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How To Stop a War That Has Already Started

The great majority of the 1,000 members and guests who had attended Lyndon LaRouche's keynote of the Schiller Institute/ICLC conference on Aug. 31, returned for the evening presentations by Jeffrey Steinberg on stopping the threatened Iraq war; and by Dennis Small, on the LaRouche factor in solving the current economic breakdown-crisis in Ibero-America, in light of the history of Lyndon LaRouche's role in that continent over the past 20 years. This is Steinberg's opening presentation.

I would like to welcome the audience and those people who are participating via the Internet in this conference. I encourage both to participate by submitting questions.

The theme of this evening's panel is international organizing; specifically, our international organizing to stop the war, and to stop the ongoing genocide, particularly the genocide taking place in this hemisphere. I will be one of the two, brief, presenters this evening, along with Dennis Small, who is the Ibero-America editor of *EIR*, and a member of the National Executive Committee and the Ibero-American Executive Committee of the International Caucus of Labor Committees. We wish to dedicate this evening's panel to the memory and life's work of our colleague, Carlos Cota, who passed away in March of this year. He was a member of the Executive of the Ibero-American organization, and made lasting contributions to our organizing, and to the overall work on the Latin American integration policies, which are now, more than ever, needed.

The title for my brief presentation is, "Growing Resistance to the Iraq War." I would propose to change that title to, "How To Stop a War That Has Already Started." Obviously, right now, everyone is immediately focussed on the imminent danger of the Bush Administration, against all sane international advice, launching a new war against Iraq. And a great deal of what you see and hear in the television news, and in the newspapers every day—the debate that's going on—is centered around the question of whether there will be a new war *starting* in Iraq.

That war would have already been under way—and it would not have been an Iraq war; it would have been a full-scale "Thirty Years' War," beginning in the Middle East, but rapidly spreading to every corner of the globe—and the only reason that that war has not already started, is the initiative of this international political movement beginning about five

weeks ago. (I didn't think anyone suspected that Brent Scowcroft and James Baker III would be the guys responsible for stopping this war.)

About five weeks ago, Lyndon LaRouche launched an initiative, which everyone in this room has played a role in carrying out. That initiative [announced on a July 27 radio broadcast by LaRouche] was to get out 5 million leaflets all over the United States. There was an initial leaflet which zeroed in on [Iraq war-party Senators] Lieberman and McCain; but then the leaflet, of which the last 4 million copies were distributed, was entitled, "The Electable LaRouche"; and it discussed all of the critical issues in a very short couple of pages—what the issues of American history are, and the importance of the institution of the Presidency; the fakery and the lying about LaRouche not being electable, when his enemies have spent billions to prevent his election. Their ability to continue to function that way is rapidly running out; they're losing their money, and it's emerging as a moment when everyone is turning to LaRouche and his policies as the solution to the crisis.

Middle East War Since 1974

Were it not for the fact that we took to the streets of the United States, and began a mass political dialogue with the American people, on the issues of war and genocide, this war would have already been under way.

This evening, we'll go through it a bit more, to make sure that everyone has a really sharp edge—because the next phase of our campaign is going to be even more intensive, a larger mobilization on the street between now and November. And if we all do our job right, we will defeat this war.

For starters, I want to talk about the *actual* war that we're fighting to stop.

As I said, it is a war that has already begun; and it is not about Iraq; it's not about Saddam Hussein. So forget everything that's being talked about in any of the media, whether it's pro- or anti-war. It's irrelevant to the issue, as we have to understand it, and as we have to go out of this room prepared to organized to defeat those people pushing this war.

The war that I'm talking about—the war that LaRouche is talking about—you could say that it began in 1974. A number of things happened that year, that were indispensable towards launching the ongoing, the "perpetual war" that has hit the entire Middle East region and beyond for more than 25 years.

1974 was the year that Henry Kissinger promulgated National Security Study Memorandum 200, which was signed a year later by President Gerald Ford, and has been the underlying national security doctrine of the United States ever since. The basic thrust of NSSM-200 is that economic development and population growth in the developing world is a national security threat to the United States, and must be stopped at all costs. The argument was, simply, that the entire strategic raw-material resources of the entire planet are urgently required



Dennis Small (left) and Jeffrey Steinberg at the panel on “International Organizing” on Aug. 31. “The only weapon in our hands is the mass-organizing process,” Steinberg said, “here in the United States and around the world. If we do it, we’ll not only stop the war; we will send this whole crew of chicken hawks back to the universities and think-tanks with their tails between their legs.”

on behalf of the national security interests of the United States. This was during the Cold War, and obviously, everything was couched in terms of the struggle between the West and the Soviet empire.

