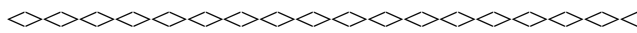


The entire push for war against Afghanistan despite a total lack of evidence of a link between the Taliban government and Osaman's international al-Qu'eda movement that has agents in every Moslem country (American's are being propagandized into thinking that the Taliban is Bin Laden's organization -- deliberate disinformation to prompt this war) --the irrational placed emphasis on destroying the Taliban is being pushed by two men in the Defense Department with the strongest possible ties to the great investment banking houses of New York and London that launder a trillion dollars of illegal drug money each year (most of it from processed opium that comes out of Northern Afghanistan from the anti-Taliban drug lords who dominate there -- and who are favored by investment bank puppet institutions and political stooges.

Richard Norman Perle, a Rockefeller mouthpiece from the Davids Rockefeller's American Enterprise for Public Policy Research; and Assistant Secretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz a member since the late 1960's of the banking establishment's shadow directors of the United States government, the Council on Foreign, Paul have both been making totally irrational demands for war to destroy the Taliban -- irrational, that is, given one accepts the official interpretation of events and the official rationals and motivations, but which perfect sense from the standpoint of the globalist banking elites causing a war to protect the flow of opium that keeps them flush with drug lord invested capital, the high powered money which powers the international capital flows behind World-plundering globalization of finance capital.

Nader, Buchanan and Chomsky have been filling the Internet with this analysis this morning. Here is populist Buchanan's analysis:



Whose War is This?

By Patrick J. Buchanan

In his resolve to hunt down and kill the Osama bin Laden terrorists he says committed the Sept. 11 massacres, President Bush has behind him a nation more unified than it has been since the days of Pearl Harbor. But now Bush has been put on notice that this war cannot end with the head of bin Laden and the overthrow of the Taliban.

The shot across Bush's bow came in an "Open Letter" co-signed by 41 foreign-policy scholars, including William Bennet, Jeane Kirkpatrick, the publisher of the Weekly Standard and the editor and chief of the New Republic -- essentially the entire neo-conservative establishment.

What must Bush do to retain their support? Target Hezbollah for destruction and retaliate against Syria and Iran if they refuse to cut all ties with to Hezbollah and move militarily to overthrow Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Failure to attack Iraq, the neocons warn Bush, "will constitute an early and perhaps decisive surrender in the war on international terrorism."

"Our purpose in writing is to assure you of our support as you do what must be done to lead the nation to victory in this fight," the letter ends.

Implied is a threat to end support if Bush does not widen the war to include all of Israel's enemies, or if he pursues the U.S.-Arab-Muslim coalition of Secretary of State Colin Powell. Among the signers is Richard Perle, chairman of Bush's own Defense Policy Board, a key advisory group.

This letter represents one side of a brutal policy battle that has erupted in the capital: Is it to be Powell's war or Perle's war?

The final decision Bush makes will be as historically crucial as Truman's decision to let MacArthur advance to the Yalu, and FDR's decision to hold up Eisenhower's armies and let Stalin take Berlin.

How will the President come down is unknown.

In his address to Congress a week ago, Bush declared: "From this day forward, any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime." The President seemed to be offering amnesty, or conditional absolution, to rogue states if they enlist in America's war, now, and expel all terrorist cells.

Even Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is signaling that what matters are not where nations stood, but where they stand. On Sunday, he said on CBS: "What we are looking at today is how are states going to behave going forward."

And Powell's coalition is coming together. Whether out of fear or opportunism, Libya, Syria, Iran and the Palestinian Authority have all denounced the atrocities of Sept. 11. Pakistan has joined the coalition. Sudan is cooperating.

But calls for a wider war dominate the neoconservative media. The Weekly Standard's opinion editor, David Tell, wants war not only on past sponsors of terror, but also on "any group or government inclined to support or sustain others like them in the future."

Bennet wants Congress to declare war on "militant Islam," and "overwhelming force" used on state sponsors of terror such as Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran and even China. The Wall Street Journal wants strikes "aimed at terrorist camps in Syria, Sudan, Libya and Algeria, and perhaps even in parts of Egypt."

Terrorism expert Steve Emerson puts Lebanon's Bekka Valley at the top of the list. Benjamin Netanyahu includes in the "Empire of Terror" to be obliterated: Hamas, Hezbollah, "the Palestinian enclave," as well as Iran, Iraq and Taliban Afghanistan. Tom Donnelly and Gary Schmitt of the Project for the New American Century want Iraq invaded now: "Nor need the attack await the deployment of half a million troops. ... The larger challenge will be occupying Iraq after the fighting is over."

As of now, Bush is laser-focused on bin Ladin and the Taliban. But when that war is over, the great policy battle will be decided: Do we want to dynamite Powell's U.S.-Arab-Muslim coalition by using U.S. power to invade Iraq? Do we then reverse alliances and make Israel's war America's war?

If the US invades Iraq, bombs Hezbollah and conducts strikes on Syria and Iran, this war will metastasize into a two-continent war from Algeria to Afganistan, with the United States and Israel alone against a half-dozen Arab and Muslim states. The first casualties would be the moderate Arabs -- Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States -- who were our Cold War and Gulf War allies.

The war Netanyahu and the neocons want, with the United States and Israel fighting all of the radical Islamic states, is the war bin Ladin wants, the war his murderers hoped to ignite when they sent those airliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

IF America truly wishes to be isolated, it will follow the neoconservative line. Conservatives should stand squarely with President Bush -- and General Powell.