

Anglo-Americans drive to kill, dismember Iraq

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Despite the informal cease-fire between the United States and Iraq that was announced on Feb. 28, the Anglo-American war against Iraq is continuing. U.S. and British policy centers on murdering possibly millions of Iraqis through epidemics, starvation, and civil war. The Anglo-American policymakers intend to destroy Iraq's capacity to rebuild its once-modern economic infrastructure, and to ensure that the population that survives will remain in living conditions approximating those of the most oppressed regions of Africa.

Moreover, it seems increasingly likely—as we go to press on March 21—that an Iranian invasion of Iraq, covertly supported by the United States, might soon begin. The occupation, at least for the short term, of the northern region of Iraq by Turkey and the southern region by Iran, seems to be U.S. policy.

The reason for this savage treatment is primarily to present an object-lesson to the Third World on what the “new world order” actually means: Any nation which rejects Anglo-American dictates, as Iraq did, will be crushed. However, even those states, such as Iran, Syria, and even Turkey, which cut a deal with Washington, might soon find that they too will become targets for annihilation. After all, just 18 months ago, Saddam Hussein and Iraq also trusted the Bush administration.

Civil war threat looms

Shortly before the cessation of the ground war, the Anglo-Americans put into operation the second phase of their assault against Iraq: an insurrection by the non-Arab Kurds in the north, and by the Arab Shiite religious denomination in the south. Barring an Iranian invasion, these revolts will

probably fail to establish any sort of state, but they probably will succeed in plunging Iraq into a lengthy civil war. It may be that the Anglo-American intent is to prevent any side from winning, in order to continue this civil war as long as possible. This was the same method that Henry Kissinger and the U.S. government used to destroy Lebanon.

The Kurds, who reside in the adjoining border regions of Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and Syria, have long been patronized by British intelligence, the CIA, the Israeli Mossad, and French intelligence. Last September, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III traveled to Damascus, Syria, to enlist the support of President Hafez al-Assad in supporting this planned Kurdish insurrection, while similarly successful overtures and demands were made on Turkey and Iran.

By November, Kurdish terrorist organizations previously headquartered in such cities as Amsterdam, London, and Paris, began opening up offices and training facilities in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as part of this project. These Kurds were armed and equipped by U.S. Special Forces teams. They now are in action in the project to dismember Iraq.

Meanwhile, Iranian official reports say that even prior to the ground war, the Iranian government had infiltrated some 35,000 armed men into the southern Iraqi city of Basra. The Shiite insurrection, so-called, which began in the south, has really been an Iranian-led insurrection, involving Iranian units and arms. That Iraq's Shiite religious population is loyal to Sunni-governed Iraq rather than to Shiite Iran, was proven during the eight year Iran-Iraq war.

There is another feature of this foreign-sponsored civil war which is generally ignored. One of the main purposes of these Kurdish and Shiite insurrections is the spread of chol-

era, typhus, and other epidemics, as well as mass malnutrition and starvation.

The U.S. Air Force systematically destroyed power plants, sewage facilities, factories of all kinds, and other civilian targets during the air war. This bombardment, involving 120,000 sorties, had no military purpose. It was only carried out to create the conditions for mass death of the Iraqi population, primarily following the war. The U.S.-dominated United Nations Security Council has continued its sanctions and embargo against Iraq—including restrictions on the supplies of medicine and water treatment equipment, to increase mass death. Civil war prevents even minimal emergency efforts to restore clear water and food to that population.

That this is the policy largely behind the insurrection, was indicated by one candid Saudi official who told this news service, off the record, "Better an Iraq of 9 million people without Saddam Hussein, than an Iraq of 18 million people with him."

'Great Satan' promotes Iran

The virtual elimination of Iraq as a functioning nation is tied to the Bush administration policy of increasing the power of the Iranian government at the expense of the Arabs.

Despite Bush's statements on March 13 that an Iranian land-grab of southern Iraq would be "counterproductive," and that the United States is opposed to Iranian interference in Iraqi affairs, actual U.S. policy is quite different. American and Israeli intelligence knew of the Iranian infiltration of Basra prior to the land war, and did nothing to stop it. Since that time, U.S. units now occupying the southern portions of Iraq have refused to block Iranian operations.

The shooting down of an Iraqi fighter-bomber by a U.S. F-15 over Iraq on March 20 shows what U.S. policy actually is. A few days prior to the incident, Bush stated that any flights by jets or helicopters within Iraqi territory, especially for use against the Iranian-linked insurrection, could lead to the resumption of the war. Without such active intervention and earlier threats, the insurrection could never have reached the proportions that it now has.

It is noteworthy, in this regard, that the overseer of the ongoing Kurdish revolt is U.S. Ambassador to Turkey Morton Abramowitz. When Abramowitz was head of State Department intelligence during the second Reagan administration, he played a key role in arming Iran during the Iran-Iraq war. Former Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle, now an adviser to the Turkish government, has also been deeply involved in the Kurdish project. Perle worked closely with Abramowitz, and with the Israelis, in arming Khomeini's Iran. It is also striking that U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf's father, Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf, Sr., directed U.S. intelligence operations in Iran in the 1950s, where he maintained close ties to several influential Iranian religious leaders.

It should not be forgotten that the Iranian revolution of 1979 was overseen by the U.S. National Security Council under Zbigniew Brzezinski, and much more importantly, British Petroleum and British intelligence. The Anglo-American view has been that the type of Islamic fundamentalism represented by Ayatollah Khomeini would be more effective in controlling Iran than the discredited Shah of Iran, and could be effectively used to undermine other states in the region.

On March 14, Bush administration spokesmen told the *Washington Post* that the United States intended to upgrade relations with Iran, while Bush told Arab interviewers that day that he did not think that Iran should be "treated forever as enemies by all the countries in the region."

In fact, the shattering of Iraq opens up the Arabian peninsula to Iranian domination for the first time in centuries.

Rearranging the map of the region

Since the Anglo-Americans are devoted to Henry Kissinger's balance-of-power doctrine, it is likely that their increased support of Iran will be accompanied by other measures to check Iran. Thus, some Arab analysts say, if the United States endorses the creation of an Iranian satrapy in southern Iraq, then it will sponsor the creation of a Turkish-controlled Sunni Kurdish entity in northern Iraq. As a further check, these sources say, the United States will overthrow the Iranian-allied Syrian government of Hafez al-Assad, and replace him with a Sunni government, tied to the United States and opposed to Iran. This is not difficult to do, since Syrian intelligence, including Assad's own bodyguard unit, is heavily infiltrated by the Mossad.

That the United States is considering moving against Syria was indicated by statements by White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater on March 12, denouncing the Syrian regime's record of torture and involvement with terrorism, two days after a CBS television special on that theme. Earlier, the Israeli government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, which is controlled out of London, escalated its propaganda campaign against Damascus, just as it had done last spring against Iraq, when the war against Iraq was being prepared.

However, it also cannot be discounted that the United States has been encouraging Iran to invade Iraq, for the same reason that it earlier encouraged Iraq to invade Kuwait: to lay a trap. The United States could also then move against Iran.

Other targets in this dirty balance-of-power game are Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. That the Anglo-Americans are considering dumping the ruling Al Sabah family in Kuwait was signaled by U.S. media targeting of that family for overseeing the butchery of Kuwaiti Palestinians—actions that the U.S. military is actually secretly encouraging. The Bush administration seems to believe that replacing the Al Sabah clan with Kuwaiti dissidents under U.S. control would increase its control of the region. The corrupt Saud family of Saudi Arabia is also ripe for the same treatment.