

GI SPECIAL 4E4:



[Thanks to David Honish, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in.]

“Its Coming Apart...Drop By Fucking Drop”

From: [R: Vietnam Veterans Against The War]
To: GI Special
Sent: May 02, 2006
Subject: Back to you

Hey bro...

1 copy of Sir No Sir is already on its way to a troop AGAINST the "war" in the 101st north of Baghdad...

He told me that some of theirs were commanded to go into a known unsafe zone where they NEVER GO, to look for WMDs because Rumsfeld was coming and wanted to do a photo op in a “bad” area...

fucking dick...

anyway, the order was canceled after Rummy changed his plan (chickened out)....but the whole infantry was like "FUCK that MF'er!!!"

Its coming apart...drop by fucking drop (unfortunately its not the neocons blood)

Another copy of the movie is going into the hands of a Marine.

Peace to you T....

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 war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

New Hampshire Marine Killed



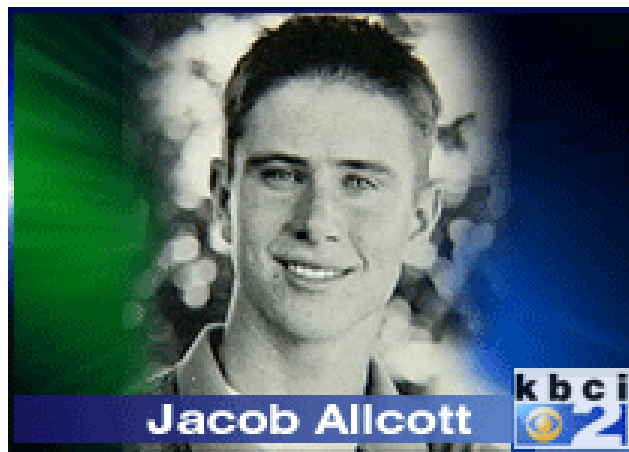
U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Robert Moscillo of Salem, N.H. Moscillo, 21, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, was killed May 2, 2006, when his Humvee hit a land mine in Iraq. (AP Photo/Courtesy Moscillo Family)

Texas SSG Killed



Army Staff Sgt. Bryant A. Herlem, 37, of Copperas Cove, Texas, was killed in Baghdad, April 28, 2006, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. (AP Photo/Herlem family)

Roadside Bomb Kills Caldwell Soldier



April 25, 2006 By Scott Logan, KBCI TV

CALDWELL

Flags flew at half staff at Caldwell High School Tuesday in honor of Private First Class Jacob Allcott, a 2002 graduate of Caldwell High School who was killed by a homemade bomb in Baghdad Saturday.

PFC Allcott was serving with the Fourth Infantry Division. Three other GIs were also killed when the IED exploded, setting their Humvee on fire, according to the Department of Defense.

Allcott's older brother says the 21-year-old soldier had been in Iraq for six months.

"It's not easy. Everybody misses him a lot," Aaron Allcott told KBCI CBS 2 News. "But he knew the risks. He signed up after the war was going on so he did know that was a possibility. But we were hoping for a different outcome."

Jacob Allcott's father is Bruce Allcott, the former Caldwell Fire Chief who is now the fire chief in Burley.

Aaron Allcott says his parents were vacationing in Holland when the military contacted them.

"They actually had somebody find them over there and go talk to them in person," Aaron said.

Jacob Allcott is the second Caldwell High graduate to be killed in action in Iraq. Specialist Carrie French, 19, was killed by a roadside bomb in June of last year while serving with the 116th Combat Brigade in Kirkuk.

PFC Allcott is survived by his parents as well as three brothers and two sisters.

Tank Driver From Tennessee Killed



Robbie Glen Light, a 21-year-old tank driver from Kingsport, Tenn. was killed May 1, 2006. (AP Photo/Family Photo via The Times-News)

5.3.06 (AP)

The East Tennessee family of an Army tank driver says the soldier was killed in Iraq.

Specialist Robbie Glen Light was 21 and his wife is expecting their first child. Elizabeth Baker Light says her husband was the only member of his crew killed when the tank hit an improvised bomb south of Baghdad.

Mrs. Light says she expects to deliver a girl later this month and the family is writing down their memories of her husband and will tell them to her daughter over and over again.

Light was a member of the Army's 4th Infantry, C Company, 167th Armored Division based at Fort Hood, Texas. They deployed to Iraq in December.

A military chaplain and an officer informed Elizabeth Light of her husband's death Tuesday.

Light is the 51st service member from Tennessee to die in the Iraqi conflict, according to a count by the Associated Press.

Salem High Graduate Killed

5.3.06 By MIKE KALIL, Union Leader Correspondent

SALEM: A local Marine was killed this week in Iraq when the Humvee he was riding in hit a landmine, family members said today.

Lance Corporal Robert Moscillo, 21, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, was the only Marine killed in the incident, according to his sister, Sandra.

Moscillo was sent to Iraq earlier this year after joining the Marines last February, his sister said.

He is the son of Frank and Donna Moscillo, who are divorced and live in Beverly, Mass., and Salem, respectively.

