

These two issues are absolutely connected: The only hope to save close to 1 million jobs in the auto industry, in GM, Delphi, Ford, and Visteon, is to go back to the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal, and this will only happen if there is a bipartisan coalition among Democrats and traditional Republicans. And this is exactly the combination which has come together against the policies of the neo-conservatives, as was shown in the 98-0 vote against torture in the Senate, in a direct rebuttal of Cheney.

Senator [Pat] Roberts made a commitment, that phase two of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence would focus on the central role of Vice President Cheney and his office, in fraudulently leading the nation to war and creating a parallel government, directly under his control. Congressman [John] Murtha, a very respected expert on military affairs who has been in the Congress for 31 years, led the charge against the entire defense legislation of the White House, and proposed a bill for an orderly withdrawal from Iraq, which found almost unanimous support from both Democrats and Republicans in the Congress. The attempted countermove by the neo-conservatives, to put a resolution for an “immediate withdrawal” up for vote, introduced by Duncan Hunter, was recognized as a stunt and a sham by the White House to discredit Murtha, and was voted down 403-3!

The fact that people like [Sen. John] McCain or [former CIA Director] Stansfield Turner now have such a clear position on the issue of torture is definitely related to the in-depth investigation of this issue, conducted by the LaRouche movement, tracing the neo-conservative tradition back from Leo Strauss, to Carl Schmitt, Alexandre Kojève, Nietzsche, Joseph de Maistre, and the Inquisition in Spain in the 16th Century, hailing torture as a legitimate means of political control. The three printings of the “Children of Satan” pamphlets, exposing this, were distributed in several million copies inside the United States, and internationally. To get Cheney out now is the crucial issue, if civilization is to be saved.

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Jacques Cheminade

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## Destroying Culture Destroys Nations

*Jacques Cheminade, a French Presidential candidate in 2007 and a collaborator of Lyndon LaRouche, spoke on the panel on national sovereignty in the cultural domain. We publish here extracts of his speech. Sharing the podium with him was French humorist Dieudonné Mbala Mbala, who in the last couple of years, has been demonized and even taken to court,*

*for having dared to humorously question the cultural and political hegemony enjoyed by extreme forms of Zionism, simply because these currents are protected by the Bush Administration’s neo-conservatives. Cheminade and Dieudonné agreed on the fact that there is more liberty in Israel’s parliament than in the Paris political scene. Participants in the round table also vigorously protested against the same violation of freedom of speech in France, when it comes to historiography on the former U.S.S.R., totally dominated today by neo-conservative intellectuals such as Stephane Courteois.*

Philippe Pétain, Minister of War after the events of February 1934, visited the gap of 44 kilometers in the French fortifications, between Montmédy and Sedan. The most vulnerable place in our deployment against a Nazi military offensive had not been prepared for war. Pétain’s judgment was that that sector was “not dangerous.” Nothing was done to ensure the defense of our national territory . . . and the debacle ensued.

Today, the question of national sovereignty poses itself in the same way in the cultural domain, and we are showing the same kind of suspicious non-preparedness as France in the thirties.

Indeed, the sub-culture, the counterculture is flooding us, destroying the very concept of the nation-state, and of national sovereignty, threatening to create today the same effects produced yesterday by Guderian’s tanks. . . .

This is why my intervention here is a call to rise up, addressed to France but also to all other developed countries, including the United States of America, as well as to those countries and peoples of the world, humiliated and offended by a conception which reduces human beings to their animal qualities, their desire to possess, to dominate, and to “have” as opposed to “to be.”

A call to rise up against what, against whom? We know that today power has been kidnapped in Washington, by a handful of neo-conservatives, proponents of preventive war, of permanent war, of constant intimidation against anything that opposes their plans, including by torture and violation of the nuclear weapons taboo. . . .

### **The Battle for the Mind**

However, we understand less well that the war against the human mind—what Dr. William Sargant called, without scruples, “the battle for the mind,” or that which Dr. Sidney Gottlieb worked on during the MK-Ultra project—is a more fundamental stake.

