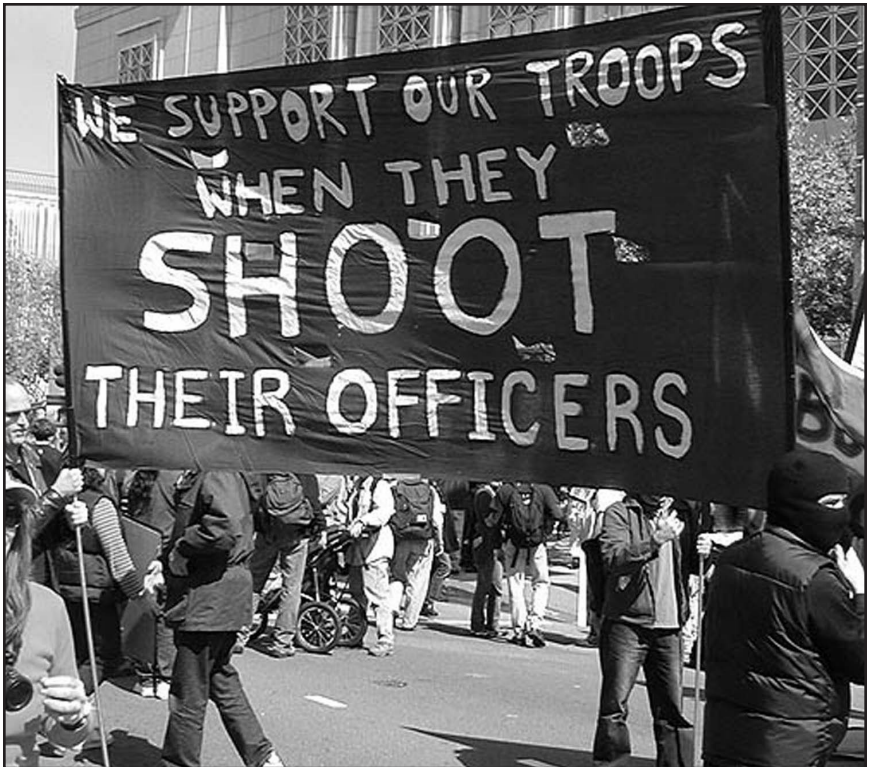


WHO IS THE PEACE MOVEMENT?



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INTRODUCTION

Not since the Vietnam War has there been a “peace” movement as large and as ubiquitous as the one against American military action to remove the dictator Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq. Beginning in October 2002, tens and then hundreds of thousands of citizens were mobilized by organizers to protest the policies of the Bush Administration to rein in the rogue Baghdad regime.

In a democracy, the right to dissent is sacrosanct, even in times of war. However, not every form of dissent is speech protected by the First Amendment, nor is every form of speech worthy of respect. Many observers have been dismayed by the slogans and pronouncements of the protesters, which have sometimes identified Washington as the “axis of evil,” and America as the “terror state.” Not a single rally has been held at an Iraqi embassy or consulate; nor has any protest publicly called upon Saddam to disarm. Instead, the protesters decry America as the aggressor and refer to its President as a “terrorist,” a “baby killer,” and an “oil thief.”

The call by organizers of the demonstrations for civil disobedience as soon as the shooting starts can be seen as a thinly veiled code for sabotage, jeopardizing the safety of citizens, which no nation can countenance. The easy alliances with political forces that support America’s declared enemies are an additional cause for alarm.

Who are the organizers of this opposition and what are their agendas? The articles in this pamphlet are an attempt to provide answers.

In “The Terrorist Popular Front,” David Horowitz recalls how the Communist movement in the 1930s “devised a strategy for weakening and subverting democratic societies.” Abandoning its traditional tactic of openly declaring its revolutionary anti-Western goals, it now depicted its agendas as though they were consistent with “the fundamental values of the societies they intended to destroy – democracy, justice and peace.” By appearing to advocate these ideals, the Communists were able to gain acceptance from people who had no understanding of their actual objectives.

In “An Open Letter to Student Anti-War Protesters,” Brian Sayre describes how the unsuspecting are being manipulated into supporting

anti-American agendas by hard-core radical organizers from groups like the Young Communist League, who actually orchestrated the student strike at Stanford. In “The Anti-War Movement: Then and Now,” Ron Radosh compares the peace movement of the Thirties that helped Hitler launch the Second World War with peace movement of today.

In “Red Queen of Peace,” Michael Tremoglie examines the politics of one of the leaders of the movement and concludes that today’s anti-war groups “portray themselves as pacifist and as human rights organizations [whose] stated purpose is to end war and promote the general welfare of humanity,” but their leaders support “the communist system that murdered, enslaved, and destroyed – people and nations.” In “United for Peace and Justice,” John Perazzo profiles anti-war organizer Leslie Cagan, a committed Communist functionary and long-time fan of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. In “Religion of Peace,” Bruce Thornton concludes that “anti-war” seems to mean “anti-American,” since as long as the US (or its close friend Israel) is not involved, we do not see protesters gather to denounce military actions anywhere in the world. “When one considers the many brutal conflicts raging all over the world, it’s interesting that an ‘anti-war’ movement concentrates its attention on a war that will liberate a whole people from a brutal dictator and keep weapons of mass destruction from the hands of terrorist murderers.”

Preston McConkie (“Leftist Lies about The War”) reviews the myths which the anti-war activists invoke to justify their protest.

Are there any genuine pacifists in today’s peace movement? Michael Tremoglie (“Anti-American Pacifist”) looked at celebrated pacifist Colman McCarthy, but found something else as well – an anti-capitalist militant. “Most pacifists are not really pacifist, as much as they are anti-capitalist,” he concluded. “They believe capitalism is the root of all evil in the world,” and therefore they are “anti-American.” The connection between anti-capitalism and anti-Americanism is further explored in John Perazzo’s “Maoists for Peace,” which notes the desire of Not In Our Name leader C. Clark Kissinger (a leader of the Revolutionary Communist Party) to eradicate “the oppressive system of capitalism” from the earth. Like so many of his counterparts in other peace groups, Kissinger’s Communist ties run deep. Many of the signers of his NION statement, as Ronald Radosh (“Saddam’s Little

Helpers”) points out, “have been groomed on the belief that the United States is an imperialist power bent on oppressing the poor people of the world.”

In fact each of the major organizers of the anti-Iraq war demonstrations are leaders of the pro-Communist left and members of Communist organizations themselves. See Ryan O’Donnell’s dissection of International ANSWER (“Steering Committee for ‘Peace’”). This group, which organized the Washington and San Francisco demonstrations in October 2002 and February 2003, is actually a front for the Stalinist Workers World Party, which aligns itself with North Korea, the third leg of the “Axis of Evil.”

The connections between the chief organizers of the antiwar movement and the Communist dictatorships in North Korea, China and Cuba prompt Stephen Schwartz to ask “Who Pays For These Protests?” It’s a good question given the connections, but whatever the answer, the connections themselves should give decent and patriotic Americans cause for second thoughts.

I. WHAT IS THE PEACE MOVEMENT?

1. The Terrorist Popular Front¹

by David Horowitz

To be successful in the war against terror, it is necessary to understand the enemy and his strategies, how he forms his alliances and how he shapes his tactics to achieve his goals.

President Bush, in his first address to Congress after 9/11, correctly identified the forces that attacked us as “the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century,” who followed “in the path of fascism, Nazism and totalitarianism.” The religious roots of the present threat are radical Islam, but its politics are the familiar strategies of the Cold War Communist Left.

In the 1930s, the Communist movement devised a strategy for weakening and subverting democratic societies, which changed the nature of revolutionary politics forever, and profoundly increased its threat. Until then the Communist parties had openly declared their revolutionary agendas, which were anti-Western and anti-democratic, and required illegal and criminal means to achieve. Communists were for the “dictatorship of the proletariat” and intended to achieve this dictatorship through a “civil war” in the western democracies. Their primary agenda of course was to provide “frontier guards” to defend the Soviet Union and its dictatorship, because that was the revolutionary base. But openly declaring their Communist agendas insured that they would be and remain a fringe minority in democratic societies, and that is what happened.

Then, in 1935, the Communist parties adopted a new tactic, which they called the Popular Front. The agendas of the Popular Front were framed in terms of the fundamental values of the societies the Communists intended to destroy. In place of the “dictatorship of the proletariat” and an “international civil war,” the Communists organized coalitions for “democracy, justice and peace.”

Nothing had changed in the philosophy and goals of the Communists, but by advocating (or seeming to advocate) “democracy, justice and peace,” they were able to forge broad alliances with individuals and groups who had no inkling of their true agendas or – in any case — believed them to be less

¹ FrontPageMagazine.com | March 10, 2003

sinister and dangerous than they were. Working through the Popular Front they had formed with liberal groups, the Communists were able to hide their conspiratorial activities, form “peace” movements, and increase their own numbers until they became a formidable political force.

Many observers of the current “peace” movement that has been launched in America and the West to oppose efforts to disarm Saddam Hussein have been puzzled at its rapid growth, size and elaborate organization. They wonder how this “peace” movement could fail to call on Saddam to disarm, express such deeply cynical views of America’s motives (“blood for oil”) and identify the United States itself as a terrorist state and the threat to peace. The answer is that the organizers of the peace demonstrations are veteran Communists and the movement itself is an exemplary expression of the strategy of the “popular front.”

On March 5, a nationwide student protest was organized by the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition. At Stanford University, to pick one site, hundreds of students went on “strike” and 26 Stanford professors cancelled their classes in sympathy with the strike.

The National Youth and Student Peace Coalition has a website² where the Stanford organizers of the strike are plainly listed² (www.nyspc.net/strikelist.html) as the Stanford Labor Action Coalition and the Young Communist League - the youth branch of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Clara Webb, the president of the Stanford Young Communist League is listed as the contact person for both organizations.

In the leadership of the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition are not only Communists, but radical Muslims. Andy Burns, spokesman for the Coalition told the *Washington Times*, “The way the student peace movement has worked since September 11 is we’ve formed coalitions on most campuses. The Muslim Student Association is usually, if not most of the time active because Muslims are a target population.”³

In fact, it is Americans who are the target population. Radical Muslims are the terrorists who attacked us. The idea that America is the world aggressor – the Great Satan – is the quasi-religious belief that forges the alliance between atheist Communists and religious fundamentalists. The strategy of the Popular Front – proclaiming its goals as “peace” and “justice” — is the deception that hauls in the rest.

² www.nyspc.net

³ www.nyspc.net/strikelist.html

2. Leftist Lies About the War⁴

by Preston McConkie

Almost invariably, when protesters cry “peace” they mainly mean peace for their own minds – absolution from sacrifice or the need to make difficult choices. To that end, they are willing to wage total war against the truth. From charges that America is starving Iraqi children, to claims that Bush planned a silent genocide in Afghanistan, to accusations that multibillion-dollar wars are fought over \$1 billion (oil pipeline) construction projects, their version of reality requires reassigning motives and responsibility, downplaying or exaggerating facts, and fabricating fantastic lies.

For example, former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter is a novice war protester who instinctively understands what is needed, but isn’t perfectly polished yet. In a September interview with *Time*, he was reluctant to answer a question about a prison he’d seen during his inspections career, but nonetheless replied:

“[It] appeared to be a prison for children – toddlers up to pre-adolescents – whose only crime was to be the offspring of those who have spoken out politically against the regime of Saddam Hussein. It was a horrific scene...Actually I’m not going to describe what I saw there because what I saw was so horrible that it can be used by those who would want to promote war with Iraq, and right now I’m waging peace.”

Since becoming a film maker in the employ of an Iraqi-born Michigan real estate developer, Ritter has been a pioneer of the claim that 5,000 Iraqi children die each month from the effects of sanctions.

At one time, this man had some sense. “Saddam Hussein is willing to parlay the suffering of his people for economic gain,” he said in a 1999 interview with Britain’s leftwing newspaper the *Guardian*. But by 2002, he’d learned not to emphasize Hussein’s role in that suffering. His notorious address to Iraq’s parliament on the eve of the 9/11 anniversary drew comparisons to “Hanoi Jane” Fonda’s conduct during the Vietnam War. His decision to blame all the world’s pain on the one superpower, however, ensures him a faceless future as simply one more clone of the anti-war Left.

