

## The Attempted Re-colonization of the World

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We had, huh, the necessity of being away from you since the 11<sup>th</sup> of December (2006) and we're just happy to be back. Now a lot has happened in our world since I spoke with you last December. During my absence I've had a chance to think about what this administration has put the American people, the Iraqi people, and the people of the world through since taking us to war in 2003.

Through their insanely audacious decision to repeatedly tell and defend gross lies to the American people and lead us into an equally insane war, this administration has inflicted 3000 deaths on our youths, killed more than 650,000 Iraqis and wounded and dismembered thousands of other Iraqis and brought back home more than 20,000 wounded and dismembered American youths. And these returning youths, with emotional problems, face a waiting list of 400,000 others hoping some day to get treatment for those emotional problems.

This administration has also destroyed the people sustaining infrastructure of Iraq and its entire infrastructure except its oil producing infrastructure. It has used 100,000 US corporations and companies to steal our tax dollars set aside for defense as well as Iraq's money in a grossly incompetent pretense of repairing Iraq's infrastructure giving favored US firms billion-dollar contracts without bids or with "license to steal" cost-plus contracts.

We've now been in Iraq longer than we were in Europe during WWII. Why? What were the motivations of George W. Bush and Neo-conservative cadre of con-men and women? My answer just before Bush took us to war with the connivance of our House of Representatives and Senate was this, and this is what I wrote then and then I titled it 'The Attempted Re-colonization of the World'. I wrote,

"Two Sundays ago as a viewed them in disbelieve of their arrogance, our selected President stood with Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal and Tony Blair of the United Kingdom. They stood together there in the Azores and all that week I waited for someone, anyone, with the establishment press to address gross irony and arrogance of their appearance and their location.

Let me put this in perspective. These persons met in the Azores, which were first colonized by the Portuguese in 1439 by Prince Henry, twenty-something years after Portugal began its expansion into Africa, starting with North African around 1415. Portugal was one of the first European countries to begin what they called the search for gold and the imagined riches involved in the Spice flowing from the Indies. They sought the best way to get to India, taking the route of the Cape of Good Hope, and in the

succeeding years Portugal would challenge the claim of Spain to be the owner of all the land discovered west of the Atlantic Ocean.

Now Portugal entered into the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494, limiting Spain's claims and rights and reserving for Portugal ownership claims to the lands for example which became Brazil. That treaty also gave Portugal legal rights to explore all of Africa and the seaways to India. In the early 1500s Portugal defeated Muslim naval forces and gained control of the sea trade which became a major source of its wealth as it controlled the Persian Gulf, the gateway from the Indian Ocean to southeast Africa as well as the Gulf and shores of India and Salon. It substantially controlled what became known as the Oriental Trade until the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1580 Spain, which became the greatest naval power of the then world, lead by Phillip the II, occupied Portugal and Phillip was crowned Portugal's King Phillip the First. Spain ruled as an occupying force in Portugal until driven out in 1640, but peace did not come until the Treaty of Lisbon was concluded in 1668.

Now these 2 countries, singularly and jointly, wreaked havoc in the lands they occupied and on the peoples of those lands throughout the southern hemisphere of the world, using their superior weapons of mass destruction to steal all of the wealth they could get their hands on. And they genocidally slaughtered all of the humans who occupied those lands and carried out an extensive trade in slaves, forcing those human to work free while enriching themselves and their countries. That slave trade, slavery, and genocidal slaughter reached their zenith under the successor nations of Britain and then our own country, America.

Thus as I watched them gather again, the leaders of these four nations gather in the Azores, their self isolation, flying to meet together in a conference to decide how best to lie to the rest of the world about their previously planned use of the superior weapons of mass destruction owned by the most powerful colonizer among them, America. And their publicly announced decision to return to and openly embrace colonialism would be poignant were it not so anachronistic and shameful.

Yet not one word was published by a single established press outlet, print or electronic. And even more shameful and obscene has been the obsequious performance of the Congress of these United States and the Senate which lies to the world when it claims to be the world's most important deliberate body. That body assumed the posture of Monica Lewinsky before our selected and un-elected President as he assumed their power and unilaterally declared war."

It does not matter what the President and his sycophants in congress may say, what they've done is take the world back to Colonialism and official Grand National theft of the wealth of other nations, something many of us hoped ended with the end of Apartheid in South African. And while elected and appointed sycophants and right-wing fascists, variously wearing capitalistic or religious garb, beautifully promote colonialism and the return of empire abroad they are promoting fascism and a police state here at home.

