

GI SPECIAL 3D5:

The Traitor Bush



November 4, 2005. (Larry Downing/Reuters)

**Governors Accuse
Traitors Of Planning “An
End-Run Coup On
Civilian Government”
Admiral Timothy Keating Named As
Planning “Domestic Regime Change”**

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November 04, 2005 By Matt Gouras, Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Several governors are fuming over a Bush administration suggestion that the active military take a greater role in disaster response, calling it an attempt to usurp state authority over National Guard units.

Governors in Washington, Mississippi, Michigan, Arkansas, West Virginia, Delaware and Alabama are among those who have panned the idea, questioning whether it would even be constitutional.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, among the harshest critics, said the issue promises to be a major topic at the Western Governors Association meeting in Phoenix next week.

“I’m going to stand up among a bunch of elected governors and say, ‘Are we going to allow the military without a shot being fired to effectively do an end-run coup on civilian government? Are we going to allow that?’” Schweitzer said. “We’re going to have a little civics lesson for some leaders who are apparently out of touch in the military.”

President Bush first suggested in September that the active military ought to have a greater role in responding to disasters. He said the military’s training, command structure and resources put it in a better position to lead recovery efforts. Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander at U.S. Northern Command, has endorsed the idea as well.

“It’s a bad idea for the military to make that decision and usurp the authority that under the U.S. Constitution stays with the governor and local authorities,” Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Republican, told The Associated Press last month.

Schweitzer said he became even more irate after seeing a copy of an e-mail circulating among National Guard commanders this week that contends active duty military leaders are suggesting taking federal control even further.

The e-mail, written by Washington National Guard Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg, contends that Keating has been telling military officers that National Guard officers are not capable of handling “command and control.”

Lowenberg also wrote that active duty military leaders under Keating have talked about the idea of certifying the competence of governors to handle domestic emergencies.

“Some might liken this to a policy of domestic regime change,” Lowenberg wrote.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Attacks Up 100% From Last Year

11.4.05

CNN reported today that resistance attacks are now running at 100 a day, double the number a year ago.

TASK FORCE BAGHDAD SOLDIER KILLED BY IED

November 4, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS
RELEASE Number: 05-11-09C

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A Task Force Baghdad Soldier died of wounds sustained when a convoy struck an improvised explosive device in east Baghdad Nov. 4.

HUMVEE BLOWN UP IN BAGHDAD:



US soldiers secure the area near a damaged humvee vehicle, right, believed to be have been hit by a roadside bomb, in Baghdad, Nov. 4, 2005. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

SOLDIER DIES FROM NON-BATTLE RELATED CAUSES NEAR TALLIL

November 4, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS
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LSA ANACONDA, BALAD, Iraq – One 1st Corps Support Command Soldier died as a result of non-battle related causes Thursday at about 11:15 p.m. near Tallil, Iraq.

The Soldier was taken to a Coalition Forces medical treatment facility.

Mississippi Soldier Killed



January 2005 file photograph of 1st Lt. Robert C. Oneto-Sikorski of Bay St. Louis, Miss., a town ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Oneto-Sikorski, 33, a member of the 155th Brigade Combat Team, was killed by a roadside bomb while on patrol near al Haswah, Iraq, Monday, Oct. 31, 2005. (AP Photo/Mississippi National Guard)

Northwest Illinois National Guardsman Killed

11/4/2005 AP

A 28-year-old Galesburg man has been killed while on active duty in Iraq.

Military officials say Staff Sergeant Kyle Wherly was killed yesterday in Ashraf -- north of Baghdad -- when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle.

Wherly was a 1996 graduate of Galesburg High School.

The Illinois National Guard says he enlisted in 1995. He was assigned to Bravo Battery of the Second Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery based in Macomb.

Wherly is the 14th Illinois National Guard soldier killed since the war began.

There's no word yet on funeral arrangements.

Galesburg is about 200 miles north of St. Louis.

Cobra Down In Ramadi



Iraqi stand near wreckage of crashed US helicopter, in Ramadi Nov. 3, 2005. The AH-1W Super Cobra went down killing the two crew members, the military said. (AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

Resistance Attack In Force Overruns Fortified Position In Buhriz After Fools In U.S.