Sgt. Killed 3 Years After His Fiancée: “I Don't Think He Wanted To Go Back”

May 3, 2006 BY JOSE MARTINEZ, LISA MUNOZ and NANCY DILLON, DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITERS

They fell in love on the dusty battlefields of Iraq, promised to marry and dreamed of growing old together back home in their adopted country.

But they were star-crossed lovers destined to die in eerily similar insurgent attacks nearly three years apart.

Army Sgt. Jose Gomez, 23, of Queens, was killed Friday after a roadside bomb struck his Humvee during a combat operation in Baghdad, Defense Department officials said.

His fiancé, Analaura Esparza Gutierrez, an Army private who immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico as a child, met the same fate in October 2003, just as Gomez was winding down his first tour of duty.

Yesterday, loved ones were left to mourn another young life lost to war.

"He was everything for me," Gomez's grieving 54-year-old mom, Maria, said yesterday from her Corona home.

Esparza, 21, was driving in a Humvee near the main American base in Tikrit when a bomb placed in the median of a road exploded and rocket-propelled grenades rained down on her convoy.

She was a permanent resident of the U.S. and had hoped to return home to Houston from Iraq, get married and become a psychologist.

"He was destroyed. When he came back, he arrived very nervous," Gomez's mother recalled. "I said, 'Let's go to Santo Domingo.' There he was able to relax. He swam in the ocean, went to the beach. He was more at peace."

Relatives said Jose Gomez slowly put the pieces back together and even found love again with his new fiancée, Marie Canario, 21, of Mastic, L.I.

The two met at a mall near Queensborough Community College and were planning to marry later this year. But Gomez got a letter in the mail last July informing him he would return to Iraq for another tour. He left in August and was due to finish his hitch next month.

"I don't think he wanted to go back," Canario said. "I was upset. I was crying. And he said, 'Don't worry. You act like I'm not coming back.'"

Gomez tried convincing his family he wasn't going to Iraq, rather that he was returning to Texas to train other soldiers. But it was a lie aimed at sparing his loved ones worry.

"When he came back the first time, we all agreed. We told him not to go back to Iraq, to the war," said his stepdad, Felix Jimenez, 45. "And he said, 'Yes, I'm not going back.'"

Stunned relatives yesterday remembered Gomez as a humble, easygoing young man who excelled at mathematics and adored his mother, promising to buy her a house for her birthday in September. "He wanted her to quit working, to stay at home, to not worry so much," a cousin said. "He would give everything for his mother to have a better life."

The mother and son were especially tight since Gomez's father died when he was a boy. Gomez's only sibling, brother Severino Gomez, 27, lives in the Dominican Republic.

Gomez was serving with the Army's 10th Cavalry, part of the 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Tex., when he died. His body will be returned to Queens to be laid to rest with full military honors at St. Michael's Cemetery in Astoria next Wednesday.

"He was a simple guy, a quiet person, always good-natured," Maria Gomez said. "On every birthday he would bring me something, like a bouquet of flowers. He sent me something on every holiday. He never forgot me."

U.S. Mercenary Killed, Two Wounded

5.3.06 AFP & Evening Echo

A US civilian was killed and two others were wounded when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb near the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah.

"I can confirm that one US civilian was killed and two wounded in the incident," a British military spokesman said Wednesday, without providing details.

The US military and embassy had no reports of the incident.

But the Italian news agency Ansa said the bomb exploded at around midday (0800 GMT) on the side of a road near Souk al-Shuyukh as a civilian car passed with three men on board from a US security firm.

The driver was killed and the two passengers were seriously wounded.

At the request of US military authorities, Italian military helicopters flew the survivors to a US air base in Talil

Polish Base Mortared

05/03/06 By THOMAS WAGNER, Associated Press Writer

A mortar round was fired at Camp Echo, a military camp in southern Iraq where Polish forces are based, said Iraqi army Capt. Ali Hakim. No casualties were immediately reported.

OOPS

May 3 (Reuters)

Iraqi soldiers wounded the driver and two escorts of the deputy speaker of Parliament, Khalid al-Attiya, as they refused to stop near an army checkpoint, police said. Attiya was not in the vehicle.

Humvee IED Deaths On Rise: “It’s Basically Like Taking A Battering Ram And Driving It Through The Skin”

May 03, 2006 By Matt Kelley, USA Today

Although the Pentagon has strengthened the armor on more than 50,000 Humvees and other military vehicles throughout Iraq and Afghanistan, roadside bombs are killing a rising number of U.S. troops, Pentagon records show.

Most are dying in their Humvees, the workhorse vehicles the military scrambled to armor as the Iraqi insurgency grew over the past three years.

Pentagon casualty reports say 62 U.S. troops have died this year in attacks on their Humvees involving what the military calls improvised explosive devices, or IEDs. An additional 22 troops were killed when IEDs hit other military vehicles, including more heavily armored tanks and troop carriers.

That’s up from 27 in Humvees — and an additional 38 deaths involving IED attacks on other vehicles — during the first four months of 2005, according to Pentagon reports and USA Today’s Iraq war casualty database.

