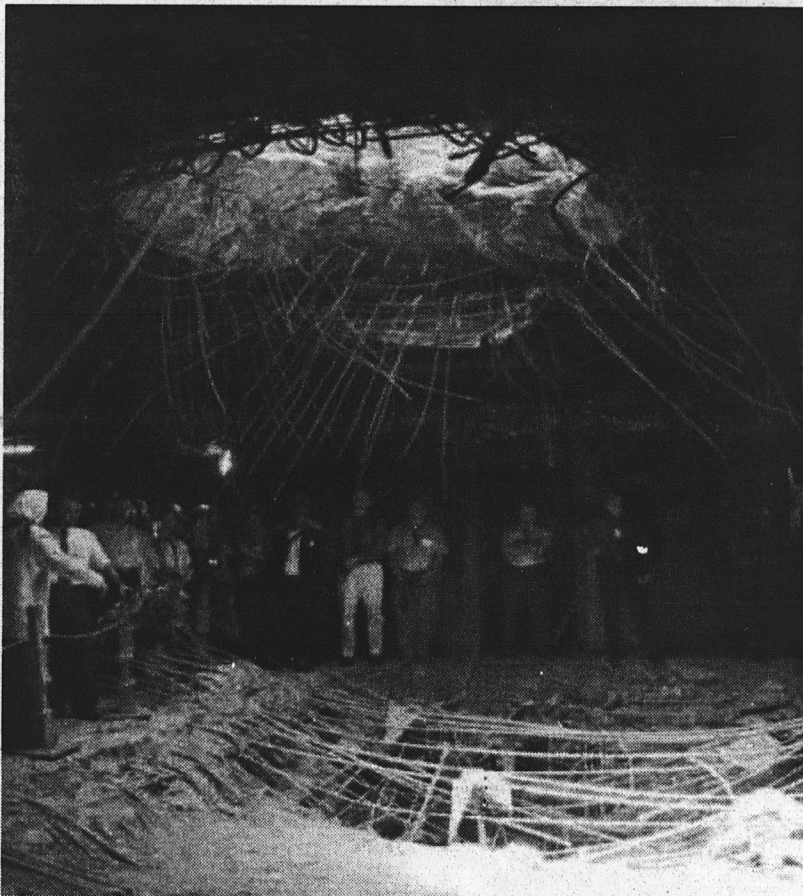


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NO MORE GROUND ZEROS



On February 13, 1991, the United States government dropped two smart bombs on the Al-Ameriya bomb shelter, killing 408 Iraqi Civilians, mostly women and children



New York - September 11th

NO BLOOD FOR OIL
MONEY FOR JOBS AND EDUCATION
NOT FOR BOMBS

CCNY Student Reem Khalil Finally Released After Being Unjustly Detained

Stop the Attacks on Muslims, Arabs, and South Asians

AYMAN EL-SAYED

Many people documented or undocumented have disappeared after September 11. Most of these people are Arabs, South Asians and Muslims. An estimated 2,000 people have been locked up with the government refusing to release their names or charge them with any crimes. Their crime was their birth. Now every Arab, Muslims or South Asian is a terrorist or a terrorist supporter. According to an article in the Washington Post and New York Times, the U.S. government is now looking to round up 314,000 Arab, Muslim and South Asian and kick them out of the country.

The truth is the economy was in a recession even before September 11. Major giant corporations have been going bankrupt and firing thousands of workers (Enron, K-mart). Instead of speaking the truth about these corporations robbing workers pensions and the truth that capitalism offers no stability, they will blame immigrants. With unemployment rising the excuse of having less jobs will be put on the shoulders and backs of the immigrant workers.

Reem Khalil 23 originally from Syria, is a student at City College in Manhattan. She has been attending CUNY for the past 5 years and was expecting to graduate this semester as a biochemistry major. She is one of the targets of the racist attacks on Arabs in the United States. At 6 a.m in the morning on February 27, twenty FBI agents raided her home in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. They took Reem, her father (a manhattan restaurant owner), her mother and three of her siblings. Two of the children were left alone and not detained because they were both born in the United States.

The family was taken to a Federal Building for questioning. The FBI found nothing against

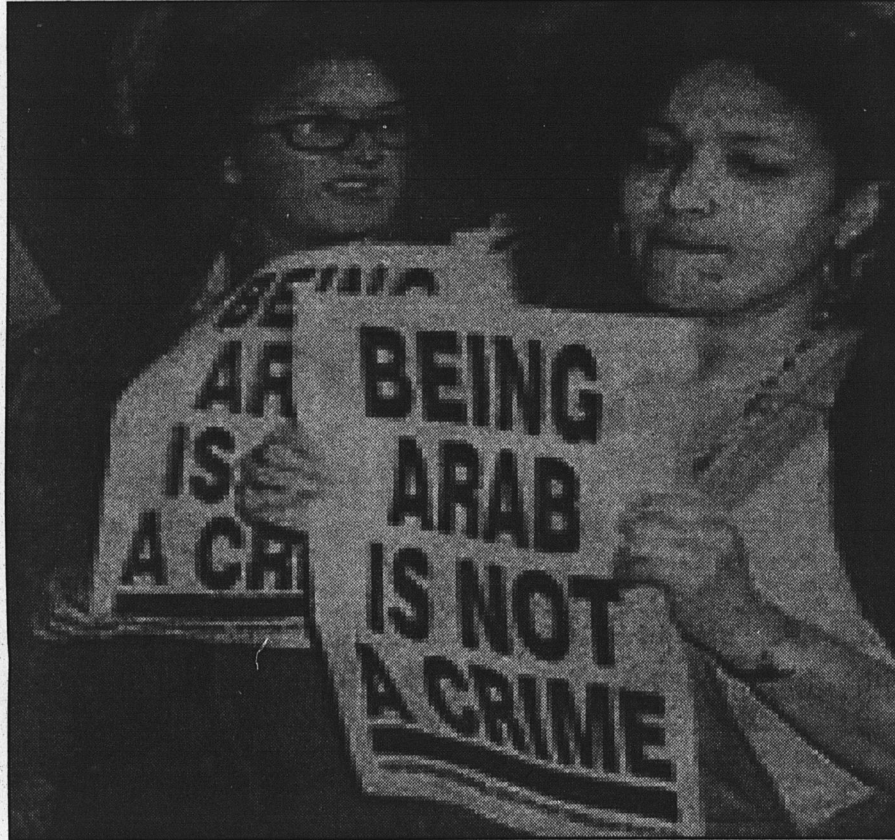
them and could not charge them with any crime. They turned them over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for deportation. In 1996 a deportation order was issued to Mr. Khalil after a request for asylum was turned down.

Bin Laden is hiding. They think that the Muslim or Arab population in the U.S. is hiding Bin Laden in their homes, deli's, grocery stores or restaurants. They have arrested hundreds and thousands of young Arab, Muslim and South Asian men

arresting me over drug issues why are you asking me if I can fly a plane, do you ask all the people you arrest if they know how to fly planes or only the Arabs". These men were all released with no charges. It was clear why they arrested them, it was not because of drugs, but because they are from Yemen.

This racial profiling needs to stop. It has been going on for decades to young black men who have been stopped, harassed, arrested, beaten up, tortured, raped and killed. Now it has spread to include Arabs, South Asians and all Muslims. All the people locked up and detained are there for solely one reason and that is being where they are from. They are not criminals and have not committed any criminal acts, yet they are detained with no charges, no access to lawyers and they are unable to see their families. Some families do not even know where their loved ones are because the government refuses to release their names. All the detained should be set free because they have done nothing, and have been spending months in jail.

These attacks must stop because it is not going to improve the situation in the United States. It is not going to stop terrorism and is not going to establish peace. In fact, the United States is exposing its racist self and has created a police state. You are now arrested and questioned not because you did any crime but for being Arab, Muslim, Pakistani, Bengali, Indian or even appear to be from these regions of the world and you can be the next target and victim. American people need to look at the root of the problem and question U.S. foreign policy whether in the past or today. Scapegoating on foreign nationals whether citizens or not will not solve the problem but escalate it.



The family was separated. Reem, her mother and sister were locked up in different cells in Hudson county jail in New Jersey. Her father and one brother were locked up in Bergen county jail. A 16 year old brother was sent to a juvenile detention center in Pennsylvania.

After spending almost three months in jail Reem Khalil and her family were released. This is a perfect example of the racist attacks that have escalated against Arab, Muslim and South Asians throughout the United States. The U.S. government and many Americans think that all Arabs or Muslims know where

and asked them ridiculous questions like do you know how to fly a plane.

They arrested some deli owners on Staten Island in Jersey St. making a false excuse that they are helping the drug dealers in their community by selling E-Z wider and bongos. After arresting them on this excuse of helping drug dealers, they went on by asking one of the deli owners if he know how to fly a plane or if he knows Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. This man started laughing and said 'I didn't know about this man Bin Laden until you (Americans) told me about him'. He also said "if you are

Defend Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

To report bias attacks against Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians:

*U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Hotline: 866-76USCCR (866-768-7227)

*Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund Hotline for South Asians in NYC area, particularly Sikhs, Bangladeshis, and Pakistanis: 212-760-9110

*Desi's Rising Up and Moving (DRUM) Hotline for South Asians in NYC and NJ: 212-631-3689

*American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, www.adc.org

If you have numbers for local reports in other parts of the country, please let us know! And don't underestimate the power of speaking up yourself if you witness someone being harassed. The cycle of violence often continues because people don't say anything.

Keep Admissions Open

Stop the Attack On CUNY's Immigrant Students

CUNY, the city and state of New York and the Board of Trustees are carrying their attack on CUNY's open admission and free tuition. CUNY has been supplying an education for New York's 250,000 white, black, Latino, Asian, Arab, poor and working class students. This has always bothered the critics of CUNY who do not want to see underprivileged students get a chance and have a good free education. Corporations have been profiting from CUNY and it's students first in controlling our bookstores and also taking over our campus space like theatres, stadiums and gyms.

Herman Badillo expressed the way the Board of Trustees and the City of New York felt when he made his racist comments on Mexican students, questioning the Mexican's community in New York right to an education. Now after September 11, all the racist and classist beauracrats who think you should be rich to get an education and want to get rid of public education from the kindergarten level all the way until CUNY. Following the hysteria of September 11, the undocumented students who attend CUNY have been scapegoated.

Tuition was going to be doubled for immigrant students to almost 7,000 a year. These students do not receive financial aid because of their status. Many of these students, who are our friends and fellow students in class would have had to leave because of this huge hike. CUNY is known for it's diversity and CUNY students get along with each other very well. Everyone has a right to an education,

whether documented or not. This is a total racist attack, because there is no excuse for this tuition hike. If a student has been living in New York for a long time but is still an illegal immigrant, he or she were going to have to pay this out of state tuition.

The Board of Trustees, which has always done everything in the opposite interest of students,

dollars in building bombs and weapons to fight wars with the people of the world. When students at City Universities need money for computers, dorms, tuition and to pay our professors a decent wage the government has no money. Instead of funding education they cut financial aid and raise tuition.

To all the documented students

transportation.

This is an attack on all students who attend CUNY. After they are done kicking out our undocumented brothers and sisters, they will come with another excuse to raise everybody's tuition and cut back on everybody's financial aid. This is just a stepping stone because they think CUNY students don't care about their fellow students. They think we will fall for this racist hysteria and not care for these students. All CUNY students must defend everyone's right to an education or you'll be getting that letter home soon that says you will not receive financial aid this or that semester or you will have to pay double tuition this or that semester. Students, faculty and workers need to run our campuses because we are the one who truly know what's best for our future. If students, faculty and workers ran our campuses, you'll see students from private universities running to CUNY. CUNY will be a center of education, diversity and equality. Unfortunately, we have a Board of Trustees and administrations that doesn't care for student needs and only cares about their budget and their own interest.

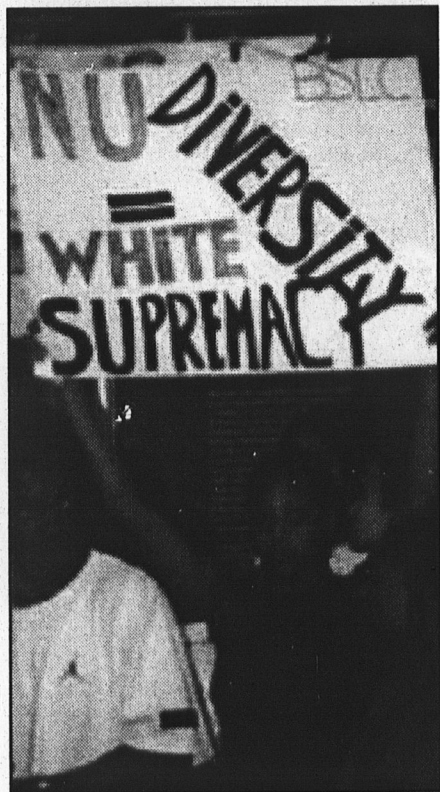
We need to take over our campuses and make CUNY with admission doors wide open and tuition free for anyone to get an education and live up to CUNY's existence and dreams. CUNY was founded for the reason of open admissions and free tuition and must remain that way. We need to protest and rally to defend immigrant students or all of us will be behind closed admission doors.



is at it again. The state and city of New York have always been cheap in funding CUNY and are always looking to cut some money from somewhere. Now they are trying to put the blame on immigrant students as if they are to be blamed for September 11.

The government has given million dollar tax breaks to huge corporations because of the September 11 incident but cannot put a little bit of our tax money in to our education. They do not hesitate to give Israel 5 billion dollars a year to kill Palestinian children or put millions of

who think this doesn't affect you, think again. The Board of Trustees and NY State has been attacking documented students way before September 11. They have cut financial aid, raised student activity fee, sold our campus space to private investors who charge us a lot of money for books (\$400 a semester), we pay for parking spaces that don't exist and receive tickets from public safety. Go to any CUNY in New York and both documented and undocumented students have had problems with registration, financial aid, book prices and



President of Student Government is More Concerned with Money than Students

JOHN CRISANO JR.

On October 10, 2002 the President of Student Government made the deciding vote in whether Student Government officials should be paid Stipends for their services. After a 4-4 deadlock the president, who is Noam, voted for the approval of Student Government being awarded stipends.

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President only has his own interests in mind. When he originally ran for President most thought he would represent the students fairly. However it seems like Noam had a hidden agenda. He is interested in his own personal gain and does not care for the students concerns. Students who even are not on Student Government came to the meeting after hearing such an outrageous proposal.

They came to voice their opinions on how ludicrous this idea was. However many students had problems voicing their problems. Some students were waiting as long as thirty minutes just to voice their opinions. And when a student would try to voice their opinion some were shouted down or interrupted and were unable to finish their sentences.

Some were able to get in a couple of valid concerns. One being where this money will be coming from. The answer for this question was the schools reserves, which currently has an estimated low budget of \$89,000.

Another concern was how much each person will be paid. In response a sheet was then passed out showing the exact amount each person will be paid. The 12 Senators will be paid \$100 every semester. The 7 Commissioners will be paid \$250 every semester. The President made sure he got top dollar and awarded himself to be paid \$500 every semester! Although this sounds like a lot it is not much to fall back on for the school. Currently the school is facing more cuts to their CUNY budget, but it seems like Noam either doesn't care, or is just not informed about this. In my eyes neither one of them is acceptable. The President should have this information already so there's no excuse for that. So it seems like he just does not care. He's willing to gamble the reserves of the college for his own financial gain, his careless and disregards to student opinions should be more than enough evidence on where he stands.

