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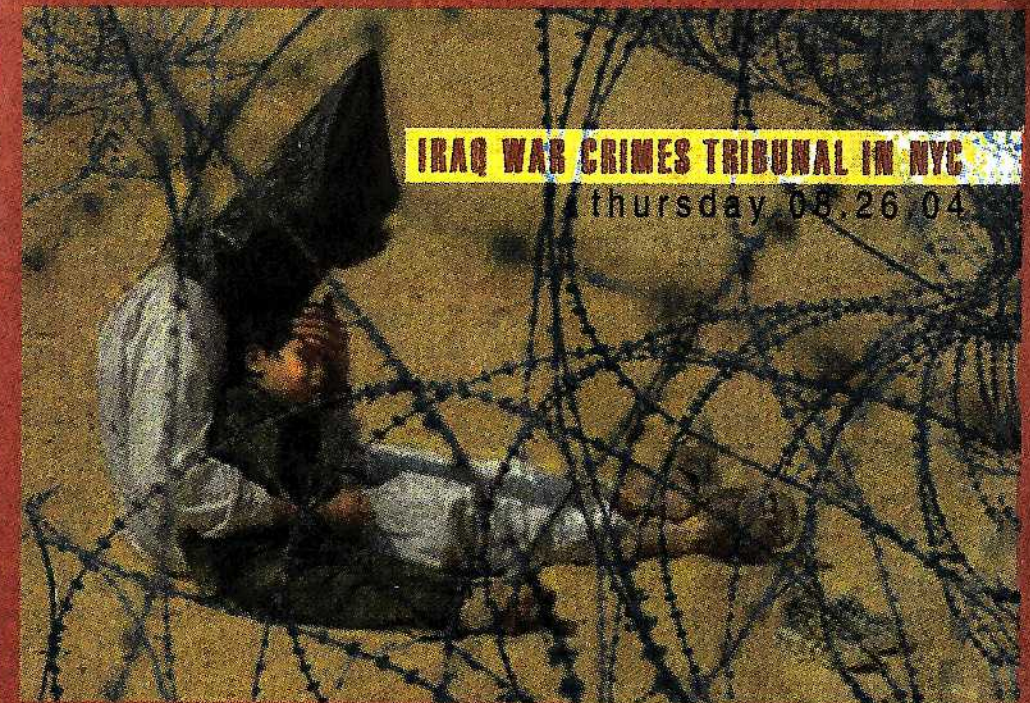
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# International Action Center

The International Action Center (IAC) was initiated in 1992 by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and other anti-war activists who had organized massive protests in the U.S. against the Gulf War. They then coordinated an International War Crimes Tribunal that held sessions in 20 countries and 30 U.S. cities on U.S. war crimes in Iraq.

The IAC led a major anti-sanctions protest and educational campaign producing many educational books and videos—exposing the sanctions' lethal effects.

IAC delegations have gone to active war zones in the Middle East, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa to bring back reports and videos of the reality of U.S. and U.S.-backed wars.

The IAC has mobilized against the U.S.-backed coup and occupation of Haiti, the U.S. blockade of Cuba, the U.S./NATO war against Yugoslavia, "Plan Colombia," and U.S. intervention in Vieques, Korea, and the

Philippines. The IAC has protested U.S.-backed Israeli attacks on the Palestinians, and has joined in anti-globalization protests here and abroad.

The IAC has organized to free political prisoners Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier and the Cuban Five and opposes political repression, and the use of the Patriot Act, against immigrants and all who dissent from government policies.

After September 11, 2001, the IAC called for immediate protests against the coming war and helped to form the anti-war coalition International A.N.S.W.E.R. The IAC helped to mobilize massive anti-war demonstrations before and during the U.S.-led war against Iraq, and opposed the detention, roundups, and bigotry against Arab and Muslim peoples.

The IAC helped organize protests against U.S. government policies at the Democratic National Convention and will be in the streets and is setting up a Resistance Center

during the Republican National Convention protests.

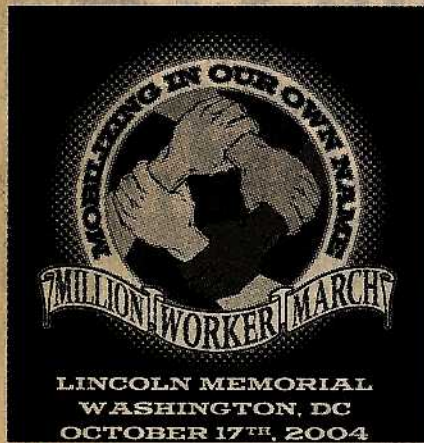
The IAC combines opposition to U.S. militarism and quest for empire with the struggles for economic and social justice. Organizers fight against poverty, racism, sexism, lesbian/gay/bi/transgendered bigotry and joins with the struggles of working people and all who fight for jobs, healthcare and more.

The IAC hails the coming Million Worker March as a great opportunity to unite the anti-war movement with that of working people marching for their rights, and has set up organizing centers to aid this historic demonstration.

The IAC is a volunteer and activist organization. To join, to make a donation, request a speaker, volunteer, learn about meetings, contact the IAC. For a full list of IAC books and videos, see the website.

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## A Tribunal to Build Resistance

The Aug. 26 War Crimes Tribunal in New York City is set to take place at the same time as the U.S. military in Iraq has begun to carry out a new war crime against the people of Najaf and against the sacred shrine of Imam Ali located in that city. This tribunal session is one of a series of public assemblies held around the world to hear charges against George W. Bush, his administration and their allies for war crimes committed against the people of Iraq. It will be a cry of solidarity with the people of Najaf.

These sessions, all part of the World Tribunal on Iraq, have involved thousands of people and months of research. Some sessions have lasted for several days of presentations and testimony.

This Tribunal hearing's unique contribution to this global effort is that it takes place in the midst of the hectic organizing for a week of resistance to the Bush gang. The organizing center for this Tribunal, the International Action Center (IAC), has become a Resistance Center. Even the IAC's Tribunal Journal doubles as a Field Guide to the Republican National Convention Week of Resistance.

The organizers have purposely scheduled this Tribunal at the beginning of a new phase of the resistance here in the U.S. that will see a massive outpouring from Aug. 26-Sept. 2.

The Tribunal not only opens the Week of Resistance, it seeks to develop a political defense of the right and the obligation to resist a criminal war and occupation.

The Iraqi people have the right to defend themselves and resist illegal U.S. invasion and colonial occupation. This Tribunal, based on international law, will defend this right. Various UN resolutions have reaffirmed the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for liberation from colonial domination and alien subjection, "by all available means including armed struggle" (see UNGA 3070, 3103, 3246, 3328, 3481, 31/91, 32/42 and 32/154).

UN complicity in the 1991 war on Iraq, however, in the years of starvation sanctions, in weapons inspections that de-industrialized the country and the UN vote in June 2003 to hand over control of all Iraq's resources to U.S. occupation forces disqualifies the UN as a force for peace or justice. Independent popular action is needed instead.

U.S. troops have the right to refuse illegal orders used to carry on the occupation, and this Tribunal hearing gives prominence to the testimony of courageous and outspoken GIs and their families. Eyewitnesses to the crimes of occupation will testify.

The people of the Philippines, Spain, India, South Korea have resisted their government's complicity in the occupation. The determination to oppose the U.S. occupation of Iraq has become a world movement of mass demonstrations and hunger strikes. The powerful resistance of the Iraqi people has given a new spirit of confidence to other countries threatened by the Pentagon. Resistance to other U.S. interventions in Haiti, Venezuela, and Palestine has also answered U.S. aggression. Leaders of this global resistance to the war will testify.

The Bush administration is responsible for the latest stage of Washington's 14-year war on Iraq, yet every major U.S. politician is committed to continuing the same policy of conquest. In brief: both Bush and Kerry plan to continue to occupy Iraq.

So most crucial place for resistance is right here at home. In the U.S. the movement has grown far beyond the millions who demonstrated before the war. As the casualties and costs mount support has plummeted. Today a majority of the U.S. population opposes the occupation. There is a growing understanding that the \$1.1 billion spent every day for "endless war" is funds stolen directly from desperately needed health, education and social programs here. These attacks, and the fightback planned against them, are also part of the testimony.

Bush's triumphal pose on the aircraft carrier May 1, 2003, with the "Mission Accomplished" sign, has turned into a military and political disaster for the U.S. plans for endless war and conquest. Overwhelming military force has utterly failed to secure any area of Iraq. The appointed government is isolated and totally dependent on the U.S. forces for its very survival. Instant, accessible communication flashes the picture of each attacked humvee, tank or helicopter around the world, before the Pentagon can debate whether to announce the newest blow.

Resistance to the occupation is growing. This Tribunal is aimed at continuing and strengthening this resistance.

*John Catalinotto and Sara Flounders*

## INDICTMENT

This Criminal Indictment Charges George W. Bush, Richard B. Cheney, Colin Powell, Donald H. Rumsfeld, John D. Ashcroft, Tommy Franks, and his successors as Commander of U.S. Forces in Iraq, George J. Tenet, L. Paul Bremer, III, John Negroponte and others to be named with Crimes Against Peace, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and other criminal acts in violation of the Charter of the United Nations, International Law, the Constitution of the United States and Laws Made in Pursuance Thereof.

The Crimes Charged are:

1. Waging a War of Aggression against the sovereignty of Iraq and the rights of its people, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths and injuries among the people of Iraq, most civilians, from military violence and thousands of U.S. GI's. War of aggression is defined as "the Supreme international crime" in the Nuremberg Judgment.
2. Authorizing, encouraging and condoning the use of excessive force, in terrorem, tactics called "Shock and Awe", targeting defenseless civilians, civilians facilities and indiscriminate bombing and assaults.
3. Authorizing and ordering the use of illegal weapons including super bombs, cluster bombs, depleted uranium enhanced bombs, missiles, shells and bullets and threatening the use of nuclear weapons.
4. Authorizing, ordering, concealing and condoning assassinations, summary executions, murders, disappearances, kidnappings and torture.
5. Authorizing, financing, utilizing and condoning illegal violence, use of force and torture by highly paid paramilitary civilian forces operating anonymously and not accountable to U.S. supervisors for their acts, who kill, coerce, control and contain the Iraqi population.
6. Authorizing, ordering and condoning the systematic destruction of economic, social, cultural, medical, educational, governmental and diplomatic resources, properties and facilities throughout Iraq.
7. Authorizing, ordering and condoning acts designed to divide the Iraqi population to cause internal conflict and violence among major segments of the society, ethnic, religious, political and

economic, in order to weaken and exhaust the population and bring all segments under the control of a new surrogate government submissive to U.S. command.

8. Authorizing, imposing and maintaining a violent, criminal military occupation over Iraq which kills defenseless Iraqi's daily and fans the flames of anti-U.S. anger worldwide.

9. Defying and incapacitating the peace making capacity and role of the United Nations by unilateral actions to undermine its potential effectiveness while continuing to coerce and use the U.N. to pursue U.S. policies in Iraq and elsewhere, and coercing and enticing other nations to support U.S. policies and actions in violation of international law in the U.N. Security Council and against Iraq and other nations.

10. Engaging in systematic acts to undermine and destroy international laws and treaties designed to prevent and control war, weapons of mass and indiscriminate destruction; limit participants in military service; protect the environment; prevent the economic exploitation of poor nations; and engaging systematic acts to obstruct justice by the evisceration of the International Criminal Court and manipulation or defiance of other international judicial and regulatory bodies that might seek to hold the U.S. accountable to international law and the will of the majority of the people of the international community.

11. Manifesting their continuing commitment to world domination by ordering, directing and condoning violent regime change in Haiti in March 2004 to replace the independent, elected democratic



President Jean Bertrand Aristide with a U.S. selected and controlled neo Duvalierist surrogate causing growing violence, hundreds of deaths and further impoverishment of the Haitian people.

**12.** Threatening the sovereignty and independence of nations, and acting to change regimes that refuse to yield to U.S. demands for economic subservience and political control for U.S. corporate and government interests, including most prominently Cuba, Iran, a divided Korea, the Philippines, Syria, Sudan and Venezuela; and supporting Israel's illegal occupation, brutalization and expanding settlement of Palestine in defiance of the United Nations, international law and world opinion; all of which adds to international anger and violence against the United States and its citizens.

**13.** Destroying the sovereignty, right to self determination, cultural integrity and control of its own resources of Iraq and its peoples by imposing an interim government headed by a long time C.I.A. asset who directed violence against Iraqi civilians for the U.S. in the 1990's; and manipulating procedures for the imposition of a new Constitution drafted by and installation of a new government chosen through controlled electoral processes and subservient to the will and command of the U.S. government.

**14.** Usurping the war powers delegated in the constitution to the Congress to pursue wars of aggression and other unlawful military actions; and attempting to pack the federal courts with judges committed to ideologies in conflict with the Constitution of the United States to achieve judicial decisions supporting those ideologies.

**15.** Systematically weakening fundamental human rights globally and the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution within the U.S. enabling U.S. forces to

In addition to full accountability for the foregoing crimes and full reparation to victims, the offenses constitute "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" under Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States requiring the removal from office of all the participating civil Officers of the United States upon impeachment for and conviction for their acts.

Dated: August 5, 2004

Ramsey Clark

unlawfully seize individuals in 100 countries, including U.S. citizens and arrest thousands of aliens in the U.S. and hold them, transport them, torture many, deny all access to courts to determine the legality of such seizures, arrest and treatment.

**16.** Making Guantanamo a symbol of U.S. power to imprison and abuse persons on the soil of a foreign sovereign nation, Cuba, against its will and to publicize U.S. contempt for human rights by displaying its power to arbitrarily seize, confine and abuse persons without revealing who they are, any charges against them, or what their future may be, placing U.S. power above all laws, international and national, and beyond the reach of all courts, including those of the U.S.

**17.** Giving economic preferences to favored corporations and business interests to extract enormous profits in both war and peace sectors of the economy from impoverished Iraq and U.S. taxpayers.

**18.** Systematically utilizing, controlling, directing, manipulating, misinforming and restricting press and media coverage and deliberately presenting false and misleading reports to obtain support for U.S. military and political actions; and to deprive the American people of knowledge essential to develop an informed opinion which is essential to democratic processes and elections.