Behind the higher death rate: Insurgents are changing their tactics, planting more powerful bombs and using different triggering methods to evade U.S. countermeasures.

Newer IEDs are powerful enough to blow apart a 22-ton Bradley Fighting Vehicle or a tank. “The enemy adapts to everything we do,” said military analyst Loren Thompson of the non-partisan Lexington Institute think tank in Arlington, Va. “It’s not that we haven’t found solutions. It’s that the enemy has found ways to work around our solutions.”

Roadside bombs also are killing more troops in Afghanistan. Ten have been killed so far this year, compared to one in the first four months of 2005.

More powerful bombs create difficult wounds to treat, says Air Force Maj. Paul “Chip” Gleason, head of orthopedic surgery at the Air Force Theater Hospital in Balad, Iraq. “It’s basically like taking a battering ram and driving it through the skin.”

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THAT A CROOKED POLITICIAN WHO LIVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE, SO HE WILL LOOK GOOD.

That is not a good enough reason.



U.S. Marine Pfc. Joseph Nelson, of Puyallup, Washington, runs during a patrol in Karmah, Iraq, April 24, 2006. (AP Photo/Jacob Silberberg)

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Resistance Moving To Control Afghan South

5.3.06 New York Times

Building on a winter campaign of bombings and assassinations and the knowledge that U.S. troops are leaving, the Taliban are taking the insurgency to a new level, flooding the areas of southern Afghanistan with weapons and men.

“Just Like Viet Fucking Nam”

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in. He writes: (Just like Viet fucking Nam) peace from Ward]

"During the day the people, the police, and the army, are with the government, but during the night, the people, the police, and the army, are all with the Taliban and Al Qaeda." HAJI SAIFULLAH, a shopkeeper in Tirin Kot, Afghanistan.

TROOP NEWS

Sir! No Sir! Opens May 5th At Theaters In The Los Angeles Area!!!



Sir! No Sir! opens in three theaters in the LA area this FRIDAY MAY 5th!

This powerful new documentary film reveals the suppressed history of the GI movement to end the war in Vietnam.

(See below for locations and times and special events with Director David Zeiger and vets from the film at selected screenings!)

You can purchase advance tickets NOW via the theater websites. Come out and see this important film:

**LAEMMLE MONICA 4
1332 2ND STREET
SANTA MONICA, CA
(310) 394-9741
www.laemmle.com**

**SHOWTIMES FOR THE FIRST WEEK:
12:45, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20 & 9:55.**

OPENING WEEKEND SPECIAL Q&A's with the Director and Vets from the film:

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY: After 7:20pm show both nights and before the 9:55 show both nights

**LAEMMLE ONE COLORADO
42 MILLER ALLEY
OLD PASADENA, CA
(626) 744-1224
www.laemmle.com
SHOWTIMES FOR THE FIRST WEEK:
Fri-Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:35, 7:45 & 9:55**

THIS SUNDAY May 7th - Q&As with the Director and Vets from the film:

After 2:45pm show, before the 5:35pm show and after 5:35pm show

**REGAL TOWN CENTER 6
4245 CAMPUS DRIVE
IRVINE, CA
(949) 854-8818
www.regalcinemas.com
SHOWTIMES FOR THE FIRST WEEK:
2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm**

Joining us to host screenings are the following grassroots organizations:
Coalition Against Militarization of Schools, Iraq Vets Against the War, CA
Grassroots, CodePink, American Friends Service Committee, Democracy Matters,
Students for Peace, Foothills Peace Coalition, Interfaith Communities United for
Justice and Peace, and Veterans For Peace.

As you have probably heard, we opened to **SOLD OUT** shows in New York, and
got some great reviews, including the front page story in the Arts Section of the
NY Times and a great piece in the Village Voice.

The film rolls out across the nation over the coming weeks, so stay tuned to our
website, and sign up on our homepage at <http://www.sirnosir.com/> for updates!

In solidarity,

Celia and Holly, your Sir! No Sir! team in Los Angeles:
celia@riseup.net and hollyr@riseup.net

MORE:

VN GI FILM: NEW VENUES

[Robert Sharlet is the brother of Jeff Sharlet, who served in Vietnam, and came home to found and edit Vietnam GI, the most powerful and successful soldier's newspaper against that war. T]

From: Robert Sharlet
Sent: May 03, 2006 12:58 AM

TO: The many who've helped on the Jeff Sharlet memoir, 'Vietnam GI':

For those who haven't had the opportunity and wish to see the Vietnam GI film 'Sir! No Sir!', below is a list of additional cities & venues from Florida to Alaska where it will be opening.

Since the initial distribution list sent last month, David Zeiger's film has done extraordinarily well in reviews in the NY Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Newsday, Village Voice and elsewhere, as well as Two Thumbs Up from Ebert & Roeper.