Let us see what Gen. Paul Valley (ret.), former commander of the 7th Group of Psychological Operations of the American Army, expressed openly about the liberticide policy of his group, the group against which Eisenhower had warned in his farewell speech of 1961, calling it the “military-industrial complex.”

General Valley wrote: “Strategic MindWar must begin the moment war is considered to be inevitable. . . . To this

end, MindWar must be strategic in emphasis, with tactical applications playing a reinforcing, supplementary role. In its strategic context, MindWar must reach out to friends, enemies, and neutrals alike across the globe, neither through primitive 'battlefield' leaflets and loudspeakers of PSYOPS [psychological operations], nor through the weak, imprecise, and narrow effort of psychotronics, but through the media possessed by the United States which have the capabilities to reach virtually all people on the face of the Earth. These media are, of course the *electronic* media, television and radio. State-of-the-art developments in satellite communication, video recording techniques, and laser and optical transmission of broadcasts, make possible a penetration of the minds of the world such as would have been inconceivable just a few years ago."

General Valley is not an isolated individual, practicing out-of-the-ordinary methods. It's around his group of special operations that the complicity which made 9/11 possible, occurred; . . . that false "proofs" concerning the weapons of mass destruction purportedly held by Saddam Hussein, were concocted. William J. Luti, Lewis Libby, David Addington, Douglas Feith, and Stephen Cambone, within the Office of Special Plans of the Pentagon; the Non-Proliferation Bureau at the State Department, then under the orders of John Bolton; and the Iraqi National Congress of Ahmed Chalabi: that was the machine for fabricating proofs. It's this same group that slandered France's stance on the Iraq War. The name of Michael Ledeen which just emerged in this context, is particularly revealing: He was the author of a 1972 of book entitled *Universal Fascism*.

### The Congress for Cultural Freedom

While Vice President Cheney is the protector and god-father of those men, one must look much farther . . . to the Congress for Cultural Freedom, launched in Berlin, and based in Paris starting in 1950. With its twin organization, the American Committee for the Freedom of Culture, this operation was sponsored by American intelligence, in principle, to counter the cultural warfare of the "Soviet Communists." Frances Stonor Saunders exposed this operation in her remarkable book *Who Is Leading the Dance? The CIA and the Cultural War* (Granta Books, 1999; Denoël, 2003 editions). Our movement, the International Caucus of Labor Committees, the Schiller Institute, and Solidarité et Progrès, denounced it in "The Children of Satan, Synarchy and the Strategy of Tension, and the Beastmen of the Cheney Administration."

This was a cultural initiative aimed at the masses, based on the idea of destroying national cultures in order to impose a counterculture, eliminating all ties between emotion and reason, flattering instincts and bestial desire among human beings and weakening the limit of tolerance towards that which is intolerable. It was a mental preparation for a fascist policy. It is historically established that this operation was

financed by the CIA, thanks to the counterpart funds of the Marshall Plan, a sum of nearly \$200 billion per year. One should note that it was Averell Harriman who controlled those funds, distributed by Frank Wisner; the same Averell Harriman who, during the '30s, organized conferences on eugenics and racial selection, in New York, with German "experts."

Why speak about all this today? Because their operation of cultural deformation has reached its climax: A society of immediate gains, of exclusion, of social control, and of triage, corresponds to an existentialist sub-culture of degradation and derision, going from Star' Ac or Koh-Lânta to the indecent fooling around of Jan Fabré at the Avignon Festival, a Jan Fabré who writes: "The vitality that I am searching for is sometimes close to that of the animal."

Jean Jaurès wrote in 1901: "Every human individual has the right to full growth. He has the right to demand from humanity all that can confirm its development. He has the right to work, to produce, to create without any category of human being submitting his work to usury or to a yoke." Echoing that, we must respond that in order to avoid this "end of history" of the Fukuyamas and his "universal fascist" friends, we must look with the eyes of the future, in order to be loyal to those who changed their lives and improved the world in the past. The fall of Dick Cheney and his allies, which we hope will come soon and for which we still have to fight, will eliminate any excuse we have not to act.

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