

Indecent Exposure: Newt And New McCarthyites

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“Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left, no sense of decency?”

—Joseph Welch to Sen. Joe McCarthy, June 9, 1954.

No one ever accused Newt Gingrich of having a “sense of decency,” even rhetorically. The above question, thrown against Sen. Joe McCarthy at the Army-McCarthy hearings, was the beginning of the end of McCarthy’s four-year reign of terror. It took from June 1954, when he began to target the U.S. Army with his accusations of communism, until December 1954, when the Senate censured the old lush, and put him out of the business of character assassination. The historic example of Boston Attorney Joseph Welch’s query to McCarthy, made at the height of the “McCarthyite” scare, should be a reminder to the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the U.S. Army, of the power that they have to stop the neo-conservative attacks on them. These attacks aim at eliminating any opposition—in the Congress, Administration, or the military—that might prevent them implementing their *perpetual war* imperial policy.

These neo-conservative war-mongers, led by the Straussian “Children of Satan” in the Defense Department and Vice President Dick Cheney’s office, were behind Gingrich’s April 22 diatribe (see *EIR*, May 2) against Secretary of State Colin Powell and the “appeasers” in the State Department, say an increasing number of Washington intelligence sources.

So far, the policies that Gingrich and the neo-cons want—war on Syria after Iraq; a pre-emptive strike on North Korea; rescission of the “road map” towards establishing a Palestinian state by 2005—have not been implemented. But already, a massive McCarthyite propaganda machine has been geared up—as in the case of the Iraq war—to use lies, political blackmail, phony terrorist incidents, and any means necessary to get their new policies through. This time, the rallying cry of “terrorism” replaces Joe McCarthy’s “communism.”

On April 29, Lyndon LaRouche, candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 2004, told close associates that the only reason that the neo-cons have gotten away with their schemes is that there is no *effective* opposition from

Democratic Party. There have been some useful efforts from former President Bill Clinton, and from Jimmy Carter, said LaRouche, but not effective ones. The opposition has to be ruthless, and LaRouche, the real leader of that opposition, has already started the battle with his campaign pamphlet: *Children of Satan: The Ignoble Liars behind Bush’s No-End War*, which has saturated Washington.

A few days earlier, speaking to a cadre school of the LaRouche Youth Movement, LaRouche told the young leaders of the possibility of a “counter-coup” against the neo-conservatives. LaRouche said, “When Gingrich, on behalf of his buddy, ‘Bugsy’ Rumsfeld, moved in to attack Powell, on Middle East policy and other policies, the White House, in its own self-defense, had to react—and kick Gingrich in the face. They didn’t kick Cheney in the face; and they haven’t kicked Rumsfeld in the face, yet. They should have. But it’s not an entirely hopeless situation. Sometimes you can deal with the situation, even when you don’t have a ‘good guy’ in the picture; you can sometimes operate on circumstances, to move things in a useful direction.”

LaRouche emphasized, “If Colin Powell were to be run out of the government, or forced to resign, the Bush Administration would disintegrate. And people in the White House know that.”

Cheney for President?

There was a massive backlash against Gingrich for failing to realize that the White House would take his attack on Powell as an assault on Bush himself. Leading voices of the war party, such as the *Wall Street Journal*, and lead columnist John Podhoretz of the ultra-right Likudnik *New York Post*, called Gingrich a fool for attacking the President’s policy. Podhoretz compared the April 22 speech at American Enterprise Institute (AEI) to Gingrich’s having squandered the advantage of the “Conservative Revolution” election of 1994, that made him Speaker of the House. Before his term in Congress ended, Gingrich was out as Speaker, and out of the House completely, earning the title, as the *Baltimore Sun* website noted on April 30, of one of the most hated politicians in the United States.

Now, according to the April 29 edition of the Washington newspaper *The Hill*, published for and about Congress, there are still informal investigations going on to find out if Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld and Cheney had been parties to Gingrich’s speech. Perhaps, as LaRouche mentioned, there are circles in Washington who think it appropriate to deliver the “kick in the face” that Gingrich got, to his higher-ups. *The Hill* article says that Cheney and Rumsfeld would not return their calls, but suggests that two of the most powerful Straussian operatives in the Pentagon—number-three Doug Feith, and Undersecretary for Intelligence Steve Cambone—had received advance copies of Gingrich’s speech. If Feith and Cambone are involved, that goes directly into the office of “SecDef” Rumsfeld.

While Gingrich has reportedly “gone underground” after the slap he received from the White House for “attacking the President,” and from Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who said that Gingrich needs to go “back on his meds,” others from the AEI orbit have come out directly opposing President Bush. This included Michael Ledeen, the longtime Israeli agent, who was linked to the Jonathan Pollard spy operation; Frank Gaffney, who rushed to Gingrich’s defense; and Daniel Pipes, the slanderer of Islam, and Arab-basher, who heads the Middle East Forum, and its mini-Gestapo, Campus Watch.

