

be, is that they are so enamored of their fanciful self-image of the role they intend to play on the mere stage of their historical fantasies, that they will do nothing to avert the real-world doom which acting out that fantasy imposes upon them. Thus, those who would play Olympian Zeus bring upon themselves the awful twilight of such self-anointed gods.

The dirty game by CFR and others, with the current *Tiananmen Papers*, is a harbinger of the early unleashing of but one among a wide-ranging series of Hitler-like crisis-management operations abroad.

If the members of the Congress, notably of the Senate, continue to placate the recent trend, then we shall all go virtually to Hell in this life, together, I to Heaven and heathen John Ashcroft to his well-earned racist's cranny in Hell.

These are the stakes for which we, of all nations, are all playing, unless we change the game.

## CFR Mobilizes For U.S.-China Crisis

by Kathy Wolfe

Late Friday, Jan. 5, the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its magazine *Foreign Affairs* began faxing worldwide, a press release entitled "The Tiananmen Papers." Clearly trying to evoke the memory of the "Pentagon Papers," which served to discredit the U.S. government during the Vietnam War, this CFR attempt to drag up the 1989 demonstrations in Beijing, and the Chinese military suppression of those demonstrations, is an intelligence operation against the current government of China. It is also an open declaration from the foremost bastion of the "liberal Eastern Establishment," that they will provide full support for those forces in the incoming Bush Administration who are trying to provoke a crisis with China, to justify "crisis-management" rule by decree.

Facing the worst financial crash in history, the Wall Street and London financiers who run and fund the CFR do not wish China, Japan, and South Korea to be cooperating with the member-nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the new ASEAN-Plus-3 alliance which could potentially create an Asian Monetary Fund, and overturn the current International Monetary Fund global system (see *EIR*, Dec. 8, 2000).

The CFR story appeared on the front pages of the Jan. 6 *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and other major U.S. and European press; it was the lead of the TV news, and of the Jan. 7 CBS News show "60 Minutes." It is being followed by major CFR press conferences on "The Tiananmen Papers" in New York on Jan. 11 and in Washington on Jan. 17, as well

as by CFR operations inside China itself.

The CFR's so-called hot news is the claim that, under the pseudonym Zhang Liang, "a loyal member of the Communist Party" has somehow smuggled out of China, tapes and transcripts of Deng Xiaoping being urged in 1989, by then-Premier Li Peng and Army brass such as Gen. Wang Zhen, to deploy the military to crush the demonstrations in Tiananmen Square. *Voilà*, these computer disks were brought to Columbia University's Dr. Andrew Nathan, Princeton's Dr. Perry Link, and other CFR officials, who are publishing them in the CFR journal *Foreign Affairs*, as a stand-alone book, and in a string of press releases abroad, trying to discredit the entire current Chinese leadership.

"The release of these papers at this time is a direct challenge to Jiang Zemin," who is due to step down in 2002, to Li Peng (who is now China's parliamentary chairman), and is an attempt to cause a succession crisis in China, Nathan told "60 Minutes." (Nathan is a top U.S. "Sinologist" and co-author of the *Foreign Affairs* article with Link.) "This is the sign of an intense power struggle—much more intense than the outside world appreciates," Nathan claimed. "Somebody very high in the Chinese government wants documents to come out that are the crown-jewel secrets of the Chinese political system."

Whether or not the tapes are authentic, the CFR is directly interfering into domestic Chinese politics. "60 Minutes" even had "Zhang Liang" on TV—speaking from Nathan's New York City office, with his face blacked out—to tell his tale and demand "reform." "The [CFR] experts say the documents' release is a strategic move by reform-minded [Beijing] officials to try to influence the choosing of the next Chinese President," CBS's Mike Wallace said.

Not only America's leading Sinologists, but also top Bush-league politicians are weighing in loudly. "The documents are clearly authentic," James Lilley, Bush Ambassador to Beijing in 1989, told "60 Minutes." "Deng was persuaded by his inner circle to kill these people. Li Peng was in the lead of it. . . . Reformers in the Communist Party are clearly trying to use these transcripts to embarrass Li Peng and Jiang before Jiang's term is up in 2002. Li Peng is their special target."

"Professor Nathan sees the documents as a crucial revival of the issues and ideas of Tiananmen that could determine the future of China," Wallace said. "Do we go back to what [liberal former Chinese Communist Party Chairman] Zhao Ziyang advocated and failed to carry out in 1989? That's the really big struggle over the future of China," Nathan told Wallace. "That is what these papers are about."

### Cui Bono? The Strategic Context

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Zhu Bangzao, called the papers an effort to "disrupt China by the despicable means of fabricating materials and distorting facts." However, the timing of the CFR's release of "The

Tiananmen Papers” has less to do with China’s 2002 succession, than with the Wall Street-CFR desire to have the new U.S. Administration provoke *whatever* convenient strategic crisis it can manufacture, in response to the financial crash.

