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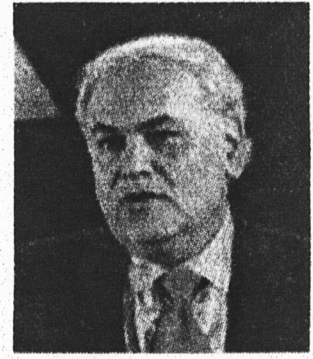
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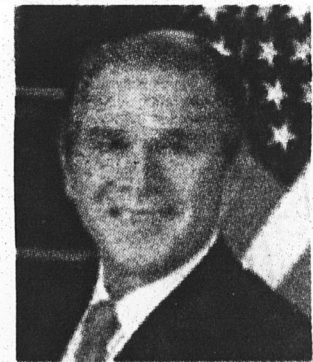
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-Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategy, Forces, and Resources For a New Century (Project for the New American Century)



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Analysis of: THE PROJECT FOR THE NEW AMERICAN CENTURY

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“...today the task is to preserve an international security environment conducive to American interests and ideals”
- ‘Rebuilding America’s Defenses’

Today, more than ever before, it has become imperative for Americans to shoulder the responsibility that is before us and become active citizens, rather than passive subjects of a government we feel deep inside has very little interest in informing us (the public) of their real intentions in the arena of U.S. foreign policy. The more we examine the current political climate of the world in relation to the Iraq crisis, the more confusing it seems. A broad range of issues is now being discussed all over the globe in reference to the United States’ self-imposed role in Iraq and the Middle East. Below is just one part of the many issues lacking in the debates and discussions between Americans of various classes and backgrounds.

Far from being unpatriotic or anti-American, people who look beyond the corporate media headlines and examine instead the underlying reasons to why the United States has been so involved in the affairs of the Middle East since the first half of the 20th century are doing exactly what they are supposed to be doing. Informed citizens are more able to assess the direction the government is headed than corporate media-dependent citizens who are in many cases so misinformed and apathetic that they are forced to adopt the views that are most popular (regardless of how inaccurate they may be) rather than develop their own views. What good is reason if it is disregarded?

If we are to truly understand the road the United States is driving on as the sole “super power” of the world then it is wise to see who is behind the wheel.

Examine enough and you will surely discover the highly influential role of a think-tanks like the ‘Project for the New American Century’ - PNAC, the ‘Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs’ - JINSA, and the ‘Institute of Advanced Strategic and Political Studies’ - IASPS. Members and supporters of these think tanks wrote a letter to President Clinton on January 26, 1998, urging him to attack Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power without a U.N. Security Council Resolution. When this failed to come about they wrote another letter on May 29, 1998, this time to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Republican Majority Leader Trent Lott, which called for the immediate removal of Saddam from power and his indictment as a war criminal. This also failed. Today we can appreciate the significance of these two letters.

Formed in the spring of 1997, by neo-conservative “cold war warriors” who see all other economically and politically prosperous nations as potential enemies, the ‘Project for the New American Century’ produced (and continues to produce) policies that are deeply distressing and highly alarming. These policies are outlined in a report published by them in September 2000 called ‘Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategy, Forces and Resources For a New Century’ and reintroduced in the Bush Administration’s ‘National Security Strategy’ on September 20, 2001.

The 2000 report calls for: a defense budget increase to 3.5 to 3.8 percent of the GDP (increase arms-spending by 48 billion dollars); the transformation of the armed forces to fight simultaneous major theater wars (to independently protect American interests in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East); sustainment and expansion of a permanent military presence in the Gulf region (against the

will of millions of Arabs who oppose U.S. military presence); the take over of political and peace-keeping missions from the United Nations (consequently rendering the U.N. and international law subservient to American geo-political interests); the repositioning permanently “forward operating bases” in Southern Europe and Southeast Asia (to intimidate China and North Korea); the Militarization of space and control of cyberspace; the development of a highly controversial global missile defense system and the development of biological weapons. It also mentions more than once Iraq, Iran, and North Korea as the next targets of U.S. force. All this may not be immediately realized, it states, “absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor.” Like the one that happened just as President Bush came to office. “When Bush assumed the Presidency”, writes the New York Times best selling author of ‘War on Iraq’ William Rivers Pitt, “the men who created and nurtured the imperial dreams of PNAC became the men who run the Pentagon, the Defense Department and the White House. When the Towers came down, these men saw, at long last, their chance to turn their White Papers into substantive policy.”ⁱ

Who are the men behind the Project for the New American Century? They are Dick Cheney (Vice President), Lewis Libby (Cheney’s Chief of Staff), Donald Rumsfeld (Secretary of Defense), Peter W. Rodman (Assistant Secretary of Defense), Paul Wolfowitz (Deputy Defense Secretary), Richard Perle (recently stepped down as the Chairman of the Defense Policy Board – Department of Defense), William Schneider Jr. (Chairman of the Defense Science Board – Department of Defense), Richard L. Armitage (Deputy Secretary of State), John Bolton (Under-Secretary of State Arms Control and International Security), Paula

Dobriansky (Under-Secretary of State Global Affairs), Elliot Abrams (National Security Council), Robert B. Zoellick (U.S. Trade Representative), and Zalmay Khalilzad (U.S. Special envoy to Afghanistan). Supported by William Kristol (co-founder-chairman of PNAC and editor of the Weekly Standard), Robert Kagan (PNAC co-Director), Bruce Jackson (former Pentagon official, weapons manufacturer, and PNAC co-Director), Gary Schmitt (was executive director of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board under Reagan), Jeb Bush, and William J. Bennett (Ronald Reagan’s Education Secretary), they have succeeded in re-directing U.S. foreign policy to embrace what they call “Pax Americana” but the rest of the world realizes as American imperialism. “Most of them Jewish”, writes Haaretz’s (an Israeli Newspaper) Ari Shavit in a recent article, “are pushing President Bush to change the course of history.”ⁱⁱ Most, if not all are well-known Zionists whose views of Arabs and Muslims can make one forget that Arabs and Muslims are human beings too.

In short, both- the PNAC’s 2000 report ‘Rebuilding America’s Defenses’ and Bush’s ‘National Security Strategy’ are blueprints for modern day U.S. imperialism and mass exploitation. Jay Bookman, one of the editors of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, duly notes that this war with Iraq “is intended to mark the official emergence of the United States as a full-fledged global empire, seizing sole responsibility and authority as planetary policeman. It would be the culmination of a plan 10 years or more in the making, carried out by those who believe the United States must seize the opportunity for global domination, even if it means becoming the ‘American imperialists’ that our enemies always claimed we were.”ⁱⁱⁱ

This seems to explain the spurious justification and rush for war that the overwhelming people on this globe oppose. So what is so shocking about the 2000 report? (Keep in mind that this was published before 9-11). The following gives us a clue concerning the Middle East and the present war in Iraq:

"Indeed, the United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein." [Saddam Hussein is not the main issue after all]

"In the Persian Gulf region, the presence of American forces, along with British and French units, has become a semi-permanent fact of life. Though the immediate mission of those forces is to enforce the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq, they represent the long-term commitment of the United States and its major allies to a region of vital importance." [Vital importance = oil]

"Terminating the no-fly zones over Iraq would call America's position as a guarantor of security in the Persian Gulf into question; the reaction would be the same in East Asia following a withdrawal of U.S. forces or a lowering of American military presence." [Thus, the no-fly zones' real intended purpose]

"Although Saudi domestic sensibilities demand that forces based in the Kingdom nominally remain rotational forces, it has become apparent that this is now a semi-permanent mission." [Forces within the Kingdom are due to leave soon only to stay in greater numbers in nearby Arab countries like Bahrain and Qatar]

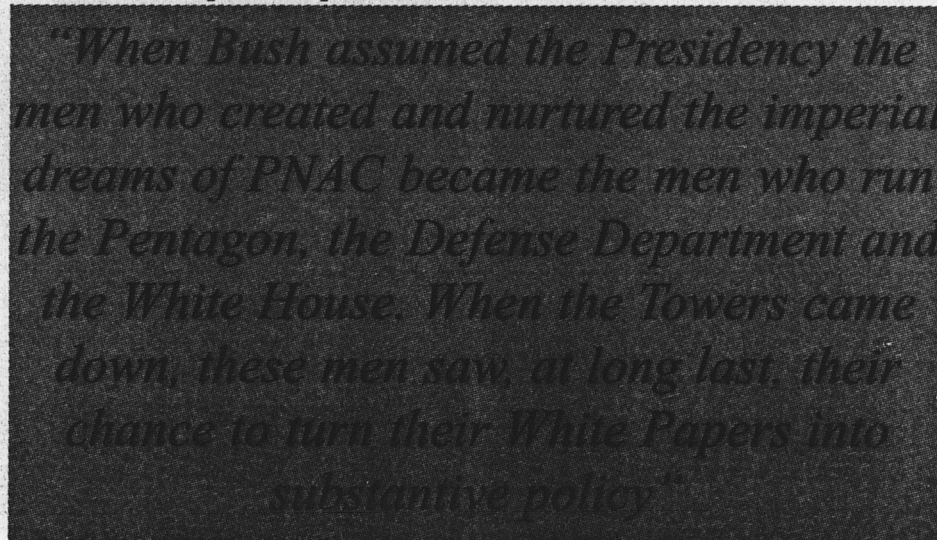
"From an American perspective, the value of such bases would endure even should Saddam pass from the scene. Over the long term, Iran may well prove as large a threat to U.S. interests in the Gulf as Iraq has. And even should U.S.-Iranian relations improve, retaining forward-based forces in the region would still be an essential element in U.S. security strategy given the longstanding American interests in the region." [Saddam becomes irrelevant, Iran becomes a target, and even if all is good in the region forces are still necessary. Why? Because of the "longstanding U.S. interests", Oil and protecting the Israeli

government, that's why]

