

Editorial

Can We Salvage This Presidency?

President George W. Bush's threat to go to war, issued the evening of March 19, challenges all thinking patriots of our republic to redouble our efforts to salvage both our Constitution, and a pathetically erring sitting President himself, from this folly.

First, we must emphasize two facts concerning the personal behavioral aspects of the President's decision. First, factually, this President's well-known, limited emotional and intellectual capacities for coping with reality, are most clearly expressed by his Administration's hysterical efforts to deny both the reality of the presently accelerating collapse of the U.S. economy, and the most obvious of the related realities of the world strategic situation.

Second, factually, a malicious pack of advisors, only typified by such Leo-Straussian "Children of Satan" as Ashcroft, Wolfowitz, and William Kristol, have succeeded in exploiting these weaknesses of the President upon whom they prey, to induce him to act not only against the advice of the relevant professionally qualified advisors in these and related domestic and foreign affairs, but to have adopted what had been proven publicly as lies—lies which have been among the obviously integral goads of his own manic, flight-forward lurch toward a needless and reckless war of incalculable ultimate consequences.

As a matter of policy, I must state the following summary characterizations of the immoral character of the military action now threatened by the President.

1. The President has now virtually committed himself to launch an internationally outlawed "preventive war." The chief precedents for such a form of war are those of Adolf Hitler, as against Czechoslovakia in 1938, and Poland in 1939. Even worse, the chief apologists for this internationally outlawed behavior, are those like Vice-President Cheney, Attorney-General Ashcroft, and others, whose public arguments for Nazi-like "preventive" nuclear and other wars—and also for Nazi-like police-state law in the U.S.A. itself—are di-

rectly reflections of the influence of the late Professor Leo Strauss's promotion of the Nazi law doctrine of Strauss's own sponsor, the Carl Schmitt who had been the author of the Weimar emergency law which was used to establish Hitler as dictator.

2. The President's commitment creates the spectacle of the world's greatest military power crushing a ruined and relatively helpless people of an impoverished nation with less than one-tenth the population of the U.S.A. Under those circumstances, the argument that Iraq threatens the U.S.A., is cause for remedial action by the relevant statesmen's psychiatrists, not "preventive" force of arms against the pitiable intended victim of the military attack.

3. The possibility of general security of this planet is typified by what now depends upon the accelerating trends toward long-term economic cooperation among the principal and other nations of continental Eurasia, and a growing orientation of the ruined United Kingdom toward partnership in such long-term Eurasian development.

Under the real condition of a planet stricken by the hopeless economic condition of the post-1971 world monetary-financial system, the welfare and security of all humanity requires any sane President of the U.S.A. to seek to play a leading contributing role in bringing about a new economic prosperity based upon the imperative of all our nation's great Presidents: an enduring community of principle among the respectively perfectly sovereign republics of the planet.

If we can free an erring President Bush from the grip of those "Children of Satan" who are otherwise associated with Conrad Black's Hudson Institute's "Bull Moose" project for 2004, that happier condition of our planet is now in reach. To that end, constructive forms of cooperation with our European partners, is presently the first line of defense of our own national security.

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