

ON THE NORTH KOREA FLAP

But, Gentlemen, Our Presidency Is, After All, Collectively Insane . . .

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The implication of the recorded CNN interview of the Cheney pair with Larry King, is that the collective George W. Bush Administration has gone beyond “nuts,” to wildly, dangerously insane. When the outbursts of Lynne Cheney and her snarling yard-dog, the President of Man-de-villain Vice, are read against the background of the *Atlantic Monthly*’s current report of a war-game simulation on the subject of U.S. nuclear war with North Korea, and when this wild-eyed behavioral pattern is compared with the sheer lunacy of the Bush Administration’s response to the conditions of the presently onrushing general economic collapse of the world’s present monetary-financial system, we are confronted with a constitutional crisis consistent with the nightmarish image of Mrs. Laura Bush approximating the role of “Mrs. Woodrow Wilson” in her husband’s second term.

There is, for example, the role of a wild-eyed Air Force general from the *Dr. Strangelove* movie, played by rabid real-life neo-con Lieutenant-General Thomas McInerney, which was played out in the reported Korea war-game scenario. The obvious question Mrs. Cheney’s outburst suggested, is: “Are the remarks on other subjects, made by her creature during the CNN interview, intended to signal the sudden launching of an undeclared U.S. nuclear war in Korea at some time during the near future?” That quality of personal lunacy in currently leading U.S. military and diplomatic affairs, must be seen as consistent with the same stench of sheer lunacy exhibited in the Marat-Sade-like roles of Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan, Karl Rove, and the same Cheney, in the real-life hurricane of rising U.S. and world

economic crisis.

In all this, consider a certain brutal, witch-like ejaculation by hard-core Straussian neo-con Lynne “Lady Macbeth” Cheney’s upstaging her stud, during the CNN interview with Larry King. That outburst by her, deserves a shudder of cold chill from any sophisticated observer who knows her role as both her husband’s controller, and her rather long-standing, intimate connections to relevant sections of that Liberal-Imperialist government of Britain’s Tony Blair. That is the Blair government which played a key role in Bush’s fraudulent launching of the Iraq war, a Blair government now poised to assume a leading position over the economic-crisis-wracked European Union. U.S. President Bush is now acting out his part as a lunatic, more and more, while his Vice-President is playing the public role of an raging, out-of-control, bipolar sociopath. That current state of affairs in Britain, and in the command of a nation which is both the world’s leading nuclear power and the keystone of the present world monetary-financial system, is already a terrible world crisis in itself.

Why They Are Insane

The insanity exhibited currently by the Bush Administration in nuclear-military and economic-crisis affairs, must be more contrasted to, than compared with a relatively ordinary sort of severe “nervous breakdown.”

The strategic economic crisis dominating the world today has been building up over approximately forty years, since about the same time as the U.S. launching of its official war in Indo-China, and about the same time as the highly relevant role of the United Kingdom’s already ruinous first Harold



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Lynne and Dick Cheney during a February 2005 TV interview. "The insanity exhibited currently by the Bush Administration in nuclear-military and economic-crisis affairs," writes LaRouche, "must be more contrasted to, than compared with a relatively ordinary sort of severe 'nervous breakdown.'"

Wilson government. The cultural-paradigm shift which erupted during the late 1960s, and wrecked the U.S. institutions of economic policy during the 1971-1981 interval, embedded a 1964-1981 cultural-paradigm shift in economic and cultural policies, a paradigm-shift implicit in the conditioning of the American and western European Baby-Boomer generation in the existentialist depravity of the implicitly fascist Congress for Cultural Freedom. Those who rose in a leading role as adults in government and other relevant institutions, are usually a product of the corrosive influence of that cultural-paradigm shift which first established its general hegemony over the neighborhood during young-adulthoods of the 1968-1981 interval. As a result, the leading institutions of public and private life have come to be dominated by the body of prevalent opinion expressed by what is known in the Americas and western Europe as "The Baby Boomer" generation. Bush and Cheney, like the Artful Dodgers of Enron, are merely fair examples of the worst types of that sort which have climbed, crawled, or slithered into positions of relatively greater power over the course of time.

Now, therefore, all of the leading institutions of European and American societies are experiencing an awful cultural shock. The sanest among leading circles in government and other relevant institutions, are stunned, taken by surprise by having to face these developments, but are, nonetheless, also, as I have seen in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere, more or less willing to grope in seeking ways in which to change their mental and practiced habits, changes made in ways which are responsive to the shocking new realities confronting us all.

In this kind of setting, those who refuse to change become

dangerous to us all. They cling to the cultural-paradigms of opinion and other behavior which they have adopted, or adapted to over all their adult life-time. The typical Baby Boomer, for example, speaks, often with quiet, or very noisy hysteria, of "our traditional" ways of doing things. The beliefs which they have acquired over decades as having axiomatic value for them, no longer work; but, many of them cling to those habits, often with a desperation that is either simply stubborn, or even violent.

The result of such a pattern, under such circumstances, is a special kind of mass insanity, the kind of insanity which dominates Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan's utterly irrational behavior, of demanding that China raise the prices of its exports and of the U.S. dollar simultaneously, or the demand of Bush and Cheney, "Either you do it our way or we kill you!"

In the meantime, the greater part of our people in lower ranks of influence, have been long conditioned to the sense that they may be able to scream and nag, but have no actual power to change anything in current U.S. policy at large. "Give me money and I will be whatever you wish me to be," or "single-issuism" of other kinds, becomes the typical expression of clinical mass-insanity among the terrified fellows who see themselves as almost genetically part of the lower classes. They will seize on any illusory fad, or temporary compulsive choice of "life-style" elements, such as "investing in second homes" under conditions which are actually insane even over the relatively short term, simply because it is a perceived—"everyone like us is now doing it"—fad. To understand them, think less of what they say, than observe the routine habits which betray their current fads in life-style, their "thing."

Under such conditions, the fate of a nation depends upon finding the quality of leadership among its own ranks which it requires to lead it out of those habits by means of which it has brought itself to the verge of self-destruction.

In this situation, it is our responsibility, which you share with me, to inspire people who are either in what is recognized as leading positions, or who can move into such roles within society now, to provide a growing potential majority of our citizens with the sense that they do have a leadership which deserves their confidence, a confidence based on the reality of the urgent need to change the way our nation does its business.

Under such circumstances, those who continue to follow trends in opinion, are losers, or, if leaders, worse than losers. This is a time of need for leadership which means actually thinking, especially whenever thinking means some abrupt changes in habits of opinion, or "life-style."

Otherwise, this nation of ours, and much of the world besides, is sitting on top of the crack of doom. It is time for even our Baby Boomers to, finally, grow up, even if Bush and Cheney are incapable of accomplishing that feat. If nothing else works on the latter account, constitutional remedies will be urgently required.