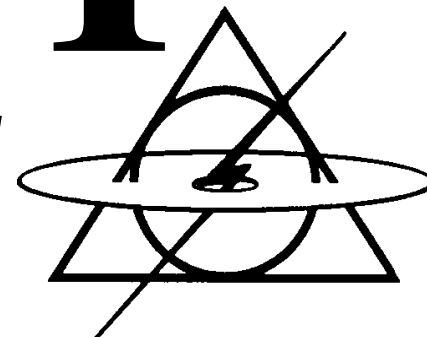


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SARS: Some Compelling Evidence Of Fright-Scam

SARS—A GREAT GLOBAL SCAM

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Abstract

Rather than a public health emergency, the “Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome”, generally called SARS, is best diagnosed as a “Sickening and Repulsive Scam”. This article argues that this unprecedented viral attack is, alternatively, an ingenious social experiment featuring institutionalized bioterrorism for widespread psycho-social control. The outcome of this experiment, whether it leads to population reduction or not, depends on you.

Background

You are about to read much-neglected truths pertaining to this bizarre new pneumonia-like illness called

SARS. Authorities explain this acronym for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome as simply the latest threat in an ongoing series of attacks on humanity by mysteriously mutating “supergerms”. Yet, a careful study of this multi-disciplinary subject reveals something amiss far more insidious and deadly than SARS. This spreading scourge of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome stretching from Asia to North America has all the earmarks of a novel social experiment in population manipulation aimed to culture the mass mind for the arrival of “the Big One”—a biological agent that will facilitate decimation of approximately a third to half of the world’s population, in keeping with current official population-reduction objectives.

Naturally you would be disinclined to believe the above sentence. Open-mindedness in this domain threatens exposure to a *Twilight Zone* of knowledge in which reality is far stranger than fiction. Your first instinct, therefore, might be to close this page in favor of the next SARS site that promises more of the standard treatments broadcast on every official news page and government report on this subject. But, if you choose to have your worldview shattered by considering the little-known truths surrounding Severe

Acute Respiratory Syndrome, then continue reading....

“No great epidemic has ever evolved divorced from major socio-political upheaval.”—Leonard G. Horowitz, D.M.D., M.A., M.P.H. from *Emerging Viruses* presentation, 1996

Introduction

My name is Dr. Leonard Horowitz, and I will be your SARS tour guide on this Website. As a Harvard graduate in public health, and expert in the fields of medical sociology, behavioral science, and emerging diseases, I am best known for my work exposing the man-made origin of HIV/AIDS in the national bestselling book, *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola—Nature, Accident or Intentional?* (Tetrahedron Press, 1998; 1-888-508-4787; <http://www.healthyworlddistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=4>) This was my tenth book that American grassroots activists, medical physicians and scientists included, made a national bestseller. U.S. government documents that I reprinted for the first time for the world to see were strong endorsements for this work. Included here are stunning and tragic contracts under which numerous AIDS-like and Ebola-like viruses were bioengineered by the U.S. Army’s 6th-leading biological weapons contractor—Litton Bionetics—a medical subsidiary of the mega-military weapons contractor called
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Litton Industries. You can get free information on this man-made vaccine-transmitted theory of AIDS at <http://www.originofAIDS.com>. Here I focus your attention on SARS, and what mainstream sources of information are withholding about this new pandemic.

This narrative was written immediately following my return from Total Health 2003—an alternative medical conference in Toronto, Canada, held March 27-30, 2003. I landed in Toronto the day that SARS began dominating front-page headlines in every major newspaper in the country. Five consecutive days of unprecedented media blitz in Canada's largest city over the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome left the entire population frightened and bewildered.

Having been well trained in media health promotion and persuasion methods from my behavioral science studies at Harvard University, I concluded that something akin to a social experiment was underway. With SARS, people were being frightened beyond reason, I realized. The classic definition of phobia was being manifested on a social, if not global, scale.

Surely the SARS death rate, approximately 3%, was insufficient cause for such widespread panic. The media successfully whipped the Canadian population into a trembling mass of masked and quarantined “sheeple”. Officials were forced to direct the closing of hospitals, restaurants, schools and workplaces with only two deaths reported at the onset of the media onslaught. Within a few days, more than a thousand healthcare workers volunteered for home quarantine because of SARS. Otherwise, they faced legal arrest and incarceration as advised by the World Health Organization. You will find many of these reports from Canada's daily newspapers, documenting these facts, as well as incoming American press reports, in the archive files of this Website.

Mission

I have dedicated this Website to examining the social and political implications, as well as the correlates (i.e., things related to) and antecedents (i.e., factors or events that predated or precipitated) this new SARS pandemic. By examining this illness' etiology, which lies more in the realm of global politics, corporate profits and population control, than elsewhere, this information offers educated people an alternative to the fright and irrational behaviors promulgated by “mainstream” propagandists including news sources and health officials better known as “spin doctors”.

Most intelligent persons will conclude from the following information that this new microbial attack was premeditated and precedent-setting. In other words, SARS is a well-orchestrated social experiment.

Who is behind this SARS madness? I accept the risk of triggering your “conspiracy theory” buttons by identifying the widely recognized “global military-medical-petrochemical-pharmaceutical cartel” as the only suspect that can wield the powers necessary to effect these frightening outcomes.

Although you may find it comforting to simply consider this a conspiracy theory, I view SARS is a huge conspiracy with very few witting villains. Clearly, what you are witnessing is a well-organized terror campaign carried out by mostly well-meaning, yet grossly ignorant, “authorities”—medically indoctrinated and virtually hypnotized “Manchurian candidates” if you will allow me to postulate.

Indeed, people are dying from SARS. Yet, I diagnose this illness, by medical-sociological parameters, as a grotesque scam perpetrated for a greater purpose than simply fueling a multi-billion-dollar “cottage health industry”, as some analysts have written.

Alternatively, I propose that Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, may be best diagnosed by SARS' telltale dependence on the propaganda used to herald its presence, prompt hysteria and broadly engage social and economic

resources. In military intelligence circles this is called standard “psychological operations” (PSYOPS).

I further suggest this fright's likeliest purpose is in facilitating evolving economic and political agendas that ultimately include targeting approximately half the world's current population for elimination. Much of this will be accomplished, not with SARS, but quite effectively and efficiently by the widely anticipated “Big One” discussed later on this Website in a feature article written for the *Associated Press* by Emma Ross.

“[T]here's fame, fortune and big budgets in sounding the ‘emerging infection’ alarm and warning of our terrible folly in being unprepared.”—Michael Fumento, *National Post*, March 28, 2003

This concept of a microbiological Armageddon is not new to most readers. “Experts” have been predicting the arrival of a super-plague for decades. What is HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS about the mysterious and terrifying arrival of SARS is its timing. It arrived virtually synchronous with the global war on terrorism and the Anglo-American war with Iraq. This is pathognomonic (i.e., symptomatic and characteristic) of what is predicted and explained in the book *Death in the Air: Globalism, Terrorism and Toxic Warfare* (Tetrahedron Publishing Group, 2001; <http://www.healthyworldldistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=3>), a prophetically-titled text that predated the 9-11 attacks on America by several months, and provides a contextual analysis of this current condition and spreading plague of phobic deception.

This work, and this SARS Website, in essence, offers insight into the broad application of a new form of institutionalized “bioterrorism” consistent with state-sponsored biological warfare. Saddam Hussein is said to have exposed populations in his and adjacent lands with biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction. These advancing infectious disease attacks in North America are sanctioned by medical-pharmaceutical and allied military industrialists. They complement the global “War on Terrorism” and bioterror-influenced culture, as additionally profitable, population-controlling threats.

Perceiving Harsh Reality Versus Generally Promoted Myths

What lay persons view as ever increasing madness in the world around them, is eerily consistent with earlier globalist think-tank recommendations for the development and deployment, in the new millennium, of “conflicts short of war” and “economic substitutes for standard militarization”. These developments were adequately detailed and referenced in *Death in the Air: Globalism, Terrorism, and Toxic Warfare* (<http://www.healthyworldldistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=3>). As compared with the first and second world wars, these smaller, more manageable, and better controlled conflicts, orchestrated events and state-sponsored threats, were consistently selected options among foreign policy makers and government officials beginning in the late 1960s.

Henry Kissinger, for instance, as National Security Advisor (NSA) under Richard Nixon, oversaw foreign policy while considering Third World population reduction “necessities” for the U.S., Britain, Germany and other allies. This Bush nominee to direct the 9-11 conspiracy investigation, a reputed war criminal, then selected the option to have the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) develop biological weapons, according to the *U.S. Congressional Record* of 1975. Among these biologicals were germs far deadlier than the SARS agent (thought to be a strain of coronavirus). Under Kissinger's watch at NSA, influenza and parainfluenza viruses were, for example, recombined with quick-acting leukemia viruses (acute lymphocytic leukemia) to deliver a weapon that potentially spread cancer like the flu. (More on this later.) These incredible realities have been generally neglected, if not officially secreted.

Weapons selections like these continue to the present day not simply by radical terrorist groups, but also among a handful of military cartel industrialists that continue to sell weapons of mass destruction to those who can afford them.

These conflicts—short of major wars like WWI and WWII, and war economy substitutes such as the “War on AIDS”, “War on Crime”, “War on Drugs”, “War on Terrorism”, “War on Cancer”, the environmental protection movement and the “Star Wars” Strategic Defense Initiative—all require sophisticated propaganda programs employing fear campaigns for social acceptance and popular support. These PSYOPS for command-and-control warfare (C2W), military and behavior experts correctly advise, best support a well-defined, rapidly evolving “Revolution in Military Affairs” (RMA) which is synonymous with the evolution into “a form of human slavery” in which the captives—the world's population, including you and your loved ones—would not perceive this enslavement.

The RMA incorporates the use of debilitating biological weapons and incapacitating chemicals, similar to the toxic carcinogenic organophosphate pesticides deployed against mosquitoes in the “War Against the West Nile Virus”. These are often called “non-lethal warfare” agents, yet are indeed deadly. Death results slowly, along with advancing mortality from such toxic exposures. Larger profits are made by allied pharmaceutical and medical industrialists as victims of the “non-lethal” exposures die slowly—commonly in expensive hospitals and long-term care facilities, from chronic debilitating diseases. Most of these ailments, including the plethora of autoimmune diseases and newer cancers, were virtually non-existent 50 years ago. This fact, alone, strongly suggests a modern socio-economic and political conspiracy. Unless you simply wish to believe it is God's will or man's greed that has brought these conditions to bear upon humanity.

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In recent decades, military think tanks prescribed options for “conflicts short of war” that included novel population-control policies and methodologies. These provided for:

1) the establishment of new profit centers as traditional large-scale wars were phased out by the new millennium. Examples here include the many multi-billion-dollar “homeland security” programs that emerged from post-9/11 legislation, such as those securing air travel and mail delivery. These are just two examples of myriad evolving profit centers fueled by frights and institutionalized terror campaigns;

2) the development of advanced persuasion and population-control programs, with high-tech methods of support, to facilitate “a form of slavery” in which humanity would not realize it had become conditioned into relinquishing personal and social freedoms for the mirage of health, safety and security. These provided other profit centers and population-control options. Once habituated to modern lifestyle restrictions, such as enforced health and travel restrictions, the general population might become virtually “enslaved” with little effective resistance, widespread pharmaceutical dependence (particularly using anti-depressant drugs), through the use of PSYOPS. Media distractions and manipulations were considered essential in achieving this objective; and

3) lucrative depopulation methods to be employed, including the conditions and resources necessary for culling “excess populations”.

SARS, when considered in light of these social and political impositions, can be clearly understood.

SARS for Profit

By Friday, March 28, 2003, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington, Michael Fumento, published a thesis in Toronto similar to the one I advance here. This

well-regarded author of *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS: How a Tragedy Has Been Distorted by the Media and Partisan Politics* (Regnery Gateway, 1990) provided an editorial titled “Super-bug or Super Scare” published in the *National Post* (p. A16.). This included the following:

It’s “an incident of unprecedented scope and magnitude”, according to Toronto health officials, who warn Canadians to “quarantine themselves”, wear masks, and in some cases stay home. Ontario Health Minister Tony Clement has declared a “health emergency”. The media have dubbed it the “mysterious killer pneumonia” or “super-pneumonia”.

But a bit of knowledge and perspective will kill this panic. Start with those scary tags, “Mysterious” in modern medicine usually means we haven’t yet quite identified the cause, although we have now done so here. What’s been officially named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is one or more strains of coronavirus, commonly associated with colds. “Killer pneumonia” is practically a redundancy, since so many types of pneumonia (there are more than 50) do kill.

The real questions are: How lethal, how transmissible and how treatable is this strain? And the answers leave no grounds for excitement, much less panic.

Super?

At this writing, SARS appears to have killed 54 people out of almost 1,400 afflicted according to the World Health Organization, a death rate of less than 4%. But since this only takes into account those ill enough to seek medical help, the actual ratio of deaths to infections is certainly far less. [This is a tremendous understatement.]

In contrast, the 1918-19 flu pandemic killed approximately a third of the 60 million afflicted.

Further, virtually all of the deaths have been in countries with horrendous medical care, primarily mainland China. In this country, three people have died out of 28 afflicted according to Health Canada, but that may say more about Canada’s vaunted national healthcare system than about SARS. In the United States, 40 people have been hospitalized with SARS with zero deaths.

Conversely, other forms of pneumonia kill more than 40,000 North Americans yearly.

Transmissibility?

Each year millions of North Americans alone contract the flu. Compre that with those 64 SARS cases diagnosed thus far and, well, you can’t compare them. Further evidence that SARS is hard to catch is that healthcare workers and family members of victims are by far the most likely to become afflicted.

Treatability?

“There are few drugs and no vaccines to fight this pathogen,” one wire service panted breathlessly. But there are also few drugs to fight any type of viral pneumonia, because we have very few antiviral medicines.... [Consider also approximately 97% of cases naturally defended themselves successfully against this plague. What did they or their immune systems do right? Why is this rarely, if ever, mentioned or investigated by any mainstream source? Alternatively, Mr. Fumento mentions “Ribovirin”, which he states “appears to be effective against SARS”.

[Is this another form of medically-sanctioned institutionalized bias that even the well-intentioned Fumento expresses? Consider the fact that SARS only existed a few weeks prior to Fumento’s editorial. In fact, the coronavirus had been questionably cultured from SARS patients only days before Fumento’s wrote the above. Surely no clinical trials matching Ribovirin with SARS had ever been conducted. At best, then, this statement reflects either drug company propaganda and/or health official speculations.]

Fumento continued:

“So why all the fuss over this one strain of pneumonia?

“First, never ignore the obvious: It does sell papers.

“But an added feature to this scare is the cottage industry that’s grown up around so-called ‘emerging infectious diseases’. Some diseases truly fit the bill, with AIDS the classic example. Others, like West Nile Virus in North America, are new to a given area.

“But there’s fame, fortune and big budgets in sounding the ‘emerging infection’ alarm and warning of our terrible folly in being unprepared. The classic example is Ebola virus... [Mr. Fumento downplays the Ebola threat here.]

