

GI SPECIAL 4K27:

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

**BALLAD
OF A
NEO
CON**

FEATURING THE **GENERIC
CONSERVATIVE GUY!**



FROM THE TIME HE WAS A SMALL BOY, HE HAD BUT ONE AMBITION IN LIFE.

I DON'T KNOW WHY, MOTHER-- BUT I'VE ALWAYS FELT A SPECIAL KINSHIP WITH THE PLUCKY PEOPLE OF IRAQ!

WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF WE COULD LIBERATE THEM SOMEDAY?



HE DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SELF-IMPROVEMENT--SO THAT ONE DAY HE MIGHT HELP BESTOW THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY ON THAT OPPRESSED POPULATION!



THE YEARS PASSED...AND EVENTUALLY, THROUGH A COMBINATION OF HARD WORK AND SHEER GOOD LUCK, HE SAW HIS LIFELONG DREAM REALIZED.

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO BE SAID, SIR--"MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"!

HEH, HEH! THAT'S GOOD! I MIGHT USE THAT!



BUT ODDLY, THE LIBERATED IRAQI PEOPLE DID NOT BEHAVE AS HE HAD IMAGINED THEY MIGHT.

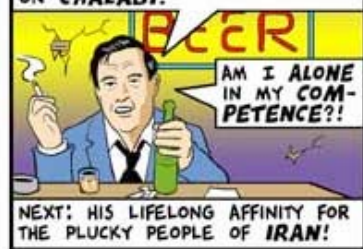
CHAOS--VIOLENCE--TORTURE--KIDNAPPINGS--BEHEADINGS--



AND NOW, WITH HIS DREAMS (AND INCIDENTALLY, THE NATION OF IRAQ) IN SHAMBLES, THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO--FIND SOMEBODY TO BLAME!

RUMSFELD REALLY SCREWED THIS UP! NOT TO MENTION CONDI!

AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ON CHALABI!



[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

Marine Corps Report Says "The U.S. Military Is No Longer Able To Defeat A Bloody Insurgency In Western Iraq"

[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

November 28, 2006 By Dafna Linzer and Thomas E. Ricks, Washington Post Staff Writers [Excerpts]

The U.S. military is no longer able to defeat a bloody insurgency in western Iraq according to newly disclosed details from a classified Marine Corps intelligence report that set off debate in recent months about the military's mission in Anbar province.

The Marines recently filed an updated version of that assessment that stood by its conclusions and stated that, as of mid-November, the problems in troubled Anbar province have not improved, a senior U.S. intelligence official said yesterday. "The fundamental questions of lack of control, growth of the insurgency and criminality" remain the same, the official said.

The Marines' August memo, a copy of which was shared with The Washington Post, is far bleaker than some officials suggested when they described it in late summer.

["T]he social and political situation has deteriorated to a point" that U.S. and Iraqi troops "are no longer capable of militarily defeating the insurgency in al-Anbar," the assessment found. In Anbar province alone, at least 90 U.S. troops have died since Sept. 1.

The five-page report -- written by Col. Peter Devlin, a senior and seasoned military intelligence officer with the Marine Expeditionary Force -- is marked secret, for dissemination to U.S. and allied troops in Iraq only. It does not appear to have been made available to Iraqi national forces fighting alongside Americans.

The report, "State of the Insurgency in Al-Anbar," focuses on conditions in the province that is home to 1.25 million Iraqis, most of whom live in violence-ridden towns such as Fallujah, Haditha, Hit, Qaim and Ramadi.

Devlin wrote that attacks on civilians rose 57 percent between February and August of this year. "Although it is likely that attack levels have peaked, the steady rise in attacks from mid-2003 to 2006 indicates a clear failure to defeat the insurgency in al-Anbar."

Devlin suggested that without the deployment of an additional U.S. military division -- 15,000 to 20,000 troops -- plus billions of dollars in aid to the province, "there is nothing" U.S. troops "can do to influence" the insurgency.

The senior intelligence official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of his work, said yesterday that he largely agrees with Devlin's assessment, except that he thinks it overstates the role of al-Qaeda in the province.

"We argue that it is a major element in Anbar, but it is not the largest or most dominant group," he said.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Command Sgt. Maj. Killed Near Bayji



Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts, with the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, was killed by a land mine during a mounted patrol Nov. 21, 2006, near Bayji, Iraq. (AP Photo/United States Army)

Ex-La Puente Man Dies In Iraq; Reservist Salcido, 31, Was On 3rd Tour Of Duty



Nov. 13, 2006 By Jennifer McLain Staff Writer, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Rudy Salcido, 31, loved his family, Texas hold 'em poker and the military.

It was his passion for the Army that prompted him to sign up for a third tour of duty in Iraq.

But Wednesday, Salcido, who was reared in La Puente, was killed while serving in Al Asad, Iraq. "I just want people to know that he died for something that he believed in," his father, Peter Salcido, said Friday.