"In addition to the aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone, the United States now also retains what amounts to a near-permanent land force presence in Kuwait." [Occupation]

"The Air Force presence in the Gulf region is a vital one for U.S. military strategy, and the United States should consider it a de facto permanent presence, even as it seeks ways to lessen Saudi, Kuwait and regional concerns about U.S. presence." [The Air Force - an excellent tool of Coercion via "smart" bombs]

"Although the Navy will remain an important partner in



Gulf and regional operations, the load can now be shared more equitably with other services. And according to the force posture described in the preceding chapter, future American policy should seek to augment the forces already in the region or nearby." [Military buildup for the above intended goals]

As for the rest of the world:

"In Europe, the Persian Gulf and East Asia, enduring U.S. security interests argue forcefully for an enduring American military presence." [The peoples of these regions have no say]

"There should be a strong strategic synergy between U.S. forces overseas and in a reinforced posture: units operating abroad are an indication of American geopolitical interests and leadership, provide significant military power to shape events and, in wartime, create the conditions for victory when reinforced." [Changing the world order militarily to suit itself]

"Today the task is to preserve an international security environment conducive to American interests and ideals." [Here is the return of cultural

imperialism and the element which makes it clear that Islam is to play the role of 'enemy' since its ideals undermine U.S. imperialism]

"America's global leadership, and its role as the guarantor of the current great-power peace, relies upon the safety of the American homeland; the preservation of a favorable balance of power in Europe, the Middle East and the surrounding energy-producing region, and East Asia..." [Who says this war isn't about oil?]

UNDERLINES AND BRACKETED COMMENTARY MINE

One can judge for him/herself if the Bush Administration has followed the PNAC blueprints. The U.N. has deliberately been insulted and undermined; the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty has been sacked to make way for a global missile defense program; the Kyoto Protocol has been dismissed along with the effort to establish legitimacy to the International Criminal Court; multi-lateralism and international law has been replaced by U.S. unilateralism and the dangerous doctrine of pre-emption; production of biological weapons is underway; the defense budget is now 3.8 percent of the GDP; and Iraq, the first of the "Axis of Evil" which includes Iran and North Korea, has been attacked and is under occupation. The plan to dominate the world militarily is slowly becoming successful with few complaints from the Anglo-supporters Britain and Australia or the well fed Israeli government - all who hope to benefit from it economically and politically.

Some argue that this war is not about the Israeli government or imperialism. The Pentagon's appointment of Michael Mobbs (worked at the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Ronald Reagan) and retired Lt.

General Jay Garner to supervise the civil administration of post-war Iraq suggest otherwise. Both are faithfully pro-Israel and desire the complete domination of Israel and the U.S. over the whole Gulf region. Former CIA Director James Woolsey who, "sits on the advisory board of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, a connection likely to arouse hostility in Iraq", is expected to join them.^{iv} He calls the current war "World War IV" against Iraq, Iran, Syria, and singles out Saudi Arabia and Egypt as eventual enemies. These facts speak for themselves. Woolsey's contemporary Thomas Neumann (executive director of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs - JINSA) has also singled out the same nations and affirmed, "This is the best administration for Israel since Harry Truman (who first recognized an independent Israel)."^v Europeans, Africans, and Middle Easterners who point out how Israel consistently defies U.N. resolutions and has on numerous instances violated human rights in the Palestinian occupied territories have acknowledged Neumann's point. They would also agree with MP John Austin: "George Bush and Tony Blair tell us that failure to act on U.N. resolutions brings the U.N. into disrepute... Yet neither does anything whilst Israel flouts resolution after resolution. No wonder there are accusations of double standards."^{vi}

The Israeli-Zionist plan to enlist the power of the United States has been propagated visibly since June of 1996, when Richard Perle, Douglas J. Feith (Undersecretary of Defense for Policy at the Pentagon), David Wurmser (Senior Assistant to Undersecretary of State John Bolton), and others now associated with the Project for the New American Century, published a report for the 'Institute of Advanced Strategic and Political Studies' (IASPS - a Jerusalem based think-tank) entitled 'A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm'. This 1996 report proves as shocking as the PNAC 2000 report and was "intended as a political blueprint for the incoming government of Binyamin Netanyahu"^{vii} It has only been completely realized under Ariel Sharon's Likud government who, like his supporters in PNAC, IASPS, and JINSA, would like to see a 'Greater Israel' at the expense of

the Arabs. Note the similarities between the Bush Administration and the following IASPS views (keep in mind this was published in 1996):

- "Israel's new agenda can signal a clean break by abandoning a policy which assumed exhaustion and allowed strategic retreat by re-establishing the principle of pre-emption, rather than retaliation alone..." [The Bush Administration has adopted the Israeli preemptive doctrine]

- "Mr. Netanyahu can highlight his desire to cooperate more closely with the United States on anti-missile defense in order to remove the threat of blackmail which even a weak and distant army can pose to either state. Not only would such cooperation on missile defense counter a tangible physical threat to Israel's survival, but it would broaden Israel's base of support among many in the United States Congress who may know little about Israel, but care very much about missile defense. Such broad support could be helpful in the effort to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem." [The Bush Administration is now working on a missile defense system and moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem shortly after coming to power - Palestinian Arabs have always opposed moving the embassy to Jerusalem because it symbolizes that they are aliens on their own land]

- "Israel can shape its strategic environment, in cooperation with Turkey and Jordan, by weakening, containing, and even rolling back Syria. This effort can focus on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq — an important Israeli strategic objective in its own right..." [Here is one of the real sources of the Bush Administrations animosity to Saddam Hussein]

- "No amount of weapons or victories will grant Israel the peace it seeks. When Israel is on a sound economic footing, and is free, powerful, and healthy internally, it will no longer simply manage the Arab-Israeli conflict; it will transcend it." [In other words Israel will dominate the Gulf region as it pleases]

- "To anticipate U.S. reactions and plan ways to manage and constrain those reactions, Prime Minister Netanyahu can formulate the policies and stress themes he favors in language familiar to the Americans by tapping into themes of American

administrations during the Cold War which apply well to Israel." [A deceptive tactic to fool Americans into relating with the Israeli government and its behavior towards the Palestinians in particular and Arabs in general]

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The same set of people with the same set of goals, only now broad enough to embrace the world as their own back yard. The war hawks that have designed this new crusade in the Middle East could care less about Iraqi freedom and establishment of self-determination for all peoples. Calling the U.S. Armed Forces their "Cavalry on the New American Frontier" war and imperial agendas are foremost on their minds. Take for example Richard Perle's logic of how to create his imagined future from warfare: "This is total war. We are fighting a variety of enemies. There are lots of them out there. All this talk about first we are going to do Afghanistan, then we will do Iraq... this is entirely the wrong way to go about it. If we just let our vision of the world go forth, and we embrace it entirely and we don't try to piece together clever diplomacy, but just wage a total war... our children will sing great songs about us years from now." viii. The pro-war hawk Michael A. Ledeen (former consultant to the National Security Counsel under Reagan) is not re-assuring either: "I think the level of casualties is secondary. I mean, it may sound like an odd thing to say, but all the great scholars who have studied American character have come to the conclusion that we are a warlike people and that we love war..." ix. Many Americans would disagree as do most of the British like Labour MP Tam Dalyell who remarked "This is garbage from right-wing think-tanks stuffed with chicken hawks - men who have never seen the horror of war but are in love with the idea of war." x.

President Bush has tried to identify with the suffering of the Iraqi people, not because he really cares, but because it sometimes becomes an effective tool justifying large-scale bombardment to secure a region for the benefit of the bombers. The President's hollow concern is nothing new in the Middle East. Before colonizing Egypt in

1798, Napoleon Bonaparte declared, "Peoples of Egypt, you will be told that I have come to destroy your religion. Do not believe it! Reply that I have come to restore your rights!" The same deception was at work in 1917 under General F. S. Maude

context in which it occurs. The context is a blunt attempt by the superpower to reshape the world to suit itself." xii. Its best to read the books (ex. PNAC 2000 report) before you watch the movie (the Iraq war). Lets hope there are no sequels.

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(commander of British Forces in Iraq) when he said, "Our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies, but as liberators. Your wealth has been stripped of you by unjust men... The people of Baghdad shall flourish under institutions which are in consonance with their sacred laws." xi.

