
Editorial

Lessons of The Alito Fight

Why should anyone be surprised that the Bush Administration is now moving hellbent for leather toward military confrontation with Iran? *This was the lawful, and widely forecast, result of the U.S. Senate's decision not to fight effectively to stop the Alito confirmation.* It was a grave mistake for leading Senate Democrats not to follow LaRouche's advice and call the Federalist Society's Alito the fascist that he is. Now, the Administration is coming forward with its fascist, imperial war policy—and the gauntlet has been thrown down once more.

If anyone still thinks that the war against fascist policies, by name, can be put off until the elections in November, he or she is insane!

The spearpoint was put on the situation on Feb. 2-3, when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld used his appearance at the National Press Club and his presentation of the Quadrennial Defense Review to promote the allegedly new doctrine of the "long war." But, as Lyndon LaRouche pointed out immediately, any competent historian knows this is a fraud. The policy of a "long war" is not a new theory: It's the perpetual-war policy as practiced by the Roman Empire, through the deployment of its legions, to destroy the ability of subject nations to be able to resist. This imperial war policy was picked up as the model, then, for Hitler's fascist military policy.

So now, even as the Administration spokesmen brag that Bush can violate Congress's laws, and make his own law, on domestic surveillance—and ram through a Supreme Court Justice who clearly is poised to support this philosophy of Hitler's "crown jurist" Carl Schmitt—the Administration's leading military men brag about the adoption of a Roman imperial war policy. And, backed by European imperial powers Great Britain and France, they are determined to demand surrender to this policy by all who oppose them.

But what is most outrageous about this situation is not what the Administration is doing, but what the Congressional leadership, particularly in the Senate, has so far refused to do.

For the reality is, that the American population, and

a large portion of the Senate, if not the House, understand that both the domestic and international aspects of these policies are disastrous for the United States, and the world. And yet, they back off making the fight in the only historical terms which define its importance.

The LaRouche PAC's mobilization of the base of the Democratic Party against the Alito nomination underscored this point. Time and again, local leaders responded to the briefing that the issue in the Alito fight was "Hitler," by saying that they had already suspected that he was a fascist, and that they knew an all-out fight against his confirmation had to be made. The U.S. population has picked up the smell of fascism from this Administration—and it is just waiting for leadership to wage an effective fight to stop it.

Yet, many leading Democrats continue to resist waging that fight. While saying they understand the threat of fascist dictatorship, they evade the confrontation by saying that the party's concentration should be on the fall elections, not now. Even more incredibly, while loudly attacking the Administration's lies and strategic insanity on the war against Iraq, they mouth the "politically correct" line of confrontation with Iran. Hasn't any one of them noticed that military action in Southwest Asia is provoking increasingly ugly irregular warfare against the United States by Muslims worldwide, and doing nothing to create the basis for peace? Hasn't any one of them noticed that military strikes against Iran are going to serve the purposes of those Synarchist bankers who want to destroy not only the nation-states of Southwest Asia, but also the United States?

Whether it be a lack of historical understanding, or cowardice, or corruption, this pullback from the battle against the fascist policies of this Administration must be stopped now. There is hardly an issue on which the Cheneyacs are not vulnerable—from warrantless eavesdropping, to leaking the name of covert agent Valerie Plame, to just old-style corruption. Many of their crimes are impeachable on their face.

There is no excuse to "wait for the next election." As in Hitler's time, the likelihood is that it will never come.