Command Said “Insurgents Largely Driven Out”

Nov 4, 2005 By Faris al-Mehdawi (Reuters)

BUHRIZ, Iraq

Guerrilla fighters in Iraq mounted a massed dawn assault on a fortified police checkpoint north of Baghdad on Friday, killing six officers and wounding 10, police officials said.

Surprised by a mortar barrage as many Iraqis observed the start of the main annual holiday of Eid al-Fitr, the policemen were then assailed from all sides by insurgents with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

"We did not know where the fire was coming from," said one officer who survived the 15-minute battle in the town of Buhriz, near Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad.

"We returned fire, but we did not know at whom or what."

One policeman at the scene put the death toll as high as nine, with 12 officers wounded.

The attack, some weeks after U.S. officers said insurgents had largely been driven out of Buhriz, is the latest such assault on police bases.

U.S. commanders say these reveal fair levels of military training among rebel forces, some of whose leaders appear to be drawn from Saddam Hussein's old army.

It was not immediately known if any militants were hurt. [Translation: any occupation cops left alive ran away.]

TROOP NEWS

“All The Men Are Dying, Including ‘Mi Victor’”

Nov 02, 2005 TOM RAGAN, Staff Writer, Santa Cruz Sentinel

PAJARO — Rita Silva looked down at the photo album containing the pictures of Victor Gonzalez, her grandson, who was killed in Iraq last fall. She murmured in Spanish that he was "an American hero who died for his country."

It wasn't the first time she summarized his life with those words, she said. And it won't be the last.

But in the same breath, she said Victor's death, at 19, by a roadside bomb on Oct. 13, 2004, in some distant country, never should have been allowed to happen.

The United States never should have gone into Iraq, she said matter-of-factly.

"What for? The war isn't right. War, in general, isn't right," she said. "It's getting to the point where the women are going to have to fight over there because all the men are dying, including 'Mi Victor.' "

It's no surprise then that the 73-year-old grandmother cringed when she heard via Spanish language news earlier this week that 2,000 soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the war started.

REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW



A US soldier from Bravo Company 1-87 Infantry 10th Mountain Division 1st Brigade Combat Team during a patrol of western Baghdad. (AFP/David Furst)

War Opponents Vs. Freep Freaks:

“Soldiers At Walter Reed, Their Relatives And Hospital Personnel Have Said, “Thanks For Being Here”

The same night, John Bruhns, a former infantry soldier who fought in Iraq from 2003 to 2004, bristled at taunts leveled by war supporters. "I'm very anti-Iraq war," he said. "I'm a proud American. I'm a patriot."

October 30, 2005 By Allan Lengel, Washington Post Staff Writer

Every Friday night, Gael Murphy and Kristinn Taylor meet in Northwest Washington, separated by a bustling four-lane road -- and a whole lot more.

Since spring, the two have stood firmly on opposite sides of Georgia Avenue NW in front of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Murphy leading a coalition of war protesters, Taylor marshaling supporters of the Iraq war.

Both sides say they are there to support the troops. Beyond that, there's little common ground.

"They start yelling, 'Murderer!' 'Traitor!' They call me by name," said Murphy, a co-founder of the women's antiwar group Code Pink. "It's aimed at disrupting our vigil."

To Taylor, a spokesman for the local chapter of FreeRepublic.com, a politically conservative Web site, disruption is an honorable goal.

"It's galling for us to see them across the street," he said. "They've endorsed the terrorists."

The Friday night gatherings near the District's northern tip, about six miles north of the White House, have become one of the most visible reminders in Washington of a war that has claimed the lives of more than 2,000 U.S. troops. That they are being staged outside a military hospital that treats the war's wounded makes the standoffs all the more pointed -- and controversial.

The war supporters, many of them known as "Freepers" because of their devotion to FreeRepublic.com, insist it is unpatriotic and demoralizing to protest the war in clear view of wounded soldiers. They started congregating along Georgia Avenue on Fridays after learning that the protesters were out there delivering a "despicable" message.