The majority of Americans are, unfortunately, exceptionally unfamiliar with the underlying intention and crafty deception deployed by the Bush Administration in its task to sell the war. The PNAC 2000, and IASPS 1996 reports have been covered by German, French, British, Israeli, and Arab newspapers, but has not merited any serious time or space by any of the major American media corporations. This is not surprising since reporting honestly about one's own government has not really been the goal of the cheerleading-sensationalist media here anyway. It is, therefore, the task of the active citizen of the United States to disseminate information revealing the real motives behind "Operation Iraqi Freedom" to the misinformed public. It is not only our duty and right as citizens of this nation, but more so as human beings, to oppose the forceful domination of one nation over others militarily, economically, or culturally. There is more to this war than the so-called "liberation of Iraq" through "Shock and Awe". As George Monbiot of The Guardian has marked: "to pretend that this battle begins and ends in Iraq requires a wilful denial of the

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There is No Justice in the Courts Jail Killer Cops

AYMAN EL-SAYED

Patrick Dorismond, a Haitin American man from Brooklyn was murdered by the police on March 16, 2000. This happened a few weeks after the cops who killed Amadou Diallo walked away with no charge. Patrick Dorismond was walking home from work when an undercover cop Anthony Vasquez approached him. Vasquez was involved in a "buy and bust" operation. This operation basically targets blacks, Latino and poor communities, especially the youth. Undercover cops go around asking young black men if they have drugs to sell or want to buy drugs and then when you agree, the cops arrest you. Anthony Vasquez, asked Dorismond if he knows where he can buy drugs. Dorismond upset by this question told the officer that he does not know. Dorismond was angry that this man assumed because he was black that he sold drugs. Dorismond was a hard working man returning from his security job. A "struggle" broke out between the officer and Dorismond. The undercover cop, Anthony Vasquez, shot Dorismond in the chest. The police officer said he shot Dorismond by "accident". The cop has not been indicted and is still working in the NYPD.

How can you shoot somebody in the chest by accident? If Dorismond shot the cop in the chest by accident would he be walking free? Why is the officer randomly asking black men if they sell or want to buy drugs? We don't really know what

happened but let us say that it was by "accident", does that mean that the cop should walk free and still be a cop after a fatal "accident" that took away a human being. Can anyone make these "accidents" and get away with it? If you get into a fight with anyone and kill them by "accident" you will be in jail immediately. No jury will accept the fact you shot somebody in the chest by "accident", except if you are a cop. How would you feel if your son, daughter, brother, sister mother or father was coming home from work and was shot by "accident"?

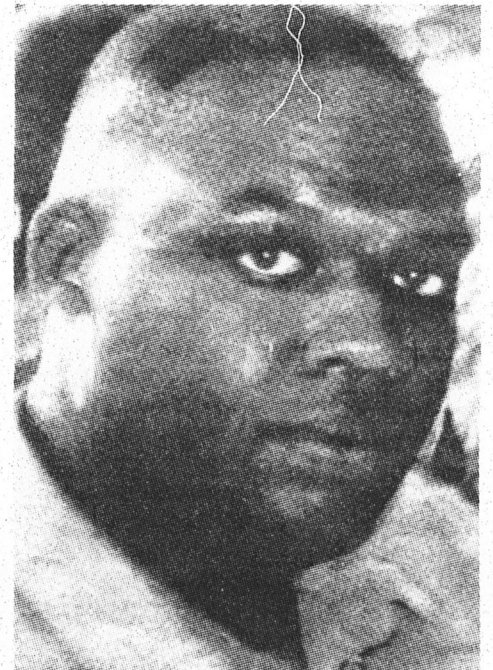
Many people who have cops in the family immediately defend the NYPD as if they are right in everything they do. Giuliani justified the murder of Patrick Dorismond by releasing his Juvenile records. He said Dorismond deserved to die because he did a petty crime when he was a teenager. Instead of apologizing to the family and saying that the city is going to investigate the matter thoroughly, they defended the killer cop. This is not the first time this happens. Go to any inner city in the United States and there are cases upon cases of police misconduct and brutality against the black and Latino community.

Blacks are not able to get justice in the courts of America. Amadou Diallo's killer were acquitted, Malcolm Ferguson's killer was not jailed, Dorismond's killer is not in jail and even Charles Schwarz who participated with Justin Volpe in

raping Abner Louima with a broom stick is not in jail. After the horrible attacks on September 11, black people were supposed to forget about police brutality. Giuliani and the NYPD were all of the sudden heroes. When the United States government starts a war against other countries, it wants young black men to serve in the army to kill and get killed. When one of these black men returns back to the United States after fighting a war, they are treated with no respect and are subjected to racial profiling and police brutality. A cop doesn't know that the black guy he just harassed, beat or shot was serving in the U.S. military or not. The point is that young black men are only treated with respect when they are needed to fight in U.S. wars. All people whether they served in the U.S. military or not should not be brutalized and killed by the police.

Anthony Vasquez should be in jail right now along with Diallo's killers and Charles Schwarz. The problem of police brutality has not ended in fact it has spread to include the Arab, Muslim and South Asian communities, who are now racially profiled. How does America want black people on their side when they won't jail a killer cop who unjustly killed a black person. Black people have not believed the Bush Administrations hype about terrorism and Saddam Hussein because they know Bush follows in the footsteps of his father and Ronald Reagan. Even with Colin Powell and Condoleeza Rice as

token figures, black Americans do not support the United States policies around the world and at home. Black Americans refuse to racially profile the Arab and Muslim American community, because they know what it feels like for a whole community to be labeled "gangs", "drug-dealers", "pimps" or now "terrorist". Black people should not serve in the United States military when they are not able to get justice here at home. Afghani's and Iraqi's did not shoot Amadou Diallo, did not torture Abner Louima and did not murder Patrick Dorismond. The NYPD did. The black community should be after the killer cops who terrorize them. Jail all killer cops. Killing people is no "accident".



Patrick Dorismond, Killed by Police

A Silent Issue: Italian-American Racism

RAYMOND FIORE

I am a Brooklyn native who moved to the south shores of Staten Island in a predominately Italian neighborhood 7 years ago. I am very proud of my heritage and appreciate many aspects of Italian culture, fine wine, opera, delicious food, and the great history of the country from the magnificent architecture in Rome and Pisa to the fashion in Milan. From the renaissance artists Da Vinci and Michelangelo to the Hollywood artists Pacino and DeNiro.

One thing I am not so proud of is the silent undercurrent of racism expressed from a majority of my fellow people. The south shore is where I live and work so interaction between Italian Americans is constant which forces me to be subjected to their irrational views on people of different ethnic cultures. It is personally sad to see the contempt that some of my people share for African-Americans and immigrants. These feelings are shared with me through slurs, jokes, and blind hatred.

They are openly expressed because I am "one of them."

In my earlier and more ignorant years I confessingly laughed at those kind of jokes and took them light-heartedly just like I take any joke, but as I grew older I realized that these jokes spawned from prejudice and racism and there was a real alarm for concern in my mind. They say racism is learned from the home and society but I ask: where did it originate for Italian Americans?

My theory about the development of American Italian racism stems from a crossbreed of Italian history and American pop culture. Some can look as far back as the Roman Empire to see how their imperialistic rule of Eastern Europe was probably the dawn of Italian ethno-centrism. I think a more recent history of Italy would better support my theories. In 1935, under the fascist rule of Benito Mussolini, Italy invaded Ethiopia. They had first tried in 1895, raping and pillaging throughout the land but were kicked out by the Ethiopian

army. At the time of the invasion in 1935, the "conjugal relations" were not brought upon this time due to the fascist propaganda released through the media like "La Gazzeta del Popolo" which put out an article with the title translated as "The Fascist Empire Cannot Be An Empire Of Half-Castes." This decree about inter-racial relations was a result of Mussolini's mirroring of the Hitlerian ideal of "pure race" and was enforced by the Emperor of the Italian East-African Empire, Vittorio Emanuele III in 1937.

The strong relationship between Hitler and Mussolini grew and was eventually known as the "Pact of Steel." Three months after one of Hitler's visits to Rome in 1938, another Italian publication was released among the public called "La Difesa Della Razza." This magazine was distributed amongst the Italians and its ideals for racism and fascism heavily influenced governmental policy throughout Italy's occupation of Ethiopia in relation to urban segregation laws, education,

health policies, and it's attitude towards the mulatto. Though short-lived, the Mussolini fascist era had an effect on its citizens. These ideas could have easily stuck with people who later would immigrate to the United States and pass this hatred down through the generations to come.

It is ironic how the Italians of today can be racist towards blacks seeing the Italian invasion of Ethiopia had to produce some inter-racial offspring. Some of those people whom the racist Italians might want to research. An article was put in the fascist paper entitled "I Delliti contro il prestigio di razza", publishing the names of people who produced half-castes. The neo-fascist racist might want to check out some of those names because the race you slander may be your own!

Another irony is the complaints I hear from American-Italians are about the immigrants who come here to New York to "steal our jobs." These complainants do not need to look very far down the

POETRY AND ART

Eyes from an American

America, the land of the free, the land of the sovereign

*A country of people with different faces from
America, that's loved by many and also despised by many
America, being so greedy and seeing things so clearly.*

*America, who waged war on Iraq that you
Is it really because a fear of terrorism that one day might hit
America I know your plan; I am not a stupid person.*

*America I know since 9/11 your economy went down and you have
but is it reasonable to kill innocent Iraqi civilians
America you say Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction
but where is the proof and the evidence that will help the American people be convinced.*

*We all know Saddam Hussein is evil-minded because he put his own people in such misery;
so he alone should be assassinated and the Iraqi people one day will be freed.*

*America you're contradicting yourself by saying you want to disarm Saddam Hussein
so he will not strike at us but then again you're arming the Israeli Government with supplies of ammunition
NABLUS.*

America this is a petty and an unjustified war; why can't we put it aside and try negotiating once more.