⁴ FrontPageMagazine.com | December 27, 2002

The assertion that America is starving Iraqi children is not new. While body counts vary, the “5,000 per month” allegation, with its implications of systematic genocide, has proven popular. Now no informed person questions that large numbers of children and adults have perished in Iraq due to malnutrition and disease. According to a U.N. press release from March 24 2000, Secretary General Kofi Annan raised the question of “who was responsible for the situation: President Saddam Hussein or the United Nations?” This is because the UN – with US backing – has in place a massive oil-for-food program that guarantees every man, woman and child in Iraq 2,400 calories a day to prevent anyone from starving.

In fact, since Hussein first agreed to the oil-for-food program in 1996 having rejected earlier UN offers, the United Nations has handled approximately \$55 billion in authorized oil sales, bringing Iraq’s total exports to near pre-war levels. Iraq orders shiploads of supplies and presents the manifests to the U.N., which normally grants approval and cuts a check.

The U.N. handles deliveries in the ethnically-Kurdish north of Iraq, where no children are reported to be starving. Disbursal of food to the Baghdad-controlled areas of Iraq is the job of Hussein’s regime. Hussein is the one who must make the actual orders, and has deliberately left \$21 billion – more than half of his share – unspent on food that could have saved any of the lives he claims to have been lost.

Meanwhile, Hussein has additionally managed to smuggle about \$3 billion in oil each year, and has even worked a finger into the oil-for-food pie, orchestrating kickbacks from intermediaries and collecting further billions for his palaces and weapons programs. This is, of course, standard operating procedure in the Arab Middle East, the land that invented *baksheesh*.

All this refutes the claims of the left but makes an excellent case for deposing Hussein, if only “for the children.” Yet both his fellow travelers and Ritter, who knows firsthand the true plight of Iraqi children, advocate a *laissez faire* Iraq policy. Sanctions, he told the *Guardian*, make America “party” to the Iraqi people’s suffering.

To the truly fanatical peaceniks, the evil of war is not that people die, but that involvement forces Americans to make painful, conscience-

tasking choices. This discomfort is anathema to a group that, during its 1960s incarnation, declared everything from the draft to academic standards to be a “hassle.”

Protesters such as William Blum remain vigilant even during peace. A former Johnson Administration staffer still fulminating over American intervention in Latin America, in 1995 Blum wrote *Killing Hope: U. S. Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II*, which contains these delusional thoughts:

“Everyone knows of the unbelievable repression of women in Afghanistan, carried out by Islamic fundamentalists, even before the Taliban. But how many people know that during the late 1970s and most of the 1980s, Afghanistan had a government committed to bringing the incredibly backward nation into the 20th century, including giving women equal rights?.. What happened, however, is that the United States poured billions of dollars into waging a terrible war against this government, simply because it was supported by the Soviet Union. Prior to this, CIA operations had knowingly increased the probability of a Soviet intervention, which is what occurred. In the end, the United States won, and the women, and the rest of Afghanistan, lost. More than a million dead, three million disabled, five million refugees, in total about half the population.”

In short the United States is blamed for supporting an invaded people in overthrowing a Communist dictatorship and repelling a scorched earth invasion of their country, and then also blamed for the deaths resulting from the Soviet rape of a Third World country. Nice bit of logic.

When the U.S. kicked off its own military action in Afghanistan in October 2001, the legend makers were standing by with pens primed, ready to list the atrocities. Their greatest hope was for mass starvation to break out, something predicted confidently by Edward Herman in Nov. 2001 in “Genocide as Collateral Damage, But With Sincere Regrets,” an article scattered thickly through anti-war cyberspace.

Even at that early date in the war, Herman was drawing parallels to Vietnam atrocities, claiming the Bush Administration planned for maximum civilian suffering. In choosing to invade at a time inconvenient to Afghanistan as a whole, “the U.S. war’s impact on the Afghan starva-

tion crisis is to exacerbate it, making it a policy of mass killing” while the media “are oblivious to the hypocrisy of the food drop program and its PR character.”

Also in November 2001, former Herman collaborator Noam Chomsky told the Cairo newspaper *Al-Ahram*, “Plans are being made on the assumption that they may lead to the death of several million people. Very casually, with no comment and with no particular thought about it. It looks like what is happening is some sort of silent genocide.”

Interestingly, when leftists fail to check each other’s notes they sometimes tread on each other’s toes. Robert Scheer wrote for *The Nation* on Dec. 3 (the article no longer shows up in their archives) that “the new Administration ... even funneled “humanitarian” aid to Taliban-run Afghanistan as a reward for the fundamentalists’ eradication of an opium crop.” Impugning Bush’s motives and putting “humanitarian” in quotation marks doesn’t change the fact that the Bush Administration was feeding Afghans up to the moment the war on terror began and kept feeding them afterwards.

Herman’s and Chomsky’s claims are admirably ambitious, but since massive loss of life didn’t happen in Afghanistan they are empty nonetheless; propagandists will have to rely on mischaracterizing the Administration’s reasons for invading in the first place, since even a small body count is shocking if it happens for no good purpose. This all ignores, of course, the fact that American intervention in Afghanistan essentially stopped (or grossly curtailed, since no-one is claiming Afghanistan has become Connecticut) a long-running civil war that was costing thousands of lives. Our intervention has thus already saved many times more Afghan lives than have died in our bombings in the most extravagant plausible estimate.

Hence the predictable accusation that this war, too, is all about oil. Although Afghanistan has little oil of its own, nearby Central Asian nations are brimming with largely untapped reserves. Burgeoning India is a market particularly hungry for natural gas from Turkmenistan and its completely landlocked neighbor, Uzbekistan.

Since the Central Asian republics became independent of Moscow in 1991, Turkmenistan’s government and an international consortium of major corporations, headed by California-based Unocal, have been itch-

ing to build pipelines that would deliver oil and natural gas to the world market. Pipelines have been planned that would go in two directions: west across Iran or under the Caspian Sea, through Turkey and to the Mediterranean, and east across Afghanistan, through Pakistan to a port there and on to the gas grid in New Delhi. Troubles related to Islamist regimes in both directions have stopped any of these projects that would bring huge oil and gas profits to Asia's arid, underdeveloped heartland.

These petroleum projects are essential to keeping the price of oil down in the long run, which is essential to the health of the entire world economy. One is naturally very curious about how many of the people who treat industrial civilization's pursuit of oil as something shameful actually walk to work or ride in wood-burning buses.

Naturally, in the wake of the Taliban's ouster it is expected that work will go forward, and a gas pipeline project has already been announced. Although the Unocal-led consortium is still waiting for signs of political stability, stories started running months ago in the British press and campus-oriented web sites calling the war a front for American oil companies.

In "Afghanistan, the Taliban and the Bush Oil Team," a screed put out by the Canada-based Centre for Research on Globalisation and posted to democrats.com last January, Afghan President Hamid Karzai was identified as "a top advisor" for Unocal before the U.S. invasion. The conclusion, of course, is that Karzai was installed for the purpose of furthering U.S. oil interests.

If Karzai had merely been an oil man drafted into government service this might hold some water, but he was already a veteran official from the post-Soviet government overthrown by the Taliban in 1996.

He also belongs to the prestigious Populzai clan, which supplied Afghanistan's kings from the mid-1700s on. But he had the bad grace to give solicited advice to an American business, and to the campus babblers and scribblers who are the primary consumers of anti-war propaganda, multibillion dollar projects – which inevitably involve American financiers and businesses – are symbols of despised corporate imperialism. Just as any war that involves American interests is suspect, so is any Marshal Plan involving American corporations.

To think Afghanistan's delegates would have supported a know-nothing or an anti-pipeline president is absurd. Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan all want the pipeline; what they lack is the capital and corporate resources to build it themselves. To the anti-Western "progressive" comfortably ensconced in the West, however, Westernizing the East's standard of living is a sin in itself.

The current war is generally a popular one with Americans galvanized by 9/11, so its opponents attack from three directions. The first employs exaggerations or fabrications about America's role in world tragedies, ranging from *ad nauseam* recitations of isolated incidents (Japanese internments, Mai Lai) to creative math depicting Americans as mass murderers surpassing Stalin. The second requires minimizing, dismissing or shifting blame for real atrocities committed by enemy regimes. The third requires twisting the motives for a war so the cause eclipses the outcome.

The goal is a policy of abandonment. Renouncing U.S. interests is an article of faith among war protesters, and if that means abandoning the victims of tyranny as well, then it's a question of tough priorities – and accepting whatever collateral damage it takes to give them a warm feeling of moral superiority inside.

3. An Open Letter to Student Anti-War Protesters⁵

by Brian Sayre

On Wednesday, March 5th, a few hundred of you at Stanford University participated in a 'National Student Strike' against an attack on Saddam Hussein's murderous regime. This mass hooky was sponsored nation-wide by an organization calling itself the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition (www.nyspc.net); locally, it was purportedly organized by a collection of Stanford student organizations called the Coalition of Students Against War, closely affiliated with the Stanford Community for Peace and Justice. Others have already shown the links between the national front groups and shadowy Stalinist organizations like the Worker's World Party. The same sort of thing is true locally.

To find out who really ran the show at Stanford, one simply has to go

⁵ FrontPageMagazine.com | March 11, 2003

to the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition's website, and search the list of participating campuses. There, the Stanford organizers are plainly listed as the Stanford Labor Action Coalition and the Young Communist League - the youth branch of the Communist Party, U.S.A. The president of the Stanford Young Communist League, a Clara Webb, is the contact person for both organizations. That the anti-war demonstrations are led by communists, while underreported in the mainstream media, is not exactly breaking news. However, the reports from the protest indicate that a new stage of radical quislingism is about to begin.

Desperate to prevent President Bush and the American military from liberating the Iraqi people, the Communists have begun openly recruiting college students like you to participate in illegal acts, designed to disrupt the lives and empty the pocketbooks of ordinary Americans. All of this took place last Wednesday with the tacit approval of many Stanford professors - a full two dozen cancelled their classes in support of the demonstration, and, according to the protest organizers, a full sixty pledged their support. I cannot simply be silent about this.

In fact, I have a moral responsibility to speak up, for once, not so long ago, I was the one organizing. I was the one manipulating others. You see, I was once a Communist. I began my career as a communist radical in Toronto in 1996, when I joined an organization called the Communist League of Canada. The Communist League was oriented towards factory workers; when I decided to go back to university in 1998, I left it and joined a mostly student Communist organization called the New Socialists. Both of these groups were split-offs of split-offs, tracing their lineage back through the 1960s Left to the heyday of American Communism. Although small in numbers, thanks to their activity they and other groups like them had a great deal of influence over the broader left. While in these groups, I helped organize and participated in many protests - demonstrations against 'globalization,' demonstrations against war, and demonstrations against the government.

As a communist, I used people as simply means to an end. I discarded people as they ceased to be useful, and came to my senses only long after I was discarded in turn. Now, doing graduate work at Stanford, I try to avoid politics. I don't know Clara Webb. I don't know any of the radical leftists at Stanford, and I hope I never do. But I do know the system of front groups, the 'non-violent direct action,' and the system of 'affin-

ity groups,' all too well. This is a system that controls the individual protestor almost perfectly while giving the illusion of freedom; this is the system being used by anti-war protestors in America today.

What is an 'affinity group'? In theory, it's a small group of people, maybe ten to twenty, who decide to work together by consensus for a political action. In practice, it's a ruthlessly effective way of manipulating the less extreme into greater acts of extremism, all coordinated by the group's leaders, who invariably belong to the shadowy communist organizations who run things behind the scenes. These groups are nothing more than the translation of communist leader Che Guevara's armed 'military focus' to the American city, as popularized by the French radical Regis Debray. In America, they work on the same 'dictatorship of the most radical' principle as most leftist front organizations, which consist of two groups - a small core clique of fanatics, and a slightly broader group of willing stooges, with varying degrees of commitment to the cause. The fanatics obtain and control their flock through the force of their personalities - they are admired for their experience, commitment, and knowledge of authoritative-sounding leftist dogma, and generally adopt a hip, trendy, and friendly demeanor.

While the communist organization of the fanatics is run by majority vote, the front organizations and affinity groups are run by consensus. No action is taken unless all within the group concur. On the surface, consensus sounds very open and democratic, but fans of the system fail to take into account the admiration the flock has for the fanatics, who pose as their friends. These elite members of the organization meet beforehand, in a secret and unpublicized gathering, where they make the actual decisions. They are then presented to the group as 'ideas' or 'suggestions' - suggestions that quickly find seconders. People are asked if they concur, and they almost always do, for the social consequences of dissent are great.

