

GI SPECIAL 5B5:

**ACCORDING TO THE RALLY ORGANIZERS,
THEY WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO LEAD
THE MARCH:**



In this photo taken with a video camera, members of Iraq Veterans Against The War rally against the war in Iraq Jan. 27, 2007 in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

UFPJ SHITS ON ANTI- WAR TROOPS & VETERANS:

**Active Duty Troops & Iraq Vets
Against The War Betrayed By
Lowlife Scumbags, As Usual**

[Every major report on this march pointed out there were “hundreds” of anti-war veterans, and at least 20 active duty troops who courageously showed up to demand that our troops be brought home now.

[See below how the rally organizers treated them in the march. See below how they were barely given enough time on the speaker’s platform to sneeze.

[What they got was a big gob of political spit right in the face.

[The troops can stop the war, as they did in Vietnam. But, obviously, the unelected, anti-democratic, self-appointed movement bureaucrats in charge of these events aren’t there about stopping the war. Their mission is about kissing the ass of any Democrat politician that comes within range, and fuck the troops, they can keep on dying.

[Well, nothing new here.

[For years UFPJ has refused to organize outreach to serving members of the armed forces. They mouth abstract lying words about “supporting” anti-war troops, but in the real world they won’t go near them by doing outreach work to National Guard and Reserve units, or military bases.

[When troops and veterans show up, this is how they are treated.

[Be aware, these people mean no good. Their words mean nothing: they serve the Empire by their deeds.

[Too harsh? The proof of the pudding is the eating.

[Garett Reppenhagen, Iraq combat vet, got exactly one minutes and 52 seconds on the speakers platform to talk about Iraq Veterans Against The War.

[And then there was the stunning welcome for Jonathan Hutto, U.S. Navy, and Liam Madden, U.S. Marine Corps, who organized the Appeal For Redress and got the signatures of over 1,000 troops to call for withdrawal from Iraq.

[Hutto got two minutes 20 seconds and Madden got 45 seconds.

[The most important people there, with the greatest capability to reach the troops who can stop the war, are treated, as usual, like unimportant bit players by the despicable scum who pretend to be organizing to stop the war. And, as usual, they gave the “important” people -- the “celebrities,” the sell-out politicians, and the self-promoting movement “leaders” -- all the rest of the speaking time.

[In case you didn’t catch it the first time: Be aware, these people mean no good. Their words mean nothing: they serve the Empire by their deeds. T]

From: Ward Reilly [Veterans For Peace]
To: GI Special

Sent: February 03, 2007

DC was good, but the assholes-in-charge of the march (BUSH/CHENEY???) yanked IVAW [Iraq Veterans Against The War] from the lead of the march at the last moment...

what complete idiots!!!...

and they put all the "celebrities" in the lead....Penn, Fonda, Saranden, Jackson, Robbins...

And also gave them 75% of the stage time, FOR WHAT?

jesus H fricken Krist!!!... a bunch of people that haven't done a god damned thing in the movement in the last 5 years...pathetic!

Oh well, it was nice to see half a million citizens that gave a shit all in one spot...

Troops Invited:

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 email contact@militaryproject.org:. Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Soldiers Killed In Diyala Province

05 February 2007 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 20070205-01

TIKRIT – Coalition Forces from Task Force Lightning were conducting combat operations in Diyala province when they received small-arms fire from insurgents.

A Soldier died of wounds as a result of injuries sustained during the attack Feb. 4.

Funeral Services Set For Iowa Woman Killed In Iraq

January 26, 2007 REGISTER STAFF

Funeral services have been scheduled for the first woman in the Iowa Army National Guard ever to be promoted to command sergeant major, and the only female of the guard believed to have died in a combat zone.

Marilyn L. Gabbard, 46, of Polk City, was killed when the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter she was traveling in went down northeast of Baghdad last Saturday.

Services start Monday with a visitation from 3-8 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 803 Greene Street, Boone — where Gabbard was born — with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Boone High School gymnasium, 500 Seventh Street, where she graduated in 1979.

Burial will be conducted at the Fairview Cemetery in Madrid with full military honors conducted by the Iowa Army National Guard.

Gabbard will be posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal and Legion of Merit.

She is survived by her husband, Edward, daughter Melissa Danielson, step-son Terry Gabbard, step-daughters Sherri Gabbard, Kerri Wilson, Gerri Gabbard, Mari Jo Scott, and Deborah Pommier, her mother Mary Van Cannon, sister Marla Norem, and brothers Mark Van Cannon and Mike Van Cannon; her grandchildren, Benjamin and Austin Danielson and step-grandchildren, Paul Gabbard, Sunnie Robinson, Christopher Gabbard, Cassandra, Brianne and Courtney Wilson, Jessica and Jeremy Scott, and Kayla Pommier.

Gabbard deployed from Iowa on Dec. 16 assuming her duties as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the National Guard Affairs Team in Baghdad.

She enlisted as a private in the fall following her graduation from Boone High School and spent the past 27 years in the Guard, where she last served as the state operations sergeant major at the Iowa National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston.

Following her promotion to command sergeant major on April 1, 2001, Gabbard became the Iowa National Guard's first female command sergeant major and only the second woman promoted to sergeant major in the Iowa National Guard.

She was the 50th person with Iowa ties to die in Iraq or Afghanistan since March 2003, and she was the second woman from Iowa to have been killed in Iraq.

**REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE:
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW**



US Marines run during a patrol after being targeted by small arms fire in Ramadi November 25. (AFP/File/Thibault Malterre)

Famous Last Words: Threat To U.S. Helicopters Doubted; Tactics Are Said To Limit Risks

1.30.07 Boston Globe, January 30, 2007

Insurgents and militia have plenty of weapons capable of shooting down helicopters, but the U.S. has developed tactics that minimize the risk, and many experts doubt the threat to the military's workhorse has significantly increased.

MORE:

[Well, So Much For That Particular Lie] U.S. Adjusting Tactics In Iraq After 4 Helicopters Shot Down

Feb 4, 2007 BAGHDAD (Reuters)

The U.S. military is adjusting its tactics in Iraq after four helicopters were shot down over the past two weeks, U.S. military spokesman Major General William Caldwell said on Sunday.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Occupation Breaks Truce; Resistance Takes Musa Qala

04/02/07 The Globe and Mail & Associated Press

On Wednesday and Thursday, when an estimated 200 Taliban fighters overran Musa Qala.

A resident, Lal Mohammad, told The Associated Press on Saturday that the fighters in Musa Qala were being led by Mullah Gafoor, the hard-line militia's corps commander in western Afghanistan during the Taliban regime.

Mullah Gafoor's brother, Mullah Ibrahim, and eight other suspected Taliban militants were killed late last month in a NATO air strike just outside Musa Qala, which prompted Mullah Gafoor to lead the militants into the town, Mr. Wali said.

Col. Tom Collins, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, said Saturday no NATO forces were in Musa Qala, which they left in October after a peace agreement was signed between the government and village elders.

A purported Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, said the Taliban seized the town in response to NATO attacks that he said violated the agreement. He was apparently referring to a NATO airstrike outside Musa Qala that killed a senior militant leader and a number of his deputies late last month.

Insurgent fighters who have hoisted their signature white flag over the town's ransacked government center, residents said.

A NATO air strike killed a senior Taliban leader riding in a car near Musa Qala, spokesman Col. Tom Collins said.

Col. Collins didn't immediately name the person killed in the strike, but Mohammad Wali, a Musa Qala resident, said the air strike killed a Taliban leader named Mullah Abdul Gafoor and some of his associates while they were riding in a truck through a small village just outside Musa Qala.

Collins noted that NATO reports say Taliban militants have reinforced defensive positions.

26,000 U.S. Troops In Afghanistan The Highest Number Since The Occupation Began

04/02/07 The Globe and Mail

There are now 26,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the highest number since U.S.-led troops ousted the Taliban in 2001 for hosting Osama bin Laden. About 14,000 American forces fall under NATO command; 12,000 troops focused on training Afghan forces and special operations fall under the U.S.-led coalition.

Carve This On The Silly General's Tombstone

2.1.07 USA Today

Taliban insurgents have been "degraded" to the point that they can't launch a spring offensive, said NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Richard Nugee.

Bush's Collaborators Recruiting For The Resistance

1.30.07 Washington Times

Corrupt Afghan police and tribal leaders are stealing vast quantities of reconstruction aid intended to improve the lives of people and turn them away from the Taliban.

Bush's Commanders Recruiting For The Resistance

1.30.07 Washington Post

British generals have been attempting in vain to change a high-profile U.S.-NATO military strategy that is helping the Taliban consolidate Pashtun support in southern Afghanistan.

Bombing and strafing attacks on suspected Taliban hideouts have killed at least 4,643 Afghan civilian noncombatants from October 2001 to October 2006.

The result has been the steady growth of anti-American sentiment focused on the U.S.-backed regime of President Hamid Karzai.

Assorted Resistance Action

Jan. 28 (Xinhua) & 2.4.07 The Globe and Mail

One Afghan soldier and six militants were killed as they came in contact in the southern Uruzgan province, a senior military commander in the region General Rahmatullah Raufi said Sunday.

“Our troops were on patrol in Charchino district Saturday evening when Taliban insurgents opened fire killing one soldier. The troops returned fire leaving six enemies dead,” Raufi told Xinhua.

Over the last few weeks, 13 officers, including two senior commanders in Kandahar and one in Panjwai, have been killed in at least three separate attacks in which Taliban militants have claimed responsibility.

The police commander in the Zhari district, a former Taliban stronghold, had no hesitation in calling the attacks a trend.

