

'2000 GOP Platform' Would Mean War

by Michele Steinberg

At the conclusion of the Republican Party (GOP) convention in Philadelphia on Aug. 3, Democratic Party Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche noted that if you wanted to summarize the situation in the Bush-run Republican Party, you could say: "George Bush, senior, was a tragedy ending in a farce; his son is a farce ending in tragedy."

Harking back to President George Bush's "counter-terrorism" strategy of 1985, and quoting the British Empire's Winston Churchill to call for the "close" of the "era of procrastination," the "2000 GOP Platform" is an open call for the hated policies of the "New World Order," that were voted down by the American people in 1992. Since 1994, when the GOP majority took control of the Congress and turned it into a "new Confederacy," the main elements of the Platform have been used to turn the Congress into a "shadow government" that sabotaged Bill Clinton's positive efforts at every turn. And under the George W. Bush "team," all veterans of the Bush/Thatcher "New World Order," the Platform is a recipe for destabilizations and world war.

On the economic front, the Platform's measures are a disaster for any American family which is not among the "super-rich." Praising the infamous "Contract on America" of Newt Gingrich, the Platform advocates sharp cuts in taxes, which will be passed along to the poor as drastic cuts in hospitals, infrastructure, schools, social services, sanitation, and medical care.

The Republican convention was a totalitarian event—a Nuremberg rally—that Republican Party founder Abraham Lincoln would never recognize or accept. Not only was no dissent permitted, but no unscripted speech or even hand-lettered political sign was allowed. Within this totally controlled environment, the key personalities of the 1989-92 Bush Administration re-enacted the political ideology of yore. And the formal nomination of George W. Bush, took on the dimension of a dynastical transition.

Big Lie Economics

As with Al Gore's New Democrat totalitarians, the Republican Platform claims that there has been "unprecedented prosperity." The *big* difference is that the GOP claims it alone brought about the economic "success."

The Platform states: "Inspired by Presidents Reagan and Bush, Republicans hammered into place the framework for

today's prosperity and surpluses. We cut tax rates, simplified the tax code, deregulated industries, and opened world markets to American enterprise. The result was the tremendous growth in the 1980s that created the venture capital to launch the technology revolution of the 1990s. That's the origin of what is now called the New Economy: the longest economic boom in the 20th Century."

George W. Bush's key adviser on economic-financial policy is Lawrence B. Lindsey, former White House adviser to the senior George Bush and ex-member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (see article in this section).

The Platform reflects Lindsey's influence, especially on making tax cuts which would undermine the General Welfare clause of the Constitution. It says:

"The weak link in the chain of prosperity is the tax system. . . . It not only burdens the American people; it threatens to slow, and perhaps to reverse, the economic expansion. . . . It's time to change the tax system."

The second economic policy recipe is *free trade*, which, says the Platform, has produced "today's global economy of open markets" and "America's competitive advantage in the New Economy." The Platform proclaims: "We launched this revolution during the Reagan and Bush Administrations. Now we will bring it to completion: U.S. leadership of a global economy. . . . For American producers and consumers alike, the benefits of free trade are already enormous. In the near future, they will be incalculable."

But, the Platform cannot avoid mentioning that, despite endless "prosperity" and all the wonders of free trade, "America's trade deficit with the rest of the world has surged to record highs." Therefore, "free trade must be fair trade, within an open, rules-based international trading system. That will depend on American leadership, which has been lacking for the last eight years. . . . We will not tolerate the foreign practices, rules, and subsidization that put our exports on an unequal footing. . . . First and foremost, we must restore the credibility of U.S. trade leadership."

The buzz-word here is "rules-based." The Bush elites, which control the commodities cartels ranging from food to energy, make the rules, and will threaten any country that tries to defend its sovereignty against the rigged rules of globalization, with sanctions and other punishments. Like the original British Empire, the GOP's "free trade" is a weapon to crush nation-states.

International Alarm

The foreign policy planks of the Platform, rammed through without discussion or debate, are cause for international alarm. They add up to a program which would increase global tensions, chaos, and conflicts. In brief, the Platform, like the foreign policy team around George W. Bush, is the return of the "New World Order."