**19.** All for the purpose of dominating, controlling, and exploiting Iraq and other non compliant nations by military force and economic coercion.

## IRAQ WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

### SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

2:00 pm Opening Registration

3:00 pm Hearings, Exhibits & Videos

6-9 pm Full Plenary Session

*The evening will consist of testimony, reports, videos, & power point presentations*

- I. Reading of the indictment of George W. Bush et al
- II. Report from past tribunals and current tribunals on Iraq
- III. Testimony from GIs, veterans, war resisters and their families
- IV. Eyewitnesses to U.S. war crimes in war and occupation
- V. Global Resistance-Iraq's resistance has made our movement stronger
- VI. Ramsey Clark—Summary and closing arguments

9:30 pm People Judge Bush



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### We need your help!

To make this War Crimes Tribunal happen, many costs were incurred. Although everyone who worked on it volunteered their labor, the word went out by mail, on leaflets and posters, through email, phone calls, and on websites. All of this cost money. Travel and housing for panelists had to be arranged. A hall had to be reserved and equipment rented or purchased. And there's more.

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## SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

**Nellie Bailey**, former member of SNCC, and founder of Harlem Tenants Council, an anti-displacement tenants' rights organization.

**Hana Al-Bayaty**, an Iraqi-French documentary film maker. She worked on coordinating the Brussels Tribunal. Her film *On Democracy in Iraq* was screened as part of the Tribunal's cultural program.

**Prof. Dennis Brutus**, a South African poet and leading anti-apartheid activist. He is Professor Emeritus in the Dept. of Africana Studies at the Univ. of Pittsburgh.

**Romeo Capulong**, International Human Rights Lawyer from the Philippines and Chief Prosecutor in the International Criminal Tribunal for Iraq which held its first trial in Kyoto in July.

**John Catalinotto**, an organizer of the 1992 War Crimes Tribunal on Iraq, the 1999-2000 War Crimes Tribunal on Yugoslavia and co-editor of IAC books *Metal of Dishonor* and *Hidden Agenda: the U.S.-NATO Takeover of Yugoslavia*.

**Maritza and Norma Castillo**, family members of Camilo Mejia, a veteran of the current war on Iraq, and resister who is currently in military prison for refusing to take part in war crimes.

**Ramsey Clark**, former U.S. Attorney General and leading participant at tribunals on Iraq (1991-1992), Yugoslavia (1999-2000) and Korea (2001). Author of *The Fire This Time* and other books on the U.S. war on Iraq. He has drafted the indictment that is the basis of charges for this tribunal. Mr. Clark is the only U.S. cabinet level officer who has consistently waged a struggle against U.S. militarism and intervention.

**Mitchell Cohen**, New York Green Party activist and editor of *Green Politix*, the national newspaper of the Greens/Green Party USA, author of many pamphlets on environmental dangers and struggles.

**Gerry Condon** deserted from the U.S. Army in 1969 after refusing to fight in Vietnam. He lived for six years in Sweden and Canada before returning to

the U.S. in 1975, campaigning for amnesty for war resisters. He is Director of Project Safe Haven and the Right to Resist network.

**Heather Cottin**, teacher and organizer for Long Island ANSWER, co-author of *Hidden Agenda: U.S./NATO Takeover of Yugoslavia*.

**Ayca Cubukcu**, graduate student from Turkey and organizer World Tribunal on Iraq, held in New York City, May 2004.

**Lamis Deek**, Palestinian American lawyer and activist, organizer with Al Awda Right of Return Coalition and the National Council of Arab Americans.

**LeiLani Dowell**, organizer with Queers for Peace and Justice. She has made solidarity trips to Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba. LeiLani is a Congressional candidate (8th District, San Francisco) on the Peace and Freedom ticket.

**Ben Dupuy**, secretary general of Haiti's National Popular Party (PPN). He was ambassador-at-large for President Aristide's government from 1991-1993 and is editor-in-chief of *Haiti-Progres* newspaper.

**Tod Ensign**, organizer of Citizen Soldier and the legal defense of ex-Marine Stephen Funk, Army Private Camilo Mejia and other military resisters.

**Peter Erlinder** is a Professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law and past president of the National Lawyers Guild. He is a major spokesperson against the repressive Patriot Act.

**Basak Ertur** is a graduate student from Turkey and organizer World Tribunal on Iraq, held in New York City, May 2004.

**Lenora Foerstel**, a North American Coordinator of Women for Mutual Security and the board of Women Strike for Peace. She has written many works about the sociologist Margaret Mead and edited the book about media manipulation, *War, Lies and Videotape*.

**Sara Flounders**, co-director of the IAC, a key organizer of the 1991-1992 war crimes tribunals on Iraq, the 1999-2000 war crime tribunals on Yugoslavia,

traveled many times to Iraq to challenge the sanctions. She has written extensively on this subject and co-edited eight IAC books on Iraq, Yugoslavia, Colombia, Haiti and Depleted Uranium.

**Julie Fry**, is a member of the National Lawyers Guild. She is an organizer who represented the IAC at an international conference in Germany. She is the editor of this journal.

**Joachim Guilliard**. A key spokesperson in Germany for those opposing UN sanctions against Iraq. He is coordinating the German initiative for an international tribunal on the 2003 war on Iraq.

**Teresa Gutierrez**, leader of the NY Committee to Free the Cuban Five. She is responsible for IAC committees in solidarity with the people of Colombia and Venezuela. She co-edited the IAC book, *War in Colombia, Made in USA*.

**Samia Haliby**, a Palestinian artist, educator, and activist. She is an organizer of the New York Committee to defend Palestine and is part of the Al Jisser Art Group. She is working on a national exhibit of Palestinian art.

**Denis Halliday**, top UN official who resigned from the "Oil for Food" program that imposed sanctions on Iraq and has become a leading spokesperson against the sanctions and the war. (by video)

**Sue Harris**, Peoples Video Network, has traveled to Iraq, Japan, South Africa, around the U.S. and the world to make progressive videos. She is updating a video on depleted uranium.

**Lennox Hinds**, UN representative and Vice President of the Intl. Assoc. of Democratic Lawyers. An expert in international law, Hinds drafted the charter of the World Tribunal on Iraq.

**Michael Hoffman** was a Marine during the 2003 invasion of Iraq. He is a co-founder of Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) and has been a public critic of the war since his return to the U.S.

**Larry Holmes**, member of the steering committee of the ANSWER Coalition. He is a leading spokesperson for the U.S. anti-war movement here and at international meetings in Baghdad,

London, and Berlin.

**Koichi Inamori**, attorney for a lawsuit to stop the deployment of Japan Self Defense Forces in Iraq, a lawsuit to demand state reparation for war-displaced Japanese-Chinese orphans who have no pensions, and other important mass action suits. He is a prosecutor for the ICT-Iraq.

**Yoomi Jeong**, fighter for democracy, self-determination and unification in Korea and the rights of immigrants in the U.S. She is Secretary General of the Korea Truth Commission, which investigates U.S. war crimes in Korea.

**Kadouri al-Kaysi**, of the Committee in Support of the Iraqi people, has traveled as translator and assistant to Ramsey Clark on many of his trips to Iraq and has spoken at meetings and conferences on the war and sanctions against Iraq.

**John Kim**, a Korean American attorney, he served in the U.S. Army during the 1970s, and is currently a board member of Veterans for Peace and the National Lawyers Guild.

**Taina Lara**, activist and participant in a recent delegation to Colombia in support of targeted trade union organizers.

**Dustin Langley**, Navy veteran and organizer with Support Network for the Armed Forces Union (SNAFU), and the national NO Draft No Way! Campaign, [www.nodraftnoway.org](http://www.nodraftnoway.org).

**Prof. Akira Maeda** of Tokyo Zokei University, Criminal Law. Representative of the ICT-Afghanistan and ICT-Iraq, and of the Friends of RAWA in Japan, director of Japanese Democratic Lawyers Assoc., secretary general of Japanese History Watch and of Japanese Assoc. for Human Rights of Koreans in Japan.

**Alex Majumder**, organizer with IAC, SNAFU, and with Cuban solidarity organizations. Alex is a web and graphic designer. His skills made the publication of this journal possible.

**Muntu Matsimela**, WBAI Special Events Coordinator, is a longstanding community organizer, social justice and international human rights activist, global reparations activist and attorney.

**Manik Mukherjee**, a leader of the All-

India Anti-Imperialist Front that organized huge protests to oppose U.S. war in Iraq and successfully opposed the sending of Indian troops to Iraq.

**Ghazwan Al-Mukhtar**, a retired Iraqi engineer who studied in the U.S.A. He has lived mostly in Iraq, and has described life under the occupation in radio and other interviews and articles in the Western media. (by video)

**John Parker**, West Coast IAC organizer, traveled with Ramsey Clark and others to Sudan to investigate the 1998 U.S. missile attack on the pharmaceutical plant the Clinton administration falsely claimed was a chemical weapons factory, he traveled to Iraq to oppose sanctions.

**Maria Rosa Peñarroya Miranda** (Spain) and **Javier Barandiarain** (Basque Country): Both from the Campaign Against the Occupation and for the Sovereignty of Iraq in the Spanish state. They were with a delegation that, in March and April 2003, witnessed the war directly and interviewed wounded Iraqis in the Baghdad hospitals.

**Arturo Perez-Saad**, an organizer with the NY Committee to Free the Cuban Five and IAC volunteer.

**Sara Powell**, a Palestine solidarity activist and photographer. She is the Administrative and Public Relations Director of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*.

**Michael Ratner**, President of the Center for Constitutional Rights and co-author of the recent book *Guantanamo: What You Should Know*. Michael is a well-known civil rights attorney who has filed numerous challenges on the illegality of U.S. interventions.

**Dr. Hansjörg Rothe, M.D.**, has training in internal medicine and nephrology (kidney diseases) in Germany and Britain. He tested British soldiers poisoned with depleted uranium weapons.

**Don Rojas**, veteran journalist, activist, and new media innovator, he is currently the general manager of Pacifica Radio station WBAI 99.5 FM in New York City. In the early 1980s, Rojas worked

in Grenada as press secretary to the late Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

**Omar Sierra**, a Venezuelan activist and organizer with the Alberto Lovera Bolivarian Circle.

**Deirdre Sinnott**, director of *LeftBooks.com*, an online progressive bookstore. She has traveled on the Iraq Sanctions Challenge to speak at conferences in Iraq. She coordinated logistics at several major antiwar demonstrations.

**Lynne Stewart**, progressive attorney who has defended clients charged with terrorist acts, now on trial for charges stemming from the new repressive climate that gave birth to the Patriot Act.

**Brenda Stokeley**, president of AFSCME DC 1707, a leader of the Million Worker March organization and of NYC Labor Against the War, has become a leading anti-war spokesperson within and from the labor movement.

**Fernando Suarez**, the father of Jesus Suarez, one of the first GIs killed in Iraq. He traveled to Iraq and has become an eloquent speaker at anti-war gatherings all over the world.

**Michael Tarif Warren**, a criminal defense attorney who specializes in major criminal matters, human rights and police misconduct. He served as the lead prosecutor for the Mumia Abu-Jamal Tribunal in Philadelphia, and was associate director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

**Walter Williams**, IAC organizer and adjunct professor of Computer Science at the Courant Institute at New York University. Walter has organized visuals, displays, and graphics at major demonstrations against the Iraq war.

**Jo Wilding** was in Baghdad with Voices in the Wilderness during the 2003 war, and again from November 2003 to May 2004. She drove an ambulance in Falluja while it was under siege and was fired on by U.S. troops.



## Hearing #1

### Reports from International Tribunals: The Worldwide Struggle Against War and Occupation

The attempt to coordinate an international World Tribunal on Iraq (WTI) marks a step forward in building solidarity among anti-war forces in difference countries. At this hearing, representatives of some of the countries involved will succinctly summarize the most telling testimony and conclusions from their national tribunal hearings, with updates to include hearings now being planned and new crimes under the U.S. occupation.

This will also include an introduction on the role of such tribunals in the international struggle against wars of aggression, illegal acts during war, and crimes against humanity, including the coordination of anti-war activities in many nations and the building of solidarity against aggression.



Audience at BRussells Tribunal (Brussels, Belgium)

#### Witnesses Include:

Professor Akira Maeda of the ICTI, which has already held multiple hearings, in Japan and elsewhere.

Basak Ertur, of the World Tribunal on Iraq – New York (May 2004)

Joachim Guilliard of the Tribunal held in Germany.

Message from the Turkish tribunal group.

*Coordinator:* John Catalinotto (IAC; organizer of the 1999–2000 tribunal on the US/NATO war in Yugoslavia)



International Criminal Tribunal on Iraq (Japan)

#### Partial Listing of Some of the Tribunals Held Globally

World Tribunal on Iraq (Istanbul, Turkey): [www.worldtribunal.org](http://www.worldtribunal.org)

Brussels Tribunal (Brussels, Belgium): [www.brusselstribunal.org](http://www.brusselstribunal.org)

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[www.icti-e.com/englishsite.html](http://www.icti-e.com/englishsite.html)

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## Hearing #2

### Crimes Against Peace: Planning and Preparation for Wars in the Middle East and East Africa

The 2003 illegal invasion of Iraq did not occur in a vacuum. Rather it was part of a decades-old policy of military coercion to secure oil reserves for American and British interests. “Planning, preparation, initiation or waging a war of aggression,” is a crime against peace and is listed foremost in the Principles of the Nuremburg Tribunal as adopted by the United Nations.

Expert witnesses will place the war and occupation against Iraq within the context of support for the Israeli occupation of Palestine, the United States’ belligerent role in fueling the Iran/Iraq war, the premeditated assault on Iraq in 1992, ten years of brutal sanctions, and the ramifications of an unending “War on Terror.” Through this discussion the U.S. strategies to weaken and divide peoples and nations in the Middle East will emerge as part of their overall plan to control oil production and to re-colonize the peoples of the Middle East. Witnesses in this hearing will also examine the Bush administration’s threats against Syria and Iran throughout the most recent war. They will show how the same motives have fueled the recent threats against the Sudan.