If any show the same concerns that I share please feel free to either come to another meeting



where the proposal will be brought up one last time and voted on. Come to this meeting and voice your opinion. Also there will be a petition being started to go against this proposal. Please sign this proposal because this proposal is the only way students will be protected from the abuse of power by our Student Government. We must stand strong and tell the Student Government that this proposal SUCKS!

CSI Workers Report

We are happy to report that workers conditions on campus have improved somewhat. Of course this improvement is compared to a time not so long ago when CSI had supervisors calling workers "nigger" on the job. Those days have thankfully passed and so has VP Hudacs, who was in charge of Building and Grounds during those years, who has moved on to abuse workers elsewhere we assume.

The new VP we understand is a far more congenial man, who has come over from York College. The new VP and the Springer Administration as a whole still have a long way to go towards creating humane and professional conditions for the workers on campus.

The issue of favoritism in hiring and nepotism, still exists and is an insult to the dignity of hard working campus workers and a blow to their morale. When you are involved in the backbreaking thankless tasks that keep the campus clean and safe day after day the last thing you need is to

see people hired and people promoted because of whose son they are or whose relative they might be. Unfortunately at CSI these plantation conditions still exist but need to be rooted out.

management to his plea was a suspension and the threat of termination. If a student comes for help or a professor appeals for help there are many programs available to them, so why are

We are also disturbed to hear that Shop Steward Rory Satchell, a member of the custodial staff, still has not been given the money that the college withheld from him when they suspended him for being a whistleblower. Even though he won his case and the responsible parties who tried to railroad him are no longer present at CSI, the college is yet to give him back his paycheck for falsely suspending him for over two months, never mind the compensation for the pain and suffering that he endured.

So that wraps up our workers report for this issue. We urge all campus workers to let their voice be heard here at the College Voice. At the CSI plantation we are the "underground railroad" we will support you in your quest for dignity and freedom from Massah Springer's abuse.

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In other affairs night cleaner Eddie Diaz has come in for some less than appropriate treatment by management because he came to them asking for help in dealing with some issues that were affecting him and consequently his work. The response by

workers discriminated? Is Eddie Diaz less worthy because he cleans up after you? Indeed he is if anything more worthy and should be given every chance to resolve his issues just like any other member of the campus community.

Crouching Journalist Hidden Camera

AYMAN EL-SAYED

On November , I was in Manhattan interviewing a professor at NYU about the war in Afghanistan. After that video interview I was on the West Side Highway going to meet a friend. While driving with my friend on the Highway I saw a Public Safety vehicle from the College of Staten Island. I was wondering what this vehicle was doing on the West Side Highway and if I knew any of the people in the jeep.

My friend drove the car until we were right next to the public safety vehicle. We had stopped for a while and there was some traffic. I began waving my hand to the vehicle once I recognized the public safety officer Lumbardi. I know him because I see him on campus and in the Library but he really doesn't know me. He might have recognized me as being the editor of the College Voice newspaper. In the back of the Jeep I saw Vice President Afron. While I was waving hello to them, the Vice President moved to the left side of the window so she can see who it is. She began waving her hand as if she knows me. I personally don't know her. Maybe she thought we were somebody she knows, why else would I be waving my hand hello.

I saw her talk to the security guard and once he answered her, her face got really sour and she immediately moved to the right side form where she was sitting originally. Her face seemed pale and upset. I figured that she asked him if he knows who we are, and he probably said that I was a student who writes for the College Voice Newspaper. I had a feeling she was doing something wrong, because if she wasn't why would she worry and care who I was. I took the video camera out of the bag and began videotaping her and the security guard as we both existed on 72nd street.

I got out the car since traffic was moving very slow and the light just turned red and began videotaping her and the security guard. Officer Lumbardi couldn't care less who I was and was kind of entertained. He seemed very sad and bored before he saw me. While his face got sunny at my presence Vice President Afron got grey and cloudy. I videotaped her face and then she began covering her face with her hand. I got back in the car and videotaped the license plate of the Jeep and a few more blocks were the vehicle stopped, I figured she made it home.

When I began investigating this matter I discovered that public safety have been given Vice President Afron a ride home from CSI all the way to her home in the upper west side. I was outraged at

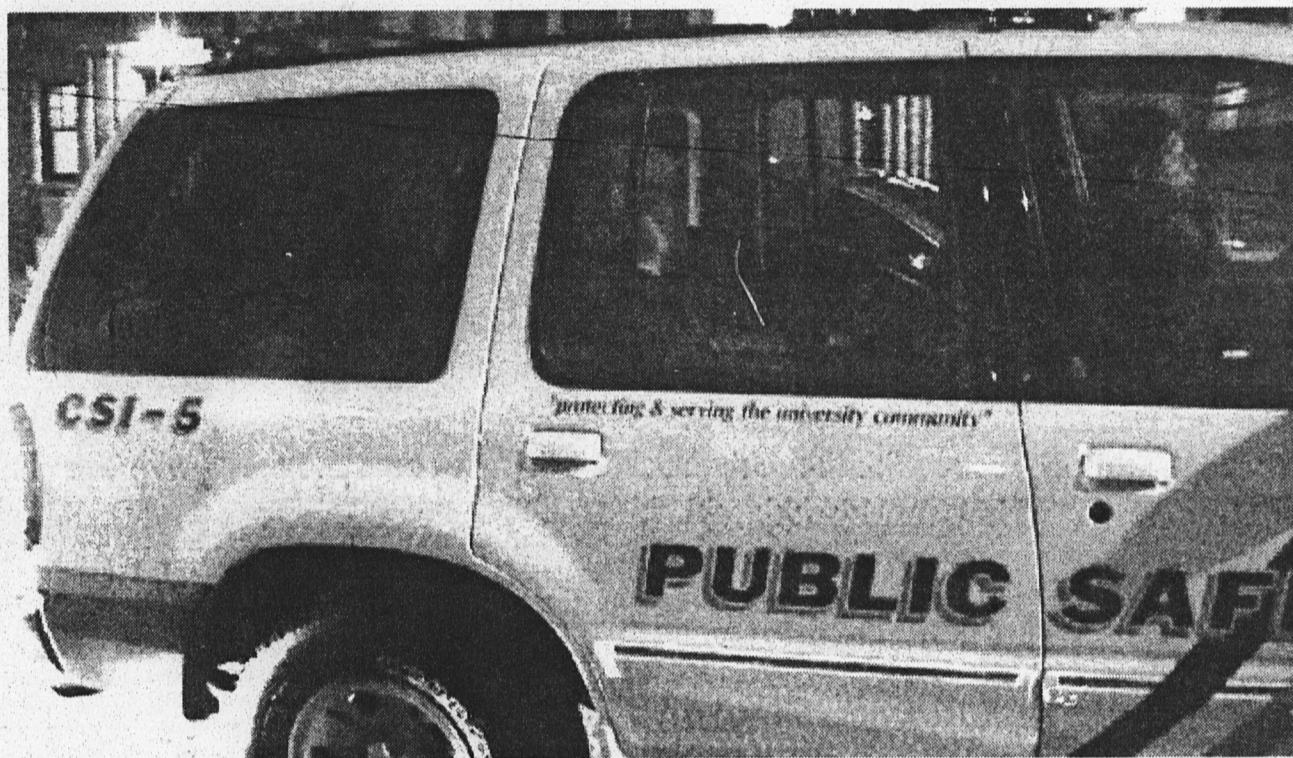
this information. Students have to wait long lines to get on a bus to go to the ferry or to another bus to get home and here is Ms. Lazy getting a free ride home with our public funds. It takes the average student 2-3 hours to go to CSI and come home from CSI everyday. Students pay money to get no services in return, our money goes to drive administrators who make a lot of money yearly to their homes.

Afron receiving rides home cost students and the public a chunk of money. First they have to pay the

says to me. Roberta Vogel, from the SEEK department was at this meeting since she is the faculty advisor of the College Voice.

At the meeting Carol Jackson threatened me with disciplinary action. She was trying to scare me not to print an article about what happened. She wanted to keep the issue hidden and does not want the administration to be exposed and embarrassed for misusing public funds for their own interest. She threatened that I can get kicked out of the school if I publish this

wait over two hours because the keys were off campus. Guess were the keys to all the offices in the Campus Center were? The security guard giving Afron a ride home that day had the keys and I had to wait over 2 hours until he came back from the city to open the door for me. First of all, Public Safety is supposedly here to protect the campus and take care of it not drive lazy, cheap administrators home. Second of all, let's say something happened in one of the offices in the Campus Center like a fire and the



Vice President Afron Busted Misusing Public Funds

security guard his hourly wage in order to give her a ride, second they would go straight to the Brooklyn Battery tunnel and pay the toll and also the gas and maintenance of the vehicle.

This was going on for months. She earns a nice salary yearly, why doesn't she buy herself a car like everyone else. She wants to be treated like the Queen of England. It is unfair that public funds is going to drive her home, instead of going to improve transportation for students who come from, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Bronx everyday. Why doesn't the school invest in getting a bus for CSI students that come from the Ferry or from Brooklyn. Obviously the administrations doesn't care about students and their needs and only really care for themselves.

After this incident, I received a call from another Vice President Carrol Jackson, who said she wants to meet with me immediately about what happened. When I went to meet with her she refused to allow the Banner and Third Rail in with me as witnesses and journalist to what she

material. I told her that I am a journalist for the College Voice newspaper, and I was doing my job as a journalist. I did nothing illegal, I am allowed to have a video camera and video tape anyone and anywhere I want. She tried to scare me because she thought I don't know my rights. She said her flunky lawyer, Ms Galvez said I'm not allowed to videotape Afron. I told her, your lawyer is wrong and I have a right to video tape anyone in the streets.

After this insulting meeting, where Carol Jackson tried to insult my intelligence and violate my right as a journalist I never heard from her again. She wouldn't dare give me disciplinary action because she knows she would have lost.

After I videotaped this incident Afron never got a ride home again. They knew what they were doing is wrong but thought they can get away with it. They have been given her rides home for months, spending thousands of dollars of public funds. What also upset me was that one day, I came to get the College Voice door open and had to

doors needed to be open. The administrations should be embarrassed of itself for being so careless. Afron should also pay back the public for all the cost it took to give her rides home all those months.

The administrations knew it was wrong or why else would they stop giving her a ride home the next day after we busted her. Students should be upset at this incident especially the ones who wait on long lines and take hours to go and come from home.

It turns out the administration thought that the security guard and I were in cahoots and planned the whole thing together. They thought I had followed them all the way from the campus, but I had really just bumped into them on the West Side highway. CSI students keep your eyes open for the actual video footage of her getting a ride home that will be posted on the Internet soon. Look around for the flyers that will tell you what web site to go to.

The Real Enemy is at Home!

Hands Off Iraq! US/UK/UN Out of the Middle East!

ROY ROLLINS

Once again George Bush and the ruling rich he represents are beating the drums for war...this time with Iraq. But whether it's Iraq, Afghanistan, Columbia or the Philippines, the problem is one and the same...and it's not "weapons of mass destruction," "terrorism" or "drugs." Rather it is the insatiable appetite of America's economic elite for lording it over the rest of the world's workers and resources the same way they do here. Of course, economic domination entails political domination to back it up. War is the continuation of "globalization" by more forceful means. All the talk about wars on "drugs" or on "terrorism" or over "weapons of mass destruction" are so much sugar to make the bitter pills go down the throats of those who will have to pay for and fight in the wars, America's workers and the poor.

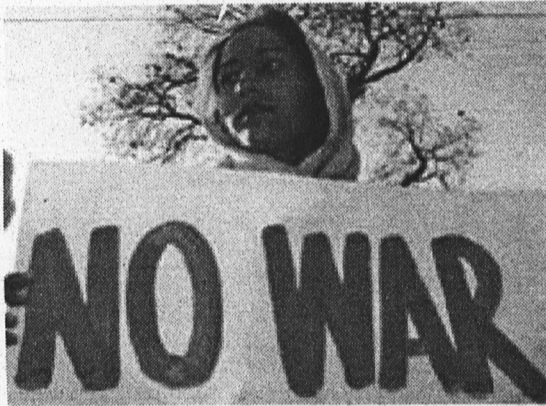
Not that partisan politics don't play their part in all this as well. "Dubya," no doubt, remembers the fate of his father, who went from riding high during the 1991 Gulf war to being dragged down by the recession that followed it. Remember, "it's the economy...stupid?" Junior hopes to reverse the process (again) so that now, "it's the war...stupid?" And guess who the "stupid" in the equation is this time? With the economy still in shambles and Congressional elections fast approaching, Bush needs another quick fix of patriotism to take the American peoples' attention away from their increasingly emptier pocketbooks. After all, by wrapping himself in the "stars and stripes" after "9/11," Bush was able to pull the flag over the eyes of American workers with "united we stand" rhetoric in the midst of an economic downturn and implement war plans that had been on the books long before the terrorist attack on the WTC ever took place.

They lie...workers die

While it may have worked like a charm with the "war on terrorism," Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban have long been pushed off the front pages by Enron, WorldCom and other scandals that threaten to implicate the White House. Fewer workers than before really believe that their bosses are feeling the pain the same way they are. Even the NY Times had to admit that "workers are angry" and that their "mood has soured." While the rich are standing on line at the bank cashing in their tax rebates, more and more workers are standing on the unemployment line hoping that they can even qualify for benefits. So like the crooks and con-men at Enron and WorldCom, who regularly met behind closed doors to plot their scams and swindles, Bush and his buddies are now doing the same to plan an even bigger and bolder scheme...another war with Iraq. Unlike their pals at Enron and WorldCom, who "only" gambled with the live savings of their workers, however, Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Rice are ready to gamble with the lives of thousands of American and Iraqi workers who are likely to die if they get their way.

The last time the US went to war with Iraq in 1991, an estimated 200,000 Iraqis, mostly civilians, died from US "precision" bombing, which was "precise" only insofar as it targeted the

civilian infrastructure, then referred to as "collateral damage," to begin with. Hundreds of American GIs returned suffering from what came to be known as "Gulf War Syndrome," something the government still refuses to recognize. After the shooting had stopped and Iraq had agreed to withdraw from Kuwait, the American instigated embargo, imposed by their front men at the UN, killed another million people, half of them children. Diseases that had been wiped out decades ago made a comeback due to the shortages of basic medical supplies caused by the sanctions. Yet Bush has the nerve to say that he has "no quarrel" with the people of Iraq! Meanwhile, in US and British declared "no-fly zones" (that constitute 2/3 of Iraq), bombing has continued on a regular basis. And what for? "If Kuwait had carrots, instead of oil, you think



we'd give a damn" stated a government official at the time. In other words, so that the same bosses who rip-off workers right here in the US can continue to do the same thing anywhere and everywhere else in the world they damn well please, starting with the oil resources of the Middle East. In doing so, they can show any other potential upstarts, as well as uneasy allies like the Europeans (who are far more dependent on Middle East oil than the US is) or the Ruskies and the Chinese, what fate awaits them should they decide to get out of line.

The big lie or weapons of mass distraction

As Harry Truman pointed out when he was launching the "Cold War," the best way to secure proper popular support for such adventures and overcome any possible opposition is "to scare the hell out of the American people." This is especially true when polls show support falling for them. After all, it's pretty hard to believe that a devastated and war-ravaged Third World country, reduced to the level of some of the most poverty stricken nations in Africa, constitutes a "mortal threat" to the world's sole super-power. Thus Bush has been fixated upon the "evil" Saddam Hussein's supposedly possessing "weapons of mass destruction" that are a "threat" not only to Iraq's neighbors but to the US as well. Throw in for good measure alleged Iraqi ties to al Qaeda and hopefully Main Street, fearing another "9/11," will forget all about Wall Street. The Nazis had a name for this sort of thing; they called it the "big lie." Like Hitler and Goebbels, Bush and Cheney hope that by endlessly repeating the same tall tales, and having their bought and paid for press do the same thing on a daily basis, they can hijack the American people onto the bandwagon for war.