Salcido is the 20th person from the San Gabriel Valley to die in the war. The Iraq War death count as of Thursday was 2,838, according to the Department of Defense.

"Ever since he was a little boy, he wanted to be in the Army," said stepmother Kathy Salcido at the family's San Dimas home.

Salcido, who lived in Ontario, was the second-oldest of six brothers and sisters. Relatives said he valued his family life and made his 14-year-old daughter his top priority.

Married in July, Salcido was sent to Iraq just three days after the wedding. He was expected home within 18 months.

When family members spoke of Salcido on Friday, they smiled.

"He made every situation funny," said brother Erik, including the time the family was playing Texas hold 'em and his father laid out five kings.

"Rudy had a whole deck in his shorts, so he then laid down five aces," Erik said. "When he got up, the deck fell out of his shorts."

Relatives describe him as loyal and fun to be around. "He enjoyed life," said aunt Nancy O'Neill. "He felt he needed to serve his country."

Family members said they didn't try to talk Salcido out of returning to Iraq for the third time.

"We knew that's what he wanted," Kathy Salcido said.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; father and stepmother, Peter and Kathy; mother, Maybelle Luvano; daughter, Gabriella; sisters Angelique, Monica and Crysania; and brothers Peter and Erik.

Iraqi Cop Says Missiles Shot Down U.S. Jet Fighter

November 28, 2006 By Nancy Trejos, Washington Post Staff Writer

East of Fallujah, Lt. Col. Ayman Falah, the deputy chief of police in the town of Haswa, said he had requested the help of U.S. forces to confront a group of terrorists. He said that the jet arrived, flying at a low altitude, and that the terrorists brought it down with missiles.

FUTILE EXERCISE: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!



US soldiers search cars at a spot checkpoint setup in the Karada neighborhood of central Baghdad. (AFP/Ali al-Saadi)

Great Moments In U.S. Military History: Killing Young Girls In Ramadi

BBC NEWS 2006/11/28

Five young girls have been killed in Iraq during a clash between US marines and insurgents in the western city of Ramadi, the US has said.

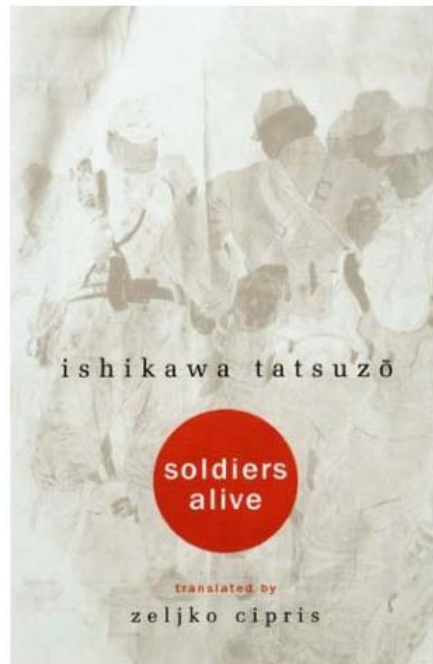
A US military statement said militants on the roof of a house had fired on its forces, who responded with tank fire.

It said soldiers searching the building found the bodies of one man and the five girls, one of whom was an infant.

Ramadi, 115km (70 miles) west of Baghdad, is located in Anbar province, a stronghold for Sunni Arab militants.

The youngest female casualty was six-months-old and the eldest was aged 10.

Ishikawa and Kuroshima would understand: insert troops into a hell on earth and there's no way to prevent atrocities. Yet the real fiends in their capital suites are never spattered with a single drop of blood. Solidarity, Z



AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Foreign Occupation Soldiers Killed, Two Wounded Near Kabul; Nationality Not Announced

Nov 28 AFP News

Two NATO soldiers and an Afghan policeman were killed in a battery of attacks that coincided with a NATO summit where world leaders called for extra troops to fight a spiralling Taliban insurgency.

Two other soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and five Afghans were wounded in the day's violence,

The soldiers who were killed were in a patrol that was blasted by an explosive device in Logar province, near the capital Kabul, the force said. Another was wounded, as was an interpreter.

Most of the troops in Logar are US nationals, who make up about half of the 122 foreign soldiers now killed in action in Afghanistan this year.

Police in the eastern province of Khost said scores of militants stormed a checkpoint near the border with Pakistan, sparking a one-hour exchange of fire.

Police brigade commander Qasim Khail said the attackers were from the Al-Qaeda terror network that backed the Taliban, but he did not give a basis for this claim.

Two Canadian Soldiers Killed By Bomber Near Kandahar

November 28, 2006 National Defence and the Canadian Forces CEF/COMFEC NR-06.032

Two Canadian soldiers were killed on November 27 at approximately 8:35 am (Kandahar time) when their Bison Light Armoured Vehicle was attacked by a suicide bomber driving a car laden with explosives. The incident occurred on Highway 4 between Kandahar Airfield and Kandahar City. There were no other Canadian casualties.

