

guilty to two counts of withholding evidence from Congress during Iran-Contra hearings and was granted a Christmas Eve pardon a year later by President George H.W. Bush. From 1990 until his recent appointment, Abrams was a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute's Washington, D.C. branch.

Abrams is the son-in-law of Midge Decter and Norman Podhoretz, two elders of the neo-conservative, "liberal imperialist" movement. Podhoretz has run the American Jewish Committee's flagship publication, *Commentary*, and has been receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year from the Bradley and Mellon Scaife foundations via the Hudson Institute.

After a brief career in business and law in the 1960s, Abrams was appointed chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, through which he worked with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, the South American Division Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL).

During the 1970s, Abrams worked in several positions in Congress, including Special Counsel to the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (SPIS), where he collaborated closely with Richard Perle; Special Counsel to the late Sen. Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.); and Special Counsel, then Chief of Staff to then-Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.). Abrams was in the nest of suspected Israeli spies—including Perle, Gaffney, and Bryen—who were all Senate staffers in the late 1970s, and who all were given significant positions inside the Reagan Administration.

During the Reagan Administration, Abrams did a brief stint as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs, and was then assigned to be Assistant Secretary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. During the last five years of the Reagan Administration (nearly until his indictment), Abrams was Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs.

He was, in all of his postings in the Reagan White House, a central player in the covert war in Central America. More recently, before being appointed to the current National Security Council staff, Abrams helped launch the campaign to overthrow the Peruvian government of President Alberto Fujimori, after Fujimori conducted a successful campaign to defeat the narco-terrorist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) and MRTA gangs.

Tim Goegelin, the White House liaison to the "religious community," got his White House post on the basis of longstanding ties to Gary Bauer, a Christian Zionist promoting Sharon's Mideast war drive. (Bauer's role is detailed elsewhere in this report.)



Elliott Abrams

The McCain Mutiny Bullies the President

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On Feb. 2-3, 2002, the United States was represented at the annual Wehrkunde international security conference in Munich, Germany by four people all deeply involved in the effort to hijack the Bush Administration's foreign policy, on behalf of the Clash of Civilizations doctrine of the Anglo-American oligarchy. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, and Defense Policy Board Chairman Richard Perle presented such a unified front for a new Anglo-American world empire, that other Americans attending the conference, including former President George H.W. Bush's National Security Adviser Gen. Brent Scowcroft, stood up from the audience to rake the American warhawks over the coals.

McCain, seizing upon President Bush's unfortunate invoking of the "axis of evil" in his State of the Union speech, pressed for a war of annihilation against Saddam Hussein, and at the same time delivered an unambiguous warning to America's NATO partners and other allies. "A day of reckoning is approaching," McCain declared. "Not simply for Saddam Hussein, but for all members of the Atlantic community, whose governments face the choice of ending the threat we face every day from this rogue regime, or carrying on as if such behavior, in the wake of Sept. 11, were somehow still tolerable. . . . The combined examples of regime change in Afghanistan and Iraq would likely compel several other state sponsors of terror to change their ways or go out of business, accomplishing by example what we would otherwise have to pursue through force of arms. These nations—Syria and Sudan, for instance—have a choice, and it is in their interest to make the right one."

'Bush Has To Placate Him'

Speaking the next day, Lieberman echoed McCain's incendiary message, telling the top international security officials, "We cannot claim victory in our war against terrorism until we decisively address the profound threat posed by Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

The coordinated deployment of McCain, Lieberman, Wolfowitz, and Perle betrayed an even nastier reality: The Senatorial duo has been working, since the early months of the Bush Administration, to blackmail the President into



Senators John McCain (left) and Joseph Lieberman are blackmailing President Bush to adopt the policies of the imperialist “moles”—or else face a three-way Presidential race in 2004, which would lead to Bush’s defeat.

adopting the policies of the “mole hill” of rabid imperialists and Sharonists inside his own administration—or else face a three-way Presidential race in 2004, with Lieberman seeking the Democratic Party nomination, and McCain threatening a third party “Bull Moose” candidacy, which would all but assure Bush’s defeat.

The Washington office of the Hudson Institute, which we identified in the previous section as a hotbed of imperialist ravings, is also the headquarters of McCain’s “Bull Moose” operation. It is explicitly modeled on the 1912 Presidential race, in which Theodore Roosevelt ran on the Bull Moose ticket and threw the election to Democrat Woodrow Wilson, by defeating Republican William Howard Taft. Marshall Whitmann is heading the “draft McCain” operation, and in a series of provocative website postings, he identified untrammelled support for Ariel Sharon as a core McCain belief. “Hatred of Israel and the Jews,” Whitmann wrote, links Iran, Iraq, “and the other rogue states of the world. . . . If Israel senses she is threatened, preemptive action will be taken. The United States must be prepared to support Israel if that attack is deemed necessary.”