As much as admitting that there is no proof in their pudding, administration officials now talk of preventing any future attacks by staging a pre-emptive strike. War Secretary Rumsfeld thus proclaims that "the absence of evidence does not mean that the evidence is absent." If he was a crooked cop out to frame someone, he could at least plant it there! However he has the prostitute press to do that for him. So never mind the fact that former weapons inspector Scott Ritter, a self-styled "right wing Republican," has pointed out that Iraq possesses no "weapons of mass destruction" or even the capacity to produce them. Somewhat oblivious to the way in which imperialism operates, Ritter states that, "you don't go to war over a lie." Needless to say, Ritter was not amongst those called to testify before Congress about the alleged Iraqi



"threat." Unlike Ritter, Republicans and Democrats, who only differ as to when to start the bombing, have few qualms about going to war over lies. Besides, if Iraq constitutes such a threat to its neighbors, why is it that none of them, including staunch US allies such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan, support Bush's saber-rattling?

Of course, now that Washington has started turning the screws on its stooges, some of them may start singing a different tune. So in a ploy to get the rest of the world on its side, the US has come up with an offer of "coercive inspection" that any self-respecting government has to refuse, unless it's willing to surrender any and all of its authority. If and when Iraq does so, which is exactly what the US is counting on, Bush can then claim that he gave them a chance to come clean, get the UN seal of approval and start bombing. Clinton did the same thing with Yugoslavia in 1999, only he used NATO as a fig-leaf instead of the UN. Such is the unbridled imperial arrogance of America's ruling rich these days that Bush has made it clear that Saddam Hussein will have to go, deal or no deal, UN or no UN.

Bush, Bin Laden and Saddam...birds of a feather

When it comes to breaking bread with Bin Laden, not only did the US arm, aid and abet al Qaeda with tons of taxpayer dollars throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, but Bin Laden even offered to return the favor by leading his army of Islamic "fanatics" against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait. While Saddam Hussein may have no connections with

Bin Laden, who regards him as a "fake Muslim," the same can't be said of the Bush family, which has long had the coziest of "crony capitalist" connections with the Bin Ladens in their business dealings...right up until September 11, when the Carlyle Group last got together.

However Hussein has had his share of dirty dealings with the US, including and especially with the gang of Reagan-Bush leftovers that stills calls the shots in Washington. After its behind the scenes backing of Ayatollah Khomeini in the Iran-Iraq war, the Reagan regime switched horses and began backing Iraq when it appeared that Iran was on the verge of victory. This included turning a blind, if not benign, eye to the use of poison gas by the Iraqis against the Iranian and Kurds. Indeed, the US and its Western European allies outdid each other in helping to arm and outfit Hussein in his war with Iran, including with biological and chemical weapons. As none other than Donald Rumsfeld said at the time, "It struck us as useful to have a relationship (since) Iraq was not interested in making mischief in the world." In reality, the US has had a "relationship" with Saddam Hussein since the early sixties, when the CIA helped Hussein topple a radical-nationalist regime which was supported by the Iraqi Communist party, whom Saddam, in turn, helped wipe out for them. Like Bin Laden, he was was a useful ally in the anti-

Communist cold war crusade.

The real enemy is at home!
Bush says Iraq is our enemy. However "evil" Saddam Hussein may be, he is not responsible for taking our jobs away, cutting our wages and lowering our living standards so that economic inequality is greater than at any time since the Depression. It wasn't the "dictator" Saddam Hussein who stole the 2000 presidential elections, by depriving thousands of Black people of their votes, and who owes his stay in office to an also unelected Supreme Court and not to the majority of the American people. Nor was it Saddam Hussein who gave record tax breaks to the rich and greedy while cutting benefits to the poor and needy...even after 9/11. Indeed, it was Bush's buddies at Enron who pilfered the pensions of American workers after jacking up the energy rates in California with the full connivance of VP Dick Cheney's Energy Commission, claiming that there was an "energy shortage." (Meanwhile Iraq has got more oil than they know what to do with since the sanctions regime won't let them sell it!) Nor are the Iraqi "torturers" responsible for the army of killer cops that daily terrorize Black and Latino communities across the country or the attempt to legally lynch Mumia Abu Jamal and countless others with the racist death penalty. That's why some of the more outspoken Black leaders rightly recognize that "Saddam Hussein isn't any worse than Bush...or Clinton!"

So if American workers want an enemy they don't have to look all the way to the Middle East for one. Our

enemy is at right here, at home...but they are on Wall Street and in Washington, not on Atlantic Avenue. Our enemy is America's ruling rich and their Democan and Republi-crat politician pals who try to out-do each other in "united we stand" saber-rattling, flag waving and war-mongering. These patriots will wave the flag with one hand and pick our pockets to pay for their wars with the other now that they've shifted almost all of the tax burden onto the shoulders of working people. Who else is going to foot the bill for all the corporate bailouts and tax cuts, let alone wars which cost about \$1 billion a month? Their "national unity" is just another hoax to hoodwink workers into supporting their wars and blindly march off to die for people who won't even pay us a minimum wage that we can survive on. And all of it is being done so that the same bankers and bosses who rip us off here can do the same in the rest of the world without anyone getting in their way.

War on Iraq, war on the poor...

The same government that wants to makes war on the people of the Middle East has already been making war on the living standards of working people in this country for the last quarter of a century. They are continuing to do so now, regardless of how "united" we supposedly stand. In addition, they are assaulting our democratic rights and civil liberties so that we can't protest or oppose any of their attacks anywhere with police state legislation like the USA PATRIOT Act. For the only way this government knows how to defend "democracy" is by destroying it. So what started with going after Arabs (or anyone even looking like one) is now being used against American workers. Bush and Ridge are now going after the ILWU and the right to strike under the guise of defending "Homeland Security." Needless to say, Bush doesn't consider the job security of the longshoremen, or of any workers for that matter, an issue of national security.

The same holds true for Bush's alleged opponents in the Democratic Party, who gave him what amounts to a blank check to wage war anywhere he sees fit after "9/11." They were no less craven in capitulating to Bush when it came to tearing up the Bill of Rights. The only "difference" has been over who can beat their breasts or rattle their sabers louder in war mongering and in whipping up war hysteria. While a handful of right-wing Republicans have gotten cold feet over going it alone with Iraq, even fewer Democrats have yet to utter a peep against it! But why should it be otherwise? It was a Democrat, Bill Clinton, who not only bombed Iraq every time he got caught with his pants down, but who emptied the Bill of Rights while filling up the prisons with Black youth with his own anti-terrorism legislation, the effective death penalty act, and the "war on drugs" without the help of Bin Laden or Saddam Hussein.

...Two sides of the same coin

American capitalism's foreign policy is the logical extension of its domestic policy. They are two sides of the same coin...they both serve the rich and they both harm working people. Every cent spent on bombing poor people in Iraq is a cent less spent on helping them in this country. Every bomb and bullet means less schools, hospitals and homes here. And they will all come out of the pockets, paychecks and pensions (ie, Social Security) of American workers. While the media talks about how "9/11

changed everything," the fact is that nothing fundamental has or will change in so far as the US being a country of, by and for the rich; a country where the richest 0.5% of the population owns 42% of all financial wealth even though the average American now works 164 hours longer than in 1976 and where the top managers of the 300 biggest firms have incomes 93 times greater than that of their employees. All the flag-waving in the world won't put a single scrap of food on the table or a roof over anyone's head. Meanwhile the same minority youth who capitalism can't even provide with jobs will pay with their blood for the policies of the ruling rich, just as the workers who died at the Twin Towers did with theirs. That is why American workers should oppose any and every war our rulers try to foist on us. Not because they may weaken imperialist interests in the Middle East or the "war on terrorism," the way recalcitrant right wingers like Henry Kissinger may fear, but because waging war against workers in other countries only serves to strengthen George Bush



and the American ruling class and their ability to wage war against workers in this country!

"Weapons of mass destruction" and "regime changes"...

Many a luke-warm opponent of Bush's war drive frets that by beating up on Iraq like some schoolyard bully, Bush will endanger the so-called "war on terrorism." Only the "war on terrorism" was not about "terrorism" any more than the previous wars waged in Bosnia or Kosovo (where America's allies included many of today's top "terrorists") were about "human rights." America's rulers are the biggest terrorists in history. Only their terrorism is the terrorism of the rich; bombardment from the air and sea, economic blackmail and using food as a weapon. Or as actor Woody Harrelson put it, in language any customer at Cheers could easily understand, "the war on terrorism is terrorism. It's just plain bullshit!"

For all all the tirades and tongue-lashings against "weapons of mass destruction" by the politicians and the press, the US government has more nuclear, biological and chemical weapons than all other countries combined and has constantly turned thumbs down on any treaties that entailed inspection of its arsenals. It has also been the world's foremost user of them, especially after the US emerged from WWII as the new top cop for global capitalism. To set the stage for what was to be the "American Century," the US dropped two atomic bombs on Japan

even though they already knew that the Japanese were suing for peace. The US waged bloody wars of counter-revolution in Korea and Indochina, in which civilians were fair game every step of the way, be it on the ground or from the air and in which chemical and biological weapons were widely used. More recently the US has bombed Lebanon, Libya, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, the Sudan, Afghanistan and Yugoslavia. Only now they do so in the name of "humanitarianism" instead of "freedom" and "democracy" and with cluster bombs and depleted uranium instead of napalm. America's allies in the Middle East, the Turkish oppressors of the Kurds and the Israeli oppressors of the Palestinians, are not only the biggest users of "weapons of mass destruction" in the area, but both are bankrolled by the US in their doing so...in the case of Israel to the tune of \$15 million a day.

...Gunboat diplomacy in "humanitarian" clothing

When the US could still be held accountable for some of its more outrageous actions by the USSR, government officials would feverishly deny any American involvement in the internal affairs of other countries, which was derisively termed "gunboat diplomacy" by opponents. Now, with no-one to stand in their way, they boldly proclaim their intention to carry out "regime changes" when ever and where ever the US wants to dispose of

governments not to their liking. This is what America's only unelected president hopes will go down in history as the "Bush Doctrine." The "Bush Doctrine," however, is but the logical extension of the "Monroe Doctrine," which was for years used to justify US domination of Central and South America, on a global scale. For the US has already changed more regimes than most people have changed their underwear, including support for Saddam Hussein when his party first came to power. None of them had anything to do with "freedom" and "democracy"...except for the "freedom" of American corporations to make a bigger buck under governments far friendlier to them than to their own people. After all, the US isn't planning to topple the Saudi monarch or the military dictatorship in Pakistan or force Israel out of the occupied territories, are they?

So in Iran, Guatemala, the Congo, Brazil, Indonesia and Chile, the CIA helped the military topple democratically elected governments that weren't attentive enough to the needs of American corporations or were a bit too independent minded for them. Starting in the late 1970s, the US waged "low intensity" "proxy" wars throughout the world; supporting the death squads in El Salvador, the contra killers in Nicaragua, Pol Pot in Cambodia, Savimbi in Angola, and both Bin Laden and the Taliban in Afghanistan against the USSR and both Ayatollah Khomeini and Saddam Hussein against each other. Closer to home, they invaded the Dominican

Republic and Grenada while failing in their attempts to do the same in Cuba. This past April, they got caught trying to topple the left-leaning government of Chavez in Venezuela. While railing against Arab "terrorists" and "those states who sponsor them," the US has been a training ground for every anti-Castro terrorist group under the sun for the past forty years. For the vast majority of the planet's occupants, it is, in fact, the US that is a "rogue nation" requiring a "regime change!"

Imperialist war, the continuation of globalization by other means

Central Asia is expected to become the world's third largest producer of oil and natural gas and the US aims to build pipelines that run through Afghanistan and Pakistan while avoiding Russia and Iran. Hence the "war on terrorism" when America's ex-allies, the Taliban, refused to go along for only a 15% piece of the action. Iraq has the second largest oil reserves in the world and oil remains the key raw material for global capitalism. At any time the system can be thrown into crisis if there is some interruption in its supply. The more the US gets pissed off with Saudi Arabia, the more they want an alternative source. Given Iraq's geographical location, close to oil discoveries in the Caucasus, a more pliable regime in Baghdad could solve US oil demands at a the drop of a hat...or a cluster bomb or two. For the only thing that motivates our rulers to do anything anywhere is protecting their profits and their power to make even more of them. War is the continuation of "globalization" by more forceful means. When the WTO, the IMF or the World Bank can't do the job "peacefully" through economic extortion, the B-52s are brought in to use more persuasive measures to force any recalcitrant back into line. "International" organizations like the UN then provide a "humanitarian" fig leaf to cover up whatever dirty deeds are done by the same imperialist powers who created it and continue to control it.

What all of this guarantees is that the same bosses and bankers who exploit and oppress workers here can do the same in the rest of the world while pillaging and plundering their natural resources, ie, oil, with impunity as well. Insofar as American workers are concerned, it means lower wages and poorer working conditions, since US corporations can take advantage of the cheaper labor that their client states offer by their banning of trade unions and working class political parties. It also guarantees the eternal enmity of the vast majority of the inhabitants of those countries so that every act of imperialist aggression will be followed by the threat of future terrorist attacks. Yet when something like the events of September 11th takes place, our rulers all ask in amazement "why is everybody always picking on me?" Malcolm X, however, was more on the mark when he spoke about the "chickens coming home to roost." Unless we begin to organize a militant and united anti-war movement that connects the struggle against war to the struggle against capitalism, they will continue to come home to roost on us and not on those in Washington and and on Wall Street who are really responsible for ripping off workers in Central Asia and the Middle East as well as right here in the USA.

A Fragile Peace in Sri Lanka

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After nearly two decades of civil war between the separatist Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan state forces both sides have decided to enter into a peace process. This tropical isle known for its physical beauty, long a magnet for travelers from Marco Polo to present day tourists had descended into a hellish 20 year civil war costing over 60,000 lives and billions in property damage. As a consequence the promise of independence and prosperity was deferred. The war weary Sri Lankan public on each side of the ethnic divide has overwhelmingly opted for peace as the only sensible approach to solving the deepening crisis that they commonly face.

Sri Lanka gained independence from Britain in 1947 and established a parliamentary form of government. The delicate multiethnic character of Sri Lanka comprising Sinhala Buddhists, Tamil Hindus, Muslims, Malays, Burghers and Catholics and Protestants from all communities was manhandled by the incoming regimes after independence who tried to exploit nationalist sentiment on the part of the majority Sinhala Buddhists to the detriment particularly of the significant Tamil minority community. The result was a gradual growth of militancy on the part of Tamil youth in the North and a deepening of the ethnic divide.

The political left in Sri Lanka comprising of the Trotskyist LSSP and the Communist Party was a major force following independence and had the possibility of uniting the various communities under a working class banner but squandered this historic opportunity by joining with the chauvinist right wing forces of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) in government in 1970. As a consequence of its unprincipled actions the left lost its credibility among the Sinhalese as well as the Tamils paving the way for an openly free market Sinhala chauvinist government to win elections in 1977 leaving the old left totally smashed. The stage was set for a national calamity.

Ethnic tensions broke out into open war after 1983. The United National Party (UNP) after winning the elections in 1977 held onto power for 17 bloody years during which time the country descended into a form of right wing dictatorship. In addition to the Tamil Tiger uprising in the North, the UNP faced a insurrection in the South led by the Sinhala nationalist Janata Vimukthi Peramuna. In the dark years of the late 80s thousands of Sinhala youths were rounded up and "disappeared" by UNP sponsored death squads in order to quell an increasingly violent rebellion.