Killed in the attack were:

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Girouard, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group; and Corporal Albert Storm, also of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group based in Petawawa, On.

Bombing Wounds Occupation Soldier In Panjwai; Nationality Not Announced

KABUL, Nov. 28 (Xinhua) & Deutsche Presse-Agentur

A car bombing injured a soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kandahar province of southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, an ISAF spokesman said.

A bomber rammed his car onto an ISAF vehicle in Panjwai district, destroying the vehicle and wounding a soldier, Andre Salloum told a press conference in Kandahar. The troops were involved in the 8-million-dollar road construction project in Panjwae district. Germany is one of the main donors for the project.

A Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said the Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast.

At least one Afghan policeman was killed and another injured when a suspected bomber being chased by security forces in western Herat province detonated his explosive-laden vehicle, an official said Tuesday.

'Today, at around 10 am, the anti-terrorism police forces suspected a Corolla car and starting chasing it in Gulbahar district of the province,' Zumarai Bashiri, interior ministry spokesman, told Deutsche Presse-Agentur dpa.

Bashiri said that the attacker rammed a car packed with explosives into a police jeep as the police forced him to come to a halt, which resulted in the death of a police constable while another officer was wounded.

The force of the blast blew a deep hole in the road. The body of the attacker was reduced to a mound of shredded flesh.

The attack took place near the provincial airport where Spanish and Italian troops, who operate in the region as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force ISAF, are stationed

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)

TROOP NEWS

THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE



The hearse carrying the casket of Army Spc. Justin Garcia at St. Paul's Church Nov. 22, 2006 in Congers, N.Y. Garcia died Nov. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations, he is survived by his six month pregnant wife, Michelle. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

Iraq Veterans Against The War Project For New American Values: West Coast Tour



www.ivaw.org

[Thanks to Marine mom Elaine Brower, The Military Project, who sent this in.]

28 Nov 2006 Iraq Veterans Against the War

Iraq Veterans Against the War is continuing to grow and move into the forefront of the peace movement. Since September when the organization was donated a tour bus, IVAW has started a new project: Project For New American Values.

This project participated in the Uprise Counter-recruitment Tour (www.uprise-tour.org), reaching thousands of youths in over twenty-six cities throughout America's forsaken rust belt from September 23- October 7.

The next stop was a three-on-three basketball tournament organized by IVAW members and revolutionary hip-hop artist Son-of-Nun, at Frederick Douglas High School, a predominately African-American inner-city school in Baltimore.

Since the basketball goal was on the back of the bus, and it rained, the tournament was cancelled. However, the IVAW members were still able to talk to about 250 high school students in a school that makes the military a very real option for its graduates. The members were approached by five students who were considering joining the military and changed their minds because they heard these members pour their hearts out.

One was scheduled to go to MEPS and sign his contract in three days.

These members also participated in a counter-recruiting panel at an activist run coffee shop, Red Emma's in Baltimore. The bus then went to School of the Americas where it raised over \$3,000. Even more important are the contacts that were made and the exposure that the bus got in front of 20,000 activists.

Following SOA, the bus went to New Orleans.

Here the project organized a three-day Vets4Vets training seminar to help each other through peer counseling, which will benefit strongly while on the bus. The tour gives our members time to heal from PTSD, depression, anxiety and many other issues that veterans deal with.

Project for New American Values spent Thanksgiving at Bayou Liberty Relief camp with hurricane relief volunteers and locals. The following two days the veterans spent gutting two houses for New Orleans locals.

Since being donated the bus, Project For New American Values has kept anywhere from four to nine members speaking at a time, and has reached thousands upon thousands of people.

This is the first IVAW project of this magnitude that has been organized amongst members at a national grassroots level. An accurate analysis could be that the bus and the project has doubled the efficiency, capabilities, and effectiveness of IVAW. This has all been done at the lowest possible level and has been totally self-sustaining.

The bus is now organizing a west coast tour to start on December 4.

West Coast Tour

Four IVAW members will travel to California to attend two events with war resister Kyle Snyder.

The first event will be at a San Diego United For Peace and Justice meeting to network with local activist groups to set up events for the following months.

The next stop will be to join a speaking event with Cindy Sheehan at a Los Angeles university. Darrell Anderson, who is a member of the new bus crew, will be a speaker along side Kyle Snyder for Courage to Resist sponsored event for National War Resisters Week..

The bus will continue heading north to Mendocino County to join fellow IVAW member Dave Bishell at an event that he organized. Finally, the project will help feed homeless people on L.A.'s skid row for Christmas.

So far these are the only events planned for the west coast tour.

People and organizations can help in many ways. First, obviously, the bus needs money to run. Donations can be made to IVAW national office made out to IVAW with Project For New American Values in the memo section.