“Yet, you’d almost swear that every outbreak of Ebola is actually taking place in Toronto or New York....

“... The U.S. government and various North American universities have also seen these faux plagues as budget boosters. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publishes a journal called *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, though in any given issue it’s hard to find an illness that actually fits the definition.

“The U.S. Institute of Medicine just issued a report warning that the United States is grossly unprepared to deal with emerging pathogens. Soothingly, however, it adds that it’s nothing that an injection of tax dollars can’t cure.

“Meanwhile, a disease that emerged eons ago called malaria kills up to 2.7 million people yearly. Another, tuberculosis, kills perhaps three million more. Both afflict North Americans, albeit at very low rates.

“The big money and headlines may be in the so-called ‘emerging diseases’, but the cataclysmic illnesses come from the same old boring killers. In fact, there may be no fatal illness that will cause fewer deaths in North America this year than SARS.”

Michael Fumento concluded by asking, and challenging you to consider:

“How do our priorities get so twisted? There’s your mystery?”

Favored Economic Victims of SARS and Other SCAMS in the RMA

Contrary to Mr. Fumento’s well-considered conclusion that SARS boosts budgets of those who sound alarms loudest, the mainstream media has consistently attempted to have you think otherwise. One article in Canada’s leading financial newspaper, the *Financial Post*, on March 31, 2003, heralds, “SARS virus begins to take toll on global economy”.

With no mention of the far larger number of people and industries that profit from such plagues, and the fears surrounding them, reporter Jacqueline Thorpe’s editor assigned her to focus on the airline and tourism industries that are “particularly hard hit”. She wrote:

“Businesses in Singapore have shut down, planes over Hong Kong are empty and thousands of people in Toronto have been forced into quarantine as a deadly pneumonia virus adds yet another strain to the beleaguered global economy.

“While severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) may not be as debilitating as war in Iraq, slumping stock markets or a weak U.S. labor market, it is already starting to take its toll on some Asian economies and the long-suffering tourism industry....

“In Hong Kong, where the number of infections leapt by 60 to 530 over the weekend and 13 people have died, economists at JPMorgan Chase estimate the economy could lose 0.2% to 0.5% of gross domestic product every month from the drop in tourism and private consumption....

“Businesses in many Chinese shopping districts [in Toronto] have reported a sharp drop in business.

“Dennis Yuent, a merchant in Pacific Mall in Toronto—North America’s largest shopping mall—said his sales have dropped by about 70% since the SARS scare began.”

Notice that the expert bankers at JPMorgan Chase, and Ms. Thorpe, failed to mention the stunning growth in medical/pharmaceutical/security/and law enforcement sectors, and the increase in “gross domestic product” due to SARS and similar scams.

In the weeks and months following the 9-11 attacks on America, I traced the widely-publicized anthrax mailings “mystery” to U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)-commissioned biological weapons contractors with ties to Britain’s MI-6, Porton Down, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical cartel, including the Bayer, Hoechst, Baxter and Merck Corporations, and ultimately to George Soros—a global banking and investment industrialist and chief money manager for Europe’s wealthiest oligarchy-owners of the Genomic Institute that performed the DNA sequencing on behalf of the anthrax vaccine maker, British Porton Down subsidiary, Bioport. A complete expo on this topic is provided at http://www.tetrahedron.org/articles/anthrax/anthrax_espionage.html.

China’s Threat and the Anglo-American RMA

It seems suspiciously convenient that the travel industry, and Asian travel in particular, would be the greatest victims at a time when globalists (i.e., global industrialists including members of the ultra-rich) have directed military and political policies consistent with the RMA and “conflicts short of war” agenda. Reducing travel helps to secure wide-ranging RMA objectives.

Think about it. Less mobile populations and less people in general, are easier to control, especially with increased exposure to television while having to waste their time at home. This is entirely consistent with the “Changing Images of Mankind” advanced by Willis Harmon for Anglo-American military and business interests. The effect of this is similar to forced “quarantine”. Isn’t this consistent with a “form of slavery in which humanity would not know it had become enslaved”?

People are all too willing to relinquish their civil rights and personal freedoms in the wake of such engineered frights. The passage of the infamous “Homeland Security Act” in America, and its counterpart in Canada, are classic examples of this societal direction, forced legislation and egregious manipulation.

How convenient that Asia, and China in particular, is said to be the origin of this North American scourge at a time when Chinese-Anglo-American relations are strained to say the least.

In the days preceding the emergence of the first SARS cases, America raced to the Pacific Rim to impact escalating aggressions on the Korean Peninsula. Communist China—a “most favored” trading partner with America—is politically allied with several American enemies, including those said to possess weapons of mass destruction, including Iraq. Coincidental? Not likely when viewing the larger political picture involving the Anglo-American oligarchy’s RMA and instigated “conflicts short of war”.

Ultimately, “We the People” have become the greatest victims of this latest fright—and the larger political agendas it serves.

The Media’s Role in SARS: Setting a Precedent

Consider the fact the media’s mainstream has been heavily influenced, if not entirely controlled, by multinational corporate sponsors protecting and advancing the interests of a relatively small number of global industrialists (I have called “globalists”; and others say the “ruling elite” or “European oligarchy”). Also recall that the focus of news providers, on any given day or hour, results from intelligence-agency directives, according to reputable authorities including myriad retired news officials and intelligence officers. So ask and answer the following intelligent questions:

* Why have American military officials, beginning with Secretary of Defense William Cohen during the Clinton years, publicized America’s greatest vulnerability lies in the realm of biological weapons wielded by terrorists? Is this not a form of treason against the United States to relay such sensitive intelligence to potential enemies through the mainstream press? During the McCarthy era, Hollywood producers were persecuted for having the slightest liberal or Communist sympathies. What has changed to allow the

Hollywood production of *Black Hawk Down* to be used by Saddam Hussein and his military and intelligence commanders to educate and inspire his troops?

* Why does the mainstream media continue to foretell of the expected arrival of the “Big One”—an influenza virus that will produce a super-flu that will kill billions of people, like the “Spanish flu” did between 1918-19—while totally disregarding the individuals, organizations and laboratories that have labored to produce these weapons of mass destruction? Even the devastating Spanish flu virus has been, literally, unearthed for further study and, do you suppose, deployment?

* Why was the “Spanish flu” influenza virus called the “Spanish flu” when it originated, by historic accounts, in Tibet in 1917? It is said that Spanish newspapers were the only ones reporting on the great plague due to their neutrality over World War I politics. However, Spain was as dear to America then as Communist China is to the United States today. The “Spanish flu” was named such following two decades of disputes between America and Spain over colonization of the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii and the Phillippines beginning with the Spanish American War that ended in the Phillippines in 1902. Does this history appear to be repeating with the advent of SARS, allegedly from China?

* If the legions of recognized authorities herald the coming of the “Big One”, why do the same persons disregard this author’s publication of U.S. government, National Institutes of Health, and National Cancer Institute documents showing that the U.S. Army’s 6th-top biological weapons contractor in 1969-1970 prepared mutants of influenza and para-influenza viruses recombined with acute lymphocytic leukemia viruses? In other words, how would you like to have a strain of the flu that spreads cancer by sneezing? Can you even rationalize the development of such a virus-lymphocytic leukemia that kills most victims in just a few weeks following airborne transmission?

These have been shown clearly on page 452 of the national bestselling book *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola—Nature, Accident or Intentional?* (<http://www.healthyworldldistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=4>) in circulation since 1996. A copy of this “menu” of infectious agents, potential biological weapons, listing several mutant recombinants involving flu viruses is posted below for your inspection.

* Why haven’t you previously heard about these developments? Especially since these documents have been extensively circulated throughout newsrooms and government offices, particularly those engaged in public health, since 1996?

* Finally, how, if I published this information, and definitive documentation, and sent this critical intelligence along with urgent pleas to approximately 8,500 members of the mainstream media (as I have done this week and on dozens of previous occasions for the past seven years) can you turn on your television sets and gain nothing but the “same old song”?

If you have considered and answered the above questions, doesn’t it make sense that America is being manipulated, if not targeted, for the purpose of advancing a global population-reduction agenda, if not World War III?

The “Big One” is Coming

The U.S. Army’s 6th-top biological weapons contractor in 1969-1970 prepared mutants of influenza and para-influenza viruses recombined with acute lymphocytic leukemia viruses. In other words, how would you like to have a strain of the flu that spreads quick-killing cancer by sneezing?

According to most emerging disease experts and government health officials the ‘Big One’ might arrive at any time.

Emma Ross of the *Associated Press* reported on SARS as the World Health Organization (WHO) launched its “crisis plan to attack” the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. WHO, as you may recall, is a UN-sponsored

organization that is rumored to have helped spread AIDS to Africa by way of contaminated hepatitis B and/or polio vaccinations. There is a reasonable amount of evidence to support this contention.

More disconcerting, the UN is known to be heavily influenced by Rockefeller family members and corporate interests. History shows Rockefeller fortunes built the UN building in New York City. During WWII, the Rockefeller family and their Standard Oil Company supported Hitler more than they did the allies according to court records. One federal judge ruled Rockefeller committed “treason” against the United States. Following WWII, according to attorney John Loftus—an official Nazi war-crimes investigator—Nelson Rockefeller persuaded the UN’s South American voting block to favor Israel’s creation only to assure secrecy regarding his support for the Nazis. Earlier that century, John D. Rockefeller joined Prescott Bush and the British Royal Family in sponsoring the eugenics initiatives that gave rise to Hitler’s racial hygiene programs. During the same period the Rockefeller family virtually monopolized American medicine, American pharmaceuticals and the cancer and genetics industries. Today, the Rockefeller family, foundation, UN and WHO remain at the forefront of administering “population programs” designed to reduce world populations to more manageable levels. As per a recent advertisement in *Foreign Affairs*—a prestigious political periodical published by the David Rockefeller-directed Council on Foreign Relations—the U.S. population is being targeted for a 50% reduction.

“We’ve never faced anything on this scale with such a global reach,” said Dr. David Heymann, of the WHO, regarding SARS.

“This is the first time that a global network of laboratories are sharing information, samples, blood, pictures,” added Dr. Klaus Stohr, a WHO virologist coordinating labs internationally. “Basically overnight, there are no secrets, there is no jealousy, there is no competition in the face of a global health emergency. This is a phenomenal network.”

In one week, the *Associated Press* reported, the WHO’s lab network had “isolated the SARS virus, produced a preliminary diagnostic test, and narrowed the virus’ identity down to two candidates—neither one a new strain of influenza. In the following week, various antiviral drugs were tested as possible treatments.

“Meanwhile, doctors were also sharing information.... WHO coordinated exchanges of symptoms, case histories and possible treatments.... Asian doctors talked about various therapies they were trying; later, the Europeans and North Americans conferred.

“In eastern Asia—at government invitation—expert field teams of WHO staffers and scientists from international institutes were sent to Vietnam, Hong Kong and China to figure out how the disease was spread, to help treat patients and advise how to control it.

“Aileen Plant, an infectious-disease epidemiologist from Curtin University in Australia, led a dozen experts in Hanoi, one of the hard-hit areas. Her international team focused on the Hanoi French Hospital, which closed its doors to new patients and quarantined those inside. Many of the sick were doctors and nurses....

“With newly-released figures from China, there have been more than 1,500 cases and slightly more than 50 deaths worldwide, including three in Canada. The WHO believes the disease is generally under control, but Hong Kong remains a challenge. In mainland China, the picture is somewhat murky....

“Many inside the WHO see the SARS operation as a kind of dress rehearsal—‘good practice,’ Heymann said—for the Big One, the inevitable killer flu pandemic that experts say could come at any time. “This isn’t the Big One, because I think it’s being contained.”

What You Should Do

The above information has been meticulously documented and referenced in this author’s two previous works, *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola—Nature, Accident or Intentional?* and *Death in the Air: Globalism, Terrorism and Toxic Warfare*. It begs the question of what to do? There are personal and socio-political directions for a rational response. Here are my recommendations.

1. Personally, you and your loved ones are encouraged to do everything in your power to lift your natural immunity to beyond the 3rd percentile that is apparently necessary to prevent your death from SARS, or other more pathogenic agents. For instructions in this regard, I recommend learning from various alternative medical Websites, including www.healingcelebrations.com. These are dedicated to helping you improve your health naturally.

There are five practical steps you can take that are detailed therein, and in my *Healing Celebrations: Miraculous Recoveries Through Ancient Scripture, Natural Medicine and Modern Science* (Tetrahedron Publishing Group, 2000). These include: 1) detoxification, 2) deacidification/alkalinization, 3) immunity boosting, 4) oxygenation, and 5) bioelectric/energetic methods.

2. Socially, you should alert your family and friends regarding these matters in an effort to prevent their victimization, media manipulation and continued confusion.

3. Politically, you may wish to become active in an effort to bring greater public attention to these appalling realities. “We the People” can make a difference in halting the ongoing genocides being conducted under the guises of “medical science” and “public health”. This was recently demonstrated when our revealing light of truth illuminated the risks and myths surrounding the deadly smallpox vaccine. Grassroots publications like *Smallpox Alert*, published by the *Idaho Observer*, and the affiliated Website at www.allaboutsmallpox.com, created a massive backlash bringing the entire program to an embarrassing halt. By forwarding this article and related Website, www.SARScam.com, to as many people as possible, we can effect the same successful result.

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Leonard G. Horowitz, D.M.D., M.A., M.P.H., is an internationally known authority in the overlapping fields of public health, behavioral science, emerging diseases and bioterrorism. He received his doctorate in medical dentistry from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1977, was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship in behavioral science at the University of Rochester, earned a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University, and another Master of Arts degree in health education from Beacon College, all before joining the research faculty at Harvard. Dr. Horowitz is best known for his national bestselling book, *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola-Nature, Accident or Intentional?* (Tetrahedron Press, 1998; 1-888-508-4787; <http://www.healthyworldldistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=4>) which recently resulted in the United States General Accounting Office investigating the man-made origin-of-AIDS theory. (See: <http://www.healingcelebrations.com/gao.htm>) Dr. Horowitz’s work in the field of vaccination-risk awareness has prompted at least three Third World nations to change their vaccination policies. His recent stunning testimony before the United States Congress’ Government Reform Committee, literally brought the hearing to a halt. (See: <http://www.healingcelebrations.com/Disease%20Detics%20on%20Capitol%20Hill%20Address%20Autism.htm>) Dr. Horowitz questioned government health officials regarding a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) secreted report showing a definitive link between the mercury ingredient (i.e., Thimerosal), common to most vaccinations, and the skyrocketing rates of autism and behavioral disorders affecting our children and the future of our nation.

Incredibly, Dr. Horowitz alerted the FBI, in writing and in person, one week before the first anthrax

mailing was announced in the press, that a “major anthrax fright” was in the process of unfolding that demanded the FBI’s urgent attention. Needless to say they did not heed Dr. Horowitz’s prophetic warning.