Inshallah one day there will be peace in the Middle East

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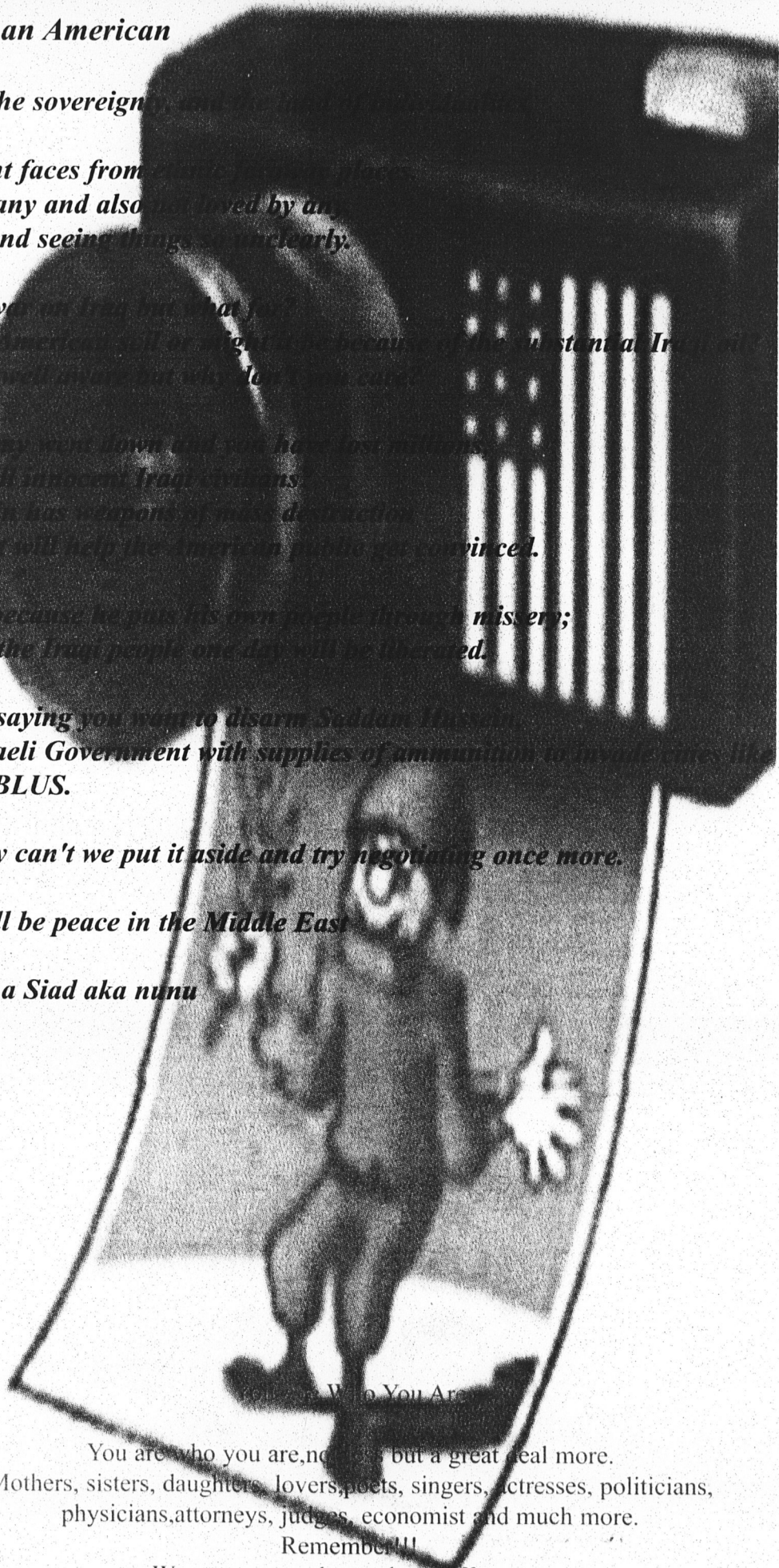
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*Walking along the beach,
I carried my clean
slippers under my feet.
As I sat on the beach
looking at the ocean, calming
the waves softly washing the shore.
While sitting on the beach, a large wave hits
pieces of garbage landing on the shore.
A piece of wood that looks like a face,
with water pouring out of its peep holes,
lay in front of my feet.
Underneath the bones, dead fish wash on the shore.*

*While walking on the beach, a large wave hits,
I start to get away than leaving,
the beach starts to be no more.
The water looking brown and black,
the calm water looking gray and muddy,
figuring like a boxer, beating the shore.
As I sit looking out of my window at the beach,
and how a wave after wave all day with great force
is washing, taking never ending from the shore.
Now the shore is only a memory.*

*On the beach
the erosion of the...*

BY MICHELLE TAYLOR GARNETT



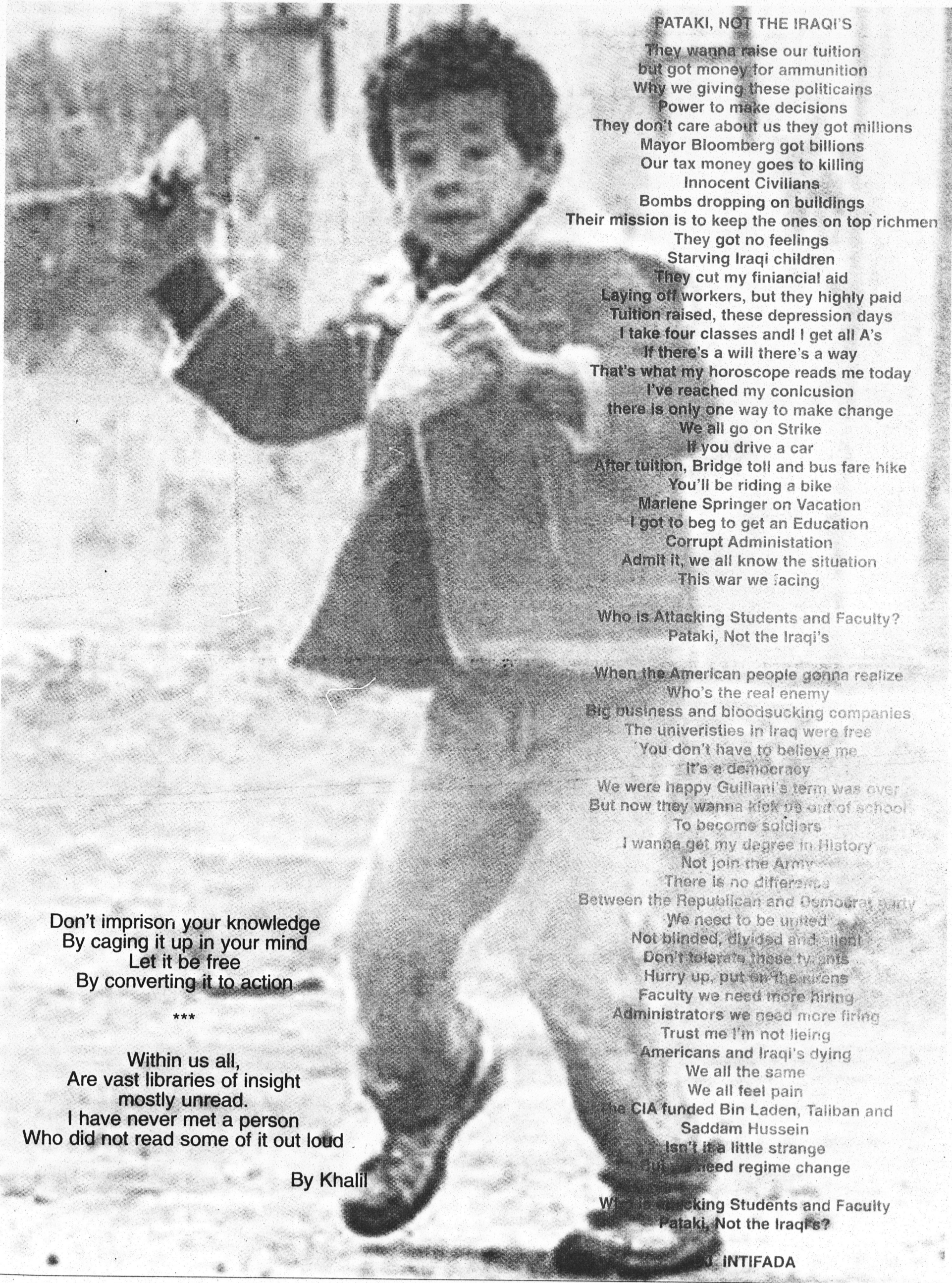
Who You Are
You are who you are, not just a great deal more.
Mothers, sisters, daughters, lovers, poets, singers, actresses, politicians,
physicians, attorneys, judges, economist and much more.

Remember!!!

We are women that make a difference.
Women that make a daily stand apart from others.
Stay true to your self and no others.

Love and respect your self-first.
Then others will love and respect you.
Wear your veil with pride.