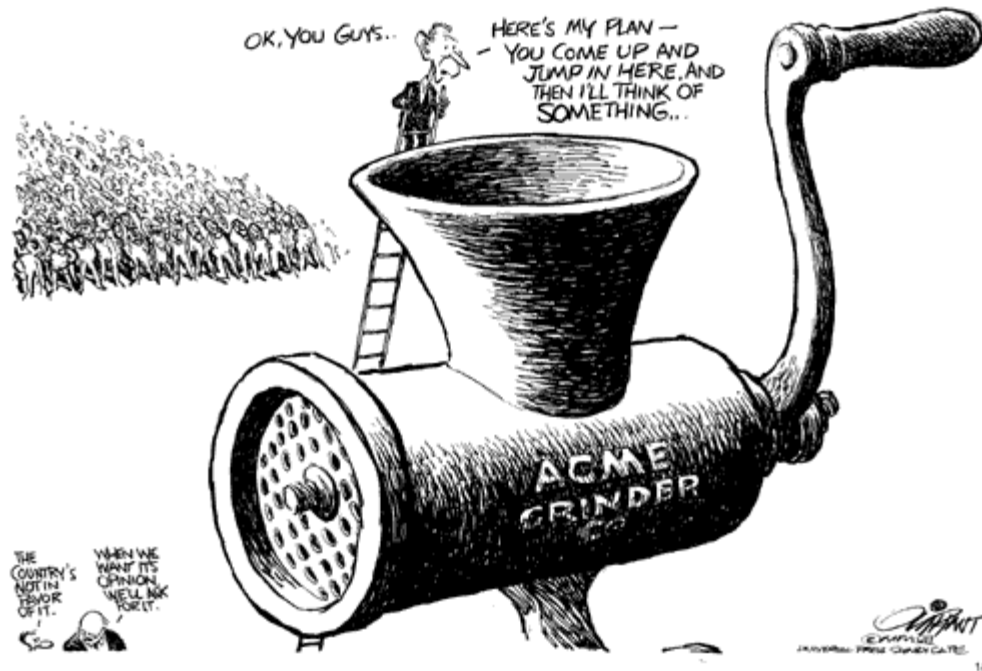
Col. Akarasool said he has been targeted in the past and fully expects to remain in the cross-hairs of militants.

“They don't want me to be safe (and) they try to kill me and other police commanders,” he said through a translator.

TROOP NEWS

***Command Sending Troops To
Iraq Without Training Needed
To Survive:***

“There’s Gonna Be More Killed And Wounded,” He Said, “Because They Are Just Not Ready”



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

[Here it is again. Same old story. To repeat for the 3,488th time, there is no enemy in Iraq. Iraqis and U.S. troops have a common enemy. That common enemy owns and operates the Imperial government in Washington DC for their own profit. That common enemy started this war of conquest on a platform of lies, because they couldn't tell the truth: this war was about making money for them, and nothing else. Payback is overdue. T]

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

Some had only a few days to learn how to fire their new rifles before they deployed. "If he also isn't experienced with his unit or with his weapon, that maximizes the potential for disaster."

February 4, 2007 Anna Badkhen, San Francisco Chronicle Staff Writer [Excerpts]

Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division had so little time between deployments to Iraq they had to cram more than a year's worth of training into four months.

Some had only a few days to learn how to fire their new rifles before they deployed to Iraq -- for the third time -- last month.

They had no access to the heavily armored vehicles they will be using in Iraq, so they trained on a handful of old military trucks instead.

And some soldiers were assigned to the brigade so late that they had no time to train in the United States at all.

Instead of the yearlong training recommended prior to deployment, they prepared for war during the two weeks they spent in Kuwait, en route to Anbar, Iraq's deadliest province.

"It's happening just about to all the units now," said Lawrence Korb, who oversaw military manpower and logistics as assistant secretary of defense in the Reagan administration.

"No unit is completely combat ready."

"A typical soldier shows up in Iraq without the knowledge of the language, without the knowledge of the people," said Loren Thompson, defense analyst at the Lexington Institute, a centrist think tank in Arlington, Va.

"If he also isn't experienced with his unit or with his weapon, that maximizes the potential for disaster."

Lawmakers consider the situation so serious that they plan to question Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, about troop readiness on Wednesday, when the officials are scheduled to testify before the House Armed Services Committee, said a spokeswoman for one of its influential members, Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas.

"They don't have enough humvees, they don't have enough (armored) trucks," Ortiz, who chairs the Readiness Subcommittee at the House Armed Services Committee, told The Chronicle. "It's getting to the point when they have to share the equipment."

To compensate for the dearth of equipment and to meet "immediate wartime needs," the military has been borrowing gear from units stationed in the United States, depleting their ability to respond in case of other military threats around the world, Army Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker told the House Armed Services Committee last month.

It also leaves the troops in the United States to train on equipment that is often completely different from the gear they will be using in Iraq.

For example, the 2-7 battalion had to train on obsolete models of humvees that are no longer used in Iraq, said Crissman, the battalion commander.

Such deficiencies decrease the level of troop readiness, said Korb.

"There's gonna be more killed and wounded," he said, "because they are just not ready."

MORE:

You Read That, Right? Now See What This Despicable Lying Rat-Fucking Piece Of Shit General Told Congress

Jan 31, 2007 By Matthew Cox, Army Times Staff writer [Excerpt]

While under congressional scrutiny, senior Army equipment officials assured lawmakers Wednesday that soldiers surging into Iraq will be fully equipped despite their accelerated deployments.

"They are going to be properly equipped," Brig. Gen. Charles Anderson, director of Force Development for Army G-8, told members of the House Armed Services Committee at a hearing on Capitol Hill.

2006 Suicide Rate Among GIs In Iraq Could Exceed Record Set In 2005

1.31.07 Hartford Courant

The suicide rate among GIs in Iraq remained high in 2006 and could reach record levels for the war, with 22 deaths ruled as self-inflicted and more than a dozen other cases still under review.

Called Back To Active Duty From Reserves After Two Tours In Afghanistan "His New Life Is Again In Jeopardy"

“I Don’t Have The Will To Go Back To War,” Sleezer Said

[Thanks to James Starowicz, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in.]