Also, the members will need help organizing more events. The idea is to do as much fundraising as possible until late January or early February, then shift the focus on counter-recruiting. The fundraising will be to finance the counter-recruiting tour as college spring semesters start and high school seniors are getting ready to graduate and make that life and death decision to join the military or not.

Members of the project who are not on this bus crew will be working to build a cooperative community in upstate New York. The bus crew will use their model to build a community in California, which can make this a never-ending tour. So there is no limit to the funds raised for this tour.

Any help would be greatly appreciated and put to its most effective use at such a crucial time in history.

The schedule thus far and the new bus crew members' biographies follow.

Thank you.

Schedule:

Dec 4 United Peace and Justice: San Diego meeting, 3850 Westgate Place San Diego, 7 pm

Dec 6 California State University Northridge, 2:30pm Cindy Sheehan speaking event

Dec 8 Marin University San Francisco: War Resister Darrell Anderson speaks at a screening of The Ground Truth, 7:30 pm

Dec 9 National War Resisters Day: 11 am Rally and Forum at San Francisco Civic Center. 1 pm March in Solidarity with War Resisters

Dec 16 Project Censored: Clear Lake City Hall, IVAW member Dave Bishell speaks 7 pm

Dec 25 Christmas for the Homeless, Skid Row, L.A.

Jan 20 War Resister Solidarity, San Diego

Jan 27 Rally in solidarity with UFPJ event in D.C., L.A. or San Diego

This is the first draft schedule.

Biographies

Darrell Anderson War Resister
2/3 Field Artillery 1st Armored Division US Army
Baghdad and Najaf, Iraq January-July 2004
Darrel's wife Gail Greer will accompany him during the tour

Ethan Crowell
US Coast Guard
Radarman 2nd Class on the US Coast Guard Cutter Morgenthau May 02- Nov 04
patrolling the Central East Pacific for drug patrols, the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea for fisheries and one Southeast Asian Patrol for International Training Relations

Michael Cuzzort
377 TSC US Army Reserves
Qatar and Afghanistan Feb- Aug 02

Johnny Millantz
Field Medic for 4th Infantry Division US Army,
Balad, Iraq about 40 miles northwest of Baghdad April 03 - Mar 04

Damon Murphy
STS 2/ss USS Salt Lake City
Served for 4 years in the Weapons Department as a sonar tech on a Los Angeles Class, fast-attack submarine

West Coast IVAW Members Organizing and Attending Events so far: Stephen Funk, Tim Goodrich, Maricela Guzman, Emily Lutz, and Jabbar MacGruder

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IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action



Baquaba police station destroyed: A police uniform in the rubble of a police headquarters destroyed by a guerrilla attack near Baquba November 26, 2006. (Stringer/Reuters)

November 28, 2006 (Reuters) & By BASSEM MROUE, The Associated Press

A car bomb close to west Baghdad's main Yarmouk hospital killed one officer and several policemen were wounded.

A man wearing an explosive vest blew himself up next to the convoy of the governor of a northern Iraqi province on Tuesday. The attacker with an explosive belt hidden beneath

his clothing approached the convoy at 9:35 a.m. as it was driving slowly through the center of Kirkuk near the city's main public hospital, said police Brig. Sarhat Qadir. The man tried to enter the governor's car, but when the door was locked he blew himself up, Qadir said.

"It was the third assassination attempt on my life, but it will not stop me doing my job," Kirkuk governor Abdul-Rahman Mustafa told Reuters after escaping the attack unharmed.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded two policemen in the northern city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Two policemen were wounded when they entered a house booby-trapped with explosives in the town of Tal Afar, about 420 km (260 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

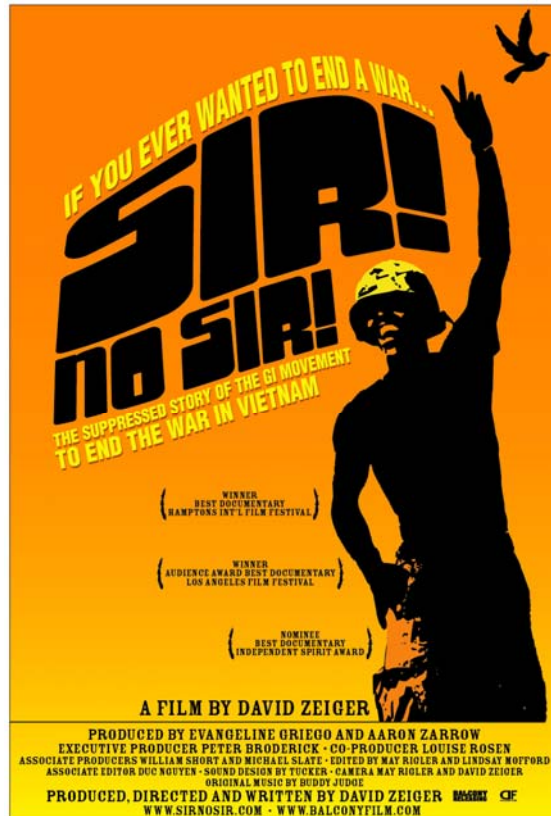


An Iraqi citizen dances atop of a burnt military vehicle as others inspect it, in Buhriz, north of Baghdad Nov. 28, 2006. (AP Photo/Adam Hadei)

