

GI SPECIAL 2#25

HOW MANY MORE FOR OIL AND EMPIRE?



Kelly Harris Dvorin clutches the flag from the coffin of her husband US Army 2nd Lt. Seth Dvorin, a soldier from the 10th Mountain Division, during funeral service in Marlboro, N.J. February 10. Dvorin was killed in Iraq February 3. REUTERS/Chip East

The Democrat Soldier- Killers: **GIs' Mom Nails Kerry** **And Edwards;**

Shames “Anti-War” Crowd For Sucking Up To Politicians

From the new issue of Newsweek: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4208277/>

The fact that John Kerry and John Edwards supported our march into Iraq seems to be forgotten by much of the country, including the heretofore antiwar crowd.

I opposed the war from the start and will not forget. My memory will be abetted by e-mails from my son in the 82d Airborne, who was deployed to Iraq in January, five months after his return from Afghanistan. Your article "Blood & Honor," about the First Battalion of the Eighth Infantry and the ever-present dangers to young Americans in Iraq, is a somber reminder that the war is far from over.

The articles about Kerry and Edwards help us remember that it was Democrats such as these who helped put young Americans in harm's way.

Amy Keith
Charlotte, N.C.

(Comment: In fairness, there are plenty of good people opposed to the war who reject Kerry or any other Imperial Democrat politician committed to killing more American soldiers and Iraqis. They understand very well the only thing that can Bring The Troops home is building a powerful anti-war movement at home and in the armed forces instead of pissing away their time and energy in a political campaign while deluding themselves that Kerry really puts soldiers' lives ahead of Imperial war.)

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to the E-mail address up top. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS:

ROADSIDE BOMB KILLS TWO, WOUNDS ONE TF 1ST AD SOLDIERS

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
February 12, 2004

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Two Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers are dead and another is wounded after a roadside bomb attack Feb. 11.

The soldiers were conducting a mounted patrol in western Baghdad at approximately 9:30 p.m. when the attack occurred.

The soldiers were evacuated to the 31st Combat Support Hospital for treatment where two soldiers succumbed to their wounds.

Three U.S. Troops Wounded By Kirkuk IED

By C. Bryson Hull, (Reuters), Feb. 11, 2004

The U.S. military said three American soldiers were wounded by a roadside bomb near the northern city of Kirkuk.

Three GIs Wounded In Mortar Attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Insurgents fired eight mortars Thursday at a U.S. base in Baghdad, injuring three American soldiers and damaging three vehicles, a senior U.S. military officer said.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations chief, did not give the precise location of the attack but said the wounded soldiers were not seriously injured.

Bomb Kills 47 Soldiers At Iraqi Army Center; “The Americans Came For The Oil,” Angry Crowd Shouts; Police Officers Ready To Quit; Silly General Kimmitt’s Daily Lie

2.11.04, By C. Bryson Hullm BAGHDAD (Reuters); By Charles Duhigg Los Angeles Times; By Rémy Ourdan, Le Monde & By MARIAM FAM, Associated Press Writer
2.10.04

A car bomb killed 47 people at an army recruitment center in Baghdad Wednesday, taking the death toll to about 100 in two attacks on Iraqis working with the U.S. occupation forces within 24 hours.

"It was aimed strictly at Iraqis," U.S. Colonel Ralph Baker told Reuters at the scene. About **300-500 pounds of plastic explosives mixed with artillery shells had maximized the "kill effect,"** he added.

Medical staff said hospitals had taken in 44 dead and 55 wounded, of whom at least three later died of their wounds.

Most of Wednesday's victims were newly recruited soldiers reporting for duty. "We were standing in line waiting to start our shift in the new army and we saw a white car drive by us and then blow up. Many died. There were about 400 people in line," said Ghassan Samir, one of the wounded.

As bodies were piled into crude wooden coffins, angry people yelled **"It was the Americans! The Americans! They never came to oust Saddam, they came for the oil," one man said.** In Iskandariya, the animosity towards the American army is such that the crowd greeted the GIs who came to help the wounded with hostile slogans and insults.