Feb. 4, 2007 Jo Napolitano, Chicago Tribune [Excerpts]

CHICAGO:

Denied.

It was the only word Drew Sleezer really heard when he got the phone call recently.

Sleezer, 22, who already had served two combat tours in Afghanistan, pleaded with the Army to allow him to continue with his college education rather than return to duty.

Instead, he has been ordered to ship out for Iraq on June 3. He got the news last week.

The ongoing involvement in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq have forced the military to dip deep into the Reserve system.

Sleezer is one of 10,000 Individual Ready Reserve soldiers called back to active duty, most involuntarily, according to the Army, since Sept. 11, 2001. About 5,300 have appealed for exemptions, and about half of those appeals have been granted.

The Darien, Ill., man was 17 when he joined the Army, delighted by a \$5,000 signing bonus and eager to fight in Afghanistan. It all looked so good: a chance to travel, to pay for college and to fight in a meaningful war after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

He made an eight-year commitment: three years of active duty and five as an inactive reservist.

He said he was told the chances of his being called back after his discharge from active duty were remote.

For Sleezer, his new life is again in jeopardy. For his family, a third deployment means months of torment waiting for his return.

"I don't have the will to go back to war," Sleezer said. "I left that part of my life behind me."

Paul Rieckhoff, a war veteran and founder of Operation Truth, now called Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said the call-up of Individual Ready Reserve troops has been extensive.

"I wish this guy's story was unusual, but it's not," Rieckhoff said.

Soldiers have two choices in fulfilling the non-active portion of their Army service. The first is the Selected Reserve, where soldiers go for regular training. In the Individual Ready Reserve, they fulfill their obligation by remaining on a list where they can be called up for service. There are about 90,000 Individual Ready Reserve members and about 535,000 people in the Selected Reserve, which includes the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

Sleezer's military career began on Sept. 11, 2002, when he headed for Fort Benning, Ga., and then to Hawaii for a yearlong training program.

He became a sniper, and it suited him, in some ways. He had grown up around guns. He and his father would hunt pheasants, ducks and doves.

"He was good," Sleezer's father, Ed, said of his son. "He still is."

But war is different. When Sleezer came home on leave from his first tour in Afghanistan, he was darker, edgier, family members said. He would snap at his parents and siblings with little provocation.

At the end of his leave, Sleezer was shipped back to Afghanistan for another six-month tour.

By that point, he said, he had seen men die in battle, including three from his battalion. Though he escaped physically intact, Sleezer said the stress of what he saw in combat took its toll, though not on the battlefield.

"At the time, it was, 'Hey, this is my job, and it's what I'm here to do,' " he said. "I wouldn't have nightmares there, but when I came down from it, that's when it started to bother me. I still have dreams that they're coming to get me and I can't shoot back."

Sleezer won't say if he took any lives during the fighting. "We don't usually disclose if we killed people," he said. "But there was combat. I'll leave it at that." Still, there were bright spots, like the time he helped guard election results as they made their way to Kabul, the capital, for counting.

But by the time he left active duty, Sleezer had lost all motivation to fight. "Nobody had any gas left in their tank," he said. "We didn't care about the mission anymore. It was like, 'Just send the people here to replace us.'"

He received an honorable discharge in September 2005. He assured himself and his parents that there was only a 5 percent chance he'd be called back.

Soon, the best parts of Sleezer's personality returned. He was less fretful and his "I could die tomorrow" attitude faded as he grew more focused.

He enrolled in Eastern Illinois University, determined to get a degree. Money for college was one of the military's greatest gifts since Sleezer's father suffered a debilitating stroke years earlier and was out of work for months, the family income stretched thin.

Sleezer joined a fraternity and started dating. In his mind, he had almost no affiliation with the Army.

But just after Thanksgiving, an official-looking package arrived from the Army and sent the family reeling. The words Operation Iraqi Freedom only added to his mother's anxiety.

Sharon Sleezer said cancer runs in her family and when she learned she'd have to send her son off to war, it felt like another unwanted diagnosis.

She started writing letters to local politicians, appealing to anyone who might listen, but she hasn't gotten help.

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



Funeral services for Staff Sgt. Jamie D. Wilson, of San Diego, Feb. 2, 2007, at Arlington National Cemetery. Wilson died last month in Fallujah of wounds suffered in Karmah. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Heartland America Has Had Enough;

200 People In Traverse City, Michigan Stands Up Against The War January 27, 2007

[Thanks to Dennis Serdel, Vietnam Veteran, who sent this in.]

Cold temperatures and snow do not stop Traverse area residents when a demonstration is called to show our discontent with the ongoing war on Iraq.

On Saturday January 27, 2007, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM approximately 200 people lined 11th and Division Streets to call for an end to the war and for Congress to move toward cutting off the funding for the war.

Veterans, teachers, government workers, lawyers, students, social workers, artists, musicians and retired residents held signs up to those passing by. Many of those passing by were headed to a fundraiser for Senator Carl Levin being held at the same time at Building 50.

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Later in the morning the majority of the group walked toward Building 50 to encourage Senator Levin to make additional efforts toward cutting the funding for the war after his non-binding resolution of disapproval of the surge in military forces comes to a vote next week.

Senator Levin did not come out and address the group.

Several participants in the demonstration went inside to ask that he come out and speak with us.