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

“Widespread Rebellion Within The Ranks Was A Powerful Factor In Forcing The United States To Withdraw From Vietnam”



Harper Barnes, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The first time I remember seeing the now-familiar peace symbol was in the early 1960s. It was pasted onto the rear fender of a motorcycle ridden by a fellow American soldier. A friend of mine asked the soldier how a man in the U.S. military came to be displaying the symbol of the British anti-nuclear movement, and the soldier replied, "Life is full of contradictions."

That seeming contradiction is at the heart of "Sir! No Sir!", an impassioned and well-constructed documentary about the anti-war movement in the American military during the Vietnam era.

Filmmaker David Zeiger, who as a teenager helped run one of the dozens of anti-war coffeehouses that opened near U.S. bases in the 1960s, has unearthed excellent archival footage of the war in Vietnam as well as what has been described as the war at

home.

Some of the footage features much younger versions of the men (and one woman), now in late middle-age, whom he interviewed about their experiences, enlisted men and officers who, in some cases, served long prison sentences for opposing the war from within the military.

Without exception, they still believe what they did was right and generally agree with Zieger's conclusion that widespread rebellion within the ranks was a powerful factor in forcing the United States to withdraw from Vietnam.

The movie comes, without apology, from an anti-war point of view and does not wrestle with the issue of how a nation can maintain a military without an obedient army.

As a former soldier who later supported the anti-Vietnam War movement, I cannot pretend to be totally objective on the subject; I can only say that everything jibes with what happened as I remember it.

My only real complaint is that the film does not deal with the crucial fact that, because of the draft, the Army in the Vietnam era, particularly in the early years, was much more representative of the population as a whole than after the draft was abolished.

Sir! No Sir!:
At A Theatre Near You!
To find it: <http://www.sirnosir.com/>

**The Sir! No Sir! DVD is on sale now, exclusively at
www.sirnosir.com.**

Also available will be a Soundtrack CD (which includes the entire song from the FTA Show, "Soldier We Love You"), theatrical posters, tee shirts, and the DVD of "A Night of Ferocious Joy," a film about the first hip-hop antiwar concert against the "War on Terror."

Greatest Military Blunders

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: November 28, 2006
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By Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree, in Perry, Michigan

Greatest Military Blunders

**Today on the History Channel
a nation once called the United States of America
invades a small country called Iraq
to take a once valuable resource called Oil.
The United States Of America had a second Civil War
and Revolutions and now consists of the modern nations
we call today, Nation of God, New Mexico, Islamic Great Lakes Republic,
New Israel, Free Man's Land, Union of Socialist Americana,
Soviet Alaska and Hawaii Nation.
Historians today agree that in the USA year 2000,
President George "War" Bush won in a coup.
After the election, George "War" Bush surrounded himself
with men and women who were illiterate of war
with the exception of General Yes Man.
The Insider War sparked when so called "Taliban"
used what were called Jet Airliners to crash into buildings
located in the modern country we call New Israel.
President George "War" Bush then sent his troops
into Afghanistan to give chase.
One of the Greatest Military Blunders took place
when President George "War" Bush invaded Iraq
which like Afghanistan is now part of the United Nations of the Middle East.
After the Invasion the Iraqi people looted their country in a state of Anarchy.
The USA soldiers secured the vast Oil refineries and Pipelines of Iraq.
Under years of USA Occupation, George "War" Bush led
a bloody Civil War between the Iraqi people
after a failed attempt of a USA led Democracy.
But the Asymmetrical War against the USA Occupation soldiers
caused President George "War" Bush to withdraw all of the soldiers
and Military from Iraq and Afghanistan.
The War had bankrupted the United States of America
as other nations who financed it, wanted their loans paid back.
This caused the USA severe unemployment, the collapse of the Stock Market
high Inflation, sectarian violence, take overs of Corporations money
and factories, Civil Wars between blacks, whites, Mexicans, religions,
forms of governments and the breakup of the United States of America.
President George "War" Bush and his cronies were captured
and hanged for war crimes and crimes against humanity
in the nation of Palestine which used to be a country called Israel.
This ends one of History's Greatest Military Blunders.**

GET THE MESSAGE?



Iraqis who support nationalist political leader Muqtada al-Sadr march over the British, American and the Israeli flags in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city Nov. 28, 2006. (AP Photo/Nabil Al Jurani)

OCCUPATION REPORT

Welcome To Liberated Iraq: Collaborators Refuse To Allow Reporters To Enter Parliament Building; Will Also Censor Broadcasts

Nov. 27, 2006 By THOMAS WAGNER Associated Press Writer

Monday, Iraq's parliament speaker implemented new rules banning reporters from the legislative building and imposed a 30-minute delay on broadcast of sessions, an apparent bid to squelch information reaching the public about the increasingly bitter debates between Shiite and Sunni lawmakers.