You are beautiful and a work of art.
YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE AND MUCH MORE.
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Don't imprison your knowledge
By caging it up in your mind
Let it be free
By converting it to action

Within us all,
Are vast libraries of insight
mostly unread.
I have never met a person
Who did not read some of it out loud

By Khalil

PATAKI, NOT THE IRAQI'S

They wanna raise our tuition
but got money for ammunition
Why we giving these politicians
Power to make decisions
They don't care about us they got millions
Mayor Bloomberg got billions
Our tax money goes to killing
Innocent Civilians
Bombs dropping on buildings
Their mission is to keep the ones on top richmen
They got no feelings
Starving Iraqi children
They cut my financial aid
Laying off workers, but they highly paid
Tuition raised, these depression days
I take four classes and I get all A's
If there's a will there's a way
That's what my horoscope reads me today
I've reached my conclusion
there is only one way to make change
We all go on Strike
If you drive a car
After tuition, Bridge toll and bus fare hike
You'll be riding a bike
Marlene Springer on Vacation
I got to beg to get an Education
Corrupt Administration
Admit it, we all know the situation
This war we facing

Who is Attacking Students and Faculty?
Pataki, Not the Iraqi's

When the American people gonna realize
Who's the real enemy
Big business and bloodsucking companies
The universities in Iraq were free
You don't have to believe me
It's a democracy
We were happy Guilliani's term was over
But now they wanna kick us out of school
To become soldiers
I wanna get my degree in History
Not join the Army
There is no difference
Between the Republican and Democrat party
We need to be united
Not blinded, divided and alienated
Don't tolerate these tyrants
Hurry up, put on the rixens
Faculty we need more hiring
Administrators we need more firing
Trust me I'm not lying
Americans and Iraqi's dying
We all the same
We all feel pain
The CIA funded Bin Laden, Taliban and
Saddam Hussein
Isn't it a little strange
But we need regime change

Who is Attacking Students and Faculty?
Pataki, Not the Iraqi's?

Operation Iraqi Colonization: This is What Imperialism Looks Like!

ROY ROLLIN

The sun may have set on the British Empire, but not on the American. Only the blood never dries in the American empire. Nor do the lies that they use to cover it up with cease either. U.S. imperialism entered the 21st century much in the same way Mark Twain described it doing so in the 20th; with "its banner of the Prince of Peace in one hand and its loot-basket and...butcher knife in the other." So massacres of women, children, indeed of whole families along with bombings of homes, hospitals and hotels are what "democracy" looks like to George Bush, the self-styled "liberator" of Iraq. In his discourse of double talk and deception, occupation and colonization mean "freedom" and "liberation" and robbery means "reconstruction" as well. That is "freedom" for the same American corporations who regularly rip us off here to the same to the people of Iraq by "liberating" them from their oil, artifacts and anything else that isn't nailed down. In the words of the Bush brain trust at the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) "free enterprise (is the) single sustainable model" and "respect for private property" (that is, their private property, not the Iraqi's) is a "non-negotiable demand." This is echoed by Bush's partner in crime, Tony Blair, who talks of the "blood price" to be paid for "free trade, free markets and free enterprise." The conclusion, according to the PNAC, is that "policies that further strengthen market incentives and...institutions" require "the option of pre-emptive actions" to do so. Bush and Blair can call it a "pre-emptive" strike if they like. But according to the laws laid down by the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi leaders, held after World War II, their invasion of Iraq ranks amongst the most serious of "war crimes:" the planning and execution of aggressive warfare. (The PNAC was clamoring for "a substantial force" and "a more permanent role in (the) Gulf" long before "9/11." Yet the US now threatens to put the Iraqis on trial for the "crime" of defending themselves against it.

The imperialist onslaught was the culmination of 12 years of undeclared war waged on Iraq; almost daily bombings in the so-called "no-fly zones" alongside of starvation sanctions that killed a million and a half Iraqis, a half of them children. The last time the U.S. went to war with Iraq in 1991 (to "liberate" Kuwaiti oil), an estimated 200,000 Iraqis, mostly civilians, died from U.S. "precision" bombing, which was "precise" only insofar as it targeted the civilian infrastructure (then referred to as "collateral damage") to begin with. This time the bombs were just as "smart," although the president was a lot dumber. Even before Baghdad fell, the Red Cross said that the number of casualties was so high that hospitals

stopped counting the number of people treated. For his part, U.S. commander-in-chief General Tommy Franks never even started counting. Thousands of Iraqi civilians were killed by the bombing; hundreds more have been mowed down by trigger-happy troops, many of them for "driving while Iraqi." As far as Bush is concerned, they all have been "liberated" from Saddam Hussein. No wonder the Pentagon declared open season on journalists when they ran out of civilian targets. As an Al-Jazeera reporter declared, "we were targeted because the Americans don't want the world to see the crimes they are committing against the Iraqi people."

Free Enterprise is Untidy or the Real Looting is yet to Come

Having been taken in by what Al-Jazeera called "the fantasy that...people who have been starved by UN sanctions and deformed by depleted uranium since 1991 (would) greet them as saviours," the imperialists were shocked and awed by the initial resistance that they encountered. So they resorted to unrestrained bombing of both civilian and military targets in order to overcome any further opposition from the Iraqis...or from many American military men in the press. When it came to "liberating" Baghdad they took no chances. First the remaining Republican Guard units were paid off to take to the hills. Then a dozen or so of their Iraqi proteges were flown in to a square sealed off by American tanks (conveniently located across the street from the hotel where the international press corps was headquartered) to topple a statue of Saddam Hussein, in what one eyewitness, British journalist Robert Fisk, described as "the most staged photo-opportunity since Iwo Jima." An American inspired orgy of looting was then unleashed upon the people of Baghdad, so, in the words of another observer, the media "could get pictures of Iraqis who in different ways demonstrated hatred for Saddam's regime" to make up for "the lack of jubilant scenes." Needless to say the oil ministry and the secret police headquarters were amongst the few buildings that US forces bothered to protect, while phones, electricity and running water (disrupted by U.S. bombing) remained out of commission. While daily demonstrations of outraged Iraqis (labeled "ungrateful" by the likes of the NY Post) protested against their "liberators," Amnesty International accused Britain and America of working harder to protect Iraqi oil wells than to protect the Iraqi people.

War secretary Donald Rumsfeld, however, defended the looting as being evidence of what he described as "freedom's (being) untidy." Funny he didn't see things that way when the residents of Los Angeles took to the streets after the Rodney King verdict in

1992. (After all, wasn't that an example of "free people...mak(ing) mistakes and commit(ing) crimes and do(ing) bad things?") Or when the cops fired on a crowd of antiwar activists (and nearby longshoremen) peacefully protesting on the Oakland docks on April 7th. Of course the looting of Baghdad by mobs of the Shia underclass long repressed by Saddam's Sunni-centered regime (and by American antiquities dealers "repressed" by its "retentiveness") is small potatoes compared to the looting of Iraq by American corporations that's yet to come. In spite of his apparent approval of how "untidy freedom is," Rumsfeld wasn't so keen on what the BBC called the "daily occurrence (of) mass demonstrations against the U.S. presence," as he warned Iraq's Shi'ites that his version of "democracy" didn't include them "making the mistake" of electing a government the U.S. didn't approve. Indeed, after months of fantasizing about a Shi'ite uprising against the Ba'ath regime, the US is now employing the Ba'athist police to prevent just such an upheaval!

Blood for Oil: How Many Lives per Gallon?

Having already reduced what was a "highly urbanized and mechanized society to a pre-industrial age," the U.S. and the UK aimed to finish the job that they started in Oil War One...so that their corporations could go on to make a killing "rebuilding" Iraq. Colin Powell has made it clear that the lions' share of the loot will go to America's ruling rich. After all, the US stole it fair and square. Needless to say, George Bush's closest cronies will get the choicest cuts. Thus Dick Cheney's Halliburton was first on line at the trough for handouts, followed by Stevedoring Services of America, a major GOP donor, which was behind the lockout of West Coast dockworkers last fall. Coming in close behind were other key contributors to Republican coffers, DynCorp and Bechtel, the latter being a recipient of Giuliani's largess when it came to cleaning up the mess at "Ground Zero." Indeed, their "liberation" entails "reconstructing" Iraq under a dictatorship of American generals, many of whom have close ties to the arms industry and even closer ties to Israel. All of them see Iraq as a laboratory for their "neo-liberal" free-market fantasies. Thus a former CEO of Shell Oil will be in charge of the soon to be privatized oil industry. Not only were the southern oil fields amongst the first sites seized by the invaders, but Franks almost jumped the gun and started the war a day early when he heard rumors that Saddam was torching them. As in "democratic" Afghanistan where the warlords and dope dealers now rule, the Pentagon will be supplying a coterie of Iraqi and Kurdish quislings to provide some local window dressing. Meanwhile Rumsfeld will keep a close watch over the cash box,

no doubt to make sure that "old Europe" doesn't get its hands on any of the booty. Even their best buddies, the British, who are left with picking up the hyena's share of the leftovers, are now calling for a greater role for the UN and even Iraqi "self-rule," as a way of increasing the size of their piece of the pie.

However, far from being any kind of obstacle to U.S. imperialism, the UN only exists to provide a "humanitarian" fig leaf to cover up the endless acts of aggression carried out by the same imperialist powers that created it and continue to control it. Since the US is first and foremost amongst them, there is little chance that this body will ever dare defy Washington's wishes. Thus UN gave its seal of approval to the first Gulf War as well as the sanctions. It did nothing to stop the US and the UK from launching this war even though its Secretary General went so far as to call it "illegal." Instead, the UN made it all the easier for them to do so when Bush ordered Kofi Annan to get all UN personal out of Iraq so that the bombing could start as soon as possible. Now the imperialist also-rans hope to use the UN in order to get in through the back door. Only in doing so, they legitimize the war and the occupation, which are not only violations of its charter to begin with, but set the stage for the next war as well. The only question is when and where.