I would remind you of Hitler's rise to power in the name of protecting the German people from another named terrorist and terrorist group. Hitler was seen by those in power as a not so bright nut and he made fools out of them all and brought pain and suffering to the entire world. Hitler promised the people a recreation of their national past glory, a Third Reich to match that of Charlemagne of the 9<sup>th</sup> century and the Second Reich which ended with their defeat in WWI.

Hitler's party, the National Socialist German Worker's Party, the Nazis, held only about a dozen seats in the Parliament in the 1928 but as un-employment increased from about 2million in 1930 to 6 million in 1932, the people begin to listen and his party's fortunes grew with the un-employment rate winning more than 200 seats in 1932. The Nazis not only organized in the Legislature but in the streets and gave the confused people an object and a group, the Jews, to hate and blame for their misfortune in not improving their economic condition.

Meanwhile the other political parties could not form and keep a sufficient alliance to keep a government functioning, resulting in the parliamentary system frequent calls for a new election. Although the Nazis had become Germany's largest political party the countries situation had become unstable and no Chancellor was able to govern for long. Well to shut Hitler up, President Hindenburg was convinced by members of his inner circle that the appointment of Hitler would bring some stability, since he would have the form the government with another party. Instead of being on the outside of power harping, Hitler would have to rely on Hindenburg's inner circle, folks who thought they were superior, who knew how to run things to actually run the country. So early in 1933 Hindenburg made the appointment, but then in about 1 month, a would be revolutionary was accused of setting fire to the Parliament building, the Reichstag and it was gutted. As soon as Hitler was informed he ordered his propagandist, Joseph Goebbels, to get the word out to Germany's equivalent of our Associated Press that the Communists, who were major opponents of the Nazi as a party and were good street fighters and organizers, were responsible for the fire. Being first and loudest with the big lie from the new Chancellor paid of, as Hitler knew it would. He then went to the Parliament and got their authority to suspend civil rights. He also immediately called for new elections within 60 days. He won a total of 300 of 650 seats available. Joined then with the Nationalist Party which had won 50 seats, giving them a majority, he then rounded up 80 or so Communist Party elected officials and well as all the communists his Party could identify and put them in prison. He now had total control of the Parliament. He then got that Parliament to

pass a law giving him dictatorial powers for 4 years. And as I recall the law passed with about two thirds voting in favor. Within about 3 months Hitler dissolved and other suppressed all other political parties.

That in a nut shell is how Hitler was given power by the democratic process using the lack of backbone of all the other parties and ruling class minions who thought they were superior him and his great un-washed thugs. He used fear just as George Bush's administration used fear. So you think about the parallels to America's situation today and be ever vigilant. The White House is being run as if it were an organized crime family, the mafia. The powers given to Bush are dangerous and his Mafioso secretly plan for more power to take more of our rights. We can not let that happen."

Yet, since I wrote that, it has happened. Now our pretender Mafia Don in the White House and his neo-con fascists have been highly successful in taking away the rights of all Americans. And they have so far been even more successful in protecting themselves from ever legally paying for their crimes. Yet, with six years of almost unlimited power, Bush and his neo-cons fascists are approaching the most abject failure ever experienced by anyone who has held such power, if the American people are not again lead again down the garden path of new lying propaganda.

Over these six years I have tried to educate the public about the gross dangers to democracy by the consolidation of ownership of most public systems of communications by only 5 major corporations that is ownership of radio, TV, newspapers, and book publishing companies. One remaining system of free information, the internet, is the major reason the American people have awoken from their propaganda induced political sleep. And that system, the free internet, was in danger the later part of this year of being corporatized. We live in an age of advance technology only dreamed of in the past. Whether that technology is used to make live better or worse depends on the motives and power of those who control or wield that technology.

Now I'm going back now to Albert Speer, one of Hitler's top people. Now listen to his words and consider what we have done in Iraq using technology. When he was tried for war crimes, he was given a chance to make a statement before they retired to render a verdict, and in his final speech to that Court, this is what he said in part. He said,

"Hitler's dictatorship was the first dictatorship of an industrial state in this age of modern technology."

We're talking about 1945 now, when he makes this statement.

"A dictatorship which employed to perfection the instruments of technology to dominate its own people by means of such instruments of technology as the radio and public address systems, 80 million people could be made subject to the will of one individual."

“By means of such instruments of technology as the radio and public-address systems, eighty million persons could be made subject to the will of one individual. Telephone, teletype, and radio made it possible to transmit the commands of the highest levels directly to the lowest organs where because of their high authority they were executed uncritically. Thus many officers and squads received their evil commands in this direct manner. The instruments of technology made it possible to maintain a close watch over all citizens and to keep criminal operations shrouded in a high degree of secrecy. To the outsider this state apparatus may look like the seemingly wild tangle of cables in a telephone exchange, but like such an exchange it could be directed by a single will.

