Persian Gulf Crisis

What is controlling the unstable President George Bush?

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There are certain features of President George Bush's increasingly frantic behavior which must be looked at a second time—a double-take, so to speak. At the beginning, George Bush's administration repeatedly invited or lured Saddam Hussein of Iraq to do his pleasure, more or less, with Kuwait, assuring the President of Iraq that the United States had no interest in Kuwait in this matter.

The most publicized version of several assurances to this effect from the U.S. government to the government of Iraq, is the case of U.S. Ambassador to Iraq April Glaspie's assurances to Saddam Hussein a few days before the Aug. 2 occupation of Kuwait by Iraqi forces.

The immediate reaction of President Bush to the events of Aug. 2 was a very tempered one—at least in public—and continued to be so until the President met with the now-former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at their Colorado session. The appearance is that Mrs. Thatcher brainwashed President Bush, turned him around, and put him on the course which he has apparently been on, in the main at least, ever since.

But then, there are other peculiarities. As we know, the Iraqis and the Arabs about Aug. 6 were attempting to put together what is called an Arab solution. And, if the United States had followed its traditional pattern of dealing with these matters in concert with the Europeans, it would have allowed what I had suggested occur, the Arab solution: that is, an Arab negotiation with Iraq as a partner, coming up with a package which would then be referred to the attention of the United States and the relevant Europeans, with the idea that in this way a package suitable to all could be put together, a diplomatic package.

But the President, under pressure from Mrs. Thatcher in particular, rejected this, and by Aug. 10, the United States was essentially committed to launching a military assault upon Iraq. That was at least the posture: no compromise, no negotiations, no discussion—simply an ultimatum. And, the ultimatum became increasingly harsh as the United States said we are not satisfied with Saddam Hussein's withdrawal from Kuwait, we want a massive disarmament of Iraq.

Then, in December, following the passage of the U.N. ultimatum resolution, President Bush issued an offer for seri-

ous discussions between the government of Iraq and the government of the United States. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was invited to come to Washington to meet the President; and it was requested that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III be invited to Baghdad to meet with the President of Iraq. All fine. The dates for this proposed set of meetings given by the President were, of course, before the deadline of Jan. 15. Iraq complied, setting a date of Jan. 12 for the meeting with Baker.

Bush capitulates

But meanwhile, the President had received maximum pressure from both London and from the Israelis, and the Israeli lobby, so-called—the so-called Zionist Lobby—inside the United States.

Under pressure from London and the Israeli or Zionist Lobby, and from the government of Israel itself at the time of the visit of Prime Minister Yitzak Shamir of Israel, Bush capitulated, and concocted pretexts for aborting a series of meetings with Iraqi representatives which he himself had set into motion.

That has been the pattern ever since.

The question has been, repeatedly, whether George Bush is actually initiating the kinds of policies and measures which are radiating from him, or whether he is being pushed into policies associated with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, under pressure from London and Israel. Is George Bush a manipulated puppet of either London or Israel, or both?

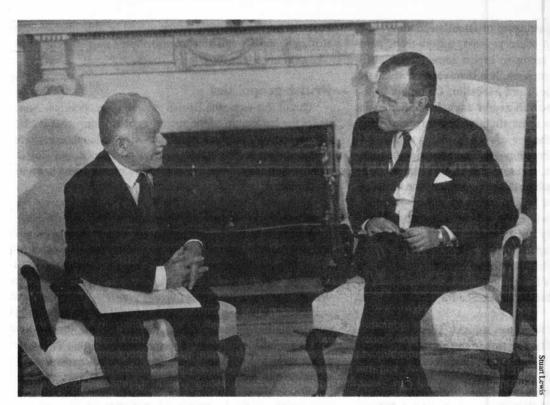
In other words, is Israel leading London, or is London controlling Israel?

It's important for various reasons to have a clear picture on this. Otherwise, mistakes will be made, including the danger of an anti-Semitic upsurge in horrified reaction to the kind of war which might erupt if the present course of action continues.

Britain's Venetian Party

One view is that the Israelis are, in effect, controlling London and Washington. Now, it certainly appears that the so-called Zionist Lobby of Edgar Bronfman et al. is control-

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ling a lot of the Congress, and seems to be controlling the Republican Party—at least from the top, from the Bush administration—whether by reason of blackmail over Mr. Bush's so-called peccadillos in dealing with the Contra and other related operations, or whatever reason. There may be an element of truth in that, but that certainly is not the deeper, longer historical truth.

Although the U.S. Middle East policy follows the line of a Zionist policy, I suggest an historical fact to back me up, that this policy does not originate with Israel or with Israeli circles as such. Rather, it is a long-standing policy of a faction in Britain long known as the Venetian Party of Britain.

From the end of the 13th century until the middle of the 17th century, the Jews were expelled from Britain, were unlawful in Britain. During the middle of this process—about the middle of the 16th century, a century before Jews were legalized in Britain—what is called a British Israeli faction erupted in such locations as Oxford and Cambridge Universities, where the practice of cabbalism, a Middle Eastern cult which is not Judaic in origin but is simply a heathen cult which was introduced into Judaism from the outside, became highly popular.

This cult of cabbalism, the so-called Oxbridge cabbalist movement, or the British Israelite movement, came to be at the center of the policy of people around Lord Cecil and the famous Francis Bacon and his evil brother. The British Israelite policy has nothing to do with biological or religious Jews as such, at least not in the tradition of Moses and Philo,

but is a cult, a part of a very special feature of British Freemasonry, or British pro-Freemasonic movements shading into outright satanic movements such as those of John Ruskin's or Aleister Crowley's circles—Anthroposophists, Theosophists, and so forth.