The delay would allow the speaker to censor debate that he considered overly inflammatory.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

The Traitor Bush Says He Will Never Withdraw Troops From Iraq

Nov 28 By DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

President Bush, under pressure to change direction in Iraq, said Tuesday he will not be persuaded by any calls to withdraw American troops before the country is stabilized. [Which means never, because as long as foreign troops occupy their nation, the Iraqis will fight. Duh.]

"There's one thing I'm not going to do, I'm not going to pull our troops off the battlefield before the mission is complete," he said in a speech setting the stage for high-stakes meetings with the Iraqi prime minister later this week.

"We can accept nothing less than victory for our children and our grandchildren."

**LIAR
TRAITOR**

TROOP-KILLER DOMESTIC ENEMY UNFIT FOR COMMAND



(AFP/File/Jim Watson)

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send to contact@militaryproject.org:. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential. Same to unsubscribe.

CLASS WAR REPORTS

***Welcome To Occupied America:
Leading Activist And Public
Speaker In The Fight To Stop
Police Brutality Arrested And
Beaten In Her Own Home By New
York Police Shitbags***

November 28, 2006 Via New York City Labor Against The War

Date: 28 Nov 2006

For Immediate Release: Contact: New York October 22nd Coalition, 866-235-7814, oct22ny@yahoo.com

On Sunday evening, November 26, an ambulance was called for Juanita's daughter. Cops came to the apartment first before the ambulance arrived.

Juanita wouldn't let the cops in and told them to leave. The ambulance refused to do anything and called for backup.

Eight cops showed up and started grabbing people. She kept telling them to leave.

The cops threw Juanita in a room, and as one of them tried to hold the door shut, others beat her.

After she was able to run out of the room, all eight of them jumped on her at once, kicking her in the chest and back as they handcuffed her. Her daughter pled for them to stop, telling them that Juanita has asthma.

Juanita was arrested and brought to the 43rd precinct. Because she was having difficulties breathing, she was brought to the emergency room at Jacobi Hospital, under police custody.

Since then, she has been handcuffed to the bed, guarded by a cop at all hours, and not allowed phonecalls. Family and friends have not been allowed in to see her.

Juanita Young is a major activist and public speaker in the fight to stop police brutality.

She and her family have been targets of police harassment on several occasions, including an attempt to illegally evict her from her home.

Her son Malcolm Ferguson was killed by NYPD in March 2000, a week after he was arrested for being part of a protest against the verdict in the Amadou Diallo case.

She has been a key organizer of the October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation since 2000, and has stood with and supported many victims of police violence.

People can call in to the 43rd precinct to demand to know why they are holding Juanita (in the hospital emergency room) and not allowing friends, family and attorneys to visit.

43rd Precinct: 718-542-0888

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly: 646-610-5000

Mayor Bloomberg's office from NYC: 311 (or 212-NEW-YORK outside NYC)

FAX: 212-788-2460

EMAIL: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mayor.html>

MORE:

Welcome To Occupied America: Coward Scumbags In N.Y. City Cop Uniforms Riot And Beat Black Men November 1st In The West Village

November 28, 2006 Via New York City Labor Against The War

**Join activists from across the city for Anti-Police Brutality Press
Conference & Picket Line Wednesday, Nov 29th 6:30pm - 7:30pm In front of
the 6th Precinct (233 West 10th Street)**

We Demand That The NYPD

Stop Racist Police Brutality:

**Drop All The Charges Against Shakur Trammel & His Co-
Defendants:**

FIRE OFFICER TOCCOS!

**Release The Names Of All The Officers Involved In The Attack
On November 1st:**

End The NYPD Campaign Of Racial And Gender Profiling:

**Stop The Attacks On Youth, People Of Color, The Homeless And
Lesbian, Gay, Bi And Trans People In The West Village**

What Happened at Hudson and Christopher – Halloween Night 2006

**According to eyewitnesses, on November 1st, at around 4:30am, at the
intersection of Hudson and Christopher, various African-American and Latina/o
people were approached by a van of police officers and told to move from the
corner.**

**Some of these people were patrons of a pizza restaurant who were standing out in
front, while others were simply crossing the intersection.**

As people began to move away from the corner, a 20-year old African-American female remarked on how disrespectful the tone had been of the female officer who had given the order. The same officer got out of the van and began to initiate an argument with the 20-year-old woman.

Within seconds, Officer Tocco, a white male cop, also jumped out of the van and began to shout at the 20-year-old female. Then without warning or provocation, Officer Tocco pushed the 20-year-old African-American woman twice in her breasts forcing her backwards.