Moreover, three months before the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Dr. Horowitz released his thirteenth book, prophetically titled *Death in the Air: Globalism, Terrorism and Toxic Warfare* (<http://www.healthyworlddistributing.com/detail.aspx?ID=3>). The book focuses on the West Nile Virus as an act of bioterrorism, and considers what and who is really behind this and other recent outbreaks. Dr. Horowitz argues that his disclosures expose the roots of global terrorism, along with the individuals and organizations at the heart of what he calls “the petrochemical-pharmaceutical cartel”. He believes this “multi-national corporate beast” is in the process of committing global genocide, profiting from engineered frights, and at the same time, most efficiently culling targeted populations considered excessive.

As you may have heard, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called for an investigation into the links between the recent West Nile Virus outbreaks and bioterrorism. Dr. Horowitz is among the leading pioneers of this theory.

Dr. Horowitz’s contact information, books, audiotapes and video programs are available through <<http://www.healthyworlddistributing.com/>>www.tetrahedron.org, or by calling 1-888-508-4787.

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Worldwide Events: Behind The Scenes

ZIONISM HAS TRIUMPHED

Commentary by Donald Cassidy
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After only a single century, the political movement, Zionism, has triumphed.

All of its connivings have been fulfilled by Washington. Sadly, its conspiracies have also caused World War II and World War III... and perhaps as much as a hundred million deaths.

Zionism began in Europe in the late 19th Century like Communism. It was well-financed (insert Rothschild) and quickly became influential in Europe. During World War I, it promised to deliver America on a silver platter to Britain in exchange for the *Balfour Declaration*, supporting a Jewish nation in Palestine. And deliver it did!

By 1917 the European nations were exhausted and bankrupt in every way after years of war and millions of casualties. Had Europe been left alone, war would have been impossible for the rest of the century. But thanks to Louis Brandeis’ influence over a naïve President Wilson, fresh American armies and vast financial resources entered the war, tipping the traditional balance of power in Europe. The ensuing bloodbath of American troops was appalling—160,000 dead in six months. It was the first instance of mass murder of American youth for Zionism and a future Israel.

After the war, a triumphant Britain, France and Zionism imposed crushing reparations on a defeated Germany at Versailles including an admission that it had started World War I. The reparations destroyed Germany and gave rise to Adolph Hitler (a Bush Family hero) who took office on only 37% of the vote but relied on boogiemens, terrorism, oppression, demagoguery, fear, etc. to establish a totalitarian government (sound familiar?). And World War II followed. Thus, Zionism was a significant cause of the rise of Adolph Hitler and World War II. So, too, an iceberg did not sink the *Titanic*; it was just floating there. The *Titanic* was steered into the iceberg.

And for the rest of the century Zionism “steered” America... particularly Washington. A continuing series of Jewish bankers and financiers have “had the ear” of all American presidents since World War I. In the early 1930s, Zionism demanded “regime change” in Germany; Hitler had to go. He stood in the way of Zionist exploitation of Germany, its property, its economy, its finances, etc. (insert Rothschild) just like the Federal Reserve System installed in America exploits the American people who unknowingly pledged all of their property and wealth, public and private, to the Federal Reserve which is owned by European Jewish banking families (insert Rothschild).

Today, in America, a tiny fraction of the populace, Zionists, own or control between one third and one half of the nation’s total private wealth—while millions of Americans are laid off and fifty million live in poverty. They dominate the finances of the nation. Remember Rothschild’s motto, “Let me control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws.”

How did Zionism do it?

First, a national animosity for Germany had to be generated in America over decades by boycotts and propaganda (and corresponding sympathy for Zionism). Done! (The super-merchandisers super-promoted the slaughter of their own people into a “holocaust”, ignoring the millions of murdered Gentiles as inconsequential.)

Second, a separate state of Israel had to be approved by Washington. Done!

Third, since Israel was not self-supporting, the American people would have to support Israel each year by billions in contributions, rising constantly. Done!

Fourth, Israel had to subvert the American electoral process by bribery and install “friends of Israel” in all-important offices, elected and appointed, focusing on the Senate which approved appointments. Done! (**Look at the names in Washington today**) [PW: and remember, a significant percentage of Zionists change their surnames].

Fifth, the mass media had to be monopolized to propagandize and brainwash the American people and influence their elections in favor of Zionism. Done!

Sixth, the American people must be forced to mindlessly support Israel in its military expansion in the Middle East against a defenseless Arab people by billions more in the latest weaponry and regime changes as required by Israel. Done!

Seventh, the American people must be rendered utterly subservient in the manner of a conquered nation through Zionist control of Washington [MM: **Zionist Occupied Government (ZOG) through their worldwide collection agency, the International Banking Cartel (IBC)**]. Done!

Now, on the verge of World War III, Zionism has totally triumphed.

The American people are captive to this vile parasite because of the perfidy of Washington. We must endure, yet again, the mass murder of our youth, for Zionism and Israel. Let US always remember the oil embargo suffered for Zionism and Israel that cost US our standard of living and transferred so much of our wealth to the American Oil Cartel. Indeed, the American people “owe” a great deal to Zionism and Israel. Washington has surrendered; it is up to US. Spread the word.

WAR ON IRAQ... NOT TOO HARD TO FIGURE OUT...

Pat the Patriot,

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The Israeli lobby has many “think tanks” that provide future advisors to the various administrations, both Republican and Democrat. During the Clinton administration, the Israeli lobby provided officials from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy like Martin Indyk. During the Bush Jr. administration, many of the officials the Israeli lobby provided are from their Republican “think tanks”, like the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA).

1) Richard Perle—One of Bush’s foreign policy advisors, he is the chairman of the Pentagon’s Defense Policy Board. A very likely Israeli government agent, Perle was expelled from Senator Henry Jackson’s office in the 1970s after the National Security Agency (NSA) caught him passing Highly-Classified (National Security) documents to the Israeli Embassy. He later worked for the Israeli weapons firm, Soltam. Perle came from one of the above-mentioned pro-Israel think tanks, the AEI. Perle is one of the leading pro-Israel fanatics leading this Iraq war mongering within the administration and now in the media.

2) Paul Wolfowitz—Deputy Defense Secretary, and member of Perle’s Defense Policy Board in the Pentagon. Wolfowitz is a close associate of Perle and reportedly has close ties to the Israeli military. His sister lives in Israel.

Wolfowitz came from the above-mentioned Jewish think tank, JINSA. Wolfowitz is the number-two leader within the administration behind this Iraq war mongering.

3) Douglas Feith—Under Secretary of Defense and Policy Advisor at the Pentagon. He is a close associate of Perle and served as his Special Counsel. Like Perle and the others, Feith is a pro-Israel extremist who has advocated anti-Arab policies in the past. He is closely associated with the extremist group, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)—which even attacks Jews that don't agree with its extremist views. Feith frequently speaks at ZOA conferences. Feith runs a small law firm, Feith and Zell, which only has one International office—in Israel. The majority of their legal work is representing Israeli interests. His firm's own Website stated, prior to his appointment, that Feith "represents Israeli Armaments Manufacturer". Feith basically represents the Israeli War Machine. Feith also came from the Jewish think tank JINSA. Feith, like Perle and Wolfowitz, are campaigning hard for this Israeli proxy war against Iraq.

4) Edward Luttwak—Member of the National Security Study Group of the Department of Defence at the Pentagon. Luttwak is reportedly an Israeli citizen and has taught in Israel. He frequently writes for Israeli and pro-Israeli newspapers and journals. Luttwak is an Israeli extremist whose main theme in many of his articles is the necessity of the U.S. waging war against Iraq.

5) Henry Kissinger—One of many Pentagon Advisors, Kissinger sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle. For detailed information about Kissinger's evil past, read Seymour Hersch's book *Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House*. Kissinger likely had a part in the Watergate crimes, Southeast Asia mass murders (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos), Installing Chilean mass-murdering dictator Pinochet, Operation Condor's mass killings in South America, and more recently served as Serbia's Ex-Dictator Slobodan Milosevic's Advisor. He consistently advocates going to war against Iraq. Kissinger is the Ariel Sharon of the U.S. Unfortunately, President Bush nominated Kissinger as chairman of the September 11 investigating commission. [MM: Public outcry has subsequently facilitated his removal from consideration for the latter chairmanship.] It's like picking a bank robber to investigate a fraud scandal.

6) Dov Zakheim—Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Department of Defense. He is an ordained rabbi and reportedly holds Israeli citizenship. Zakheim attended Jew's College in London and became an ordained Orthodox Jewish Rabbi in 1973. He was adjunct professor at New York's Jewish Yeshiva University. Zakheim is close to the Israeli lobby.

7) Kenneth Adelman—One of many Pentagon Advisors, Adelman also sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle—and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor who supports going to war against Iraq. Adelman frequently is a guest on *Fox News*, and often expresses extremist and often ridiculous anti-Arab and anti-Muslim views. Through his hatred and/or stupidity, he actually called Arabs "anti-Semitic" on *Fox News* (11/28/2001), when he could have looked it up in the dictionary to find out that Arabs by definition are Semites.

8) I. Lewis Libby—Vice President Dick Cheney's Chief of Staff. The chief pro-Israel Jewish advisor to Cheney—it helps explain why Cheney is so gun-ho to invade Iraq. Libby is longtime associate of Wolfowitz. Libby was also a lawyer for convicted felon and Israeli spy Mark Rich, whom Clinton pardoned in his last days as president.

9) Robert Satloff—U.S. National Security Council Advisor, Satloff was the executive director of the Israeli lobby's "think tank", Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Many of the Israeli lobby's "experts" come from this front group, like Martin Indyk.

10) Elliott Abrams—National Security Council Advisor. He previously worked at Washington-based "think tank" Ethics and Public Policy Center. During the Reagan administration Abrams was the Assistant Secretary of State, handling, for the most part, Latin American affairs. He played an important role in the Iran-Contra Scandal, which involved illegally selling U.S. weapons to Iran to fight Iraq, and illegally funding the Contra rebels fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's Sandinista government. He also actively deceived three congressional committees about his involvement and thereby faced felony charges based on his testimony. Abrams pled guilty in 1991 to two misdemeanors and was sentenced to a year's probation and 100 hours of community service. A year later, former President Bush (Senior) granted Abrams a full pardon. He was one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the Reagan administration's State Department.

11) Marc Grossman—Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. He was Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources at the Department of State. Grossman is one of many of the pro-Israel Jewish officials from the Clinton administration that Bush has promoted to higher posts.

12) Richard Haass—Director of Policy Planning at the State Department and Ambassador at large. He is also Director of National Security Programs and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He was one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the first Bush (Senior) administration who sat on the National Security Council—and who consistently advocates going to war against Iraq. Haass is also a member of the Defense Department's National Security Study Group at the Pentagon.

13) Robert Zoellick—U.S. Trade Representative, a cabinet-level position. He is also one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the Bush (Junior) administration who advocated invading Iraq and occupying a portion of the country in order to set up a Vichy-style puppet government. He consistently advocates going to war against Iraq.

14) Ari Fleischer—Official White House Spokesman for the Bush (Junior) administration. Prominent in the Jewish community, some reports state that he holds Israeli citizenship. Fleischer is closely connected to the extremist Jewish group called the Chabad Lubavitch Hasidics, who follow the *Qabala* and hold very extremist and insulting views of non-Jews. Fleischer was the co-president of Chabad's Capitol Jewish Forum. He received the Young Leadership Award from the American Friends of Lubavitch in October 2001.

15) James Schlesinger—One of many Pentagon Advisors, Schlesinger also sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor, who supports going to war against Iraq. Schlesinger is also a commissioner of the Defense Department's National Security Study Group at the Pentagon.

16) David Frum—White House speechwriter behind the "Axis of Evil" label. He lumps together all the lies and accusations against Iraq for Bush to justify the war.

17) Joshua Bolton—White House Deputy Chief of Staff, Bolton was previously a banker, former legislative aide and prominent in the Jewish community.

18) John Bolton—Under-Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Bolton is also a Senior Advisor to President Bush. Prior to this

position, Bolton was Senior Vice President of the above-mentioned pro-Israel thinktank, AEI. He recently (October 2002) accused Syria of having a nuclear program, so that they can attack Syria after Iraq. He must have forgotten that Israel has 400 nuclear warheads—some of which are thermonuclear weapons (according to a recent U.S. Air Force report).

19) David Wurmser—Special Assistant to John Bolton (above), the Under-Secretary for Arms Control and International Security. Wurmser also worked at the AEI with Perle and Bolton. His wife, Meyrav Wurmser, along with Colonel Yigal Carmon, formerly of Israeli Military Intelligence, co-founded the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), a Washington-based Israeli outfit which distributes articles translated from Arabic newspapers portraying Arabs in a bad light.

20) Eliot Cohen—Member of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor. Like Adelman, he often expresses extremist and often ridiculous anti-Arab and anti-Muslim views. More recently, he wrote an opinion article in the *Wall Street Journal* openly admitting his racist hatred of Islam, claiming that Islam should be the enemy, not terrorism.

21) Mel Sembler—President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. A Prominent Jewish Republican and Former National Finance Chairman of the Republican National Committee. The Export-Import Bank facilitates trade relationships between U.S. businesses and foreign countries, specifically those with financial problems.

22) Michael Chertoff—Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the Justice Department

23) Steve Goldsmith—Senior Advisor to the President, and Bush's Jewish domestic policy advisor. He also serves as liaison in the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (White House OFBCI) within the Executive Office of the President. He was the former mayor of Indianapolis. He is also friends with Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and often visits Israel to coach mayors on privatization initiatives.

24) Adam Goldman—White House's Special Liaison to the Jewish Community.

25) Joseph Gildenhorn—Bush Campaign's Special Liaison to the Jewish Community. He was the D.C. finance chairman for the Bush campaign, as well as campaign coordinator and former ambassador to Switzerland.

26) Christopher Gersten—Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families at HHS. Gersten was the former Executive Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, husband of Labor Secretary Linda Chavez and reportedly very pro-Israel. Their children are being raised Jewish.

27) Mark Weinberger—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy

28) Samuel Bodman—Deputy Secretary of Commerce. He was the Chairman and CEO of Cabot Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts.

29) Bonnie Cohen—Under Secretary of State for Management

30) Ruth Davis—Director of Foreign Service Institute, who reports to the Office of Under Secretary for Management. This Office is responsible for training all Department of State staff (including ambassadors).

31) Lincoln Bloomfield—Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs

32) Jay Lefkowitz—General Counsel of the Office of Budget and Management

33) Ken Melman—White House Political Director

34) Brad Blakeman—White House Director of Scheduling



Doris' Corner

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By Doris & E.J. Ekker

NEWS ARTICLES AS REQUESTED FOR SHARING

Mark, there are several articles which seem too well done to not simply offer in press as requested by authors to share them with our readers or pass them on.

One outstanding one is by Len Horowitz on SARS as presented through the Rense Website.

It is obvious that there is something totally absurd about this "pneumonia" and "cold viruses" at a time when the world is aflame and even a drop or two of silver would knock out the virus itself. But we are, of course, stuck with the hype in the midst of designer masks and destruction of the airlines.