For its part, the Bush gang in the "Project for the New American Century," which has been planning this war for years, is not about to leave a prize like Iraq, with the second largest oil reserves in the world, up for grabs at the whims of the "free market." Nor are they about to leave it to the UN like some Balkans backwaters. For their "project" is not just about oil; it is about empire. Any "failed nation" or "rogue regime" that does not toe the line will face the full might of their military machine, carried out in the name of that new white man's burden, "humanitarian regime change." U.S. imperialism trampled over the bones and through the blood of the Iraqi people in order to lay down the law for the rest of the world, "allies" and enemies alike. The "Bush doctrine," enshrined in last year's National Security Strategy statement, asserts the "right" of the U.S. to intervene anytime and anywhere it deems fit, whenever and wherever it detects a "threat" to its "security," i.e., its ability to invest and exploit, pillage and plunder at will. To ensure this "non-negotiable demand," the Pentagon expects, what the NY Times calls, "long-term access to key Iraqi bases" to "project American influence into the heart of the...region." Hence the opposition of capitalist competitors like France, Germany and Russia who are astute enough to read the writing on the wall. For this what imperialism looks like.

Exporting "Democracy" with Cluster Bombs and Depleted Uranium

Even though UN Resolution 1441 was clearly designed to serve as a pretext for war, the Iraqi government bent over backwards to accommodate the UN's weapons inspectors...who never did find any "smoking guns." Nor have U.S. troops, although they're probably well on their way to planting some in order to "justify" the war to the rest of the world. As Russian President Vladimir Putin put it, "if in the last moment of [the Iraqi regime's] existence it did not use them, it means they do not exist." Indeed if they ever did, the U.S. and the UK would never have dared to attack in the first place. But since all Bush was saying was give war a chance, the U.S. continued to push the goalposts further and further away. Both Powell and Tony Blair were not above using fakes and forgeries in order to sell their case to the world. Indeed, the chief UN weapons inspector, Hans Blix now accuses Bush and Blair of planning the war "well in advance" and of "fabricating" evidence against Iraq to justify their doing so. So utterly fraudulent was their case that they even failed to bribe or bully the UN into providing a fig leaf for their war. Thus Bush and Blair were finally "forced" to go it alone. Yet not only did they claim to be acting on behalf of the "international community," but also in the name of "democracy" when in no country did a majority of the population support, let alone, vote for their war.

Bush was never elected in the first place, so the "will of the people" of the U.S., let alone those of Iraq, means little to him to begin with. The police state like legislation and the racist round-ups of Arab-Americans that Bush and Ashcroft have pushed through since "9/11" should serve to show just what kind of "freedom" they have in mind for Iraq. As for exporting "democracy" (with cluster bombs and depleted uranium) one need only look at some of the other liberty-loving regimes the U.S. has brought into being or stood behind in the Arab and Muslim world to see how much water that claim holds. These include the Shah of Iran, the Emir of Kuwait, the Saudi royal family, Suharto in Indonesia and military dictatorships in Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey. And let's not forget that the pre-1990 Saddam Hussein was also a U.S. client...he never gassed anyone the U.S. didn't give him permission to. Indeed, Rumsfeld was amongst his biggest backers...until Saddam turned thumbs down on a prospective pipeline deal for Bechtel.

The hypocrisy over "democracy" is only surpassed by the supposed American opposition to "terrorism." This comes from all of the same figures who were behind bankrolling the contras in Nicaragua, the death squads in El Salvador, Poll Pot in Cambodia, Jonas Savimbi in Angola and all of the medieval-minded mullahs in Afghanistan, from Bin Laden to the Northern Alliance, during the reign of Reagan and Bush, Sr. Needless to say, the only "freedom" that any of them are concerned with is the "freedom" of the same American corporations that rip off workers in the

U.S. to do the same to those in the Middle East as well as their "right" to pillage and plunder the region's natural resources; Bush may call his war "Operation Iraqi freedom" but in truth it is really "Operation Iraqi colonization." Or as radical journalist John Reed pointed out in 1920, "the policy of the U.S. (is to) promise food to starving peoples while organizing a blockade of (them.) Uncle Sam never gives anybody something for nothing. He comes along with a sack stuffed with hay in one hand and a whip in the other. Anyone who accepts Uncle Sam's promises at face value will find that they must be paid for in sweat and blood. The workers and peasants of the Philippines, the peoples of Central America and the islands of the Caribbean, they know what it means to live under the rule of 'free America.'" And now so too will the people of Iraq.

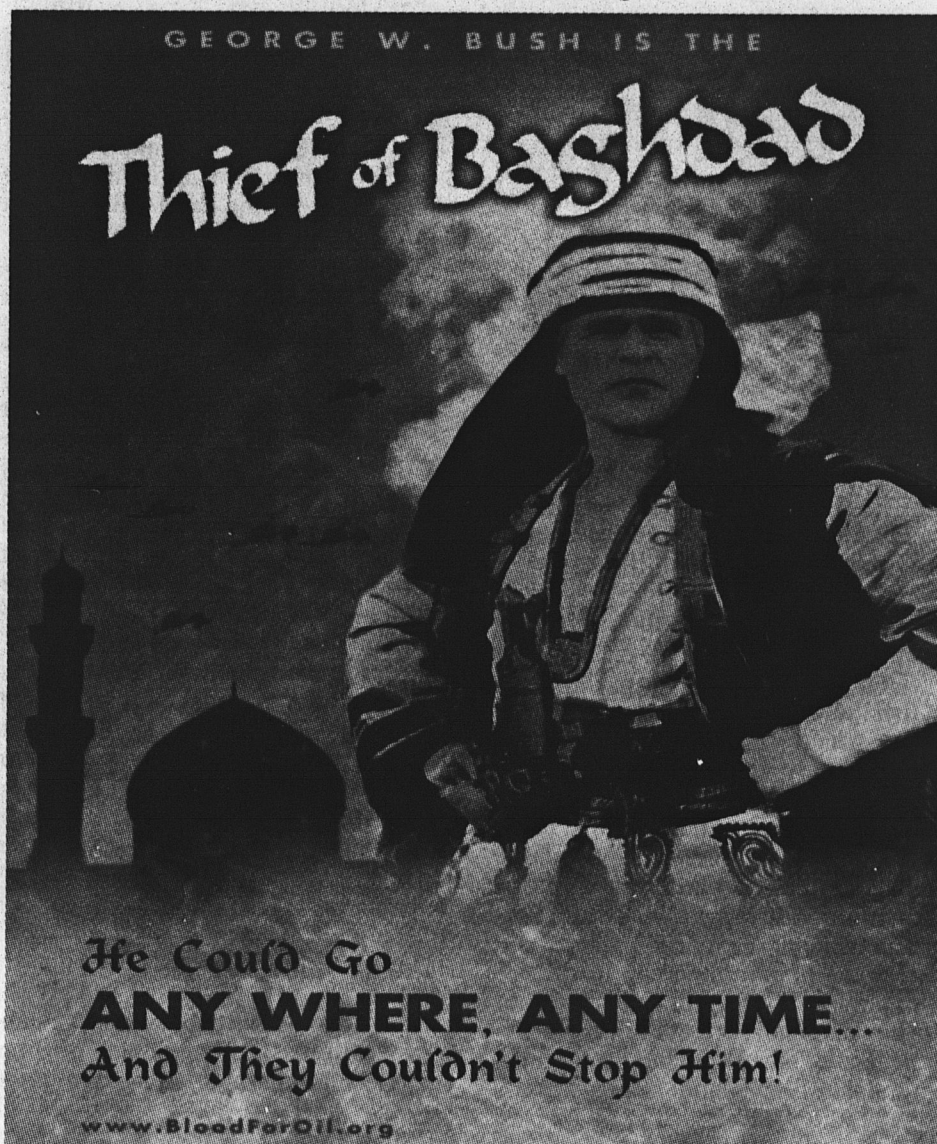
Nor does the U.S. allow anyone to sneak a peek at its arsenals, including its ample stocks of chemical and biological weapons. Indeed it is the only country to ever have used such weapons and has also made ample use of chemical and biological weapons (as many an American veteran knows all too well). The PNAC even urged the further development "of advanced forms of biological warfare" as "a politically useful tool." Nor are any American officials clamoring to have Israel's nuclear arsenal put under UN scrutiny. Israel is America's watchdog in the region and it needs a sharp set of teeth to effectively play that role. Thus, Israel is allowed to routinely flaunt UN resolutions as often as most people change their underwear. And since the Israelis did such a bang-up job of "urban warfare" at Jenin last year, U.S. troops took crash courses in "bulldozing" from the killers of Rachel

and Rumsfeld were ready to start bombing Iraq from the get-go; the others (along with Tony Blair) felt that the war, like a new TV show, required a good fall PR campaign to precede it. No doubt all agreed that war would be a perfect "weapon of mass distraction" to take the American peoples' attention away from domestic debacles like Enron, the corporate crime wave and the overall sad state of the economy. (Some two million Americans lost their jobs over the same period that Bush was preoccupying public opinion with Iraq, 300,000 of them in March alone.) So a Wag the Dog/Canadian Bacon-like "Iraq crisis" was conjured up as soon as the hysteria around "9/11" and the obsession with "terrorism" had dissipated with the full cooperation and consent of the prostitute press, which is, after all, owned by the same people who own the politicians. This includes the Democrats, whose only "objection" to Bush's war was that they weren't allowed in the action.

