

Editorial

Cheney-Protection Racket Is Deadly

It's been over a year since Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche charged that Joe Lieberman's Democratic Leadership Council and Terry McAuliffe's Democratic National Committee were running a "protection racket for Dick Cheney" against LaRouche's drive for the Vice President's impeachment. Now, with LaRouche's 20-month mobilization on the brink of forcing Cheney out, the truth of his charge is being obviously displayed by the Democratic Party's "leaders" themselves. Influential Democrats are acting publicly and privately to hold back the growing ranks of Republicans who desperately want the opprobrious Cheney off George W. Bush's ticket, and are calling publicly for him to step off or be pushed.

It's not just Terry McAuliffe: Democratic spokesmen and sympathizers from all around the country, and even internationally, are calling it the interest of the Democratic Party to keep Dick in place, to make a Democratic election win easier.

This Democratic display of "what's bad for the nation, and worse for the world, could be good for our party in November," is not just immoral; no, it is also suicidal in just the way that the German Social Democrats' identically immoral early 1930s slogan, "After Hitler, Us" was suicidal. In fact, LaRouche goes further: If Cheney is protected and clings to the Bush ticket and brings it down to defeat, the result of a synarchist banker-controlled Democratic administration could be *worse* than the re-election of a Bush Presidency shaken up by the dumping of Cheney and his neo-con gang.

The Democrats are right that Cheney is the most hateable feature of the Administration. Polls are probably correct, when they show him with a dismal approval rating. With Cheney there, they figure they don't have to provide a positive alternative, especially in addressing the devastating collapse of the economy, not to mention the war. They figure they can win with the kind of contentless, "me, too" campaign that Sen. John Kerry is running rather than mobilizing the "forgotten men and women" of the lower 80% of incomes.

But, what kind of Democratic ticket is worth electing that does not put forward an economic and strategic policy in the spirit of FDR, a dramatic break with the last 40 years of disastrous decline? If a Democrat were elected simply on an "anti-Bush/Cheney" basis, there would be no check on the influence of those "Democratic" synarchist bankers who have no compunction against using either party to suck the blood of the population, under these conditions of economic and financial collapse. A Democratic administration of that sort could be just as bad as, or worse than, Bush.

But even that doesn't tell the whole story. Keeping Cheney in place is *dangerous* between now and the election, in at least two ways:

On the one hand, there is every indication that Cheney and his neo-con allies are chafing at the bit to start a new war! It could be Syria, it could be Iran, or it could even be some place like North Korea or South America. Just because the U.S. military cannot keep Iraq secure, is no reason that lunatics like Cheney, Wolfowitz, and Rumsfeld will be deterred. They were told that before the Iraq invasion, after all.

On the other hand, there's the potential domestic threat, one that Cheney never tires of delivering, about the possibility of a new terrorist incident hitting the United States. The fact that Cheney devoutly wishes to have such an event, in order to enhance his power and position, might indeed increase the likelihood of its happening, either by negligence, or more direct means. Is there any reason to believe that the Cheney grouping wouldn't move to establish a full-fledged dictatorship, should such a terrorist event actually happen?

The lesson is: Don't play pragmatic politics. The United States, yea, the world, cannot afford another day of Dick Cheney staying in office. With him out of power, hopefully along with a number of his gang, the Democrats can still easily win, simply by mobilizing the forgotten men and women of the Roosevelt coalition, behind the mission of rebuilding the nation, along the lines put forward by Lyndon LaRouche. After all, that's what the country needs anyway, in order to survive.