Palestine



Sudan

#### Witnesses Include:

John Parker – on the imperialist nations’ interests in the Sudan

Kadouri al-Kaysi – on current conditions for civilians in Iraq

Denis Halliday – a former UN official with the Oil for Food program (video testimony)

Hana al-Bayaty – on U.S. planning and preparation for war in Iraq

Lamis Deek – on U.S. complicity in Israeli crimes against Palestine

Samia Halaby – on U.S. complicity in Israeli crimes against Palestine

Sara Powell – Palestine solidarity activist

*Coordinator:* Peter Gilbert (International Action Center)



### Hearing #3

## Crimes Against Peace: Planning and Preparation for Wars and Aggression in East Asia

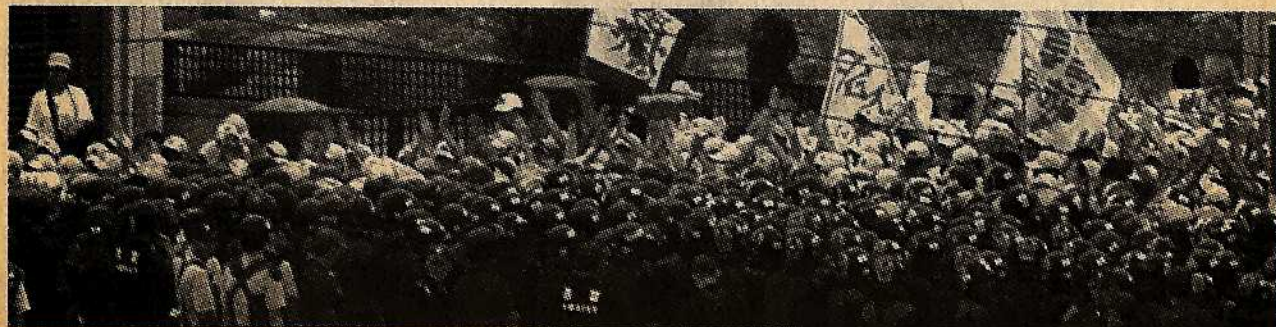
In January 2002, George Bush named North Korea, Iraq and Iran part of an "Axis of Evil" and declared the right of pre-emptive nuclear strikes against these countries. This open hostility against North Korea is part of a strategy to continue U.S. domination in East Asia. The U.S. is strengthening U.S.-Japan Alliance and U.S.-South Korea Alliance and uses 'NK-Nuclear Crisis' as an excuse to militarize East Asia and the Pacific Region. As part of Bush's plan for "Endless War," the United States has launched the greatest crime against peace: the Planning and Preparation for Wars in East Asia.

This has been the pattern of the brutal history of U.S. imperialism in East Asia. The U.S. has waged three major wars of aggression against populations in Asia in the past 100 years. Asia is the region where the U.S. used all "A.B.C." weapons against civilians: Atomic bombs, Biological and Chemical weapons.

The Philippine-American War (1898-1902) took 600,000 Philippine civilian lives. The Korean War (1950-1953) took 3 million civilian lives; and the Vietnam War (1964-1973) killed over 2 million civilians. The destruction was extended to infrastructures, buildings, farms and waterways. During the Philippine-American War, under the campaign of "Burn all and kill all," village after village was burned and destroyed. World War II was over, but the U.S. dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. During the Korean War, U.S. warplanes dropped more bombs in the northern part of Korea than were dropped on Europe during all of WWII. The military also used biological and chemical weapons against civilians. In Vietnam, U.S. warplanes dropped seven million tons of bombs (equivalent to one 350 lb. bomb per person). Airplanes and helicopters rained down 400,000 tons of napalm on the people of Vietnam. Agent Orange and other toxic herbicides destroyed millions of acres of farmland and forests.

The U.S. domination still continues. It has occupied the Philippines and South Korea for over 50 years, and has attempted to strangle North Korea with devastating sanctions. China's emerging prominence makes the U.S. ruling class uneasy so they are strengthening their military alliance with the "satellite countries," Japan and South Korea.

At this hearing, the panelists, who are activists against the war in Iraq and the U.S. occupation of their countries, will give testimony on peoples' struggles against U.S. war threats and continued occupation of their countries in the context of the so called U.S. global war on terror. They will also discuss anti-war movements in their countries.



#### Witnesses Include:

Romeo Capulong -- International Human Rights Lawyer from the Philippines and a Chief Prosecutor in the ICT-Iraq.

Mr. Takase -- an organizer and member of the Japanese ITC-Iraq delegation.

Coordinator: Yoomi Jeong (Korea Truth Commission)

### Hearing #4

## Crimes Against Peace: Planning and Preparation for Wars and Aggression in Latin America and the Caribbean

While the Bush administration has set its sights firmly on the re-colonization of Iraq, it has not turned its attention away from its ambitions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Countries in Latin America, such as Venezuela and Colombia have faced terrible aggression from the U.S. Bush has escalated "Plan Colombia," which is causing enormous environmental and human devastation in that country. At the same time, Bush has been backing the right-wing "opposition" in Venezuela that has tried to overthrow the democratically elected President, Hugo Chavez. Fortunately, the people of Venezuela have been able to fight back against this threat to their sovereignty. They overturned a U.S. backed coup in 2002, and, on August 15th, they reaffirmed their support for their president and their independence by voting overwhelmingly to keep Hugo Chavez in office.

The people of Cuba have also faced increased hostility from the Bush administration. The peaceful nation of Cuba, which has thousands of doctors working for free right now in the poorest parts of the world, was named part of the "Axis of Evil" by the Bush administration in 2002. Since then, Bush has sought to strangle Cuba economically by tightening the immoral blockade of the country.

The democratically elected president of Haiti, Jean Bertrand Aristide, was ousted in a U.S. backed coup and kidnapped by U.S. marines in February of this year. This criminal action against the people of Haiti, who have suffered centuries of oppression from the U.S. and France, shows that the Bush administration and its backers will stop at nothing to impose their will on oppressed nations.

The Bush policy in Latin America and the Caribbean is an extension of decades of U.S. aggression and criminal intervention in the region. In this hearing, witnesses will present testimony on U.S. crimes against the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean as an extension of the policy of "endless war" in the Middle East.



#### Witnesses Include:

Taina Lara -- on the peoples' struggles in Colombia

Omar Sierra -- on the Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela

Teresa Gutierrez -- on escalated threats against Cuba

Ben Dupuy -- on the latest coup d'etat and repression in Haiti

Representative from ProLibertad -- on the experience of Puerto Rico

Coordinator: Arturo Perez-Saad (International Action Center)



## Hearing #5

### Crimes Against Humanity: Targeting Civilians and Iraqi Infrastructure

Eyewitnesses and experts will present hard testimony, including photos, videos and other illustrations, of crimes against humanity committed by the U.S. and other "Coalition" forces during the war of March-April 2003 and the occupation since April 2003 against the Iraqi population. Such crimes include deliberate attacks on civilians, attacks on the civilian infrastructure, refusal to allow medical care to civilians, refusal of humane treatment to captured combatants. They indicate that U.S. strategy was aimed at making the entire Iraqi population submit to foreign rule.

Eyewitnesses saw the first-hand impact of "Shock and Awe" on the civilian population and the brutal face of the occupation during the April 2004 siege of Falluja when Iraqis heroically defended their city.



#### Witnesses Include:

Maria Rosa Peñarroya Miranda (Spain) and Javier Barandiaran (Basque country) – both were in Baghdad before and during the heavy bombing in 2003

Jo Wilding of Britain – witness to the siege of Falluja in April 2004

Deirdre Sinnott – Member of the IAC on the destruction of Iraqi cultural heritage

Keiko Yasuhara – Japanese expert on the assault on women's lives under the occupation

Coordinator: Ellen Catalinotto (International Action Center)

## Hearing #6

### War Crimes: The Use of Illegal and Prohibited Weapons

*"The right of belligerents to adopt means of injuring the enemy is not unlimited"*  
—Hague Convention (II) 1899, Art. 22

The rules and customs of war, as well as International Law, have long held that weapons of war which cause unnecessary suffering or needless death and destruction have no place in conflict between civilized nations. The **Hague and Geneva Conventions**, the **Nuremberg Charter** and the **Laws of Armed Conflict** prohibit the use of such weapons.

Yet the Bush administration continues to show its contempt for these agreements by openly producing, stockpiling and using these illegal weapons in Iraq. These weapons include anti-personnel mines, cluster bombs, Depleted Uranium, and others. The United States also maintains, and continues to develop, the world's largest stockpile of nuclear weapons.

The U.S. routinely uses Depleted Uranium (DU) in projectiles fired from tanks, howitzers, aircraft and the Bradley fighting vehicle. While the radioactivity of the uranium is "depleted," the material remains sufficiently radioactive that it causes serious health effects if it enters the body. DU has been linked to cancer, birth defects, heavy-metal poisoning, liver and kidney damage.

Thousands of U.S. GIs and countless Iraqis suffer from Gulf War Syndrome, a likely result of tons of poison uranium dust dispersed in southern Iraq during the first Gulfwar. Depleted Uranium is the most likely cause of Gulf War Syndrome among veterans. But Iraqis, especially Iraqi children, suffer the most horrible consequences. Birth defects in southern Iraq increased more than ten-fold after the first Gulf War. Cancer rates in southern Iraq increased from 34, in 1988, to 603 in 2001. These results are based on the first Gulf War. The U.S. has used, and continues to use, even larger amounts of DU in the current war.

This hearing will present testimony on the health and environmental effects of these and other illegal weapons used by U.S. forces, as well as background on the International Law that prohibits them.



Which is the food packet and which is the bomb?

A: The one that looks like a soda can is the cluster bomblet.

#### Legality Test for Weapons Under International Law

1. **Temporal Test** – Weapons must not continue to act after the battle is over.
2. **Environmental Test** – Weapons must not be unduly harmful to the environment.
3. **Territorial Test** – Weapons must not act off of the battlefield.
4. **Humaneness Test** – Weapons must not kill or wound inhumanely.

#### Witnesses Include:

Sue Harris, Ph.D. – Videographer and activist with the Peoples Video Network.

Hans Rothe, M.D. – British kidney specialist who treated soldiers for DU poisoning.

Mitchell Cohen – An environmental activist with the Green Party.

Coordinator: Walter Williams (International Action Center)



## Hearing #7

### Crimes Against Humanity: Illegal Detentions, Torture, and Mass Repression

The litany of known Bush administration violations of civil liberties and human rights continues to grow larger almost every day. After September 11, 2001, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft arrested hundreds of Middle Eastern and Islamic men. They were held for months without any contact with their lawyers or families and without being charged with any crimes, aside from minor immigration law violations. The Department of Justice's own Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued two reports last year detailing some of the abuses. According to the OIG, prisoners were thrown against walls, their wrists and fingers were bent and twisted by guards, they were strip searched repeatedly without justification.

In Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the U.S. military has held Afghani prisoners for almost three years now without charging them with any crime. The Bush administration claims it has the right to hold these people indefinitely and that the prisoners are not entitled to the protection of any international law. These prisoners have been subjected to terrible torture. They have been kept in outdoor cages where they are exposed constantly to the hot Cuban sun and all of the elements. They were subjected to brutal sexual, physical, and mental abuse.

Bush and his cronies are continuing their crimes in Iraq, where they conduct nightly raids on Iraqi homes, rounding up thousands of Iraqis and throwing them in jails to be tortured and humiliated. Iraqi prisoners are left to rot in cells for months without any charges and without lawyers. Their families receive no explanation about where or why their loved ones are being held.

In March, the barbarism and cruelty of Bush and the U.S. military was exposed to the world with the release of horrible photos and videos from the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. The policy of sexual humiliation, rape, and physical torture depicted in these photos was a continuation of the strategy used against prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. Expert witnesses will present testimony in this hearing on Bush's crimes against people in the U.S. and the world through his violations of civil and human rights.



#### Witnesses Include:

Michael Ratner, Esq. – President of the Center for Constitutional Rights

Lynne Stewart, Esq. – People's Lawyer and Ashcroft Target

Michael Tarif Warren, Esq. – People's Lawyer

Representative from Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM)

Coordinators: Julie Fry (International Action Center)

## Hearing #8

### The Right to Refuse Illegal Orders: The G.I. Struggle

The choices faced by young women and men in the military are difficult ones, particularly in time of war. However, International Law, U.S. Law, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice make one thing very clear: members of the military have an obligation to disobey unlawful orders. The U.S. Chief Prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, Robert K. Jackson, said "The very essence of the [Nuremberg] Charter is that individuals have intentional duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience imposed by the individual state." The Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal even went so far as to declare that anyone with knowledge of illegal activities who had an opportunity to do something about it was a potential criminal under international law unless the person had taken affirmative measures to prevent the crime.

Because this war and occupation is illegal, every bomb dropped is a war crime. Every shot fired is a crime. Every action that supports combat efforts is also a crime. Because the war itself is illegal, every action that supports the war is aiding and abetting a war crime. The President will not admit that he is issuing illegal orders. The officers and NCOs will not tell their troops that they are giving unlawful orders. Individual soldiers must make that determination and then must take action to stop criminal action. International Law, U.S. Law, the Constitution, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice all make it very clear that it is not enough to say, "I was just following orders." Decisions must be made. Members of the military have a right and an obligation to resist.

This hearing will feature presentations by witnesses on the front line of this issue.



#### Witnesses Include:

Michael Hoffman – Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Maritza and Norma Castillo – mother and aunt of war resister Camilo Mejia

Tod Ensign, Esq. – founder of Citizen Soldier and a member of Camilo Mejia's defense team

Fernando Suarez – anti-war activist and father of dead G.I.

Representatives from SNAFU, an organization supporting GI resistance.

