In a rambling article which appeared in the inaugural issue of *The Objective Standard* in 2006, Brook attacks the idea of “just war,” putting forward instead Ayn Rand’s theory of “rational self-interest” to justify a preemptive strike against Iran.

Brook concludes, “We are losing the war on Islamic Totalitarianism because our leadership, political and military, is crippled by the morality of altruism, embodied in the tenets of Just War Theory. The moral code inherent in Just War

Before Cheney’s ACTA, There Was Hook’s UCRA

Congress for Cultural Freedom conspirator Sidney Hook created an enterprise in the 1960s, whose purposes and tactics served as a model for today’s Lynne Cheney-John Train initiative for a campus gestapo. Hook’s University Center for Rational Alternatives (UCRA) was created about 1968 (originally called the Coordinating Center for Democratic Opinion), using as a foil the New Left/counter-culture which was hitting schools then.

Noam Chomsky, writing “In Defense of the Student Movement” in 1971, cited a letter circulated to teachers from the Hook organization on its goals: “‘to defend academic freedom against extremism . . . to combat attacks on the democratic process,’ particularly ‘terrorist attacks and multiple varieties of putschism’ such as at San Francisco State . . . to support the university as an open center of free thought and speech,’ ” and so forth.

Lynne Cheney’s American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), in its publication *Inside Academe* for Summer 2005, ran this comment from Sam Bluefarb, a leftist-to-rightist comrade of the neo-con movement: “To friends and colleagues of ACTA from one who appreciates your efforts. . . . Those small beginnings initiated by Sidney Hook and his colleagues in the University Centers for Rational Alternatives have inspired the formation of such organizations as the National Association of Scholars and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. . . .”

Note that the National Association of Scholars is the

Straussian/neo-con group that gives an annual Sidney Hook Award.

Participants in Hook’s UCRA included “secular humanist” Paul Kurtz (like Hook, a virulent enemy of Lyndon LaRouche); Leo Cherne’s Freedom House; and Eugene Wigner.

The Nixon Administration worked with Hook’s group to combat campus dissidents. The National Archives has papers on that regime’s channel to Hook, in the Nixon Presidential Materials, Charles W. Colson “Special Files” section—Colson being then the dirty tricks coordinator for Nixon, and now a leader of the religious fascists at “The Fellowship.”

According to the records of the Texas Governor’s office, the administration of then-Governor George W. Bush was in touch with the Sidney Hook group as of 1996 (Inventory of Senior Advisor’s Office, Education Issues Files II). Thus, when Lynne Cheney and Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) founded ACTA in 1995, UCRA was still functioning, though Hook had died in 1989.

Cheney’s ACTA was financed with hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and the Olin Foundation, the twin groups of the Straussian Michael Joyce (see last week’s *EIR*). Those two foundations seem to be the only foundations contributing to Hook’s UCRA, giving \$70,000 total in 1988, 1989, and 1994.

The last article which Hook wrote, just before his death was a sally from UCRA, “Civilization and Its Malcontents—Stanford University’s Humanities Curriculum Revisions,” which Hook gave to his friend William F. Buckley for publication in *National Review*.

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