Best wishes, Bob Sharlet

ADDITIONAL FILM SHOWING CITIES & VENUES:

May 1 : Ft. Lauderdale, FL -- Cinema Paradiso
May 5 : Madison, WI (2d run) -- Orpheum Theatre
May 8 : Fairbanks, AL -- The Blue Loon
May 9 : New Orleans, LA -- Zeitgeist Arts Center
May 16 : Huntington, L.I., NY -- Cinema Arts Center
May 26 : Dallas, TX -- Angelika Film Center
May 26 : St. Louis, MO -- Webster University Film Series
May 26 : Rhinebeck, NY -- Upstate Films
May 28 : Santa Fe, NM -- Center for Contemporary Arts
May 30 : Norfolk, VA -- Naro Cinema
June 2 : Charlotte, NC -- Regal Manor Twin
June 2 : Tucson, AZ -- The Loft Cinema
June 9 : Burlington, VT -- The Roxy
June 10 : Cambridge, MA -- Harvard Film Archive
June 16 : Cambridge, MA -- Brattle Theatre
July 21 : Boise, ID -- The Flicks
August 11 : Seattle, WA -- Northwest Film Forum

Protest “Little Dick” Cheney At Louisiana State U. 5-19-06

From: Ward Reilly [Veterans For Peace]

Sent: May 02, 2006
Subject: Protest "Little Dick" Cheney @ LSU... 5-19-06

P R O T E S TP R O T E S T....P R O T E S T

WHO:

Vice Prez & War-Criminal "Little Dick" Cheney

WHEN:

May-19-2006 at, 10am

WHERE:

**Maravich Assembly Center, Louisiana State University
(right next to Tiger Stadium, on the north side)**

**Air Sickness Bags Will Be Issued To All Who Enter The
PMAC**

BIO:

Integral part of the HIGHLY successful Nixon Administration (and the Viet Nam War)...actually worked for Rummy back then...gathered a record FIVE MILITARY DEFERMENTS to avoid the last war he was eligible for, a neocon RECORD!

Architect of the illegal invasions of (innocent) Iraq & Afghanistan.....both turning out REALLY well, we swear...really well! We SWEAR... (stay tuned for "Nukes Over Tehran", coming soon) (((if YOU let it)))

Straight (but hates his gay daughter) from the (very) White House to LSU & Katrinaland, where he helped us SOOOO much during the last 8 months...maybe he'll pull a FEMA trailer in with his limo!

Architect of the USA PATRIOT Act. Used by OUR gulags, sadists, & torturers EVERYWHERE, from Guantanamo to Bagram to Abu Ghraib!

Author of the "spy on any citizen we want" program

Comes to town with a SHINING 18% approval rating!

Man was he TOUGH to book!

Who better could we honor at our flagship university? What more could any student hope to see on his or her last day at LSU than a Genocidal Maniac...ouch...!! He's (beer-drinkin'-BEFORE-the-hunt) Dead Eye Dick Cheney, puppetmaster supreme

Free Speech will be allowed in a "Free Speech Zone" issued by the Secret Service (time to capture another one, folks) at the Sewage Treatment Plant, one half-mile from campus (on the River Road in the same general area where Dicks chapter of the KKK used to meet in the 50's and 60's)

RAFFLE DRAWING:

ONE FREE Hunting lesson with Deadeye Dick...remember, learning how **NOT TO HUNT** can be just as important as learning how **TO** hunt! Proceeds go directly to Halliburton Inc.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will discuss why it is OK to "liberate people to death" in HIS name, if you're a neocon...AND...he will recite the former Bill Of Rights from a by-gone era in U.S. history, and talk about the history of the oil market!

FREE KORANS FOR the first 500 republicans that show up, autographed (in blood) by "Little Dick" Cheney himself! (Bring your own blood, King Dick NEVER uses his own)

Peace from Ward Reilly...VVAW-VFP-CAWI

Stop The War NOW!...

Troops Home NOW!

WAR CRIMINAL OFF CAMPUS!

THE ORIGINAL SHIT-HOUSE RAT



IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action

05/03/06 By THOMAS WAGNER, Associated Press Writer & Reuters

A bomber blew himself up while standing in a line of recruits outside Fallujah's police headquarters on Wednesday, killing at least 18 Iraqis and wounding 30 in an attack aimed at discouraging Sunni Arabs from joining the force, police said.

Thirteen of the dead were recruits and two were policemen, said police 1st Lt. Omar Ahmed.

Doctor Bilal Mahmoud said most of the 20 people wounded in the attack on the police recruits were in a critical condition.

The bomber, dressed in civilian clothes, struck outside the entrance of the police building. He detonated his explosive several minutes after joining the crowd of recruits waiting to enter and apply for jobs, Ahmed said.

On Tuesday, the bodies of four Iraqi soldiers were found in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, two days after they graduated from basic training as part of the first all-Sunni class, police said. Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, is 30 miles west of Fallujah.

A police officer was killed and three wounded as they were disarming a bomb when a second bomb exploded nearby in an apparent ambush in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas attacked a police patrol in central Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, killing two police officers and attacked a police checkpoint in Baquba killing a police officer, police said.

Police found the bodies of three soldiers from Fallujah who had been shot and dumped in Khaldiyah, a city west of their hometown, said Dr. Rafie Mahmoud.

On Sunday, the three men had graduated from basic training as part of the first all-Sunni class in the Iraqi army.