Coordinator: Dustin Langley and Rebeca Toledo (SNAFU and International Action Center)

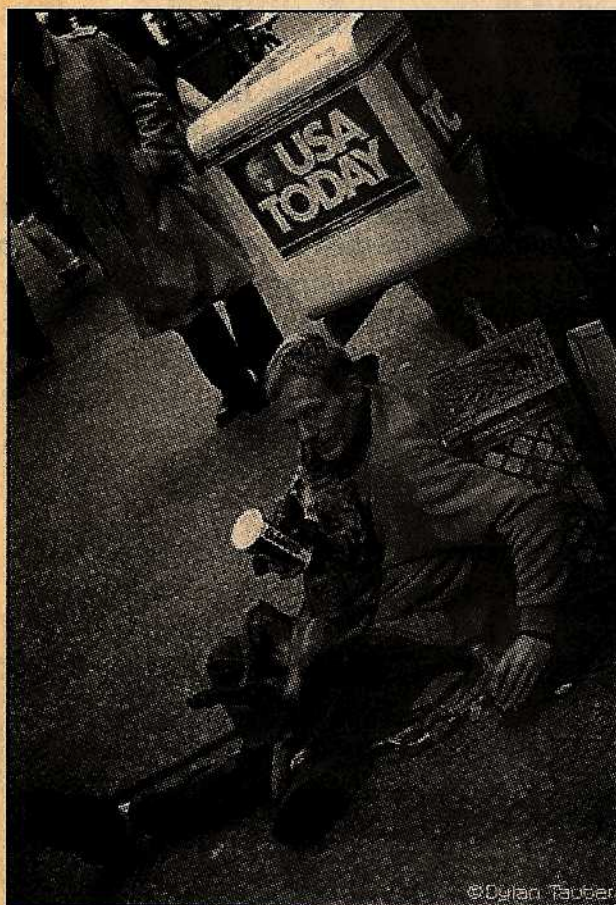


## Hearing #9

### The Theft of U.S. Resources: The Domestic Cost of War

The Cost of War on Iraq is increasing by approximately \$1000 every second. The numbers alone are staggering. But more importantly, there is little common awareness regarding the devastating domestic impact of these costs. While close to \$150 billion dollars has been earmarked for operations in Iraq by the end of 2004, the proposed 2005 fiscal year budget imposes an across-the-board freeze for most domestic programs, with the exception of Medicaid and homeland security.

What is becoming of our nation's social fabric while all eyes are on war?



The cost of the current Iraq war, \$127 billion and counting, is not just an unfortunate consequence of the so-called "War on Terror." It is a conscious and intentional assault on the welfare of the people of the United States. Bush's theft of the resources of workers and poor people in the U.S. is a violation of his oath of office and constitutes high crimes against the people of the United States.

No dollar amount can be placed on the tragic costs to servicemen and women and to their families who have suffered as a result of this war, and the costs to the people of Iraq are incalculable.

#### Witnesses Include:

Brenda Stokley – President of AFSCME District Council 1707 & co-conveenor of the NYC Center for the Million Worker March.

Larry Holmes – ANSWER Steering Committee member and co-director of the International Action Center.

Nellie Bailey – Harlem Tenants Council and organizer for the Artists and Activists United for Peace Demonstration in Harlem.

Brian Barasa – AMAT, Association of Mexican American Workers

NYC AIDS Housing Network

Sharon Eolis – Delegate to Labor Assembly of United American Nurses.

*Coordinator:* Imani Henry (International Action Center)

In addition, the war has provided cover for other attacks directed against the people of the U.S., including reductions in social services, education, veterans' benefits, the transfer of taxpayers' money to private corporations, handover of public natural resources to private corporations and attacks on rights guaranteed to the people by the U.S. Constitution.

## Hearing #10

### The Right of Self-determination and the Right of Resistance

The August 26 War Crimes Tribunal recognizes the Iraqi people's Right of Resistance to the illegal U.S. invasion, war and occupation of Iraq. Not only do occupation forces have the duty and responsibility to resist the orders they are given to kill and attack the people of Iraq, but the people of Iraq also have the right to resist, by any means necessary, the brutal U.S. attack on the people, culture, and sovereignty of their nation.

The United States is constructing 14 permanent bases in Iraq, as well as the largest U.S. Embassy in the world. The appointed prime minister is a former paid CIA 'asset.' No Iraqi holds any rights that a U.S. soldier is bound to respect. J. Paul Bremer's "100 Orders" require the privatization of Iraq's 200 state-owned industries; allowing for 100% foreign ownership of Iraqi businesses, tax-free remittance of all profits, and 40-year ownership licenses.

All foreign contractors, including private security firms have been granted full immunity from all Iraqi laws. If an individual or a corporation is responsible for killing someone, dumping toxic chemicals or poisoning drinking water, charges can only be brought in U.S. courts under U.S. laws.

#### Witnesses Include:

Manik Mukherjee, of the All-India Anti-Imperialist Forum, on Indian and global resistance

Peter Erlinder, of the National Lawyers Guild, with a report on the Iraqi Resistance

Lenora Foerstel, of Women for Mutual Security, and author of *War on Children*

Muntu Matimela, of WBAI, is a reparations activist and attorney

Prof. Dennis Brutus, South African poet and anti-apartheid activist

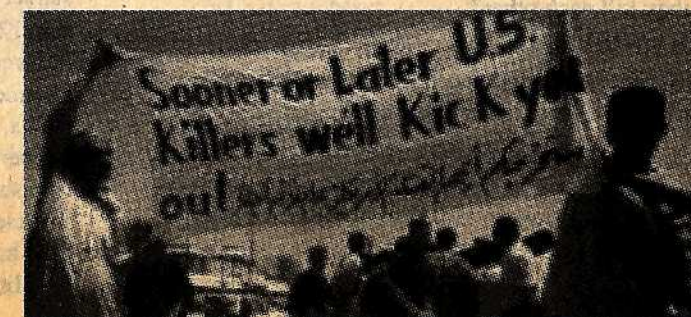
*Coordinators:* Heather Cottin (Long Island ANSWER) and Sara Flounders (International Action Center)

Those in the anti-war movement around the world who have struggled to prevent their governments from joining the bogus, "Coalition of the Willing," support the right of the Iraqi people to determine their own destinies, and the right of ordinary people around the world to resist U.S. plans for endless war.

In this hearing, witnesses will present testimony on the plan for re-colonizing Iraq, the right of resistance of the Iraqi people, and the role of international activists in supporting Iraq's resistance.

Various UN resolutions have reaffirmed the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for liberation from colonial domination and alien subjection, "by all available means including armed struggle" (see UNGA 3070, 3103, 3246, 3328, 3481, 31/91, 32/42 and 32/154).

Transformation of an occupied country's laws violates the Hague regulations of 1907 (the companion to the 1949 Geneva conventions, both ratified by the United States), and the U.S. Army's Law of Land Warfare. In a leaked memo, British attorney general, Lord Goldsmith, warned Tony Blair that "the imposition of major structural economic reforms would not be authorized by international law."





## IRAQ: A HISTORICAL TIMELINE

*Iraq, a center of civilization for thousands of years, since ancient Mesopotamia and Babylon has in the last fourteen years faced the greatest threat to its civilization in four millennia with consistent and varied attacks by the United States.*

1958

Growing social upheaval overthrows the corrupt feudal monarchy installed by the British. The struggle takes shape in trade unions, political parties, and popular organizations. Mass movement raise demands for national liberation, land reform, and expropriation of western holdings. Abdel Karim Kassem takes power and begins to nationalize Western holdings in Iraq.

1963

A CIA backed coup overthrows Kassem in an attempt to regain control over Iraq's precious resources. The national movement continues to grow.

1968

Demands increase to nationalize western owned industry and provide basic services. A nationalist secular revolution brings the Baathist Party in power.

1973

In response to growing popular demand for social services and while the U.S. is bogged down in a quagmire in Vietnam, Iraq nationalizes its oil.

1979

U.S. backed Shah of Iran is overthrown by popular revolution. The U.S. loses control over Iran's oil, and its political and military foothold in the region.

1980

At the urging of U.S. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brezinski, Iraq attacks Iran. The U.S. provides billions in aid to Iraq over the next eight years, mostly funneled through arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

1986

Iran-Contra scandal reveals U.S. has secretly aided Iran with weapons for years, in effect arming and fueling the destruction of both sides in the war. Henry Kissinger remarks "too bad they can't both lose," "I hope they kill each other."

August 20, 1988

Cease-fire between Iran and Iraq takes effect. Over one million have died as a result of the war.

1988

With U.S. support, Kuwait dramatically increases its oil production, in violation of OPEC, which destabilizes the economies of both Iraq and Iran.

Kuwait increases pumping from the disputed Rumaila oil field on the Iraq border. It uses U.S. slant drilling technology to steal oil clearly on the Iraq side of the border.

Kuwait demands immediate repayment of the \$30 billion it loaned to Iraq to fuel the Iran Iraq war.

1988-90

Iraq attempts diplomatic solution to Kuwait's belligerence, appealing to the UN, OPEC, and the United States. General Norman Schwarzkopf visits Kuwait several times to encourage their policy.

July 1990

Saddam Hussein charges Kuwait of conspiring with the U.S. to destroy Iraq's economy. Iraq deploys troops along the border. U.S. ambassador to Iraq Glaspie tells Hussein that the U.S. has "no position" on the border dispute. Kuwait, on the other hand, expresses confidence the U.S. will intervene militarily on its behalf.

August 1990

Aug. 2: Iraq Invades Kuwait.

Aug. 6: UN Sanctions are imposed until Iraq withdraws from Kuwait. Iraq's assets around the world are frozen, and all imports and exports are stopped by a U.S. blockade.

Aug. 8: 40,000 U.S. troops begin to deploy to Saudi Arabia, without constitutional authority by the Congress. Iraq has not threatened Saudi Arabia and has no troops near its border.

Aug. 12: Iraq calls for a peaceful settlement; the U.S. rejects it.

November 1990

Bush Sr. increases deployment to 400,000.

January 1991

Jan. 12: the U.S. Congress narrowly authorizes the use of force. Jan. 16: U.S. begin bombing Iraq. Water treatment plants, sewage plants, food processing plants, and other necessary civilian facilities are deliberately targeted. Within forty days Iraq's entire infrastructure is decimated. Millions are without sufficient food, water, and sanitation. In 42 days the U.S. has used 88,500 tons of explosives (equivalent to 7.5 Hiroshimas) and over 300 tons of DU weapons.

## IRAQ: A HISTORICAL TIMELINE (contd.)

February 13, 1991

Two planes attack the Amariyah bomb shelter, instantly incinerating several hundred Iraqi civilians, mostly women and children.

February 21, 1991

Iraq agrees to withdraw completely from Kuwait, but within 48 hours U.S. troops begin the ground assault.

February 26, 1991

As Iraqi forces withdraw from Kuwait, coupled with thousands of civilians fleeing the country, U.S. forces bomb both ends of a road and initiate a "turkey shoot." Thousands are murdered.

February 28, 1991

Cease-fire declared. An estimated 150,000 Iraqis have been killed by the assault. Although Iraq has withdrawn, sanctions are extended until Iraq has been disarmed. UNSCOM begins regular inspections to enforce disarmament. Inspectors eventually destroy "dual use" facilities including food processing plants, fertilizer and pesticide facilities, and refrigeration and cold storage units. This leaves Iraq unable to feed itself, and unable to import food.

August 1992

Without UN approval, the U.S. and Britain establish the "No Fly Zones," giving them effective control of Iraq's richest oil fields. These zones are in both the north and south, covering most of Iraq.

1992 - 2003

Regular bombing raids continue on civilian and military targets in Iraq.

June 1993

President Clinton orders Tomahawk cruise missile attack on downtown Baghdad. Many civilians perish.

1991-2003

12 years of sanctions leave over 1.5 million Iraqis dead from lack of medicine, food, and coordinated attacks on the water supply. An estimated 5,000 children die each month.

1996

Oil for Food program begins. By January 2000 only an estimated 24% of the \$40 billion worth of exported Iraqi oil has been returned in the form of supplies. At least 34% went to the U.S. puppets in Kuwait.

1996-1998

Iraq complains the UN weapons inspectors—mostly

from British and the U.S.—are acting as spies. Iraq periodically denies them access. Scott Ritter later confirms many inspectors were CIA spies.

December 16-19, 1998

Clinton brutally attacks Iraq for three days of air strikes known as "Desert Fox."

January 2000

As revealed by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, officials in the Bush administration seek an excuse to initiate a war on Iraq from their first National Security Council meeting.

September 11, 2001

Al-Qaeda attacks the World Trade Center. Bush officials seek to focus blame Iraq and begin plotting to justify a war.

November/December, 2002

UN resolution demands the return of weapons inspectors. Iraq agrees. Inspectors receive full cooperation. Iraq presents the UN with a 12,000-page dossier, clearly showing the end of nuclear, chemical, or biological programs, and invites the CIA to verify it. Later a UN inspector admits to finding "zilch" in evidence of WMD's in Iraq.

January 2003

On Jan. 18, major global demonstrations denounce the war plans of the U.S. and Britain. In his State of the Union address Bush offers fabricated evidence of an Iraqi attempt to buy uranium from Niger.

February 15, 2003

Millions protest around the world against the U.S. plans for war.

March 2003

Mar. 19: U.S. and British forces begin "Shock and Awe" bombing of Iraq. After days of bombing the already starving and defenseless population, up to 200,000 U.S. troops invade. The U.S. uses depleted uranium rounds, cluster bombs, and other weapons against civilians. Mar. 26: dozens die as the result of an air strike on a Baghdad market.

March 30, 2003

Rumsfeld accuses Syria of "hostile acts," blaming Syria for allowing other Arabs to enter Iraq and help with its defense. Pundits speculate on the possibility of an invasion of Syria.



## IRAQ: A HISTORICAL TIMELINE (contd.)

April 2003

Apr. 7: U.S. troops seize Iraqi presidential palace. Overnight, Iraqi forces blend into the population. Without a formal cease-fire, the resistance shifts in character to a popular guerilla movement.

Apr. 15: Kofi Annan calls on U.S. and U.K. to respect international law. U.S. officials scoff.

On several occasions, U.S. troops fire on political demonstrators. Iraqis respond with more demonstrations.

May 1, 2003

Bush declares "mission accomplished" in embarrassing publicity stunt.

May 9, 2003

With UN mandate, "Occupying Powers" U.S. and U.K. claim Iraq's entire oil revenues. The U.S. also receives billions in assets frozen during the first Gulf War.