To dissent is to issue a 'block,' which prevents the group from acting until the action is resolved. It positions the odd man out in opposition to the entire group, which is often that person's entire social network. A stubborn blocker condemns the meeting to a long, dry contest of wills, with them the twelfth man on the jury. And so the dissenter keeps quiet - or dissenters, since for every decision there are usually several people with misgivings, all unknown to each other. And therefore a radical proposition that would have been rejected by a large majority in a secret ballot will be accepted unanimously in a 'consensus.'

If the fear of being the lone dissenter shapes organizational meetings in a student lounge, how much more does it shape the decisions made by an affinity group on the city streets, while a protest is underway? Pumped up by their simple slogans and the press of other bodies, these groups of radicals make their decisions relatively quickly. Here there is little debate, no time for debate - the group looks to its leader, the person with the most experience, who will offer a 'suggestion' that, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, will be accepted immediately. Reservations get swept aside as the flock fears holding the radicals back, of appearing cowardly, of letting them down.

While appearing chaotic, the mash of affinity groups is always under tight control. Large numbers of people are managed efficiently through a convened central body, the 'spokescouncil,' consisting of one or two members from each group - the ultra-radical 'leaders' admired by the rest. Here they regularly sell out the desires of their adoring charges.

On the one occasion I witnessed where several affinity groups rebelled against their masters, refusing to rush a barrier separating them from a meeting of the Organization of American States, the members of the spokescouncil decided to tell each and every group that they were the only dissenting group - causing each and every group to change their mind (which wound up getting some of them pepper-sprayed).

The spokescouncil, of course, has its own leaders, prominent radicals and communists, who either direct the protest on site or from a distance, using cell phones. The average person, suckered into this mess, believes and is told he has complete freedom over a non-hierarchical process where everyone is equal. And in fact, they are equal, in theory - as equal as every Republic was in the Soviet Union, as equal as every party was in the Communist International.

That is how an affinity group operates. That is how a mass of students in Toronto ended up spending a night huddled miserably on the floor of the lobby of a major bank in the middle of winter, without food or water, urinating in a garbage container barely shielded by a pair of plastic plants, surrounded by riot police - when they thought, starting out, that they'd be going on a simple march. Of course, the organizers, having planned everything in advance, had brought their own supplies. That is how, should war on Iraq begin, the college students being recruited at

Stanford today will become useful idiots, finding themselves in jail for committing criminal acts. Unless you are willing to bolt and run, to leave the group, to let down all your friends gathered around you, you will do exactly what your communist controllers want you to do - controllers several steps up on the radical hierarchy, controllers you probably don't even know by name. My advice to potential protestors: bolt and run. Friends you can replace; your freedom, you cannot.

You are being wooed into crime, something easily visible from the website of the Stanford Coalition for Peace and Justice (www.stanford.edu/groups/peace). Underneath the call for recruitment to affinity groups, is one for more information about these groups, which leads to the web site Direct Action to Stop the War (www.actagainstawar.org). And beneath that, a notification: that “neither DASW nor any of the AG [Affinity Group]-formation is connected with SCPJ [Stanford Coalition for Peace and Justice] in any formal capacity.”

Apparently, the mobilization of all of its membership to fill these ‘affinity groups’ with naïve young bodies is not sufficiently ‘formal’ for the Stanford Coalition for Peace and Justice. But why the disclaimer, right underneath a call for recruitment? No doubt the genteel professors that take part in the Stanford Coalition for Peace and Justice feel the need for a little behind-covering, for the cause they’re sending you to is openly seditious.

The goal of Direct Action to Stop the War is to “impose real economic, social and political costs and stop business as usual until the war stops;” their ‘Action Menu’ contains a list of almost three dozen key intersections and places of employment in San Francisco that they want shut down. In plain English, sabotage.

This attempt to damage the American economy in a time of crisis will hurt the largely immigrant, hard-working service staff of San Francisco hardest, as you, students of one of the wealthiest, most-privileged universities in America prevent them from getting to their jobs and supporting their families, but the tolerance of such treason will indirectly hurt us all. It shames this great nation in a time of crisis; it demoralizes the troops in their time of greatest need. It runs absolutely counter to the proper role of the university.

Those of you who wind up being used as pawns are responsible for

your actions; when you are arrested, you will deserve what you get. However, the administration and professorate of Stanford University must share the blame - in particular, those twenty-six Stanford professors who refused to teach this last Wednesday. They have allowed an America-hating fringe to transform you, their students, into communist dupes. The administration weakly tolerates their machinations. Parents, alumni, and ordinary Americans should not, and, above all, you should not.

Right now, protestors, your radical leaders are scheming to control you. I know, because I've seen it for myself, done it for myself. For yourself, your future, and for your country - don't be fooled.

Don't be their dupes.

4. The Anti-War Movement: Then and Now⁶

by Ronald Radosh

The year was 1965. America was fighting in Vietnam. Most Americans accepted the commitment. The anti-war movement was in its infancy. It had begun to pick up steam in 1964, when the draft was instituted, and the emerging New Left was able to use this as the linchpin for waging demonstrations in support of the Vietnamese Communists. On March 17, 1965, the first march on Washington protesting the war took place. It was sponsored by the young Students for a Democratic Society, still a broad left-liberal coalition, although one whose leaders declined to exclude Communist totalitarians. The SDS leaders invited all groups opposed to the war to attend their march, including not only established pacifist and liberal peace groups, but Communist groups including the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party and groups affiliated with the American Communist Party.

Many liberal elders took notice and urged their followers not to participate in the SDS event. In an open letter to the protesters, Irving Howe, Bayard Rustin, and other old time principled social-democrats, knowledgeable about the pitfalls of alliances with totalitarians, urged that the march be boycotted, despite their own doubts about the Vietnam intervention. No march should be endorsed, they said, unless it made clear its opposition to "Communist totalitarianism." The march took

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place with a scant 25,000 in attendance, and the media generally ignored it. When I.F. Stone, dean of the left-wing reporters spoke, he gently criticized the many calls by the marchers in opposition to liberals and liberalism. Stone was booed, and followed on stage by the singer Phil Ochs, who proceeded with his biting song, "Love Me, I'm a Liberal," which condemned anyone but radicals as part of the problem. It was an auspicious start of a generational radicalism that would soon be called the New Left.

Jump to the present. Our country is not yet at war with Iraq, although the menace posed by Saddam Hussein is becoming increasingly clear. Already, before any troops have been engaged in battle, some tens of thousands of protesters came to our capital last weekend, symbolically gathering near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Without a draft to spur a movement on, a new and virulent anti-Americanism has managed to take hold and produce thousands opposed to the necessary war on terrorism. And as if they have sought to recreate the sectarian origins of the old anti-Vietnam war movement, the march was organized and led by organizations far more extreme than the 1960s version of SDS. Speakers at the march demanded freedom of Jamil Al-Amin, aka H. Rap Brown, the former head of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in its black nationalist period and the murderer of black cops in Atlanta. They also demanded freedom for Mumia, another self-proclaimed revolutionary and a cop killer. Further, they called for the defeat of Zionism, and naturally, the end of American "imperialism." It was, the liberal journalist David Corn acknowledged, "a pander fest for the hard left."

Indeed, the event was organized by the Workers World Party, a Leninist sect with origins in the splinter groups of American Trotskyism that now offers support to Kim Jong-Il and the socialist paradise of North Korea as well as the indicted war criminal Slobodan Milosevic. Other co-sponsors include the ever more kooky Ramsey Clark, who views the International War-Crimes Tribunal as a tool of the West to stop those who oppose the American Empire. At the meeting, Mr. Clark told the crowd that the Bush administration sought nothing less than to "end the idea of individual freedom." As for Saddam, he was but an innocent victim of American aggression.

Should Americans be concerned that the would-be opposition to war

is being led by far-left extremists? They ought to be, since moderates in the movement, though they have no love for the politics of the march's organizers, see the protest as something positive. Robert Borosage, a mainstream leftwing activist, praised what it revealed for "the potential for a larger movement down the road." In his eyes, the protests will be started by "radical fringe parties" and then get "taken over by more centrist voices."

Mr. Borosage is wrong. From its small beginnings with the SDS march in 1965, the anti-Vietnam war movement came to be led by a left-wing coalition of radical pacifists, American Trotskyists, and other assorted Communists, who led the many giant rallies under the auspices of an umbrella front group controlled by the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party. It was not by accident that those marches became identified with the waving of Viet-Cong flags and cries of "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, NLF is Gonna Win." Not everyone marching favored a Communist victory. But the extremists who ran the marches had as the official slogan: "Bring The Troops Home Now!" This meant, in effect, unilateral withdrawal as distinct from negotiations. The North Vietnamese would have to win.

Unfortunately, the anti-war moderates don't get it. Their only criticism of the anti-war movement is that it will not be able to stop the drift toward war with Iraq. Writing on the Web site of Mother Jones magazine, Todd Gitlin, a professor of journalism at New York University, asserts that this movement "is far too weak and provincial to stop the coming war." What he seeks to build is a "more substantial anti-war movement," and he is saddened that the pro-Saddam orientation of the present movement can only stand in the way of that task. Mr. Gitlin is aghast that the present movement is indicative of "the Old Left at its worst," and he is correct to oppose it. But what upsets him is that with leadership by the likes of Mr. Clark and the Maoist C. Clark Kissinger, "the antiwar movement is doomed."

What Mr. Gitlin, a centrist radical, implies is that the goals of the movement to stop any planned invasion of Iraq is worthy; the only wrong thing is the movement's current leadership. If only they stopped comparing President Bush to Adolf Hitler, something Mr. Clark did at the March, then perhaps involvement would be worthwhile.

And that is the great error of the new antiwar movement. They may not agree with Mr. Clark when he says any invasion of Iraq “will be genocide again,” but they, like him, are also opposed to an invasion. Since Mr. Gitlin presents no alternative to invasion for removing Saddam from power, and no suggestion how he can be forced to disarm, in effect his argument leaves Saddam firmly entrenched just as calls for unilateral American withdrawal in Vietnam assured victory for the Viet-Cong.

The moderates, like the extremists, seem to prefer to vent their anger at the danger supposedly posed by the Bush administration, while ignoring the very real danger posed by Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq.

II. Who Is The Peace Movement?

5. Steering Committee for “Peace”⁷

by Ryan O’Donnell

The group at the forefront of the recent anti-war rallies is International A.N.S.W.E.R (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism).

ANSWER’s steering committee reads like a “Who’s Who” of radical political organizations. The most influential member of ANSWER’s steering committee, Ramsey Clark’s pet project known as the International Action Center (IAC), is considered by many observers to be little more than a communist front organization for an obscure Stalinist organization known as the World Workers Party (WWP). Yet, the IAC is not the only member of ANSWER’s steering committee committed to extremist causes. The Korean Truth Commission and Pastors for Peace are staunch allies of Kim Jong Il and Fidel Castro, respectively, and both groups continue to support these murderous regimes’ violation of International law. In addition to its role as a front for the support of totalitarian/communist governments in North Korea and Cuba, members of ANSWER’s steering committee such as the Muslim Student Association and the Free Palestine Alliance continue to provide ideological, logistical and financial support for organizations devoted to the destruction of the state of Israel, including the terrorist group, Hamas. A comprehensive investigation of the members of ANSWER’s steering committee make it clear that the organization is in actuality one of Peace’s greatest enemies.

Since its inception in the early nineties, Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark’s International Action Center has been documented to be a front organization for the World Worker’s party. While the WWP’s history and support for murderous regimes and bloody crackdowns on communist/totalitarian dissidents has already been extensively documented by Front Page Magazine, as well as other several media outlets,

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through a deliberate infiltration strategy in which key WWP operatives have assumed high level positions in Clark's organization, the WWP has been able to exert tremendous ideological sway over the IAC, and subsequently, ANSWER. As noted by Kevin Coogan, a contributor to the Hit List who has extensively investigated the WWP-IAC connection, "it is undeniable that without the presence of scores of WWP cadre working inside the IAC, the organization, for all practical purposes would cease to exist."

It was Ramsey Clark's seduction by the WWP that marked the beginning of the WWP's movement to the forefront of liberal activism. In 1991, the National Coalition was born out of the ashes of another WWP front organization known as the People's Anti-War Mobilization (PAM). The WWP's role in the creation of the National Coalition was immediately made apparent through the selection of prominent WWP member Monica Moorehead as the head of the new organization. The National Coalition quickly established its headquarters in a Manhattan office building adjacent to the offices of Ramsey Clark, which was already infested with WWP members. Gavriella Gemma, a WWP and National Coalition coordinator, was a legal secretary in Ramsey's office, and was allegedly instrumental in bringing Clark into the WWP fold. Clark quickly fell under the sway of the WWP, and within months was announced as the organization's official spokesman.