But why would they object...sanctions, bombings and pre-PATRIOT Acts were standard fare throughout Clinton's two terms. Both bosses' parties were in basic agreement for the simple fact that this war was no more over "weapons of mass destruction" than the war in Afghanistan was over "terrorism." This was all so much sugar to make the bitter pill of war go down the throats of the American workers, who have to pay for and fight in them. Every cent of the \$80 billion spent on bombing working people in Iraq, was a cent less spent on helping them in this country; every bomb and bullet meant less schools, hospitals and homes here. In reality, it is the insatiable appetite of America's ruling rich for lording it over the rest of the world's workers and resources the same way they do here, what the PNAC calls "policies that further strengthen market incentives and...institutions," that necessitates what Bush and Cheney refer to as "war without end."

They lie, workers die.

In 1898, when the British invaded the Sudan (and in the process killed 11,000 people) they claimed that the Africans would one day have grounds to thank them for it. With their re-colonization of Iraq, Bush and Blair continue in that tradition, once again showing the world that their governments are little more than gangs of liars, crooks and killers that put the Mafia to shame. Yet how could it be otherwise? The same government that made war on the people of Iraq (and now wants to do the same in Syria, Iran or North Korea) has been making war on the living standards of working people in this country for the last quarter of a century and does so for the same reason. 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. To fight one requires fighting the other and for that an alternative to both is required. Just as imperialist war is the continuation of capitalist "globalization" by other means, so the struggle for socialist revolution needs to become the continuation and culmination of the struggle against "globalization" and war.



Lies, Damn Lies and Weapons of Mass Distraction

While they may have failed to find a single shred of evidence that the Iraqis were in possession of so-called "weapons of mass destruction," Bush and Blair had no such problems when it came to unleashing a "shock and awe" blitzkrieg with their own weapons of mass destruction over Iraqi cities. Of course, whatever "WMDs" Iraq ever had at its disposal came courtesy of the U.S. and the UK to begin with. That's why U.S. officials were so quick to get their hands on the Iraqi declaration to the UN before anyone else did; in order to make sure that all references to their suppliers were deleted. When it comes to "weapons of mass destruction," the US comes in second to no one, spending 20 times as much on them as all of their nearest competitors combined do.

Corrie to prepare for any street-fighting in Iraqi cities that may arise. Israel even manufactured the new and improved cluster bombs the RAF used to kill Iraqis with.

The other main "justification" for the war was alleged Iraqi links to Al Qaeda and "9/11." Only this proved to be yet another "weapon of mass distraction." If anyone had links to both Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein it was the Reagan-Bush gang that aided and armed both of them for years. While Saddam Hussein has never been linked to "9/11" the same can't be said for Bush. No wonder every attempt to seriously investigate the terrorist attack on the WTC gets swept under the rug by the administration. Even before the fires went out at "Ground Zero," Condoleezza Rice had called together the inner circle of administration officials to see how the US could cash in on that tragedy. Bush

Female Genital Mutilation



SHEREEN KANDIL

Many young women and girls around the world are inflicted with genital mutilation. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) refers to the removal of parts or all of the female genitalia.

There are four known forms of female genital mutilation. These are classified by the World Health Organization. These four types are:

Type I: Excision of the prepuce, with or without excision of part or the entire clitoris

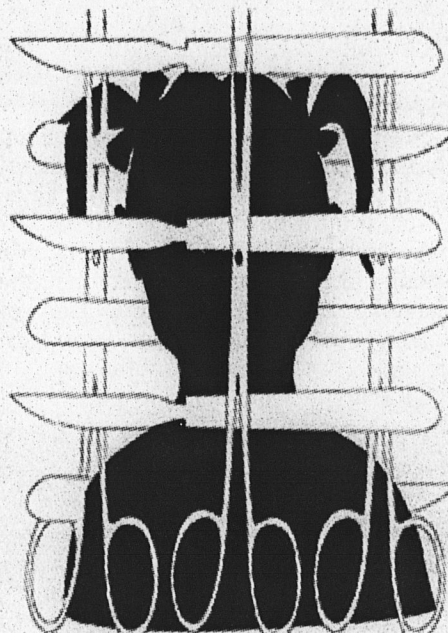
Type II: Excision of the clitoris with partial or total excision of the labia minora

Type III: Excision of part or all of the external genitalia and stitching/narrowing of the vaginal opening (infibulation)

Type IV: Unclassified: this includes pricking, piercing, or incising of the clitoris and/or labia; stretching of the clitoris and/or labia; cauterization by burning of the clitoris and surrounding tissue.

The girl's age, ethnic group, country and class status are all factors to the type of mutilation she undergoes. Girls ranging from the ages of four and eight are more commonly to undergo infibulation. Mutilation is carried out in many areas including a girl's home, a relative's home, a neighbor, in hospitals, or in designated spots like near trees, in caves or by a body of water. FGM is carried out by either an older woman in the community, a midwife, a healer, a barber, or if the family is wealthy enough, a doctor.

The young females undergoing this procedure are usually not given anesthetics. In some cultures, girls are told to sit in cold water to "numb" themselves. The girl's two legs are held apart from each other by two strong women while her upper body is held down by another woman to immobilize her.



Mutilation is carried out by a variety of objects ranging from a broken piece of glass, a tin lid, scissors, a razor blade, or a knife. Powders, pastes, and the binding of a girl's legs are sometimes done to facilitate healing.

According to Amnesty International, "an estimated 135 million of the world's girls and women have undergone genital mutilation, and two million girls a year are at risk of mutilation, which is approximately six thousand girls per day.

Genital Mutilation can be fatal. Girls and women can experience hemorrhages. The mutilation can damage any organ surrounding the clitoris or labia. Urinary infections can develop as well. Because of the lack of health awareness available, and the lack of money, the same instrument used to mutilate one female can and usually is used to cut another. This in then can lead to the spread of HIV. Other long and short term physical effects can lead to excessive bleeding, benign tumors, stones in the bladder and urethra,

kidney damage, infections in the reproductive track, which is due to a destructed menstrual flow, pelvic infections, infertility, and scarred tissues.

Giving birth is probably the most difficult task a woman can experience after the mutilation process. Some of the tissues tare when the baby emerges during labor. At other times, a woman would have to be re-cut in order to let the baby out. After, she would be re-infibulated to re-tighten her self.

Psychologically, women experience a mixture of feelings after being mutilated. She may feel anxious, humiliated, betrayed, or have an everlasting feeling of fear. This occurrence may make a female "calmer," therefore allowing her to become a lady and not a nuisance, as appreciated in some societies.

There are many reasons as to why female genital mutilation is practiced. The most common is due to customs and traditions. Female Genital Mutilation is necessary to the people who practice it because it is the mark of an adult woman. Without the mutilation, a woman is considered to be incomplete. Some parts of the woman's body, like the clitoris and the labia, are considered to be male genitalia; therefore, the removal of it is what makes a woman. Also, in some societies, mutilation is carried out because it is believed that it reduces a woman's sexual desires. Because of this, it reduces the chance for a woman to have premarital sex or to become an adulteress during her marriage. In some patriarchal societies, women undergo these mutilations for the enhancement of the man's sexual pleasures.

Mutilation is carried out for health reason in other societies. It is believed to be a cleansing or purification of the woman. Some cultures believe that a woman's

clitoris can grow and hang between the woman's legs, therefore indicating manhood.

Amnesty International states that "in the 19th Century England, there were debates as to whether clitoridectomy could cure women of 'illness' such as hysteria and 'excessive' masturbation." Some believe that a mutilation enhances fertility.

Female Genital Mutilation rooting from religions is a misconception. "FGM," according to Amnesty International, "predates Islam and is not practiced by the majority of Muslims." In Christianity, missionaries have discouraged FGM. The minority of the Ethiopian Jewish community, which was formerly known as Falasha, practiced FGM, but the majority of the Jewish women do not follow this practice. Most of those who follow FGM follow Animist religions.

According to Amnesty International, 5% or 100 million females are genitally mutilated. 2 million are mutilated annually; 166,666 monthly; 5,480 daily; 228 hourly; 3.8 per minute; and 16 seconds per child.

In Ethiopia, 70-90% of females undergo genital mutilation. Mali, 94%; Nigeria, 60-90%; Sierra Leone, 90%; Somalia, 98%; and Guinea, 65-90%, are just some of the countries that have a high percentage of females practicing FGM. Organizations and Advocacy Groups have been organized in hopes to stop mutilation, educate those who do not understand the hazards of this practice, and lend support to those females who have been mutilated or those who ran away from their communities in order to avoid mutilation. In the United States, some of these organizations include Equality Now, NOCIRC, RAINBO, and the V-Day movement.

Italian-American Racism

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family tree to see that their relatives were immigrants. Before the rise of Mussolini, in the preceding half-century, 4 million Italians migrated to the U.S in search of the American Dream. Most settled in New York and Chicago, developing neighborhoods throughout the city. The response from "Americans" was an unfriendly one. Anti-Italians riots occurred because the workers who were already here complained about the Italians taking work from them. The immigrants were willing to work more hours for lesser wages thus "stealing their jobs."

