

World War IV Is Real Bush Policy

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While the Clown Prince President, George W. Bush, has worried himself with the “hard work” (for him) of reading and memorizing material for his debates with John F. Kerry, the Administration’s controllers have been busy with their agenda of repeating the Iraq war debacle in Iran and Syria.

On Sept. 29, three top officials of the current Cheney-Bush Administration—Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, and two neo-conservative warmongers on the Defense Policy Board, James Woolsey and Eliot Cohen—appeared at a bizarre Washington, D.C. meeting, on the topic, “World War IV: Why We Fight, Whom We Fight, How We Fight.”

The meeting was sponsored by the most fanatical of Washington’s neo-conservative crusaders: the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD, the original Cold War organization that lobbied for a nuclear attack against North Korea in 1949), and the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. Both organizations have declared “Islamism” as the new global enemy, which must be defeated in what they call the already-in-process World War IV.

The argument put forward is that until *all* the “state sponsors” of terrorism are dealt with, either by war, coups, or other forms of regime change, then the United States is engaged in a perpetual war, and the only thing that counts is “the will to fight.” In previous speeches and articles, Woolsey, former Director of the CIA for a short time, and Eliot Cohen, had described this as a “Hundred Years’ War.”

The participation of Wolfowitz should send up alarm bells throughout the United States, especially among the moderate Republican faction who have been fed the line—to keep them in the party—that a “second Bush administration” will be “less hawkish.”

At the CPD, the keynote address was given by the old ex-Communist turned imperial warrior, Norman Podhoretz, founder of the neo-conservatives, whose son-in-law, Elliott Abrams, the convicted Iran-Contra perjurer, heads up the Middle East desk at the National Security Council. Indeed, it was “Professor” Podhoretz, the first-generation Straussian, who gave the name to the symposium, based on his September 2004 article for *Commentary*, the neo-con journal of which he is the editor-in-chief.

There, Podhoretz warns against a failure of nerve in the

war on terrorism because of a “plague of amnesia” that emerged since 9/11. Podhoretz’s self-anointed mission is to “make it possible to see why the great struggle into which the United States was plunged by 9/11 can only be understood if we think of it as World War IV.”

Wolfowitz’s remarks have been kept a secret by the Department of Defense, but his presence there was a signal that the neo-cons are not only unfazed by the Iraq quagmire, but are still in control of the Bush Administration. They are merely waiting till after the election.

Neo-Cons Control George W.

The CPD agenda confirms what Lyndon LaRouche, the former Democratic Party Presidential primary candidate, who now heads the LaRouche PAC, identifies in an Oct. 11 policy memorandum. LaRouche states that the aim of the Cheney-Bush monstrosity is to eliminate sovereign nation-states, using the tool of “perpetual war.” Especially addressing those internationally, and in the U.S., who believe they can ride out a second Cheney-Bush Administration, LaRouche writes:

“Their goal is not the political conquest of territories as colonies, but the elimination of all barriers to free looting of the planet as a whole. Their intent is not to conquer territory, but to bring about the extermination of all relics of national sovereignties, and the reduction of the world’s human population to less than one billions individuals.

“In Afghanistan and Iraq, for example, their objective is not to conquer, but to eliminate nation-states through the unleashed forces of chaos. Thus, it would be great self-deception to regard the failures of military operations in Iraq as a failure of the Bush Administration’s intention. Its intention is induced self-destruction of the vestiges of nation-state sovereignty, at which they are presently succeeding quite nicely.”

Who’s Who in the CPD

The Sept. 29 meeting was a kind of class reunion for the rabid neo-conservative inner circle, and it was no accident that former Secretary of State George Shultz called in to address the meeting by telephone.

As *EIR* reported in 2000, before the November election, Shultz was the Wall Street operative who created the golem, George W. Bush, by putting him in the hands of “The Vulcans,” led by Wolfowitz and his fellow neo-con, Richard Perle, also trained by Leo Strauss. Although popular media reports cast Condoleezza Rice as the “Quarterback” of the Vulcans, she was there only to train Bush to recite his lines. It was out of that process, set up by Shultz, that the invasion of Iraq, and coups against Syria, Iran, and eventually Saudi Arabia and Egypt were planned out.

A good part of the neo-cons’ Middle East nightmare had already been written up, and delivered in 1996 to right-wing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by Perle, via the Washington/Jerusalem-based think-tank, the Institute for Ad-

vanced Strategic and Policy Studies (IASPS). But Netanyahu could not implement it, without the support of peace-oriented Pres. Bill Clinton. The IASPS plan included a war against Baghdad, using the notorious exile con-man, Ahmed Chalabi and his band of merry men, the Iraqi National Congress. Wolfowitz promoted it to Clinton, but Clinton rejected it outright. Earlier, in 1991, Wolfowitz, then working for Dick Cheney, had failed to convince President George Herbert Walker Bush, to march on Baghdad, to overthrow and capture Saddam Hussein.

Thus, it took the dummy, George W. Bush, schooled by the Straussian manipulators, Perle and Wolfowitz, to adopt the same Iraq war that had been wisely rejected by the two previous Presidents, Clinton and Bush.

Joining Wolfowitz at the CPD “class reunion” for the Straussian plotters were Woolsey and Cohen, both members of the notorious Defense Policy Board of the Pentagon, which served as the base of operations for its former chairman, Perle, from 2001 to his resignation in February 2004. At the Defense Policy Board, Perle not only sponsored con-man Chalabi, to present the disinformation about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq that later became “gospel” for Bush and Dick Cheney, but laid out the plans to hit Syria and Iran, right after Baghdad fell.

Perle was eventually forced out of the Policy Board position in a hail of scandals, and the march on Damascus and Tehran was stopped.

However, at the Sept. 29 CPD meeting, Iran was the top target, with neo-cons echoing increasingly threatening noises from the government of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon about preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. The CPD warriors are calling for Washington to undertake covert action, at the very least, to oust what some of them call the “terror masters” in Tehran as part of a more general World War IV, which is, in turn, part of the ongoing New Dark Age policy of a “Clash of Civilizations.” Some neo-cons are even complaining that if Bush had been serious about the “war on terrorism,” he should have taken on Iran after Afghanistan, rather than Iraq.

The symposium also heard from Farid Ghadry, the would-be Ahmed Chalabi of Syria, lobbying for the pending Syria Liberation Act (SLA), which would commit the U.S. government to “regime change” in Damascus. In an earlier CPD meeting Ghadry made an urgent plea for Bush to immediately attack Syria with a U.S. invasion.

Other featured speeches at the Sept. 29 event were: R. James Woolsey on “The Nature of the Enemy”; keynoter Norman Podhoretz on “Understanding World War IV” (a speech seemingly based on his September 2004 *Commentary* diatribe, titled “World War IV: How It Started, What It Means, and Why We Have to Win”); Eliot Cohen on “Leadership in an Age of Terrorism”; John Fonte of the Hudson Institute on “America’s Least Reliable Allies”; and CPD member Rachel Ehrenfeld, author of *Funding Evil*.