SARS AND ASIA

As we creep our way through the maze of damned-if-you-do and damned-if-you-don't regarding almost every topic you can name, we find this SARS to be about as "interesting" as anything to attend "today". Moreover, so much for expecting much "help".

We applied mid-month last for a waiver of the Hong Kong (visa extension requirement) because few airlines are servicing the area and you go under shrouds of gauze to trap and make sure the virus can spread more easily as the masks are passed around like so many Kleenex which no one will throw out or disinfect.

The next edict is that if you travel, you will likely be or at the least every last breath "tested". Then, if you go to anywhere around these parts without a mask, you are subject to a major FINE if not isolated/quarantined as in incarcerated.

The next incredible flip-flop, however, is that the Philippines declares there is certainly no need to wear masks unless you are "suspect", so even those wearing handkerchiefs over their noses against the pollution in the city—are careful to not be caught taking that "extreme" precaution against diesel blackout.

Well, Erick took our petition personally to someone at the right department to get the waiver approved—weeks ago. E.J. followed up on the first of the month only to find they had NOTHING and couldn't track it. So with back and forth on the phone and hours of copywork, they finally said we had to send them EVERYTHING (records) as in passport copies. They also said they didn't want the passports themselves although it eludes us as just how they stamp the passports without having them—oh well.

We are now ready with everything to send to them today only to be unable to get a response from the "department" office. They are probably all closed down, like the schools—to prevent spread of SARS. People: DO NOT COME TO THE PHILIPPINES. If one thing or the other doesn't get you, you can depend on acquiring Spongi-Brain.

V.K. continues to shout that we are here living "luxuriously" and I suppose that remains to be somehow true in that we do continue to struggle to breathe and that is certainly the luxury of the day, month, year and Philippine Time immemorial.

RB called last evening with an urgent request for a meeting this morning at 9:00. Fine, things are really looking up, for it is only now 10:00 and no word. But, everybody has something going and it all sounds wondrous. We won't, however, talk much about it because we, for two, are weary of assaults by even ones who have nothing whatsoever to do with ANYTHING we are doing.

Some of them who pronounce great speculation on our business insult others and when the circumstances are unfolded are actually from ones who have spent quite a bit of time in (U.S.) Club Fed. Is this a strange world or what?

We will say one thing about it, however, and that is that if we have to bend or break regulations and laws to get something done to satisfy outsiders, forget the "help". Know that we invited no one here to run this program, change the rules and regulations, or butt-in in any manner whatsoever. If we somehow offend demanding visitors, so be it. This is most especially true for those who drop out of the blue and want to know first of all, before any discussion of even what the program is about, "What's in it for me?"

Then they move off onto their intent to do grand humanitarian projects with Global assets while suggesting we are somehow using their "unknown" plan. No thank you.

We do find it quite fascinating to be internationally accused of posting nasty things about certain people on the Internet when we POST NOTHING TO THE INTERNET—NEVER HAVE AND NEVER, PROBABLY, SHALL. "Never" is such a silly word almost guaranteeing failure.

Diane just sent me a gift which I have immediately put to use. It is a pen with a pair of very strong "reading" glasses tucked into the housing of the pen itself. It is one of those priceless things you need, especially when the ear pieces of your only reading glasses fall off because of loose screws—and you need them to find your computer.

By the time we can afford all those "luxuries", like aids for this and that, there will be cloned super-cell grow-yours—or, we certainly won't need them any longer.

We also thank Jeanne B. for the hats. They are delightful and of course the thanks there goes to Berends who did that project. The "logo" is beautiful and it is special to be remembered that we have a few treasures to hold.

Now, as to that Iraqi war: PUZZLEMENT!

We get our best news from outside channels here in Manila, i.e., Chinese, Japanese, Tagalog, Taglish and even Russian. Of course we can't understand them but we note a different angle of camera shots.

The best daily rundown of events seems to come out of Russia—off their Website. Who knows what is taking place and thus we are left believing what is becoming the attitude of observers—YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EITHER SIDE OR ANY ONE. We do note, however, that "freedom" will prevail if you have to kill everyone within a zillion miles of the Super-Powers that seems to have dwindled to only ONE anyway.

It is amazing that when Iraq does something it is terror and yet when the U.S.-Brits do it—it is called "liberation". Surely that couldn't have anything to do with oil, money, gold, or power could it? I wonder, is it true that it is simply St. George going about his dragon slaying? Well, there certainly are a few dragons left that he has overlooked. Some are even in his own cupboards, cabinets, closets and ditty-boxes. I just begin to hope that some of our troops can escape the "friendly" Oopsies of this push for freedom. Surely if there were not any "weapons of mass destruction" in Iraq before, there certainly seem to be lots of them NOW. There are little bombs, computerized bombs, second- and third-generation spent uranium ammo, selected level bombs, little launchers, big launchers and "just right" launchers, scatter bombs, daisy bombs, Mother-of-all Bombs, e-bombs and itty-bitty personal bombs called bullets. I guess we are really showing that Saddam Hussein that he can't hold out on a bank account. My God in Heaven, I'm so thankful we don't have any of those Weapons of Mass Destruction in the U.S. They all seem to be in Iraq after all—and no longer "hidden".

The next problem evidently is, who is big enough to hold the hill of "reconstruction"? Well, just guess who! Cheney's Halliburton is top of the heap and already in place right there in the OIL FIELDS—saving more Iraqis and Iraqi assets, indeed, for those nice Iraqis who don't object to a takeover of the "Mother-Father-LAND".

My goodness—and we all thought Armageddon was in the Holy Land across the way.

Am I going to fight with Big Brother? Not on your life or mine. We choose to live to serve another day—or even this afternoon. We take our silver and drias, don't breathe and watch how V.K. saves the world.

I think we have sufficient material in our arsenal to counter anything that arises about our task at hand and, therefore, we will just continue to put into the stock storage bunkers the collection of anything new and wondrous. We are beyond weary of the nonsense.

The old stuff V.K. is pushing now will have to be taken up with Rick Martin, for you won't even find my name on most of the stuff to which she gives me full credit as to management. She is, however, on her own, for we do not know where to find Rick Martin nor have we for some four or more years.

The most major fraud of all perpetrated and perpetuated by V.K. Durham was when she first tried to grab Russell Herman's assets and gave us a criminally fraudulent program and we were ONLY ONE PARTY OUT OF COUNTLESS PROBABILITIES MANUFACTURED BY V.K.—I.E., NASARA, (NESARA?), NESR(A), OMEGA, FARM CLAIMS, AND ALL ISSUED OUT OF HER PERSONAL HOLDINGS AS CLAIMED. THAT INDICATES TAX EVASION, FRAUD AND CRIMINAL ABUSE OF SEC REGULATIONS. SHE EVEN TRIED MAKING A DEAL WITH FRAUDULENT "HOLDINGS" WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ADVERTISED IT ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Moreover, she has sold this barrel of hogswill to countless OTHERS. We could not have been the only ones who cut strings with the woman. We just must be the only ones who didn't roll over dead.

Who will get a "last laugh" out of this amazing "wag the dog"? In all likelihood, Russell Herman. And yes, one name is quite sufficient.

Went out to visit old acquaintances at lunchtime only to find out why we couldn't find anyone in any Government office: Bataan Day! Also found out that RB got "tied up" at the office and thus would let us wait out the afternoon while never-minding the inconvenience of missing, without even a call, the morning appointment. By then it will be "pile on" time at the "Mikatia Guilarmi" (V.K.'s identification of our prior luxurious accommodations) lighthouse when the others show up.

Even that is a comedy of some sick kind. That hotel next door is still "there" and still serves our very necessary meeting needs but my goodness, times are bad for everyone just getting through from last week to the next. Now, travel terrors from SARS to bombings are big-time AGAIN. I don't see how anyone could afford to tear down the old and much the less build anew. Worse than THAT is the fact that all of these buildings set atop "Tallano" estate land without good land titles among the lot of them. May we live in interesting times? Well we do, whether or not we have asked for that particular favor.

We do note that here the "shock and awe" of the Iraqi circumstance is hardly noticed any longer as boredom and watching the same murders committed over and over again totally desensitize everyone to anything short of bigger and more drastic "shock and awe". Even SARS can't hold attention very long—for after all, there are at least 6-1/2 billion people who DON'T have it. We are about weary of "imbedded" journalists who apparently are doing the entire war on their own. Perhaps the most interesting part of the game for them is trying to find a private privy for the ladies and getting a bit of friendly fire down your shorts.

I will give the Filipinos one thing for sure and that is that they have a very practical quest in the whole affair—keeping their overseas workers in jobs and trying to get a few more cheap-labor jobs out of the "rebuilding" phase, for they already recognize that they will get NOTHING MORE.

Another observation going about is about the huge warehouse discovered within the last couple of days somewhere to the south of Baghdad which was filled with boxes and bags of bodies. The question, of course, is "who are they"? Well, the response now is "The ones you killed on the road back to Baghdad FROM Kuwait when you U.S. guys shot everyone

on the road by the hundreds of thousands.” Could be so, I suppose, as “leavings” were circa about that time. “Liberation” certainly becomes a strange word.

What an amazing relief to realize that we are right here to our annual Easter parade to the crucifixion tree where a poor dear soul leapt upon the cross to pay for OUR sins so that we could go do all this “liberating” today. I suppose it would be quite accurate that we wondrous beings have slain Christ in every way possible since the creation of MAN! Now we still call it “in the name of God”, “freedom” and “liberation”. And still there are some of us lame-brained slow learners who think it wrong and stumble on upstream with that proverbial “I think I can—I think I can—I can—I can—I can—oops, I couldn’t.” Moreover, however, we find that it is, after all, often far better to have known in advance about actuality. Most of us wouldn’t even bother to “think we can”.

I don’t know who sent the picture of the puppy on the computer with the caption about showing another reason for extending the computer warranty package. The dog had obviously piddled all over the keyboard.

We had just come back from lunch only to run into our neighbor kids and *yaya* (Nanny) going downstairs with the most adorable dog I have ever seen and about as big as a minute. It was so precious and when it got away from the grip of *yaya* it ran about in pure glee. We petted and puffed and turned away to walk to our door and there it was wagging along behind while everyone was running frantically along behind IT. It promptly piddled all over every one and all over the floor in its excited exuberance. And indeed, there we were without our warranty. It proves that across the miles a peeing pup can “make your day”!


This can only be outdone by the message last week with the picture of the wiggling duck done up in tape and plastered on the wall by a window (well, I assumed the window). Caption: “Ok, I’ve got my duck taped, now what do I do?” Isn’t that about where we all are? Don’t you sometimes wonder if “survival” is worth it? We survivalists may only get stuck having to clean up the piddle and strip off the leftover duct-tape. So we win the world war? What do we do with it then? Do we just put up pictures of George Jr. where Saddam’s once hung? Or, better yet: Henry Kissinger?

Not to worry, though, for obviously there will always be the Durham Holding Trust (International Ltd.) TIAS un-Ltd.

No Mark, please do not run this letter-home in, certainly, this Public Notice issue. We will also reconsider whether to run the other “retraction” demand from J.M. at all. We have considered John’s observations and agree to at least wait for input from some of the other parties named by Mr. M.

E.J. and I just lived through the 35th anniversary (which we both missed) and laughed our way through the absolute absurdities of having achieved this “wisdom and old age”. The wisdom is somewhat in question but we earned the “old age” the hard way, experience by experience, day by day, year by year. And yes it does appear that things simply get more and more absurd as we move along. Is it not interesting that some of the grandchildren are older than we ever got along the way? We find it hitting home, however, when everyone around us thinks we have a bad case of SARS just for having walked across the street to get to the other side. No complaints, for the “alternative” is certainly less than desirable.

RB just left and E.J. made a pass through. The renewed vigor of possibilities struck to the heart since Sultan Bolkuah decided against another embassy here and that meant that the “deal” fell through. It probably was really that Prince Bandar doing a number but nobody’s perfect. It is always so much better for us when the “others” need to do something instead of waiting for miracles to drop on them. So, tomorrow will come the next layer of lawyers but smile ☺☺☺ for that is “good” in this progression of insight realization. It truly is good to recognize our purpose in this absurd journey.

With “unconditional” love and appreciation for your being the cart that carries this load.—D&E 

The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

GERTRUDE BELL: THE ‘UNCROWNED QUEEN OF IRAQ’

By Ken Stier, *Tribune*, 03/26/03
(Writer Ken Stier spent more than a decade reporting overseas for *Newsweek*, *Time*, *UPI* and other news organizations.)

When Britain decided, at the 1921 Cairo Conference, to install an Arab prince as the first monarch of the yet-to-be-constructed country of Iraq, it fell largely to Gertrude Bell to implement the secret plan.

Among the British Empire’s most accomplished Arabists assembled there, Bell had the most intimate knowledge of Mesopotamia, knew the genealogies of the disparate tribes as well the degree of corruptibility of each of the sheiks, many from years of personal acquaintance. Also, she was the only woman present.

Dispatched back to Baghdad, long her favorite place in the Arab world, she was appointed to serve under a family friend, Sir Percy Cox, the new British High Commissioner. As his Oriental Secretary, or chief liaison with the locals, Bell was set to become the indispensable midwife to this new country birthed under a League of Nations trusteeship.

Six months later, in a dawn ceremony—with the band playing *God Save the King*, in lieu of a non-existent national anthem—Prince Faisal ibn Hussein was crowned the first king of Iraq. It was a moment of great personal triumph for Bell, apparently unmarred by the impermanence of her accomplishment.

Britain anointed Faisal because they owed him—but also, and mainly, because he could serve Britain’s interests. His Hashemite family, one of the most prestigious Arab clans, and based in the Arabian Peninsula, had sided with the British during World War I against the Ottoman Turks. That was in the Arab Revolt so expertly stoked by T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia)—with whom Bell is often compared. Faisal had initially been promised the new kingdom of Syria, and he was installed briefly but was unceremoniously deposed after only three months by the French, who were collecting on the territorial spoils of the fallen Ottoman Empire divided up with Britain in the Sykes-Picot agreement.

Faisal was also necessary for London’s plans for indirect rule, through a pliable native ruler, instead of more costly direct rule as in India. Britain emerged from WW I greatly weakened economically and with little stomach for bloody expansions of the empire. It also recognized intense Arab nationalism, which London had promoted during the war.

Britain’s betrayal of Faisal helped fuel an uprising of Mesopotamian tribes in 1920 that would take three months and the lives of 600 imperial soldiers to suppress. Convening the Cairo confab Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill was under enormous pressure to cut costs and to make good on Iraq’s promise as an important source of oil—and grain.

Of course not all Arabs are alike and this presented Bell with her first challenge. Faisal was a complete stranger to fellow Arabs in Mesopotamia; he had never been there and spoke with an alien accent. Bell’s tutelage began in earnest as soon as the 36-year-old future monarch arrived for the first time in Baghdad.

In a cool underground room of a temporary palace, refreshed by lemonades, she laid out maps to instruct the new regent on the tribal geography of his

new subjects. Accompanying him to meetings of tribal leaders under tents out in the deserts, she was a helpful imperial imprimatur, if only because most chieftains were already on the British payroll. ...