A witness at the scene, 23 year old African-American college student Shakur Trammel requested the badge number of Officer Tocco.

In answer to that request, Shakur Trammel was punched in his face. In a fit of rage, Tocco began punching Trammel repeatedly in his chest.

He soon threw him on top of the front of the police van and began choking him with his nightstick. A rampage ensued. Witnesses report, that between 4 to 6 cops, mostly white officers, began kicking and punching, Shakur Trammel as he lay on the ground.

Throughout the attack, Officer Tocco continuously beat Trammel with his nightstick. Covered with bruises and his left elbow dislocated Shakur Trammel was then thrown into a police van. During the attack, Trammel could hear the voices of several people yelling for the police to stop and calling on each other to take pictures to document the assault.

As many as 20 people, the vast majority of which were people of color, witnessed the attack. Eye witnesses report that the police went into the crowd and began beating another African-American man, believed to be in his 30's, who was very vocal about his outrage at the police brutality wielded against Trammel.

Both men were arrested along with an African-American female who refused to follow the police command for the witnesses to disperse.

Once they arrived at the 6th Precinct, Shakur Trammel told his arresting officer that he was a Transsexual male and wanted to be placed in a separate cell. This request was ignored. Both of the men, in desperate need of medical attention, were initially placed in the same holding cell. Already in the cell were two other men, one Black and one Latino, both injured and bleeding, who reported that the police at the 6th Precinct also assaulted them.

After an hour of demanding to be taken to a hospital, one of the four men of color was then taken from the cell by cops armed with a stun gun.

Racist police attacks like the one on November 1st are a daily occurrence in working class and communities of color throughout NYC.

In the West Village, the 6th Precinct has become notorious for racist, sexist and anti-lesbian, gay, bi and trans violence unleashed particularly against young people of color, the homeless and transgender people. The people of color LGBT

youth organization, FIERCE!, has been at the forefront of fighting on these issues in the West Village for several years.

TransJustice of The Audre Lorde Project calls on social justice activists and organizations from across the city to Endorse and Come to an Anti-Police Brutality Press Conference & Picket Line Wednesday, Nov 29th 6:30pm – 7:30pm in front of the 6th Precinct (233 West 10th Street)

TransJustice is a political group created by and for Trans and Gender Non-Conforming people of color. We work to mobilize our communities and allies to action on the pressing political issues we face. These issues include gaining access to jobs, housing, and education; the need for Trans-sensitive healthcare, HIV-related services, and job-training programs; resisting police, government and anti-immigrant violence.

To endorse or for more info call 718 596-0342 ext 15 or email ikhenry @ alp.org

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MORE:

Welcome To Occupied America: Cops Execute Unarmed Queens Man On His Wedding Day, Wound Two Others

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in. He writes: Slaughter in Queens]

11.25.06 By JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK: Police shot three young men who had just left a bachelor party at a strip club early Saturday, killing one man on the day of his wedding, according to police and witnesses. One of the survivors was in critical condition.

It was not immediately clear what sparked the shooting, which produced an outcry from family members and community leaders, including the Rev. Al Sharpton. The Police Department's chief spokesman, Paul Browne, declined to comment.

The shooting happened just after 4 a.m. near Club Kalua in Queens, said Officer Kathleen Price. She said there were no reports that any officers were wounded. As many as eight officers may have been involved, said Sgt. Mike Wysokowski, another department spokesman.

"All I know, they was celebrating," said Denise Ford, who said her son was one of the survivors. She said the man who died was the groom. "The guy was getting married today."

Relatives said the dead man was Sean Bell, 23.

Robert Porter, who identified himself as Bell's first cousin, said he was supposed to be a DJ at the wedding.

"I still don't want to believe it, a beautiful day like this, and he was going to have a beautiful wedding, he was going to live forever with his wife and children. And this happened," Porter said.

The Rev. Al Sharpton said family members told him that there were no guns in the young men's' car and "there was no reason for the police to shoot." [Wrong. New York City cops always have a reason. Fact: New York City has a long history of cops executing unarmed citizens. Fact: Never white men in business suits of course. Now, with the facts firmly in mind, what do you suppose the reason could possibly be?]

"On the face of it, it seems to me to be certainly something that causes extreme alarm and must be thoroughly investigated," said Sharpton, who said he was called by a relative of the man who died.

Sharpton said Bell and his fiancée had two children, ages 5 months and 3 years.

Sharpton said after visiting the two wounded men — Trent Benefeld, 23, and Joseph Guzman, 31 — that he was outraged to find the pair handcuffed to their hospital beds.

He said one suffered 17 wounds, though it was unclear how many were bullet wounds, and the other man was shot three times.

Abraham Kamara, 38, who lives a few blocks from the scene of the shooting, said he was getting ready for work when he heard gunfire.

"First it was like four shots," he said. "And then it was like pop-pop-pop like 12 times."

Roy Brown, who said he works as a photographer at the club, said sirens sounded not long after the three men left the club.

