

## Cheney's speech at Sydney's Shangri-la Hotel

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The American Vice-President, Dick Cheney, today delivered his only address to the 'public' at the plush Shangri-la Hotel. He will later meet with servile Defence Minister, Brendan Nelson, opposition leader Kevin Rudd and other minor government officials at Victoria Barracks, Paddington. The symbolism of Cheney's visit in the last days of neo-conservative rule is not lost on Australians; the absence of Prime Minister, John Howard, from the venue was the most notable aspect of the event!



**Dick Cheney -- unpopular in Oz**

The highlight of Cheney's speech was the effect it had on historians, political analysts and social commentators. Reactions ranged from jaw-dropping amazement, grins, sarcastic smiles, and feigned walkouts. These reactions all indicated surprise at hearing a very familiar tune - the tired old anti-communist discourse of the cold war was delivered today almost verbatim. Transposing the word 'terrorist' for 'communist' was the only change made to this weary old tune. Cheney confirmed today that he is a product of his times (cold war) and is bereft of vision and solutions for today's challenging world. It is most regrettable for international neo-conservatism that the entire civilised world is extremely familiar with the transparent propaganda of days gone by!

Crucial to neo-conservatism is the requirement of a GLOBAL enemy. Universal enemies are required to justify perpetual war/conflict and facilitate military neo-colonial expansionism and the exploitation/plunder of weaker nations. Neo-conservatives faced with an American industrial-military economy geared for a cold-war world were unable to adapt to the challenges of a world without a universal enemy after the abrupt end of the cold war. In order to serve the vested interests of the techno-industrial-military complex and sustain the status quo (war economy) neo-conservatives were obliged to create a universal enemy and arrange an attack in order to obtain the sweeping executive powers that war would provide - the rest as they say is history!

The world is extremely familiar with Cheney's attempts to create a universal enemy; the Saddam-Bin Laden 'link' was one of the more memorable woeful attempts. In his desperation to create a new bogeyman, Cheney exposed the fact that he is a war monger, pathological liar and psychopath, however, these facts seem to have escaped the attention of the mass media!

Predictably, Cheney's speech was dedicated to the continued demonisation of Islam; few wish to acknowledge the fact that disparate Muslim extremist groups numbering less than the American

Mafia have absolutely no hope of 'dominating the world'! Also, it is widely known that criminals who ply their nefarious trade under the banner of Islam are regarded with contempt by the vast majority of the world's 1.6 billion Muslims.

Try as they might, Cheney and his fellow conservatives will never convince the world that 1.6 billion people are on the offensive. The REALITY for Cheney and his neo-conservatives is there is no universal bogeyman.

The civilian casualty rate remains the most accurate indicator of terrorist activity; to date the numbers indicate that the USA and its allies are the world's most dangerous terrorist threats. The few thousand killed by disparate criminal groups pales against the hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths attributable to the illegal invasion of Iraq by the USA - this fact also seems to have been overlooked by the mass media.

Cheney did mention China and indirectly reminded the audience that war with that nation is inevitable. We cite the following reasons as ample evidence:

America's failure to harness the masses to the neo-con cause; failure in every respect in Iraq; the increasing dominance of China in the world's economy and its increasing military strength; increasing loss of confidence in the basic tenets of U.S. capitalist philosophy; global warming, pollution and a host of other reasons not least of which is the incapability of the USA to meet the challenges of a new world cooperatively and peacefully.

We therefore call on all the world's nuclear powers to form a military alliance to prevent the USA from wreaking further havoc on the world. America is obviously in the hands of madmen who are clearly unable to defer to peaceful solutions or relinquish power. Their tactics and their 'final solution' are predictable, as the imminent nuclear attack on Iran will demonstrate!

We also call on our comrades in the Australian services to make ready for an all-out strike on Pine Gap and other critical installations in the event the USA attempts to plunge the world into a nuclear holocaust - the presence of Australian military personnel in these installations is therefore imperative.

The madmen must be stopped!

Peace.

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