A drive-by shooting killed Jawad Kadom, the No. 3 official in Iraq's electricity ministry, and wounded his driver in Baghdad, said police 1st Lt. Thaeir Mahmoud said.

A policeman was killed and two others wounded, including a civilian, when a roadside bomb hit their patrol in Yusufiya, 15 km (9 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

**“The ONLY REAL ISSUE ...That Being
The Class Warfare Against ALL OF US”**

From: Ward Reilly Veterans For Peace
To: GI Special
Sent: May 03, 2006
Subject: Quote from the Middle East

Immigration, the "war" on terror, the "war" on drugs, health insurance, bird flu, unions, oil prices, the draft, Katrina-New Orleans, voting machines, the number of dead in Iraq, depleted uranium, Darfur, Supreme Court nominees...

All of these "issues" are simply the distraction(s) of the week, to keep us from focusing on the ONLY REAL ISSUE ...that being the class warfare against ALL OF US, the poor, all around the world, by the corporate-politico union, organized and carried out in Washington D.C., which plain-and-simply needs to be physically overthrown by US...in my opinion.

Talking about all of these BS issues is a waste of time.

We are ALL "illegal immigrants" in America, and if you don't believe me, just ask any Native American.

Peace someday,
Ward

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to thomasfbarton@earthlink.net. Name, I.D., address withheld unless publication requested. Replies confidential.

**“The Voices Of Veterans,
Especially Those Of IVAW, Was**

NOT Heard From Any Formal Speaker Platform On The 29th”

From: Alycia A. Barr
To: GI Special
Sent: May 02, 2006 8:43 AM
Subject: WHAT????

NYCLAW: "Mass movements like these stopped the bloody U.S. war in Vietnam. In the same way, we can stop today's war of empire."

Someone needs to send these obviously self-centered, ignorant people a copy of "Sir, No Sir."

Just for the record, the voices of veterans, especially those of IVAW, was NOT heard from any formal speaker platform on the 29th...ya know, just to let the American people know how those who have been there view this illegal, and immoral war.

But, what the hell, how important could that be?

In Peace and Humanity,
Alycia A. Barr

The Troops Can Stop The War

May 2 by Jarrett Murphy, Village Voice [Excerpt]

George McAnanama [US Army 1966-1968, Veterans For Peace Chapter 034] is not a lobbyist or consultant; he's a Staten Islander who's active in Veterans for Peace.

But he detects a key ingredient for ending the war: resistance inside the military. Soldiers who refused to fight were important players in stopping Vietnam.

“We Have Stand Up To The Traitors In Power”

May 03, 2006 By Cindy Sheehan via Vietnam Veterans Against the War [Excerpt].

Cindy Sheehan is the mother of Spc Casey Sheehan who was KIA in Iraq on 04/04/04. She is the author of Not One More Mother's Child and the founder of Gold Star Families for Peace.

Many of my friends voted for George in the 2004 election telling me that he is "pro-life,"

My answer to them is that George is "pro-birth" and once the baby gets out, he has no problem with subjecting them to inadequate education, health care, clean environment, jobs and, then to boot, killing them in war.

If George was truly pro-life, Casey and legions of people would still be alive.

Life is life: born and unborn.

The corporations in Iraq are the things that need to be aborted. Bring the war profiteers home, save the children.

If we want to have a viable future to leave as a legacy to our children and the children of the world, BushCo must be stopped, not supported and funded by a Congress who is getting their strings pulled by the same malevolent puppeteers that pull the chains of corporate greed of the executive branch.

We need to shut down the war machine and realize that to feed that monster our country has to be, and has been, at constant war with some country or the other, especially since WWII.

It is a fact of life, whether Republican or Democrat in power, we are suppressing and killing other people to make the world safe for our corporations.

Unfortunately, BushCo does symbolize everything that America is about, but they do not have to.

We the people of the United States in order to secure a more perfect union need to vociferously and with everything we have stand up to the traitors in power and redefine, if not reclaim, what it means to be Americans.

For me, it means living in a country where health care, education, human rights, jobs, peace and prosperity are readily available, not just to the rich white ruling class, but to everyone!

This is pro-American.

Torture, committing atrocities on a helpless people, and honoring and protecting the life of corporate America above human life are not.

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupation or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. 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/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.net)

“Mi Hijo Esta In Irak” (My Son Is In Iraq)



Photo by Jeff Paterson, Not in Our Name, May. 02, 2006 at 10:39 AM. jeff@paterson.net

San Francisco, California (May 1, 2006) by Jeff Paterson, Not in Our Name

100,000 people march down San Francisco's Market Street today during what would have otherwise have been the height of a busy Monday afternoon.

The march and general strike was a small piece of the nationwide mobilization over a million strong to demand justice for immigrants. Although a majority of marchers were Latino, from the looks of things plenty of businesses had to do without immigrants of many nationalities.

1 May 2006 Walter Lippmann [Excerpt from signs carried on the march.]

They use our sons for war and call us criminals. If the minuteman are patriot, go to Irak.

Good enough to die in combat, not good enough to live here.