But basically, Kissinger’s concept—a classic Malthusian, genocidal idea—was that the United States and its English-speaking allies must control all of the strategic raw-material wealth of Africa; all the strategic raw-material wealth of Ibero-America; all the strategic petroleum and natural-gas reserves of the Persian Gulf; and at all costs, no modern nation-states could be allowed to come into existence, or continue to exist, in any of these areas of the world.

The Middle East was particularly important for two reasons: Number one, the petroleum wealth of the region, which is a very particular, vital raw material for the energy supply for the world economy. Second, the Middle East is a major crossroad between Europe and Asia, and between Eurasia and Africa; and therefore, creating a perpetual war in that part of the world, assures that there can be no effective economic development throughout Eurasia and Africa.

The second thing that happened in 1974, is that the British oligarchy deployed one of its senior Arab Bureau intelligence officers—Bernard Lewis—to the United States to run the policy; basically to administer, as a kind of colonial *gauleiter*, the national security policies of the United States. Remember, that years later, in 1982, at a conference in London, Henry Kissinger would boast that everything he did, he did on behalf of the British monarchy and British intelligence, and that he was never loyal to anything about the United States—particularly, not to the tradition of Frank-

lin Roosevelt. Kissinger, a British agent, promulgated a policy that goes back to the days of the East India Company; and the senior British Arabist, Dr. Bernard Lewis, was sent to the United States, set up shop in Princeton, New Jersey, and became the principal foreign policy and national security adviser to the Zbigniew Brzezinski government, when it came into power in 1977.

The ‘Crescent of Crisis’

Lewis developed a policy that came to be known, in the late 1970s, as the Bernard Lewis Plan, which was otherwise memorialized on the cover of *Time* magazine in January 1979, as the “Crescent of Crisis.” What Bernard Lewis basically said, is that we are going to destabilize the entire Muslim world, the entire Persian Gulf region, because it borders along the south of the Soviet Union. We are going to create an Islamic mess, a chaos, insurgency of wars, along the southern tier of the Soviet Union; and this is how we’re going to destroy the Soviet Union.

So in typical British and Anglo-American fashion, the very first American ally who was turned upon, overthrown and betrayed, in 1979, was the Shah of Iran. The net effect of that was that the stage was set for an eight-year war in the Persian Gulf. The Khomeini regime came into power in Tehran; and within months, Iran and Iraq were engaged in a war that would go on for eight years.

Now, Zbigniew Brzezinski, in a private discussion with the Shah of Iran, shortly before or shortly after he was removed from power, presented NSSM-200 in a very candid fashion. He simply said to the Shah, “There will be no new



Vice President Dick Cheney at the Pentagon crash site, Sept. 16, 2001. Cheney is leading the charge for war against Iraq—never mentioning that it was the United States that gave Iraq chemical and biological weapons in the first place.

Japans in the Persian Gulf, and there will no new Japans south of the Rio Grande River.” The policy was very clear: perpetual war, chaos, destruction.

As part of the eight-year war that was manipulated between Iran and Iraq, we’re told that there was a standing committee inside the U.S. government, that basically modulated the supplies of weapons to both sides, to make sure that the war was perpetuated as long as possible; and particularly, that Iraq, which was a country that had already emerged as a nation with a modern industrial economy, a highly skilled labor force, a top-flight education system, and with the ability to disprove the Kissinger-Brzezinski thesis about no new Japans in the Arab world or the Persian Gulf, was decimated. The purpose of this eight-year war was to decimate Iraq and decimate Iran. And so, we had the famous Ollie North Iran-Contra arms pipeline, and all sorts of other things that people are quite familiar with.

The purpose of that war was to wreak genocide and havoc on the entire region.

It happened that Iraq had a very substantial disadvantage in the war, in that Iran had a far larger population. And so, among the things that were done, by the United States, Britain, and Israel, in order to “level the playing field” to keep the war going as long as possible, was that Saddam Hussein was provided with chemical and biological weap-

ons, *by the United States*; by successive U.S. administrations. So there’s something a little strange here, when President Bush, and Vice President Cheney, stand up and say, “We have a mandate to go to war against Iraq, because Iraq has chemical and biological weapons.” Where did they get them from? Not only are they no longer there; but to the extent they were there, they were provided by the United States, by Britain, and by Israel, to further this perpetual war.

