

Editorial

A September Surprise

Former President George H.W. Bush, a.k.a. “Bush 41,” no doubt vividly recalls the October 1975 Ford Administration purge, that brought him in as Director of Central Intelligence, and brought Gen. Brent Scowcroft in as National Security Adviser. That event came to be known as the “October Surprise.”

Bush 41 ought to counsel his son, the current President (a.k.a. “Bush 43”), to launch a “September Surprise,” to begin the process of purging his administration of a nest of Israeli agents of influence; who, if left in place through the end of this month, will likely succeed in dragging the United States and much of the rest of the world into a Clash of Civilizations war—beginning with Iraq—that will sweep the entire planet into the bloody maelstrom of a 14th Century-like New Dark Age.

The “cabal” of Israeli Likud agents is deeply penetrated into the civilian staff of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the senior policy staff in the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney, and in several crucial policy pockets at the State Department. Some leading “cabalists” were at the top of the list of suspected collaborators of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard—including Richard Perle, head of the Defense Policy Board.

Vice President Cheney’s chief of staff and national security adviser, Lewis Libby, was a Yale protégé of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz in 1973, and served as his State Department and Pentagon deputy in the Reagan and Bush 41 Administrations. Other Israeli assets inside Cheney’s office include chief foreign policy aide John Hannah, who previously worked for the leading Israeli think-tank in Washington, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP); and Eric Edelman, a former Wolfowitz deputy at the Bush 41 Pentagon.

Incest is the favorite pastime inside the Washington Beltway, so the existence of this cabal might not shock many jaded Washington observers. But the character of this network is that they have publicly declared themselves to be at the service of the Israeli Likud regime.

Perle, Douglas Feith (current Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy), and David Wurmser (current

executive assistant to chief State Department arms control negotiator John Bolton) were the principal authors of a July 1996 study for then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which called for a “clean break” from the Oslo peace process, the annexation of the Occupied Territories, and the permanent destabilization of the entire Arab world.

The cabal has been dedicated to foisting this right-wing Israeli foreign policy on G.W. Bush, from the first day that ex-Secretary of State George Shultz took charge of “Team Bush” in April 1998, and installed Wolfowitz and Condoleezza Rice as the President’s two chief foreign policy and national security tutors. Wolfowitz promptly paraded the entire cabal, beginning with Perle, down to Austin to sell G.W. on the *Israeli* policy of war on Iraq.

So what is to be done? Let us start with a purgative first step. The July 10, 2002 session of the Defense Policy Board, at which now former RAND Corporation “senior analyst” Laurent Murawiec delivered his diatribe against Saudi Arabia—including the call for American occupation and takeover of the Saudi oil fields—was recently denounced by Gen. Anthony Zinni, former head of the Central Command, as an unforgiveable outrage. We agree. The Pentagon official who bears line-of-command responsibility for that infamy is Doug Feith.

Feith was one of the Netanyahu advisers behind the “Clean Break” policy, and he repeated his total opposition to a Palestinian state in a 1999 book, which he co-authored for the Zionist Organization of America. His sponsoring the Saudi-bashing session is consistent with every other aspect of his performance at the Pentagon. He is in open defiance of President George W. Bush’s often-stated policy of a “two-state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Feith’s removal is not only appropriate, it is vital. American foreign policy ought to be made by Americans who do not have dual loyalties; certainly not by people who have unambiguous single loyalties—which are not to the United States. Mr. President, let the “September Surprise” begin.