Lead by veterans the chant went up outside "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; We want words from (and with) Senator Levin".

Senator Levin's staffers inside indicated his schedule was too tight to come outside and also that they perceived the chanting and tone of the demonstrators to be "aggressive".

The Senator's (of at least his staffer's) decision not to speak to the group outside disappointed many and the accusation of being "aggressive" was viewed as humorous by many, as most in the crowd were there to support Levin's step by step efforts to end the war. **[They'll learn better. He showed them his real face this time.]**

Several demonstrators then when inside the Senator's fundraiser. From their reports Senator Levin was very critical of the decision to go to war. He outlined his Resolution as being one way to gauge the level of opposition to the "surge" plan. He indicated that he and his colleagues did not want to put plans up for a vote that they could not win. If the non-binding resolution passes, he suggested that further steps would then be taken, e.g. benchmarks for the Iraqis to accomplish before any further troops would be sent, caps on the number of troops.

However, reports from inside the fundraiser were that Levin was noncommittal about cutting off funding for the war.

Many among the demonstrators were supportive of the step-by-step approach outlined by Senator Levin.

Many others were critical of that approach and argued that it will take too long and cost too many US and Iraqi lives before the ultimate cutting off of the funds and/or ending the war.

Most expressed that they would be angry and not accept mere posturing by Democratic or Republican candidates for political gain. The consensus seemed to be "we want to keep the pressure on for an effective and timely plan of action to get out of Iraq NOW".

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward GI Special 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 email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action

February 04, 2007 Associated Press & Reuters

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol killed four policemen and wounded four others in the al-Kesra district in northern Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas killed two employees of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in an attack on their car in northeastern Baghdad, police said. Three others were wounded.

Insurgents killed an employee from the Ministry of Justice when they opened fire on his car in eastern Baghdad, police said.

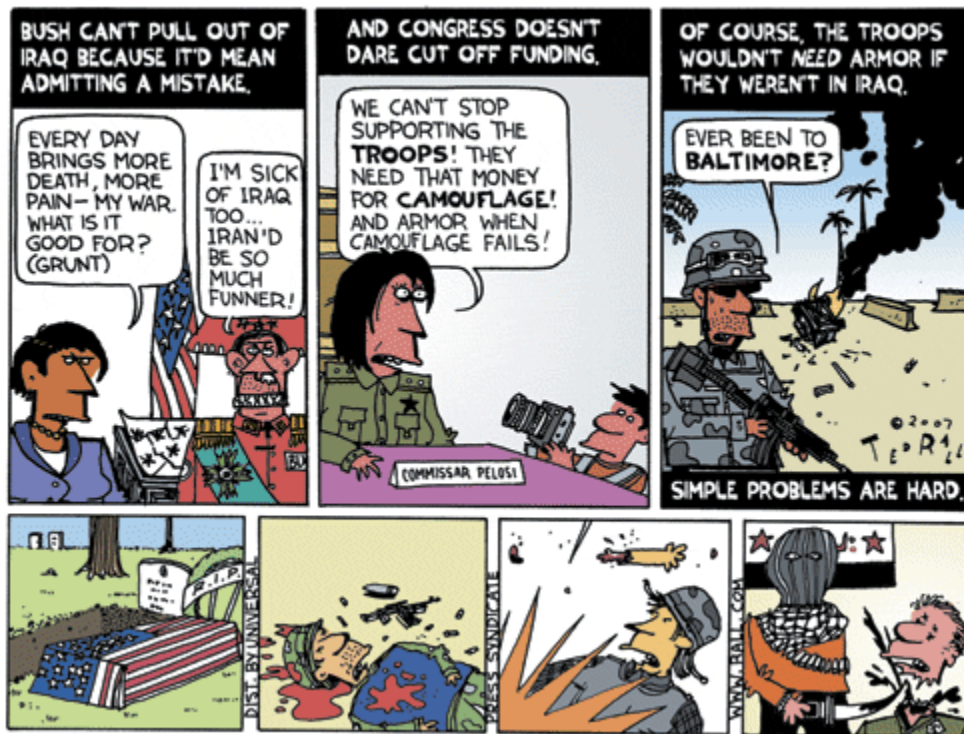
Police found the body of Aqil al-Jenabi, an army Colonel in the Iraqi army 8th division, in an area near the city of Hilla, 100 km (60 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

A car bomb aimed against a police patrol killed four officers in the town of Khalis, 80 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas ambushed an Iraqi army patrol, killing one soldier and wounding another near the town of Riyadh 40 km (25 miles) southwest of Kirkuk, Iraqi army said.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATION

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

***Bush Reading About Algerian War
For National Liberation?
Here's A Lesson For Him:***

“Blood Calls For Blood” “I Told Myself That The French Landed In Algeria By Force, And They Must Be Pushed Out By Force”

"They want to understand how one becomes a terrorist," Drif Bitat said. "But that's the fundamental mistake they have made, because we were combatants on the same level as the GIs in the American army. We were members of the National Liberation Army."

February 4, 2007 ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)

First the Pentagon plugged the movie, now President George W. Bush is reading the book.

The subject is Algeria's war of independence against France, in which a Western power struggled with an insurgency and international opposition.

Some see disturbing parallels between Algeria in 1957 to Iraq in 2007. Others say they are different, but that there are lessons to be learned from the war that hastened the end of France's empire.