Clark's appointment as National Coalition spokesman marked the beginning of his alliance with the WWP, an alliance that resulted in the formation of the International Action Center. Workers' World, the official newspaper of the WWP announced the creation of the IAC, describing it as a "center of international solidarity." However, with Clark as its spokesman, and WWP member Sarah Flounders as its coordinator, IAC was clearly designed to be the National Coalition's successor as a sanctuary for WWP front groups and other affiliated organizations, including the National Coalition to Stop U.S Intervention in the Middle East, the Hati Commission, the Campaign to Stop Settlements in Palestine, the Commission of Inquiry on the US Invasion of Panama, the Movement for a People's Assembly, and the International War Crimes Tribunal. Brian Becker, member of the secretariat of the World Workers Party, is now a national co-director for the IAC. Other WWP members overtly associated with IAC are Sarah Sloan (youth coordinator), Teresa

Gutierrez (co-director) and Gloria La Riva (correspondent, Workers World.) Of course, IAC WWP members are never identified as such at ANSWER rallies. Ostensibly, this lack of WWP identification is because their positions at the IAC are to be the focus of the rallies. While this may be superficially accurate, one wonders how many of the anti-war demonstrators at ANSWER events would be pleased to know their time and donations are aiding a group (WWP) that supported the Tiananmen Square massacre?

The IAC's formation of the Korea Truth Commission, another ANSWER steering committee member, provides further evidence of WWP's heavy hand in the ANSWER coalition. Presumably incorporated to uncover some form of "truth" about the Korean War, the KTC has proven itself to be little more than a mouthpiece for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and the communist nation's lackeys in the IAC and WWP. Once again, the infamous Ramsey Clark is the organizer behind this entire charade. Under guidance of Clark's IAC, the KTC has sent eight delegations to the Korean Peninsula in order to gather "evidence" of war crimes allegedly committed during the Korean War. These fact-finding delegations unsurprisingly included all of the usual suspects: Ramsey Clark, Gloria La Riva, and Brian Becker. Most of these delegations accomplished little more than finding every excuse to vilify the United States, while praising Kim Jong-Il's North Korea. The reports filed by these delegations were often short on concrete fact, choosing instead to spend pages extolling the virtues of the communist regime in the North. For example, the eighth delegation reported back:

To the visitor, Pyongyang leaves the impression of a clean, modern world capital. It is a city of two million people with an efficient public transit system, wide, tree-lined streets, and all the cultural amenities, hospitals, schools, parks and sports facilities that one would expect to find in a large metropolis. Industry has been located on the perimeter of the city to avoid the problem of pollution as much as possible...the people of Pyongyang present themselves as cultured and purposeful. There is no sign of vagrancy or homelessness. Instead of billboards with product advertising, the streets are adorned with posters, banners and inscriptions exhorting citizens to work together to build a powerful nation.

Anyone familiar with the Pyongyang regime knows such a glowing

representation of the city and its government is inaccurate. However, since much of the KTC is controlled by Kim Jong-Il's fan club at the WWP and the IAC, such misrepresentations should come as little surprise.

In fact, at the time of this article's publication, the KTC does not even have its own website; the IAC has simply devoted a portion of its Iacenter.org to information on the KTC. While other organizations are active in the KTC, it is clear that Ramsey Clark and the IAC/WWP alliance dictate the commission's agenda.

The KTC's flurry of activity in the late nineties culminated with an International War Crimes Tribunal on U.S. Crimes in Korea, a shameless travesty that made a mockery of the Tribunal concept. Once again, the WWP and IAC's fingerprints were all over the tribunal. Sarah Flounders served as the Tribunal's co-chair, while Ramsey Clark appointed himself Chief prosecutor. Brian Becker was listed as a Tribunal Sponsor, while Sandra Smith, Gloria La Riva and Anne Becker all led discussion groups related to the tribunal. Unsurprisingly, with the WWP running the show, the tribunal, like many of today's anti-war protests, dissolved into an orgy of anti-Americanism, with little adherence to its stated purpose, the truth.

WWP influenced groups like the IAC and the KTC are not the only members of ANSWER's steering committee that back rogue dictatorships. Another of ANSWER's steering committee members, Pastors for Peace (PFP), is partially funded by the ARCA foundation, an organization devoted to supporting pro-Castro groups in the United States. In the last decade alone, ARCA has granted well over one hundred thousand dollars to PFP.^[4] According to PFP, these grants go towards humanitarian relief cargo such as medicine, computers, and school buses. Of course, PFP fails to note that in Cuba, everything is owned by the state. And that Castro is the State. So essentially, PFP is using ARCA's grant money to prop up Castro's worker's paradise.

Reports from Cuba indicate that the medicine PFP claims has gone directly to the Cuban people is in fact often sold at the government's "foreigners only" stores. Since regular Cubans are not allowed to own computers, the government immediately seizes the machines. As for the school buses donated by PFP to the Cuban people? Cuban refugees have reported these buses are now used by the police for raids against anti-Castro dissents.

Not only do these humanitarian shipments aid Castro, but they are also in flagrant violation of US law. Although the 1992 Cuban Democracy act allows for private humanitarian donations to Cuba, “appropriate licensing and inspection procedures must be met by all donors.” PFP has repeatedly failed to follow such procedures, as illustrated in a letter composed by a group of US Congressmen to the Director of the Office of Foreign Asset controls. The letter documents PFP’s numerous violations of the Cuban embargo, concluding that “Pastors for Peace has publicly and intentionally violated the law in an attempt to challenge US policy towards the Castro dictatorship. If Pastors for Peace was truly the peaceful humanitarian organization which it claims to be, it would not make its travel and resources contingent on political posturing, or violently violate the law and injure customs officials.”

In its zeal to bolster Castro’s Communist cabal, the PFP has even resorted to violence in order to defy the Cuban Democracy act. Despite the fact that the PFP could ship humanitarian goods to Cuba if licensed under the Trading with Enemies Act, the group has consistently sought out confrontation with United States authorities. The most violent of these clashes occurred in 1996 when thirty vehicles carrying two hundred activists and three hundred computers was stopped at the Mexican border by US customs officials. PFP activists then exited their caravan and attempted to break through the blockade. A physical confrontation quickly erupted between the Customs officials and the activists, and although PFP profess adherence to “non-violent techniques,” the melee resulted in serious injuries to four customs officials, three of which required hospitalization. A single PFP activist received minor injuries.

PFP has no qualms about placing the health and safety of American citizens at risk, as demonstrated by its involvement with “biorat.” In July of 2001, Customs Officials seized more than thirty pounds of “biorat” from PFP activists. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, “Biorat is not admissible into the United States,” because “it poses a public health risk worldwide.” The report cites “A 1996 article in the British medical journal *Lancet* asserting that the product could easily cause food-borne disease in people.”

Through his sympathizers like Pastors for Peace, Castro continues to export toxins into the U.S. that could harm the American people. The

desire of Pastors for Peace to smuggle contraband biochemicals into the United States needs to be scrutinized carefully, especially as our nation remains on alert against biological and chemical terrorism.

While not directly associated with the WWP or the rogue regimes in North Korea and Iraq, two other ANSWER Steering Committee members, the Muslim Student Alliance (MSA) and the Free Palestine Alliance (FPA), continue to contradict ANSWER's alleged commitment to peace and ending racism. The Free Palestine Alliance is an outspoken supporter of the intifada, the Palestinian Uprising that has killed thousands of Israelis. Started by the Islamic Jihad, the Intifada has been guided by the PLO and strongly influenced by terrorist organizations like Hamas, which carry out suicide bombings. While the FPA does not overtly endorse the terrorist elements of the Intifada, much of the same rancor and anti-Semitism that drives the Hamas suicide bombers is on display at FPA events. For example, this past April, ANSWER sponsored a Free Palestine Rally, marchers bore signs reading " 'Chosen People' : It's Payback Time." The Nation's Liza Featherstone reported "Some demonstrators' signs bore swastikas and SS symbols [that while] intended to draw parallels between Hitler and Sharon, [could] easily [be] construed as pro-Nazi."

While the FPA's support of the Palestinian Intifada, an uprising that has claimed the lives of thousands of Jewish civilians and will continue to claim more, is disturbing enough, the Muslim Student Association has indirectly contributed to numerous terrorist organizations, including Hamas, and perhaps even Al-Qaeda. The MSA has actively solicited donations for the Holy Land Foundation. Treasury Department Secretary Paul O'Neill named the HLF, as well as two Palestinian-based financial organizations, as "Hamas operated organizations." President Bush described Hamas as "one of the deadliest terrorist organizations in the world today," which seeks the total destruction of the State of Israel. Altaf Husain, national president of the MSA, said his organization has no plans to stop raising money for various groups unless federal authorities crack down. He called suspicions about terrorist links post-attack "hype," and said it is up to the government to trace the money. "We are as American as anyone else. Why should we be the ones looking for all these so-called 'sleeper cells' or whatever?"

Mr. Husain's indifference towards aiding terrorist organizations seems to have infected many of MSA's student chapters. For example,

according to the Supreme Islamic Council, “The MSA’s Ohio State University chapter produces a Web newsletter called MSA News, which has included news releases from the Algerian Armed Islamic Group, which is on the State Department list of terrorist organizations that Americans are forbidden to support or finance, and the Islamic Salvation Front, a fundamentalist party banned in Algeria.”

MSA’s terror connections appear to even extend beyond Hamas and into the shadowy realm of bin Laden’s al-Qaeda terror organization. In 1998, while investigating the bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa, the FBI recovered diaries maintained by Wadih El Hage, a bin Laden Lieutenant. In Mr. El Hage’s journals, investigators discovered passages that referred to a “joint venture” with the Holy Land Foundation. In addition, Mr. El Hage’s address book contained the name and phone number of an alleged Hamas figure who worked with the HFL, Ghassan Dahduli. If the HLF was indeed involved with El Hage, then it seems indisputable that some MSA money has gone to fund al-Qaeda. Subsequently, a strong argument could be made that members of International ANSWER’s steering committee indirectly contributed to the September 11th attacks that massacred 2,792 women and men. Quite an impressive feat, for an organization dedicated to “peace.”

The tolerance for anti-Semitism and violence against Jews that taints the MSA and IFA also manifests itself in the WWP. When a WWP delegation, lead by Sam Macy and Sue Bailey, traveled to North Korea in April 1992 to attend Kim Sung Il’s 80th birthday celebration, the group entered into discussions with other hardline Communist groups, including an anti-Semitic Stalin-worshipping sect called the Russian Communist Workers Party (RCWP) (Rossiskaia Kommunisticheskaia Rabochaia Partia, or RKRK), which emerged from the anti-Gorbachev, “anti-revisionist” Movement of Communist Initiative in November 1991.

This contact between the WWP and RCWP continued to intensify after the parties left North Korea. “On September 3rd, 1992, WW ran an article by Viktor Tyulkin, the group’s Secretary of its Central Committee. They remained in contact, and on Macy’s 85th birthday Tyulkin sent him a “message of solidarity” from the RCWP that was reprinted in the October 17th, 1996 WW. Tyulkin’s comrade Victor

Anpilov from the Executive Committee of Working Russia also enclosed his own message of solidarity.” This is the same Victor Anpilov who co-founded the RCWP and recently attacked Boris Yeltsin’s presidency as a “Jewish conspiracy.”

Although collaboration and “solidarity” between communist organizations is not in itself shocking, much of the RCWP’s platform, which tends to mirror Anpilov’s Yeltsin comments, is. According to the leftist International Solidarity with Workers in Russia (Sword-SITR-MCPC) group, the RCWP could be best described as “an extremely racist and homophobic party whose members worship Stalin, campaign against black people in general and rap music in particular, issue material calling for homosexuals to be jailed, and published a party document in 1997 that blamed Russia’s economic crisis on ‘American imperialism and international Zionism.’” The group also attacked current Russian President Vladimir Putin for being so close to “the Jews that he ignores true Russian ‘patriots’.”

Despite the RCWP’s unabashed anti-Semitic proclamations, the WWP continues to allow RCWP members to present their political views in the pages of *Workers World*. By declaring “solidarity” with the RCWP, it can only be presumed the WWP sympathizes with the organizations’ public statements regarding Jews. Rather than condemn their comrades’ assertions that Jews will be the downfall of Russia, the WWP has chosen to remain silent.