"We believe this is an obscene blood dance to exploit the war wounded for their twisted propaganda purposes," said Bill Floyd, 51, of Alexandria, a Freeper and Friday night regular. "It's indecent. Leave the wounded alone."

The antiwar forces say they chose Walter Reed as a backdrop when they started gathering in March to remind the public of the wounded troops and to point out inadequacies in their medical benefits.

"The administration sent these soldiers to war. Now that they're back and injured, they don't want to see them or hear about them," said Bruce Wolf, 58, of Takoma Park. "I don't want anyone to forget these guys are here."

Some Friday nights, up to three dozen people gather on each side of the street, although the groups can dwindle to about a dozen some weeks. Most are from the Washington area, but protesters -- and those who protest the protesters -- have come from as far away as California and Texas.

Motorists whiz by, many of them heading home from work for the weekend. Some honk or give a thumbs-up, although it's often hard to tell which side the gesture is meant for.

In signs and songs that often hearken back to the Vietnam War, the peace activists urge, "Bring the troops home!" and join in on "We Shall Overcome."

On the other side of the street, the entreaty is to "stay the course" and "let our troops finish their mission." Also famous from long ago are some of their taunts: "commie" and "pinko."

Murphy, 51, a full-time activist and former Peace Corps volunteer and public health adviser in Africa and the Caribbean, said she has tried to find common ground and create a dialogue.

Early on, she crossed the street more than once and suggested to her Friday night acquaintances that both sides had deeply held beliefs and were willing to stand up for them. It didn't work.

The war supporters, she said, responded: "We're alike? No way. Code Pink is evil. You're nothing like us."

Taylor, 43, also a full-time activist, scoffed at the notion of any solidarity.

"She has pulled that common-ground shtick on us before, and we reject it," he said.

Taylor calls Murphy and Code Pink -- "Code Pinko" to the Freepers -- traitors, saying members of the group were guests of Saddam Hussein when they went to Baghdad on a peace mission before the war. Murphy rejects that claim, saying she and others paid their own way on the fact-finding mission, which also sought to let Iraqis know that not all Americans supported war.

Murphy and Taylor both say wounded soldiers at Walter Reed have thanked them for what they're doing.

But one recent Friday night, Staff Sgt. Jeff Schaefer, 40, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., was less than pleased to see the war protesters.

Schaefer, wounded by shrapnel from a mortar attack in Iraq, walked tentatively with the help of a cane outside the hospital gates. A large gash scarred his forehead.

"They're not doing any good," he said. "George Bush isn't driving down the street. Neither is Cheney. (The protesters) are just pissing off the soldiers."

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"I'm very anti-Iraq war," he said. "I'm a proud American. I'm a patriot."

"The mob scene on the other side is trying to say we're anti-troops," Bruhns, 28, said last week. The war protesters "support the troops; they just don't support the war. That isn't impossible, but it's something the opposition refuses to recognize."

More often than not, Murphy said, soldiers at Walter Reed, their relatives and hospital personnel have said, "'Thanks for being here.' That's why we come back here. That's why we can take the risk of offending. They want the war to end, and they want the wounded to be taken care of."

Most of the standoffs are peaceful, although occasional shoves have been exchanged when supporters of the war have crossed the street and gotten in protesters' faces while taking photos of them, Murphy said.

Some of the pictures end up on FreeRepublic.com, complete with mocking captions and commentary and venomous remarks from bloggers on the site.

In September, a motorist stopped in front of the war supporters and threw an apple into the crowd before speeding off. No one was injured, but police were summoned.

Recently, about a dozen veterans on motorcycles started revving their engines in front of the war protesters, trying to chase them off. The activists stood their ground.

Taylor offers no apology for the war supporters' take-no-prisoners approach.

"We treat them with a contempt that they've earned," he said.

Despite the contentiousness, some demonstrators are obviously enjoying themselves. "FReepers continue to frustrate the Pinkos' evil scheme," a FreeRepublic fan wrote in an August blog post describing the group's 18th "fabulous fun" standoff against the war protesters. And the fan noted: "We ate pizza on site."

How long will the Friday night fights go on? "As long as it takes," Murphy said.

"Until Code Pink stops protesting outside the hospital," Taylor said.