Key features of the McCain-Lieberman blackmail scheme were spelled out in a Feb. 4, 2002 *New Yorker* magazine article by Nicholas Lermann, who reported: “What works best for McCain right now is a dynamic in which he keeps presenting tests to Bush, with the idea that, if Bush flunks, McCain might be motivated to run for President. Bush has to keep placating him, and if he doesn’t, McCain gets to run on the basis of principle, rather than ambition. . . . The conduct of the war is an ongoing test, in which McCain is monitoring Bush for signs of getting soft because of a fear of asking

Americans to sacrifice in an election year.”

The McCain-Lieberman “Get Bush” alliance first publicly emerged in the Summer of 2001, when Lieberman and his wife, Hadassah, spent the Fourth of July holiday at the McCain ranch in Sedona, Arizona. The two men have been attached at the waist ever since.

During the Winter 2001-02 Congressional recess, McCain and Lieberman led a bipartisan delegation to Central Asia. Following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the two Senators had co-sponsored a resolution to conduct a “Warren Commission-style” probe of the Central Intelligence Agency’s failures to prevent the attack. The exercise is a thinly disguised campaign to force President Bush to fire CIA Director George Tenet, who has earned the hatred of Sharon and the entire Likud party apparatus in Israel, because Tenet worked with the Palestinian Authority security services, and because he refused to uncritically accept Israeli intelligence accounts of the recent Israeli Defense Forces invasion of the West Bank.

The McCain-Lieberman working holiday went virtually unnoticed by the major American media. The press had heavily promoted an earlier, June 1, 2002 meeting among McCain, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), and Bruce Reed, president of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), the Wall Street-friendly bloc of centrist Democrats, whom Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) had denounced in January 1995 as a “second Republican Party.” There was widespread speculation, at the time of the Daschle-McCain meeting, that the Arizona Senator, who had run a confrontational campaign against George W. Bush for the 2000 GOP Presidential nomination, might switch

LaRouche on Fascism, Lieberman, and McCain

From Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s keynote to the annual Presidents' Day conference of the Schiller Institute and International Caucus of Labor Committees, Feb. 16, 2002:

Universal fascism means, instead of thinking as Hitler did, himself—or Mussolini—that fascism was for fascism in one nation, these fellows said, “No. That’s not good enough. We’re going to eliminate *all* nation-states, and have one world empire, based on universal fascism; *ruled* by a military force, in imitation of the Roman Legions; in imitation of Napoleon Bonaparte’s Grande Armée; and, in fact, in explicit imitation of the Waffen-SS, under the Hitler regime.” They didn’t say “Waffen-SS,” because that was not considered “good taste”; but that’s exactly—if you read the books; if you study the policies; if you see the deployments; if you see the current policies, coming out of circles like Wolfowitz and Richard Perle, or John McCain (the so-called “Manchurian Candidate”); or Joe Lieberman: Here you’re looking at the image of universal fascism, explicitly presented in these policies. And you see two parties, the Democratic and Republican Party, who are so infiltrated by these kinds of mentalities, that they can do almost *nothing* competently, at this time.

parties. This was shortly after the May 24, 2001 defection of Sen. James Jeffords, the Vermont Republican, who became an Independent, voting with the Senate Democratic Caucus, thus returning the majority to the Democrats.

But, as McCain booster Elizabeth Drew told a gathering at the Library of Congress in May 2002, McCain will never join the Democratic Party, but will remain a third party menace, and, she hyperbolized, he could be the first third party candidate in modern American history to actually win the Presidency. Her book, *Citizen McCain*, is an unashamed promotion of McCain’s “Bull Moose” project.

Two Nooses Around George’s Neck

The McCain-Lieberman alliance actually has much deeper roots, and long pre-dates the Fourth of July 2001 summit. Both Senators are products of the right-wing Zionist Lobby, and both owe their political careers to the financial backing of the Bronfman family complex of organized crime, Hollywood, and Israeli Lobby interests.

Lieberman is known in Washington political circles, as the “Senator from Mega,” a reference to the secretive Mega Group of Zionist billionaires, launched by Edgar and Charles Bronfman, Michael Steinhardt, and Max Fisher in 1991, to pool their vast financial resources and political muscle. Steinhardt was the founder of the Democratic Leadership Council, which is the heart of the Lieberman political machinery.

Following the April 20, 1999 mass killings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, by two students who were addicted to point-and-shoot video games, Lieberman became the outspoken “critic” of the video-game business on the floor of the Congress. But he blocked any regulatory crackdown against the business, and, when he ran for Vice President on Al Gore’s ticket, he made frequent pilgrimages to Hollywood to rake in millions in campaign cash from the Hollywood moguls.

McCain owes his fortune and his political career to the same Bronfman machine. In McCain’s case, he married into the Bronfman apparatus, when he wedded Cindy Hensley, the daughter of James W. Hensley. Hensley is the largest statewide beer distributor in Arizona, a franchise he was granted by Kemper Marley, the boss of organized crime in the state, who, in turn, was the local agent of Prohibition-era illegal whiskey baron Samuel Bronfman. McCain’s political career and his considerable fortune (estimated at \$200 million) came exclusively from his marriage, and from the support he received from the Marley machine, which helped install him in Congress in 1982, and, after that, in the Senate.