May 12, 2003

Paul Bremer arrives and assumes complete authority on behalf of the U.S. In 13 months, his unilateral orders include privatizing all industry under foreign corporations, lowering the tax rate on all corporations, and eliminating any tariffs, import tax, or customs. U.S. military and private contractors are granted full immunity from any Iraqi laws.

August 15, 2003

Oil theft from northern Iraq cut by the destruction of major pipeline by the resistance.

November 2003

U.S. Senate approves another \$87 billion to fund the occupation.

Resistance shoots down several helicopters in span of few weeks, forcing Pentagon to alter operations strategy. Death toll of U.S. military personnel is highest since the first month of the war.

December 13, 2003

Saddam Hussein is captured near his home of Tikrit. His capture seems to have no effect in slowing down the resistance.

March 28, 2004

U.S. closes Al-Hawza, a newspaper critical of the occupation. Iraqis protest in large numbers, in show of strength.

April 2004

Supporters of Moktada al-Sadr—a cleric who openly opposes the U.S. occupiers—demonstrate in several cities

in the thousands. Coalition forces fire on them, sparking the most intense month of resistance since Bush's victory speech. U.S. military deaths for April is a new post-invasion high. U.S. lose control of Falluja, Najaf, Kut, and other cities.

April 29, 2004

Photos revealing widespread torture and rape of Iraqis at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere are made public. The Bush administration attempts to place the blame on a handful of soldiers, but internal Justice Dept. documents reveal the administration considered torture acceptable and necessary for interrogations.

June 28, 2004

Amid growing resistance, the U.S. conducts a so-called handover of sovereignty ceremony two days ahead of schedule. Long-time CIA asset Ayad Allawi is assigned the puppet head of state, but real oversight power lies with John Negroponte. Best known for his role in fighting leftist movements in Central America, he will oversee a 3000-person embassy—The U.S.'s largest.

Summer 2004

Iraqi resistance of kidnapping foreigners proves effective tool in forcing out of Iraq companies and even some nations that cooperate with the U.S. military occupation. This further isolates the occupiers militarily and politically.

August 2004

U.S. troops have not secured any part of the country. Even the US command center, the "green zone" has been shelled by the resistance. On August 16, a National Conference in Baghdad, the latest attempt of the U.S. and its puppet Allawi government to achieve legitimacy, broke down as many of the handpicked representatives declared support for the resistance and called for an end to the assaults on the people of Najaf. U.S. forces have been consistently repelled by al-Sadr's Mehdi army, which dominates Najaf and other cities across Iraq. U.S. is threatening to attack the holiest of sites for Shia Muslims.

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As healthcare workers, we deplore the deaths and injuries of thousands of Iraqis at the hands of the U.S.-led occupation forces, and the destruction of much of Iraq's healthcare and sanitation systems.

We deplore the senseless deaths and injuries of GI's who are sent to Iraq to fight in an immoral and unjust war.

The U.S. government is spending billions of dollars for destruction in Iraq while denying healthcare and other needed services to millions of people here.

As those who serve the needs of our communities, we see firsthand the effects of the budget cuts in a deteriorating healthcare system where millions have no insurance and are denied care, while medical facilities and programs are closed.

We insist that the U.S. military budget be spent on people's needs, not war and occupation and that all U.S. forces must be withdrawn from Iraq NOW!

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**Healthcare Workers Say:**  
End the Occupation of Iraq!  
Money for Healthcare –  
Not for War!  
Bring the Troops Home  
Now!

### Ban Depleted Uranium Weapons

As a medical doctor specializing in kidney diseases I knew very well that uranium is toxic to the kidneys. After all, it has been used in a standard procedure to study acute kidney failure in rats and other laboratory animals since the 1950s. What I wasn't aware of until three years ago is that the U.S. military had conducted similar experiments on a much larger scale in their wars of the 1990s and that Iraq alone had been contaminated with 320 tons of depleted uranium in the first Gulf War. In 2001 I was educated about this matter by one of my patients at the Renal Department in a London hospital. He had been serving as a British GI in Iraq and one fateful day was assigned to clean up burnt-out military vehicles. Half of his unit became severely ill afterwards. When I met him he had been suffering from chronic kidney failure for many years and was active in a self-help group of former British servicemen which he had co-founded.

If it is survived, acute kidney failure can be followed by complete

recovery, but it can also proceed to chronic illness. Other animal studies in the 1970s and 1980s showed that uranium can do exactly this: a single injection of 1.5 to 3 mg of uranyl nitrate under the abdominal wall of a rat invariably leads to interstitial fibrosis of the kidneys with subsequent loss of function. Rodents are not alone in their vulnerability to uranium: plants, such as allium cepa, stop growing roots at an uranium concentration of 6mg/liter. Unlike these creatures, however, humans are supposed to be much more robust regarding uranium exposure -- if we are to believe some of the experts ("embedded scientists"). As recently as March 2004 an expert from one of the most famous hospitals in the world stated that "... DU poses neither a radiological nor chemical threat."

But then why do people in Finland who happen to live in counties where, due to naturally occurring uranium, drinking water concentrations are slightly above the 2 µg/liter recommended by the World Health Organization, show significant

alterations of their kidney function compared with their neighbors? Even if they don't suffer from clinical symptoms, this does not mean that their kidneys have not been affected -- our organs are capable of coping with a toxic environment to some extent. That they have been weakened may become apparent only years later, when another illness deteriorates into a critical condition.

More than 10 years after their exposure to depleted uranium by "friendly fire" in the first Gulf War, a group of U.S. veterans with retained shrapnel fragments still had markedly increased urine uranium concentrations. This was published in February 2004 -- at that point in time another 1700 tons of DU had been dumped on Iraq in the 2003 Gulf War. This madness has to end, these so-called weapons be banned and those responsible brought to justice!

Hansjörg Rothe, MD  
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- George W. Bush

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☐ You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.☐

- Abe Lincoln, *Speech in Bloomingdale, Ill. 1856*

☐ We are not faced with a choice between capitalism and socialism, but socialism or barbarism!☐

- Rosa Luxemburg

☐ Women know the cost of human life in terms of suffering and sacrifice as men can never know it. I believe women would use the ballot to prevent war and to destroy the ideas that make war possible. In spite of an education that has taught them to glorify the military element in their ideals of manhood, they will wake to the realization that he loves his country best who lives for it and serves it faithfully. They will teach children to honor the heroes of peace above the heroes of war.☐

- Helen Keller, "Why Men Need Woman's Suffrage" *New York Call* (1913)

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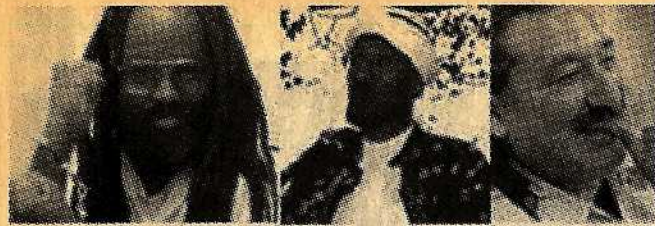


*If the capitalist German media had informed people, Germany would not have had Hitler in power.*

*Same goes for the U.S. and all our NATO criminal allies who constantly put down workers' revolutions!*

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As people who suffered U.S. aggression of war and as people who continue to endure U.S. sanctions in North and occupation in South, we Koreans understand the Iraqi people's pain and suffering.

And as people who fought U.S. imperialism and militarism for over a half century, we wholeheartedly stand in solidarity with the Iraqi people's resistance against U.S. occupation and war and struggle for peace and national sovereignty.

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**Congress authorized Bush to declare war in violation of the Constitution (Article I., Section 8). That document should therefore be amended per Article V. to provide for a referendum so the people can invalidate Congressional action.**



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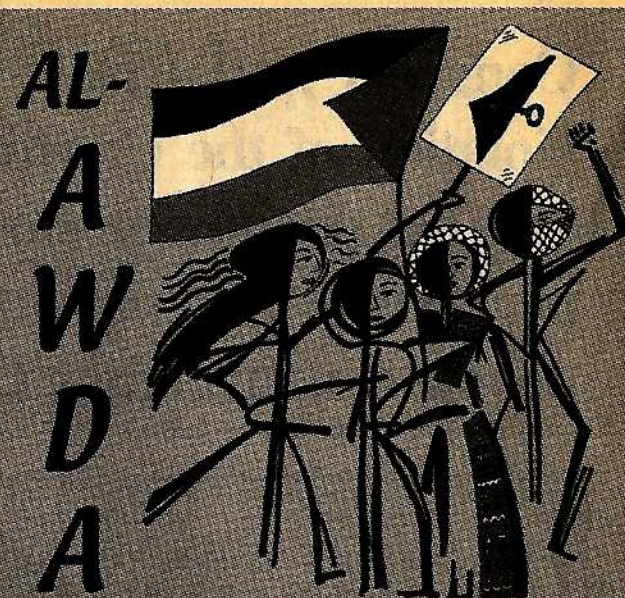
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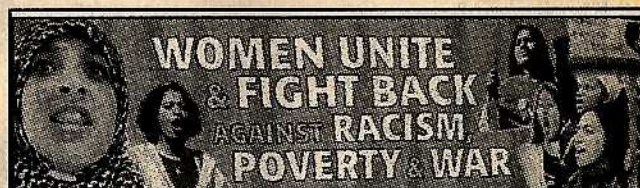
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The Women's Fightback Network stands against U.S. war and repression against women and their families--from Iraq to Haiti, Korea, Palestine, Colombia, and Afghanistan.

The U.S. government is also waging war on women and children at home by cutting needed social programs and benefits hereto pay for war abroad.

The Women's Fightback Network demands: Money for jobs, human services, education, AIDS treatment, housing, health care, and childcare; not for war, racism, and occupation.

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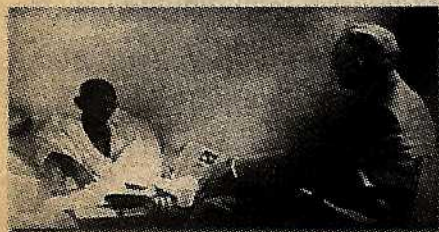
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We are grateful for the work of many organizations and coalitions in the movement to stop war and occupation and to bring about world peace. We give unqualified support for the work of the International Action Center and A.N.S.W.E.R

We endorse and have publicized the Iraq War Crimes Tribunal in New York City where the PEOPLE will judge George W. Bush. Axis of Logic readers should not interpret our opposition to the Bush regime as endorsement of the presidential candidacy of John Kerry who also plans continued U.S. aggression, war, occupation and colonization around the world. We stand against war and occupation against the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Palestine and in every nation where the U.S.-led, Global Corporate Empire violates national sovereignty and exploits the people for it's own ends.

□ War is the quintessence of evil. It is the greatest of all evils because it contains other evils within itself. □

- Rev. John Haynes Holmes  
Past minister of Community Church of New York



Gandhi with John Haynes Holmes, October 1947

Cynthia Foster



## Justice for the Iraqi People! Put the Warmakers on Trial!

In the same city and during the same week that Bush is attending his coronation, the people will try him amid the other war-makers for their crimes against the Iraqi people. The sense of justice is poetic.

The real justice will come when the Iraqi people finally throw them out - house by house and block by block. It's only a matter of time. For now, we can assemble the fragments of truth fashioning them into a weapon for our side.

***Long Live the Iraqi Resistance!***

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While the war criminals, hate criminals,  
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### *Proposed Resolution to Allow only Constitutional Application of the Patriot Act Locally.*

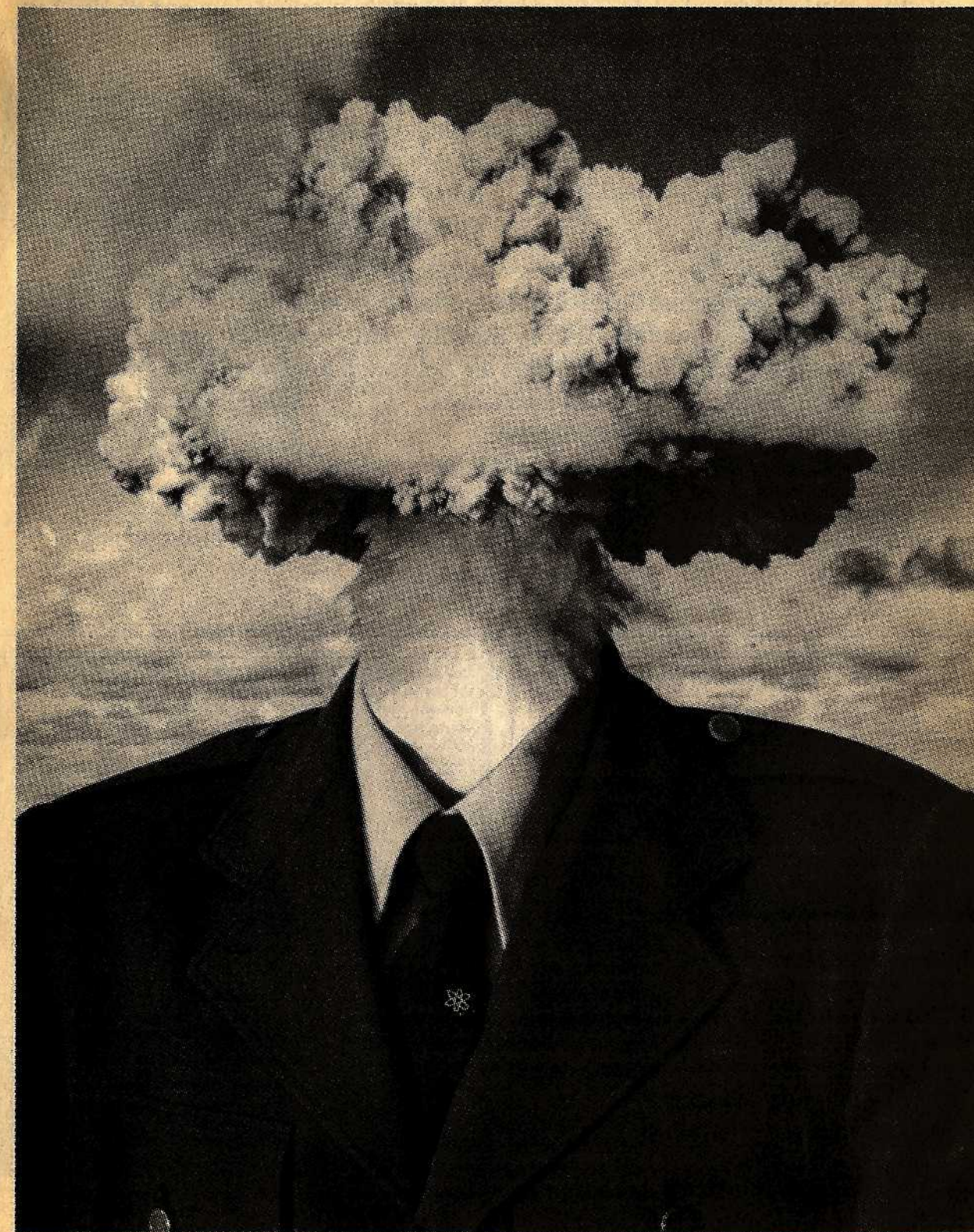
In the interest of inhibiting international terrorism, the Patriot Act permits additional government surveillance of people and groups that may engage in terrorism. To ensure application of the Patriot Act in a manner that does not violate the Constitution of the United States of America, the following resolution needs to be adopted by