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friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

**LETHAL ENVIRONMENT:
NO HONORABLE MISSION:
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW**



A U.S. soldier looks on near a fire engine at the site of a car bomb blast in northern Iraq's town of Kirkuk, November 2, 2005. (Slahaldeen Rasheed/Reuters)

**Sleaze-Bag Blowhard Liar Rep.
Duncan Hunter Fakes It:
Pretending He Cares What
Soldiers Think**

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November 04, 2005 By Gordon Lubold, Army Times staff writer

It was billed as an opportunity to hear from the troops. But a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee in Washington Nov. 3 became more of a morale-boosting session led by Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., committee chairman.

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Instead, Hunter invited a gung-ho Army command sergeant major, an Army colonel — son of Gen. Creighton Abrams of Abrams tank fame — and a Marine one-star general who works on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide to the Marine Corps commandant.

Despite their past contributions to the war effort, none of the three had been in Iraq more recently than early 2005, and the Marine general had not deployed there since last year.

At a time when the American public is increasingly concerned about the war in Iraq and President Bush’s own political problems are sinking his approval ratings, the hearing seemed to be an attempt to buoy everyone’s spirits, **even though most of the 62 committee members didn’t show up.**

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<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.net)

**General Calls Use Of 152nd
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“‘We're Flat Out Of Troops In
The National Guard,’ Libby
Said”**

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November 4, 2005 Blethen Maine Newspapers Inc.

Maj. Gen. John "Bill" Libby, freshly returned from visiting his Maine Army National Guard troops in Iraq, called it "inexcusable" that the 152nd Maintenance Company is being used primarily as a security force.

"Three years in . . . it's inexcusable to have brought a maintenance company over there to do anything but maintenance," Libby said. "It's particularly galling to me when I strip myself of full-time mechanics and they get there and they're in a tower."

Libby, speaking with reporters Thursday, said switching assignments on the unit hurts his ability to recruit and retain soldiers for the Guard.

"They were frustrated by not being able to be mechanics . . . and I'll have a tough time convincing them to re-enlist," he said. That creates problems in an area that is already a challenge for the National Guard and regular army.

The state's top military official spent three days in Iraq, where he held a town meeting-style gathering with soldiers of the 152nd and traveled to southern and northern Iraq.

Libby's visit coincided with the announcement that the Maine Army National Guard's 240th Engineer Group will ship out in January for training in Indiana, and then be deployed to oversee engineer units in Afghanistan. Those 80 soldiers will be arriving there in February or March, roughly the same time the 150 members of the 152nd are scheduled to return home from Iraq, Libby said.

With the latest deployment, about 80 percent of the Maine National Guard will have been deployed during the current conflict. Those soldiers cannot be made to return under current rules that limit to 24 months guardsmen's active-duty obligation, he said.

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When Libby arrived, a transport plane was preparing to leave with the body of a California National Guard battalion commander. While in Iraq, Libby saw a man who had to have both legs amputated.

RHS Grad Injured

November 4, 2005 By Adam Leech, Seacoast Online

RAYMOND - A local soldier is down, but not out.

Sgt. 1st Class Keith Gamble Jr., 32, a Class of 1991 Raymond High School graduate, was critically injured while serving in Iraq when the Humvee he was riding in triggered a roadside bomb that killed one man.

Gamble is being treated for third-degree burns covering 30 percent of his body, two shattered legs and shrapnel wounds to the back at Brook Medical Center, in Texas. His brother, Chris, said his brother was a gunner, meaning his upper body was outside the top of the vehicle when the bomb struck.

"The bomb blew up and flipped the Humvee over," he said. "And since he was on top, he was stuck inside and was on fire."

The incident occurred Oct. 15. The driver of the Humvee died and the two other people Keith was traveling with received minor injuries.

It was Keith's fourth tour of duty in Iraq, spanning back to the Gulf War in the early-'90s. He entered the Army after graduating from Raymond High, where he was a soccer star and won the team's Most Valuable Player award.

Injured Guard Soldier Returning Home

Nov. 03, 2005 Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - A North Dakota National Guard soldier who suffered a hand wound in Iraq was on his way home Thursday.