The point was underscored by the prominent roles given to those who ran the 1990-91 Gulf War. Speaking from the battleship *New Jersey* to the convention via video, Gen. Sir

George Shultz: Godfather of Bush's 'Vulcans'

Former Reagan Administration Secretary of State (1982-89) George Pratt Shultz was tapped by Texas Gov. George "Dubya" Bush to launch his Presidential Exploratory Committee in 1999. At the time, Shultz was a Distinguished Fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Peace, and Revolution, where Condoleezza Rice frequently served as a Senior Fellow.

Assisting Shultz on the Exploratory Committee was former Bush Administration Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, who is today the GOP Vice-Presidential nominee. Thus, Dubya called in the Republican "Old Guard" of the Reagan and Bush Administrations to explore his chances of being elected President.

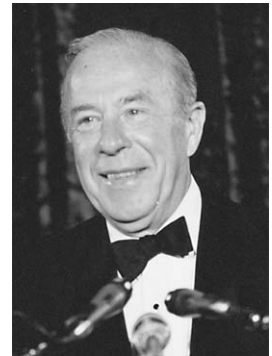
Shultz's greatest crimes occurred after he left office and from the Ivory Towers of the Hoover Institution. According to *EIR's* Special Report, *Bush's Surrender to Dope, Inc.: U.S. Policy Is Destroying Colombia*, Shultz had already called for drug legalization in October 1989.

In an Oct. 7, 1989 address to the Stanford Business School, Secretary Shultz told alumni that the time had come "to make it possible for addicts to buy drugs at some regulated place at a price that approximates their cost." Shultz argued that the "criminal justice approach" to fight-

ing drugs had failed, because what drives the drug trade is simply the economic marketplace. "These [criminal justice] efforts wind up creating a market where the price vastly exceeds the cost. With these incentives, demand creates its own supply and a criminal network along with it. . . . We're not going to get anywhere until we can take criminality out of the drug business. . . . We need at least to consider and examine forms of controlled legalization of drugs."

During the 1990s, Shultz began to campaign with "mega-speculator" George Soros to legalize drugs in the United States, through a series of state referenda. He worked with Soros's Lindesmith Center, which is named after a British detective who claimed that drug abuse was a "victimless crime," in a series of state referenda to obtain "medical decriminalization" of marijuana. Moreover, some of the state referenda (e.g., Arizona) in which Shultz gave his support to Soros's minions, would have legalized nearly all Schedule I drugs, making it possible for doctors to prescribe anything from "crack cocaine" to LSD, if they erroneously believed that such drugs had a "medicinal" purpose.

This certainly qualifies George P. Shultz to be called the "Godfather" of the "Vulcans."—*Scott Thompson*



Norman Schwarzkopf, the Gulf War commander, exclaimed: "Wouldn't it be great for our armed forces and for America, if we could have another commander in chief named George Bush with Dick Cheney on his team?" Cheney, the Vice-Presidential candidate, was Defense Secretary during the Gulf War. Another speaker, Gen. Sir Colin Powell, was then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In the 2000 GOP Platform, the section entitled "Principled American Leadership" features the following foreign and security policy elements:

- The prime enemy image is the "rogue state"; the regimes of such "rogue states" are to be removed.
- "Protecting the Fellowship of Freedom from Weapons of Mass Destruction," means that "America must deploy effective missile defenses." The Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty is characterized as "obsolete," and expanded National Missile Defense (NMD) is to be deployed. If a "negotiated agreement" to end the ABM treaty cannot be reached, the President will break it within six months, as allegedly allowed by the treaty.
- China is repeatedly identified as an American adver-

sary. The Platform makes the lurid claim, echoing 1950s McCarthyite propaganda, that "the [Clinton] Administration's failure to guard America's nuclear secrets is allowing China to modernize its ballistic missile force, thereby increasing the threat to our country and to our allies. The theft of vital nuclear secrets by China, represents one of the greatest security defeats in the history of the United States." Later, the Platform states that "America's key challenge in Asia is the People's Republic of China. . . . China is a strategic competitor, not a strategic partner."