A. Patriot Act surveillance/ harassment of people and groups in \_\_\_\_\_ will not be undertaken for purely political/religious/personal reasons and will only occur if there is adequate grounds for believing there is a threat of the targeted people or groups

initiating or deliberately providing support for a violent terrorist act (with a history of advocating or engaging in terrorist acts being adequate grounds).  
B. Paragraph A of this Resolution indicates that Patriot Act surveillance of USA Republicans and the Republican Party is obviously necessary, given all the evidence of prior terrorist acts conducted by Republicans and their Party, especially through the current Republican Bush administration. For instance,

1. the unjustified invasion of Iraq ordered by Republican President Bush violates international law, and the continued military occupation represents an act of terrorism against the Iraqi people.
2. the Republican Bush administration's refusal to let the military go through with plans for elections in Iraq in May 2003 provided more evidence of the Republican lies, hypocrisy, and terrorism.
3. the deliberate murder and torture of civilians in Iraq and elsewhere makes the Republican Bush administration guilty of war crimes and other violations of international law,
4. the many violent coups initiated by the Republican Bush administration against the elected governments of

peaceful countries such as Haiti and Venezuela represent acts of international terrorism.  
5. the Republican Bush administration's support for Colombian government terrorism (that has included torturing young children and burning them alive in front of their fathers) represents support for international terrorism, and  
6. many other sick, perverted, sadistic, disgusting, corrupt, and fascist actions by the wimp Bush administration make this Republican regime not only guilty of international terrorism but also one of the most despicable cowardly organizations in world history, possibly ranking #1 above bin Laden's organization (which a USA Republican administration originally funded in the 1980s), Saddam Hussein's regime (which a USA Republican administration originally funded in the 1980s), and even Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party (which actually provided substantial funding to the USA Republican Party in the 1940s, and separately helped the Bush family amass its fortune in return for the assistance of the Bushes in treacherously promoting the Nazi cause during World War II).



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The IAC stands with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. Their struggles are intimately linked with the struggle against U.S. occupation in Iraq and the Middle East.

At the beginning of the Iraq war, anti-war demonstrators in Venezuela chanted "Iraq, hold on, the world is rising." Iraq not only held on, it is resisting U.S. domination.

The IAC demands:

- U.S. out of Haiti
- Stop U.S. aggression against Cuba; end the blockade. Free the Cuban Five.
- No to Plan Colombia. Boycott Coca-Cola. Stop the murders of labor unionists.
- U.S. Hands off President Chavez. Support the Bolivarian Revolution.
- U.S. out of Puerto Rico. Reparations for Vieques.
- IMF out of Latin America & the Caribbean.
- Stop the repression of immigrants in the U.S.

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**SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THE PEOPLES AND STRUGGLES OF THE WORLD!**

## Hold the U.S. administration accountable for atrocities in Iraq!



Iraqi demonstrator opposes U.S. government's hypocrisy.

Try George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz and John Ashcroft for war crimes against the Iraqi people and for violation of human rights, international law, U.S. civil rights and civil liberties.

This administration went to war under false pretenses and lies. They denied legal and human rights to Iraqi and Afghan prisoners; most of them were arbitrarily and falsely arrested.

The U.S. should end the occupation of Iraq and bring the troops home NOW!



Iraqi sculpture of prisoner in U.S. military custody

*Leslie Scalapino*

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**On February 29, 2004,** U.S. Marines kidnapped Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide from Haiti and flew him into exile.

**On March 12, 2004,** U.S. Marines massacred about 60 people in Port-au-Prince's Belair neighborhood. The bodies were dumped in a mass grave near the old military airport.

**On May 10, 2004,** U.S. Marines launched a midnight assault on the home of Annette "So Anne" Auguste, killing her dog, trashing her house and arresting women and children ranging from a 68 year old grandmother to a 5 year old girl. So Anne is still jailed without trial on trumped up charges.

*These are just some of the crimes committed by U.S. troops in Haiti over the past six months.*

**Haïti Progrès** salutes the Iraq War Crimes Tribunal and those demonstrating in New York this week of the Republican National Convention against the Bush administration's criminal wars of aggression around the globe.

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### Legal Local Street Corner Demonstrations (Take the Message to the People Personally)

Small local street corner demonstrations are as invigorating for the participants as for those who drive by. By having it in your own community, it brings the message home in a personal way, and you can customize it any way you wish, incorporating issues of maximum relevance to your area (including local, national, and international issues not related to Bush's fascism). And Best of all, it doesn't take much time (and costs nothing).

Just pick a public sidewalk on a road with a lot of traffic at some point in the day, and stand there with a sign. It can be one person, or a family, or a whole group of people. (Family demos are especially great since they bring the family together for a common cause.) There is no requirement to get a permit to demonstrate on a public sidewalk as long as you are not blocking traffic and as long as you are not violating any anti-loitering laws, etc. You can call your local government and find out if you have to keep moving/walking during the demonstration. Or contact the ACLU. Some actually prefer to march or even dance while holding a sign!

Useful signs to start are "More Green Pay, Less Bush War" and "More Beer, Less Bombs". Also, a "Warmongers

Need Lobotomies" sign tends to silence the fascists rather well. (I've never had an obscene or profane remark issued while holding it.)

The signs can be made from an old cardboard box with a magic marker. (Doubling the letters is useful to make sure it can be read from a long distance.)

Other good signs are "Stop Terrorism: Impeach Bush," "Bring Troops Home: Deport Bush," "Bush is an Extremist Wimp," and "Republicans are a Perverted Cult." By all means however, use whatever signs you want or think up.

You can do it at your convenience whenever and wherever you want (like even after coffee or dinner at McDonald's on a major road). Even just 15 minutes a week or month is useful, and once you try it out and get the honks and waves, you may find it hard to leave! Tell others and you might be able to get even more people to come out--although that's not necessary. One person or group doing it on Monday in one area and another doing it on Tuesday in the same or another area is also effective and especially convenient if you have different schedules or live far apart. If you have more than one person, it's a great time to chit chat or plot strategy. It could also be helpful to notify the local

press of what you are doing (and/or notify me, as the press has indicated an interest in such things). The most important thing, though, is that you bring the demonstrations to your community so everybody sees them. Sometimes they grow over time, especially if they are promoted, but that is far from necessary to be effective. (One person alone on a major road can influence thousands in just an hour.)

It might be useful to bring a cellular phone in case of threats from warmonger "inspired" by Bush's terrorist actions. Do report such threats (or any obscenities) to the local police or government, and demand prosecution and perhaps a resolution condemning violence, terrorism, and other obscene acts (and if no action is taken by some hawkish local Republican government that supports domestic as well as international terrorism, consider organizing a recall).

Please forward this to anyone you like and don't hesitate to ask me questions.

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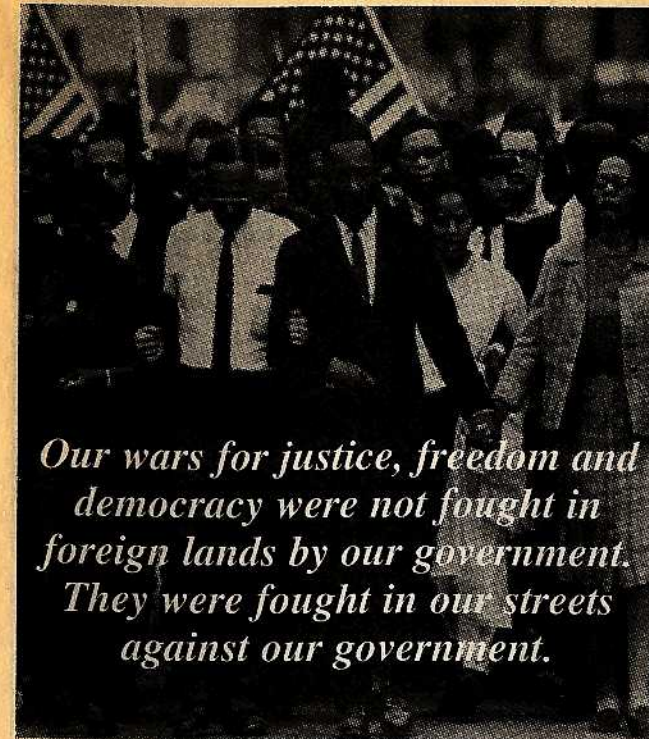


We had the potential to be a blessing to the world, but instead we chose to inflict more misery on an already abused nation in an unjust war!

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James Mathos



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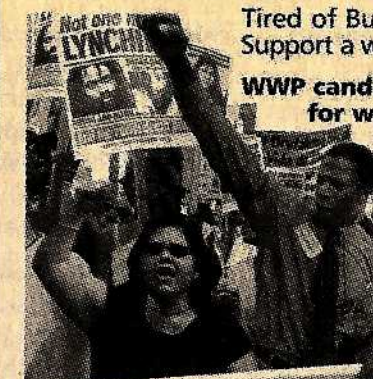
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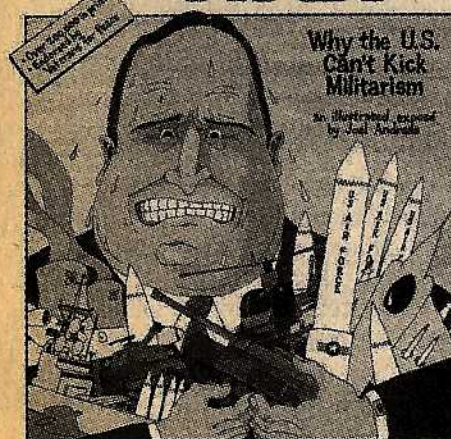
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## Week of RNC Resistance Calendar

All events are in Manhattan unless otherwise noted.

### Thursday, August 26

**War Crimes Tribunal:** 3-9 pm. Martin Luther King Auditorium, 65th & Amsterdam (near Lincoln Center; 1, 9, A, B, C, D subway) War crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity—Hear the Testimony. The People will Judge. Political leaders, expert witnesses, GI resisters, community activists, and labor leaders will uncover Bush's lies and crimes. 212-633-6646 www.PeopleJudgeBush.org

**DNC2RNC caravan arrives in NYC** www.dnc2rnc.org

**The Anti-Convention** 7pm. Two nights of music protesting the RNC at the WARSAW, 261 Driggs Ave., Brooklyn (L Train to Bedford Ave) 1-800-594-TIXX www.livemusicresearch.com

### Friday, August 27

**Immigrant Workers Day of Action** 4-10pm St. Mark's Church 131 E. 10th St., (between 2nd & 3rd Ave.) We Demand: No to Immigrant Bashing! Yes to Multiethnic Unity! No to Sweatshops! Yes to Workers' Rights! 212-330 8172 www.immigrantsolidarity.org

**Workers World Party Forum** 7 p.m. 55 W. 17 St., 5th Floor. On building solidarity against imperialism with international guest speakers and a regional organizer for the October 17 Million Worker March. Free. (Dinner at 6:30 p.m. for a small donation.) (212) 627-2994.

**Critical Mass Bike Ride** 7pm Union Square www.times-up.org

**Misunderestimated Film Festival** 8:30pm 107 Suffolk St., between Rivington and Stanton (Lower East Side) – Political hip-hop punk by No Surrender; 9pm – Short films. In courtyard of the www.rooftopfilms.com

**Crossing of the New York Harbor** 2pm. St. George Terminal – Staten Island. A "Crossing of New York Harbor" to liberate New York from the Bush loyalists, and America from its corporate monarchy. www.greenedragon.org

**Desilicious Bye Bye Bush Bash** 9pm-4am Bhangra, Bollywood, House, 80s, and Dancehall. At Pepper, 95 Leonard St. at Broadway (TriBeCa) \$15 (proceeds benefit grassroots organizations mobilizing against the Bush Regime). sholayevents.com

### Saturday, August 28

**Planned Parenthood March** 11am-4pm March across the Brooklyn Bridge for Women's Lives. Assembly @ Cadman Plaza Brooklyn, Brooklyn/Manhattan, NY. March for global family planning, real sex education, safe and legal abortion, birth control options, and access to health care—are part of the national political dialogue. www.ppnyc.org

**Books Not Bombs Youth Convergence** 9am-6pm, A gathering for all young people who oppose the Bush agenda to prepare for a week in the streets. Saint Marks Church, 131 E. 10th St., (between 2nd & 3rd Ave.) www.nyspc.net or email info@nyspc.net for more info.