Bush said he is reading "A Savage War of Peace," British historian Alistair Horne's celebrated 1977 account of the war. And shortly after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, the Pentagon was recommending its commanders see Gillo Pontecorvo's movie "The Battle of Algiers."

Parallels start with the urban terror campaign launched by the FLN, Algeria's National Liberation Front. As in Iraq, local police and administrators made easier targets.

"After the first month of the war, the FLN realized they couldn't beat the French army, so they concentrated on soft targets," said author Horne in a telephone interview.

"It meant the French army, instead of going on the offensive, had to protect the police, and both of them - the army and the police - were to some extent neutralized. And I think this is exactly what's happening in Iraq."

Zohra Drif Bitat, now 70 and a member of the Algerian Senate, planted bombs for the independence movement in the capital, Algiers.

But that, she insists, did not make her a terrorist.

Instead, she regards herself and her former comrades as freedom fighters - and so she fails to see what U.S. officials fighting terrorism in Iraq can learn from the Algerian experience.

"They want to understand how one becomes a terrorist," Drif Bitat said. "But that's the fundamental mistake they have made, because we were combatants on the same level as the GIs in the American army. We were members of the National Liberation Army."

Drif Bitat joined the FLN's underground Algiers network as a 20-year-old law student in 1955. The group was led by Saadi Yacef from the Casbah, then the densely populated Arab quarter of Algiers.

On Sept. 30, 1956, Yacef sent Drif Bitat with two other women to place bombs in places frequented by Europeans. The event is depicted in the 1966 movie "The Battle of Algiers," in which Yacef starred as himself.

"They were reluctant at first, saying to us that civilians are going to die," Yacef, 79 and also a senator, recalled. He then reminded the women of an attack by settlers which left more than 70 Algerians dead. "At that point they agreed to plant the bombs."

Drif Bitat's bomb did the most damage, killing three and wounding more than 50.

"What was unfortunate, what troubled me at the end of it all, was to see a boy or a girl with a severed leg or arm," Yacef said. "But blood calls for blood. ... I told myself that the French landed in Algeria by force, and they must be pushed out by force."

Proposal For A Veterans Forum: "I Was A PFC In W. Germany And Was Part Of The Hanau Soldiers Committee Which Attempted To Address Soldiers' Rights"

From: Marcus Karl Adams
To: GI Special
Sent: February 01, 2007
Subject: Veteran's Forum

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

First, let me congratulate you and the other organizations on your commitment to soldiers resistance.

I was a PFC in W. Germany back in the day when Communism made everyone's lives much simpler and was part of the Hanau Soldiers Committee which attempted to address soldiers' rights.

Along with the American Federation of Government Employees, we circulated petitions in the attempt to obtain collective bargaining rights for soldiers.

Obviously, we failed but perhaps the current generation could add that to their agenda.

The purpose of this email is that I would like host a forum for veterans, their families, IVAW, etc at EMU. We could even invite some politicians.

The overall goal is to educate the students and give the soldiers a voice in a safe environment.

I know that it's too late for this semester, but I'm thinking of early fall for planning and maximum student participation.

I'm hoping that you could provide me with some contact persons so that we could share ideas, logistics, etc.

This is all in the idea/planning stage without any current official university support. Again, thanks for whatever assistance you can provide and keep up the good work!

In solidarity,
Marcus

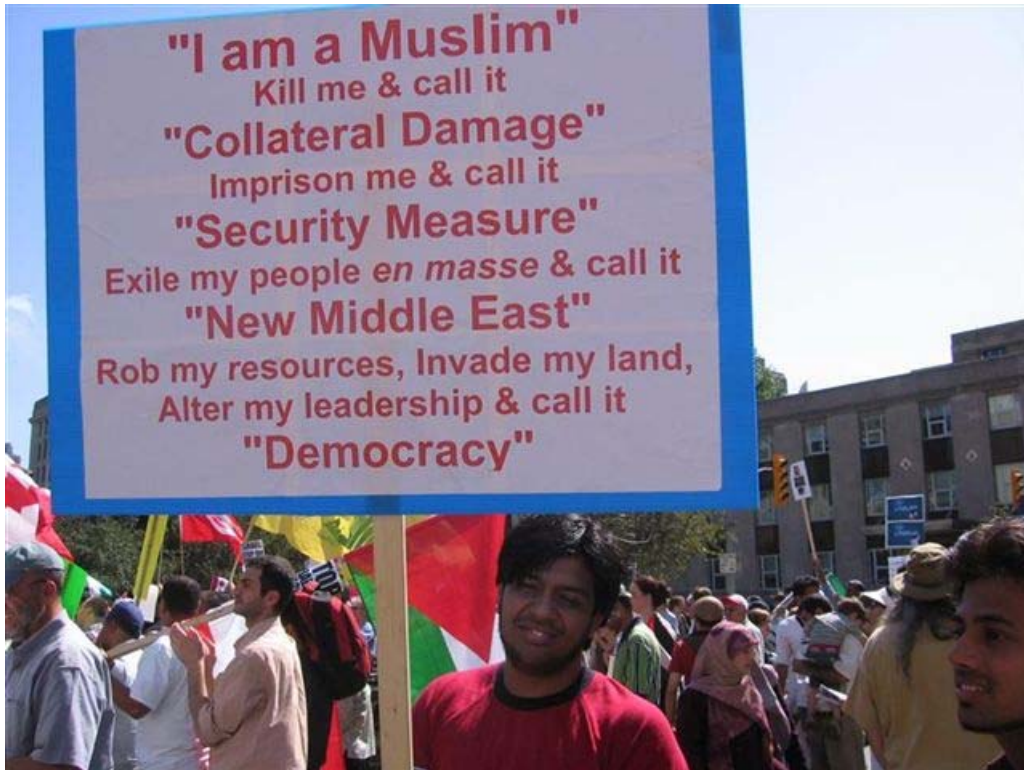
Nothing doth more hurt in a state than that cunning men pass for wise.
-Sir Francis Bacon