Further illustrating their sympathy towards anti-Semites, ANSWER’s organizers, many of whom are documented members of the WWP, have frequently refused to let devoted political leftists and peace advocates speak at rallies if they hold a pro-Israel position. The most celebrated of these incidents occurred when Rabbi Michael Lerner was barred from speaking at a recent IAC anti-war rally in San Francisco. Yet, at its January march in Washington, ANSWER handed a microphone to Abdul Malim Musa, a Muslim cleric who on October 31, 2001 appeared at a news conference at the National Press Club with other Muslim activists and members of the New Black Panther Party, “where speakers asserted that Israel had launched the 9/11 attacks and that thousands of Jews had been warned that day not to go to work at the World Trade Center. At that press conference, Musa blasted the ‘Zionists in Hollywood, the Zionists in New York, and the Zionists in D.C.’ who ‘all collaborate’ to put down blacks and Muslims.”

ANSWER's connection to anti-Semites extends even to Ramsey Clark, the head of IAC and a leader of the new anti-war coalition. As an attorney, Clark has taken it upon himself to represent several clients primarily characterized by their intense hatred of Jews. In 1989, Clark represented Lyndon Larouche, who by the late 1970's embraced far-right anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. Despite Larouche's documented history of anti-Semitism, Clark expressed 'amazement' at the personal 'vilification' directed at Larouche throughout the trial.^[21] Clark also represented PLO leaders in a suit brought by the family of Leon Klinghoffer, the elderly vacationer who was shot and thrown overboard from the hijacked Achille Lauro cruise-ship by renegade Palestinian terrorists in 1986. Another Clark client was Karl Linnas, an ex-Nazi concentration camp guard in Estonia (where he had overseen the murder of some 12,000 resistance fighters and Jews), who was being deported from the US to the USSR to face war crimes charges. Clark again lost the case but again went to bat for his client in the public arena, questioning the need to prosecute Nazis "forty years after some god-awful crime they're alleged to have committed."

It is not troubling that Clark defended these anti-Semitic thugs; our nation guarantees every man and woman the right to an attorney. However, there is clearly something highly questionable about a man, especially one with Clark's profile, who makes an effort to publicly defend Nazis and anti-Semites after their trial has been concluded. However, in light of IAC's connection with the WWP, an organization that in the past had been vehemently opposed to the state of Israel and, most importantly, supported the RCWP, Clark's comments immediately assume a far more nefarious context.

Taken one example at a time, each of the facts presented concerning the activities of ANSWER's steering committee would not be sufficient to indict the organization as a whole. However, even a brief study of some of ANSWER's steering committee members reveals a pattern of support for governments, extremist organizations and radical individuals whose goals contradict ANSWER's stated purpose of stopping war and ending racism. Unfortunately, the mainstream media has shown little inclination to investigate the organizations supporting ANSWER, and thus the vast majority of ANSWER's supporters have no understanding of the group's true origins. As conflict with Iraq, due to

Hussein's continued lack of compliance with UN Resolution 1441, becomes inevitable, it is likely ANSWER will double its efforts to infiltrate mainstream America's political consciousness. Therefore, our citizenry must remain vigilant against these front organization's efforts wrap their poisonous agenda in the banner of peace and brotherhood. After all, the greatest trick the Devil ever played was convincing man he did not exist.

6. United for Peace and Justice⁸

by John Perazzo

On February 15 2003, many thousands of protesters assembled within sight of the United Nations building in New York to express their opposition to a war in Iraq. Their efforts were duplicated in some 300 additional cities throughout North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. This will be the first such protest not organized by the Workers World Party (WWP), an energetic Marxist-Leninist organization that openly supports Kim Jong Il's brutal dictatorship in North Korea. Instead, it was run by a group called United For Peace and Justice (UFPJ), whose co-chair Leslie Cagan is an enthusiastic, longtime supporter of yet another Communist despot, Fidel Castro.

Given the manner in which the major media report the contemporary "peace" movement's activities, the average American would never suspect that it is in fact a movement dominated the selfsame Communists that once marched in support of Stalin, Mao, the Vietcong, the Sandinista Marxists, and the Communist guerrillas in El Salvador; the same America-loathing radicals who, because they passionately deem America the root of all evil in the world, now support Kim and Castro.

A featured speaker at last month's massive "peace" rally in Washington, for instance, angrily denounced the "American imperialism" supposedly underlying our country's "war against the people of Iraq, and the people of Palestine, Colombia, and the world." And he had plenty of company; there was nary a word uttered about any threat posed by Saddam Hussein – let alone the Palestinian suicide bombers or

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the communist guerrillas in Colombia. In the eyes of such “anti-war” orators and their enthusiastic audiences, *America* is *always* the problem, regardless of the setting or the time.

The media, however, do not mention such things. They show only the surface of the movement, flashing images of spirited marchers with their placards and pithy slogans that decry America’s “cowboy” mentality. Citing the large numbers of such demonstrators, liberal defenders of the “peace” movement contend that it is “broadening” to include many who cannot be described as “hate-America” Leftists like Ramsey Clark or Noam Chomsky.

But in order to understand the mind of any movement, we must acquaint ourselves with its leaders, those individuals whose ideas animate the masses that follow them. Consider the aforementioned Leslie Cagan. She is a socialist and longtime activist who, during the past thirty years, has mobilized millions of demonstrators in rallies denouncing our nation’s foreign policies; its military-related spending; and its purportedly virulent racism, sexism, and homophobia. She is a die-hard, pro-Communist radical who proudly aligns her politics with those of Communist Cuba.

Yet a February 4 *New York Times* puff piece benignly heralded Cagan as “one of the grandes dames of the country’s progressive movement,” a woman whose “organizational skills are prodigious.” Predictably, there was no mention that Cagan has consistently lavished praise upon Castro’s Cuba, which she considers a far better place than the United States. During her seven years as director of the Cuba Information Project, she led numerous demonstrations demanding that the US end its economic embargo of, and travel ban to, Cuba. “In the winter of 1969-70,” Cagan fondly recalls, “I spent over two months with the First Venceremos Brigade in Cuba. Just ten years into their revolution, the Cubans had taken control of their history. . . . While we were in Cuba, Fred Hampton and other Chicago Black Panthers were murdered. It was a shocking reminder of the brutality and power of the US government, and there we were in Cuba, a whole nation under attack from the US. As Brigadistas we were taking a risk traveling in defiance of Washington’s travel ban, but we knew the risk was small compared to what Cubans and so many others around the world faced every day.”

In short, Cagan candidly sides with Castro's Communist regime rather than with the United States, which she deems the world's foremost terrorist nation. The Venceremos Brigades with which she proudly associated were in fact organized by Castro's Cuban intelligence agency, which went so far as to train some "brigadistas" in guerrilla warfare techniques, including the use of arms and explosives. Cagan's pro-Castro rallies were supported by such socialist organizations as Casa de las Americas, the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers Party, the Venceremos Brigades, the Workers World Party, and the Young Socialists. Cagan herself was an original founder of the Committees of Correspondence, a splinter group rooted in the Communist Party USA. Joining the chorus of her fellow leaders in the "peace" movement, she condemns what she calls America's "daily assaults and attacks on poor and working people, on women, people of color, lesbians/gays and other sexual minorities, the disabled and so many others, [and] such foreign policy matters as . . . military actions and economic sanctions."

In February 1996 at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, the National Network on Cuba (NNOC), of which Cagan was a national co-chair, sponsored a public forum that featured an address by Angela Sanbrano of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), which was affiliated with the Communist guerrilla movement in that country. Another guest speaker was the Cuban revolutionary José Luis Ponce, who appeared on stage with an admiring Cagan. Ponce extolled the enormous social gains that Castro's revolution had brought to Cuba. As the socialist publication *The Militant* paraphrased it, Ponce lauded the revolution for its opposition to "the legacy of US domination - a legacy of unemployment, absence of health care for millions especially in the countryside, illiteracy, racism and the super-exploitation of women." He further predicted, quite happily, that "a fight for socialism" would re-emerge in Russia. To all these assertions, Cagan nodded with approval.

Not surprisingly, Cagan firmly opposes our government's contemplated war against Iraq, which she characterizes as nothing more than a thinly veiled oil grab. "Oil is not worth war!" screams Cagan's UFPI Website. "How much is the Bush administration's push for war with Iraq motivated by its desire to gain control of Iraq's oil fields?" On

February 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina, UFPJ sponsored a “No War For Oil” protest held symbolically in front of a Texaco location.

In attributing nefarious motives to US military ventures, Cagan continues a long Leftist tradition. In the 1960s, for example, it was commonplace for the Left to assert that the US was sending troops to Southeast Asia merely to secure mineral rights in South Vietnam for American corporations. As Stokely Carmichael put it at the time, our 58,000 dead soldiers were sacrificed merely “to serve the economic interests of American businessmen who are in Vietnam solely to exploit the tungsten, tin, and oil.”

Following President Bush’s recent State of the Union address, Cagan said, “George Bush again tried to make his case against Iraq and he failed.” “Such a war [in Iraq],” she contends, “undoubtedly threatens to unleash an escalating and uncontrollable cycle of violence, death and destruction.” Of course, she does not express the barest hint of concern that Saddam’s regime, which has blatantly defied the conditions of UN Resolution 1441, poses a threat to American security. In the eyes of Cagan and her ilk, the principal enemy of world peace is the United States.

But we ought not be surprised that the very people who opposed military action against the al Qaeda-harboring Taliban should now oppose military action against a monster that has yet to strike with its full measure of ferocity. Last summer, Cagan joined such notable critics of America as Noam Chomsky, Ed Asner, Medea Benjamin, Gloria Steinem, Ossie Davis, and Michael Ratner in signing the infamous “Not In Our Name” (NION) statement denouncing America’s declared war against terror, which began in Afghanistan.

“Let it not be said,” read the NION document, “that people in the United States did nothing when their government declared a war without limit and instituted stark new measures of repression. The signers of this statement call on the people of the US to resist the policies and overall political direction that have emerged since September 11 and which pose grave dangers to the people of the world.”

“We believe,” added the NION signatories, “that peoples and nations have the right to determine their own destiny, free from military coercion by great powers.” Given the context in which it was used, that

may well be the most inane sentence ever put to paper. Asserting that the US possessed no moral authority to annihilate the Taliban, it implied that that privilege rested with the same Afghan people who lived powerlessly under the Taliban's brutal oppression. By the same token, we are apparently expected to believe that the Iraqi people have it within their power to dethrone a dictator who, during his twenty-four-year reign, has imprisoned, maimed, and murdered hundreds of thousands of actual and suspected political opponents.

Perhaps the most noxious element of the "peace" crowd's message is its pathetic lack of viable alternatives. Cagan, for instance, boasts that "while organizing against the Gulf War in 1990/1991 . . . I coordinated the National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East, [whose] primary focus . . . was trying to stop the mad rush to war by the US government." The historical record shows that more than five months elapsed between Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the start of the Gulf War, during which Saddam defied repeated ultimatums to withdraw his troops as a means of averting a coalition attack. Thus it is utterly obscene to depict America's actions as a "mad rush to war." *While Cagan and her cronies self-righteously stand around bleating for peaceful resolutions to international conflicts, the armies of dictators who haven't the slightest desire for peace can swallow up entire nations.*

Cagan is never at a loss for words when presented with an opportunity to denounce America and applaud Communist regimes and their support groups. Indeed she cheered last month's "peace" rally in Washington, sponsored by International A.N.S.W.E.R., which is closely allied with the WWP, which in turn avidly backs Kim Jong Il's regime in North Korea. "This is A.N.S.W.E.R.'s dance, and they get to call the tune," Cagan said. "We are at a point where it is really, really critical that many, many groups come out and voice their opposition to this war. Some in the hard-core Left have taken the lead on that, and I applaud those groups for that." Stalinist Communist parties have always had their own "peace" fronts, a tradition that the WWP, Leslie Cagan, and other prime movers of the anti-war movement now continue.

