

Will Obama Reject The Pinochet Team?

Barack Obama's top foreign policy advisors are working hand-in-glove with leading neocons—and McCain advisors—to forge an imperial policy of forcible interventions into sovereign nations such as Myanmar, Sudan, and Zimbabwe. The question is: Will the Senator move now to dissociate himself from these bad apples?

A May 19 op-ed by *Washington Post* deputy editorial page editor Jackson Diehl, defended the campaign of Obama advisors Anthony Lake and Ivo Daalder to establish a “Concert of Democracies,” to sanction military invasions of countries in Africa and Asia. A call by an *EIR* investigator to Obama headquarters on May 21, elicited a statement from a spokeswoman, who said she would refer the question to the appropriate persons in the campaign, and get back to the caller. There has been no response as of May 23.

The case against the Lake-Daalder team of promoting a British imperial view is open and shut. Lake, a former member of the Clinton Administration, has been in a partnership with the architect of the Cheney-Bush Presidency, George P. Shultz, for the past five years. The two serve as honorary co-chairs of the Princeton Project on National Security, which came out, in the Fall of 2006, for an Anglo-American-led Concert of Democracies to carry out preventive and preemptive wars of regime change around the world, outside the United Nations Charter. Daalder, a fellow at the Brookings Institution, has teamed up with leading neocon Robert Kagan (an informal advisor to John McCain) to promote interventionism as well, in the form of the Concert of Democracies.

Their outlook, and relationship with Shultz, an architect of the 1973 Pinochet coup in Chile, prompted Lyndon LaRouche to dub the advisors “Obama's Pinochet Team.”

“To bring an intimate collaborator of George Shultz in, as his chief national security advisor, is the height of poor judgment on the part of Senator Obama,” LaRouche observed. “Doesn't he know about Shultz's role in the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile? Doesn't he know about Operation Condor, and the legions of Nazi war criminals, who were set loose by Shultz, and his fellow Pinochet booster Felix Rohatyn, as death squads all over the Hemisphere and in Europe?”

While the Princeton Project policy was put forward as an alternative to the Bush-Cheney unilateral approach, it is actually a virtual printout of British imperial strategy. Its

global Concert of Democracies proposal “would provide an alternative forum for liberal democracies to authorize collective action, including the use of force, by a supermajority vote.” The idea, in specific, was to get around the reluctance of the United Nations, particularly permanent Security Council members Russia and China, which have veto power, to violate national sovereignty.

Under the heading of “building a Liberal Order,” the Princeton Project demands the following reforms of the UN: “expanding the Security Council to include India, Japan, Brazil, Germany, and two African states as permanent members without a veto; ending the veto for all Security Council resolutions authorizing direct action in response to a crisis; and requiring all UN members to accept ‘the responsibility to protect,’ which acknowledges that sovereign states have a responsibility to protect their own citizens from ‘avoidable catastrophe,’ but that when they are unwilling or unable to do that, that responsibility must be borne by the international community.”

Until the doctrine, otherwise recognizable as the Blair Doctrine for “humanitarian intervention,” can be implemented, the Lake-Shultz group argues that the United States and its allies do it themselves.

The ‘Concert of Democracies’

The Concert of Democracies idea directly echoes the “League of Democracies” plan put forward by Anglophile Clarence Streit in 1938. Streit was an American leader of the Milner Group, run by Lord Lothian, a top strategist for the pro-Nazi faction in Britain, who directed Streit to create a propaganda network inside the United States in favor of an Atlantic Union. In his book, *Union Now: A Proposal for a Federal Union of the Democracies of the North Atlantic*, Streit called for the United States, its currency, and its military to be amalgamated with the British Empire, as the “nucleus of a world government,” that would impose its will by armed force.

Streit was the father-in-law of fascist financier Felix Rohatyn (his first wife was Jeannette Streit), who, with Shultz, helped organize the Pinochet takeover of Chile.

While it is not known whether Obama has called for the Concert of Democracies policy directly, Republican candidate John McCain did so in his March 26 speech to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. McCain has been endorsed by Shultz.

It is crystal clear that the Lake-Shultz approach translates today into a total violation of national sovereignty of developing nations, which Lake, according to Diehl, accuses of being responsible for blocking “more efficient peacekeeping operations,” and causing “the rising temperatures of our seas, and multiple other transnational threats.” Enforcement of that approach means genocide.

Will Obama now clean up this problem in his campaign and dump these British agents?