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NO COMMENT NECESSARY



Toronto, Photo via Ma'Moun Sukkar, February 04, 2007

OCCUPATION REPORT

One Thieving Rat Down, Only 4,285 To Go

1.30.07 Washington Post

Robert J. Stein, a former official of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, was sentence to nine years in prison and ordered to forfeit \$3.6 million for his role in one of the largest fraud schemes to emerge from the reconstruction of Iraq.

Stocks Of Gasoline And Kerosene At “Lowest Levels In At Least Two Years”

2.1.07 New York Times

The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction reports that despite nearly \$108 billion that had been budgeted for Iraq's reconstruction since the 2003 invasion, the country's electrical output and oil production were still below prewar levels and stocks of gasoline and kerosene had plummeted to their lowest levels in at least two years.

Good News For The Iraqi Resistance!!

U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Terror Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



An Iraqi family is forced at gunpoint to stand outside in winter as foreign occupation soldiers the U.S. search their home near Youssifiyah, 12 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq Feb. 3, 2007. Iraqi citizens can be arrested, beaten or killed by the foreign troops if they resist the searches. They have no right observe the search to see what the foreign troops take from their homes. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

[There's nothing quite like invading somebody else's country and busting into their houses by force to arouse an intense desire to kill you in the patriotic, self-respecting civilians who live there.

[But your commanders know that, don't they? Don't they?]

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

OCCUPATION HAITI

A Call to Action: Join The International Day In Solidarity With The People Of Haiti! Coordinated International Protests On February 7, 2007

**End The Foreign Military Occupation Of Haiti!
Stop The War Against The People Of Haiti!
Respect Haiti's Sovereignty!**

www.haitiaction.net

Dear Activists for Haiti,

The United Nations forces in Haiti (MINUSTAH) — backed to the hilt by the US, France and Canada — are continuing their bloody assault on the poor majority, targeting especially leaders and supporters of the Lavalas grassroots democracy movement.

On December 22, 2006, some 400 UN troops conducted another day-long raid in Bois Neuf, Cite Soleil — an operation on the scale of the July 6, 2005 UN massacre in the same neighborhood — with many civilian residents dead and wounded.

Since the "Christmas massacre," UN forces have repeatedly raided Cite Soleil shooting off their weapons.

In response, Fondasyon Trant Septanm, an 11-year-old organization of victims of the 1991 and 2004 coups d'etat in Haiti, has issued a call for renewed protests in many cities of the world on February 7, 2007.

This is the anniversary of the overthrow of the dictator "Baby Doc" Duvalier in 1986.

Haiti will be demonstrating on that day — so should we!

The February 7th call is supported by representatives of these grassroots organizations in Haiti:

Comite de Defense des Droits du Peuple Haitien (Committee in Defense of the Rights of the Haitian People)

Confederation des Travailleurs Haitiens (Confederation of Haitian Workers)

Femmes Victimes Debout (Women Victims Stand Up)

Collectif des Parents et Amis des Prisonniers Politiques (Collective of Relatives and Friends of Political Prisoners)

Coordination Nationale des Organisations de Droits Humains (National Coordination of Human Rights Organizations).

The February 7th International Day is part of a campaign against the US/UN Occupation by the popular movement in Haiti, leading up to February 15th when the UN Security Council is due to renew its Haiti mandate.

We need to act now in solidarity with our Haitian sisters and brothers, whose unbreakable spirit, in the face of severe repression, just won't stop.

Build on the international demonstrations for Haiti held on July 21 and September 30, 2005

The July 6th massacre by UN troops in Cite Soleil sparked an international campaign, culminating in a day of solidarity actions in 15 cities and five countries on July 21, 2005. The campaign succeeded in breaking through the media blockade, exposing the massacre.

This was followed by the first International Day in Solidarity with Haiti on September 30, 2005, when coordinated actions in 47 cities in 17 countries on 4 continents condemned the bloody US/UN occupation and demanded that Haiti's sovereignty and democracy be respected.

Today, violent repression continues against grassroots activists and communities — by UN forces and paramilitary death squads (like the Little Machete Army) created by the Haitian National Police.

We're talking not only about killings, but sexual abuse, beatings, house burnings, arbitrary arrests, and the prolonged, illegal detention of people without any charges. UN forces have been repeatedly implicated in these activities.

Our call is for each city to organize its own Haiti solidarity activity on or around Wednesday, February 7, 2007 — to be coordinated as a single worldwide mobilization.