Some readers may find it difficult to believe that the WWP does, in fact, support the murderous North Korean government which has not only exterminated hundreds of thousands in concentration camps, but has poured all available resources into a military buildup while some

two million people died of starvation. Yet on July 9, 1994, WWP chairman Sam Marcy wrote to “Dear Comrade Kim Jong Il,” extending the organization’s “deepest condolences” on the death of Kim’s father, “the great leader of the Korean people, Comrade President Kim Il Sung.” Marcy eulogized the elder Kim for having “devoted his whole life to the Korean people’s struggle for national self-determination and the international working-class struggle for socialist emancipation. With his leadership, the Korean people . . . brought about the first defeat of the US imperialist military machine. . . . Comrade Kim Il Sung worked tirelessly to bring about the peaceful reunification of Korea and to forge a lasting peace on the peninsula. . . . It is Kim Il Sung’s remarkable achievement that in his own lifetime he became a symbol of national liberation and reunification for the Korean people, and a symbol of the anti-imperialist and socialist struggles of all the world’s peoples. Although US imperialism tried at every opportunity to blockade, threaten and sabotage the construction of socialism in the north, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea stands strong. . . . Workers World Party [is] proud to have known Kim Il Sung as a great leader and a comrade in the international communist movement.”

Obviously, it isn’t really the concept of “war” that Leslie Cagan and her fellow Communists oppose, but only war that seeks to protect the interests of the United States. As National Review Online recently reported, the WWP has in the past “supported the Soviet interventions in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the Chinese government’s crackdown in Tiananmen Square,” and today “devotes much of its energy to supporting the regimes in Iraq and North Korea.”

At the aforementioned Washington demonstration, virtually every featured speaker invoked standard Communist rhetoric glorifying the “struggle” of their “comrades” to mount a “revolution” to “liberate” the “oppressed peoples” suffering under American “imperialism.” They displayed placards bearing slogans like, “Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld: The Real Axis of Evil.” Such is the mindset of Leslie Cagan and her fellow leaders of the “peace” movement. Their devotion to genuine peace is much like Yasser Arafat’s; they exploit the rhetoric of peace while working feverishly toward a very different agenda.

7. NION: Maoists for “Peace”

by John Perazzo

By now, most Americans have heard somewhere along the way at least a passing reference to the Not In Our Name (NION) project – a self-described “peace” movement that has produced, most notably, two documents publicly denouncing our country’s post-9/11 policies, both foreign and domestic.

These documents have received a groundswell of support from many prominent artists, academicians, and activists. Among the tens of thousands to publicly endorse NION’s objectives are Ed Asner, Oliver Stone, Ossie Davis, Danny Glover, Susan Sarandon, Alice Walker, Ramsey Clark, Tom Hayden, Al Sharpton, Martin Luther King III, Gloria Steinem, Medea Benjamin, Leslie Cagan, and Noam Chomsky.

The NION “Pledge to Resist” condemns “the injustices done by our government” in its pursuit of “endless war”; its supposedly greed-driven “transfusions of blood for oil”; its determination to “erode [our] freedoms”; and its eagerness to “invade countries, bomb civilians, kill more children, [and annihilate] families on foreign soil.” Mocking President Bush’s “axis of evil” reference, the pledge adds: “Not by our hearts will we allow whole peoples or countries to be deemed evil.” This, of course, is a gross distortion of Bush’s words, which clearly identified the ruling regimes of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea – and not those nations’ populations at large – as “evil.” If anything, Bush has repeatedly taken pains to express his compassion for the millions of hapless victims living in terror under those regimes.

A separate document, the NION “Statement of Conscience” condemns not only the Bush administration’s “stark new measures of repression,” but also its “unjust, immoral, illegitimate, [and] openly imperial policy towards the world.” According to NION, it is the American government – and not that of Iraq, North Korea, Iran, or any other nation – that leads the way in posing “grave dangers to the people of the world.”

The NION project was initiated by a man named C. Clark Kissinger, a longtime Maoist activist. Currently a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party and a contributing writer for the socialist publication

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Revolutionary Worker, Kissinger began his public activism in the early 1960s when he was the national secretary of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), founded by Tom Hayden. The leading radical organization of its day, SDS later split into several groups, among which was the militant, revolutionary Weathermen.

Kissinger also worked closely with Fred Hampton and the Black Panther Party, and openly supported Mao Tse-tung's notoriously oppressive Cultural Revolution in China. Kissinger continues to enjoy strong support from the Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM), which, by its own words, "upholds the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism," and views the Chinese Cultural Revolution as "the farthest advance of communism in human history."

MIM frankly declares that it can only achieve its ends "by building public opinion to seize power through armed struggle." Chief among its objectives is to foment "revolution [in] North America, as the [US] military becomes over-extended in the government's attempts to maintain world hegemony." Such are the ideals of Mr. Kissinger and his benefactors. Such are the "peace-loving" roots of the lofty-sounding Communist front group, Not In Our Name.

Wherever there has been a cause aiming to harm or humiliate the United States, Mr. Kissinger has been there. He was a strong supporter of the Iranian revolution, and actually traveled to Iran in 1979. Four years later, he was in West Germany demonstrating against US plans to station cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe. As history has shown that those missile deployments were crucial to the eventual fall of the Soviet empire, it is not at all surprising that Kissinger and his fellow Communists-posing-as-peace-demonstrators opposed them so vehemently.

In 1987 Kissinger was an initiator of an organization called "Refuse and Resist!" – of whose National Council he remains a member. Like Kissinger, R&R squarely opposes any political or legislative measures intended to make the United States more secure. After 9/11, for instance, the Patriot Act – in an effort to impose some order on America's out-of-control immigration abuses – required that all male immigrants (aged sixteen or older) from some twenty Arab or Muslim countries and North Korea register with the INS. But R&R stridently

objected, warning that the US, by such “targeting of men from specific nationalities,” was on its way to becoming “a nation behind barbed wire.” The registration of Middle Eastern men, R&R claimed, was “quite possibly ‘pre-registration’ for internment” that would one day lead hordes of unsuspecting victims “like sheep to the slaughter.” Attorney General Ashcroft stated, quite correctly, “In this new war [on terrorism], our enemy’s platoons infiltrate our borders, quietly blending in with visiting tourists, students, and workers. They move unnoticed through our cities, neighborhoods, and public spaces. They wear no uniforms. . . . Their tactics rely on evading recognition at the border and escaping detection within the United States. Their terrorist mission is to defeat America, destroy our values and kill innocent people.”

Nothing, of course, could more precisely describe the actions of the very people who hijacked four airliners on 9/11 and murdered 3,000 human beings. Yet R&R characterized Ashcroft’s words as nothing more than “a disgusting call to hate and fear immigrants,” having “nothing to do with stopping terrorists, and everything to do with tightening police state controls over everyone . . . [and] instilling terror in the hearts and minds of Arabs and Muslims.” The government’s ultimate goal, brayed R&R, was the establishment of “detention camps . . . all over the country.”

Among R&R’s numerous ongoing crusades is its effort to derail the new Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), which requires educational institutions to furnish the INS with information on its international students who entered the US on academic visas. For each student in that category, schools must provide his or her name, country of origin, current address, field of study, visa status, and any known history of disciplinary problems or criminal activity.

According to R&R, however, such measures are unreasonable: “SEVIS is a system of racial profiling that singles out and criminalizes international students in the US,” and will only bring our country “one step closer to being a police state.” Moreover, says Kissinger’s group, SEVIS “will be used to intimidate, round-up, arrest, ‘disappear’ and deport targeted groups . . . in the so-called ‘War on Terrorism.’”

“There is no evidence,” says R&R, “to support the government’s claims that SEVIS is necessary to fight terrorism.” This is an egregious

lie that insults the intelligence of any thinking person. Consider a few sobering facts. In her book *Invasion*, Michelle Malkin reports that September 11 hijacker Hani Hanjour and 1993 World Trade Center (WTC) bomber Eyad Ismoil both entered the US legally on student visas, but thereafter disappeared and never enrolled in any American school. They resurfaced only to carry out their horrific acts of war.

Last May, federal prosecutors arrested nearly five-dozen Middle Eastern men in a student-visa fraud ring. These men, Malkin explains, “illegally paid substitutes to take English-language proficiency exams” that they had to pass in order to meet their visa requirements. One of the captured suspects had, in his possession, flight manuals, photos of the WTC vicinity, and a date book with but a single entry: September 11.

There are currently more than a million foreigners holding student visas in the US. Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Sudan sent a combined 10,000 students to the US on academic visas between 1991 and 1996. In the first school year of the new millennium, Saudi Arabia – the homeland of three-fourths of the 9/11 hijackers – sent more than 5,000 students to American universities. Egypt sent another 2,300. Once here, these students traditionally faced almost no accountability during the pre-SEVIS era. In December 2001, for instance, an INS operation in San Diego was able to track down only ten of fifty suspected visa violators from countries linked to terrorism, and only one of those ten had his documents in order.

Even more alarming is a 1997 Washington Institute for Near East Policy report stating that US weapons inspectors in Iraq had found documents detailing an Iraqi government strategy to send students to study nuclear-related subjects in American colleges, after which they would return home to help Saddam build his arsenals of genocide. Among such known Iraqi visa recipients was a prominent scientist in Baghdad’s nuclear weapons program who attended Michigan State University. Similarly, three Iranians who helped develop Tehran’s nuclear program also learned their trade in this country, as did a Jordanian who attended Wichita State University and later took part in the 1993 WTC bombing.

Kissinger and his Communist allies know quite well that there is ample evidence “to support the government’s claims that SEVIS is necessary to fight terrorism.” Their disingenuous rhetoric cannot erase the

fact that under the embarrassingly inefficient system that preceded SEVIS, student visa approval notices were actually issued for dead hijackers Mohamad Atta and Marwan Al Shehhi – fully six months after they had helped carry out their mass murders on 9/11.

Kissinger and his R&R cronies have literally nothing good to say about American life and culture. “Domestically,” they crow, “we see subway vigilantes made media heroes and a record of sympathy for white supremacy become the passport to high judicial office. . . . Against women there is escalating violence, with compulsory child bearing and domestic servitude elevated as ideals. . . . Xenophobic attacks are made on anything foreign, combined with calls for the compulsory use of English.” Putting aside the untruths contained in such assertions, it is notable that R&R utters not a word about the bigotry, oppression of women, and xenophobia that has been elevated to a virtual art form throughout the Middle East. Only America incurs the wrath of Mr. Kissinger’s group.

“The problem in this country,” says Kissinger, can be traced to one root cause: “the oppressive system of capitalism that exploits people all over the world, that destroys our planet, that oppresses minority people, that sends people to the death chambers in droves. That is a problem that has to be done away with.” Is there a solution? “Yes,” says Kissinger. “Revolution is the solution. And the Revolutionary Worker has put out a call to people to join with them in formulating a new program for revolution in this country, a blueprint to go forward.”

Like so many in the contemporary “peace” movement, R&R is also expending considerable energy to “stop the legal lynching of Mumia Abu-Jamal,” the man currently on death row for having murdered a Philadelphia police officer. Describing him benignly as “an African-American journalist on death row,” Kissinger attributes Mumia’s conviction to America’s “political program of criminalizing black youth, using prisons and death chambers to ‘solve’ the problems of poverty and social breakdown, and the use of police powers to suppress radical or revolutionary opposition.” According to Kissinger, Mumia, whose “voice is heard among the most oppressed,” has been targeted solely “because of his uncompromising resistance to this whole agenda.” In short, Mumia is victim, hero, cult celebrity, and voice of social conscience all rolled into one. By contrast, the bereaved wife of the officer

he murdered is merely someone whose expressions of grief Kissinger claims to be “getting pretty tired of.”

In 1992, Kissinger and R&R openly supported what they called “the Los Angeles Rebellion,” which normal human beings recall as the worst riots in American history – having left 58 people dead, some 2,300 injured, and 5,300 buildings burned. Kissinger expressed deep sympathy for the “prisoners” of that “rebellion,” those looters and assailants who were arrested for being what R&R would call noble revolutionaries standing up to an oppressive state.

Kissinger’s volcanic hatred of America occasionally takes his orations into the realm of vulgarity and slander. On August 1, 2000, for instance, he addressed protesters outside the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. Dubbing the event “the Executioner’s Ball,” he called the attending Republicans “the greatest collection of mass murderers that has been assembled in this country in decades” – in part because Florida and Texas, headed by Governors Jeb and George Bush, accounted for a hefty percentage of all death-row executions in the US.

Those at the convention, said Kissinger, were there to “decide who will be the imperial ruler of this country for the next four years. F— their election!” Their ultimate goal, he asserted, was to secure a “coronation for that scumbag George W. Bush. . . . a smirking frat rat son of a former head of the CIA who went on to become a speculator oil man, and from there went on to be a blood-stained executioner, and now wants to be the ruler of the world. This serial killer has now killed 135 people” (a reference to the Texas death penalty).