The next phase of the same war, was the Afghanistan war [against the Soviet Union], another part of the Bernard Lewis Plan. It began in 1979 under Brzezinski’s direction, and continued for more than a decade. And during the course of that war, tens of thousands of young, desperately poor men—really boys—from throughout the Muslim world—North Africa, the Middle East, parts of Asia, the Philippines, Brooklyn, you name it—were recruited to be cannon-fodder in this mujahideen operation that was fi-

nanced by the United States, Britain, and Israel, building up a massive opium and heroin trade coming out of Afghanistan and the extended area into Pakistan.

So, again, the policy was a succession of wars that were never to end. And if you look at the situation in Afghanistan *today*, that’s precisely what’s going on, as Lyndon LaRouche uniquely warned of this, both on Sept. 11 and repeatedly in the immediate days and weeks after the bombing started in Afghanistan—that this is not a winnable war.

Lewis’ First ‘Clash of Civilizations’ Call

So this is the war that we are dealing with. Now, everybody talks about al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, and the so-called Muslim fundamentalist threat, as another rationale for the war that people in and around the Bush Administration are promoting to start against Iraq. Israel wanted it to start last Spring; there are people pushing for it to start tomorrow morning, and it could very well happen. But the argument is as false as the argument about other kinds of justifications for genocide that come out of the mouths of these people. The fact of the matter is that the Clash of Civilizations war, which is being promoted right now, was first called for by Dr. Bernard Lewis in 1990, in an article in the *Atlantic Monthly* entitled “The Roots of Muslim Rage.” This is three years before Huntington wrote his article in *Foreign Affairs*

calling for a war against Islam and against the Confucian world as well. So he [Huntington] wants war against 1.4 billion Muslims, and about 1.5 billion Chinese, at the same time. You get the idea, that these people are really out of their minds.

So it was 1990 that that call for the Clash of Civilizations war was put out. Back in 1990, Osama bin Laden was widely known, in British and American intelligence circles, as the “Tom Marriott of Peshawar.” He was working for us, and he was basically running a hospitality suite for all of the recruits—the 15- and 16-year-old kids who were being recruited around the world, and sent into Afghanistan for this perpetual war there: on our payroll, basically using his family’s money to set up, literally, a hospitality suite for the arriving troops.

So, a year later, in 1991, we had the Persian Gulf war; and, again, it’s Bernard Lewis who comes out, in early 1992, in an article in *Foreign Affairs*, and says, that the main purpose of the Persian Gulf war, was to bring an end, once and for all, to any concept of nation-state and nationhood and nationalism in the Arab and Muslim world. It’s over. We manipulated Syria, and other Arab countries to go to war in alliance with the United States, against Iraq. Arab nationalism is dead. The only thing left on the scene, is going to be this new, virulent form of fundamentalism coming out of all of these people now streaming home from the American-, British-, and Israeli-sponsored war in Afghanistan, to set up operations to destabilize the governments in their own countries.

So now, out of Afghanistan, we had the spreading of this perpetual war policy into North Africa, the Philippines, and into every country in the Middle East. A complete disaster.

We’ve now reached the point where, particularly following the events of the 1997-98 full-scale breakout of disintegration in the post-Bretton Woods international monetary system, we’re moving into the new phase of the war.

The new phase is motivated by two things. Number one: After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990, at the point that Bernard Lewis made his initial announcement about the launching of the Clash of Civilizations, there was no longer a competing empire capable of challenging the Anglo-American empire for total world domination. During the Cold War, it was a little bit more difficult to move full steam ahead to implement National Security Study Memorandum 200. With the Soviet Union out of the way, that was the green light to go all out. And so the new name for NSSM-200 was Bernard Lewis’ Clash of Civilizations.

So beginning in 1990, we’ve had the succession of wars in the region, starting with the Persian Gulf War—Operation Desert Storm—and now the preparations to launch a far more dramatic and deadly “Thirty Years’ War”-type phenomenon in the Middle East region, to finish the process of crushing the nation-state. Or, as Henry Kissinger said in a

book published a little over a year ago, to bring a permanent end to the Treaty of Westphalia system; the system of nation-states.

An Unqualified U.S. President

This is the war that we’re up against. It’s got nothing to do with Saddam Hussein. It’s got nothing to do with Iraq; it has everything to do with the fact that a bunch of lunatics in the United States, Britain, Australia, and elsewhere, are out to provoke this Clash of Civilizations.

They see that, particularly in the period since 1997-98, there has been substantial progress towards organizing leading political circles throughout Eurasia, into endorsing and moving to implement parts of Lyndon LaRouche’s call for the Eurasian Land-Bridge. The drive for war was made all the more urgent towards the end of 1998, when the then-Prime Minister of Russia, Yevgeni Primakov went to New Delhi and announced that he was supporting the idea of a strategic partnership among Russia, China, and India. This was a buzzword for major governments of Eurasia beginning to move behind Lyndon LaRouche’s call for this Eurasian Land-Bridge, or “New Silk Road.”