Of course Bell was not all sweetness and light. She used her close position with Cox to undermine Faisal’s most serious rival. This came from Talib al-Naqib, a staunchly pro-British former Ottoman governor from the **critical port city of Basra**. Many considered him the more natural choice as a first leader of a republican Iraq and Cox had him appointed interior minister in a provisional government.

But Bell strongly disliked Talib, mostly it seemed because of his apparently well-deserved reputation as a murderer. In a scene of delectable Victorian Machiavellianism, Talib was picked up just after taking tea with Lady Cox and Bell, and packed off on a British warship to an indefinite exile in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). Faisal’s coronation was reaffirmed in a public referendum by a suspect 96 percent margin.

Once Faisal was enthroned Bell continued as his closest British adviser, helping to select government officials and setting up his household for official functions. She had a degree of familiarity with the king, which is hard to imagine even the most charming assistant to U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks ever winning with the new Iraqi leadership. ...

This was heady stuff and hugely appealing to Bell, who grew up in thrall of the Victorian sense of adventure and empire, and who from early on developed a particular romance for what was then known as the East. The spirited daughter of a very wealthy and particularly **well-educated liberal family**, she was encouraged to pursue her studies. She developed a passion for history at Oxford and was the first woman to take first-class honors there.

Her family’s wealth (from coal mines and iron) allowed her extensive post-graduate travel. She soon appeared in Persia in the 1890s, mastering Farsi and turning out what are still considered some of the best translations of Hafez. She later undertook ambitious explorations of the Arabian Desert, conducting competent amateur archeological inspections along the way—all in style befitting a Victorian lady of her social standing. When WW I broke out her expertise was enlisted for intelligence and propaganda purposes and she was soon helping to run a spy network. ...

Although Iraq had become her second home there were still limits to how far she would “go native.” She still operated in an imperial frame of mind—just as Lawrence did, despite his Hollywood image. One of her last services for the crown was facilitating the incorporation of the northern, **oil-rich province of Mosul**—and out of competing claims made by the Turks.

This came with a 25-year extension of the British mandate, and a very favorable, 99-year oil concession for a British-dominated firm. But as routine administrative matters gradually eclipsed more exciting politicking, Bell felt sidelined and frankly less interested. ...

After this last service to Iraq, there seemed little else for her to do and her famous enthusiasm soon waned. She had grown more disillusioned with her royal charge, complaining at one point he was “weak as water”. ...

Several days before her 58th birthday she died of an overdose of sleeping pills, most likely a suicide. Newspapers around the world registered her passing. The *Times* of London eulogized her as “the most

distinguished woman of our day in the field or Oriental exploration, archaeology and literature and in the service of the Empire of Irak (sic).”

Indeed her writings—both official reports and scholastic work—are arguably the most important source material for early Iraqi history. ...

In a condolence telegram to the Bell family King George V said: “The nation will with us mourn the loss of one who, by her intellectual powers, force of character and personal courage rendered important—and what I trust will prove lasting—benefit to the country and to those regions where she worked with such devotion and self-sacrifice.”

That proved overly optimistic. The constitutional monarchy came to an abrupt end in a bloody 1958 coup against Prime Minister Nuri Said. Most of the Hashemite family was massacred, although some surviving members (from the “Jordan branch”) are now angling for a role in a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq.

[JR: I love history because it reveals the hidden secrets and truths that our rulers would rather we did not know about. Gertrude Bell was well qualified to fulfill the British plans for the Middle East, and in particular Iraq (Mesopotamia). Her family’s liberal (Jewish) attitude and wealth placed her in a position to serve the British Empire builders. Iraq was a prime target then and it is a prime target now because of that pure crude oil flowing under their desert sands. Britain has never loosened its control over Iraq or the Middle East since oil was discovered in 1912. T.E. Lawrence of Arabia and Gertrude Bell claimed the Middle East for the British Empire and today more than 220,000 American troops are fighting to place the U.S. and Britain’s final seal for rule. The plan now is to create a huge Zionist-controlled state out of lands that were once called Arabia.]

OUR DAMAGING FOREIGN POLICY OCCUPATION SENDS ARABS WRONG SIGNAL

By Ali Abunimah and Hussein Ibish, 03/28/03

(Ali Abunimah is co-founder of electronicIraq.net and Hussein Ibish is communications director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee)

For all the physical devastation being produced by the war in Iraq, the political and diplomatic damage to the region and American foreign policy may be even more profound. Indeed, less serious attention seems to have been paid to the requirements of rebuilding political relations than repairing the infrastructure and society of Iraq.

This conflict is further poisoning the already noxious political atmosphere between Arabs and Americans. It has intensified dangerous feelings of humiliation and outrage among the Arab public, while paranoid rhetoric about Western attacks against Islam is spreading from the religious fringe to the mainstream.

Our government’s failure to secure authorization for this war from the United Nations Security Council, largely dismissed as an unfortunate but minor detail here at home, has had a profound impact throughout the world. Almost no one in the Arab world accepts the administration’s stated concerns about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction or the brutality of the Saddam Hussein dictatorship. The consensus is that long-term American domination of the oil-rich Persian Gulf region is the actual aim. As a result, while most Americans see ourselves as liberators, near-universal Arab perception is that ordinary Iraqis are fighting courageously against incredible odds to defend their homeland. The profound Arab sense of violation trumps particulars about who is in charge of Iraq, even the reviled Hussein.

Dismissing these perceptions as ridiculous is a childish response to a fundamental political reality. Even more unhelpful are projections of our own fantasies onto the blank screen of a public opinion we fail to comprehend, imagining Arabs being overjoyed at the “liberation” of Iraq or “shocked and awed” into a terrified docility.

Vastly different images on American and Arab television of the war are feeding these profoundly divergent interpretations of its meaning.

Americans have been mainly treated to cheerful dispatches from embedded journalists and singularly uninformative but upbeat Pentagon briefings. Arab channels are filled with sullen images of Iraqi women and children lying in hospitals. Arab TV stations repeatedly aired footage of dead and captured U.S. troops, images angrily rejected by most American outlets.

The apparent American missile strike Wednesday on a market in Baghdad, killing at least 14 civilians, dominated media around the world, including the British press, but was barely mentioned on American news channels that morning. Arab stations displayed the dead and dying.

This hemorrhaging of alienation and hostility between Arab and American societies must be staunch. The dangers it poses are all too obvious.

What is absolutely required to mitigate existing tensions and the further damage being done by the war in Iraq is for the United States to take the lead in finally resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Every opinion poll, survey and serious analysis regarding public opinion in recent years demonstrates that the Palestinian plight is by far the most important issue in every state and among every segment of society throughout the Arab world. All developments in international relations including the Iraq war, for good or ill, are seen through this lens.

For almost three years Arabs have been subjected to daily images of Palestinians being killed by Israeli occupation forces in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They see the United States not only doing nothing to stop this, but continuing to supply Israel with high-tech weapons, particularly Apache attack helicopters. Now they see those same Apache helicopters bringing war to Iraq.

The spectacle of an American occupation of Iraq may dovetail in the minds of many with the ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, and be seen as an American extension in Iraq of what Israel is doing to the Palestinians.

This double-image can only lend a sudden and undeserved credibility to hysterical voices, such as Osama bin Laden’s, which rant about a generalized assault by “Crusaders and Jews”.

Not only has the Bush administration thus far failed to register the urgency with which Israel’s occupation needs to be brought to an end, it has steadily drifted toward an ever deeper identification with the government of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Such a situation cannot continue without disastrous consequences.

It is essential that our government move quickly and decisively to ensure that Israel’s colonial occupation is ended, and that the United States is seen as a driving force in freeing the Palestinian people. Without this step it may be impossible to convince most Arabs that American foreign policy has anything to offer them other than war, occupation and humiliation. ...

[JR: This is how the Arab/Muslim world views the U.S. and our hostile policies towards them. Is the United States a country that wants to build a peace or to force a peace through wars and conquests? Isn’t this what Zionist Israel is trying to do in the Middle East—using us to vanquish and destroy their enemies? That is a question that we and the rest of the world needs to address before it grows too late for an answer.]

ARAB TV CHANNEL LAUNCHING ENGLISH WEBSITE

By Hugh Dellios, *Tribune*, 03/26/03

DOHA, Qatar—Just as its in-your-face broadcasting has angered U.S. officials again, the Arab-language *Al Jazeera* television network is unveiling an initiative to make its brand of news reporting more accessible to American viewers.

Al Jazeera reports now can be viewed on computer screens around the world—in English. ...

While critics say they expect the new ventures to carry the Arab bias of the older channel, *Al Jazeera*’s new Internet staff is a mix of young journalists with roots in both the Western and Arab worlds. They insist they want to bring news reporting into English-speaking homes from India to Indiana without bias.

“The Mideast is a hugely important region, and the language [in the Western news media] is pitting us up for World War III,” said Joanne Tucker, 32, the site’s managing editor and a former TV producer for the British Broadcasting Corp. “You can’t only cover this region from a Western perspective.”...

Allegations that *Al Jazeera*’s news coverage is anti-West and inflammatory resurfaced with a vengeance this week when the network broadcast video footage directly from Iraqi TV of the bloody bodies of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq and captured U.S. soldiers being subjected to questioning.

The airing upset U.S. military personnel who have been working with *Al Jazeera* in recent weeks to improve relations and accommodate their reporters at the Pentagon and the U.S. Central Command’s forward headquarters in Doha.

While U.S. officials once shunned *Al Jazeera* for what was perceived as anti-U.S. reporting, Bush administration officials have done an about-face. Acknowledging the influence of the network’s outspoken coverage in 45 million Arab homes, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials now grant it interviews, and the Pentagon has gone so far as to offer to “embed” some *Al Jazeera* reporters with U.S. troops during the war. ...

Officials at the 7-year-old satellite channel, which is operated independently but is partly funded by Qatar’s royal family, defended the decision to run the footage. It was lifted directly from Iraqi TV.

“I understand and appreciate the sensitivity, but whatever the event, we try to cover it from all angles and all perspectives,” said Jihad Ali Ballout, a channel spokesman. “At the end of the day, you cannot have war without death and dying.”

Others at the station said the criticism amounted to a double standard because U.S. networks have shown Iraqi prisoners in humiliating circumstances. They also pointed out that Arab viewers are accustomed to seeing more blood than Americans: Earlier in the day, *Al Jazeera* had shown equally disturbing images of Iraqi bombing victims.

U.S. Marine Lt. Josh Rushing, who has worked with *Al Jazeera*’s reporters at the Central Command base, said the United States was not reconsidering its closer relationship with the network. He noted that some European channels also are showing the images. ...

Tucker, the managing editor, outlines ambitious plans to cover not just the Mideast but the United States and the globe, with both news and links to background information. She said she has never been pressured to report only the Arab side. ...

Among those who will contribute is Daniel Ben Simon, a prominent Israeli journalist Tucker invited to write a piece about Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank. She did it because she did not think an Arab journalist would be objective enough.

Ben Simon said he accepted because he saw *Al*

Jazeera's Website as a rare place where the two worlds could possibly meet. ...

[JR: Well gee, why is all that offensive footage of dead Iraqi civilians or dead "coalition" forces missing from our American TV screens? Where are the scenes of Iraqi war-torn towns and the total destruction of areas where Iraqis resisted our invasion? How about reporting a true account as to the number of deaths and casualties of our "coalition" forces. Where are the verifications to back up the sound bites of Iraqi committing atrocities against civilians and prisoners? What we get to see on our censored TV coverage is virtual reality simulations accompanied with projections as to how the war is going or will be going. Where are the debates with the Arab/Muslims or European leaders who do not agree with our revolving reasons for the invasion of Iraq? *Al Jazeera's* alternate new channel will be met with very stiff resistance from our leaders in Babble-on D.C. They can't stand the truth and neither can the Christian Right who support their ungodly wars.]

U.S. MILITARY PLUGS ISRAEL INTO
REAL-TIME WAR-MONITORING

By Nathan Guttman, *HA'ARETZ DAILY*, 04/03/03

***Unprecedented access to command intelligence
aims to keep IDF out of Iraq conflict***

WASHINGTON—Israel and the United States have set up a joint command post next to the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv at which Israeli army officers will be able to view real-time pictures of the movements of American war planes over Iraq in the event of a war.

In addition, an American early warning system that is hooked directly into U.S. intelligence satellites over Iraq was transferred to Israel a few weeks ago, giving Israel direct access to information on any Iraqi missile launches at its territory, with no delays and no filtering.

Both of these are unprecedented measures, according to a report in yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*. The aim is to prove to Israel that the U.S. is doing everything in its power to prevent Iraqi missiles from landing here, and therefore to convince it not to retaliate should any missiles nevertheless hit.

According to the *Journal*, Israel will be the only country other than the U.S. hooked directly into the U.S. Central Command's communications system. The joint command post in Tel Aviv will enable Israel Defense Forces officers to view what is termed the "common air picture"—essentially an upgraded version of a flight command-and-control system that enables the viewer to follow the activities of all American and Iraqi aircraft in real time. Israeli officers will thus be viewing exactly the same pictures as the U.S. officers running the war from the CENTCOM base in Qatar.

A senior U.S. official told the *Journal* that this decision was made because the Americans' experience in the 1991 Gulf War convinced them that the best way to restrain the Israelis was to let them see for themselves that the U.S. was doing everything possible to eliminate the Iraqi threat.

However, Israel will not be able to use this real-time information to launch its own attack on Iraq, since the Israeli air force will not be able to enter Iraqi airspace unless the U.S. supplies it with the IFF codes that distinguish friend from foe.

The other measure, the loan of the early warning system, is equally revolutionary. During the Gulf War, Israel received U.S. information about incoming Iraqi Scuds only three minutes after the missile launch—greatly shortening the available reaction time, since a Scud takes only six or seven minutes to travel from western Iraq to Tel Aviv.

The satellite data was first relayed to America's ALERT system in Colorado, then to the U.S. Army command and only then to Israel. In 1996, the Clinton administration decided to hook Israel directly into the ALERT system, but even with this improvement, there was a 90-second lag time before Israel received the information.

The loan of America's JTACS early warning system will reduce the lag time to almost zero, giving Israel ample time to operate its Arrow and Patriot anti-missile batteries. The truck-sized system is linked directly to American intelligence satellites, thereby eliminating the time spent in transferring the data to Colorado and from there to Israel.

In addition, unlike the ALERT system, JTACS does not filter out any of the data. Thus Israel will have full access to all the information collected by American satellites over Iraq, even if it does not relate to Iraqi missile launches.

The U.S. has also decided to set up a special sub-command, headed by a general from one of its special forces units, for the destruction of missile launchers in western and southern Iraq. The subcommand was established pursuant to America's promise to Jerusalem that destroying missile launchers in western Iraq would be given high priority in the early phases of the war. The command will seize one or two airfields in western Iraq even before America begins the ground war and will use them as bases for anti-missile operations in the area. The U.S. will employ pilotless drones to locate and destroy the missile launchers.