Dictatorships of the past needed assistants of high quality in the lower ranks of the leadership also-men who could think and act independently. The authoritarian system in the age of technology can do without such men. The means of communication alone enable it to mechanize the work of the lower leadership. Thus the type of uncritical receiver of orders is created.”

The criminal events of those years were not only an outgrowth of Hitler’s personality, the extent of the crimes was also due to the fact that Hitler was the first to be able to employ the instruments of technology to multiply crime. Speer said,

“I thought of the consequences that unrestricted rule together with the power of technology, making use of it but also driven by it might have in the future. This war I continued had ended with remote control rockets, aircraft flying at the speed of sound, atomic bombs, and a prospect of chemical warfare. In five to ten years for an atomic rocket, perhaps serviced by ten men, to annihilate 1 million human beings in the center of New York within seconds. It would be possible to spread plagues and destroy harvests. The more technological the world becomes the greater the danger. As the former minister in charge of a highly developed armaments economy it is my last duty to state a new great war will end with the destruction of human culture and civilization. There is nothing to prevent unleashed technology and science from completing its work of destroying man which it has so terribly begun in this war.

The nightmare shared by many people that some day the nations of world may be dominated by technology, that nightmare was nearly made a reality under Hitler’s authoritarian system. Every country in the world today...”

This is, he’s saying this in 1945,

“... faces the danger of being terrorized by technology but in a modern dictatorship this seems to me to be unavoidable. Therefore the more technological

the world becomes the more essential the demand for individual freedom and the self awareness of the individual human being as a counter to technology.”

Albert Speer (1970), *Inside the Third Reich*

Now in responding to that a year later, Harry Stimson, US Secretary of State and Secretary of War wrote an article titled ‘The Nuremberg Trail: Landmark in Law’. You’ll find it Foreign Affairs Magazine, 1947, in which Harry Stimson says,

“We must never forget that under modern conditions of life, science, and technology all war has become greatly brutalized and that no one who joins in it even in self defense can escape becoming in a measure brutalized. Modern war can not be limited in its destructive method and the inevitable debasement of all participants. A fair scrutiny of the last two world wars make clear the steady intensification in the inhumanity of the weapons and methods employed by both the aggressors and the victors. In order to defeat Japanese aggression we were forced, as Admiral Nimitz has stated, to employ a technique of unrestricted submarine warfare, not unlike that which 25 years ago was the approximate cause of our entry into WWI. In the use of strategic air power, the Allies took the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians in Germany and Japan. We as well as our enemies have contributed to the proof that the central moral problem is War and not its methods, and that a continuance of War will in all probability end in the destruction of our civilization.”

We now come full circle. Our pretend mafia don in the White House has now killed the man who he says tried to kill my dad, Saddam Hussein. He’s also killed Saddam Hussein’s two sons. So the pretend vendetta is over but a nation has been destroyed and hundreds of thousands of innocent people, men women and children have also been destroyed. Now that it is almost over Bush and those who in Congress and the media who collaborated in convincing the American people that this was a war of defense are now saying to the Iraqi people ‘It is now all up to you to pull yourselves up by the bootstraps.’

Sound familiar? It’s the same message I and African Americans have heard from American officials and their black sycophants many times during my lifetime. It is the language of all would-be colonizers. After wreaking destruction on a colonized community or country the language of the colonizer and his sycophants is always the same. They say ‘I can not be held responsible for the havoc I have wrought on you, on your people, and you community and country. Since I have restrained myself from wreaking for havoc in your lives you should just pick yourselves up, repair the damage I have done and take advantage of what I left you.’

One African American sycophant recently wrote a book advising African Americans to open our eyes to, what he calls ‘the culture of failure’ end of quote, all around us. But he said not one word about the forty years of purposeful denial of jobs that resulted in double digit unemployment in black communities or about the tens of millions of illegal immigrants who were provided those jobs denied our young people.

All colonizers and their well paid sycophants always sing the same song. That song is now being sung daily in Iraq and about Iraqis by an administration that has enriched itself and its corporate friends off our tax dollars, misspent in this insane. It is time colonizers be held libel for their havoc. Let me repeat that, it is now time that colonizers, such as the United States of America, be held libel for their havoc and not the colonize people whose country they have destroyed, whose people they have slaughtered.

This is my commentary.