The Peoples Alliance government, a coalition of the main opposition bourgeois party with the old left parties, was swept into power in the

elections of 1994 with an overwhelming mandate for peace. After a few steps in this direction the peace process broke down and hostilities resumed at a even more heightened intensity. The slogan of the government became "war for peace". The Tamil Tigers had however proven themselves equal to the challenge and a bloody stalemate ensued until a new government was formed by the United National Front, a coalition led by the UNP, after the 2000 elections once again with an overwhelming mandate for peace.

After the failure of previous peace attempts the people are cautious in their optimism for the success of this latest attempt. However it has proven to have the most staying power so far with the ceasefire holding and life resuming to some level of normalcy in the war torn northern and eastern regions. With all that the promise of peace holds many people of all communities are concerned that peace comes with a guarantee of human rights. The Tamil Tigers who claim the mantle of the "sole legitimate representative of the Tamil people" basically achieved this leading position by violently eradicating any and all opposition from within the Tamil community. Furthermore it has relied reportedly on forced child conscription and extortion to build and finance its ranks. The heavy handedness of the Tigers has particularly alienated the Muslims of

the Eastern province which land the Tigers claim as part of the historical Tamil homeland of Eelam. The basic outline of the peace envisions a federal Sri Lanka where territorial unity is maintained but power is devolved effectively at the local level. Many detractors of this arrangement particularly among Sinhala nationalists have claimed that this amounts to conceding the North and East of Sri Lanka to the Tigers. There is some measure of truth to this allegation it appears since the Tigers through the so called Interim Administration are in control over the basic functioning of the North and East. It is well known also that this peace has been promoted in large part by the business interests in Sri Lanka as well as by western powers. The Norwegian government has brokered this peace process and has been strongly supported by United States. Human rights and labor advocates have expressed concern that the peace not be manipulated by western business interests as well as by local ones to further undermine the rights and resources of the people. Despite the shortcomings the vast majority of Sri Lankans are happy for the end of the bloodletting and are confident that civil society can play a leading role in establishing a peace with justice for all.

Out of the Bushes – A New Racist America

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Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that one day people will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. He and millions of African Americans struggled and many spilt their own blood trying to make this dream a reality. Thanks to their efforts some measure of legal equality was created between people of different races in America. Bush and the extreme right wing regime he leads have changed that dream into a nightmare. The unelected "compassionate conservative" used the tragic events of 9-11 to impose a new dark age on America. By using the weapon of fear, Bush has managed to make even decent people look suspiciously at their neighbors. Bush has constantly pumped, over the compliant and complicit corporate media, threatening images and threatening talk that has criminalized and vilified all Muslims, Arabs and South Asian people. We are back to a time when it is official policy to be judged by your color or religion instead of by the content of your character. As such thousands of innocent Muslim people are locked up in modern day concentration camps called detention centers in the most humiliating and dangerous circumstances without even being charged or without even

legal counsel. Many have died in detention from abuse and medical neglect. The most extreme example of this anti-constitutional action by the Bush regime are the horrible concentration camps set up for Afghani prisoners in Guantanamo Bay. The prisoners have not been charged with any crime, they do not have even the basic rights afforded by international law to prisoners of war. They are kept blindfolded under floodlights night and day and tortured and experimented upon. Many human rights groups have raised an alarm about this unprecedented cruelty. We are constantly fed fear so that we will accept these barbaric practices in the name of fighting terror. But isn't this fear and aren't these actions by the Bush regime also terror? The families of 9-11 victims who have demanded an investigation into the terrorist attacks that killed their families have not gotten any answers from Bush. Indeed Bush and his gang have been readying for war ever since they illegally occupied the government. The Bush regime had the military in place to attack Afghanistan in the Summer of 2001 well before the 9-11 events. When will the victims and their families ever get any justice? Instead of justice, Bush killed thousands of innocent Afghans to add to the tragedy of 9-11. Isn't that terror, to have your house blown up from the

skies, to have the latest poisons and weapons of mass destruction, that term that Bush has drummed into our skulls, dropped on top of you when you have done nothing? Isn't that terror? Instead of justice thousands of innocent people have been rounded up right here in the US. Hundreds of businesses have been firebombed, attacked, Mosques attacked, taxi drivers beaten, women wearing veils harassed and hatred unleashed. This is terror Mr. Bush. The other side of fear is hatred and hatred is a giant stalking the streets of America today. All the social problems that people in America suffer from, unemployment, underemployment, lack of healthcare, crumbling schools, poisoned environments, all these things and the fear and insecurity they create have been rammed by the Bush witchdoctors into a hate juicer with a drop of the magic 9-11 added - where the product is pure liquid hate towards those that are different from yourself. This hate elixir knows no bounds. Indeed hate rarely does. It is raising the temperature on American streets and American homes, making husbands more intolerant towards their wives, their children, whites intolerant of blacks, blacks intolerant of Arabs, straight intolerant towards gays, the strong intolerant towards the weak, everyone intolerant towards everyone else. Isn't this a perfect

scenario for an unelected wanna be dictator, to have the people fearful and hateful of each other while he stands above like an evil spirit and sucks more money out of the economy for him and his oil boys, steals the riches of other countries, dominates and humiliates smaller nations? There was another man in the 20th century that used a nation's fear and insecurity like Bush is doing. There was another man that scapegoated a whole people for the ills affecting his country. There was another man who thought he was above the law. There was another man who thought it was his destiny to destroy and take over other nations. There was another man who spoke in the name of patriotism and blinded a whole nation to unspeakable crimes committed in their name. That man Mr. Bush is someone you have learned well from. That man Mr. Bush did not have the command of the deadliest arsenal human history has ever seen. That man Mr. Bush is you today. That man, that beast is Adolph Hitler. Seig Heil Herr Bush! Indeed a minister in the German cabinet identified you as the incarnation of this evil spirit. She had to resign for speaking the truth. All the hatred and death that you sow will come back to you Mr. Bush that is law of the universe. You will end up like your master Adolf. Despised by all humanity and made an example to all of what not to be.

Hamas, Created and Supported by Israel

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Have you heard of that old saying: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend?" Day after day, innocent Palestinian and Israeli men, women, and children must face a vast amount of violence and death. Who is to blame? Is it the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)? Hamas? Or is it the Israeli government?

Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer made a connection between Hamas and Israel's promotion of Hamas to oppose the PLO. In 1978, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the leader of Hamas, legally registered this organization in Israel. This funding was an attempt to weaken support for the PLO. A State official stated that Israel 'would rather incite terrorism than to terminate it.

Hamas' goal is to establish an Islamic state in place of Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed to fight terrorism and depicted this time to be "the deadliest" group. Failing to mention that though now Israel and Hamas are in combat with one another, beginning in the late 1970s, Tel Aviv supported Hamas financially throughout several years.

David Langsam, a Jewish American wrote an article this year saying

"What is a Jew with a moral conscience meant to do in these dark days of "Arik" Sharon's Palestinian putsch?

Should I remain silent - as Pastor Neimoller said he did - as we watch the climbing toll of Israeli and Palestinian civilians, journalists and peace activists?

Do I keep my mouth shut as we witness the amazingly disproportionate use of force by the

Israeli Defence Forces against what are essentially the wrong targets?

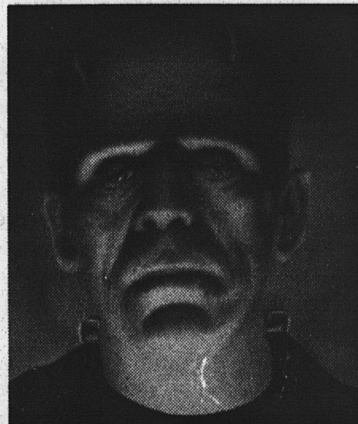
Does anyone want to know - or would they care - that more Israelis have died in Sharon's 15 months as prime minister than all his predecessors combined back to 1982, when he, again, was responsible for a very large number of Israeli deaths?

Is it "breaking ranks" to be Jewish and to criticise Israel's terrible government now that Israel has unilaterally declared war on the Palestinian Authority? Or is standing up for what is right still seen as a positive attribute?

I know that by this paragraph, somewhere a pro-Israel lobbyist will be reaching for his or her keyboard to accuse me of being an anti-Semite, or a self-hating Jew, or a traitor. Some will reach for their telephones to deliver hate messages to my 85-year-old father - that's always an easy way to respond.

Am I to be intimidated by the pro-Israeli extreme right just because Israel is wrong?

While Sharon spends much of his nation's resources fighting the Palestinian Authority, the facts are that most of the terrorist suicide bombings have been by Hamas and/or the smaller Islamic Jihad. And just as George Bush's Taliban and al Qaeda were funded by his father, the fledgling Hamas was funded during the first intifada by the Israeli security service Shin Bet, under the guidance of prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and defence minister Yitzhak Rabin, with the aim of dividing Palestinians and creating an alternative to the



Israel's Frankenstein

PLO. Some alternative."

An interview with Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President and PLO, was featured in an Italian Daily called Corriere della Sera on December 11. During this interview, Arafat said, "We are doing everything to stop the violence. But Hamas is a creature of Israel, which at the time of Prime Minister [Yitzhak] Shamir, gave them money and more than 700 institutions, among them schools, universities, and mosques. Even

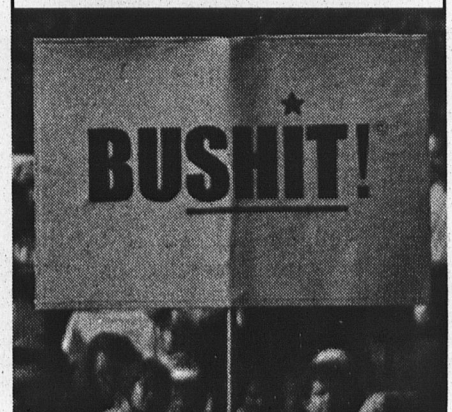
Rabin ended up admitting it, when I charged him with it, in the presence of Mubarak." In another Italian daily called L'Espresso, Arafat also states that this support from Israel was aimed against the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Israel funded Hamas financially, as well as training them.

Just as Israel funded Hamas, Papa Bush funded Taliban, al Qaeda, and Saddam Hussein. Which brings us to issue number two. The U.S. claims it wants to bring freedom and democracy to the Iraqi people. How do we expect the Iraqi people or any Arab people to support the U.S. in this war when the U.S. supports Israel, as well as the monarchies and dictatorships in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait? This is called hypocrisy. If past actions of the United States government showed that it is truly in want of promoting democracy, then Arabs around the world would support America and fight for this cause as well. Fact is, America wants to go to war with Iraq to protect Israel, dominate the oil, and govern the law in Iraq and eventually attack Iran. America wants to put sanctions and bomb Iraq because they claim that Iraq might have "weapons of mass destruction." While Israel kills Palestine and violates UN resolutions, they too have weapons of mass destruction.

How can Israel label Palestinians as terrorists when they created Hamas? How can America label Saddam as a terrorist when they trained him to help them fight against Iran? The real question is, do we create a person or organization for our own personal use, and when we are finished with them, destroy them?



On October 6, 2002
40,000 New Yorkers Came
out to a Rally in Central
Park to tell George W.
Bush and the American
Government, Not in Our
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Abner Louima Rapist Let Loose

We Need a New Civil Rights Movement

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In February, during Black History Month, a month that celebrates African American struggle against racism, inequality, segregation and police brutality, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder were acquitted in the Abner Louima torture case. Charles Schwarz was also set free and will have a new trial. This shows that people of color, victims of police brutality, murder, torture and rape, have no justice in the U.S. courts even after the civil rights movement. Imagine four cops sticking a broken broom in a your rectum, rupturing your bladder and damaging other organs, taking it out and shoving it down your mouth or four cops spot you late one night coming home from work and decide to shoot forty-one times at you, hitting you nineteen times all over your body and being set free as men doing their jobs protecting and serving the community.

If this were to happen to you or your child how would you feel if these killers and rapist were set free. If these men weren't police officers and were regular Americans or your next door neighbors and they did this, you would probably say that these men are sick and should go to jail maybe some will even say give them the death penalty. However, because these men are policemen it means everything they do is right.

This case is similar to the exposure of hundreds of Catholic Priest who are now under investigation of molesting and raping little children. If these men weren't "respected and religious" priest

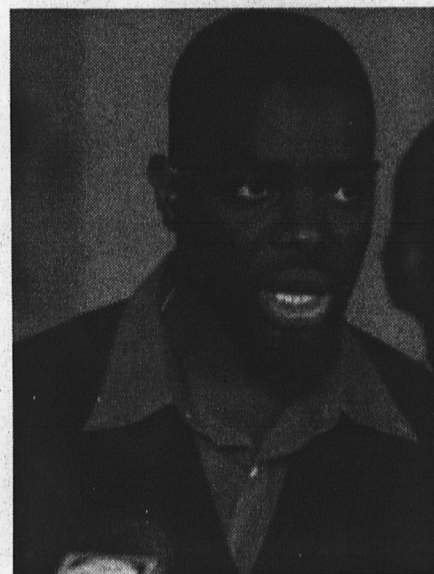
no parent would leave their boy or girl with these strangers. The only reason parents leave their children with these repressed supposed celebrate men is because of the religion and community that says don't worry, these men are good trustful men who help the community. People should not be foolish and put their trust in institutions that have continuously betrayed the community.

Justin Volpe, the grand wizard of the torture of Louima is spending thirty years in jail. The other cops are trying to put the blame only on Volpe so they can clear themselves. No one should have a doubt that the other three cops weren't involved in the rape. To all the people who truly believe that Volpe was the only accomplice, I ask this question. Can one man truly hold you, strip you naked and stick a broken broom in your backside without you pushing, kicking, screaming, shaking and doing everything in your strength to stop this testosterone driven maniac who has the backing of the state?

The Courts of Appeals on February 28, overturned the conviction of Charles Schwarz over a technicality. The appeals court found the jury was "improperly exposed" to outside information during it's deliberation and because Schwarz's lawyer had a conflict of interest. Whether or not this is true the evidence clearly proves that Schwarz was hand in hand with Volpe in committing this rape.

Four witnesses, three of them cops said Schwarz was in the bathroom during the torture. Louima says the man

who helped Volpe torture him was the same man who drove him to the precinct. This was also backed up by the testimony of Desk Sergeant Jeffrey Fallon as well as Eric Turtitsky that also said it was Schwarz who took Louima to search him. At Schwarz's sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Nikerson defined Schwarz "active role in the offense". Having been ordered to



take Louima to a holding cell, Nickerson wrote "Schwarz took him instead in the direction of the bathroom with Louima's pants and underwear below his knees. Once inside Schwarz put his foot on Louima's mouth to silence him when he cried after Justin Volpe kicked him in the groin, and than lifted him by the handcuffs and held him in the position while Volpe sodomized him".

This is nothing new that cops have committed murder, torture, rape and other crimes and have gotten away with it. 13 years old Nicholas Heyward Jr. was killed in 1994 by police while playing cops and robbers with his friends in the housing complex where he lived in. Anthony Baez 29, was killed that same year by an illegal chokehold in the Bronx after his football accidentally hit a patrol car. Hilton Vega 21 and Anthony Rosario 18 were killed in the Bronx in 1995 while lying faced down on the floor. Yong Xin Huang 16 years old Brooklyn honors student was shot in the head by a police officer in 1995. The only officer serving time for these killings is Francis X. Livoti, Baez's killer. First his charges were dismissed and he was acquitted by a judge in a non-jury trial. He was finally indicted in 1998 to a sentence of 7 and a half years. This was a direct result of continued pressure by Baez's family, community members and many activist.

