

Editorial

President has mandate to clean out the traitors

The world is now watching with horror, as the U.S. Congress, goaded by a special prosecutor deployed by enemies of the United States, prepares to bring down the Presidency of the most powerful nation on Earth, just at the point that the collapse of the bankrupt monetary system poses the potential for global catastrophe, unless the U.S. President can take appropriate action.

The surreal grotesquerie of the drama unfolding in Washington was foreshadowed by the illegal air attack carried out by the United States on Aug. 20 against the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum, Sudan, which destroyed one of the largest medicine-producing factories in the Mideast and Africa. Since the attack, every statement by officials of the Clinton administration attempting to provide evidence that the plant was producing chemical weapons or their precursors, has been shown to be confetti. Administration officials even went so far as to say that they *did not know*—an unbelievable assertion given the United States' information-gathering capabilities—that the plant produced medicines.

In the days after the attack, the Organization of African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Arab League have all given support to the just demand of the Sudanese government for a full UN probe into the air attack, and inspection of the Al-Shifa plant, to determine whether it was producing chemical weapons.

In the face of the overwhelming evidence that it did not, and the total lack of any evidence indicating the plant had any relation—financial or otherwise—to terrorist financial mogul Osama Bin Laden, the United States has offered neither a public apology nor compensation to Sudan, for a plant that supplied 60% of the antibiotics, anti-malarial medicines, and other necessary drugs for its population. Thus, it would appear that the United States is determined to reserve the right to act capriciously and arbitrarily against the sovereignty and integrity of any other nation.

The attack has forced the Sudan government—which has sought to cooperate with the United States on the investigations on the Aug. 7 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania—to withdraw its diplomats from Washington, and thus has further

locked the United States into its war policy in East Africa, which is discrediting America in the eyes of Africans across the continent.

It is not believable that President Clinton would order such an unwarranted attack on his own. Rather, it is clear to the world that the President acted on the basis of information provided to his top advisers, and then passed to him. As *EIR* has documented, the so-called evidence of Sudan's intention to produce chemical weapons comes from sources linked to the British House of Lords, and also to the nexus of traitors who sponsored Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, convicted of espionage against the United States.

In short, the attack on the U.S. Presidency, represented by the "Starr report" and the set-up that led the President to approve of an unwarranted act of war against another country, emanate from those who are known enemies of the United States and have been charged with the mission of destroying the credibility and capacity of the United States to act on humanity's behalf in the current global financial collapse.

This is not a personal matter for the President, but an extremely grave matter of state. The American people have shown that they do not support the extra-constitutional crusade to destroy the American President and his Office. They have also shown, as reported by Sudanese Ambassador to the United States Mahdi Ibrahim Mohamed at a Sept. 2 press conference exposing the outrageous lies behind the bombing of the plant, that they do not support the destruction of the Al-Shifa medicine plant.

Ambassador Mahdi made another point which the American people, and others, should take to heart. "Sudan wishes open and honest relations with the United States of America. These circumstances, as unfortunate as they are, could prove to be the beginning. And, in the normal and ordinary course of life, we have seen that it takes a crisis between two countries to open the real channels of dialogue and to open a new way for relationships," he said.

The crisis has gone as far as it should. It's time for the President to act.