The next time you hear a Not In Our Name spokesperson piously bleating for “peace,” remember the man and the organization underpinning the NION movement, and remember the things for which they stand.

8. Orwellian Front¹⁰

by David Harsanyi

For decades, radicals have gobbled up words such as ‘peace’ and ‘progressive’ and spit them out as the pillars of anti-American, radical leftist philosophy. Nothing’s changed. Pacifists and progressives with the keen ability to convert illogical into something that passes for quixotic idealism litter America’s campuses.

One of the leading proselytizing progressive campus groups is the Peace Action Network (PAN). PAN, a fusion of two archaic Cold War ‘peace’ organizations — the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE) and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign (FREEZE) — claims a membership of 85,000, with 27 state affiliates, and over 100 local chapters.

Together with its sister organizations, Peace Action Education Fund (PAEF), the Student Peace Action Network (SPAN), Peace Action Network purports to have the largest membership and activist peace network in the country. And while they allegedly “work for policy changes in Congress, state capitals, city halls and the United Nations,” other than the PAN-crafted legislation Arms Trade Code of Conduct, introduced to congress by the infamous Cynthia McKinney and Mark Hatfield in 1994, there is very no evidence of any influential policy work.

The Peace Action Network goal hasn’t changed much since its FREEZE/SANE days. Its aim is “the abolition of nuclear weapons” and to initiate something called a “peace-oriented economy.” In case you were confused, they mean US unilateral abolition of nuclear weapons and capitalism is not the brand of “peace-oriented economy” they had in mind. PAN strongly favors the collectivist economic model, previously utilized, in among other places, the Ukraine, Ethiopia and Cambodia.

While Peace Action Network hasn’t made a dent in American political discourse, its affiliate, Student Peace Action Network, has done an excellent job indoctrinating college students to the radical left. With affiliate organizations in over 100 campuses, SPAN provides students with all their revolutionary needs, including literature and transportation to every anti-American, anti-capitalist and pro-Arab convention, march,

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sit-in, and meeting held in the United States. SPAN also supplies form letters for the student experiencing difficulty properly articulating 60's revolutionaries into coherent English.

“We organize for an end to physical, social, and economic violence caused by U.S. militarism at home and abroad. We campaign for nuclear abolition, disarmament, and an end to weapons trafficking. We oppose the complex webs of corporate and military power that perpetuate racism, damage the environment, deprive people of basic needs, and violate human rights. War is not inevitable. We push for practical alternatives.”

So goes the mission statement. In other words, SPAN tutors students on the despotism of United States policy, and that policy's responsibility for all the troubles of the world — poverty, famine, war, and especially the threat of nuclear war. They advocate practical alternatives like appeasement and surrender. Carrie Benzschawel, a program associate at Peace Action, for instance, writes that Iraq, North Korea, and even al-Qaeda, shouldn't be our major focus since “the biggest nuclear threat we now face doesn't come from some rogue nation, but from the radical unilateralists within the Bush administration.”

And which nation do you think is the second leading menace to world peace? SPAN is markedly anti-Israel, if not patently anti-Semitic, and jointly coordinated the Palestinian Solidarity March on April 20th with numerous radical campus groups. According to the *Washington Post* some 'peace' protesters showed up “wearing black masks and black military-style uniforms. They had swastikas and shouted anti-Jewish slogans... by afternoon, the more militant forces of the pro-Palestinian movement dominated, with swastikas and anti-Sharon and anti-Bush slogans and banners.”

Interestingly, the *Washington Post* also noted that SPAN members from “the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College said their schools paid most of their expenses because they belong to a campus group, Students Peace Action Network. The schools provided vans for the trip and paid for hotels.”

Disturbing as it may be to discover that universities fund the travels of anti-Semites and America haters, it is even more troubling to uncover some of the financiers of Peace Action Network. One of the key back-

ers of PAN is New World Foundation, which was chaired by Hillary Clinton from 1987 to 1988. For the unaware, the Capitol Research Center pegged the New World Foundation as “one of the ten most liberal foundations in the United States” — which is the mother of all understatements.

During Clinton’s tenure, the New World Foundation lavished grants to radical leftist organizations like the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), the National Lawyers Guild and the Christic Institute - these groups are far left of ‘liberal.’ Clinton, the erst-while-pro-Palestinian-now-conveniently-pro-Israel Senator from New York, also bestowed a generous grant to the Boston-based Grassroots International, which in turn donated money to two PLO-affiliated terrorist groups in the West Bank. New World Foundation hasn’t change its tune since Clinton’s term ended, or even after 9/11, and continues to fund organizations that chip away at mainstream American values.

Other sustainers of Peace Action are The Peace Development Fund, a group that offers grants to hundreds of leftist groups, many of them radical, like Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC) and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), and a horde of other one-world organizations like the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, Ploughshares Fund, The Scherman Foundation, The Lifebridge Foundation and The Tides Foundation.

In addition to foundation grants, PAN has always relied on public figures to further their message. At Peace Action 40th Anniversary parties in Boston, New York and Washington DC in 1997, honorees and speakers included an assortment of passé “peace” activists like Tom Harkin, singers Judy Collins and Peter Yarrow, Randall Forsberg, Jane Alexander, the late William Sloane Coffin and, yes, even Cynthia McKinney. Other leftist celebrities and intellectuals who have been associated with either Peace Action or its predecessors include Ed Asner, Harry Belafonte, Martin Buber, Pablo Casals, Jesse Jackson, Jack Lemmon, Arthur Miller, Bertrand Russell, Albert Schweitzer, Ben Shahn and Dr. Spock - just to name a few.

One can only imagine what nonsense most of those celebrities would or do have to say about the imminent war to dethrone Iraqi tyrant dictator Saddam Hussein. Needless to say, PAN’s hasn’t wasted any

time mobilizing to protect the Middle East from American imperialism. And there is no lie big or vicious enough to get that message across.

On September 18, 2001, while the dead in downtown New York were still being counted and the perpetrators largely unidentified, Rania Masri, national board member of Peace Action Network, reflexively protected our enemies, writing that any action against Iraq was unwarranted because the U.S. had perpetrated war crimes during the Gulf War where “the Iraqi victims killed strictly due to the military onslaught were more than 200,000. Clearly, this was not a war - - but a massacre. And the massacre continues... Every day, approximately 150 Iraqi children under the age of 5 die due to the effects of sanctions.”

Traditional American liberals may oppose the war for a multitude of reasons, but few of them actually go as far as allying themselves with our most violent enemies. SPAN, on the other hand, sees no dilemma in doing just that. The group has a tentative pro-Iraqi demonstration scheduled for the last weekend in September, where they plan to make stops at the embassies of Egypt, Japan, and Iraq to actually thank them for the opposition to war. Never mind that between them, Egypt and Iraq, have started seven major wars since World War II, PAN says that “staging an action against an Iraq war on this weekend is crucial, and organizers in the anti-globalization and anti-war movements have been meeting in the past few days to figure out how their respective messages can be conveyed without confusion.”

It is hard to imagine there can be much confusion about message. SPAN does not organize or campaign for the human rights of Americans, nor does it oppose terror. In fact, the organization hasn't seemed troubled by 3,000 dead U.S. citizens at all. On Sept 11th, 2002, as most Americans paid their respect to the victims, the headline on PAN's web site read “Don't Invade Iraq.” As if we didn't have enough proof that SPAN is a perilous organization, their priorities on such a somber day, should give us reason to be weary.

9. Religion of Peace¹¹

by Bruce Thornton

As war with Iraq approaches, the so-called “anti-war” movement is gearing itself up to protest the long overdue removal of a psychopathic dictator. I say “so-called,” because closer inspection of the groups participating in organizing marches and rallies reveals that rather than protesting the war, they are using it to advance the Communist agenda. Take a look, for example, at the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, a member of International ANSWER’s steering committee. ANSWER, as readers of *FrontPage* know, is a front for the pro-Korean communist Workers World Party.

Judging from its web site, the IFCO’s real sympathies are just as red. What else, for example, explains the inordinate amount of adulation the IFCO gives to Cuba? A typical bit of propaganda is their “Call to free the Miami 5.” These are Cuban spies convicted a few years back on charges of spying on U.S. military installations such as the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters in Miami and the Boca Chica Naval Air Station in the Florida Keys. One of the five also was convicted of participating in shooting down a plane flown by Brothers to the Rescue, a search-and-rescue operation for Cuban refugees trying to sail to the U.S., and killing four people.

There’s no question the “Miami 5” are spies; even the mother of one reported how relieved she was to find out her son had been arrested for spying, “a crime she could be proud of.” To IFCO, however, the five are “political prisoners,” “convicted after a politically-charged trial, in which the U.S. government claimed they were engaging in espionage against U.S. military bases and threatening ‘national security.’” Despite the admission by one spy’s mother, the IFCO claimed the five were not spying but merely “monitoring the actions of the Miami-based right-wing groups.” The IFCO explains further, “Because neo-fascist, anti-Cuba organizations continue to operate with impunity from within the US. - with the full knowledge and support of the FBI and CIA - the Cuban government made a decision to send Cuban security agents to Florida, to monitor the activities of the terrorists.” The peace-loving Castro is just defending himself, you see. Of course, this specious rationalization doesn’t explain the several *other* Castro spies caught in

¹¹ FrontPageMagazine.com | February 11, 2003

the U.S. recently, such as Ana Belen Montes, the Defense Intelligence Agency analyst who transmitted national defense information to Cuba. Hard to see how that forestalls terrorism against Cuba. Given these embarrassments, then, it's no wonder that Castro has orchestrated a propaganda campaign attempting to repackage the espionage of the Miami 5 as an effort to prevent terrorist attacks against Cuba, thus capitalizing on 9/11 and the U.S. war on terrorism. This PR campaign dominates the Cuban state-run media, which features a show, "In the Entrails of the Monster," that provides frequent updates on the five spies and features their letters and poems.

In parroting the Castro party line chapter-and-verse, the IFCO is functioning as a U.S. affiliate of Castro's propaganda machine, just like "Not In Our Name" organizer Leslie Cagan, long-time apologist for Castro's regime. That would also explain the site's peddling, with a straight face, a book called *Democracy in Cuba*, which "offers you a profound historical view followed by a thorough inside look at how this 'rule of the people' is now working in Cuba." It also sheds light on the IFCO's junket to Cuba this July, undertaken "to express fellowship with our Cuban brothers and sisters, especially the elders, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolution!" This is useful idiocy of a breathtaking scope.

This programmatic leftism is obvious everywhere in the IFCO website. Its statement on the 9/11 attacks is a classic example of anti-American phrase-mongering: "the outpouring of racist, xenophobic behavior" against Arabs is decried, the "vilification of Islam" is condemned, "blind nationalism" is cautioned against, and we are offered this Chomskyeian gem: "We cannot ignore the fact that more than 1.7 million people in Iraq have died as a direct result of U.S. government bombs and sanctions. Countless thousands have died in our own hemisphere as a result of U.S.-orchestrated coups and so-called 'low-intensity' wars. And millions more lives are threatened by the U.S./World Bank/IMF policy of 'structural adjustment,' which deprives basic social services to poor nations in exchange for usury and economic plunder." The point? We Americans had some payback coming: "The tragic reality is that people in many parts of the world have been the victims of terrorism, and that much of that terrorism has been fomented by our government."

What clinches the IFCO's knee-jerk leftoid perspective, however, is the link to the "Free Mumia" web page. Nothing displays the irrational fanaticism of the anti-American left more than the transformation of this murderer into a "political prisoner." Given the overwhelming evidence of Mumia's guilt, only a fanaticism of religious proportions, or a blind allegiance to ideology, could explain the belief that he was framed by the cops because he's some sort of "activist." When one considers the many brutal conflicts raging all over the world, from the Sudan to the Congo to Kashmir, it's interesting that an "anti-war" movement concentrates its attention on a war that will liberate a whole people from a brutal dictator and keep weapons of mass destruction from the hands of terrorist murderers. But as the ideological prejudices of the "peace" movement's sponsors show, fighting war isn't the point so much as fighting America and giving comfort to America's Communist enemies.

10. Anti-American Pacifist¹²

by Michael Tremoglie

Several months ago, I listened to a lecture by former Washington Post columnist, Colman McCarthy. He is the founder of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C., and a professor of peace at Georgetown University as well. As more and more people protest or question President Bush's Iraqi policy, McCarthy's lecture has become more significant to them.