This is not good for the neo-cons, but it is also nothing short of attempted blackmail of the President.

On April 30, AEI fixtured and “universal fascist” Michael Ledeen accused George W. Bush of following Powell and the appeasers into “Desert Shame Redux.” Famous for attacking the President’s father, Bush “41,” for not overthrowing Saddam Hussein in 1991, Ledeen whined about Zalmay Khalilzad (Bush’s emissary to the “free” Iraqis, and a leading chicken-hawk) “sneaking off to secret meetings with representatives of the Iranian regime”; and Powell going to Damascus, when “the mullahs . . . are the declared enemies of everything we hold precious.”

Ledeen suggests that the neo-con coup could throw Bush “43” out too: “To be sure, George W. Bush is very different from his father. . . . But his time is very short, and he has been stalled before. . . . He cannot now permit himself to be drawn into a phantasmagorical ‘peace process.’ ” Ledeen is fuming that the Iraq war alone is useless against terrorism. Bush must escalate to topple the regimes of Syria, Iran, Libya, and even the moderate Arab regimes like Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Then on May 1, Ledeen joined with fellow Likud fascists, Gaffney and Pipes, in signing a statement against the Mideast peace “road map” released by President Bush, on April 30. “Come if you are ready for action,” says the statement, “To oppose rewarding murderous Palestinian terrorism with statehood—mocking our own war on terror and ultimately encouraging renewed Arab aggression against an Israel made invitingly vulnerable.” The statement was issued by the “National Unity Coalition for Israel,” (NUCI), the alliance of right-wing Jewish racists who want to ethnically cleanse Palestinians, and Christian Zionist Armageddon freaks, including Gary Bauer and Rev. Ed McAteer of the Religious Roundtable.

Thinly covering their rage against Bush himself, the neo-con liars wail that President Bush’s vision for the Middle East was subverted by the State Department.

The Neo-Cons’ Gestapo

There can be no half-measures in opposing the neo-conservative fascists. Their guru is University of Chicago-based philosophy Prof. Leo Strauss, who collaborated with Carl Schmitt, the legal theorist who wrote the legal justifications for Hitler’s Nazi genocide and pre-emptive wars.

In Nazi Germany, one of the most feared institutions was the Gestapo, with its vast network of informants penetrated into every community, every workplace, every church and university. Under the control of Herman Goering, and ultimately, SS chief Heinrich Himmler, the Gestapo was the absolute epitome of evil, and its power depended greatly on a Propaganda Ministry.

The neo-cons have their own private Gestapo and Propaganda Ministry, which were described at length in LaRouche’s campaign special report, *Zbigniew Brzezinski and September 11th*.

In the role of “Gestapo” are two McCarthyite institutions: a thuggish spy network on the universities known as “Campus Watch,” run by Ledeen and Gaffney’s pal, Daniel Pipes; and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), which, post-9/11, launched a vicious campaign of slander and financial warfare against any academics who dare to question the “official” version of the attacks in New York and Washington. Leading the ACTA effort is “Lady Macbeth” Lynne Cheney, the Vice President’s wife, who had worked at AEI; and Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), the organized crime-backed Democrat, who brags that the neo-con doctrine of pre-emptive war on Iraq is his own.

If you dared to oppose the war on Iraq, you may find yourself in the cross-hairs of this gang. If you are an Arab-American student or professor, or a Middle East scholar at an American university who opposes the Clash of Civilizations, you may find yourself the victim of a campaign to have your tenure revoked. If you support a Palestinian state, you *will* be targeted.

When Gingrich called for a purge of State Department appeasers, there was already a plan to fill the place with chicken-hawks, starting with Pipes, who was nominated by Bush on April 3 for the board of the U.S. Institute for Peace, the “quasi-governmental” think-tank that serves as a forum for the State Department.

On April 19, the *Washington Post* characterized the Pipes nomination as a “cruel joke,” and called on Bush to rescind it. If he did not, the Senate should reject it. Citing only two of Pipes’ more recent quotes vilifying Islam as a religion, the *Post* agreed that the charges of his anti-Islam bias are all too well-established. Pipes’ nomination is opposed by the American Muslim Council, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and by many ecumenical institutions, such as Churches for Middle East Peace.

Pipes’ Middle East Forum is a repository of the worst of the chicken-hawk war-mongers. Its board of experts includes James Woolsey, who advocates “World War IV,” and Richard Perle sidekick Laurent Murawiec, who was brought into the Defense Policy Board on July 10, 2002, to present the case for the United States toppling the Saudi Royal Family. Murawiec was dumped by the RAND Corp. for his performance, but Pipes and the neo-con Hudson Institute have since picked up RAND’s cast-off.