

The coup against Clinton continues, and threatens war

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On Feb. 26, President Clinton delivered a major foreign policy address at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco. The speech was vintage Clinton. The President reiterated his personal commitment to building strategic partnerships with Russia and China, he pledged to devote the final years of his Presidency to true peace in the Middle East, he vowed to reverse the worsening crisis in Africa, and he warned of the dangers of unchecked globalization. The President meant every word he spoke.

But, there was one gigantic problem with the President's lofty declarations. The problem was not contained in the words he delivered. The problem was, that, even as he was speaking before the large, friendly crowd in San Francisco, the majority of his own cabinet members — led by Vice President Albert Gore, Jr. — were working around-the-clock to undermine every goal the President enumerated. The impeachment travesty led by independent counsel Kenneth Starr and the Congressional GOP may have ended, but the London-Wall Street-led drive to destroy the Clinton Presidency “by other means,” and to bring down the United States along with it, has not abated, but rather, intensified since the impeachment was defeated.

Until President Clinton wakes up to this reality, he will be faced with the greatest insurrection against an American President since the Confederate secession against Abraham Lincoln. Furthermore, with people like Vice President Gore and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton in the inner circle, President Clinton has real live Confederates storming the White House from the inside!

Conflicting agendas

At the outset of his San Francisco speech, President Clinton proudly observed: “For the first time since before the rise

of fascism early in this century, there is no overriding threat to our survival or our freedom. Perhaps for the first time in history, the world's leading nations are not engaged in a struggle with each other for security or territory. The world clearly is coming together.”

But, if Gore and the Principals Committee have their way, President Clinton will be made to eat those words — in a matter of weeks, or months at most.

While the President was speaking of his personal commitment “to use the time I have remaining in this office to push for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, to encourage the Israelis and Palestinians to reach a just and final settlement, and to stand by our friends for peace, such as Jordan,” Defense Secretary William Cohen and Shelton were paving the way for a new Middle East war, one in which Israel has publicly threatened to use tactical nuclear weapons against some Arab nation. The Cohen-Shelton duo is reading from the same London-written script, as Israel's war-mongering trio — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Moshe Arens, and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon — whether they know it or not.

On March 1, U.S. warplanes dropped more than 30 laser-guided bombs on Iraqi military targets in the north of the country. It was the largest one-day bombing operation in the undeclared air war against Iraq. That conflict has dramatically escalated since the Clinton administration implemented new rules of engagement at the end of January, authorizing pilots to target a wider range of air defense facilities, and not requiring them to limit their attacks to specific units that threaten them, during patrols of the two no-fly zones.

On the same day, Defense Secretary Cohen told reporters, “We responded to attacks upon our aircraft by targeting



President Bill Clinton speaking with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry H. Shelton (left), as Defense Secretary William Cohen (center) looks on. If President Clinton genuinely wants to spend the final months of his Presidency making peace, he is going to have to first declare war—against the insurrectionists inside his own Cabinet, starting with Vice President Al Gore, Shelton, Cohen, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

those facilities that allowed the Iraqi forces to place our pilots in jeopardy.” A senior Pentagon official told reporters that the United States has prepared a list of Iraqi military targets to be taken out, and is now deploying fighter planes in the vicinity, in hopes of drawing fire, and thus justifying an attack. The United States is employing satellite and other high-altitude tracking systems for target-acquisition for these attacks.

Another escalation vs. Iraq

A Pentagon source confirmed that in late February there was another escalation of the rules of engagement, beyond what was set out on Jan. 26. Under the new rules, pilots can attack generic command and control installations, including sites not linked to Iraq’s air defenses. Cohen elaborated: “The pilots have been given greater flexibility to attack those systems which place them in jeopardy. They are not simply going to respond to [an anti-aircraft battery] or to a SAM [surface-to-air missile] site. They can go after command-and-control and communications centers as well that allow Saddam Hussein to try to target them and put them in jeopardy.”

On Feb. 28, U.S. warplanes took out a communications center that serviced a major oil pipeline into Turkey. The site was 25 miles from the northern city of Mosul. “We did in fact target a communications facility, which may or may not have interrupted the flow of oil temporarily going into Turkey,” Cohen admitted. The *Washington Post* described the escalating air war as “the only military course of action that a war-weary Congress and the Gulf Arab countries will agree to,” according to senior administration officials interviewed for the article.

The *Post* also reported that, according to Pentagon officials, “the United States, Britain and Turkey have signed a first-of-its kind agreement on the technical rules of engagement for air operations in the north, that will give pilots even greater flexibility to decide when to fire their weapons. . . . The new arrangement means pilots will not need to call back to the base for permission to fire, once they have located a target.”