So this area of the world, even more emphatically, had to be targeted for total destruction through perpetual war.

The other thing made very clear to the people promoting this Clash of Civilizations policy, was that they had to ensure, in the 2000 Presidential elections in the United States, first, that none of these ideas were actually brought to the American people to be debated; and number two, that the next President of the United States would be distinct in only one way—namely, totally unqualified for the job. That was it. There was only one question on the exam. It was delivered by Jim Lehrer at the first debate between Gore and Bush: “What would you do in the event of a financial meltdown?” And they both read the same teleprompter, and said, “We would turn to Wall Street and Alan Greenspan to tell us what to do.”

“OK, either one of you qualifies for the job.”

This means that we’re facing a very difficult challenge. We’re not in a situation, as we were in 1993 onward, when you had a genuine patriot in the office of the Presidency. We’ve got to clean house in the White House, in the Oval Office, and carry out what LaRouche has been discussing in recent weeks as a constitutional coup in the United States. We need a strong institution of the Presidency, and this bunch of bickering lunatics, who are the advisers to the President right now, are going to have to go. We’re going to have to break the blackmail leverage over the President, and turn the United States upside down to create the preconditions for LaRouche’s policy, and the personality of Lyndon LaRouche, to be part of the inner circle around this President. We have to seize the teleprompter, and survive what’s otherwise an unsurvivable next two-year period.

When LaRouche first announced this policy of getting out 5 million leaflets, people asked him all sorts of questions:

Should we target Washington?—all sorts of ideas. He said, “Look. It doesn’t matter where they go out. The act of putting thousands of people on the street every day, to engage the American people in a discussion that they’ve been dying for—namely, a discussion about the real issues, the depression, the war, that kind of thing—will create a political ruckus.”

And I can tell you that Washington is reeling from this. We get feedback all the time. There is no other political figure in the United States capable of doing this. A very prominent Democratic Party official said, “LaRouche should declare himself the front-runner; because there’s not another clown in the bunch who could get thousands of people on the street, not to mention having the literacy level even to write something like ‘The Electable LaRouche.’ ”

The recruitment, mass organizing, engaging the American population in a very tough Socratic dialogue, *is* the way we stop the war.

If you’ve had the experience of dealing with Lyndon LaRouche, you know that one of the most important aspects of a Socratic dialogue, is humor. In Washington, D.C., you have a severe problem with the quality of the air, because most people walking around Washington are very self-inflated, and it’s mostly very hot air. John McCain is walking around with electrodes sticking out all over the place; the combination of this crazy air, and John McCain ready to go into an electrical storm on a moment’s notice—especially since this leaflet started going out—is probably the reason we’ve had such wretchedly bad weather in Washington for the past two months.

The Chicken Hawks

The issue is: Don’t go after these people as if they were all-knowing and all-seeing and possess all power. It’s not like that. Back in the 1950s, there was a concept, among grammar-school-age kids—I don’t know if it persisted in later generations—a phenomenon called “cooties.” Anybody that you were told had “cooties,” was someone you really wanted to stay away from. One of the things we want to do, is give a whole bunch of the people in the war party a good case of the “cooties,” to where they walk down the street and see people crossing over to the other side to not be seen remotely associated with them. And as with all of LaRouche’s enemies—to use a slightly modified version of his stronger language—“All of my enemies are sleazeballs.”

In particular, among the leading proponents of a perpetual war in the Middle East, are a group of officials of the Bush Administration, referred to before the election as the Vulcans; after the election they were known as the Perle-Wolfowitz cabal. There’s a really interesting thing about these guys. Whereas all of the top-level U.S. military have come down strongly against this proposed next phase of the perpetual war—from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, to General [Anthony] Zinni, who was the head of the Central

Command until a year ago, and is now a policy adviser to Colin Powell; Powell, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; [Gen. Brent] Scowcroft—all of these people oppose the war, because they know it’s going to unleash this kind of religious war, Clash of Civilizations, that’s going to lead to a Dark Age. It’s not a winnable war.

And all of the people who are pronouncing themselves to be the warhawks, have never had a moment in their lives of military experience. Now, some other people, off the intervention that we’ve made against McCain, Lieberman, this whole war party apparatus, got the idea that there’s an element of humor that’s a very powerful weapon.