In their newfound homes, Italians tried to preserve the sanctity of their culture through instilling music, dance, and food in American

society. America returned the favor by subjecting them to some American values like persecution, segregation, and racism. American history has shown that (much like the pilgrims) the oppressed sometimes become the oppressors. The economic progression of the Italians was mainly due to the hard work of immigrants in the booming industrial movement of America and to the mafia, who created an underworld of organized crime with blackmail, racketeering and extortion. The change from the victims of racism to racists quickly sprouted by the succeeding generations of immigrant's failure to remember our history due to the "dog eat dog" American dream.

The American media today is highly at fault, propagating prejudice through

the radio as I have heard on 103.5 FM. WKTU, a property of media conglomerate Clear Channel Corporation, has recently been poisoning the airwaves with one sided war updates, false patriotic songs and distasteful jokes about the Iraqi people and the bombings. This station is among the top stations listened to by the Staten Island demographic. This subliminal racism spewed by corporate bought media has further influenced Americans that people whose cultural background and religious practices are different from us are evil, which makes condoning the legal murder that is war, easier. There is an absence of the other side that we are not seeing from our "free press." I suggest turning on foreign news to see an objective view on

the war. Our press is not free if it owned by people with the sole motivation of profiting from this abomination we euphemize as "liberation."

The most disturbing realization I have come to in research and writing this piece is that the distinction between the pre-fascist immigrants and the post-Mussolini immigrants is not clear. Those who possibly developed racist views from a brutal dictator and those who were taught racism through American example are one in the same. The only real difference is the form of government, which is the real reason we wage war. We are just a little more discreet about our prejudice but we still silently supply the fuel (no pun intended) to the racist fire.

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.

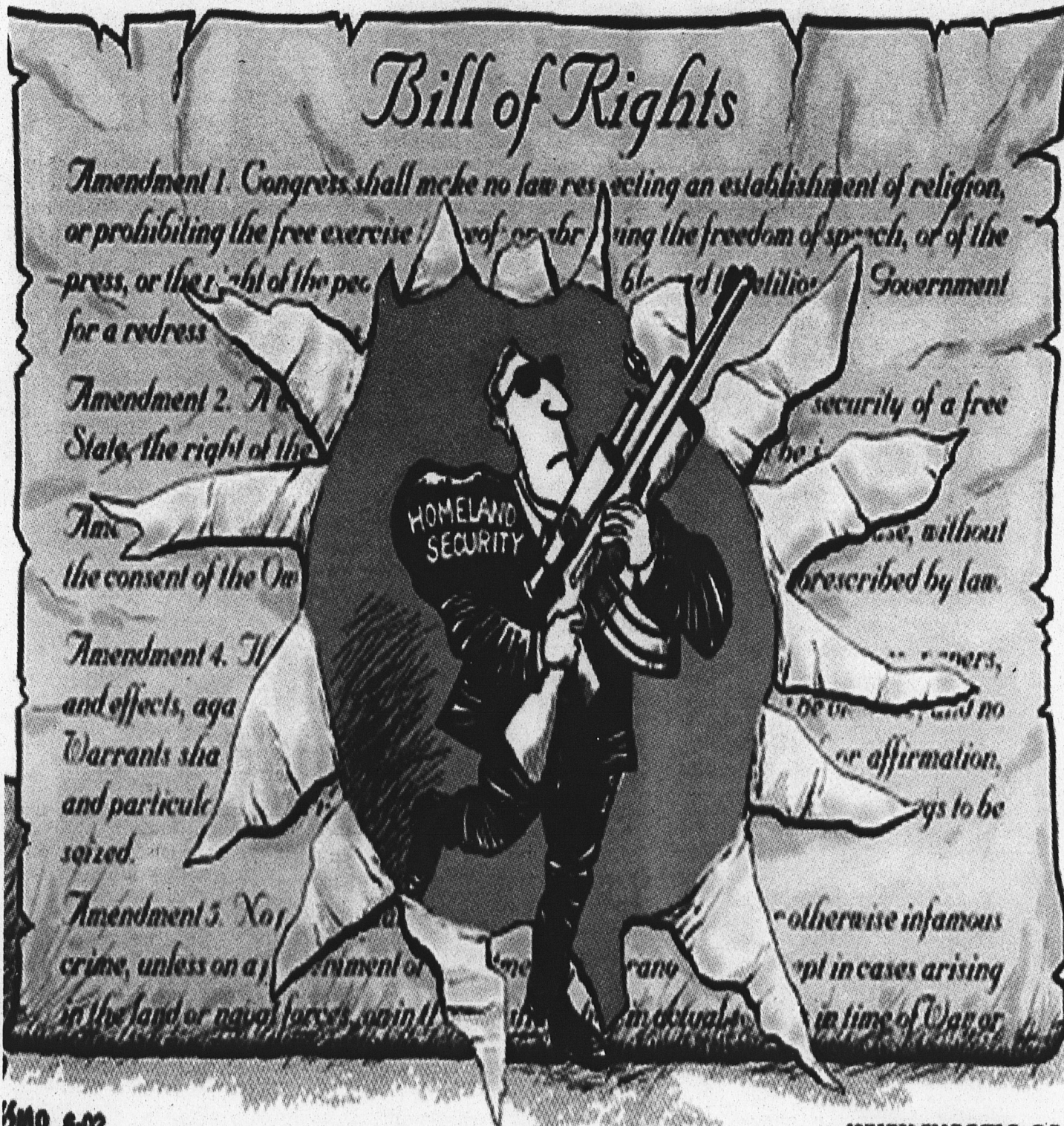
The CV recognizes that it is the capitalist system, based upon the private ownership of the means of producing the wealth, that is fundamentally responsible for the fantastic hardship and misery that the vast majority of our species undergoes across the globe...in the midst of plenty.

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



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September 11, 1973

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On September 11, 1973 the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende was overthrown by a CIA backed coup. The United States did not like Allende's economic policies in his country so they decided to illegally get rid of him. Chile, a rich country was being exploited by various foreign companies. Allende in the interest of the working and poor people of Chile decided to nationalize the countries major industries, estates and banks. By a unanimous vote of Congress in 1971, the government totally nationalized the foreign copper firms, which were mainly owned by two United States companies, Kennecott and Anaconda. This angered the United States government which felt that Chile had no right to nationalize their own industries. Allende gave factories to be democratically managed by workers. He raised salaries and wages which benefited the majority of workers.

After Allende nationalized the industry especially the copper, the United States launched an economic blockade in order to make the economy and government of Salvador Allende weak. This blockade was done with the help of multinational corporations like Kennecott and Anaconda as well as the World Bank. They terminated financial assistance and blocked loans. At the same time the United States was funding an opposition against Allende by supporting a small section of the military that also hated Allendes' policies. In 1973 Allende's Popular Unity party won 43 percent of the congressional seats more than the first time. This angered the United States and his opposition which now decided that the only way to get rid of Salvador Allende was through a violent overthrow. The good thing is that Allende was democratically elected and

supported by most Chileans. This fact made it hard for the United States to get rid of him.

After the 1973 congressional elections, violence escalated against the Allende government by his opposition which was highly supported and funded by the CIA. General Augusto Pinochet was the man picked by the United States to lead the coup.



On September 11, 1973 the military coup began and Salvador Allende was killed while he was in the president's office defending his government. Universities were put under military control, opposition parties were all banned and thousands of Chileans were tortured and killed. The CIA had a list of people that they presented to Augusto Pinochet whom they considered "radical" and a threat to United States and corporate interest. The United States government supported Pinochet's brutal regime from 1973 to 1990. The United States government destroyed democracy in Chile and replaced it with a brutal dictatorship because they did not like the president and his policies.

Over 5,000 people died in Chile and General Pinochet was supposed to be locked up for his crimes. He is now an old man and says that he doesn't remember anything that

happened and he should not go to jail. The United States government has not paid for this crime. September 11 happened before 2001 in New York. It happened in Korea in the 1950's, it happened in Vietnam in the 1960's and 70's, it happened in Beirut in the 1980's, it happened in Baghdad in 1991, it is happening in the West Bank and Gaza right now

and it happened in Chile in 1973. In all these places thousands of innocent people have been killed by the United States or by governments supported by the United States.

This also shows what America means by democracy. Democracy is recognized only when they serve US corporate interest. If a government is democratically elected but does not allow American companies to rob the country, their right to exist is no longer respected and the United States will overtly and covertly try to destroy this democracy. If you are a dictatorship but serve American interest you will be recognized and helped by the United States government. If Americans consider the attacks on the World Trade Center as terrorism they should also consider the brutal overthrow of Salvador Allende as terrorism. They should consider the death of millions of Vietnamese by the United States as terrorism. They should consider the

funding of the Israeli states' genocide on the Palestinian people as terrorism. The American people should not only consider them terrorism but should seek justice for all the victims of American terrorism. The horrible attacks on the World Trade Center was new and a shock to most Americans, but the fact is that the United States government with the CIA has done worse all over the world.

The United States has supported and still supports dictators and terrorists all over the world. The United States is trying to covertly overthrow the democratically elected government of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. The same exact tactics used in Chile in 1973 are being used in Venezuela right now, because Hugo Chavez is trying to make a government based on social justice and equality. If he was a brutal murderer but allowed U.S. companies to do whatever they wanted, he would not be attacked the way he is now. American people need to realize that terrorism is wrong no matter who commits it. The United States government does not have a clean record but a very bloody one. Seek justice for all victims of terrorism.



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