fessor Norbert Wiener.7

One of the principal centers for the propagation of the Cybernetics project, was a Kurt Lewin-founded project at the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)'s Research Laboratory for Electronics (RLE).<sup>8</sup> Assembled there, over the course of the post-war 1940s and 1950s, were such figures as Hutchins' asset from Chicago, Macy Foundation figure Professor Warren McCulloch, and McCulloch's unfortunate Walter Pitts. Soon, Professor

7. My own study of the activities of the Cybernetics project of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, dates from the very early 1950s, a study based, to a significant degree, on back-tracking primary sources of the material reflected in the publications of that Foundation. This study included intensive examination of the work of persons associated with Tjalling Koopmans et al. of the Operations Research Society, and related sources from the early 1950s, such as Herbert A. Simon, on econometrics and other information-theory-related topics. During the 1970s, a task-force from among my associates conducted a fairly exhaustive investigation of the overlap of this material, with the background and operations of Brigadier Dr. John Rawling Rees' launching of British psychological warfare capabilities associated with the London Tavistock Clinic. More recently, my colleague Jeffrey Steinberg, and other veterans of the latter, 1970s investigation, have supplemented our respective, earlier investigations into this matter, by back-tracking sources referenced by Steve Joshua Heims' book, The Cybernetics Group (Cambridge, Mass. and London: The MIT Press, 1991).

8. Lewin, whose death precluded a personally active role in the later phases of the Cybernetics cult, is otherwise distinguished by his role in shaping the work of the National Training Laboratories (NTL). On Lewin's and NTL's relations to the current policies of the National Education Association (NEA), see *Will You Allow Your Children To Be Spiritually Molested?*, *New Federalist* pamphlet, August 1993.

Marvin Minsky arrived to participate in the MIT side of what become known as the "artificial intelligence" project. Karl Korsch lurked in that precinct, where he came to be close to Pennsylvania-trained linguistics specialist, Russellite Noam Chomsky. Early on, already during the late 1940s, the RAND Corporation sponsored some projects at MIT's RLE, and, with the establishment of the U.S. Air Force, that section of the Pentagon took up some of the work.

Out of this same panoply of radical positivism, came the infamous MK-Ultra and related psychedelic experiments on, often, unwitting victims. These programs, which were imported from Brigadier Dr. John Rawlings Rees' and Eric Trist's Rockefeller-funded London Tavistock Clinic's work, are typified by the revival of hallucinatory rituals dating to no later than the ancient Phrygian cult of Dionysus-Satan, as shown in the development and use of synthetic ergotamine, now popularly recognized as LSD. All of this deeply involved Russell and H.G. Wells crony, Hollywood figure, and Aleister Crowley cultist Aldous Huxley.<sup>10</sup> In the midst of this, were symbolic contributions from the mystical circles of C.J. Jung. Lines of activity such as "spoon bending," psychedelic romps, and the search for "artificial intelligence," shared a common parentage with the broader environment of decadence which had exploded to the surface in the so-called intellectual cen-

## Gore pal calls for jihad against science

Bill Joy, chief scientist at Silicon Valley's Sun Microsystems, borrowed a page from H.G. Wells in the April 2000 issue of *Wired* magazine, the pop-cult cybernetics journal of Royal Dutch Shell Corp.'s Global Business Network. Warning that the next generation of scientific discoveries in the fields of nanotechnology, genetic engineering, and robotics spell doom for mankind, Joy called for suppression of scientific work in these areas, and for the creation of a world science police, to ensure that scientists, in the next decades, do not produce "thinking machines" that replace human beings, and might eventually exterminate the human race.

"The twenty-first-century technologies—genetics, nanotechnology, and robotics (GNR)—are so powerful," he wrote, "that they can spawn whole new classes of accidents and abuses.... I think it is no exaggeration to say we are

on the cusp of the further perfection of extreme evil, an evil whose possibility spreads well beyond that which weapons of mass destruction bequeathed to the nation-states, on to a surprising and terrible empowerment of extreme individuals."

Joy specifically called for the revival of Pugwash, the Bertrand Russell-Leo Szilard world government forum, to take the lead in the suppression of GNR research.

Joy's insane underlying axiomatic assumption, which he shares with the Unabomber, Ted Kaczynski, is that of the original Cybernetics Group of the 1940s and '50s: Man is nothing more than a complex machine, devoid of any divine qualities. Human creativity is a purely mechanical process, that will, eventually, be replicated by "smart" computers and robots, capable of superior thinking and, unlike human beings, capable of living forever.

Joy's *Wired* magazine propaganda piece in support of putting a straitjacket on science, in order to ward off a some imagined, sci-fi future holocaust, has been given broad coverage in the *Washington Post*. Joy is part of the Silicon Valley friends of Al Gore.—*Jeffrey Steinberg* 

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<sup>9.</sup> e.g., Marvin Minsky, "Steps Toward Artificial Intelligence," (Oct. 24, 1960) *Proceedings of the IRE*, January 1961.

<sup>10.</sup> See *Dope, Inc.: The Book That Drove Kissinger Crazy* (Washington, D.C.: Executive Intelligence Review, 1992).