

# Fed Up with Obama, Mitchell Resigns

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May 13 (EIRNS)—The long-expected departure of Sen. George Mitchell from the position of Middle East envoy to the so-called “peace process” was not only about Israel and the Palestinian State—it is about the complete failure of Barack Obama’s foreign policy in North Africa and Southwest Asia, and the continuing disintegration of the sane national security grouping within the Obama Administration.

At the very moment that the United States could fulfill the vision of Franklin D. Roosevelt for North Africa and the Arab World—the end of colonialism and the greening of the desert (see *Development* section on the Blue Revolution)—Obama is treasonously imposing the British policy of perpetual war and a financial dictatorship by the new British Empire of the financier oligarchy.

Look at the recent record: Defense Secretary Robert Gates, expected to leave in August, has bumped up his exit to June, due, in great part, to Obama’s embracing of another land war in Africa, with the Libya fiasco. Earlier, Gen. Jim Jones, the National Security Advisor, left, after a long running battle against the stupid pressures from the Chicago mafia in the White House—Rahm Emanuel, David Axelrod, and Valerie Jarrett—who insisted that there is no such thing as strategic policy, only domestic electoral concerns—especially concerns about the 2012 re-election and the \$1 billion war chest that Obama, Axelrod, and Jarrett are counting on.

No position was more vulnerable to “collateral damage” from that corruption than the Middle East envoy post that Mitchell was caught in. As Obama capitulated time and again to British agent Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s demands, in order to secure Jewish American contributions to his 2012 campaign, it was clear that the “envoy” post had been noth-

ing but a title, for at least the last year.

“Senator Mitchell should be saluted for this resignation,” stated one well-informed Egyptian source who has been an active participant in the leadership of the Egyptian mass strike, and who has watched Obama destroy every chance for Israeli-Arab peace—from allowing the Israeli expansion of settlements and repeated attacks on Gaza, to applying an obscene double-standard of allowing Saudi, Bahraini, and other Persian Gulf dictators to jail and kill their own citizens, who are protesting economic conditions and repression.

Obama’s labile and unstable approach to the Israel-Palestine talks, doomed the Mitchell mission from the start, despite Mitchell’s best efforts, in close coordination with Gates, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and General Jones. Obama scuttled every possible positive development—using Israeli agent Dennis Ross, the National Security Council’s Middle East specialist, against Mitchell. In September 2010, when Netanyahu thumbed his nose at Mitchell and Clinton by refusing to extend a freeze on Jewish settlements, Obama went running to Ross.

The result was a letter promising that the U.S. would veto any UN resolution that Israel objected to, on the Palestinian issue, and offering about \$3 billion in additional aid, in return for a mere 60 additional days during which no new Jewish houses would be built on Palestinian lands. The letter was leaked to David Makovsky at Ross’s traditional pro-Israel roost, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP). The U.S. would also promise not to seek any further extensions of the freeze beyond the 60 days, and would agree that settlements would be addressed only in a final agreement. Netanyahu just laughed off Obama’s offer, as he abandoned Palestinian rights, the Road Map, and every other agreement since the Oslo Accords.

Obama’s actions enraged the Mitchell team, and after the February 2011 U.S. veto of the UN Security Council resolution that condemned the Jewish settlements in the West Bank as a violation of international law, it was just a matter of time before Mitchell would leave. After Obama’s UN veto, Mitchell was powerless



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*George Mitchell’s resignation is but the latest defection from the Obama madhouse, and reflects the complete failure of the Administration’s foreign policy in the region.*

to do anything to stop the anti-peace moves by Netanyahu, who has Obama's full backing.

But, Mitchell's resignation is an eye-opener for many Arab leaders and intellectuals who at first resisted, but have now come to agree with Lyndon LaRouche's warnings that no peace will be possible as long as Obama is President, and the British Empire is not destroyed. The departure of Mitchell will help shatter more illusions about Obama.

There is also an immediate context for Mitchell's leaving: the upcoming "Middle East peace" speech by Obama on May 19. According to informed Middle East sources, Mitchell had pressured Obama to announce U.S. "principles" on Palestinian statehood, such as commitment to the 1967 borders, after the disastrous UN veto, which gave the "Greater Israel" lunatics a green light to grab more Palestinian land. Obama rejected Mitchell's advice, and went with Middle East advisor Ross, who insisted, on behalf of Netanyahu, that *no* announcement of a U.S. position on Palestinian statehood be made. With Netanyahu's arrival in the U.S. May 16 to address AIPAC's annual conference and the House of Representatives, and then meet with the Narcissist-in-Chief, Obama is doing exactly what LaRouche described—acting as a British agent, and delivering the demanded performance for his billion-dollar campaign payoff.

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It is now an open topic of discussion in Washington, D.C., that Obama's capitulation to London and Tel Aviv has severely damaged the United States' standing in the world as a whole. One of the most forceful statements of this disastrous turn was delivered by Amb. Chas W. Freeman, who delivered the Hisham B. Sharabi Memorial Lecture at the Palestine Center on May 4.

After lambasting Israel's flagrant violation of international law, Freeman, who served as U.S. Ambassador



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*Obama's kowtowing to Britain's Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and the U.S. Israeli lobby, is an international scandal, and has sullied the reputation of the United States among the world's nations.*

to Saudi Arabia, next turned to Washington. "American determination to protect Israel from the political and legal consequences of any and all of its actions has also taken its toll, not just on the willingness of others to credit and follow the United States, but also on the authority of international organizations and the integrity of international law. . . . Repeated American vetoes on behalf of Israel have reduced the United Nations and other international fora to impotence on fundamental questions of justice and human dignity."

He continued, "Perceived American double standards and hypocrisy on matters related to the Israel-Palestine conflict account for much of the recent decline in international admiration and deference to U.S. leadership in the Middle East and elsewhere. . . .

"U.S. sponsorship of the late, lamented 'peace process' began as a demonstration of American diplomatic power, the indispensable role of the United States in Middle Eastern affairs, and the necessity of all interested in peace to defer to America. The 'peace process' has ended by discrediting American power and diplomacy. . . .

"A new milestone in this journey to diplomatic ignominy was reached on February 18 this year, when the United States vetoed a resolution in the U.N. Security Council that had been cobbled together from earlier official American statements. The resolution condemned the expansion of Israeli settlements and called for it to end. In doing so, it echoed numerous previous Security Council resolutions as well as the 'Road Map.' All fourteen other members of the Council, including America's closest allies, spoke vigorously in favor of the resolution, which had been sponsored by 130 member states. The debate and the vote on that resolution were an unambiguous vote of no confidence in American as well as Israeli policy."