Spc. Andrew Frelich, 21, of Devils Lake, was to fly into Grand Forks on an 11 p.m. flight, the Guard said.

Frelich was serving with the 188th Air Defense Artillery's F Battery when his left hand was injured Oct. 5 when a homemade bomb exploded, destroying the Humvee carrying him and other soldiers.

Frelich was flown to Germany and then to Fort Bliss, Texas, for treatment. He will return to Fort Bliss at the end of the month for more treatment, the Guard said.

Frelich is the first member of the 188th to return home. The rest are expected to be back with their families by Thanksgiving.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Assorted Resistance Action

11.3.05 By MARIAM FAM, Associated Press Writer & Aljazeera & 4 November 2005
AFP & Associated Press

Two Iraqi policemen were killed in a drive-by shooting in Baghdad.

In the early afternoon five police from the Thunder Brigade -- one of the Interior Ministry's elite commando units -- were killed when a roadside bomb exploded near they convoy. Four commandos were wounded.

Brigade Commander Ali Abdullah al-Obeidi said the commandos were attacked as the truck convoy they were escorting to Baghdad from the northern city of Kirkuk passed the town of Taza, some 230 kilometers (143 miles) north of the capital.

Two members of the Iraq government's Wolf Brigades were killed in a gun battle in Dura, south of Baghdad.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a

so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

“I Am Not Afraid Of The Government, And I Am Not Afraid Of The President. I Am Your Mom!”

I stood at a Marine Family Meeting and told the Major and those present that it was time to bring the Ohio Marines home. I shouted out, "My son is not expendable."

September 15th, 2005, Peggy Logue, Ohio; Bringthemhomenowtour.org. [Excerpt]

I am a mother of a 19 year old 3/25 Lima Co. Marine serving in Iraq. One third of his Unit has been kila or injured. In early August after losing 22 Marines in less than a week, fearing for my son's life and driven by conviction, I began my journey to change the direction our country has been going.

I have been waiting for my son's safe return before speaking out publicly. There is such confusion in our country about patriotism and supporting our troops while being against the war.

I stood at a Marine Family Meeting and told the Major and those present that it was time to bring the Ohio Marines home. I shouted out, "My son is not expendable."

I wrote to my senators asking for their help. I received no response. I refused to be powerless. I began thinking that Mothers had to win our country back and was planning to organize a Mother's March on Washington.

I found the web site, www.truthout.org. Here I found Camp Casey, Military Families Speak Out, Veterans for Peace, Iraqi Vets Against the War etc. I had never heard of any of these people. I found that there already was a huge march planned for September 24th. WOW! GREAT! I didn't have to take on the huge task of planning a march. Phew! I just had to go!

And this tells me there is a larger movement ... that is in our bones and is beginning to surface.

I was able to speak at the forums in Columbus and Cleveland. I spoke as a mother who watched five mothers bury their sons in the Cincinnati area in August. I shared the terror that I live with. The sleepless nights. The days and nights of

anguish. "How desperately I want my son to live and have hope. He is so young, so idealistic, so confident, so trusting."

I was able to visit the offices of the senators who still had not responded to my letters. With others from the Tour we spoke of the many issues involved with this war... depleted uranium, stop-loss, inadequate equipment, not enough men, operatives and the lies and deceit that led the American people into it.

We asked the aides, after we broke through the shell that tells you to "make it quick, I am busy and really don't want to listen to you" to ask the Senators what they want their legacy to be. We asked them to tell the Senators to look again at the war and why we are there. Not with their jobs in mind or their political party, but to look with their human heart and their conscience. We told them if they see the truth and act from the truth...good will follow.

We participated in rallies and visited with many Americans who are sick of this war and the lies that keep us there and the dishonor it has brought to our country. We met enraged Americans.

There is much more to say about this BTHN Tour. It is an important moment. And the March September 24th will be historical.

I am convinced that our country is at a historical turning point... " and the people will lead."

I said to my son, "Mike, you have no idea how precious you are to me and dad, your brother and sister."

" I know"

"We will not let you get away so easily again."

"I know you won't!"