America's hope is that all these measures will persuade Israel to exercise restraint even if Iraq scores a successful missile strike on Israel. The U.S. has also warned Israel that should it respond to an Iraqi attack with non-conventional weapons, it would immediately forfeit all international support.

[JR: This article is dated 16 days before the official U.S. attack on Iraq. It has been proven many times that Israeli agents spy on the U.S., steal our technology and have sold our technology and advanced equipment to our potential enemies. They have even knowingly attacked and attempted to destroy the *USS Liberty*, killing over a hundred American sailors to keep us from knowing what they were doing in one of their illegal wars. Yet we consistently provide Israel with all our latest equipment, technology and now are linking them into the U.S. Central Command's communications system with "real time access" to visually see every move we make in Iraq. To say we are doing it to persuade Israel to exercise restraint if attacked by Iraq is BS. Israel has openly defied the U.S. many times and has openly stated that if attacked, they will hit Iraq with everything they have, including strategic nuclear weapons (WMD). Israel is only for Israel and will only comply to our wishes if it suits THEIR purpose and agenda.]

NO CRACKS SHOWING IN HUSSEIN'S INNER CIRCLE
DEFECTION PUSH PROVES FUTILE

By Bob Drogin and Greg Miller, *Los Angeles Times*, 03/28/03

WASHINGTON—A highly publicized U.S. campaign to persuade senior Iraqi military and civilian leaders to surrender has failed to produce any significant defections, and U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that those closest to President Saddam Hussein are unlikely to give up.

The effort now appears to be one of several miscalculations in a high-stakes U.S. strategy whose planners hoped to use a combination of "shock and awe" bombing and inducements—including cash payments—to key Iraqi leaders to quickly overthrow the regime and seize any caches of chemical and biological weapons.

"We underestimated their capacity to put up resistance," said a U.S. official who requested anonymity. "We underestimated the role of nationalism. And we overestimated the appeal of liberation."

U.S. officials note that the war is just a week old, and they say that the sentiment among Iraqi military leaders could change quickly if Hussein's forces around Baghdad are routed by American-led troops.

But a U.S. intelligence official said no cracks have appeared in Hussein's command structure as coalition troops fight their way toward the capital.

"I think the inner circle are in it for the long haul," the intelligence official said Thursday. The estimated two dozen members of Saddam's inner command include his two sons, Uday and Qusai, other members of his extended family and ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party stalwarts.

The official said some "lower-level military units" may give up as U.S.-led forces approach. "No one has gotten close enough yet for them to surrender to," the official said.

But a former senior CIA official said the U.S. effort to encourage defections has been scaled back sharply since last weekend. "The negotiations went nowhere," he said. "All of them have proved futile."

He and other experts on Iraq said the use of telephones, cell phones and e-mail or reliance on Iraqi defectors overseas to contact senior Iraqi officials were doomed from the start because Hussein's secret police and spy services tightly monitor electronic communications in the country.

In recent weeks, White House, Pentagon and State Department officials repeatedly publicized their effort to reach out to Iraqi leaders through calls and e-mail, speeches by President Bush, the airdrop of more than 25 million leaflets, and round-the-clock, Arabic-language radio broadcasts to Iraqis on five frequencies.

It's unclear how many of the approximately 4,000 Iraqis now in allied custody surrendered because of U.S. appeals and how many were captured in battle.

The total is a striking contrast to the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when more than 80,000 Iraqi troops surrendered or were captured in the allies' 100-hour ground assault.

Judith Yaphe, the chief CIA analyst on Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War, said the Pentagon this time relied on overly optimistic assessments and predictions from Iraqi opposition groups in exile, particularly the London-based Iraqi National Congress. The CIA, she and other officials said, has been more skeptical of such claims. ...

[JR: Seems as though Shock and Awe has boomeranged into the faces of the war strategists like Perle, Irving, Kristol, WOLFowitz and Rumsfeld at the Department of Defense. As Ralph Peters (military/retired) was quoted as saying in the *Washington Post*, "The problem is that one's enemies don't necessarily respond to theories." Quite so! Did these plotters really believe that the betrayals preceding the Gulf War along with 12 years of devastating sanctions and daily bombings since January would all be forgotten once our invasion started and that the Iraqis would welcome British and American troops as their liberators? The fierce Iraqi resistance has forced us into fighting a more conventional war with the use of more of our ground troops. This is what the U.S. strategists wanted to avoid at all costs. There is already a backup as to the deployment of troops to their pre-assigned areas since the war began, along with the transportation of supplies. Rumsfeld's call for an additional 90,000 troops will compound the problem even more. There is also the added emergency to get vital humanitarian aid to the desperate Iraqi civilians as a concerted effort to show our "good will". The U.S. may have to turn towards the use of even more high-tech weapons that could produce deadlier results and accelerate claims of atrocities. I don't know why the U.S. doesn't deploy its real secret weapon to bring us a quick victory in Iraq? Why don't they send cowboy Bush and blasé Blair accompanied only by their army of theorists and staff of fierce advisors for a face-off with Saddam and his Imperial Guards? If they fail, they can all fall on their wooden swords. Our men in uniform would welcome a quick trip home and so would all Americans.]

TOP RUMSFELD ADVISER RESIGNS OVER ETHICS

By Pamela Hess, *United Press International*, 03/27/03

WASHINGTON, Pentagon—A top adviser to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and one of the intellectual architects of the war with Iraq resigned his post Thursday amid an ethics controversy.

Richard Perle resigned his chairmanship of the Defense Policy Board but is remaining a member of the board, according to the Pentagon.

“With our nation at war and American troops risking their lives to protect our freedom and liberate Iraq, I am dismayed that your valuable time, and that of others in the Department of Defense and the administration might be burdened by the controversy surrounding my chairmanship of the Defense Policy Board,” Perle wrote in a letter Wednesday to Rumsfeld.

Perle, one of George W. Bush’s top foreign policy advisers during the 2000 presidential campaign, was hired last week by the bankrupt Global Crossing telecommunications company to help it restructure a deal to sell a majority holding in the company to Hutchison Telecommunications and government-run Singapore Technologies Telemedia. The United States government—particularly the Defense Department and the FBI—has National Security concerns about the deal, according to the *New York Times*. **It would put Global Crossing’s fiber optics network—which the military uses—under Chinese ownership.**

The newspaper wrote about the deal last Friday the 21st, an article Perle disputed in a 10-point statement issued Thursday.

“I deeply resent the accusation that I am using a public position (the DPB) for private gain. Whatever help I was to Global had to do with 30 years of experience in these matters, and nothing to do with the DPB.”

The Defense Policy Board provides top Pentagon leaders with “independent, informed advice and opinion concerning major matters of defense policy,” according to its charter.

Perle said he was not paid for his influence and access to top Pentagon leaders but rather for his grasp of national security issues.

“It was clearly understood that I would not present their case to the government or lobby for them in any way and I have not done so. My role was limited to helping them understand the government’s concerns and how to satisfy them. (This is complicated and much more difficult than one would imagine),” Perle wrote.

Perle said in his resignation letter he would not accept any compensation for the consulting work he did for Global Crossing and that “any fee for past service would be donated to the families of American forces killed or injured in Iraq.” [JR: How touching!] [MM: Maybe it’ll light a tiny Zionist candle in one’s tummy?]

The *New York Times* reported that Perle is to be paid \$725,000 by Global Crossing, including \$600,000 if the government approves the sale of the company to the Hutchison joint venture.

“I have seen controversies like this before and I know this one will inevitably distract from the urgent challenge in which you are now engaged. I would not wish to cause even a moment’s distraction from that challenge. As I cannot quickly or easily quell criticism of me based on error of fact concerning my activities, the least I can do under these circumstances is to ask you to accept my resignation as chairman of the Defense Policy Board,” he wrote to Rumsfeld.

According to the *New York Times*, Perle signed a March 7 affidavit that was to be filed with the bankruptcy court.

That stated, “As the chairman of the Defense Policy Board, I have a unique perspective on and intimate knowledge of the national defense and security issues that will be raised by the (Committee on Foreign Investment in

the United States) review process that is not and could not be available to the other CFIUS professionals.”

Perle stated Thursday, “This language was wrong. The Defense Policy Board does not deal with these issues and my position could not possibly enhance my knowledge or perspective. Accordingly, I revised (the lawyer’s) draft to delete the sentence. Because of a clerical error the reference was only deleted from one page but appeared on another. Thinking that all the necessary deletions were made I signed the affidavit. The document was not filed with the court.”

Rumsfeld accepted the resignation Thursday.

“I am grateful for his willingness to continue to serve on the board. I should add that I have known Richard Perle for many years and know him to be a man of integrity and honor,” Rumsfeld said in a prepared statement.

As a member of the unpaid board, Perle would not be subject to the same ethics rules as the chairman.

Perle has been a leading, albeit somewhat free lance, voice in the Bush administration for a war with Iraq.

As a campaign adviser, he suggested in 2000 to a Senate committee that Bush would oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if he were elected.

“Governor Bush has said ... he would fully implement the Iraq Liberation Act. We all understand what that means. It means a serious and sustained effort to assist the opposition with a view to bringing down Saddam’s regime,” Perle said.

In October 2001—just as the war in Afghanistan was beginning—Perle told *PBS* the next target of the U.S. military should be Saddam.

[JR: Richard Perle—the ‘Dark Prince’ of Washington—has resigned only as head of the important Defense Policy Board at the Pentagon... possibly a first sign that things politically are getting a little heated for the Jewish/Christian crusading militarists who rule in the Bush administration. Perle, a long-time agent of the Likud-oriented wing of the Israeli-Jewish lobby in Washington and its Pentagon conduit JINSA (Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs), is said to currently plan to remain on the Panel but not as its head. He has recently been the subject of considerable media criticism for his financial conflicts of interest and double-dipping as well as for his pronounced anti-Saudi regime campaign. Perle is known to be one of the primary architects of the ‘Axis of Evil’ school-of-thought; and at present is known to be pushing hard to get the U.S. to take on Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas in the Middle East as soon as Iraq is conquered. But it is far premature for any rejoicing from opposition quarters. Though feeling a little heat, Perle may well have concluded that he has already achieved his main goals—with the Iraq war now raging and Sharon firmly in power in Israel—and that not much is now likely to change in Washington as a result of his personal repositioning at this point. Perle along with others from the extended-Israeli-Jewish lobby is also continuing his close association with the right-wing hard-line American Enterprise Institute (AEI). The importance of this resignation cannot be overstated. Along with Paul Wolfowitz, Perle is the very ideological embodiment of the Bush administration and its policies. He has pushed for this Iraq war for years, and was one of the loudest proponents of the “quick fight” theory that has so visibly fallen by the wayside. Based upon that theory, Perle, along with Don Rumsfeld, made sure that the troops currently in Iraq were few and lightly armed. This has proven to be a terrible way to fight the war. Perle’s ultimate motivations were described in a 2/27/03 *Truthout* perspective essay, *Blood Money* by William Rivers Pitt (3/19/03 *CONTACT*, pg. 12). Richard Perle is the Master Zionist Puppeteer of the White House and knows every string to pull to get the right action or reaction for the benefit of Israel. His Zionist powers and influence over President Bush is unprecedented, but isn’t that a sign of the times?]

U.S. NO LONGER PLAYS BY THE RULES

By Georgie Anne Geyer, *Universal Press Syndicate*, 03/21/03

WASHINGTON—America stands on the brink of a vast unknown, facing a world in which its principles, its values, its institutional commitments and its worldview have been bared for all the world to see.

This unknown encompasses far more than the war in Iraq, although that has become the symbol of it. The unknown in America now is not so much what Iraq will become as what we will become.

We have entered into a war with the excuse of overthrowing a regime, sordid to be sure, which has defied UN resolutions to disarm—and yet we fight almost alone, ourselves defying the United Nations, in addition to public opinion on a massive world scale.

Deliberately, as though indeed wanting to “shock and awe” the entire world with our sheer power, if no longer our ethics and morality, the American administration step-by-step destroys our relations not only with the UN but with NATO, with international trade groups, and with traditional allies such as France and Germany. (Then it plays to the lowest American demagoguery by blaming them for not appreciating our help in World War II.)

“Leadership” becomes a word misused; the new American style is not to lead (most of the “allies” now need to be bought) but to command. The word “allied” no longer applies. You can’t, after all, be a leader with no one following you, but you can become a leviathan, and you can have, if not allies, then subjects.

All the rules and regulations, all the promises to ourselves and to mankind, created and laid down over the last two centuries are being discarded like dirty linen. The Geneva Accords, protecting prisoners and non-combatants? No need for them anymore, as the White House and the Pentagon make the rules now. The rules of non-combatancy for humanitarian workers and journalists? They are part of the military machine now, and almost wholly dependent upon it.

The crucially important concept developed within the highest levels of Christian thinking over the last centuries is that of civilized and largely Christian countries following the theological and practical concepts of the “just war”. This has historically taken the place of the primitive tribal will to kill your enemy before he can get to you.

With this war against Iraq, the “just war” theories and protections, and the manner in which they were meant to gradually diminish the cruelty of war, are dead, at least for the time being.

Jesuit sociologist Father Thomas Gannon, director of the Heartland Center in northern Indiana, says: “The doctrine of a pre-emptive war is neither in accordance with the *United Nations Charter*, nor is it morally defensible.”

Instead, he says, according to Catholic catechism, “just cause” limits wars to cases in which “the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or the community of nations is lasting, grave and certain. ... The application of a doctrine of pre-emption would open the door to an infinite war, to war without end.”

And that is exactly what the zealots in this administration surely seem to have in mind for an America that never before in history fought a war pre-emptively, without imminent threat.

Officials and supporters within and of the administration, such as John Bolton, Michael Ledeen and Bill Kristol, to name only a few, speak openly of taking this “first war” in Iraq to Iran, Syria, North Korea and even the moderate Arab countries. Now, instead of the measured response of the “just war”, President Bush seems captured by the archaic Christian myth of pre-emptive violence, which posits an eternal struggle between ultimate good and evil.

President Bush speaks—occasionally and totally without enthusiasm—about other solutions to the Middle East imbroglio, such as the central question of Israel/Palestine. But his brief proclamation on Palestine during his one-hour meeting with the leaders of Britain and Spain last week was darkly comedic—all of the Bush war planners, from Paul Wolfowitz to Douglas Feith to Elliott Abrams, are fiercely against a Palestinian state and will most probably instead press for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's total takeover of Palestinian lands.

And so, the country that invented the rules no longer plays by them. It diminishes its past leadership of the world in the name of an obsession and a delusion of leadership and hubris. Illusions of grandeur help it to believe that no one will strike back—but of course they will, with new recruitment for terrorism, with the pervasive hatred that is growing for America, and with economic restrictions as well.

Only this last week, some Islamic scholars at Cairo's Al-Azhar University, the pre-eminent seat of Sunni Muslim learning in the Arab world and always a place of restrained moderation, declared that a U.S. attack on Iraq called forth a jihad or holy war against America. Recruitment for al-Qaida has picked way up all across Europe, and hundreds of sympathetic Muslim warriors have been pouring into Iraq.