**Women Against War Event** 7pm – music and spoken word at the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Dr. at 120th St. Sponsored by CODEPINK, the Global Fund For Women, and the Global Justice and Peace Ministry of The Riverside Church. www.codepinkalert.org

**AL-AWDA Musical Band Straight from Palestine!** 7pm – For the first time in North America! Al-Solimanya, 2877 JF Kennedy Blvd. 2nd Floor, Journal Square – Jersey City, NJ, Tickets \$20 Sponsor New Jersey Solidarity Activists for the Liberation of Palestine, 973-954-2521 www.newjerseysolidarity.org info@newjerseysolidarity.org

**A Green World Is Possible!!** St. Vartan's Park, 35th St. and 2nd Avenue. David Cobb & Pat LaMarche – Green Party Presidential/VP Candidates, Medea Benjamin, Jason West - Mayor of New Paltz, NY. 212-240-0501 www.greenpartyoffice.org

**Stone Walk Arrives in Manhattan from Boston**, pulling a 1400 lb granite memorial honoring the "unkown civilians killed in war." www.stonewalk.org

**March Against Bush Attack on Starbucks Workers Union** 2pm feat. Rev. Billy. In front of Starbucks on 36th and Madison, New York, NY (6 train to 33rd St.) and then march to Starbucks Regional Headquarters, 33rd St. & 5th Ave. www.starbucksunion.org starbucksunion@yahoo.com

**Voting For Godot** 8pm August 28 through Sept. 6 The New 14th St. Y, 344 E. 14th St.. A Red, Black & Blue Comedy About Politics, American-Style! Tickets: \$15 212-512-2148 www.votingforgodot.com outreach@votingforgodot.com

**"Wide-Eyed & Mystified At the Republican Convention"** 9:30pm The Duplex, 61 Christopher St. A cabaret designed to speak out against some very specific decisions "our" administration has made. Also August 29, 9:30pm and September 3 @ 7pm. 212-255-5438 valerwilly@hotmail.com

## Week of RNC Resistance Calendar (contd.)

### Sunday, August 29

**The World Says No to the Bush Agenda** 10am – Massive NYC March and Rally. Assemble at 10am between 14th Street and 23rd Street, stretching from Fifth to Ninth Avenues. March kicks off at noon and heads up Seventh Avenue past Madison Square Garden. www.unitedforpeace.org

**Gather at International Action Center**, 9:30 am 39 W. 14th St. to prepare for mass march on RNC. Pick up placards, leaflets, and protest updates. The IAC is just down the street where thousands will gather to march against the RNC. The Center will be open from Friday, August 27 through Thursday, September 2, as a "Resistance Center." Activists are welcome to come by the Center at 39 W. 14th St. in Manhattan (take the N, R, Q, W, 4, 5, or 6 train to Union Sq. or the 1, 2, 3, 9, A, C, or E train to 14th St.) to pick up placards, get the latest information about protest events, check the housing bulletin board, pick up free educational literature, or network with other activists from around the country and around the globe. 212-633-6646.

**Anti-Imperialist People of Color Strength in Unity Contingent** 9am at 14th St. & 9th Ave. Bring flags, banners, whistles, drums, noisemakers. PeopleofColorContingent@hotmail.com

**Labor Antiwar Contingent** 10 am 22nd St. & 7th Ave. 4 p.m.: Post-Rally Labor Antiwar Open House Refreshments & screening of The F.T.A. Show (GI. resistance to the Vietnam War) AFSMCE DC 1707, 75 Varick Street, Suite 1401 (1/9/A/C/E to Canal St.). local215@aol.com 212.219.0022 x5185

**Books Not Bombs Contingent** meet at 9am at 145th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam

**Women's Rally and Peace March**, 10am Location TBA (Permit

application pending for Madison Square Park.) (347) 228-2876 codepinknewyork@hotmail.com

**Gays Against Bush!** 11am Assemble at Sheridan Square Seventh Ave. at W. 4th & Christopher Sts. New York 11372 contactus@gaysagainstbush.orghttp://www.gaysagainstbush.net

**Seminarians for Change Interfaith Worship** 9:30am St. Paul & St. Andrew United Methodist Church, New York, NY Join seminarians and future religious leaders. All are welcome. ep2148@columbia.edu www.utssocialaction.faithweb.com

**Youth Feeder March to the UFPJ March and Rally** – 9am Meet at Columbus Circle, Southwest corner of Central Park at 59th St. Hosted by the Youth RNC Welcoming Committee.

**Bike Bloc** 11am at Union square for bike action in solidarity with "the World Says No to the Bush Agenda" march. Reconvene at 3:45 pm at the steps of the Main Public Library (5th Ave. between 41st & 42nd St.)

**Million Billionaire March** 12 noon in front of Plaza Hotel (SW corner of 59th & 5th) New York www.billionairesforbush.com

**Marriage Mob on The Great Lawn w/Reverend Billy** 1pm The Great Lawn in Central Park, Reverend Billy invites you to marry or renew your vows under the auspices of The Church of the First Amendment 917-825-3562 michael@revbilly.com www.revbilly.com

**Calls for Action Against Broadway Plays** 3pm – There has been a call for a "Mouse Bloc" and "Chaos on Broadway" to disrupt the RNC delegates' merry-making

**The 2nd Annual Unity Ball Sponsored by Still We Rise & THE ORGANIZATION** 7pm – 3am at Downtime – 251 W. 30th St. btw. 7th & 8th Live Performances by

Movement in Motion, David Rovics, Majesty, Mental Notes, Red Clay, Ordinary K, and Bands Against Bush. Admission \$10.

**Alwan for the Arts** 7pm, 16 Beaver St. 4th Floor, New York, NY, Tickets \$20, Sponsor Al-Awda NY, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, kased11218@aol.com

**St. Mark's Church Sanctuary Opens** – 11am-11pm, Aug 29-Sept.3, 131 E. 10th St., New York (between 2nd & 3rd Ave.)

**Holy Apostles Church Sanctuary Opens** 4-10pm, 96 Ninth Avenue (at 28th Street), August 29-Sept. 3, www.holyapostlesnyc.org

**Bowery Poetry Club Sanctuary Opens** 24 hours, 308 Bowery St. @ Bleecker, right across from CBGB's (F train to Second Ave, 6 train to Bleecker) August 29-Sept. 3, www.bowerypoetry.com 212-614-0505

**CCNY Hospitality Center** Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist. 28 East 35th St. Sun, 2-10pm, Mon.-Thurs, 10am-10pm. Water, light snacks, bathrooms, a floor to sit or lie down on, and information about other events.

### Monday, August 30

**Still We Rise March & Rally** 12 noon Union Square to Madison Square Garden Still We Rise Coalition, Hip Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) to raise the issues affecting New Yorkers (immigration, housing/homelessness, AIDS/Healthcare, Civil Rights/ Criminal Justice, welfare reform) for the March on NY. 718-802-9540, flynn@nycahn.org, www.stillwerise.org

**Immigrant-Worker Solidarity Day of Action and Conference** Sponsored by the National Immigrant Solidarity Network, Center for Constitutional Rights, Latin American Solidarity



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Coalition, Million Workers March, Student Peace Action Network and many others. 626-695-3405 siuhin@aol.com

**Poor People's Campaign's March For Our Lives** United Nations, 4pm 45th & 1st Ave. Sponsored by Kensington Welfare Rights Union.

**Iraq: Naming the Dead** 5pm St. Marks in the Bowery, 718-486-0033, Namingproject2004@yahoo.com

**Sitting Meditation All Day**, probably Bryant Park – pending permit, will continue throughout the convention. 812-219-1711, www.bpf.org, janetcedarspring@hotmail.com

**Vigil for Corporate Welfare** 2 pm, Union Square & 4 pm, United Nations Billionaires for Bush www.billionairesforbush.com

**Color of War** 7pm St. Mary's Episcopal Church 521 West 126th St. – The impact of war and militarism on Third World communities and poor people. An analysis of the history of the U.S. war system and the current policies the Bush administration from the perspectives of African-American, Latino/Latina, Asian-American, Indigenous, and youth and veterans. disarm@forusa.org (845) 358-4601 x34

### Tuesday, August 31

**Day of Nonviolent Civil Disobedience and Direct Action** Check the website for updates. a31@mutualaid.org www.a31.org

**"Resistance is Justified"** city-wide meeting at the IAC, 7 pm, 39 W. 14th St. Join activists for a discussion of the Week of Resistance. Reports from the streets, political updates, and gear up for the final two days of struggle. 212-633-6646 www.iacenter.org

**Funeral Procession and Civil Disobedience** Die-in 3pm Solemn procession from World Trade Center site to Madison Square Garden for

mass nonviolent civil disobedience die-in at RNC. nycwrl@att.net www.warresisters.org/RNC\_CD.htm

**"The Health Care Crisis and Election 2004"** Two Day Conference All Day CUNY Grad Center 365 5th Avenue at 34th Street, Free, Register – 212-817-8215 info@cnhpnw.org www.cnhpnw.org

**Pro-Choice New York Rally** 5-7pm, Union Square, www.naral.org

### Wednesday, September 1

**Central Labor Council March to Stop Bush** 4pm 8th Ave and 30th St., Come to a real Labor Day rally to stop Bush. Enough is enough! It is time for the labor movement to raise our powerful voice! http://nycclc.org

**Code Red: Stop the Bush Agenda Protest with NOW-NYC** 7pm East Meadow, Central Park. Bring women's issues to the foreground while revealing the truth about the Bush administration's war on women, workers, people of color and other minorities, at home and around the globe. 212-627-9895 campaign2004@nownyc.org

**Media March** 6pm Start at New York Times Building corner of 43rd and Brodway. 212-420-9045

**The Unemployment Line** – 8:13-8:31 am, along Broadway, from Wall St. to W. 31st St. – a single line, with everyone holding a pink slip. mlombardi@pfaw.org 212.420.0440 ext.27

**Free Party for the Protesters** 7pm – 4 am Siberia, 356 W. 40th St. @ 9th Ave. W/ great bands, cheap beer and booze, blocks from the convention! 718-670-3707 RNCProtestParty@yahoo.com www.siberiany.com

**Coronation Ball** 9pm-4am The Frying Pan, Pier 63 at 23rd St. "Formal" attire required. 21+ to attend. Sliding scale from \$15 to \$1,000,000.

www.billionairesforbush.com

**Anti-War Poetry Reading** 8pm St. Mark's Church, 131 E 10th St, New York, NY New York poets will gather at St. Mark's Church for a reading in response to the Republican National Convention and the war in Iraq. : aknebj@aol.com

### Thursday, September 2

**Artists & Activists United for Peace March and Rally.** 2 pm. "All Eyes are on Iraq, but We're Still Under Attack" Rally at the Harlem State Office Building (163 W. 125th St. & Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd) Grand Marshal: Councilman and Future Mayor Charles Barron. Speakers include: Chuck D of Public Enemy, Nellie Bailey of the Harlem Tenants Council, Rev. Herbert Daughtry, Attorneys Ron Kuby and Stanley Cohen, NY City Councilmember Margarita Lopez, Romald Casanova, Larry Holmes of Intl. Action Center & more. Performers include: Wise Intelligent of the Poor Righteous Teachers, Abiodun Oywole of the Last Poets, Soundproof from Buck Buck Prod., Nana Soul of Black Waxx Records, & more ... www.aaupcoalition.org/home.htm info@aaupcoalition.org

**Demonstrate in Solidarity with the People of Palestine, Haiti, and others who are resisting U.S. occupation** 5pm. Oppose Bush administration's support for the Israeli Apartheid Wall. Rally at the Israeli Mission (43rd St. & 2nd Ave); then march to Haitian Consulate, (40th St. & Madison Ave.) to protest the U.S.-orchestrated coup that overthrew Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Proceed to Madison Square Garden. 212-633-6646

**Party in Tompkins Square, Ave. A and 9th St.** One People's Project (212) 479-7362

## Affordable Places to Eat in Manhattan

A partial list compiled from various internet guides and listings

Ino Milanese sandwich 21 Bedford St, 212-989-5769	Soba-Ya 229 E. 9th St, 212-533-6966	Trailer Park Lounge & Grill 271 W 23rd, 212-463-8000	Thali Vegetarian 10 Greenwich (btw. Charles & W 10th), -367-7411
El Rincon Boricua 158 E 119th, 212-534-9400	Chicky's on 86 355 E. 86th, 212-996-8277	Noodle 36 305 W 36th., 212-239-6061 Chinese, Noodles, \$4-8	Vegetarian Paradise 2 144 W. 4th St. (btw. 6th Ave. & MacDougal St.), 260-7130
Pan Pan 500 Lenox Av. 212-926-4900	Sapporo H Japanese Cuisine, 152 W. 49th St, 212-869-8972	The Pump 112 W 38th St, 212-764-2100 health food, sandwiches, \$5-6	Vegetarian Paradise 3 33-35 Mott St. (at Pell St.), 406-6988
Lombardi's Pizzeria 32 Spring St.	Sapporo East 245 E. 10 St, 212-260-1330	Rai Rai Ken 214 E 10th St, 212-477-7030 Pan-Asian & Pacific, \$5-7	Angelica Kitchen 300 E 12 St, 212-228-2909 Organic Vegetarian, \$7-15
Congee Village 100 Allen St, 212-941-1818	La Taza de Oro Puerto Rican 96 Eighth Av., 212-243-9946	The Original Mee 219 1st Ave, 212-995-0333 Noodle Shop & Grill, \$4-6	B & H Vegetarian Restaurant 127 2nd Ave., 212-505-8065 Diners, Kosher, \$4-7
Andy's Colonial Tavern 2257 1st Av., 212-410-9175	Sentosa Malaysian 3 Allen St, 212-925-8018	Odessa 119 Ave. A, 212-253-1482 Russian, E. European, \$4-8	Cafe Rakka 81 Saint Marks 212-982-9166 Middle Eastern, \$4-6
Great N.Y. Noodletown 28 1/2 Bowery, 212-349-0923	King Shawerma 110 MacDougal St, 212-387-0541	Elvie's turo-turo 214 1st Ave., 212-473-7785 Filipino, \$4.25-7.25	Caravan of Dreams 405 E 6th St, 212-254-1613 Health Food, Kosher, \$10-15
Minar Punjabi 5 W. 31st St, 212-684-2199	Flea Market 131 Ave. A, 212-358-9282	Congee Village 100 Allen St, 212-941-1818 Chinese, Dim Sum, \$3-12	Kate's Joint 58 Ave. B, 212-777-7059 Health Food, \$6-9
El Malecon Dominican diner 4141 Broadway, 212-927-3812	Pastrami Queen 1269 Lexington, 212-828-0007	Wing Shoon Restaurant 165 E Broadway Chinese, Dim Sum, \$3-5	Dojo 24 Saint Marks 212-674-9821 Health Food, Japanese \$5-7
Katsuhama authentic Japanese tonkatsu-ya 11 E. 47th St, 212-758-5909	Bua Thai 50 West St, 212-514-8118	Spanish American Food 351 E 13 St., 212-475-4508 Latin Amer., Caribbean, \$4-6	Life Cafe 343 E 10th St, 212-477-9001 American (New), \$7-11
Toyamadel Jamaican eatery 1709 Amsterdam Ave, 212-491-4492	El Cocotero 228 W 18th, 212-206-8930, Venezuelan, \$4-7	<b>Vegetarian</b>	Quintessence 263 E 10th St, 646-654-1823 American (New), Kosher \$8-14
Tony's Burger 34 E. 32nd St, 212-779-7191	East Corner Wonton 70 E Broadway, 212-343-9896, Chinese, Noodle Shops, \$3-5	Angelica Kitchen 300 E. 12th St. (btw. 1st Ave. & 2nd Ave.), 228-2909	The Organic Grill 123 1st Ave, 212-477-7177 \$8-12
Mama's Food Shop 200 E. 3rd St, 212-777-4425	Caridad La Original Cuban food, 588 Amsterdam Ave, 212-595-8121	House of Vegetarian 68 Mott St. (btw. Bayard & Canal), 226-6572	Viva Herbal Pizzeria 179 2nd Ave., 212-420-8801 \$5-8
Sokobolie Guinean 2529 8th Av, 212-491-3969	Chipotle Penn Plaza 304 W 34th St, 268-4197 Mexican, \$6-7	Mary Ann's 116 8th Ave. (at 16th St.) 86 2nd Ave. (at 5th St.) 1503 2nd Ave. (at 78th St.) 2452 Broadway (at 91st St.)	
Pakistan Tea House 176 Church St, 212-240-9800	Dimple 11 W 30 St., 212-643-9464, Indian Cuisine, Kosher, \$5-7		
X.O. Kitchen 148 Hester St, 212-965-8645	Minar 5 W 31st St, 212-684-2199 Indian Restaurant, \$5-6		
Meskerem Ethiopian 468 W. 47th, 212-664-0520			