Mi hijo esta in Irak. (My son is in Iraq.)

OCCUPATION REPORT

U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS

May 3 (Reuters)

U.S. forces arrested a woman doctor late on Tuesday in Dhuluiya, 40 km (25 miles) north of Baghdad, a day after she accused U.S. forces of stealing \$4,000 in gold during a raid on her house, officials said.

“In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit,” said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay’s Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday’s raid. “Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead.”

“I Only Fear Death Because I Was Born Under A Foreign Occupation... “I Never Dreamed I Would Die Under One”

April 22, 2006 Riverbendblog.blogspot.com [Excerpt]

So we’ve been spending the days with Bibi Z. (‘Bibi’ being a Baghdadi word meaning “granny” or “nana”)

We don't know her exact age, but we estimate she's well into her eighties. She has a deceptively frail look about her- soft, almost transparent skin, a small face framed with long wisps of white hair. Her dark eyes are still very alive and have a look of permanent fascination because her brows are so white, they barely show up against her skin.

She talked of the student revolts during the years of the monarchy.

"When Iraq signed the Portsmouth Treaty, the students revolted and organized demonstrations against the king- they were chased throughout Baghdad. My father was a police officer and yet when they chased the students into our area, we slipped them into the house and helped them get away by jumping from rooftop to rooftop. Iraqis were Iraqis and we had our differences, but we took care of each other... And women and children were sacred- no one dared touch the women and children of the house."

The one unforgivable sin back then was to have loyalties to the foreign occupier.

"Today, the only ones who can guarantee their survival are the ones with the loyalties to an occupier- and even they aren't safe." She sighed heavily as she said this, her prayer beads clicking gently in her thin hands.

"For the first time in many years, I fear death."

She said last night to no one in particular, as we sat around after dinner, sipping tea.

We all objected, wishing her a longer life, telling her she had many years ahead of her, God willing.

She shook her head at us like we didn't understand- couldn't possibly understand.

"All people die eventually and I've had a longer life than most Iraqis- today children and young people are dying.

"I only fear death because I was born under a foreign occupation... I never dreamed I would die under one."

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

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Israeli Soldiers Torture Deaf Palestinian
Child**

May 2, 2006 Ma'an News Agency

Jenin-Ma'an: The Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) has revealed that Israeli soldiers tortured a deaf, 12-year old Palestinian boy.

In a press release issued by PMRS' Rehabilitation Programme, the organisation said that Israeli soldiers stationed at a temporary checkpoint between Jenin and Qalqiliya fiercely attacked and harshly tortured Mohammad Izzat Qarariyeh.

As the child is deaf, he was not able to answer the soldier's questions, nor express himself clearly to the soldiers at the barrier. He tried to tell them that he was still a child and does not yet have an ID.

Tamam Anwar, an employee at PMRS' Rehabilitation Programme, said that the Israeli soldiers hit the boy continuously and severely, and that although he heard the child's screams, he was unable to do anything about it.

The PMRS Programme denounced the incident and called on human rights organisations to intervene to end these acts of violence by Israeli forces, and to stop the ongoing humiliation of Palestinians, especially at Israeli checkpoints in Palestinian areas.

[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

Senate Shifts Iraq Funds To Border Patrols

[Thanks to PB, who sent this in. He writes: THE HEADLINE SHOULD READ, "SENATE SHIFTS FUNDS FROM KILLING IRAQIS TO KILLING MEXICANS."]

Apr 26 By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press Writer

The Senate voted Wednesday to divert some of the money President Bush requested for the war in Iraq to instead increase security on the nation's borders and give the Coast Guard new boats and helicopters.

MORE:

“Funding Border Security By Grabbing Money That Would Have Provided Body Armor”

Apr 28th 2006 by Bob Geiger, veteransforcommonsense.org [Excerpt]

Out of the litany of hypocrisy we have seen from Republicans in the last five years, perhaps the most galling is their contrived support-the-troops rhetoric, apparently designed to mask how they consistently screw over active military and Veterans at ever turn.

The latest smackdown came this week when Senate Republicans voted to take \$1.9 billion from President Bush's funding request for the Iraq war and use that money to boost border security.

S.Amdt. 3594, sponsored by Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) was intended to pay for new aircraft, patrol boats, and land vehicles and to bolster checkpoints and a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border crossing near San Diego.

The problem and the bald-faced hypocrisy comes in Gregg's amendment, which passed 59-39, funding border security by grabbing money that would have provided body armor, tools to defeat improvised explosive devices for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and money for training the Iraqi security forces.

44% In U.S. Believe Government Will Never Win In Iraq

May 1, 2006 WASHINGTON (CNN)

Three years after President Bush declared major combat over in Iraq, Americans have strong doubts that the United States will fulfill the promise of his "Mission Accomplished" backdrop, a poll released Monday found.

The CNN poll, conducted April 21-23 by Opinion Research Corporation, found that only 9 percent thought the U.S. mission in Iraq had been accomplished, while 40 percent believed it would be complete someday.

