

McCain's Big-Noose Party

Presidential precandidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued the following statement on Feb. 8, 2002.

Sending those four stooges, Wolfowitz, Perle, McCain, and Lieberman, to the Munich Wehrkunde conference, was like putting a Hollywood Don Juan on the Larry King show, to tell the heart-rending story of his terrible fight against a resistant strain of gonorrhea. It turned out to be about the quickest way to end a lot of alliances.

Maybe that was the intention, all along.

At Munich, Joe Lieberman, the only member of the team capable of parsing, performed a four-stooges parody of Groucho Marx, while McCain played "Harpo." The conclusion to be drawn, is that those four knuckle-draggers were not sent to deliver a message, but to accomplish exactly the effect their performance produced: provoke an incident which would, among other things, more or less break up NATO, in favor of a "We Do As I Please" organization run from Washington, D.C.

Granted, as Secretary O'Neill's statements on the health of the U.S. economy should remind us, we must always take into account the fact, that not only the present U.S. Administration, but the minds of pretty much the entirety of the present official leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties, are not living mentally in the real

world. Most of these leading circles could be compared, on numerous stress-filled occasions, to a troop of dried-out, sun-crisped travellers in a desert, ready to go to war, in Afghanistan, or almost any other place, over the rights to permanent occupation of a mirage. They will probably fight that war, but will they ever successfully occupy that mirage?

All of which brings us to what a recent edition of the weekly *New Yorker* has described, as McCain's threat to form a "Bull Moose" party. What is that *New Yorker* story trying to tell us? What has that to do with McCain's uncaged performance at Munich?

My point, is that we are living under circumstances, in which the apparent intentions of leading characters are no longer necessarily a reflection of a trend in policy, but, are a symptom of a breakdown in the ability to accept the reality of the circumstances in which leading political and related forces are now situated. What McCain says he is doing, for example, may have no correlation with the effect of the current movements of his mouth, hands, and feet. The question, therefore, is not, what is McCain's own voluntary intention; but, rather, who is using him, as if he were a kind of hand grenade thrown into the neighborhood, for what effect, as we witnessed in his part in the four-stooges act at Munich?

I remember the notorious "Gulf of Tonkin" resolution. Often what the leaders of our government and political parties tell us, is not what is actually happening, but what they wish to fool us into doing. That is, as it was at Munich, Senator "hand grenade" McCain.

axis of evil that threatens us with its support for terror and development of weapons of mass destruction. Dictators that harbor terrorists and build these weapons are now on notice that such behavior is, in itself, a *casus belli*."

McCain zeroed in on Iraq: "Nowhere is such an ultimatum more applicable than in Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Almost everyone familiar with Saddam's record of biological weapons development over the past two decades agrees that he surely possesses such weapons. He also possesses vast stocks of chemical weapons and is known to have aggressively pursued, with some success, the development of nuclear weapons. He is the only dictator on Earth who has actually used weapons of mass destruction against his own people and neighbors. His regime has been implicated in the 1993 attacks on the World Trade Center. Terrorist training camps exist on Iraqi soil, and Iraqi officials are known to have had a number of contacts with al-Qaeda."

McCain then got to the point: "A day of reckoning is approaching. Not simply for Saddam Hussein, but for all

members of the Atlantic community, whose governments face the choice of ending the threat we face every day from this rogue regime, or carrying on as if such behavior, in the wake of Sept. 11, were somehow still tolerable. . . . The combined examples of regime change in Afghanistan and Iraq would likely compel several other state sponsors of terror to change their ways or go out of business, accomplishing by example what we would otherwise have to pursue through force of arms. These nations—Syria and Sudan, for instance—have a choice, and it is in their interest to make the right one."

The next day, in his own speech, Lieberman fully endorsed McCain's incendiary message: "We cannot claim victory in our war against terrorism until we decisively address the profound threat posed by Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. As President Bush declared on Tuesday in his State of the Union address, 'America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons.'"