It could be a march, rally, public meeting, vigil, house meeting or civil disobedience — whatever you are able to do — in support of the following demands:

End the brutal US/UN Occupation

Respect Haiti's sovereignty

Stop the killings, sexual abuse and massacres of the poor by UN troops, police and paramilitaries under police control

Free the political prisoners — No more illegal arrests & detentions

President Aristide must be free to return to Haiti

Respect the Haitian Constitution

Launch an independent inquiry into the February 29, 2004 coup and forced removal of President Aristide Perpetrators of the coup and massacres of the poor must be brought to justice — Reparations for the victims

Join us in this important mobilization. Let us know by phone or email what solidarity activity you are organizing for on or around February 7th, so we can build the campaign. Use your contacts in other cities and countries to spread this movement.

For the February 7, 2007 International Day of Solidarity with the People of Haiti,

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Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine, Fondasyon Trant Septanm

Margaret Prescod, Global Women's Strike

Dave Welsh, US Labor/Human Rights Delegation to Haiti

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MORE:

45 Cities Join International Day In Solidarity With Haiti

www.haitiaction.net

So far 45 cities -- in South Africa, the Philippines, South America, the Caribbean, Europe and North America -- have joined hands in the February 7th International Day in Solidarity with the Haitian People. They are answering the call of the popular movement in Haiti, which is mobilizing people for February 7, as they have been continually since the February 29, 2004 coup d'etat.

From street demonstrations and marches to vigils, film showings and public meetings, people in 18 countries (so far!) are uniting around the 6 demands and the central theme: Stop the War Against the People of Haiti -- End the Foreign Military Occupation -- Respect Haiti's Sovereignty!

Protests are being organized in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, the Philippines, Bolivia, the US and Canada -- countries that provide troops for the UN military force in Haiti -- as well as in South Africa, Ireland, England, Mexico, Guyana and the Caribbean.

Cities with large Haitian communities in the US and Canada will be mobilizing.

New York will see a Haiti solidarity demonstration at United Nations headquarters on Feb. 7th. San Francisco and Los Angeles will target the consulate of Brazil, whose UN military commander in Haiti is responsible for the massacres and the almost daily, heavy-caliber attacks on the men, women and children who live in Cite Soleil.

This is a critical moment for Haiti. Repression is intensifying, but the people's resistance continues strong. Our practical solidarity can play a key part in this life-or-death struggle.

Here is what you can do:

1. Organize an activity for Haiti on or around Wednesday, February 7 in your city or town.
2. Let us know now what you are planning -- date, time, location, type of activity, contact information -- so we can build the campaign. (Call +1-510-847-8657 or email sub@sonic.net). After your event, please call or email us a report immediately so we can publicize each city's protest activity while the news is still fresh.
3. Circulate key documents: (www.haitiaction.net)
 - a. The "Call to Action - International Day in Solidarity with the Haitian People - Coordinated International Protests on Feb. 7, 2007." In English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.
 - b. Sept. 30th Foundation Declaration: "No to Occupation -- No to Trusteeship" - in English and Kreyol. And recent article: "The Coup d'Etat Continues" in French.
 - c. Reports on the December 22 "Christmas massacre" in Cite Soleil; on the role of the UN since the Feb. 29, 2004 coup; and on the current situation in Haiti.

Thank you, brothers and sisters,
The February 7th Organizing Committee

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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)

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

Imperial Democrat Warlord Pelosi Demands Her Own Personal Military Aircraft

2.1.07 Washington Times

Nancy Pelosi is pressing the Bush administration for routine access to military aircraft for domestic flights, such as trips back to her San Francisco district. She apparently wants “carte blanche for an aircraft any time” for her and her staff.

[OK. Let get her one, give her a parachute, and drop her off over Ramadi. Now that would be a surge for the better. Since she's for funding the surge that's sending more troops to die in Iraq, let her experience it up close and personal. T]

Just Simply Brilliant

1.30.07 Washington Post

Federal regulators have ruled that the nation's 103 nuclear power plants do not need to protect themselves from potential attacks by terrorists using airplanes.

CLASS WAR REPORTS

New Orleans Government Won't Let People Move Back Into Livable Housing; Their Plan: Fuck The Poor, Tear It Down

February 04, 2007 Sheila Stroup, The Times-Picayune

Don and Sister Lilianne were among those who spent Jan. 15 at the closed St. Bernard housing development.

What began as a protest about plans to tear it down turned into a cleanup when people found a gate open.

"It was a different way to celebrate Martin Luther King Day," Don said. "A chance to say, 'This isn't the way things should be,'" and a chance to do something productive. You get tired of just talking about it."

They helped a family who drove in from Texas clean out their apartment, and they were surprised at what good shape it was in. It had had a foot or two of water in it, but the walls, which appeared to be plaster, just needed cleaning.

"Upstairs, nothing was messed up," Don said. "If the utilities were turned on, you could have cleaned it up and moved right in."

So he wonders why, with so much need and everything moving so slowly, the sturdy brick buildings can't be refurbished instead of destroyed.

"It's a lot easier and quicker to fix stuff up than to start from scratch," he said. "The only time we should be demolishing buildings is when we really don't have a choice."

"And how long will it take to rebuild?" he asked. "Nothing will be saved out of them. They'll be turned into a mound of rubble."

Don and Sister Lilianne Flavin minister to the poorest of New Orleans citizens at Hope House -- helping them earn GEDs, find housing, put their lives back together.

"We really believe people have a right to come home," he said.

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