That is the center of the policy for this Middle East operation. My view is, first of all, on this point, that the utopian policy which the President has been suckered into supporting, the so-called "New World Order," is a British-origin cult policy, and that the President is essentially a puppet of the Anglo-American circles associated with this British policy. The Jewish element in this is, by and large, particularly as it pertains to Israel, simply a controlled feature, a puppet of the British-centered Anglo-American faction behind these evil, utopian policies which are now controlling the White House.

Changes forced upon Israel

Let's look at Israel.

With all the things you can say about Israel, which are not nice, prior to 1967, the fact is, about the 1967 war period—before, after, and during—a change occurred in Israel. Israel was put on the track of becoming a post-industrial society—much as the United States and Britain were put on a similar track—under the influence of a group called the Millionaires' Club, which represents effectively the assets of this British Venetian Party faction to which I referred earlier.

Look at this a little more closely.

What is the present structure of Israel's economy? It is no longer, in a civilian sense at least, a high-tech, agroindustrial economy. It seems to export some things which are high-tech, such as weapons. It is involved heavily in the international drug traffic, from Medellín, Colombia to the Far East; and it may also still export a few legal diamonds, and who knows, maybe some slightly-used foreskins. But, Israel has been transformed.

The kind of transformation—this combination of hightech in the military area, and low-tech in everything else—reminds one of the cult which developed among the Philadelphia Navy Yard circle of L. Ron Hubbard, Robert Heinlein, et al., during and following World War II. Israel has been transformed into a kooky Robert Heinlein, or L. Sprague de Camp, kind of military agency in the Middle East. And, that is the kind of policy which seems to be advocated by the backers of that faction of Israel, particularly the present government of the Ariel Sharon-Yitzak Shamir crowd in Israel today.

I think it's important to get this straight. There is a danger of a simplistic anti-Semitic reaction to the horrors which are probably about to erupt in the Middle East. It is important to recognize what the issues are.

Back away from the specific issue of the Israeli factor, or the Zionist factor, so-called, the apparent and real: What's the real cause for this deployment in the Middle East? What is the real meaning of the New World Order?

Hanotaux and the industrialization of Eurasia

What very few people are willing to face today—partly because they've been brainwashed into accepting a propagandistic as opposed to real version of history—is the fact that the British, in the main, started World War I, and since World War II is merely a continuation of World War I, are responsible for the world wars of this century.

People will react in a shocked way: "Oh, that's incredible. Who can believe such things?" they will say. But nonetheless, it's true.

The movement for peace and development in the world centered upon France in the early 1890s. It centered around a French diplomatic figure, a bit of a genius, and a courageous figure: Gabriel Hanotaux of France. Hanotaux was linked with people of influence around the world such as Sergei Count Witte, a very influential fellow in Russia; with circles in Japan, which were progressive, and so forth. And, what Hanotaux and his friends were doing, was attempting to liberate China from the horrors of the British domination it was suffering at that time, as part of a general industrialization of Eurasia—that is, the uplifting of the condition of the people of Eurasia. And there were friends of Hanotaux's in Germany, notably in Russia, in Japan, and among Chinese patriots, who shared that view.

The British saw this project of Hanotaux and others as a danger to the British Empire. The danger they defined as a

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Eurasian power emerging which would be able to challenge Britain's empire, and challenge Britain's ongoing efforts to take over or re-take the United States.

British geopolitics

Out of this came the British version of geopolitics. And, under the leadership of the socialists of Britain—that is, the Fabian society, and similar circles—Britain launched efforts to destabilize the continent, and to pit France and Russia against Germany, in particular, in the manner which led to World War I.

Now, one should not let the Kaiser, nor particularly the Emperor of Austria, nor the French, or others, off the hook for their folly in these matters. But the fact is, that the culpability of these fellows was their culpability in being dupes of a British geopolitical plot, in which our own President—for example, Teddy Roosevelt—played a key part in causing World War I, and implicitly, World War II.

What has happened now is quite similar. The inevitable transformation in Russia, that is, the fact that the transformation is inevitable because of economic and other developments, coupled with the tendency to unify Eurasia around scientific and technological progress in economic development, was viewed in most circles in London, particularly those of Conor Cruise O'Brien and the Thatcher circles, as a horror; and, every effort was made to destroy that—and to destroy Japan at the same time.

We have in the United States idiots, maniacs, who wish to substitute for the enemy Russia, new enemies—our allies Japan and Germany, and the poor nations of the Third World we intend to exploit, to treat like slaves—to regulate their population with food control, famine, and disease. We make ourselves more evil than Adolf Hitler ever dreamed of becoming—at least, on the record—with these kinds of projects. And, it is noted, that if the Anglo-Americans, with the complicity of the terrified Europeans, conduct a war which leads to the virtual destruction of 60% of the world's petroleum supplies in the Gulf region, that this will be a weapon which would tend to destroy any possibility, at least in the immediate future, of a Eurasian economic development, of peace in Eurasia.

That's what's afoot.

It is a fact, that although the British are principally responsible for the causes of the war in the Gulf—they orchestrated the whole situation, they orchestrated Iraq, they orchestrated Kuwait, they orchestrated other circumstances—that the United States intelligence services were witting parts, together with the diplomatic services, in luring Saddam Hussein into Kuwait, for the purpose of sandbagging him, for setting up this operation to create the New World Order. And the kindest word for the New World Order, is that it is exactly, in Anglo-American terms of reference, what Hitler proposed 50 years ago. It's not worth dying for. It may be worth dying to prevent.