An additional 44 percent said the United States would never accomplish its goals in Iraq, where American troops are still battling insurgents three years after the invasion that toppled former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

CLASS WAR REPORTS

On Streets Of New York, Solidarity Reigns “This Movement Is Already A Backlash - Against Decades Of Anti- Immigrant Scapegoating And Hysteria In Washington”

May 2, 2006 New York Daily News

All you had to do was take one look down normally bustling St. Nicholas Ave. in Washington Heights yesterday afternoon to sense an astonishing event was underway.

Around 12:30 p.m., Luis Carillo and Abimael Classen stood in front of their shuttered Chavin Hardware store near the corner of W. 178th St.

"We're closed to support the immigrant protest," Carillo said, his arms folded serenely under a brilliant sun.

Carillo came here from Peru more than 35 years ago, and has long since become a citizen. He realized his American Dream. Now, it was time to take a stand for those less fortunate, he said.

Virtually every store owner along St. Nicholas made the same decision, even if that meant turning away a few almighty dollars for one day.

The Capri Restaurant on the corner. The Los Primos Fruit Store. The big Bravo Supermarket down the street. The Happy Land Chinese Restaurant.

All were closed yesterday, some for a few hours, most for the entire day.

Over on Broadway, it was the same story.

Yasmin's Fashion Store. Torres Bakery. Casa Linda Upholstery. Columbia Pharmacy. Angel Shoes. Fort Washington Hardware. Aztek Records. Santa Ana Botanica. Quisqueya Grocery. Fernandez Check Cashing.

All closed.

By the end of the day, thousands of immigrant-owned businesses all over America had pulled off perhaps the biggest one-day boycott this country has ever seen.

Even huge corporations like Tyson Foods and Cargill's reluctantly closed their factories so their largely immigrant workers could join - of all things - a national May Day demonstration for the legalization of millions of undocumented workers.

And once again those immigrant workers, both legal and illegal, poured into the streets of downtown Manhattan and scores of other cities and towns, their children and baby carriages in tow - in numbers too breathtaking for anyone to ignore.

"No one knows the pain we feel," said Miguel Baez, who came here illegally from Mexico five years ago and works as a bartender in Manhattan.

"We need these jobs to survive," he said. "But we can't visit our families back home for years for fear we'll get caught coming back."

It is that endless agony of living in the shadows that has driven so many to join these massive protests.

They march even though they risk being fired or being detained and deported by immigration authorities.

They boycotted schools and jobs and shut down stores yesterday even though Catholic Church officials and union leaders and politicians who support their cause urged them to ignore the call for May Day protests.

They took to the streets even though the pundits and the so-called experts in Washington warned of a political backlash from middle-class America.

Some have even tried to pit black Americans against the undocumented. But key African-American leaders like the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton and Transport Workers Union chief Roger Toussaint all attacked those divisive tactics at yesterday's Union Square rally.

"You can't talk about globalized capital and exporting jobs and not talk about global human and labor rights for immigrant workers," Jackson said. "Immigrants aren't sending good jobs overseas, corporations are."

Time and again this new immigrant movement has taken the politicians, the church and labor leaders by surprise with its discipline and its fury.

The experts, you see, are missing the point.

This movement is already a backlash - against decades of anti-immigrant scapegoating and hysteria in Washington. Congress ignores this cry for recognition at our country's peril.

“People Were Convicted And Jailed For Voicing Their Opinion About The War” “It Was An Ugly Time”



Gov. Brian Schweitzer of Montana will posthumously pardon 78 people convicted of sedition during World War I, including the four here.

[Thanks to Anna Bradley, who sent this in.]

Officials encouraged neighbor to inform on neighbor, and one person's accusation was often enough for an arrest.

Mr. Work and other historians believe that the harshness of the Montana law was influenced by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which dominated the state economically and viewed the law as a way to deal with labor unrest. Many of those charged with sedition were immigrant laborers.

May 3, 2006 By JIM ROBBINS, The New York Times Company

HELENA, Mont., May 2: When Steve Milch found out recently that his great-grandfather, an immigrant from Bavaria, had been convicted of sedition in Montana during World War I, he was taken aback. It was something no one in the family had ever talked about.

For the past 88 years, a lot of secrets have been kept in Montana families, especially those of German descent, about a flurry of wartime sedition prosecutions in 1918, when public sentiment against Germany was at a feverish pitch.

Seventy-nine Montanans were convicted under the state law, considered among the harshest in the country, for speaking out in ways deemed critical of the United States. In one instance, a traveling wine and brandy salesman was sentenced to 7 to 20 years in prison for calling wartime food regulations a "big joke."

But the silence — and for some families, the shame — has ended. The convictions will be undone on Wednesday when Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a descendant of ethnic

Germans who migrated here from Russia in 1909, posthumously pardons 75 men and three women. One man was pardoned shortly after the war.

Forty-one of those convicted, including one woman, went to prison on sentences from 1 to 20 years and paid fines from \$200 to \$20,000.

"I'm going to say what Gov. Sam Stewart should have said," Mr. Schweitzer said, referring to the man who signed the sedition legislation into law in 1918. "I'm sorry, forgive me, and God bless America, because we can criticize our government."