The United States needs a new Civil Rights Movement to incorporate the struggles of all oppressed groups in the United States. African Americans need to get together with Muslim, Arabs and South Asians to defend their civil liberties especially in these times. The police, FBI and CIA have been given authority to spy on people, wiretap your phones and arrest you without charge just like the hundreds of Muslims, Arabs and South Asians being detained in U.S. jails without any charges. This new movement must come together to fight racism and racial profiling and challenge the state, courts and police force.

Of Cops and Courts

Commentary by Mumia Abu-Jamal

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

Several of the cops convicted in connection with the vicious, brutal, terrorist assault on Abner Louima in a Brooklyn police precinct have been graciously granted their freedom by a U.S. appeals court recently. Citing insufficient evidence, and the ineffectiveness of trial counsel, the state's highest federal tribunal reversed the convictions of Charles Schwarz, Thomas Bruder and Thomas Wiese on conspiracy and civil rights charges.

The Abner Louima case, as many are aware, was a case of unmitigated savagery, when police wrongfully arrested a young Black man outside a night club--allegedly for assaulting a cop--rushed him, manacled, to a police station in Brooklyn and there pulled him down and rammed a broomstick up his backside, and then took the bloody, feces-covered stick and plunged it down his throat, shattering his teeth along the way.

That such a devilish act of torture, twisted hatred, and violence took place at all in modern-day America is telling of the state of police-community relations in New York. That it happened in a well-traveled police station house and no one, to this date, has ever come forward as a witness is an indictment that even this high august court cannot withdraw.

No one heard his scream.

No one saw his attackers beat, pummel, or brutalize him.

No one. Not one cop. In a place swarming with cops. Far be it from this writer to suggest that the cops should somehow have less constitutional rights than the average Joe. The point is, however, that they have considerably more!

When cops get busted, it often happens only after a grand jury has charged them. Average folks have a bill of information filed against them.

When they do go to trial, they are represented by the best legal talent that

money can buy, often paid by their local lodge. Average folks must scrape the money together to pay for a lawyer, or accept the services of a public defender.

If they are convicted--which is exceedingly rare--it is usually on lesser offenses. Far rarer still are they charged with the more serious crimes. If sentenced, they get moderate terms. Average folks are deluged with charges, and receive heavy sentences.

And even in the unlikely event that they are harshly sentenced, there are a plethora of cases where cops who have stolen, lied on the stand, been corrupt or brutal, have had their sentences cut by judges who are not known for their leniency towards the average accused.

From the barbaric LAPD brutes, to the thieves of the infamous 39th District in Philadelphia, to those who aided or abetted the sick and deprived terrorist attack on a Black Haitian in Brooklyn's police precinct, judges have been openly solicitous of their every right, for, truth be told, they are ever brothers, under the

robe/uniform, who look out for each other.



Abner Louima

by Stephan Smith

Early one morning when the sun was down
Flatbush part of New York town
Hey ho there ain't no foe
All one body got to heal and grow

Abner Louima his name
This is how he came to fame
When a club closed for the night
People broke into a fight
Justin Volpe policeman
Brought to the ground by an unknown man
Hey ho there ain't no foe
All one body got to heal and grow

Volpe grabbed Louima why
Said he was just standing by
Beat him in the car to the seven-o
Put him in a cell for an hour or so
Then grab him from his holding cell
And do to him what no tongue can tell
Hey ho ain't no foe
All one body got to heal and grow

Some say hate's what caused this crime
Some say Giuliani time
But blame hate or mayor or blame police
All of us must hold the peace
Hey ho ain't no foe
All one body on the judgement day

I asked Louima how he feels
All he says is time to heal
Hey ho ain't no foe
All one body got to heal and grow

So Abner in the hospital for a while
Four policemen bound for trial
Near ten thousand marched today
Some set to fight and some to pray
So I asked my mama here's what she says
All one people on the judgement day
Hey ho there ain't no foe
All one body got to heal and grow

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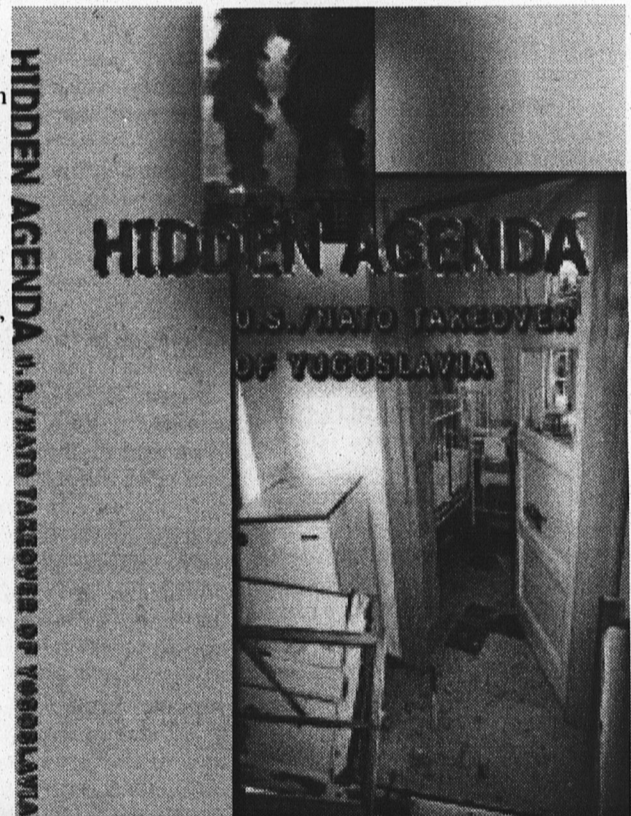
This book presents evidence gathered by dozens of nongovernmental hearings in 1999 and 2000 that NATO countries engaged in a decade-long conspiracy to foment war in Yugoslavia in order to split it up.

Now NATO has military bases all over the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. They are the Roman legions for Western transnational corporations and Big Oil.

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BUILD A UNITED ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT TO: FIGHT THE BOSSES, NOT THEIR WAR!

ROY ROLLINS

The main reason that George Bush can wage war on both working people here and overseas is because he not only gets a blank check from his alleged "opponents" in the Democratic party to do so but because that check comes co-signed by those supposedly looking out for the interests of America's workers and minorities, the AFL-CIO trade union bureaucracy and the middle class misleaders of the Black community. All of them are far more loyal to the Democratic party in particular and US imperialism in general than they are to the interests of their members and supporters. After all, workers and Black people have little to gain and hell of a lot to lose if Bush continues to get his way and can wage war anywhere and everywhere he chooses to do so.

Indeed, they already have lost a lot, which is one of the reasons why Bush needs "endless war" in the first place...to distract those who live and work on Main Street from what goes on Wall Street. Jobs, wages, living standards and civil liberties, already savaged even before 9/11, will all be amongst the casualties along with the mainly minority youth in the armed forces. Organized labor is already being challenged by Bush and Ridge as they go after the ILWU, threatening them with an army of scabs brought in from the military if they should go on strike. The radical youth in the movements against globalization, the death penalty and police brutality, who were amongst the first to oppose Bush's ongoing war on the world as well, would thus appear to have some rather large, and powerful allies, whose material interests should push them together into a massive anti-war movement. Indeed, the potential to go beyond the campuses to the ghettos and to the factories and offices exists even more today than it did at the start of the movement against the war in Vietnam.

Yet AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney, seen by some as a radical, has taken just the opposite path. He didn't spare a second in offering his support for the war drive after 9/11 calling off union participation in a scheduled anti-globalization demonstration in Washington. Of course Sweeney was fully aware of the fact that the bosses were not about to call off globalization out of deference to 9/11. Nor has he mobilized the power of organized labor against the endemic of corporate corruption that has cost thousands of workers their jobs and life savings. No doubt he knows that the workers he claims to represent are paying for this passivity while the bosses he doesn't even pretend to oppose are laughing all the way to bank with those payments. No doubt, he will do the same thing when it comes to Iraq. For while the AFL-CIO seems to have a hard time when it comes to opposing the right wing regime in the White

House, they had no such qualms when it came to working with it against the left-wing regime in Venezuela. Of course, this same John Sweeney stood by Bill Clinton and Al Gore for eight years while they pushed through NAFTA, ended welfare as we know it cut spending on social services and raised the Pentagon budget even higher than the admirals and generals asked for. Sweeney also had no problems with Clinton's bombing of Iraq every time he got caught with his dick in someone's mouth or with his starving Iraqis with sanctions throughout his term in office.

Now Sweeney has the audacity to complain that the bosses are not doing their fair share, while workers are making all the sacrifices. But why should they when they have leaders like Sweeney around who they can count on to keep the workers in line. Thus instead of mobilizing the ranks of the AFL-CIO for militant mass action against the government Sweeney himself accuses of waging corporate warfare against working people, not to mention forming a labor party based upon the unions he leads, Sweeney is getting ready to yet again support pro-labor politicians come election day...even though he himself admits they pay just lip service to the needs of the workers.

Needless to say, these same politicians pay a lot more than lip service to the military industrial complex and the oligarchy in Washington and on Wall Street, since both Democrats and Republicans are falling over each other when it comes to banging the drums for war.

The same goes for those Black politicians, both inside and outside of the halls of Congress, who, while opposing this or that aspect of the war drive, have given it their overall support, urging Black people to once again die overseas for freedoms that they still don't enjoy over here. Even those Black politicians who oppose the war have failed to mobilize their constituencies against it due to their loyalty to the Democratic party. This applies to some of the most outspoken Black elected officials as well.

Targeted by both the Zionist mafia and the New Democrat leadership clique, they still refuse to wake up and smell the roses and break with the Democrats even though the Democrats have broken with them! Yet they all have the nerve to claim to stand in the tradition Martin Luther King, who actively opposed the war in Vietnam, and even Malcolm X, who bitterly opposed any support to the Democrats.

Then there are those in the anti-globalization and anti-war movements who follow the lead of the Democrats and the their labor lieutenants and who are thus more concerned with opposing America's enemies than they are in opposing the American ruling classes wars. For many of them, professional movement

bureaucrats and perennial coalition kingpins, other radicals, to their left, are the main enemy, not the US government. Some urge caution and preach responsibility and respectability while the government and the bosses act recklessly and irresponsibly with workers lives and

providing revolutionaries actively intervene in the process. The problem is that they prevent, in practice, any kind of common action to begin with. In other words, it is the sectarianism of the pro-capitalist elements within the left that creates the biggest obstacle to building the broadest

possible anti-war movement. Those who are adversely affected by the bosses wars need to come together to actively oppose them...with or without leaders who have a vested interest in the preservation of the status quo and regardless of what political differences they may have on other issues or even on how to oppose the war. Such differences can be debated on within the movement so that all concerned can see for themselves which strategy is the most effective.



living standards both at home and abroad. Others peddle illusions in the UN, as if cluster bombs and depleted uranium that come with a UN, rather than a US, logo affixed to them, make a difference to those that they're being dropped on. Lest we forget, the UN gave its blessing to the starvation sanctions that have killed over a million Iraqis...and many on the liberal left followed in their footsteps at the time of the first Gulf war. This time around they're falling for the bait of weapons inspection, as if that was the real reason the US wants war any more than terrorism was in Afghanistan or human rights was in Kosovo. Finally, others have tried to distance the struggle against war from the struggle against globalization, separating politics from economics the same way reformists have always done by claiming that the "nation state" no longer matters in an age of global capitalism. As if the American ruling class and its armed forces weren't trying to make the world safe for American corporations...not just at the expense of Afghanistan or Iraq but at the expense of their imperialist rivals as well.

In the sixties, they had a saying for people like that: if they're not part of the solution, then they're part of the problem. The problem is not just that their reformist, ie, pro-capitalist, politics, disarms and disorients anti-war activists as to who their real enemies are and what actions need to be taken against them. That can be overcome in the course of common action against the common enemy,

Only those who have little, or no, confidence in their own political perspectives fear such a democratic discussion of them taking place. Those who want to go half the way with the USA and stay within the good graces of the Democrats need to make up their minds. Either oppose the war with the rest of us or get out of our way, pack up and join their pals like Christopher Hitchens and Todd Gitlin aboard the Bush bandwagon.

Over the past few years, millions of workers and youth around the world have already found out that capitalism, which places power, privilege and profit for a few over and above anything and everything else is the problem. War is endemic to such a system, which must expand or die; imperialist war is the continuation of globalization by other means. Building a militant mass anti-war movement of working people and their allies is not only the best way to stop the wars waged overseas but is the best way to help end those being waged at home against American working people as well. Ultimately, that means putting an end to the system that causes both of them in the first place. Only to do that, workers and their allies need a political party of, by and for themselves so that they can take the power and finally have the peace and prosperity that they so rightly deserve rather than the woe of war that both bosses parties have on their agenda. For if capitalism is the problem, socialism remains the solution.

THE NEW COLONIALISM: BUSH CONTINUES WHERE THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND LEFT OFF

VIMUKTHI JAYADEVA

"The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist. McDonald's cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley's technologies to flourish is called theanistan. Suddenly turning against the Islamic warriors Bush Sr. and Reagan nurtured in the 1980s in Afghanistan, Bush Jr. branded the country a "terrorist haven" and proceeded to use the latest and deadliest weapons of mass destruction to kill thousands of poor, helpless Afghanis and then turn it into an American colony. Bush installed a puppet regime in Kabul, upheld solely by the presence of American and NATO troops. Indeed, under the cover of ousting the Taliban and hunting Bin Laden, Bush set up military bases all over Central Asia - formerly part of the Soviet Union and known to hold the largest reserves of untapped oil and gas in the world. While American led troops are still busy hunting Afghani's Bush has turned his sights again to Iraq. Without any reasonable justification, Bush has declared it his aim to conquer Iraq. His term is "regime change". If and when Bush has his way with Iraq, kills thousands more innocents and implants a puppet government in Iraq he will not stop there. He has already threatened Iran and North Korea, calling them part of an "axis of evil" and has listed some 60 other countries as terrorist havens. If this were not real one would think one was listening to a bad Hanna-Barbara cartoon from the 1970s. Increasingly the language of the Bush administration and the big corporate capitalist interests they represent is dismissive of truth and facts. The most preposterous allegations can be made such as Iraq being a threat to America. This is in fact the opposite of the truth. America has killed a million and a half Iraqis since 1991 through bombings and sanctions. Whatever military capacity Iraq had in 1990, which was miniscule compared to America's, was destroyed. Iraq has since been divided into three zones, a northern and southern zone that the Americans effectively control through air power and the center, around the capital Baghdad, where trade sanctions have crippled the economy. Not only is Iraq not a threat, the Iraqi people particularly the very old, the very young and pregnant mothers are dying from lack of basic medicine denied to them through the American trade embargo. Iraq needs help not more death.

Bush's war on terrorism had targeted a so called terror network known as Al Qaeda, whose supposed mastermind is the bearded turbaned Islamic warrior Osama Bin Laden who together were planning the end of the world or something to that effect. Suddenly, the most

progressive, non religious regime in the Middle East, Iraq, is being connected to them by the Bush regime. It is well known that Islamic fundamentalists are enemies of the Iraqi regime and that in fact the American's were the ones who were busy sponsoring religious terror outfits through the 70s and 80s as way of fighting secular nationalist and communist movements in Central Asia and the Middle East. Indeed Osama Bin Laden was on the CIA payroll in Afghanistan in the 1980's. The US and their royal allies - the Saudi's, were the masterminds behind organizing mercenary armies to fight god-less communism. But truth as they say is the first casualty of war.