The CFR “Tiananmen” story breaks just after the late-December appointment of Donald Rumsfeld and Paul O’Neill as U.S. Defense and Treasury Secretaries, as promoted by their former protégé, Vice President Richard Cheney. A July 1998 report of the “Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States,” chaired by Rumsfeld, promoted the idea that the United States needs to be concerned immediately about a nuclear threat to America from North Korea and China, and from various “rogue” states by 2003. Since the report was issued, *EIR* has received numerous statements by neo-conservative GOP Asia analysts, that any new GOP administration in 2001 would adopt this report whole-hog and set up North Korea and China as the new enemy image for the United States.

Other strategic context items include the Oct. 11 report by the Pentagon’s National Defense University, “The United States and Japan: Advancing Toward a Mature Partnership,” which calls on the United States to ditch the Clinton partnership with China, push Japan to rearm, and prepare for a military confrontation with China. “A large concentration of U.S. forces in Japan — approximately 75% — are stationed on Okinawa,” the report states, “because in matters of security, distance matters. Okinawa is positioned . . . only about one hour’s flying time from Taiwan, Korea, and the South China Sea.”

The CFR “Tiananmen Papers” story also breaks only weeks after CFR leader Winston Lord, with his blueblood Chinese wife Betty Bao Lord, who had been deeply involved in promoting the 1989 events in Beijing, visited both China and Taiwan.

It is also noteworthy that on Jan. 6, Japan’s Nikkei News reported that the U.S.-North Korea agreement is “already falling apart,” according to Bush-linked sources. The U.S. defense establishment, Nikkei reports, is already demanding that North Korea accept cancellation of the nuclear reactors promised by Clinton in 1994, in exchange for which Pyongyang stopped its own nuclear program. North Korean Chairman Kim Jong-il is already under intense criticism from his own military for going very far in the peace process with Clinton and President Kim Dae-jung in the South. Such a Bush insult to Pyongyang would be a red flag for the North Korean elite.

The CFR “Tiananmen Papers” ploy, and the provocations of North Korea, demonstrate that the “crisis-management” teams, from both sides of the supposed liberal/conservative “divide,” are preparing the way for the new administration’s foreign policy to be a disaster. The coincidence of the CFR domestic interference in Chinese politics, and Bush kicking Pyongyang in the face, will not be lost on the combined Chinese and North Korean military. It is deliberately meant to provoke them.

## The CFR’s and George Soros’s ‘Man in China’

by Michael O. Billington

Although the release of the so-called “Tiananmen Papers” by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York is primarily for Western consumption, it is also true that the CFR leadership of the Liberal Eastern Establishment in the United States, is issuing a declaration concerning the direction it prefers for Chinese economic and social policy. That preference is revealed by the figure put forward as the “hero” in all the commentaries on the release of the papers. Zhao Ziyang was Secretary General of the Chinese Communist Party and heir-apparent to senior statesman Deng Xiaoping at the time of the Tiananmen Square crisis in 1989. Columbia’s Prof. Andrew Nathan, the central figure in the preparation of the material for publication of the “Tiananmen Papers,” told Mike Wallace on the CBS show “Sixty Minutes”: “Do we go back to what Zhao Ziyang advocated and which he failed to carry out in 1989? Do we get back onto the track of evolution? That’s the really big struggle over the future of China. That is what these papers are about.”

Who is Zhao Ziyang? What is the “track” that these spokesmen for the dying beast on Wall Street demand for the Chinese nation, with the threat of sanctions and military confrontation emanating simultaneously from the incoming Bush Administration?

Zhao is portrayed as the advocate of democracy and freedom for the Chinese people, against the hard-liners, such as Deng Xiaoping and then-Premier Li Peng, who ordered the crackdown on the mass demonstrations in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989. However, the truth is that Zhao had become, by that time, the spokesman for the Anglo-American financial cartels and the rapacious “shock therapy” looting of the Chinese economy and the Chinese population, a policy that was subsequently implemented in Russia and the other East bloc nations in a manner now widely recognized as not only destructive, but genocidal (see Sergei Glazyev, *Genocide: Russia and the New World Order* [EIR News Service: Washington, D.C., 1999]).

In May 1981, a few years after Deng Xiaoping initiated the reform and “opening up” policies which saved China from the devastation of the Cultural Revolution, there was a conference in Beijing of David Rockefeller’s and Henry Kissinger’s Trilateral Commission. At that meeting, Chase Manhattan Bank’s chief, William C. Butcher, told Xinhua News Agency that China’s reform would only succeed if the leadership rejected large industry or great development projects in favor of labor-intensive production. Heavy industry and infrastruc-