## Affordable Places to Stay

**BedNBreakfastNYC** [www.bednbreakfastnyc.com](http://www.bednbreakfastnyc.com)  
Columbus Circle area. (212) 581-2640. \$115-\$495. 2-10 people. Offers five guest rooms as well as two fully-furnished apartments that can accommodate a large family.

**Blue Rabbit International House**  
[www.hostelhandbook.com/bluerabbit](http://www.hostelhandbook.com/bluerabbit), 709 St. Nicholas Ave. NYC (at 146 St.) (212) 491-3892  
Dormitory beds: from \$20; Double rooms: from \$25 per person

**Carlton Arms Hotel** [www.carltonarms.com](http://www.carltonarms.com), 160 East 25 St, NYC 212 679-0680. \$60 - \$117  
Private or shared bath available with prices ranging from \$60 for a single, shared bath to \$117 for a room for 4 people with a private bath.

**Chelsea Inn** [www.chelseainn.com](http://www.chelseainn.com), 46 West 17 St, NYC (212) 645-8989. \$109-\$199 Occasional special rates as low as \$79

**Chelsea Lodge** [www.chelsealodge.com](http://www.chelsealodge.com), 318 West 20 St, NYC. 212 244-7827. Single: \$90  
Double: \$105 European-style guest house

**Chelsea Star Hotel** [www.starhotelnyc.com](http://www.starhotelnyc.com), 300 West 30 St, NYC. (212) 244-7827. Dormitory beds: \$35 Private rooms: \$79-\$135

**Gershwin Hotel** [www.gershwinhotel.com](http://www.gershwinhotel.com) & [Hostel www.gershwinhostel.com](http://www.gershwinhostel.com) 7 East 27 St, NYC. (212) 545-8000 Hostel rooms: \$35 Hotel rooms: \$129-\$250 Occasional special rates as low as \$99 Trendy, Hostel rooms with shared bath are for up to 8 people, bring your own towel.

**Hostelling International:**  
[www.hiayh.org/hostels/newyork/newyork.htm](http://www.hiayh.org/hostels/newyork/newyork.htm), 891 Amsterdam Ave NYC (at 102nd Street) (212) 932-2000 Dormitory beds: \$27-\$29 American Youth Hostels.

**Hotel 17:** [www.hotel17.citysearch.com](http://www.hotel17.citysearch.com), 225 East 17 St, NYC 10003 (212) 475-2845 \$70-\$160 All shared baths, no credit cards, no children under 17.

**Jazz on the Park Hostel** [www.jazzhostel.com](http://www.jazzhostel.com), 36 West 106 St, NYC. (212) 932-1600 Dormitory beds: \$30-\$54 Some private rooms available. Breakfast included.

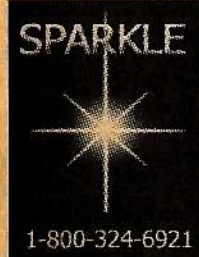
**Sugar Hill International House**  
[www.sugarhillhostel.com](http://www.sugarhillhostel.com), 722 St. Nicholas Ave NYC (at 146 Street). (212) 926-7030.  
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**See Also:** Hostels/Hotels: Online listings  
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### Housing Boards

Several organizations have organized housing boards so that people who have space in their homes or need space during the RNC can connect. These include:

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## Medical and Physical Safety

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### What to Wear

comfortable, protective shoes that you can run in clothing that covers your skin to protect against the sun and chemical agents  
shatter-resistant eyewear (sunglasses, swimming goggles)  
do not wear contact lenses if there is any likelihood of exposure to pepper spray or tear gas. Chemical irritants trapped under the lenses can cause permanent damage to your corneas.

### What to Bring

water to drink and wash off your eyes or skin if necessary  
identification  
water or alcohol-based sunscreen  
inhaler and medication if needed

### If someone is injured

The first thing to do when there is an injury of any kind is to get a trained and equipped medic to the scene as soon as possible. The easiest way to do this is to call out, "MEDIC!" If none is within earshot, there's a good chance the call will be relayed through the crowd until a medic can be contacted. Otherwise, send someone to find a medic.

No injury or illness is too elementary or too serious to call for a medic - let him or her be the one to decide.

### Pepper Spray and Tear Gas

Both tear gas and pepper spray are skin irritants, causing burning pain and excess drainage from eyes, nose, mouth, and breathing passages. Exposure may cause: stinging/burning in your eyes, nose, mouth, and skin; excesses tearing; runny nose; increased salivation.

### Protection:

avoid the use of oils and lotions--they tend to trap the chemicals and prolong exposure  
minimize skin exposure by covering up as much as possible  
gas masks provide the best protection, IF properly fitted and sealed (check this beforehand)  
Alternately, goggles with shatter-proof lenses or a wet bandana will help.

### If you are sprayed in the eyes

Stay calm. Breathe slowly.  
DO NOT rub your eyes.  
Flush your eyes with water or a solution of half liquid antacid (Maalox) and half water. A bottle with a squirt cap is good. Always irrigate from the inside corner of the eye, towards the outside. It will help to hold your eyes open (or have someone do this for you) while you flush your eyes.  
See a health care specialist as soon as possible.

### Public Bathrooms

There are very few public restrooms in New York City. However, most large bookstores and eating establishments such as McDonalds and Starbucks have restrooms that are accessible to non-customers. Many public parks have public restrooms, but they are only available when the park is open.

### Injured or Sick?

Activists suffering from physical or emotional trauma wishing to see an activist-friendly healthcare professional should contact **Medical Activists of New York (MANY)**.

E-mail: [many@action-medical.net](mailto:many@action-medical.net)  
Voicemail: 212.696.6610



# Your Legal Rights and Options This Week

Source: National Lawyer's Guild and the New York Civil Liberties Union

- 1. You have a right to protest against the Republican National Convention.** You have the right to protest, to distribute literature, and set up a moving picket, as long as you do not block a building entrance or take up more than half of the sidewalk. The law does require a permit to march in the street or to use electronic sound amplification. It is unlawful for three or more people to wear masks, including bandanas. Signs should be attached to cardboard tubing, not wooden sticks, metal, or PVC piping.
- 2. If you are stopped by the cops on the street,** ask if you are free to leave. If the answer is "yes," you may walk away. If the answer is "no," then you are being detained. You do not have to answer their questions. However, the Supreme Court recently ruled that you do not have the right to refuse to give the cops your name if they ask, unless you feel that doing so would incriminate you. If the cops have a reasonable suspicion that you have weapons, they can pat you down on the outside of your clothing. If they attempt to do any further search, you should say clearly, **"I do not consent to this search."**
- 3. If you are arrested,** you may remain silent or say, **"I am going to remain silent."** You should **ask to speak with a lawyer immediately.** Call legal help as soon as possible (see numbers below). When asked, you may give your name and address, show photo ID, and allow yourself to be photographed and fingerprinted. (Refusal to provide ID will delay your release from jail.) Try to remember the arresting cop's name and badge number and try to get the names of any witnesses. First speak to a lawyer before you make any agreements or concessions to the cops.
- 4. To prepare for a possible arrest,** make sure you have the NLG and/or NYCLU number written down. Some protestors write it on their wrist or ankle in ink. Carry one photo ID with a good address. Do not carry anything you do not want the police to have. If you are taking medication, bring it in its original container and carry enough for 24-36 hours.
- 5. If you are abused or mistreated by Police or other Law Enforcement.** Try to remember the cop's name and/or badge number and document your injuries as soon as you are released.

The New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) has opened a storefront space from which to monitor police activity and provide resources to protestors. From the Protecting Protest Storefront, just two blocks from Madison Square Garden, the NYCLU will launch over 100 attorneys, staff, and volunteers. NYCLU representatives will attend every RNC demonstration, permitted or non-permitted, to observe police behavior and to negotiate with the police. **The Storefront, at 520 Eighth Avenue (between 36th and 37th Streets) will serve as the NYCLU base of operations for monitoring protest activity during the convention.**

In addition to housing the NYCLU "Protecting Protest" office, the Storefront will serve as a meeting place for volunteers. NYCLU will host "Know Your Rights" trainings and media briefings. The office will also serve as the location for protest participants to submit information about policing tactics deployed at demonstrations.

## Helpful Resources

### Web Sites:

[www.nglnyc.org](http://www.nglnyc.org)

[www.mcprotestrights.org](http://www.mcprotestrights.org)

### Phone Numbers:

National Lawyers' Guild

Arrest Number: 212.679.6018

Spaces Number: 917.861.0106

If the police visit your convergence space or office, immediately call this number for legal assistance.

New York Civil Liberties Union:

212.344.3005

NYCLU: 212.344.3005

WELCOME TO THE WEEK OF R.N.C. RESISTENCE

## Why We Are in the Streets This Week

From the streets of Najaf to the streets of Palestine and New York City, the world is fighting back against the Empire. The Bush policies of endless war, corporate greed, and racism cannot, and will not stand against the people. It is in this spirit that we have compiled the **Field Guide to RNC Week of Resistance.**

As the occupation of Iraq continues, it is becoming clear that the anti-war movement was right all along: This war is not about "liberation;" it is not about fictitious "weapons of mass destruction." It is about greed. Thousands have died for Bush's lies, and he must be held accountable. The upcoming Week of Resistance will provide an opportunity and a responsibility for us to take to the streets to resist the Bush Agenda.

The week begins with the War Crimes Tribunal, which will expose the crimes committed by the Bush Administration, by politicians of both parties, and by their collaborators in the media. It is important to begin the week by making our message perfectly clear: The war is a crime against humanity. This is not just a matter of faulty intelligence, bad tactics, or poor leadership; this is a crime driven by a system motivated by greed. Bush must be fought, but that is not enough. **We must build a movement to challenge Wall Street and the War Mongers of BOTH parties.**

We offer this Field Guide in solidarity with the resistance in Iraq, Palestine, Haiti, and everywhere the people are fighting back against the Empire, and in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of people who will take the streets of Manhattan in the Week of Resistance.

## Resistance Center

The **International Action Center** will be open from Thursday, August 26 through Thursday, September 2, as a "Resistance Center." Activists are welcome to come by the Center to pick up placards, get the latest information about protest events, inquire about housing options, pick up free educational literature, or network with other activists from around the country and around the globe.

For more info: (212) 633-6646 [www.iacenter.org](http://www.iacenter.org)

### International Action Center

39 West 14th St., Room 206

(between 5th and 6th Avenues, Manhattan)

F/ V/ 1/ 2/ 3/ 9 trains to 14th St; L train to 6th Ave., or

N/R/Q/W/4/5/6 trains to Union Sq.)

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## The New York City Subway System

The subway system runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All subway fares are paid using a Metrocard. You can get free subway and bus maps from any subway info booth.

### Subway Fare

Basic fare for a subway (or local bus ride): \$2.

Reduced Fare: some people may qualify for half price fare if they meet age or disability requirement.

You pay your fare using a MetroCard, which can be purchased in advance at subway stations and at many local businesses. You can buy two types of MetroCards: the Pay-per-ride and the Unlimited.

### Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard

If you put in increments of \$10 on your card you receive a 20% bonus. For example, a \$20 purchase gives you \$24 on your card. You get an automatic free transfer between subway and bus, or between buses, valid for about 2 hours.

### Unlimited Cards

Unlimited Cards are your best deal if you're riding riding several times a day. The main restriction is that you cannot use the same card at the same subway stop twice within 18-20 minutes. There are several types of Unlimited Cards:

**1-Day Fun Pass** costs \$7 and is good for unlimited subway and local bus rides from first use until 3 a.m. the following day. Sold at MetroCard Vending Machines and at neighborhood stores. Not available at station booths.

**7-Day Unlimited** costs \$21 (reduced fare \$10.50) and is good for unlimited subway and local bus rides until midnight, 7 days from day of first use.