So what then are the objectives of the Bush regime? They have openly stated their intention to be the only superpower in the world. The Bush regime has shown its contempt for international law and cooperation by flouting the ABM - anti-ballistic missile treaty, the Kyoto Protocol - aiming to reduce greenhouse emissions, the International Criminal Court and the list continues. The UN itself has been openly regarded by Bush as something that must follow his diktat in order to "stay relevant". Now, who is the rogue state?! What kind of peace and security can a man who has no regard for anyone else's but his own opinion bring us? Not peace - but endless war. Not security - but endless fear and terror. This is the world that Bush is creating. This is the world that his father inaugurated as the New World Order. This is a world safe only for big corporations - the big oil companies, big military companies and big media companies.

"In the past 10 years, the world's total income has increased by an average of 2.5% a year. And yet the numbers of the poor in the world has increased by 100 million. Of the top 100 biggest economies, 51 are corporations, not countries. The top 1% of the world has the same combined income as the bottom 57%, and the disparity is growing. Now, under the spreading canopy of the war against terror, this process is being hustled along. The men in suits are in an unseemly hurry. While bombs rain down, contracts are being signed, patents registered, oil pipelines laid, natural resources plundered, water privatized and democracies undermined."

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the balance of power in the world shifted completely to American Capitalism. Now the project of western domination of the world which was interrupted by the Russian Revolution of 1917 which called on the workers and oppressed of all lands to unite, is continuing again. The colonies, the slaves of the world that broke from their chains, if even only partially, are being recolonized again. The British Empire

has melded into the Anglo-American Empire, with Britain as a junior partner, adviser and cheerleader. The British had tried three times to conquer Afghanistan and failed. This time Americas has, for now, completed the job.

The former Soviet Union, its outermost republics in the south, in Central Asia - Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, now are occupied by American troops, its former republics in the west - the Baltic states have been absorbed into the American military fold through NATO. The former socialist countries of Eastern Europe - Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, have been absorbed into the American Empire. What is seen here from the perspective of geography is a hectic eastward expansion of US imperialist power. From the same perspective we see a Russia that is surrounded on its western, southern and eastern flanks by the American military. Of course in the Far East, at least 100,000 American troops are firmly implanted in bases across Japan and the Korean peninsula - a legacy of WW2 and the Korean war. In South Asia, the US military is based in Pakistan and the waters of the Indian Ocean. India which tilted towards the Soviets during the Cold War is now engaged in joint military exercises with the US military. The Indian bourgeoisie, its finger up to the wind, has opted to voluntarily reattach its slave chains. What other independent world power is left - China!

China is much poorer economically and militarily than the US but its large landmass, its 1.2 billion people and its small but effective nuclear arsenal draw the world conquering types in Washington inexorably like a giant moth to a distant flame. China too like Russia is surrounded by the US military through its bases in Taiwan, Japan, Korea and its newly established bases in Central Asia. China unlike Russia is still ruled by the Communist Party. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has attempted to navigate the treacherous waters that saw many other CP's drown, by opening up its economy, if only partially to western investment, while maintaining a tight grip on political power. The Chinese strategy has worked so far neutralizing American aggression by appealing to the greed of American capitalism. This course has allowed them to stand while the Soviet Union collapsed. However the final objective of the US rulers is for the CCP to go the way of the Soviet Union.

The threat of war against Iraq is an integral part of this strategy of eastward expansion to China. Oil makes the modern world go around. Who controls it, well, controls the world. The Europeans and other countries are heavily dependent of Iraqi and Middle Eastern oil. US military hegemony in the Middle East

will effectively make Europe and other countries vassals of the US immediately. The Europeans, particularly its largest member state - Germany, see this writing on the wall and have opposed taking any part in the US attempt to take control of what is indeed their oil supply.

The threat of war against Iraq is also a threat of war against China and any other country that is not "with us". In the case of Iraq, it had no choice; it was set up and targeted to be an example. The ways of the old American South and its lynching culture are still alive and well in the Bush gangs policies. The only choice given the states and people of the world is complete submission to US demands and even that might not be good enough. The British Empire never had it this good.

So what does Bush's Global War for World Domination mean for ordinary Americans? Indeed it means something very different from what it means for extraordinary Americans like the 1 percent of billionaires that Bush represents. For the top 1 percent Bush's war is a wet dream, it's their wildest fantasy come to life. For the rest of America, Bush's Empire is already turning out to be a disaster. Workers will have almost zero leverage to bargain for wages and benefits as the whole world is transformed into a cheap labor pool for American corporations. A global NAFTA is a mild metaphor. Bush's use of anti-worker legislation like Taft Hartley which he used to force west coast longshoremen back to work without a contract is a sign of things to come. The police state measures being taken, gross violations of the constitution too many to list but including - roundups and detention of targeted minorities, spying, infringements on free speech and assembly will expand till the Bill of Rights is just a relic in a museum, like Native American artifacts. Fear and terror have and will continue to become the operating principle of daily life in the Bush family's New World Order, not hope and opportunity. Unemployment will continue to rise, temporary labor will replace organized labor and the American Dream will be an insecure, overworked, underpaid, unfree, terrorized nightmare.

The above scenario as we said is the objective of Bush and the 1 percent that he represents. Thank heavens there are the other 99 percent in America and the rest of the world. The people of the world know what Bush is up to even if some of their leaders are too afraid to say anything and increasingly the people of America are waking up to the fact that the real terrorist, the real threat to their peace and freedom is right here in the White House in Washington DC.

"His
Love"

I cried out at Him
I screamed at Him
but all the while, I felt His Love

I cursed at Him
I blamed Him
but all the while, I felt His Love

I disobeyed Him
I did not worship Him
but all the while, I felt His Love

He touched my hand
He touched my heart
and all the while, I felt His Love

He carried me
He held my hand
and all the while, I felt His Love

He listened to me
He advised me
and all the while, I felt His Love

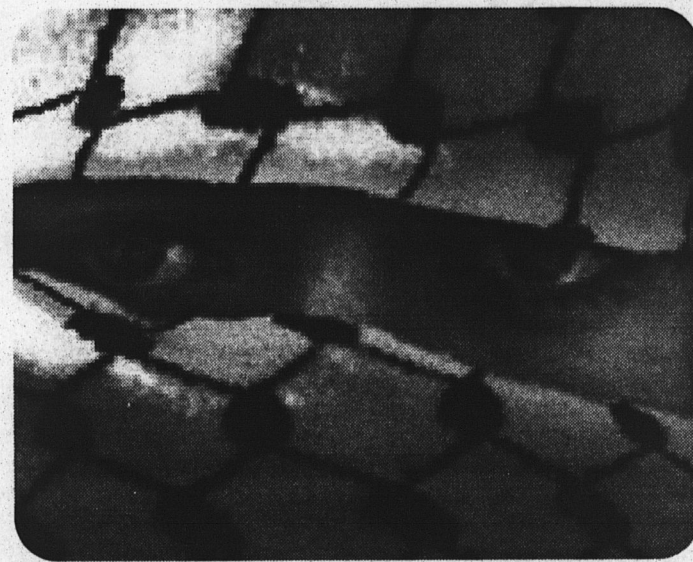
I felt His Love
And that's the greatest feeling
I felt God's Love

"Betrayal"

You will look me in the eye and say that you love me
You will say my name on the lips that curse me
You will hold my hand with the hand that kills me
You will embrace me with the heart that hates me

"You"

You
what do you see
do you see me as I am
from behind your eyes
do you see a shape of a woman
You
can you accept my singing lips
my striking eyes
You
tell me what you see
your vision of me is surely
stronger than this mirror
you see me, see me
You
acknowledge me



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Who could've foreseen in you I'd
Find that place I've longed for-
For you are a raindrop that nourishes
The greens of the earth
You are the sunlight that brightens
The blue of the sky
You are the smile that crosses
My lips
You are the angel
That guides me in the shadows of dark
I found myself reborn on the day
Our souls intertwined.

"He Was A Love That Never Was"

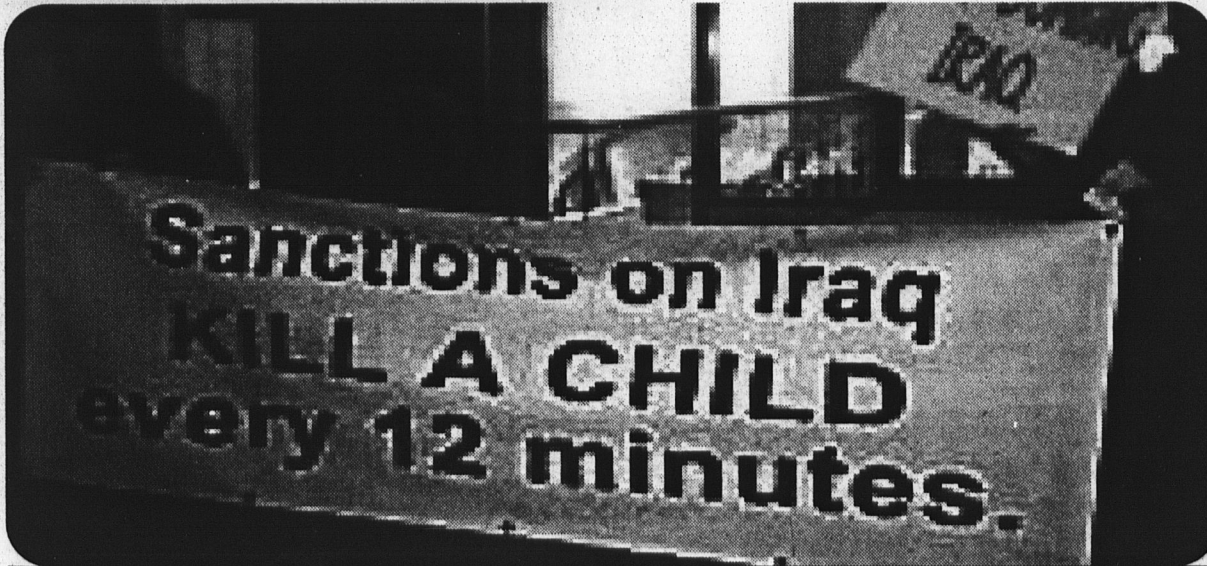
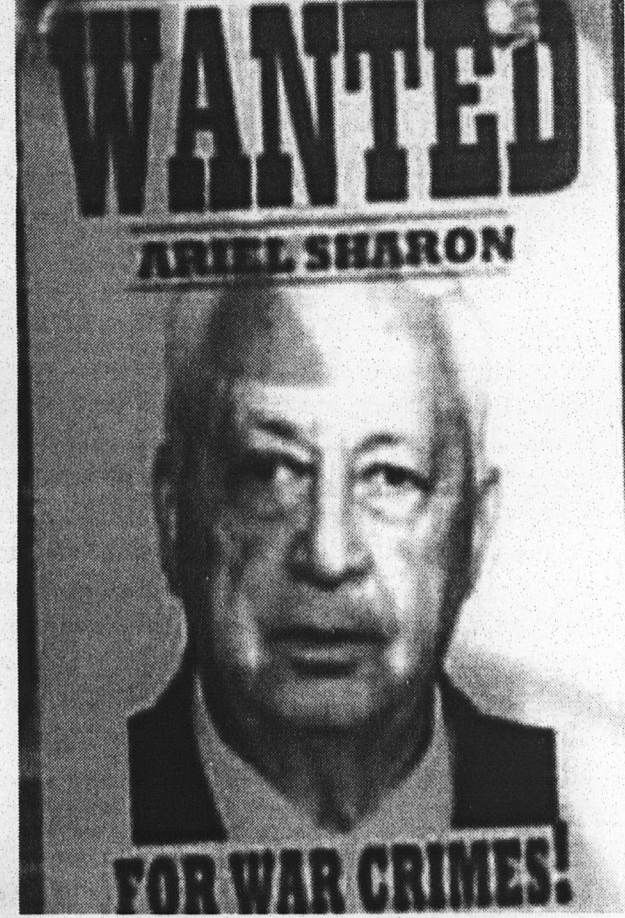
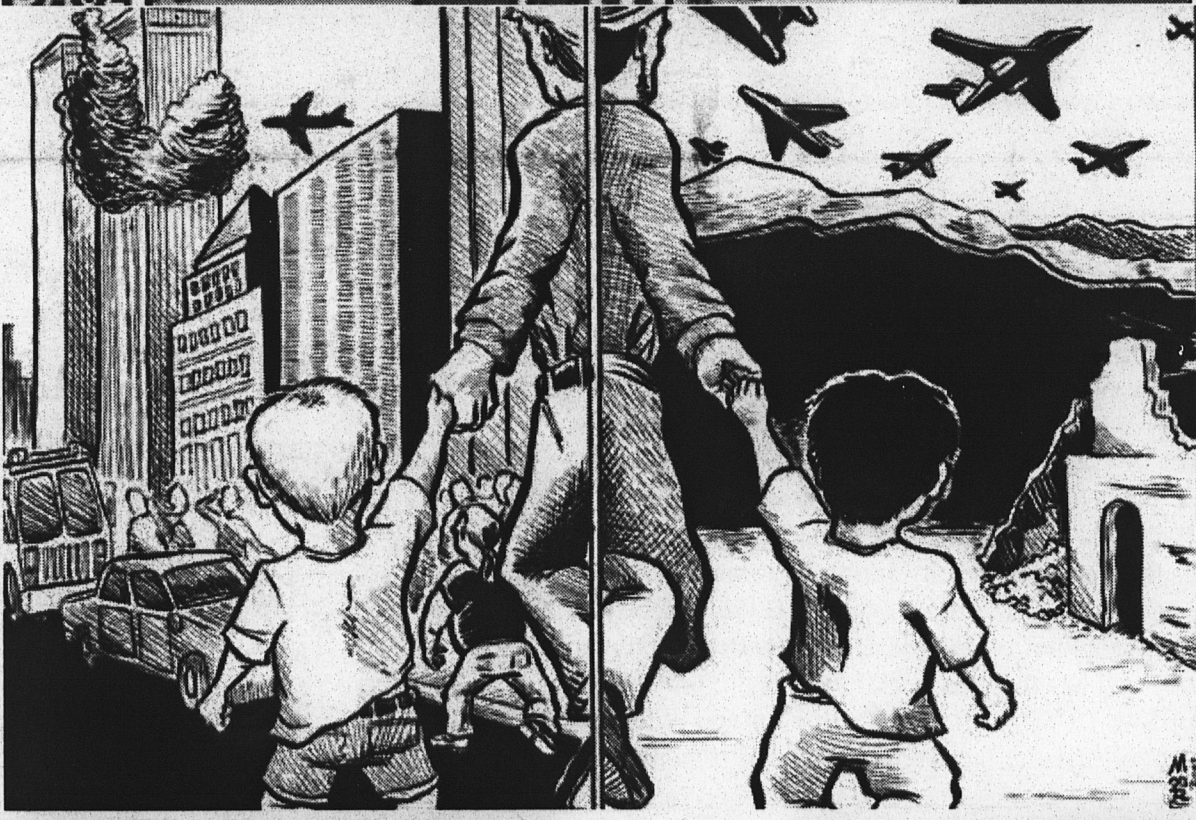
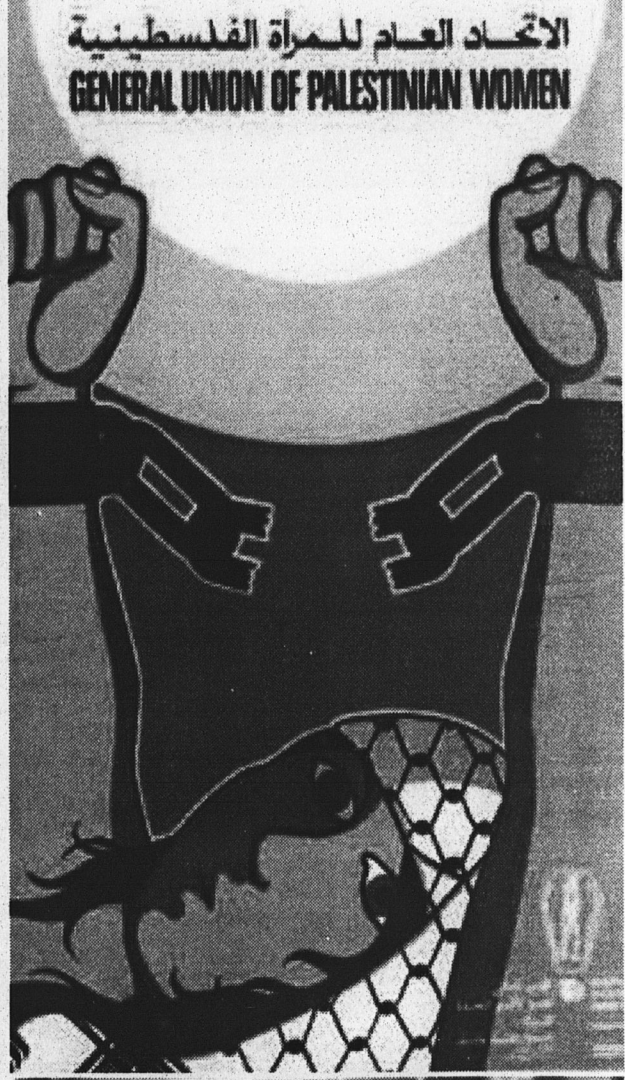
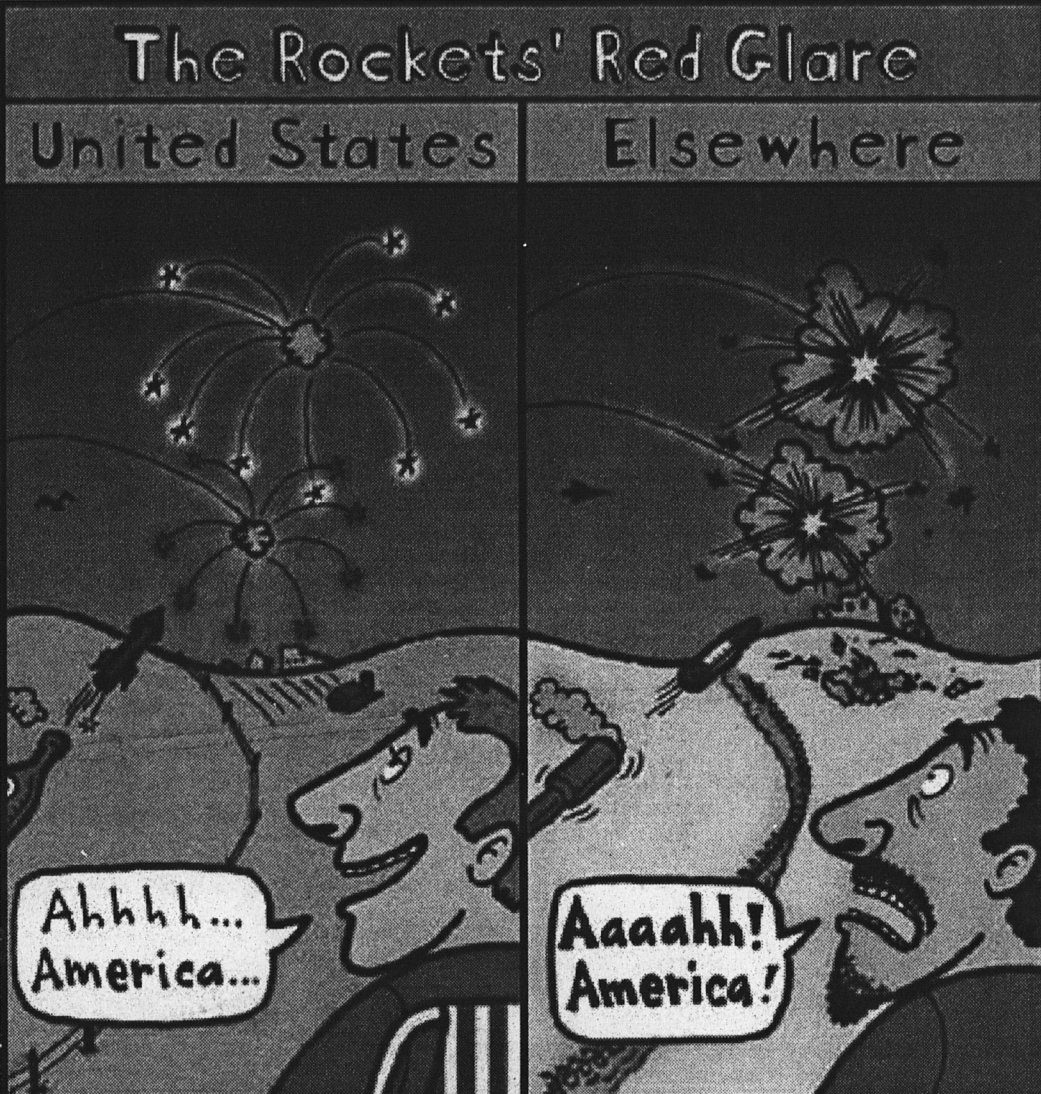
He was a love that never was
A memory that never was
A life that never was
A dream I had he was
A fantasy he had become
A song I could sing
A game I can never win
He was a love that never was
I cried for this love
I hated this love
I needed this love
I worshiped this love
This love, a love that never was
Ha had become my imagination
In time of illumination
My heart full of bliss
Looking in the eyes that were his
But he was a love that never was
A lost cause
In time of need, he was not there
In time of despair, he wasn't fair
He laughed at my honesty
Made me feel this humility
This love that never was