"They weren't rowdy or nothing like that," said Brown, 57.

One of the wounded men was in critical condition at Mary Immaculate Hospital and the other was listed as stable.

MORE:

NY Police Execution Of Unarmed Groom Sparks Outrage

[Thanks to David Cline, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in. He writes: The story keeps changing about what the police did and didn't do and it keeps getting worse. Bottom line is a mother and 2 children are without a father today. Fired up]

November 27, 2006 (Reuters) - Mayor Michael Bloomberg, saying he was "deeply disturbed," sought to contain community outrage on Monday after New York police killed a black man on his wedding day by firing 50 bullets at three unarmed men.

Bloomberg summoned more than 30 political and religious leaders from the Queens neighborhood where the shootings took place outside a strip club shortly after 4 a.m. on Saturday.

Sean Bell, 23, who was out for a bachelor party, was killed hours before he was to marry the mother of his two children. Two friends with him were wounded, one of them critically.

All three were black, prompting protests of racial discrimination, and none of them had broken any laws in the hours leading up to the shooting, Bloomberg said.

Demonstrators who gathered on Sunday outside the hospital where two of the shooting victims were being treated evoked the memory of a 1999 case in which an unarmed African immigrant named Amadou Diallo was shot to death by police who fired 41 bullets.

"The community is outraged, and I am, to put it mildly, deeply disturbed," Bloomberg told reporters after meeting with Queens leaders.

Bloomberg acknowledged many people in the borough believed the shootings were racially motivated but that he saw no evidence of that. Of the five officers who fired shots, two were black, two were white and one was a black Latino.

[Yeah, right. And how many unarmed white men wearing suits have been killed by New York cops in the last 10 years? In the last 20 years? What a stupid question. But of course, it's "not racially motivated," says the rich billionaire white man wearing his \$2000 suit. Oh no, of course not. And Saddam Husseins weapons of mass destruction have just been found under the Brooklyn Bridge.]

The Queens district attorney was investigating. **[Meaning preparing to whitewash the cops, of course. That's his part of the job.]**

"What we have to do here is recognize the fact that all too often people are stopped (by police) and believe that they were stopped based on their ethnicity. That is just unacceptable," Bloomberg said. **[Oh, it's unacceptable that they believe that, is it? What a silly notion those "people" have. Why, everybody who lives in New York**

knows that rich white men in suits, like Bloomberg, get stopped every week, all over New York City, especially down in Wall St. and on Park Avenue.]

The officers opened fire on the three men in a car near the club, **apparently in the belief** one of them had gone to fetch a gun in order to settle a dispute that arose at the club, police said. **[That's the story they thought up the next day. What, he "believed" because Jesus gave him a secret message? Stay tuned for how one "believed" a cell phone, or a bunch of keys, or a ham sandwich, was really a gun. Those have been used before, time to drag them out again.]**

An undercover officer who had been in the club confronted them in the car, drawing his gun and displaying his badge, police said. According to police, the driver -- Bell -- struck the officer with his car, then crashed into a police minivan that had come to back up the undercover officer. **[Looks like the story got adjusted a bit. First, according to WINS radio, the executioner cop said he jumped on the hood of the car while clearly identifying himself as a police officer. Sure he did. That must have sounded too stupid for even an executioner cop to get away with: this story sounds better, if you're a complete idiot.]**

Bell then backed up, hitting a gate, and drove forward again, ramming the police vehicle once more, police said.

At some point, the barrage of gunfire began. ["At some point"? Guess they haven't got that part of the script written yet. Not to worry, it will get developed, with help from their lawyers.]

"It is to me unacceptable or inexplicable how you can have 50 odd shots fired, but that's up to the investigation to find out what really happened," Bloomberg said.

Police rules ban officers from firing on a vehicle charging at them where there are no other weapons present.

The mostly black leaders who were called to City Hall praised Bloomberg for striking the right tone but said he needed to keep reaching out to the Jamaica neighborhood of eastern Queens, near John F. Kennedy airport.

"We are going to get to the bottom of this. We are all in the pursuit of the truth and we expect to find that out. And so we are asking our community to be patient with us (pending the investigation)," New York Democratic state Sen. Malcolm Smith told reporters after the meeting.

City Councilman James Sanders said patience was wearing thin.

"Anger is justified," Sanders said. "Patience is not necessarily justified. These people have been told for 400 years to be patient."

“Patience Is Not Necessarily Justified”



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“There is nothing in our book, the Qur'an, that teaches us to suffer peacefully. Our religion teaches us to be intelligent. Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone lays a hand on you, send him to the cemetery. Malcolm X

Received:

SUPPORT U.S. Soldier Conscientious Objector Augustin Aguayo With Sending An Online Postcard!!!!

November 28, 2006
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Dear all,

Please take a look at the following link to support U.S. conscientious objector Augustin Aguayo with sending him an online postcard!!!!

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Thanks and regards
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