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Bush men planned Iraq war in 2000

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Whatever happened to “Peace on earth-goodwill to men”? I guess it just doesn’t fit the agenda of the New World Order.

The Sunday Herald of Scotland recently republished an article it first ran last September. The piece deals with America’s strategic blueprint, titled “Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategies, Forces and Resources For a New Century.”

This plan was written in September 2000 by the neo-conservative Washington think tank named Project for the New American Century (PNAC).

What’s interesting about this plan for U.S. global domination is that it shows George W. Bush and his cabinet were planning a pre-emptive strike to cause a regime change in Iraq well before Bush took office in January 2001.

Achievement of a global Pax Americana was outlined for Vice-President Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, his deputy, Jeb Bush, and Lewis Libby, Cheney’s chief of staff.

The Herald’s report said the plan makes clear Bush’s cabinet planned to take military control of the Gulf region whether or not Saddam Hussein was in power.

The document states: “The United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein.”

As we’ve said before, the campaign against Iraq has little or nothing to do with Saddam or weapons of mass destruction. That’s just the official pretext for public consumption.

The plan further says even if Saddam passes from the scene, U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will remain permanently, despite local opposition, as “Iran may well prove as large a threat to U.S. interests as Iraq has.”

This blueprint advocates advancing this grand strategy as far into the future as possible. It calls for this country to fight and win multiple, simultaneous wars and to discourage other nations from challenging U.S. leadership or aspiring to a greater regional or global role.

It sees these actions as “peace-keeping missions” and declares they must have American leadership rather than UN guidance.

This imperial power lust doesn't stop there. Iraq isn't the only nation targeted for regime change. China also is singled out. “It is time to increase the presence of American forces in southeast Asia.” The report claims this move may speed the democratization of China.

Beyond that, the empire builders want to create special U.S. forces to dominate space and to take total control of cyberspace so “enemies” (read dissidents) can't use the Internet against the administration.

And while the U.S. pretends to be fully opposed to Saddam for allegedly having weapons of mass destruction, the plan hints we may develop biological weapons in the future, something we have banned in the present. The plan also speaks of advanced forms of biological warfare that can target specific ethnic groups.

The document cites North Korea, Libya, Syria and Iran as dangerous regimes and says their existence justifies a “world-wide command-and-control system.”

One member of the British House of Commons, Tom Dalyell of the Labor Party, snapped: “This is garbage from right-wing think-tanks stuffed with chicken hawks—men who have never seen the horror of war, but are in love with the idea of war. Men like Cheney, who were draft-dodgers in the Vietnam War. This is a blueprint for U.S. world domination—a New World Order of their making. These are the thought processes of fantasist Americans who want to control the world.”

While we watch as the Bush bunch readies a pre-planned war against Iraq, our government is spending \$5 billion of our tax money each month to march down the same road as the Russians did in Afghanistan.

The official propaganda machine maintains the fiction of a great “victory” in that battered country. And the Pentagon continues to feed us lies about our casualties and equipment losses there as our troops endure almost daily assaults on their positions.

Hamid Karzai, the U.S. puppet leader of Afghanistan, must have 200 American bodyguards to protect him from his own people. We control very little of the country outside Kabul, the capital, and the Taliban and al Qaeda are said to be growing stronger daily. As this goes on the CIA is trying to assassinate any Afghan nationalist leaders opposed to the Karzai regime.

Since we overthrew the Taliban, the opium trade is flourishing once more. It has grown from 185 tons a year to 2,700 tons. The Northern Alliance, which is largely controlled by the Russians, finances its arms purchases and field operations with proceeds from the drug trade. The U.S. is in the awkward position of collaborating in the heroin industry.

Our bill to occupy this region will only go up as we install more and more bases along the route of the Unocal pipeline that will carry Caspian Basin oil south through Afghanistan.

You may have noticed that the national media are saying very little about Afghanistan. That's because they don't want the American people to find out what a mess we have made in that country. Victory indeed!

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