"Mike, I am not afraid of the Marines. I am not afraid of the Government, and I am not afraid of the President. I am your Mom!"

Chuckling..."I love you, Mom."

I will work so Mike and other sons will not have their generosity, their courage, their integrity, their desire to serve, their desire to make a difference compromised. I want my son to always be proud that he is a Marine.

“Please Don't Support My Troop”

<p>Your support would mean that he would be sent back to this war started and continued on lies to become a target for those who would rather live their lives without the interference of a foreign, empire-seeking, new-world-order, invader.</p>
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10/12/05 By Michael Gaddy, Information Clearing House. [Excerpt]

My son returned from Iraq last weekend after a year's service. I confess to breathing much easier now that he is out of that quagmire.

I have a personal request for all of you George W. Bush supporters and Christian warhawks: please do not support my troop.

I have visions and aspirations of having him around, seeing him settle down and start a family at some point, and being near as I grow older.

Your support would mean that he would be sent back to this war started and continued on lies to become a target for those who would rather live their lives without the interference of a foreign, empire-seeking, new-world-order, invader.

Actually, my son completed his contractual obligation to the military several months ago, but thanks to your support, he has been stop-lossed and has no idea when he will be allowed to resign his commission.

Why would I not want your support for my troop, you ask? Considering your support of our criminal government has led to the death, destruction and misery of millions of people on this planet, that is basically a no-brainer.

Only in a true Orwellian society could citizens send off poorly trained and equipped soldiers, serving in a politically correct military, led by a civilian leadership that has spent the majority of their adult lives in a revolving door between the military industrial complex and government service, and call the damn thing, "supporting the troops."

Why do we call people who prefer to live their lives without having their land bombed, their women, children and old folks killed, their national infrastructure destroyed and foreign soldiers on their soil, terrorists?

Have you ever wondered what word the American Indian had for the U.S. government back in the middle to late 19th Century?

History tells us we referred to them as "savages" and "those Red Devils" because they fought and died for their land and their culture. What did our ancestors call the British who were doing to the colonists precisely what our government does to others today?

Time to come clean, America: you do not in any way support troops by sending them to die for Halliburton and Bechtel's bottom line.

This is analogous to sending your teenager out in a car with no brakes and bald tires, accompanied by a child rapist high on crystal meth, and calling that "supporting" your children.

Rush Limbaugh was actually right for a change: there can be no support for the troops without supporting the war and the government that sent them there.

Your misplaced support for the troops is actually support for a criminal enterprise in which the military serves as the enforcement arm of that enterprise.

If you want to support the troops, do not allow the State to send them to their deaths for corporate profits in wars sired by lies!

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to contact@militaryproject.org. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.

OCCUPATION REPORT

Green Zone Wide Open To Resistance Attacks: Brawling, Non-English Speaking Mercenaries Taking Over

Yet another worry is over internal discipline. Fights already have broken out between Peruvian and Chilean guards, according to an American businessman living inside the green zone. "Apparently they had some scores to settle from past conflicts in that continent," he said.

November 4, 2005 By Paul Martin, THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BAGHDAD -- Iraqi officials say security inside Baghdad's heavily fortified green zone could be compromised by the turnover this week of broad security duties from a British-run to an American-run private company.

"I am telling the State Department that we are really worried at this switch-over, which could not have been happening at a more sensitive moment in Iraq's political and security situation," said Bashar al-Naher, an adviser to Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari and his Islamic Dawa Party.

British-based Global Strategies Group lost the contract for the job in an open bidding process and handed over responsibility on Tuesday to Triple Canopy Inc., a Virginia-based company formed after the 2003 Iraq war by Delta Force veterans.

Several security operatives said they are worried about the wholesale change in personnel at a time when insurgents and terrorists are expected to step up attacks before parliamentary elections on Dec. 15.

"It takes a great deal of time for a guard to come across a whole gamut of different scenarios and to have stood at all sorts of different posts," said one Western security adviser, who declined to be named because of a desire to do business with the U.S. government in future.

"The sad fact is that when a formation changes, that is the most vulnerable time for that location ... as happened for a few weeks in Baghdad" after the 1st U.S. Cavalry took charge in the city from the Marines in 2003.