Thus, the beginning of the new era of American Empire. God, truly bless America!

[JR: Georgie Anne Geyer has fully laid out the truth before us. We have been blessed! However America, at least what we once were, has been destroyed by the very ones claiming to be our guides into the new millennium, but they are actually driving a sword into the heart of our American values. Oh, America will continue to exist, but the true significance of what America symbolized to the world is now gone, perhaps forever.]

U.S. GIVES UN REASONS FOR ATTACKING IRAQ

New Zealand Herald, 03/21/03

UNITED NATIONS (*Reuters*)—The United States gave its official reasons for invading Iraq to the UN Security Council today, saying Baghdad had broken a cease-fire resolution adopted after the 1991 Gulf War. ...

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte described the military operations as “substantial” to secure compliance of Iraq's disarmament obligations under a series of council resolutions including resolution 1441, adopted on November 8 that gave President Saddam Hussein one last chance to disarm.

“The government of Iraq decided not to avail itself of its final opportunity under resolution 1441 and has clearly committed additional violations,” Negroponte said.

He noted that Resolution 687, adopted in April 1991, imposed disarmament obligations on Iraq that were conditions of the cease-fire at the end of the Gulf War when another U.S.-led coalition drove Baghdad's troops from Kuwait.

“It has long been recognised and understood that a material breach of these obligations removes the basis of the cease-fire and revives the authority to use force under resolution 687,” Negroponte wrote.

“In view of Iraq's material breaches, the basis for the cease-fire has been removed, and use of force is authorised.”

He said Iraq had repeatedly refused to respond to diplomatic overtures, economic sanctions, and other peaceful means designed to bring about compliance with its obligations to disarm and allow inspections of its weapons programmes.

Consequently, military action was an “appropriate response” and “necessary steps to defend the United States and the international community from the threat posed by Iraq and to restore international peace and security in the area,” Negroponte wrote.

“In carrying out these operations, our forces will take all reasonable precautions to avoid civilian casualties.”

The legal justification for the invasion is in dispute among many nations as well as some international lawyers, who argue that the Security Council had to rule on a “material breach” or give specific authorisation for an invasion.

Mary Ellen O'Connell, an international law professor at Ohio State University, said the United States and Britain were attempting to “cobble together a legal basis for war by linking snatches of language or implications in the various resolutions.”

She argued that the 1991 cease-fire resolution 687 contained a final paragraph that said the Security Council would decide on further measures but provided no authorisation for the use of force.

“Nor do subsequent resolutions,” O'Connell said.

The letter from Iraq, Ambassador Mohammed Aldouri told *Reuters* Television, quoted U.S. President George W. Bush, saying “that he started the war”.

Aldouri said he wanted the United Nations to show it was adhering to its charter. “This is a war of aggression... a violation of international law,” he said.

Iraq wants the council to reopen a debate on the U.S.-led invasion and Syria, a council member, is contacting ambassadors to see if that is feasible, diplomats said.

Should the council turn it down, Indonesia wants to take the issue to the 191-member General Assembly, an official from Indonesia's UN mission said. Nations opposed to war will probably muster a majority in the assembly. ...

“France regrets this action taken without the approval of the United Nations,” President Jacques Chirac said in a televised address. “No matter how long this conflict lasts, it will have serious consequences for the future.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Iraq presented no danger. The war was a “big political error” that flouted world opinion and international law, he said.

“This military action is unjustified... there has been no answer to the main question which is: Are there weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and, if so, which ones,” a grim-faced Putin told Russia's top ministers in the Kremlin.

On Wednesday Russian Foreign minister Igor Ivanov added his voice, saying there was “no indisputable evidence” showing Iraq threatened the United States. If there were Russia would use “any means available” to eliminate such a threat.

But he said “the Security Council today is not in possession of such facts.”

[JR: The UN has given the U.S. more than enough latitude. In presenting its position the U.S. has not been made to deal with “diplomatic overtures, threats of UN sanctions or forced complaisance”. We have gotten a pass on all such mandates using as our excuse Iraq's potential for hostile acts. Why were we not made to engage in direct talks with Iraq or its diplomats? The U.S. has made a case for itself by piecing together bits and pieces of UN Resolutions 687, 337 and even 1441 into a patchwork of vague ambiguities. This has succeeded in tangling and clouding the UN debates. The UN did not make any demands on the U.S. to hand over the missing 9,000 pages from the Iraqi weapons reports, nor did Hans Blix. WHY? The U.S. was the first to get the one and only copy of that report. Why were we left off the hook to produce those missing pages? All those bio-chemical and WMD Iraq once had in its arsenals came from the deals made with Bush Sr. during his administration prior to the Gulf War. Was there a duplicity on the part of the UN to conceal and withhold these pages because of the dubious partnership between George H.W. Bush Sr. and Saddam? Now, who in the UN has the real and hidden power that can manipulate and prevent such events from happening? My number-one guess is ISRAEL!]

JORDAN OPENS UP IRAQ'S WESTERN FRONT

By Pepe Escobar, *Asia Times*, 03/22/03

AMMAN—It may come as quite a shock, but thunderous silence does not mean that all's quiet on the Iraqi western front. “The surprise is not the attack on Baghdad or the advance from Kuwait. The surprise will come from Jordan,” a top Jordanian source who requested anonymity told *Asia Times Online*. The source says that well over 400 American tanks and more than 7,000 American troops may well be on their way to Baghdad from a remote launching pad in eastern Jordan.

Thousands more troops—at least half of them Special Forces—will arrive over the weekend. So far, the tanks and heavy military equipment have arrived by ship at the southern Jordanian port of Aqaba and have been deployed to the east shrouded in utmost secrecy. Secrecy is paramount, according to the source. The Revolutionary Command Council in Baghdad apparently has no idea that this may be happening, while 5 million Jordanians—including a vast majority of Palestinians—condemn the Anglo-American invasion. Marwan Muasher, Jordan's Foreign Minister, still insists that no more than 2,000 American and British troops are in the country, and then only for defensive purposes: to operate the three Patriot anti-missile batteries that have been set up to defend the capital Amman and the city of Irbid in northern Jordan.

All of eastern Jordan has been declared a military zone. The Safawi military base is half way between Amman and the Iraqi border. Special Forces commandos have been infiltrating into the western Iraqi desert for days for reconnaissance missions. The source confirms that Hercules C-130 transport planes are using remote airstrips—not the Safawi military base. A special permit is now required to get to the border. But the border is not officially closed: More than 400 African refugees—from Sudan, Somalia, Mali and Chad—have already crossed from Iraq and are now housed in one of two refugee camps operated by the UN High Commission for Refugees. A taxi ride from Baghdad to Amman, usually in a battered 1970s orange-and-white VW Passat, has shot up to more than U.S.\$1,000 from the usual price of less than \$200.

The Hashemite monarchy under Jordanian King Abdullah cannot possibly afford to go public with the explosive developments in eastern Jordan. On the one hand, it depends 100 percent on Saddam Hussein's regime for its oil: half is free, and the other half bought at a discount price of only \$19 a barrel. Iraq also accounts for 20 percent of Jordan's exports. On the other hand, Jordan is in no position not to appease the U.S.: It depends on an annual \$500 million in civilian aid plus \$200 million in military aid. Washington has additionally promised Jordan a megadeal to offset its war losses. The official estimate in Amman is that Jordan may lose up to \$1.2 billion this year alone—with no oil coming from Iraq, no exports to Iraq, no UN oil-for-food program and practically no tourists.

The U.S. is pressurizing governments around the world to close Iraqi embassies and expel its diplomats. Australia was the first to oblige. The Iraqi embassy in Jordan may cease to exist this weekend. The official Jordanian position is of not openly supporting the war: but under this extremely uneasy neutrality, there's de facto total cooperation with the U.S. The contrast with most Arab nations is extreme, except those like Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, who are in varying degrees pro-U.S. ...

Exiled Iraqis may be praying for the end of Saddam's brutal secular regime, but at the same time they are now caught in a very serious religious conflict. The most eminent scholars at al-Azhar University in Cairo—which is the highest religious authority in Sunni Islam—have declared that a jihad against the “new crusade” targeting

Islam is absolutely legitimate. According to al-Azhar's academy for Islamic research, "If an enemy descends upon Muslim land, then it is the duty of all Muslim men and women to perform jihad." The scholars are unanimous that 1.3 billion Muslims all over the world "must be ready to defend themselves, their faith and their honor".

Egyptian and Saudi scholars have agreed these past few days that even if this war does not explicitly pit Christians against Muslims, the only possible reaction to the Anglo-American invasion is jihad: "Hitting American interests is an act of martyrdom." Jordanians as well as Egyptians agree with the overall Arab perception that George W. Bush is surrounded by hardcore ideologues and religious Christian fundamentalists with a viscerally anti-Muslim agenda. ...

COSTS OF WAR BY FAR OUTWEIGH BENEFITS

By Jim Lobe, *Asia Times*, 03/20/03

WASHINGTON—Regardless of how quickly U.S. troops roll into Baghdad, the second Gulf War already looks like a historic defeat for the United States.

While there is no doubt that Washington's awesome military machine—the product of a defense budget greater this year than those of the world's 15 next-largest military establishments combined—will prevail, the long-term strategic costs of Iraq invasion are certain to be much greater.

Start with the cost in U.S. alliances and the gaping split between Washington and Britain on the one hand and France and Germany on the other. Put bluntly, "this war will produce a poison in the United States' closest alliances", the former director of the National Security Agency (NSA) and retired Army general William Odom told the *Washington Post*, "It comes close to risking exchanging Europe for Iraq."

Even in the best-case scenario—a quick and relatively bloodless campaign in which U.S. and British troops are greeted as liberators with flowers, much as they were in France in 1944-45—the consequences of going to war unilaterally and without the sanction of the United Nations Security Council are certain to weigh heavily against the United States for years, if not decades.

"We are witnessing the dissolution of an international system," said New York University professor Tony Judt, who wrote in the *New York Review of Books* this week that, as the globe's most powerful nation, the United States has enjoyed enormous leverage in using that system to promote its own interests and values. Judt wrote that instead of America acting like a status quo power by preserving and strengthening the system to its benefit, President George W. Bush has decided that it has become simply too constraining.

Like Gulliver in the famous Jonathan Swift tale often cited by the neoconservative and right-wing ideologues behind Bush's foreign policy, Washington cannot permit itself to be tied down by "Lilliputian" nations, like France or Germany or Russia, let alone Guinea, or Chile, or Mexico.

It must instead create a "unipolar" world order in which Washington, as opposed to a larger community of nations, formal alliances, or even international law, acts as the ultimate arbiter of what is permissible and what is not, even to the extent that it arrogates to itself the right to act preemptively against presumed dangers, a clear violation of the *UN Charter*.

"This may be the week that the old world ends," wrote R.C. Longworth, senior correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, "That old world, the only world most Americans have ever known, was a world of alliances, of power wrapped in law and of an American leadership of like-minded nations that accepted this leadership because Washington treated them as allies, not as subjects."

Bush's decision to pursue war with Iraq in the absence of a Security Council authorization and in spite of a deep split within the ranks of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) marks a decisive repudiation of this view and signals a decisive new drive to establish that "unipolar world".

But is this really a feasible objective?

The right-wing coalition behind Bush—the neo-conservatives, the Christian Right, and the traditional Republican right-wingers like Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld—clearly believes that it is.

Max Boot, one of their spokesmen based at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, recently likened Washington's military power in the world today to its military dominance of the Caribbean Basin one century ago, suggesting that "America's destiny is to police the world".

But most analysts—indeed most of the U.S. foreign-policy establishment—believe this is a fantasy, a very dangerous one that is likely to lead sooner rather than later to a new world disorder.

For one thing, Washington's self-proclaimed right to preempt threats long before they actually materialize could very easily be claimed by other countries, such as nuclear-armed India vis-a-vis Pakistan, or China vis-a-vis Taiwan, or Russia vis-a-vis Georgia. "This is a recipe for chaos that we can't control," said one State Department dissident.

Second, there is no evidence that the U.S. public and Treasury—which is currently forecasting a deficit this year of at least 300 billion U.S. dollars—is either willing or able to sustain the kind of imperial mission on which the Iraqi adventure is predicated.

"We are stronger than anyone else," Zbigniew Brzezinski, former president Jimmy Carter's national security adviser told the *Post* this week, "but we are not capable of simply dictating to the world".

Indeed, 25 years of polling have shown that the public rejects by an overwhelming margin precisely the role that Boot and the other hawks are assigning to Washington. "If America acts virtually on its own," warned the *New York Times*, "it is hard to imagine either the Bush administration or the American people having the staying power to make things right."

Washington has already signaled that it wants help in reconstruction and possibly in peacekeeping in Iraq, as it did in Afghanistan. But, unlike in Afghanistan, the unilateral decision to go to war has some allies, such as the European Union (EU) suggesting that they may not be very enthusiastic about the idea.

"The degree to which we act alone correlates with the price we will have to pay in lives, dollars and influence around the world," warned Democratic Senator Joseph Biden last week.

Washington may thus find itself with a stark choice of paying billions of dollars more in occupation and reconstruction costs or simply giving up and going home, much as it did in Afghanistan, where stability is still elusive more than one year after the Taliban's ouster.

"Look at Vietnam. Look at Somalia. Look at Afghanistan," noted Quentin Peel in the *Financial Times* this week. "It needs an effective UN to do the dirty work for it. And yet this administration seems hell-bent on undermining the institution it most needs."

Even among the hawks in control, there are serious differences that will surface the morning after the troops reach Baghdad. Republican right-wingers, like Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney, have signaled their eagerness to get out as soon as possible, a la Afghanistan, while the neoconservatives, such as Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, say Washington has to be committed for the long haul. Even now, with U.S. troops moving across the border from Kuwait, there is no consensus within the administration.

But just as when Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon, the

crossing of U.S. troops into Iraq without a Security Council or NATO mandate now marks the point of no return.

[JR: The U.S./British aggressions in Iraq instigated by Israel will lead to the disorder of the world. The U.S. is throwing everything in its arsenal with its relentless bombing raids over Baghdad. We had 1500 sorties in just the first 2 days with some bombs weighing over two thousand pounds that are taking out huge buildings with one hit. The noise and terror that the Iraqi people are going through cannot be imagined. The Bush zealots are going all out to insure that Iraq is made a devastating example for those nations who might dare to stand up to their Pax Americana/Judacia planned world. Americans have lived too long in their controlled comfort zones and if the catastrophe and tragedy that is taking place in Iraq doesn't send us a wake-up call then we will deserve the hatred and the scorn that the rest of the world holds for us. Americans may have to get used to living insecurely under hostile conditions just as the Israelis do, surrounded by their enemies. Israelis are provided shelters and gas masks by their government. What do we get? Crayola warnings and more controls handed down by Homeland Security and the lame advice to be like "soldiers in our own homes". Yeah, whatever.]