Iraqi security forces have frequently complained that U.S. troops do not provide enough protection.

"The terrorists are trying to deter the people from joining the new forces. They will succeed if we don't provide enough security for them. It is the responsibility of the occupation forces under international law to provide security." said Governing Council member Adnan Pachachi.

<p>Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt, top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, suggested adequate security measures were in place at the army recruitment facility Wednesday.</p>

Shortly after the blast, a United Nations team visiting Iraq canceled a meeting with political parties in the capital, reporters on the scene said. No reason was given.

About half an hour before the office opened, a white Oldsmobile approached and blew up. "He drove in and then it exploded," said a recruiting officer who was injured in today's blast.

Attacks against Iraqis willing to cooperate with the United States have been mounting. Both of the recent blasts appeared to be carefully targeted suicide strikes against Iraqi volunteers loyal to the U.S. occupation.

More than 190 Iraqis have been killed in the last two weeks in suicide bombings directed at police and political figures. Four more Iraqi police officers were killed Tuesday in Baghdad, authorities said.

"Bodies were like sticks covering every part of the ground," said Lt. Col. Abdul Raheem Saleh, 48, commander of the Iskandariya police station.

Hours later, police opened fire in the air to disperse dozens of angry residents who stormed the site. **"No, no to America! The police are traitors; not Sunnis, not Shiites! This crime was by the Americans!"** the crowd shouted before leaving.

Recent attacks underscore the wide reach of the insurgent threat and the continued vulnerability of government and political offices.



HOPELESS POINTLESS MISSION: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW?

US soldiers take positions near the explosion site at police station south of Baghdad Feb. 10, 2004. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

The police was targeted Tuesday in other cities. In Baghdad four officers were hit when a bomb exploded as their car went by. In Mosul, a police chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Hussein Ali, was killed in front of his house along with another policeman by a machine gun volley that also wounded two other colleagues.

Officers said the tactics might be working. "If the situation continues like this, I will quit working with the police," said an Iraqi officer who refused to give his name. His nephew was injured in the blast. "Iraq has no government now. The police will continue to be killed."

More than 300 of them have been killed in attacks, including four ***in a bombing Saturday in Suwayrah in which a member of the police staff was implicated.***

Insurgents have repeatedly warned Iraqis not to cooperate with Americans. **The most recent threats were contained in pamphlets circulated in Ramadi and nearby Fallujah by a coalition of 12 insurgent groups.**

Five Spanish Soldiers Wounded In Ambush

Madrid, Feb. 11, SPA

Five Spanish soldiers have been wounded in a bomb attack in central-southern Iraq, the Defence Ministry said Wednesday in Madrid.

The members of a vigilance unit for the Spanish-speaking Plus Ultra Brigade were walking back to their headquarters in Diwaniyah, when assailants hurled an explosive device from a nearby building. Their Iraqi interpreter suffered hearing damage.

Resistance Attacks CentCom Gen. Abizaid In Fallujah; Silly General Kimmitt Lies Again;

(THANKS TO B WHO E-MAILED THIS IN: B WRITES: "I think the resistance has its own deck of 55 most wanted. Wolfowitz and now Abizaid are near-misses.")

**As Abizaid was leaving, a soldier recounted that the general joked to Smith:
"Thanks, Jeff, for pacifying Fallujah for me."**

Middle East Online 2004-02-12 & By Robert Hodiern, Army Times staff writer & By
ROBERT BURNS, AP Military Writer

BAGHDAD - The head of US Central Command, commanding general of U.S. forces in Iraq, General John Abizaid, escaped unharmed Thursday from a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack and small arms fire in Fallujah, a US military officer said. The gun battle lasted about six minutes.

After Abizaid left in a convoy of Humvee utility vehicles, soldiers of the 82nd Airborne's 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment asked members of the Iraqi security force to clear the mosque. But they refused.

Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt said RPGs were fired as Abizaid and Major General Charles Swannack, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, travelled in a convoy in Fallujah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of the capital.

He was in town inspecting a civil defense force headquarters. After the gun battle, Abizaid and Swannack canceled plans to walk into the city and instead retreated to a U.S. military base near here.

Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt, top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq *denied that Abizaid and Swannack were targets in the attack.* Claims that the grenades specifically targeted the two top generals, perhaps following a security leak were "a leap that we're not prepared to make at this time," he said. ***A defense official in***

Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was likely that the insurgents had been tipped off to the presence of the senior general. (So, even the Pentagon knows Kimmitt is a world-class fool.)

Swannack "attributed the attack to a small number of personnel unrepresentative of what he believes is 95 percent of the people in Fallujah who fully support the coalition," according to Kimmitt. **(Another unbelievably stupid liar. 95% of the population of Fallujah would cheerfully chop him into hamburger. See what the Iraqi cop says:)**

Abizaid appeared unfazed. Speaking in Arabic to one member of the Iraqi security force after the gunfight, the Abizaid asked about the attack and was told, "This is Fallujah. What do you expect."

"Three rocket-propelled grenades were fired at their convoy from the rooftops in the vicinity," the deputy coalition operations chief told a press conference. Soldiers said the fire came from the roof of a nearby three-story house, according to soldiers who took part in the fight.

"A local mosque was thought to be harbouring the attackers, and Iraqi Civil Defence soldiers conducted a search of the mosque without result," the general said.

First Sgt. Steven Womack, 41, of D Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, was standing near Abizaid when the first RPG hit just around the corner of a building inside the civil defense compound.

"It was within 100 yards," Womack said.

Capt. Ryan Derouin, fire support officer for the battalion, said, "We told [Abizaid], 'You stay down there 45 minutes, you're going to get shot at.' "

Also with Abizaid was Col. Jefforey Smith, commander of the 82nd's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, which has responsibility for Fallujah.

An Iraqi police officer said US soldiers opened fire on the two, who were in car, after they shifted quickly into reverse and backed away, yards from a US checkpoint.

An AFP correspondent in Fallujah saw US soldiers carrying away the bodies of the two men, whose identities were not revealed.

Insurgents fire on U.S. troops any time they patrol the city, according to paratroopers here.

"This place is crazy," said 1st Lt. Dennis Cook, 24, of Traverse City, Mich. Cook leads the 3rd platoon in the battalion's B Company and was the first to spot the three Iraqis on the rooftop just moments before they opened fire.

It's crazy enough that on the way back to their base just outside of town, Cook's platoon was ambushed again, this time by three RPGs. An Abrams tank accompanying the platoon killed two of the attackers, whose bodies later were dumped in front of the battalion command center.

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US Convoy Targeted In Ramadi; Attack Destroys GMC Four-wheel Drive Car

Middle East Online: 2004-02-11

RAMADI, Iraq - An improvised bomb exploded under a vehicle in a US military convoy in the centre of the western Iraqi flashpoint town of Ramadi Wednesday, but there was no information on casualties, witnesses said.

Jabbar Abdel Aziz, 31, said the explosive detonated under a GMC four-wheel drive car that was travelling in a convoy with four US Humvee all-terrain vehicles through Ramadi, 100 kilometres (60 miles) west of Baghdad.

"At 9:00 am (0600 GMT), a device exploded under a GMC which formed part of a convoy of four Humvees and was completely destroyed," Jabbar said. "I think that there were four people in the GMC, but I don't know their condition," he added.

Explosion In Region Where Japan Troops Based

Dow Jones & Company, Inc. 02-11-04

TOKYO -(Dow Jones)- An explosion was heard around 0145 GMT Thursday in the region of Iraq where Japan's troops are based, Kyodo News reported.

The scale and precise location of the explosion in Samawah, southern Iraq, weren't indicated in the Kyodo report.

TROOP NEWS

Thought For The Day #1

Army Times, 2.2.04

Pfc. Max Pickard of Lake Elsinore, Calif. has been in the Army only 18 months. But because most of that service has been in Iraq and Kuwait, the 20-year-old qualifies as a grizzled veteran.

From behind his large, black-framed glasses, he watched the new guys from the Stryker Brigade, the “cherries,” stumble about trying to keep up.