Another concern is that Triple Canopy employees have been recruited mainly in Latin America and speak little English. Global Strategies relies heavily on British-trained Nepalese Gurkhas and Sri Lankans, a majority of whom speak at least some English and often speak it well.

"A delay in communicating a problem because the guard cannot speak English down his walkie-talkie can have fatal consequences," said a security specialist familiar with procedures in Baghdad.

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Mr. al-Naher proposed that Triple Canopy beef up its forces by hiring several hundred of the outgoing guards until after Dec. 15, but there was no evidence that is being done.

However, green zone regulars said the new company's guards will be hard-pressed to match the work of Global Strategies' guards, who were known for their diligence in body-searching even senior officials and government ministers.

War Reporting: "We No Longer Know What Is Going On But We Are Pretending We Do"

As a result, the war (and the Iraq) we see in our newspapers, and especially on our television sets, is a distinctly constricted one, often hardly wider than the nearest giant American military base or Baghdad's well-fortified Green Zone.

11/03 by Tom Engelhardt, Common Dreams [Excerpt]

Maggie O'Kane recently leveled a blast in the Guardian at Iraqi coverage. Claiming she "lost nerve" in Afghanistan in 2002 after three of her colleagues were pulled from a car and, "in roughly the same amount of time as it takes to boil a kettle," executed by the Taliban, she then commented on present-day Iraq:

"The hacks are corralled in a single hotel where huge egos bang off the wall and each other. After a week or two, the atmosphere becomes suffocating... Since Al-Zarqawi's people started cutting off heads it is too dangerous for foreigners to go out.

“So, instead, his poor Iraqi fixer is off to some hell hole to count the bodies and get the pictures... “And that is the great tragedy for war reporting now. We no longer know what is going on but we are pretending we do. Any decent reporter knows that reporting from Baghdad now does a disservice to the truth.

"Increasingly, the fixers and translators have morphed into journalists -- and brave ones at that -- while services like Knight Ridder (whose coverage of Iraq has been outstanding) and Reuters have been hiring Iraqi reporters. Some of these reporters have then found themselves in American jails for covering the Iraqi insurgents; and almost 40 of them have died (without much note in our press) reporting the occupation and the insurgency -- as well as one, Yasser Salihee, evidently killed by an American sniper while driving to get gas on his day off in the low-level war zone that is much of Iraq.

It remains an amazing fact that an American occupation which began largely without Arabic-speakers -- it was going to be too easy to stock up on people who actually spoke the language -- has since been covered in our press mainly by reporters who can't communicate directly with the people they're covering (unless, of course, they happen to speak English).

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Perhaps reporters, bearded or not, slipping by as anonymously as possible or in heavily armed security convoys, embedded with American or even Iraqi troops, can make it to spots around Baghdad, or, on rare occasions, elsewhere in the country (as part of military operations), but even for the bravest Western journalists, this has to be a desperately limiting situation.

Not surprisingly, whole areas of Iraq remain beyond our view much, if not all, of the time.

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

UNAFRAID UNCONQUERED UNCONQUERABLE



A Palestinian youth confronts an Israeli army soldier during a demonstration organized by Palestinian, Israeli and foreign activists against the construction of Israel's ghetto barrier in the outskirts of the Occupied Palestine village of Bil'in Nov. 4, 2005. (AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)

Occupation Soldier Wounded In Nahal Oz

11.03.05 Shmulik Haddad, Yedioth Internet

An IDF soldier sustained light wounds Thursday after a mortar shell landed in an army base in Nahal Oz, north of the Gaza Strip.

A Magen David Adom ambulance team treated the soldier at the scene before evacuating him to Be'er Sheva's Soroka hospital.

Meanwhile, Hamas has declared that it possesses improved rockets capable of reaching Ashkelon. Few rockets have fallen in the Ashkelon area in the past, narrowly missing strategic infrastructure sites such as big oil tanks and the

Rotenberg hydro station.

The Lakhish District police have conducted a series of exercises in anticipation of rockets falling on strategic sites. Lakhish Police commander Effie Mor has said that "the police are prepared for Qassam rockets landing Ashkelon and the surrounding area."