The policy of conducting an undeclared air war against Iraq was first shoved down President Clinton’s throat last December, as he was facing the House impeachment vote,

and as he was travelling in the Middle East, in a futile effort to wrestle Netanyahu back into compliance with the Wye Accords. Since the President capitulated to the Principals Committee's "unanimous" demand that he authorize the bombing of Iraq, the war has been escalating step-by-step, in a pathetic replay of the Vietnam War.

Furthermore, as the U.S. and British air war against Iraq was intensifying, driving an even deeper wedge between the United States and some of its staunchest Arab allies, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, one of the few Clinton loyalists still in government, returned from a trip to Moscow in late February, to ring the alarm bells that U.S.-Russian relations have reached a six-year low — as the result of the U.S.-British brazen warfare against Iraq.

The 'new NATO' doctrine

The Persian Gulf events have been compounded by several other simultaneous developments. First, with President Clinton still under the impeachment threat, the Gore team in the White House froze Russia out of the effort to avert a new Balkan war over Kosova. Recall, that when President Clinton interceded with the Dayton peace talks to bring an end to the genocide in Bosnia, he was careful to seek out Russian cooperation and partnership in the peacekeeping effort. Securing that Russian aid proved vital. Up until March, both Russia and China, permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, were not so closely consulted by Washington and London. Responding to the menacing character of the British and "Gorey" American behavior, China exercised its veto authority at the UN Security Council, against renewing the peacekeeping mission's charter in Macedonia. Only in the past few days has President Clinton personally interceded, to get some level of cooperation going with Moscow.

But, beyond the volatile specifics of the renewed Serbian provocations against Kosova, the plan to deploy NATO troops as peacekeepers, *sans* Russia, inside Yugoslavia, is a trial balloon for a more far-reaching plan to transform NATO into a global, nuclear gendarmerie.

In April, NATO will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, with a major conference in Washington. Both Cohen and Shelton have made it clear that they, along with British Defense Secretary George Robertson, plan to use the occasion to ram through a this "new NATO" doctrine, based on worldwide "out-of-area" deployments, using mobile "rapid reaction forces." Even President Clinton made a veiled reference to the upcoming NATO celebration in his San Francisco speech.

Such a world government scheme, first elaborated decades ago by the British intelligence spin-master H.G. Wells, in such "fictional" writings as *The Shape of Things to Come*, is being pursued, with Hitlerian glee, by the Principals Committee, in full partnership with British Prime Minister Tony

Blair and the entire British Crown apparatus.

These insanely provocative plans have not gone unnoticed.

Three stages to military 'globalization'

Noted defense specialist Prof. John Erickson of the University of Edinburgh, in a discussion with *EIR* on March 5, warned that the Washington NATO celebration will be a "dress rehearsal for the globalization of NATO." The first stage is the actual enlargement of NATO, the second stage is the extension of NATO "out of area," and the third is the carrying out of NATO operations not sanctioned by the United Nations Security Council, he warned.

Erickson added that "the globalists are playing a very dangerous game, it will be military operations by diktat. There were already hints of this at the Wehrkunde meeting in Munich," a reference to the annual defense symposium that took place in February (see *EIR*, Feb. 26, pp. 38-40).

He said that the "globalization of NATO" strategy also involves "a new kind of warfare, along the lines of what General Shelton is promoting: air power, special forces, and so on. This will also involve use of tactical nuclear weapons. That is something that should be watched closely."

A further element in the picture, Erickson continued, is the strategy of "partitioning countries." This is already moving into an advanced stage in Iraq, where there has been a change in "the rules of engagement" that nobody is willing to discuss openly. But beyond Iraq, former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, in his latest book, openly promotes "the partitioning of Russia; the western bit goes to us, the eastern bit goes to the Far East or China, and the middle bit is a black hole."

Needless to say, if any of this "new NATO" insanity goes forward in April, or if the escalating undeclared war against Iraq continues for much longer, Russia, China, India, and many other nations in Eurasia will be driven to make a decisive break with the United States.

Under those circumstances, with madmen like Netanyahu, Sharon, and Arens threatening the first use of tactical nuclear weapons against an Arab target, the world could move very close to the kind of global showdown that most sane people, including President Clinton, had hoped would end once and for all, with the close of the Cold War.

If the President genuinely wants to spend the final months of his Presidency making peace, he is going to have to first declare war — against the insurrectionists inside his own Cabinet, starting with Gore, Shelton, and Cohen. Cohen, Shelton, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright must go, if the President's agenda is to be fulfilled. Vice President Gore must be publicly exposed for his role in peddling this Wellsian nightmare, and his status as the self-professed "shoo-in" Democratic candidate for the 2000 Presidency must be deflated.