When the Meyer Lansky/Bugsy Siegel National Crime Syndicate started to build its casino-gambling empire in Las Vegas, it was Kemper Marley’s Valley National Bank in Phoenix, Arizona, that provided the loans. Decades later, John McCain would be deeply implicated in another major Arizona criminal banking scheme, as one of the “Keating Five,” members of Congress who received questionable loans and contributions from one of the biggest savings and loans swindlers of the 1980s, Charles Keating.

A further indication of the deep links between McCain and the hard core of the U.S. Zionist Lobby is the fact that, from his first campaign for Federal office, McCain has enjoyed the support of a group called “Democrats for McCain.” Its only two officials are Sidney Rosen, a national leader of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), and Irv Shuman, AIPAC’s Arizona state chairman.

The noose around President George W. Bush’s neck has been further tightened by a Bronfman/Likud takeover of another important part of the Republican Party: the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee’s Finance Committee. In January 2002, that post was turned over to Lewis Eisenberg, who was the founder and chairman of the Republican Leadership Council (RLC), a “progressive Republican” group headed by former New Jersey Gov. Christie Todd Whitman and former Massachusetts Gov. Wil-

liam Weld. Whitman is now the head of the Environmental Protection Agency. The RLC is the sister organization to Lieberman's "centrist" Democratic Leadership Council.

The RLC was established in 1997 by Edgar Bronfman, hedge fund operator Henry Kravis, and Eisenberg, who heads Granite Capital International. The RLC presents itself as having an "enlightened" Republican social agenda, but they are, in fact, outright imperialists and fervent supporters of Israel's Likudniks in their national-security and foreign-policy outlook.

Sources close to Eisenberg explained that he is extremely close with Benjamin Netanyahu, the former Likud party chairman and former Israeli Prime Minister, who has recently been even more violent in his attacks on the Palestinians and the Arabs than fellow Likudnik Ariel Sharon. The Eisenberg-Netanyahu ties are through Arthur Finkelstein, the right-wing Republican campaign consultant, who managed Netanyahu's successful 1996 campaign against Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, but who also has managed the Senate campaigns of Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

The Apocalyptic Plague Of Christian Zionism

by Nancy Spannaus

There is no group in the United States more committed to a Clash of Civilizations against the Muslim world, than the so-called Christian Zionists, or Christian fundamentalists, a constituency of an estimated 40-70 million Americans who follow the 19th-Century millenarian cultism of the British Rev. John Nelson Darby.

Darbyism took root primarily in the Southern Confederate regions of the United States, and continues to be financed today through British-linked and neo-conservative intelligence networks. It explicitly calls for instigating war around the al-Haram al-Sharif holy sites in Jerusalem (known by most Jews and Christians as the Temple Mount), as a trigger to the "final battle" of Armageddon, which will lead to the rapture and absorption into Heaven of the "chosen people." Leading adherents of this dangerous view dominate fundamentalist Christianity in the United States, as the popularity of such millenarians as Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Ed McAteer, John Hagee, and Gary Bauer attests.

The Christian Zionists also form a major faction in the Republican Party, and they have mounted a relentless campaign to control the agenda of the George W. Bush Administration.

The irony of this grouping portraying itself as the great friends of Israel should not be lost on anyone. Not only are

the Christian Zionists among the most open anti-Semites in the United States, prone to raving against Jews as "Christ-killers," but their "program" of encouraging the seizure of the Muslim holy site to build the "Third Temple" of Solomon, is intended to unleash a conflagration that will *destroy* Israel, as an alleged precondition to the Second Coming of Christ.

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche pointed out this danger, and irony, back in the Fall of 2000, after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had begun his provocation against the Palestinians at the Temple Mount.¹ Unfortunately, not enough people listened. And, with the accession of President Bush to the White House, the Christian Zionist crowd went into a full-scale mobilization to get the White House to back their insane drive for religious war in the Middle East.

Round One: Sanity Prevailed

Ariel Sharon took over the Israeli prime ministership in the Spring of 2001, with high hopes that his friends in the United States could win him full backing from George W. Bush, for his plans to pursue total war. When Bush did not initially go along, the Christian Zionists went into mobilization.

On July 30, 2001 the White House got a visit. In attendance were: the Religious Roundtable, represented by Ed McAteer; Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network, represented by Michael Little; Christian Friends of Israel leader Elwood McQuaid; Morton Klein, head of the rabidly anti-Arab Zionist Organization of America; the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem; the Christians' Israel Public Action Committee, and Herb Zweibon, founder of Americans for a Safe Israel.

The representatives first held a planning meeting, and then had lunch at the Israeli Embassy. Then it was on to the White House.

Meeting with President Bush's religious community liaison Tim Goeglein, this delegation delivered a blunt message: If the President did not give Sharon an unequivocal "green light" for war against the Palestinians, this grouping would destroy the Bush Presidency, just as they had destroyed that of his father.

Specifically speaking for the campaign to destroy the al-Aqsa mosque, and "rebuild"



Elwood McQuaid

1. See Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., "The Bestiality of the Fundies," printed in "Who Is Sparking a Religious War in the Middle East?" *EIR Special Report*, December 2000. The full report presents a devastating exposé of the Temple Mount campaign of Christian Zionists and Israeli fanatics.