Dozens of relatives of the convicted seditionists will be at the State Capitol to witness the signing of the pardons, with some traveling from as far as Florida.

Marie Van Middlesworth, the 90-year-old daughter of one of those convicted, Fay Rumsey, will be coming from Medford, Ore. She was among 12 children put up for adoption when the family farm failed after her father was imprisoned.

Mr. Milch said the official acknowledgment, even after so many years, offered comfort and closure to the families. "The whole Milch clan is appreciative of making things right," he said.

The pardon ceremony is a result of a book by Clemens P. Work, director of graduate studies at the University of Montana School of Journalism, called "Darkest Before Dawn: Sedition and Free Speech in the American West" (University of New Mexico Press, 2005).

The book chronicled a contentious period in Montana history when people were convicted and jailed for voicing their opinion about the war.

"It was an ugly time," Mr. Work said.

After reading the book, Jeffrey Renz, a law professor at the University of Montana, asked Mr. Work what he intended to do about the convictions. Mr. Work had no plans, he said, "but I told them in my box of dreams I hoped these people would be exonerated."

Professor Renz's students took the project on as part of a criminal law clinic. Some contacted family members of the convicted seditionists, and others researched the law, leading to a petition for pardon being sent to the governor last month.

The sedition law, which made it a crime to say or publish anything "disloyal, profane, violent, scurrilous, contemptuous or abusive" about the government, soldiers or the American flag, was unanimously passed by the Legislature in February 1918. It expired when the war ended, Mr. Work said.

During that time, though Germans were the largest ethnic group in Montana, it was also illegal to speak German, and books written in it were banned. Local groups called third-degree committees were formed to ferret out people not supportive of the war, especially those who did not buy Liberty Bonds.

"They leaned on people to ante up and buy bonds, and if they didn't, they were disloyal and considered pro-German," Mr. Work said.

Farida Briner said she was told that a committee showed up at her father's farm. "They threatened to hang him and tar and feather him," Ms. Briner said. Her father, Herman Bausch, was taken to town, interrogated and later convicted. He spent two years in prison.

Officials encouraged neighbor to inform on neighbor, and one person's accusation was often enough for an arrest.

Mr. Milch's great-grandfather, John Milch, was turned in by an undercover agent named Eberhard Von Waldru, who was working for the prosecutor in Helena, the state capital. Mr. Von Waldru went into a German beer hall and drew out people's feelings on the war. His testimony was used against Mr. Milch; his brother, Joseph; and six other men. All were convicted, and four went to prison.

John Milch was sentenced to three to six years, but the law had expired by the time he was to begin serving his term. Joseph was fined \$1,800.

Steve Milch said that although his family was not aware of the arrest, they did know about the anti-German sentiment of the time.

"There was a story that a mob of people was going around asking Germans to kiss the flag," Mr. Milch said. "My great-grandfather told them he didn't kiss anybody's flag, whether it was American or German."

Mr. Milch also had another surprise in store. He discovered that the great-grandfather of another lawyer in his firm was the Helena prosecutor who hired Mr. Von Waldru. "His great-grandfather prosecuted my great-grandfather," Mr. Milch said.

Mr. Work, who was conducting research for the book when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred, said he had found the similarities between 2001 and 1918 to be eerie.

"The hair on the back of my neck stood up," Mr. Work said. "The rhetoric was so similar, from the demonization of the enemy to saying 'either you're with us or against us' to the hasty passage of laws."

Twenty-seven states had sedition laws during World War I. Montana's became the template for a federal law, enacted by Congress later in 1918. More than 30 Montanans were arrested under the federal law, though none were convicted, according to the Montana Sedition Project, which Mr. Work directs.

Mr. Work and other historians believe that the harshness of the Montana law was influenced by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which dominated the state economically and viewed the law as a way to deal with labor unrest. Many of those charged with sedition were immigrant laborers.

But blame should also be laid at the feet of Governor Stewart, Mr. Work said.

"In the last 100 days of his term, he commuted 50 sentences, including 13 murderers and 7 rapists," he said, "but not a single secessionist."

Received:

Would You Debate The KKK? No To The Legitimization Of The Minutemen!

From: Minutemen5.blogspot.com/
Sent: 5.3.06

The Minutemen are a racist, vigilante organization, that hunt immigrants on the border like animals, and have come to Chicago to terrorize our large immigrant population. They have ties to high level government officials and are all over the main stream media, even though they are a racist hate-group just like the KKK. It is essential that people oppose the Minutemen as part of the broader anti-immigrant agenda.

Now, just days after the huge May Day, pro-immigrant marches, the Minutemen have actually been invited into Logan Square, a largely Latino community, for a debate! The Minutemen should not be given a platform to speak when their message incites hate and violence on our fellow human beings.

Please join the Anti-Minutemen defendants to oppose the Minutemen vigilantes and support the Logan Square Community.

Bring signs, noisemakers, and lots of people!!

Thursday, May 4
Event starts at 7pm-
Gather at 6pm
Fourth Congregational Church
2625 N. Talman (Between Logan and Schubert)
Chicago

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