“They’re all right,” he said. And then, more softly, “I just hope they don’t get their asses handed to them.”

Thought For The Day #2

Army Times 2.2.04

“We don’t take for granted that we have turned the corner here. I don’t think we have.”

Brig. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, 1st AD deputy commander, Baghdad.

Tax-Cheating Defense Contractor War Profiteers Owe Billions While Soldiers Die For Lack Of Body Armor

February 12, 2004, Associated Press

Records reviewed by congressional investigators showed that more than 27,000 defense contractors owe a total of \$3 billion in unpaid taxes. The investigators selected 34 businesses and 13 individuals for further audit and investigation.

Among those contractors studied in detail, investigators found:

- a contractor who sells and installs office furniture at military installations was paid \$38,000 by the Pentagon while owing over \$150,000 in taxes. The owners used the business to pay personal expenses, such as a home mortgage and credit cards. One owner is a retired military officer.
- a researcher was awarded an \$800,000 contract in 2002 while over \$700,000 behind in tax payments. The owner has more than \$1 million in loans for cars, real estate and recreational activities and owns a high-performance airplane.

- a business that provides janitorial services at military installations received contracts totaling nearly \$12 million from 1998 through 2001. The business owed over \$800,000 in taxes and is linked to potential check fraud.
- a construction service company that maintains and repairs housing on military bases was paid \$2.4 million in 2002 while owing over \$1 million in taxes. The business also owes the Defense Department tens of thousands of dollars because of an overpayment in early 2000.
- an information technology company that provides personnel support has multiple Defense Department contracts valued up to \$13 million while owing nearly \$1 million in taxes. It received payments from three other federal agencies and may be involved in money laundering activities.
- an individual who provides musicians for religious services has not filed an income tax return since 1997. The Pentagon paid the individual \$217,000 in 2002.

Gays In The Military Not Divisive

(Miami Herald, February 10, 2004)

A new study focusing on openly gay members of the military from other countries found no negative results in their interaction with U.S. forces. No American soldiers were interviewed for the study, commissioned by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at UC Santa Barbara.

GET SOME TRUTH: CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupation, the cuts to veterans benefits, or the dangers of depleted uranium - is the first reason Traveling Soldier is necessary. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces. Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers.
<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

With Rotation, Troops In Iraq To Get Grayer

(Los Angeles Times, February 10, 2004)

As the U.S. military begins a massive rotation of troops in Iraq, the increasing reliance on reservists and National Guard troops means that units being sent as replacements will have a much higher percentage of personnel older than 40. While the face of America being shown to the Iraqis will have more lines in it than before, officials believe it will also have greater maturity and patience, advantages both in relating to the Iraqis and providing leadership to younger U.S. troops. **(What bullshit. Out-of-shape easy pickings for the resistance.)**

U.S. Commanders Say Keeping Lower Profile In Baghdad Is Primary Goal

(New York Times, February 10, 2004, Pg. 1)

American commanders in Iraq outlined their new plans for patrolling the streets of Baghdad and said their No. 1 goal was to be less conspicuous. The Army is closing down most of its bases in central Baghdad, withdrawing to the outskirts of the city, exchanging Humvees for tanks and using fewer soldiers, said Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, the 1st Armored Division's deputy commander.

(Best low profile: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!)

THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME



Kirby James buries his head in his hands as the American flag is presented to his sister-in-law Molly James at the funeral of her husband, Army 2nd Lt. Luke James, at Arlington National Cemetery February 10. At left, Luke and Molly's 6-month son Bradley is held by a family member. James was killed January 27. Photo by Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

ARMY TRIES TO CENSOR CIVILIAN WEB SITE; GETS BUTT KICKED

From: "Liz Burbank" lizburbank@speakeasy.net

[Begins with an Army e-mail to the Federation of American Scientists]

From: Harman, Thomas P APD [Army Publishing Directorate]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 8:22 AM
To: Thomidis, Dennis G Mr SECURITY
Subject: FW: SECURITY VIOLATION

Mr. Thomidis –

I was referred to you by our Security officer at APD.