MILITARY-LED CREWS TO SEEK ILLEGAL ARMS

By Mike Dorning, *Washington Bureau*, 03/23/03

WASHINGTON—As U.S. forces press deeper into Iraq, military-led teams are in the Persian Gulf region to search occupied territory for weapons of mass destruction and related materials, senior government officials said.

The search teams' work is unusual in the history of armed conflict. Their findings could prove crucial to the strategic and diplomatic success of a war fought in the name of ridding Iraq of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

Bush administration officials would only outline the teams' composition and work, but details that have circulated among disarmament experts and weapons inspectors are stirring some criticism from outside the government.

Some complain that the effort, which the Defense Department began planning six months ago, is hastily conceived and too much of an afterthought. Others say the search for weapons would benefit from an affiliation with an international organization that could help assure the U.S. was not manipulating the findings.

"They are still struggling with a way to give it international credibility and regional credibility so its not like the L.A. police planting evidence," said David Kay, a former United Nations nuclear weapons inspector.

The credibility of evidence the U.S. produces to show that the Iraqi regime has maintained an illegal weapons program could have a significant effect on international opinion, much of which is opposed to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. ...

More concrete, quick seizure of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons reduces the risk of dangerous material slipping out of Iraq and reaching nations hostile to the U.S. or terrorist groups such as al-Qaida.

Some critics noted that the UN weapons inspection team led by Hans Blix has not been invited to participate in the search. The Bush administration was highly critical of the presentations Blix made to the UN Security Council before the war, complaining that Blix did not give sufficient weight to evidence supporting U.S. claims of Iraqi weapons violations.

A U.S. government official said it would be "premature" to invite UN inspectors to participate in the search. Several Security Council members have said they expect the inspection team to resume its work in Iraq once fighting ends.

A senior Defense Department official said the military expects “at the appropriate time” that it will “augment” its teams with former UN inspectors. But the official would not address a possible role for Blix’s team. ...

Pentagon officials said they expect the search for weapons to be complex.

“We know that Iraq has taken steps to move its weapons and evidence of illegal activities,” a Defense Department official said. “We fully expect to go down a number of blind alleys early in the operation.”

The official said the department expects its “most powerful tools” to be the interrogation of Iraqi scientists and administrators involved in weapons programs, as well as the analysis of documents uncovered as the **U.S. gains control of the country**. But he said this will take time.

Although the U.S. search teams are led by the military, they include experts from throughout the government and are furnished with equipment that will allow for quick analysis of samples. ...

The U.S. has identified 1,400 sites as suspect and has assigned a high priority for inspection to 400 of them, said one disarmament expert. Most are in and around Baghdad. ...

[JR: How many times have both UN inspection teams since the early '90s requested the U.S. to identify specific locations that they “claim” contained evidence of WMD? How many times has the U.S. deliberately ignored the inspector’s request, yet still insisted they had the proof Iraq HAD WMD, but would never provide this proof for “independent verification”? The key point to note here is HAD, meaning past tense. Are we now expected to believe these U.S. military and U.S. “experts from throughout the government”, when they claim they “found” this evidence? A majority of nations in the UN were against an invasion of Iraq at this time and wanted the inspectors to complete their task. Russia, France, Germany, China and others consider the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, without UN approval, illegal so the U.S. is now forced to show cause to justify their pre-emptive strike on Iraq. The only acceptable justification is for the U.S. to produce unmitigated evidence of Iraqi WMD program. Of course the U.S. must produce something to justify their actions and it is not beyond our U.S. government to fabricate evidence, if it serves their purpose.]

MILITARY STRATEGY AGAINST HUSSEIN HOLDS POLITICAL RISKS

By Michael Tackett, *Tribune*, 03/23/02

WASHINGTON—The new bumper sticker phrase for the war in Iraq, “shock and awe”, is actually as old as the Chinese military author Sun Tzu and is as complex and layered as his theories that date to 500 B.C.

It also is a strategy that carries potentially weighty political consequences.

While the world watched the theory put into violent practice, the political consequences were emerging alongside the fiery explosions and deafening concussions.

For one, there was the risk of having the full brunt of American military might broadcast live around the globe. It was a risk the Bush administration not only considered, but also seemed to fully embrace despite the broad swath of world opinion against such action.

Second, and potentially more damaging, there was the risk of what follow-up news coverage might bring, namely a grim parade of civilian casualties.

But those risks could also carry significant political reward.

“First thing you do is think through how everybody is going to twist it back at you if there is an unfortunate incident,” said Republican strategist Scott Reed. “And secondarily, you think if you are successful, how you can roll it out to the next level?”

“When I first heard the term about the military exercise, my immediate reaction was if Bush is successful with this, this will be his theme right through re-election, that Congress will fall in line, his agenda will be fully supported and he will be on offense for good,” Reed said. ...

“There is at least potentially a conflict between what would be militarily useful and what would be politically optimal,” said **Michael Mandelbaum**, a professor of foreign affairs at Johns Hopkins University and author of *The Ideas That Conquered the World*.

“From a military point of view, getting the war over quickly with the least cost, it probably makes sense to have a very heavy air campaign,” Mandelbaum said. “On the other hand, that has potential political costs because the heavier the air campaign, the greater the collateral damage, and the greater the collateral damage, the greater the political damage in the West.”

The administration’s list of the “coalition of the willing” that provided some form of support for the U.S.-led invasion notably does not include many historically key allies. Very quickly, the military and political objectives are converging.

“If you have what is widely reported as an amazing operation that shows off American military doing amazing things, the assumption is that reflects on the president and the war effort overall,” Democratic pollster **Mark Mellman** said. “It adds to the overall luster of the president’s reputation.”

But Mandelbaum said that the show of military power might not engender more ill will toward the U.S.

“I think it will reinforce the impression, which is a correct one, that the United States is far ahead of the world in terms of military power,” he said. “What the political consequences are is hard to say.”

Shock and awe is distilled from an idea in Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War*, in which the ancient strategist writes “the best way to win a battle is not to fight it.” Some of today’s strategists believe advances in technology make that possible.

It is believed that shock and awe also creates new political options because battles can be stopped and started quickly. ...

[JR: Political strategists must analyze each war strategy for the best political gain and to twist any negative reaction by diverting attention to a more positive point. The political arena is the ultimate battle of wits. It is designed to immediately initiate damage control or to precondition the American people that the pre-emptive strike on Iraq, our killed and missing U.S. and British military personnel and collateral civilian deaths in Iraq is unavoidable and is for the best interests of the American people and the world. For a bully to maintain power over others it requires keeping them in fear of what might happen if they challenge their powerful controller. It is called extortion in most circles. Dredging up ancient slogans just shows that the U.S. is out to demonstrate its power and might to the world while the sheeple are in awe, glued to their TV news screens. IT’S SHOW TIME!]

BRAZIL’S LEADER UNDER FIRE FROM UNLIKELY FOES

By Patrice M. Jones, *Tribune*, 03/16/03

RIO DE JANEIRO—Invading private estates and government offices, Brazil’s landless farm workers are facing off with an unlikely adversary, the ruling Workers Party, a test of the regime of leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The invasions in at least six states in the last week have startled da Silva’s ruling party because it is strongly viewed as a comrade-in-arms to the landless.

Formally grouped as the Landless Rural Workers

Movement, the workers and activists have championed a two-decade struggle aimed at undoing a colonial legacy of land distribution that has given a small minority of Brazilians control over most of the arable land.

Last October, Brazil’s landless celebrated the election of da Silva, a radical leftist who softened his rhetoric to win in his fourth run for president.

Last week, Joao Paulo Rodrigues, national coordinator of the landless movement, said: “The wait-and-see period is coming to an end.”

The landless are ratcheting up their protests because the new government had promised to settle 80,000 families and give agricultural credits for many settlements, Rodrigues said.

Another demand among some factions of the group is that limits be imposed on the size of private estates to accelerate the speed of granting land titles to the poor.

Land reform is a delicate matter for da Silva.

He was a poor farmhand and spent much of his presidential campaign promising to radically change life for the one-third of Brazilians who live in poverty.

But da Silva also was elected on a moderate platform that courted ranchers and landowners with a promise to control violence and property invasions.

Analysts say slow government progress could lead to widespread protests such as those three years ago when 30,000 squatters filled public buildings across the country and took a land-reform agency director hostage.

The workers also occupied and sacked a family estate owned by former President Fernando Henrique Cardoso. ...

Critics say the government must move quickly because Brazil’s distribution of land and wealth historically has been among the most uneven in the world.

According to statistics from 2000, about 3 percent of the population owned more than 60 percent of the country’s arable land.

The Landless Rural Workers Movement, which claims to have 5 million members, has grown in power and political influence in recent years, and last year 16 of its members were elected federal lawmakers, all but one from the Workers Party.

Jose Dirceu, da Silva’s chief of staff, said the government would live up to its campaign promises but warned it would not reverse a decree by the previous government that instituted tough measures against squatters.

So far, thousands of squatters have descended on various sites, including groups that took over offices of the government’s agrarian reform institute in two states. ...

Violence appears to be escalating. ...

A recent study showed that while there are more than 100,000 families camped across the nation waiting to be awarded land, the government’s agrarian reform budget is too small to provide land for even 20 percent of that group this year.

Meanwhile, a growing number of Brazil’s large landowners have vowed to fight back.

A group in southern Parana state recently declared that it would create its own militia to thwart invasions, a common practice in many rural regions of Brazil.

[JR: Brazilian President da Silva is labeled by the media as being a “leftist radical”. Is that because he has been a disruptive element to the prevailing social structure before becoming President? If da Silva made promises or gave his assurances to both sides, is the one side with the magnet of influence pulling him away from his commitment to the squatters? This may be the reason why he says he can’t reverse the tough restrictions issued by the past government against the squatters? If President da Silva does not make clear his position he risks facing ongoing mini wars between the planters militias and the squatters guerrillas. It is the makings for a Brazilian catch-22.]

NO END TO LOVE FOR SADDAM, HATE OF U.S. OCCUPATION

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BASRA—"Give my life to Saddam!" Fatima shouts out from her hospital bed. Her leg has just been amputated, two days after a mortar fell on her house, killing five members of her family.

The 22-year-old learns that U.S. forces pounded a site in Baghdad where Saddam Hussein was believed to have been hiding. She can't hold back the tears.

"We don't have anyone else like him. I know he's not dead."

At a nearby hospital bed, a mother stands vigil over her two-year-old son Hassem, who she says was hurt four days earlier by a tank at Abul Jasib on the outskirts of Basra, Iraq's second city.

"I don't think Saddam is dead. He knows very well what he's doing. We saw him yesterday on TV. This is just a lie by the Americans," she says.

British troops have been received cordially in Basra since they established control over the city on Monday, the most frequent reaction being smiling "thank yous" from children.

But to many of the hundreds who were wounded in the two-week battle for the city, the feelings are bitterness, anger—and for some a longing for Saddam Hussein to remain in charge.

Saddam Teaching Hospital, the city's largest medical centre with 450 beds, has taken in hundreds for treatment since the war began on March 20. The situation is similar at Basra's other hospitals.

Muayad Jumah, a surgeon, estimates more than 1,000 wounded were admitted at Saddam Teaching Hospital from Basra and other cities including Umm Qasr, Safwan and Nasiriyah.

The hospital only treated civilians and offered its services for free. Militia fighters were given first aid but then referred to a military hospital, Jumah says.

In one room, the family of Zahar Abdul Hassan, 23, is just waiting for him to die.

The young farmer took the impact of a mortar in Safwan on the first day of fighting. Both of his feet have been amputated, his intestines are perforated and he suffers from trauma to the head.

"The Americans said they came here to liberate us," his father says angrily. "But we're the ones who are suffering. We're losing our children."

The ravages of war have also hit the hospital staff personally. Its director, Dr. Akram Hassan, a well-known figure in Basra, is said to have lost 10 members of his family when a bomb demolished his house on Saturday.

Hassan survived because he was at work—waiting for more casualties to come in.


The hospital remains in mourning, and angry.

"The United States created Saddam, gave him weapons, made him strong and then forgot about us," says Fadila, a nurse. "They've used him up now, so they're putting someone like him in his place."

In room 54, in the men's part of the hospital, talk of Saddam's possible death prompts furious debate about what direction Iraq should take....

Jumah, the doctor, intervenes to restore order.

"In any case, what difference does it make whether Saddam is dead or alive? That won't free us from the current occupation."

At that thought, the room turns passive. 

NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

Stay Small Or Increase Substance In Nevada

Budget's "Tip of the Week" #18:

More on "Nexus" and "Substance"

Two legal issues crop up when operating a Nevada corporation which might have some activities in a foreign jurisdiction: "nexus" and "substance". Without getting into a full-blown legal definition for the purposes of this discussion, nexus can be considered equivalent to the related word, "connection". And for purposes of this discussion we can consider the legal issue of "substance" to mean "physical presence".

We have previously pointed out a list of conditions under which a Nevada corporation is not considered to be "doing business" in a foreign jurisdiction. It may, for instance, use an independent contractor to effect sales outside of Nevada, as long as each sale is not considered final until accepted in Nevada. If, however, a Nevada corporation has significant nexus in (connection to) another jurisdiction, in many cases the tax-hungry foreign state will seek to extend its tax laws to compel the Nevada corporation to pay some home-state taxes. A Nevada corporation with little presence in Nevada but which provides all sorts of equipment to an independent contractor working in, say, California could find itself under attack from the California Franchise Tax Board.

So far, at least, there are very few examples of small, private situations undergoing such scrutiny. However, in cases where the amounts of revenue derived from the foreign jurisdiction are large enough to present a "target of opportunity", various states are becoming increasingly aggressive in extending their tax tentacles. In auditing such a situation the home-state taxation authority will pose many questions relating to the "substance" (physical presence) of the Nevada corporation in Nevada.

Actual audit questions in establishing the substance of the Nevada corporation in Nevada can be very detailed and probing, including but not limited to the following: employees (compensation, responsibilities, payroll returns); identification of officers and compensation; copies of phone bills; actual payments made on notes; list of suppliers and professional-service providers; where decisions are made regarding investments; copies of corporate records including minutes and resolutions; banking (copies of all bank statements, checks and deposit slips).

The Nevada Department of Taxation uses the following criteria to evaluate nexus in Nevada: use of an office, distribution house, warehouse, service enterprise or other place of business; maintenance of a stock of goods; solicitation of orders by employees or independent contractors; regular engagement in the delivery of property in this state, other than by common carrier or United States mail; or regular engagement in any activity in connection with the leasing or servicing of property which is located within this state.

From the foregoing it should be obvious that it is always best to remain small in order to keep the bureaucrats out of your private business affairs whenever possible. And if and when your business grows to become a substantial potential target, it may become necessary to broaden its Nevada base, in order to retain more "substance" in Nevada relative to "nexus" in the foreign jurisdiction.

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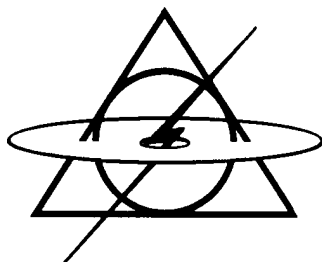
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