So what began surfacing a few weeks back, was the idea that if you carefully look at the career records—the *curriculum vitae*—of all of these top Pentagon officials, State Department officials, national security advisers, even Vice President Dick Cheney: Not one of them served a moment in uniformed service. And so they have been collectively renamed—no longer the Vulcans, nor the Wolfowitz-Perle cabal—they’re now referred to as the “Chicken Hawks.”

Let’s look at a couple of these guys. **Paul Wolfowitz:** Deputy Secretary of Defense; one of the leading wannabe imperialists; received a series of university exemptions, and never served a day in the military. **Richard Perle,** the “Prince of Darkness,” self-styled Israeli spy, friend of Ariel Sharon; received a succession of draft deferments, and never served in the military. **Doug Feith:** interesting guy; his father was one of the founders of the Jabotinsky movement; Feith is a second-generation radical Likudnik, a real warhawk, but never served in the military. **David Wurmser:** now in the State Department working under John Bolton; another one of the super-warhawks and super-Likudniks; also, never served a day on active duty, and knows nothing about warfare. This is his wife, **Meyrav Wurmser.** She may have been in the Israeli Defense Forces; we don’t have a complete enough biography of her. But she just recently received her Ph.D. from George Washington University, for a laudatory biographical profile of Vladimir Jabotinsky. So, she puts herself in the camp of a self-professed fascist. Even **Vice-President Cheney** got a series of university deferments, and never served in the military.

We’ve already drawn blood on the Lieberman-McCain front. We’ve reached the point where Lieberman and McCain no longer hold hands, walking down the corridors of the Senate office building. They’ve become liabilities to each other because of what we’ve done, with the leaflets and the mass distribution of the succession of *EIR* offprints. We knew that they were bad news; that they were warmongers; that they were under the thumb of organized crime. But we really underestimated it until we put a team together to really look into it.

John McCain *did* serve in the military. And his military career is probably one of the most controversial issues



*Deputy Secretary of Defense
Paul Wolfowitz*



*Senator
Joe Lieberman*



*Undersecretary of Defense for Policy
Douglas Feith*

around today. He was a POW in North Vietnam for a number of years. There are many different stories about what actually happened there. What we do know, is that he came back and was recognized, by his colleagues in the House, and later in the Senate, as the guy who really *is* the Manchurian Candidate. He's not all there; he's got electrodes where there ought to be brain cells.

Sept. 11-Type Threat

The idea is to ridicule these guys.

I'll tell you a secret. I was going to college during the Vietnam War period; and when the jackpot lottery took place in 1969, I was not unhappy that I drew a low number, and was not going to be drafted. On the other hand, I would not pretend to stand before you here, and claim to be the greatest military strategist and tactician since Douglas MacArthur—this is the kind of lunacy that these guys push. If you had a serious medical condition, you'd probably prefer to go to a doctor, rather than a charlatan; and that's what we're dealing with here.

This bunch of lunatics are intent on creating a war that is unwinnable and unstoppable. That's the kind of war that they want. And they, themselves, are not competent even to understand that issue; but the people who are promoting and deploying them, are.

This is where we stand. We may be facing, imminently, a new 9/11 terrorist attack; not coming from a bat-cave in Afghanistan, but from the same people who perpetrated the first Sept. 11; people within the black world of our own U.S. military establishment. There is the ever-present question, of exactly what the role was, of all of those Israeli "art students"

running around the United States, before, at the time, and then subsequent to Sept. 11. There's very good reason to believe that Ariel Sharon is currently planning some kind of a false-flag terrorist attack inside the United States, or against a U.S. target, where there would be a trail of breadcrumbs leading back to somewhere in the suburbs of Baghdad. This, to force whatever remaining resistance there is, inside the Bush Administration, to erode altogether, and to get this war started within hours, days, or weeks.

We have a task cut out for us. But as Mr. LaRouche indicated, we're going to be continuing this mobilization, during the period between now and November when every politician in the United States running for office, is, in a sense, in a captive position. They want to win; they're going to be out there on the campaign trail; and we are going to be there, getting this material out, continuing the exposés. That is the only factor that stands in the way of this war moving into its next, and most deadly phase. What we've seen, between 1974 and now, has been the preparatory phases. These people are insane and desperate enough right now, to go for broke, and to go for the full-scale Clash of Civilizations "Thirty Years' War."

We can stop it. But the only weapon in our hands is the mass-organizing process, here in the United States and around the world. If we do it, we'll not only stop the war; we will send this whole crew of chicken hawks back to the universities and think-tanks with their tails between their legs, completely discredited. And then we're in a position to put a different team of people in and around this administration, to make sure that the LaRouche agenda, rather than the Bernard Lewis agenda, is what is pursued.