I am responsible for the security of Army Regulations on the APD website, as well as the AKO/AHP. We take great care to safeguard all of our publications on AKO and AKO-S, and **this is a serious problem that this website <http://fas.org/irp/doddir/army/> is publishing a SECRET publication (AR 381-26) not even available to regular Army users without proper credentials to access AKO-S. Other publications on this website are distribution restricted and not for general public access.**

Please advise of the actions you will take to notify this website to remove all Army publications ASAP. I have no problem with them linking to Army publications on one of the official Army websites, and I'll provide the advice to help them do this, but reproducing a secret publication on a public website is a serious issue with federal criminal implications.

I am including the POC for the website in the CC line.

If I don't hear from you in the next few hours, I will contact the FBI.

Thomas Harman Chief, Army Electronic Library Branch Standards and Technology
Division Army Publishing Directorate U.S. Army Services and Operations Agency,

Letter #2:

From: Gregory, Jane D Ms AA Offices
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 9:21 AM
To: Harman, Thomas P APD; Thomidis, Dennis G Mr SECURITY
Subject: RE: SECURITY VIOLATION

Have you verified that the 1987 version was in fact a classified document? Until you do, I suggest you stand down. Unclassified Army publications and documents are in the public domain, **you definitely shouldn't threaten the owners of these**

websites or our security managers as you have in the email below [i.e. the preceding message].

Jane D. Gregory Publishing Policy Analyst Services and Operations Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army

Letter #3:

From: Aftergood, Steven [<mailto:saftergood@fas.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 10:10 AM
To: Harman, Thomas P APD; Thomidis, Dennis G Mr SECURITY
Subject: RE: SECURITY VIOLATION

Thank you for your message. I appreciate your vigilant attention to national security, but I cannot agree to your request as stated below. In particular:

1. Your demand "to remove all Army publications ASAP" from our web site is inappropriate. We do not recognize the Army's authority to restrict our freedom to publish.

2. All of the Army doctrinal publications on our website were obtained in the public domain from U.S. Army websites.

3. To the best of my knowledge, AR 381-26 is not a classified document. Certainly it contains no classification markings.

4. I have reviewed AR 381-26 (the 1987 version on our website) and I do not agree that it should be withdrawn, regardless of its classification status. It is a policy document, assigning program responsibilities to various organizations and persons. I would agree to remove this document if it contained sensitive operational information, but it does not.

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Letter #4:

From: Harman, Thomas P APD [Army Publishing Directorate]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 10:57 AM
To: Aftergood, Steven; Thomidis, Dennis G Mr SECURITY
RE: SECURITY VIOLATION

All –

Upon review of a March 1988 DA PAM 25-30, Index of publications, the 1987 edition of AR 381-26 is NOT classified. Subsequent versions of 381-26 are SECRET which set off alarms here. . .

We will be reviewing all of the Army publications cited on this website for restricted distribution and/or other restrictions to public disclosure and will advise OAA Policy and the subject website if other publications should be withdrawn.

Please understand that we take these issues and potential security violations very seriously and will err on the side of caution when we are alerted to the possibility of such a violation. It is not our intent to withhold information or access to information from the public.

Thomas Harman Chief, Army Electronic Library Branch Standards and Technology
Division Army Publishing Directorate U.S. Army Services and Operations
Agency, OAASA

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Being Stooge For Occupation “One Of Most Dangerous Jobs In The World”

(USA Today, February 10, 2004, Pg. 1)

"Being a policeman in Fallujah is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world," says U.S. Army Lt. Col. Brian Drinkwine, 38, who commands the battalion responsible for the city. **(Maybe so, maybe not. Benedict Arnold lived to a ripe old age.)**

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

“There Is A GI Revolt Brewing”

Bill Galvin has been running into some Navy AWOL cases who are being offered discharges by mail. The military says only 1% are absent, but the GAO said before the war that 200 a day were jumping, and we have word now of GIs leaving Iraq and showing up in France and Germany, just like the old days.

There is a GI revolt in the brewing, and even if recruitment goals are being met, retention in the Guard and Reserves is going to be a big problem after stop loss and this fiasco. OK, have fun watching.