Poetry by Shereen Kandil

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WHO ARE THE WARRIORS OF TODAY? RADICAL YOUTH AND REVOLUTIONISTS IN THE AGE OF IMPENDING NUCLEAR WARFARE AND AGM- STANDARD ARM MISSILES

BASA ANDERE

We are a nation founded by revolutionaries. If the free radicals and freedom fighters of yesterday had not accepted their call to change, the history of America would have amounted to a mass of fugitive colonies. But who are the warriors of today? Our youth—who are they and where are their faces? They are hidden and shrouded behind masks of consumer ethics, hyperconformitivism, and wars they cannot truly understand fought in their name. The call to change is imperative when you are the future and no one is fighting for you. The food we put to our lips is poisoned by genetically engineered crops, bovine growth hormones in our milk, and E.Coli infected meat. The clothes we wear are handmade by sweatshop slaves in El Salvador, Haiti, and Indonesia. We are now tourists not travelers and we reside in comfort with potted plants in our homes to replace the forests of Brazil, which McDonalds has set to work on depleting. The land we inhabit, a nation who first fought the "war on crime" by turning their guns on its own poor and

disparate, now wages its "war on terrorism," which appears to embody any form of revolutionist tactics or soldiers of change. Today an act of terrorism only exists within the boundaries of media, or the image of the act itself. If not for CNN they remain only fits of meaningless cruelty. Quick to advertise its mission to bring down and defeat a "Hitler" of the Middle East, but succeeding only in pursuing its interest in oil enterprises and banks, who is fighting for you? Since in our country our vote is meaningless and gains us little by way of power and influence, except perhaps scandalous bickering amongst our "leaders," we fight for ourselves.

To be in hot pursuit of our own desires makes us criminals; our want for revolution—forbidden and illegal. Our manias are shunned by civilization, our code of ethics: WRONG. We must search for an alternative media because in America we are no longer objective and little even reaches the media unless it is commodified first. We must search for an alternative existence because truly we are now commodities as well. The involvement of youth in revolutionary

movements remains our final golden thread of hope in regaining what's left of our freedom. If we are being arrested and persecuted let our rights be written on our hearts, where true revolution is conceived. The wars are here in the streets and they are being fought against us. We are, without radical youth, without an army. Let's rewrite the Amendments in our blood as a subculture of genius bearing subterranean instinct. If not for our youth then who would resist this regime? The notion that one can be different, revolutionary even, should incite those few to chalk messages across the streets, participate in civil disobedience, walk into their town's most prestigious corporations during its busiest hours, take a shit on the floor, then leave. This is a

call to every fugitive youth to react to the grievances done by our government with courage and resistance. We still live in a nation that annihilates entire peoples on foreign soil in the name of its own special brand of "freedom." Who are we? We are the youth in revolt, we are revolution.



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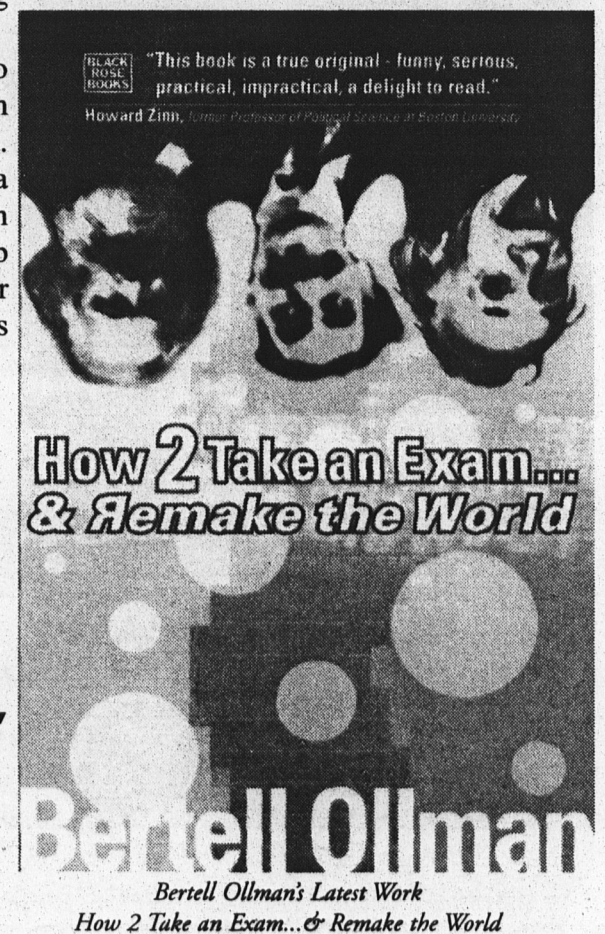
"How To Take An Exam And Remake The World" by Bertell Ollman

If you are looking for a great guide to taking those dreaded standardized exams that is not as thick as a dictionary and even more boring, then Professor Ollman's book is for you. In addition to giving you great tips on exam taking from the mind of an educator who has been giving exams to students for several decades now, this book will teach you an awful lot about capitalist society, all packaged in a easy to read and humorous style. The book is full of rare and hilarious cartoons from the labor movement and elsewhere that help to animate the many points the professor is making. Personally, this writer found this book of great use in preparing for the GRE exam (both in improving my technique and improving my morale) and raising my score considerably from my first attempt.

Professor Ollman, teaches Political Science at NYU and is dearly loved by all students who have come to know him. His open door and his big smile and willingness to engage students with dignity and forthrightness is appreciated by students from all over the city and from around the world. He has written many books including, *Dialectical Investigations*, and *Alienation*, is the creator of a Milton Bradley board game called *Class Struggle* and is author of countless articles. Bertell Ollman is a man who is unafraid to stand up for the underdog and has the intellectual integrity to not to wrap himself up in the every passing academic fashion. *How To Take An Exam* will help you with your grades and help you better understand yourself and your place in the world. Get it and pass it on, its radical.

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10 Reasons Not To Bomb Iraq

1. Iraq has done nothing to the United States or its people.
2. Thousands of Iraqi civilians will die. We must honor innocent life after 9-11.
3. A million and a half Iraqi people have already died as a result of US bombs and US sanctions since 1991.
4. Iraq is a sovereign nation like the US and its people must be allowed to determine their own destiny.
5. Iraq is a poor third world country with no significant weaponry compared to the US or even Israel.
6. Iraqi chemical weapons were provided by US and European companies and the US approved of their use in 1988 because the US wanted to destroy Iran at the time.
7. It is a cover by the Bush regime to take over the oil resources of Iraq and recolonize the Middle East.
8. It is a cover by the Bush regime to rob the American people of their economic wealth and their civil liberties so that the super rich oil barons and militarists can profit and rule.
9. It will destabilize the whole region and give rise to even more hatred of America thus creating greater insecurity for American people.
10. It is immoral according to all holy books and it is illegal according to all international law.

10 Questions About 9-11

1. Why hasn't the victims families request for a full investigation of the events of 9-11 not been honored by the Bush administration?
2. What exactly did Bush know about 9-11?
3. Why did the FBI and CIA heads not follow up on tips from local agents?
4. What are the connections between the Bush and Bin Laden oil families?
5. Why didn't the FBI and CIA follow up on tips from foreign intelligence agencies?
6. Who had the most to gain from 9-11, the oil-military industry or poor people in the Middle East?
7. When did Osama Bin Laden, who worked for the CIA in the 1980's, stop working for the CIA?
8. Why is Bush not concerned anymore about finding Osama Bin Laden?
9. What did killing thousands of impoverished Afghani's have to do with justice for the victims of 9-11?
10. Hasn't the US government lied to the American people before about their foreknowledge of disasters that lead to war like the Battleship Maine (WW1), Pearl Harbor (WW2) and the Gulf of Tonkin (Vietnam)?

Alright listen up dummies C-Biz's Reviews

Alright listen up dummies; this right here is The Best Damn Hip Hop Album Reviews & News period! No yes men over here, No B.S Like The Sauce Magazine. I'm Here to give ya'll the realest review in the game.

The Eminem Show
Eminem

Eminem, Slim Shady, Marshall Mathers. No matter how you say his name, He continues to mature musically. Eminem produced the majority of his 3rd album. The Eminem Show has feeling of an artist at the top of his game and the Hip Hop game. "Without me" the lead off single is a fun loving, rude and jump around folly. Deep songs like "White America" Eminem confesses that if he was black he would not have sold so many records. He remains deeply aware of his role as a big time white rapper. Hands down the Eminem Show Is a Classic.

Nellyville
Nelly

After a having one the most successful debuts in Hip hop history with Country Grammar, the St. Louis rhyme slinger returns with his second album, Nellyville. With two singles already major hits "Hot In Here" and dilemma". Nellyville gives off a different outlook on Nelly and his status in the hip-pop game. Even though many consider him pop, Nelly keeps it 'street' enough with slick lyrics and beats. Nellyville is well on its way to joining the success of Country Grammar.

The Clipse
Lord Willin

With their debut album, Virginia rhyme slingers the Clipse rhyme mostly about pushing coke and packing pistols. That kind of thing is cool but on the majority of the tracks it gets annoying. The album at times get repetitive, the beats on the other hand keep the album listenable. Fellow Virginians, The Neptune's, produced the album. The records lead single and best song, "Grindin" gets annoying after the second listen. Other songs like "Virginia" packs snail-paced beats and unbelievable street stories. Overall, The Clipse did ok for a debut but next time they need to come correct.

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*****Hip Hop Classic
*****Heavy Rotation
***Money's worth
**Wack
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COLLEGE VOICE WHO WE ARE

The College Voice (CV) is a publication committed to the interests of working people. The working class is composed of all those people who own nothing but their ability to perform manual or mental labor and are forced to sell it for a wage. As students at CUNY, we recognize that we are a part of the multi-racial, multi-national working class of New York City. The severe attacks that CUNY has undergone are mirrored by the endless assaults on the jobs, wages and living standards of working people, as well as by the attacks on trade union, democratic and civil rights.