- As if the 1950s Korean War never ended, and as if current moves toward North-South Korean reconciliation were not taking place, the Platform attacks North Korea as being "outside the international system," and calls on Americans, vis-à-vis the Korean Peninsula, to "honor the sacrifices of the past and remain prepared to resist aggression today."
- The Platform insists on radical NATO expansion, not only for Europe (notably the Baltic states), but into the Middle East and the Caucasus/Central Asia region as well: "We seek greater cooperation within NATO, to deal with the geopolitical problems of the Middle East and Eurasia."

- Respecting the Middle East, the Platform proclaims: “Immediately upon taking office, the next Republican President will begin the process of moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel’s capital, Jerusalem.”

- Concerning the Persian Gulf region, the Platform demands full support for “a comprehensive plan for the removal of Saddam Hussein. . . . Peace and stability in the Persian Gulf is impossible, as long as Saddam Hussein rules Iraq.” Full support is demanded for the discredited Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella organization of opposition groups built up by the British Foreign Office, and funded by the U.S. State Department, following passage of the Iraq Liberation Act by the U.S. Congress in 1998. Respecting Iran, the Platform labels the country “a dangerous threat to the U.S. and our interests in the region,” and demands a “firm, common approach” with Europe, toward Iran.

- Concerning high oil prices, the Platform alleges that they have been caused by “the OPEC cartel” raising prices, and the growing “Anti-Americanism” of Arab countries.

- Full support is given for extending the North American Free Trade Agreement throughout Ibero-America, and for using that as a model for “free trade” agreements in other parts of the world.

The Nightmare of Bush Senior’s Presidency

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In November 1992, American voters handed George Herbert Walker Bush a crushing defeat in his bid for re-election. Today, the campaign spin-doctors of George W.’s campaign are putting out the “Big Lie” that Daddy has nothing to do with junior’s future administration. The accompanying articles prove the case that George W. would bring back into power the key Bush League operatives, run by a powerful financier oligarchy as a “secret parallel government” that serves its own self-interested policies.

Bush’s ‘Secret Government’

In 1996, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. wrote that the elder Bush, from the time he became Vice President, had “used his nest in the National Security Council, and in the so-called ‘Focal Point’ operating under the cover of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, to create a vast, intricately crafted, privately funded, ‘secret government,’ whose corrupt, continuing activities have brought the constitutional institutions of all three branches of our Federal government to the verge of destruction.” Even with Bush out of elected office, he and his army of “knuckle-dragging” mercenaries were threatening the vital interests of the United States and the world, through the “New World Order,” said LaRouche.

Not only was President Bush the petty tyrant who jailed his major opponent, LaRouche, during the 1988 Presidential election, using police-state measures, but his Eastern Establishment family, through his father Prescott Bush, had helped to put Adolf Hitler into power, handling business deals for the Nazis (see article in this section).

This brief memorandum should remind readers what the Bush Presidency was all about. The information is drawn from three works published by *EIR*: the 1992 book, *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography*, and two 1996 Special Reports, *George Bush and the 12333 Serial Murder Ring*, and *Would a President Bob Dole Prosecute Drug Super-Kingpin George Bush?* *EIR* not only documented the workings of the secret government, but also prepared a draft indictment of President Bush for his role in the conspiracy to introduce cheap crack cocaine into the United States.

Not a single family in America was left unscathed by Bush’s deadly policies. Through Project Democracy and the Ollie North “Enterprise,” then-Vice President Bush flooded the United States with deadly crack cocaine from Colombia,

The Way Out of The Crisis

A 90-minute video of highlights from *EIR*’s April 21, 1999 seminar in Bonn, Germany.

Lyndon LaRouche was the keynote speaker, in a dialogue with distinguished international panelists: Wilhelm Hankel, professor of economics and a former banker from Germany; Stanislav Menshikov, a Russian economist and journalist; Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche from Germany; Devendra Kaushik, professor of Central Asian Studies from India; Qian Jing, international affairs analyst from China; Natalya Vitrenko, economist and parliamentarian from Ukraine.



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