John Judge
2.12.04

<p>Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the</p>
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war, at home and in Iraq, and information about other social protest movements here in the USA. Send requests to address up top. For copies on web site see: <http://www.notinourname.net/qi-special/>

OCCUPATION REPORT



LIBERATION BUSH STYLE: BEGGING FOR FOOD

An Iraqi girl begs for food from a passing US military convoy near the southern Iraqi city of Basra, Feb. 7. Military traffic along the Kuwait and Iraq border is often solicited by needy Iraqis begging or looking for items discarded by the US troops. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

Recruiting For The Resistance: Iraqi Contractors Pissed; US Corporations Grabbing All The Money

(Washington Post, February 10, 2004, Pg. E3)

The Iraq Governing Council's top representative in Washington criticized the U.S.-led occupation authority for passing over Iraqi firms in awarding billions of dollars worth of reconstruction contracts.

(Washington Times, February 10, 2004, Pg. 13)

Iraq's ambassador to the United States said that **Americans risk alienating Iraqis in the workplace if U.S. companies scoop up prime contracts to rebuild the country and leave the locals doing lower-level work.**

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Bush Faces Death Penalty From Lord God For His Lies About Iraq

SECRECY NEWS, from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy, Volume 2004, Issue No. 17 February 11, 2004

It is often noted that espionage is an ancient enterprise with roots at least as old as the Bible.

But what is rarely if ever recalled is that intelligence oversight and accountability are also part of the Biblical record, and that *the Deity imposed a severe penalty upon those who distorted intelligence and inflated threats.*

A Washington Times op-ed writer today attempted to defend the war by citing the first half of the Biblical precedent.

"Some Americans[fail] to recognize that throughout history espionage has been used to protect peoples from their enemies. Ancient Israel had spies: 'Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan [to see] whether the cities they dwell in are camps or strongholds.' (Numbers 13:17-19)," wrote Ernest W. Lefever of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in the Washington Times, Feb. 11, p. A18.

What Dr. Lefever failed to mention is that the spies sent by Moses came back with a hyped National Intelligence Estimate, with unhappy results.

"The land, through which we have gone, to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants...and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them." (Numbers 13: 32-33). Only Joshua and Caleb dissented from this majority view.

Because they wittingly or unwittingly exaggerated the capabilities of the Canaanites, God sentenced the spies to death, displaying no judicial deference to the intelligence agencies.

"The men who brought an unfavorable report about the land died by a plague before the Lord," we are told.

"But Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh alone remained alive, of those men who went to spy out the land." (Numbers 14: 36-37).

(For a more earthly view, see the article "Have Bush's Lies Caught Up With Him" at www.socialistworker.org.)

After Fucking Over Troops, Rumsfeld Tries Change Of Pace: DoD Employees Protest His Union Busting

(Washington Post, February 10, 2004, Pg. 21)

Hundreds of federal employees are expected on Capitol Hill today to protest a new personnel plan for the Defense Department that union leaders say would strip unions of any meaningful role in protecting the workers' rights and welfare. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld won authority from Congress last year to rewrite personnel rules affecting nearly 750,000 civilian employees.

Dick Cheney Declares Himself "The Evil Genius"

From the new issue of Newsweek: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4212900/>

In recent interviews, Cheney has mostly joked about his image problem. "Why do I want to deal with it?" he told the Los Angeles Times and USA Today in mid-January. **"What's wrong with my image?... Am I the evil genius in the corner nobody ever sees come out of his hole? It's a nice way to operate, actually,"**

CLASS WAR NEWS

Bolivia Coca Farmers Using IEDs To Fight U.S. Backed Drug Warriors

(Miami Herald, February 10, 2004)

U.S.-trained Bolivian antidrug troops are sustaining heavy casualties from bombs, booby traps and ambushes as they attempt to uproot coca plants. Some devices use a simple trigger like a tin can that pulls a trip wire when stepped on. Others are detonated by remote control. **In one instance, a truck carrying troops rolled over a roadbed trigger that launched a small rocket at soldiers sitting in the back.**

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