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by a foreign power, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The foreign army is Israeli; the occupied nation is Palestine.]

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Bush Trashes Runway; Rumsfeld Won't Pay

9.21.05 New York Times

A runway at the Las Cruces, N.M., airport has been closed since President Bush made a campaign stop in August 2004. It has gouges six inches deep and a hundred yards long, which the city says were put there by two Air Force cargo planes accompanying the president that were too heavy for the asphalt pavement.

The Air Force has offered \$600,000 for repairs, but the city puts the damage at \$2.1 million.

76% SAY GET THE FUCK OUT OF OUR COUNTRY!

Anti-Bush Demonstrators Take to Streets

04 November 2005 By Dan Molinski, The Associated Press

A crowd of 10,000 people chanting "Get out Bush!" swarmed the streets of this Argentine resort Friday, hours before the hemisphere's leaders sat down to debate free trade, immigration and job creation at the fourth Summit of the Americas.

Before dawn, thousands greeted a train bringing the last group of protesters from Buenos Aires, including Bolivian presidential hopeful Evo Morales and soccer great Diego Maradona, who donned a T-shirt accusing President Bush of war crimes.

Chanting "Fascist Bush! You are the terrorist!" the protesters hung from the engine and moved up the sides of the train, trying to shake hands with those inside.



Thousands participate in a rally against the visit of U.S. President Bush in Mar del Plata, Argentina, Nov. 4, 2005. (AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

MORE: 76% OPPOSED:

“The Arrival Of A Killer, A Murderer”

November 4th, 2005 Democracy Now

JUAN GONZALEZ: We have only about a minute left, but I'd like to ask you, given that Argentina has been through such an enormous crisis, largely as a result of implementing the kind of policies that the Bush administration wanted, what is the response of the people of Argentina now to having this summit right there?

ELSA MONTERO, IMECC, a worker-run clinic in Argentina: [translated from Spanish]

It came out in the news this morning that 76% of the Argentinean population does not agree.

And I think it's even much more than that, because there are people that are afraid of saying it openly. Nobody who sees the consequences of what's happening this our country can be in agreement with the arrival of a killer, a murderer.

THE FACE OF THE ENEMY:



Bush in Argentina, Nov. 4, 2005. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

CLASS WAR REPORTS

While Troops Die And Bush Buddies Loot The Treasury: Hunger In America Rises By 43% Over Last Five Years!

2005-10-29 Science Daily

Hunger in American households has risen by 43 percent over the last five years, according to an analysis of US Department of Agriculture (USDA) data released today. The analysis, completed by the Center on Hunger and Poverty at Brandeis University, shows that more than 7 million people have joined the ranks of the hungry since 1999.

The USDA report, Household Food Security in the United States, 2004, says that 38.2 million Americans live in households that suffer directly from hunger and food insecurity, including nearly 14 million children. That figure is up from 31 million Americans in 1999.

"This is an unexpected and even stunning outcome," noted center director Dr. J. Larry Brown, a leading scholarly authority on domestic hunger. "This chronic level of hunger so long after the recession ended means that it is a man-made problem.

Congress and the White House urgently need to address growing income inequality and the weakening of the safety net in order to get this epidemic under control." **[The silly man thinks they give a shit. What world does he live in?]**

According to the Center on Hunger and Poverty, food insecurity increased by nearly a million households from 2003 to 2004. Rates of hunger increased in almost every single category of household during the same time, with single mothers and those living in or near poverty continuing to suffer from severely high rates of both food insecurity and hunger.

California, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma and South Carolina all have food insecurity and hunger rates that are significantly higher than the national average. The lone bright spot in the nation is Oregon. Once considered to have the worst hunger in the country, Oregon has shown significant decreases in food insecurity and hunger since 1999-2001.

"With this astonishing level of food deprivation in America," Brown concluded, "we need President Bush to step up to the plate. If he now asks Congress to cut federal food programs, hunger will increase even further. We need the moral leadership to stem this crisis." **[He just doesn't get it. People capable of sending a whole army half way around the world for Imperial conquest don't really care about some starving American citizens. They're getting theirs. What else matters?]**

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