We oppose the poisonous divisions fostered on the basis of race by the bosses, who make black and white workers fight each other for the crumbs off their table...even though it is the workers who produce all the wealth.

We oppose the systematic attempts to reduce women to a defined "feminine" status, that serves to legitimize the special oppression they face as women and the additional exploitation they undergo as workers.

We oppose the vicious attacks on immigrant workers, who are the most vulnerable victims of the bosses job market, and who are thus used to drive all workers wages down.

We oppose every form of bigotry, on principle, as unbecoming our species and recognize that the fight for human liberation will be achieved only in the course of combating these divisions.

We oppose the use of the environment as a source of short-term profit and plunder by the ruling rich regardless of the consequences for the majority of the world's population.

The CV recognizes that it is the capitalist system, based upon the private ownership of the means of producing the wealth, that is fundamentally responsible for the fantastic hardship and misery that the vast majority of our species undergoes across the globe...in the midst of plenty.

The CV recognizes that this contradiction, far from being some "natural" condition, is one maintained by the armed power of the capitalist state (army, cops and courts) and ideological apparatus (media, church and schools) of the capitalist class that insures the domination of the few over the many; of the bosses, who produce nothing and appropriate everything over the workers, who produce everything but appropriate nothing.

The CV recognizes the possibility and the burning necessity for creating a society in which the productive forces are democratically organized through the cooperative association of workers and production is based on human needs instead of private profits in harmony with the environment.

The CV recognizes the necessity for creating a revolutionary party of working class, based upon a program of militant mass action and class struggle politics, that will organize internationally against world capitalism and its multi- and transitional corporations and fight for a socialist revolution against them.

The CV seeks to engage all those who are committed to fighting exploitation and oppression in common action against the common enemy...capitalism

Racist Public Safety Attacks Arab American Student

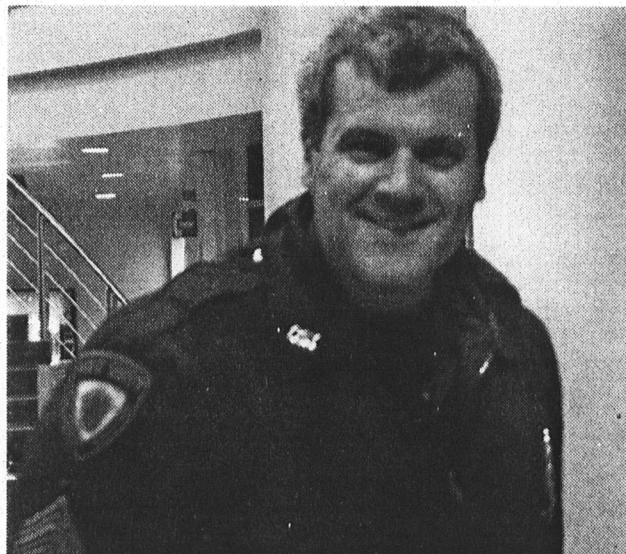
On October 15, at around 8:30 pm, CSI student Ayman El-sayed was racially attacked by CUNY Peace Officer Peter Licata. Peter Licata tore down a flier advertising a teach-in on the war in Iraq supported and funded by Student Government. The Arab American Student, Ayman El-sayed posted up several flyers advertising the clue credit event being held in the Green Dolphin Lounge the following day. This student confronted three CUNY peace officers standing outside of the campus center, officer Flood, officer Robertson and officer Peter Licata. The student asked officer Licata "why did you tear down the flier". Peter aggressively approached the student and said "I don't like what it says". He said "kill all the arabs in Iraq" and then he said "kill all the Arabs" several times.

After this, Ayman returned with a photographer and journalist of the College Voice Newspaper, a student publication of the college of Staten Island. Licata immediately attacked the photographer, grabbing his camera with the intent to break the lens off. Both students felt threatened, violated and unsafe on campus.

The College of Staten Island is a diverse university with a student body comprised of many different nationalities and religions. There should be no racism tolerated on our campuses.

Join other students to rally against racism and hate.

***Rally and March against
Racism and Hate,
Gather in front of the Campus
Center Thursday, October 24, 1:30
Say No To Racism on our
Campuses!!!***



Peter Licata says "kill all the Arabs in Iraq"

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NOT IN OUR NAME LETTERS FOR PEACE

Meg Bartlett, an emergency medical worker on 9/11 read this following statement about why her and other EMS workers will be taking the Pledge of Resistance at the New York Central Park event on October 6th. The National Office wanted to make it available for everyone. It is also available from the Not In Our Name website: www.notinourname.net.

Statement by Meg Bartlett EMT-D, emergency medical worker on 9/11, Ground Zero for Peace

We, a group of 9/11 Ground Zero rescue workers,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Because we feel we have a responsibility to those we
could not save. And to those who calls us heroes
To do everything in our power to make sure that no one,
every again, Experiences such horror, here or abroad.

We, a group of people who ran for our lives on 9/11,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Because we know that we are not the first or only people
To run so fast and run so hard
All the while knowing that if the buildings don't kill us
Surely our shattered hearts will.

We, a group of people who watched as mothers and
fathers jumped to their death,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Because we believe it is unpatriotic to care only for
American families.
We believe that their is no competition in grief,
We know first hand that gut-wrenching loneliness is so
powerful that it translates into ever language.

We, a group of 9/11 uniformed public servants,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Because we resent our President telling us how we
represent the best America has to offer
While simultaneously with holding funding for our
medical treatment.
As soon as we are told how thankful he is for all we have
done, how proud he is of our bravery,
Our efforts and suffering are used as the excuse for
further violence.
Please know that we do not want to be repaid with
vengeance
And we will not allow it to be perpetrated on our behalf.

We, a group of people who searched hour after hour for
survivors
Fueled only on hope and adrenaline,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Because we are tired.
We are tired of being told that if we do not hurry and get
back to "normal" that we are letting the terrorist win.
While such a simplification of terror insults us, if the
game must be played

Let us remind you, the terrorist have already won.
Not just because we lost so many dear lives,
But because the terror of September 11th has actually
made people in this country so frightened that they have
stopped thinking.
Terror makes well meaning people so scared and so tired
that it becomes easier for them to believe what the
media and the government tell them, than to trust there
own thinking.
We have become so frightened that we have convinced
ourselves that racial profiling "just makes good sense."
But of course, it is inhuman.
We understand that when fear this intense is used in
place of thought that we become so defensive that we
will set out to kill others before they kill us.

We, a group of people celebrated for our bravery,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —

Because we are scared.
We have seen the loss of life that results when two
planes crash into two buildings.
We have witnessed enough to understand that a nuclear
attack would look a lot like Ground Zero — only it
would span for miles — and the effects would linger for
years.
We are so scared that we become physically ill with the
anticipation of another attack.
However we do not believe that war will make us safer.

We, a group of people have the work experience and
skills that would benefit the US Armed Forces,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
For self-preservation.
We are made up of laborers, people of color, and recent
immigrants.
Given our nations' racist and classist military history,
our male colleagues will be amongst the first to be
recruited for the War on Terror.
We have already lost far too many of our coworkers.
We are a shattered community but
We will not let the rest of our good men be treated as
disposables.

We, a group who gave our best on our nation's worst
day,
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance—
Because we are courageous, resourceful and
compassionate.
And we know that this world is full of people exactly
like us.
We are a world of smart, creative, thoughtful, kind
hearted people.
And there is simply no reason we cannot build a just and
peaceful world.

And finally, we, a group of 9/11 Ground Zero rescue
workers —
Take this pledge of nonviolent resistance —
Simply because we are rescue workers.
We do not choose to save only the victims who look like
us, share our faith, or were born in our county.
Instead we faithfully attempt to save the lives of any one
who needs us.
Given this, it don't make sense that we support the
creation of any more casualties here or abroad.

NION New York/National Office
www.notinourname.net



The National Office of the Not In Our
Name project received the following
letter from

Martin L. King, III.

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September 30, 2002

Dear Friend:

We are writing to urge you to participate
in the day of protest called by the Not In
Our Name (NION) project for Sunday,
October 6th. In our name, the Bush
administration has taken for itself and its
allies the right to rain down military force
anywhere and anytime. Now, the
government prepares openly to wage all-
out war on Iraq - a country which has no
established connection to the horror of
September 11th. In our name, the
government has rounded up over 1000
immigrants, detaining them in secret and
indefinitely.

In our name, the government has brought
down a pall of repression over society. The
so-called USA Patriot Act, along with a host
of similar measures on the state level, gives
the police sweeping power of search and
seizure, supervised, if at all, by secret
proceedings before secret courts. The
president's spokesperson has warned
people to "watch what they say." We
believe that people of conscience must
speak out, and act, in opposition to the
injustice that is being done in our own
name!

October 6th gives us a great opportunity
to do that. As you can see from reading the
NION Pledge of Resistance, NION brings
people together to resist all the unjust acts
being perpetrated as part of the War on
Terrorism. It highlights the responsibility of
people in this country to oppose the illegal
and immoral acts of this government.
Resistance to the war moves of the
government and the repressive laws and
policies being enacted must be taken to a
higher level now, before another country is
invaded and before more groups of people
become targets of the repression.

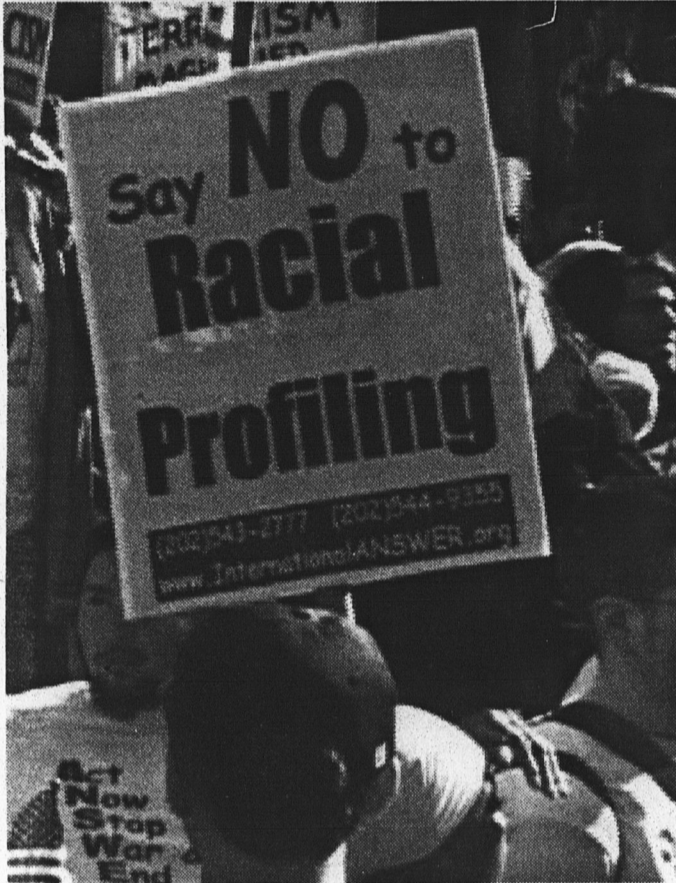
If you are in New York or can get there,
join thousands of others from different
backgrounds in taking the Pledge of
Resistance in Central Park on October 6th.
If you can't get to New York, contact the
Not In Our Name project to see if there is
protest activity scheduled for your areas. If
not, plan something and involve your
friends, co-workers, congregation and/or
fellow students in it.

To Contact the Not In Our Name Project:
Call (212) 969-8058

Via email: info@notinourname.net
Website: www.notinourname.net

Sincerely,
Martin L. King, III

Stop the Racist Attacks Against the Muslim, Arab and South Asian Community on Staten Island



Attacks on Staten Island's Muslim, Arab and South Asian community have increased in the past 12 months. Many deli's have been targeted by racist. Deli's have been firebombed, windows smashed, numerous arrests and a young Yemeni deli worker was shot in the head. For some reason, Americans have held every Arab, Muslim and South Asian responsible for the September 11 attacks. You are guilty by race, religion and ethnicity, not by your actual participation in any crime.

My Deli on Forest Avenue was firebombed in November of last year, no one was killed but the whole deli was burnt. The owner of the Deli is a Pakistani American who is well known in Staten Island. His Pizzeria named My Pizzeria, right across the street from the Deli was also attacked, it's windows was smashed. No one has been arrested for these crimes. According to the Staten Island Advance, witnesses said two white male skinheads were seen fleeing the Deli after a book bag was thrown full of explosive material.

The police rounded up 10 arab men and 2 dominican men on Jersey Street accusing them of selling Ez-wider and other drug related materials (all are legal products). The owner of the Deli, who comes from Yemen was told to strip naked in order to be searched in his private areas to see if he hid any drugs down there. The owner of the deli was humiliated and upset because he

knows the cops in that area and they know he is not a drug dealer. What upset him the most was that they arrested him and others over a drug issue but questioned him and asked him if he "knows how to fly an airplane" or if he knows who is b e h i n d September 11th. He was upset because he said "if you are truly arresting me over drug issues why are you asking me questions about Bin Laden and terrorism".

All the men were released after spending long hours in prison. They were charged with nothing. The cops showed no mercy and arrested every Arab and Muslim in the Deli whether they owned the deli, friends with the owners or were just hanging out. The 2 Dominican men were upset because they were just arrested to show that the police weren't just targeting Muslims and Arabs. The drug issue was just a lie and excuse to racial profile these men because they were all released with no charge.

The police arrested all these men and left all their stores open over night. Tens of thousands of dollars were lost in result of theft. The police admitted of taking a brown bag with a few thousands dollars in it from the deli, they said they would return it but it has not been returned.

On January 22nd a young Staten Island Yemeni store-keeper, Hammoud Muharram was gunned down, shot in the face point blank. No money from the deli was stolen. This leads to the conclusion that it was a hate crime. No one has been arrested for this crime.

In the College of Staten Island, Muslim students use to pray in a space on the second floor of the library. The administration told the students they were not allowed to pray there anymore. The administration said that they can't guarantee security for them if they are attacked. The administration gave them a room that was used for storage in the Campus Center. All the students on Campus know

that the Campus Center is the noisy and active area, whereas the Library is a quiet area where someone can pray peacefully without noise or interruptions.

The administration is telling the student body that Islamic prayer is a bad thing and shouldn't be done in front of others. The administration should instead be guaranteeing protection for students of all faith who choose to pray. Muslims should have a right to pray anywhere they want. Islamic prayer is not a club activity but a religious duty. When Muslims pray they are not representing the Muslim club in the College of Staten Island instead they are representing the Muslim community of the college. Not everyone who prays at the college is part of the Muslim club. The administration exposed its ignorance of Islam and religious rights.

The Muslim students felt very offended by the administrations move. They have been praying there for almost 5 years with no problems. The students use to see them pray there and respected it. Everyone has a right to their religion and beliefs. If the administration respects Islam and religious rights why did they tell the Muslim students to hide and be out of sight when they prayed? Why didn't they guarantee registered Muslim students protection? The Muslim students should have a right to pray anywhere they want and if they want to pray in the library they have a right to.

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These hate crimes and attacks must stop at the college of Staten Island, in the borough of Staten Island and in the United States. Arabs, Muslims, South Asians and other nationalities should not be blamed for the tragedy of September 11th. If you do blame Muslims, Arabs, South Asians and others you basically think like the terrorist who carried out the attacks of September 11th. Don't blame a whole people, nation and religion for the crimes of a few. The American government has participated in many crimes in its short history but the American people should not be blamed or terrorized for these crimes and actions done in its name. Just like Iraqi's shouldn't be killed and blamed for the actions of Saddam Hussein.