McCarthy began his lecture with the usual platitudes about how Americans do not talk about peace. He then did what any professor of peace would do; he disparaged President Bush and the Republican Party. McCarthy's diatribe included the stolen 2000 election, Enron and the Republicans, and the military action in Afghanistan, which he believed to be courtesy of President Bush. Of course, McCarthy never mentioned the Taliban providing sanctuary for Al-Qaeda terrorists.

With all the vitriol he spouted for those who are not in concert with his ideology, McCarthy did not sound like a philanthropic person. He sure did not give me the impression of someone who loved thy fellow human being.

McCarthy continued his talk by reciting a list of American military

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actions this century. Once again, he neglected to mention why America was involved in any of these military actions. McCarthy simply implied there were nefarious reasons for doing so. McCarthy informed us about the amount of military ordnance used during those military “interventions” as he called them. He said that this was all part of a conspiracy by the military-industrial complex. McCarthy neglected to mention America’s reluctance to be involved in both World War I and II. Where were the military industrial conspirators then?

As part of his lecture, McCarthy posed a question to the audience. He named ten people: U. S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton, William Westmoreland, Jane Addams, Jeannette Rankin, A. J. Muste, Adin Ballou, and Dorothy Day. He asked if anyone could identify each of those names and would pay one hundred dollars to anyone who knew all ten. The first five every one could identify. However, I was the only one who recognized a name in the second group of five. The name I recognized was Jeannette Rankin. She was the only person to vote no to declaring war after Pearl Harbor. The others were people who had protested American military involvements at various times in history.

McCarthy claimed that not identifying any or all of the second group was typical for college campuses. The first five were generals. The members of the second group were all practitioners of peace. According to Mr. McCarthy, Americans are not taught about peacemakers. This is why no one knew their names.

McCarthy once again precluded the possibility of another explanation. It is possible that nobody knows about the second group because they are relatively insignificant to history. After all, what was the historical effect of Rankin’s vote.

After the lecture, McCarthy answered questions from the audience. I asked McCarthy if the world would have been a safer place if everyone in Congress would have voted as Jeanette Rankin did on December 8, 1941. Would there have been less people killed? Would there have been fewer incidents like there was in Nanjing? Would there have been less Dachau’s?

McCarthy mulled it over for a while and then responded, “ You could talk about World War II all day if you wanted to.” He then referred to a village in the south of France where the population engaged in pas-

sive resistance and the same in Denmark. Unfortunately, I was not able to ask him if, in his opinion, did he not believe that those people really just relied on the Allies to do what they would or could not do. In his opinion, did he not believe that the Danes furnished the Nazis with supplies and access to transportation, however inadvertently that might have been? Did McCarthy not think that the actions of the Danes and those French may have actually contributed to casualties not less.

The sophistry and anti-Americanism of McCarthy's lecture is standard fare of those who consider themselves pacifists. Most pacifists are not really pacifist as much as they are anti-capitalist. They believe capitalism is the root of all evil in the world. The United States being the symbol of capitalism is therefore the root of the world's ills.

My impression of McCarthy is that he is typical of the liberal intelligentsia. He honestly believes that there is such a thing as democratic socialism. He has not yet figured out that the term itself is an oxymoron. McCarthy is not so much a pacifist as he is a liberation theologian though.

Liberation Theology is an ideology that could be called "Commies for Christ." Liberation theologians believe that heaven is a workers paradise and they are instruments of God's will to create that paradise on Earth. Such people are most closely associated with the Peoples Democratic organizations in Central America. They consider American foreign policy in Central America inimical to democracy. They routinely protest the School of the Americas and were fervid advocates of the Sandinistas. I wanted to ask Mr. McCarthy if he believed in liberation theology and if he believed he was doing the Lord's work. However, I never was given the opportunity.

Colman McCarthy may believe he is doing the Lord's work. Unfortunately, he only is doing Iraq's.

III. The Fifth Column

11. 100,000 Communists March¹³

by David Horowitz

In politics it is important to call things by their right names. Otherwise you are fooling yourself with other people's propaganda. The press is reporting Saturday's "Stop the War" demonstration in Washington as though it was a peace march. Of course it was no such thing. It was a regrouping of the Communist left, the same left that supported Stalin and Mao and Ho. Indeed, this Communist left, organized by Ramsey Clark and his cohorts even supports Slobodan Milosevic, and of course Saddam Hussein. They are not pacifists and they are not peaceniks. They are anti-American radicals whose dream is a Communist revolution in America but whose immediate agenda is to force America's defeat in the war with terror we are now in.

Even the signs saying "Jobs Not War" are telltale signs of their Communist roots. (And of course this does not mean that the Communist Party itself organized the march—although it supported it. That was done by the Workers World Party, a self-styled Marxist revolutionary organization.) "Peace, Jobs and Democracy" was the Communist slogan in the first May Day parade I participated in - 1948. Of course anyone can be for jobs and most of us want to avoid war if possible. The theme of the 1948 May Day parade was stopping America's efforts to prevent Stalin from marching all over Europe. "We don't want another war"—its slogan—meant we don't want Harry Truman's Cold War against the Communist conquest of Eastern Europe.

The Communist left also opposed "American militarism" in the 1930s to prevent the West from stopping Hitler. Their tune changed of course when Hitler attacked his ally, the Soviet Union, in 1941. The Communist "New Left" also opposed the Vietnam War, not because it opposed war, but because it wanted the North Vietnamese Communists to win. The success of the anti-Vietnam left resulted in the deaths of two

¹³ FrontPageMagazine.com | October 28, 2002

and a half million people in Indo-China who were slaughtered by the Marxists after the “peace movement” forced America’s withdrawal.

The real meaning of slogans like “Jobs Not War” is that America is the axis of evil that is plotting war. That the “greatest terrorist state” in the world, in Noam Chomsky’s words is the USA. We are the Great Satan and we deserve to be attacked. This is the real message of the so-called peace movement, often covertly and disingenuously expressed. But it is its message nonetheless. It is a movement of by and for America’s enemies within.

The fact that a movement of America-hating communists, who regard their own country as the enemy and who sympathize with America’s terrorist adversaries should be able to marshal 100,000 activists is a cause for concern. The communist New Left left was not able to organize such large demonstrations in support of the Communists in Vietnam until the draft was instituted in 1964. We have no draft in this country now. The size of these demonstrations is a reflection of the growth of a treacherous anti-American radicalism in this country that has no Communist Party per se, but is just as dedicated to America’s destruction. The fact that the new technologies of war make it possible for terrorist groups both foreign and domestic to inflict enormous damage on industrial democracies like ours, and that our borders are porous and our security capabilities wanting, underscores the daunting dangers posed by this internal threat.

That the desire to hurt this country and its citizens is uppermost in the protesters minds was manifest in their reactions at the Washington march. According to the Los Angeles Times the demon singled out by the demonstrators for the greatest opprobrium was Attorney General John Ashcroft - the man responsible for the security of 300 million Americans: “The most unpopular figure of all appeared to be John Ashcroft, the U.S. attorney general. The mere mention of his name prompted boos to swell from the crowd, followed by semi-obscene chants.” The hatred of John Ashcroft reflects the demonstrators’ hatred for the American government and for the ordinary Americans whom our government protects. Their agenda is to weaken America’s defenses from within. The question is: will we let them?

12. Saddam's Little Helpers¹⁴

by Ronald Radosh

MOST Americans readily understand, after experiencing the horror of the 9/11 attack on our nation last year, that evil exists, and that those seeking to destroy what we hold dear are indeed the epitome of evildoers. But not the radical academics and Hollywood celebrities, who are trying their best to resurrect from its coffin the old '60s anti-Vietnam War coalition.

Thus, coming to the ad pages of *The New York Times* will be what they call "A Statement of Conscience," calling on the "people of the U.S. to resist" American policy, which they claim shows "grave dangers to the people of the world," who want us to join them in resisting "the war and repression that has been loosed on the world by the Bush administration."

What leads these '60s relics to make the most preposterous of arguments? To in effect argue that we face no danger from any nation or any group of terrorists, that the danger stems from our own imperial overreach?

The names on the petition provide an answer. Most are recognizable Old and New Left protesters from the early 1960s; some in fact are elderly pro-Communists whose political life began back in the 1930s.

They have been groomed on the belief that the United States is an imperialist power bent on oppressing the poor people of the world. They see Iraq as Vietnam, with the United States once again trying to destroy a people seeking only independence and a people's revolution.

The reality of our new situation makes not one dent in their ingrained world view. The petition-signers seem unaware of the dangers posed by radical Islam, al Qaeda, Saddam Hussein and other powers which form what our president has rightfully called "an axis of evil." Indeed, they mock the view that a simple contest exists between "good v. evil," when the real issue is the effort to wage "war abroad and repression at home."

Included in their list of such horrible acts of aggression are what they call the "attack" on Afghanistan, the "trail of death and destruction" caused by - Israel - and the blank check the U.S. government wants to kill and bomb whomever it wants.

¹⁴ FrontPageMagazine.com, *New York Post* | September 16, 2002

Their description of America today: a country under the thumb of “repression over society,” with free speech “suppressed,” groups falsely called “terrorist,” a nation they hint sits on the edge of totalitarianism. Their answer: Refuse orders, resist a draft if instituted and support all “resisters.” The “machinery of war” has to be stopped.

This old heated rhetoric and ‘60s-redux arguments can easily be ignored - that is, if one does not pause to look at the luminaries in our intellectual life and the entertainment community that have signed on to the campaign.

They include directors Robert Altman and Oliver Stone; actors Ed Asner, Ossie Davis, Susan Sarandon and Danny Glover; singers Ani DiFranco and Pete Seeger; writers Kurt Vonnegut and Gore Vidal; radical cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, and scores of others - a virtual Who’s Who of the leftover Old and New Left activists, writers and artists.

It is a true Popular Front. Playwright and actor Wallace Shawn is on the list, alongside ex-Weather Underground leaders Bernardine Dohrn and C. Clark Kissinger.

Coinciding with this effort is the Historian’s Petition to Congress, instituted by Joyce Appleby, a past president of our country’s two major historical associations, and feminist historian Ellen Carol DuBois of UCLA.

Their petition has a more limited goal: They purport only to ask the Congress for a debate and vote on “whether or not to declare war on Iraq,” although it is clear from the introduction to the petition that their real goal is to “stop war with Iraq,” which they wistfully hope will not occur if there is a “full-fledged congressional vote.” If this does not happen, they plan to be in our nation’s capital on Sept. 25 to present the petition to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The signers compose a great majority of our professional historians, including some of the most distinguished members of the profession. As Joyce Appleby explained in an open letter to the profession, she and DuBois started the petition because listening to the president at his Crawford ranch left them frustrated, since they know that Americans “feel agitated by the drumbeat of remarks about possible military action.”

Should we go to war, Appleby thinks that it would amount to an “unprovoked attack on another country.” Any threat from Iraq and Saddam Hussein disappears from her field of vision.

Appleby is furious that the president says he will soon make up his mind, “as though he were a king.” This, she pines, “is not what the Founding Fathers intended.”

In a forum in *Newsweek*’s issue on 9/11, Appleby fears Bush is “returning us to a Cold War mentality,” one in which the United States fought “quasiwars and proxy wars and [ran] covert operations and [used] spies and [practiced] domestic intimidation.”

Now, she complains, we seem to be “moving right back into that Cold War mindset, in which we will have a black and white world of good versus evil, and we’ll be a part of suppressing dissent around the world,” as well as invading “American rights at home.”

Appleby and her colleagues are, it seems, living in a dream world - one in which the evil United States is oppressing every nation, and those resisting its grasp are simply opponents of a new imperialism.

Sorry, Ms Appleby. This historian does not buy your arguments. As Larry Miller wrote in *The Weekly Standard* last Jan. 14, “No matter what your daughter’s political science professor says, we didn’t start this.” Change that to your son or daughter’s historian.

With all its imperfections, America stands for freedom and democracy - values held in short shrift in those areas of the world where radical Islamic fundamentalists plot to destroy us. Perhaps you can’t be a historian to understand this basic truth, or maybe George Orwell was right when he said that there are some things so stupid that only an intellectual can believe them.

13. Red Queen of “Peace”¹⁵

by Michael Tremoglie

Phyllis Benning of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) appeared on a TV talk show a few months ago during which she claimed that no link between Al-Qaeda and Iraq was established. Yet, a couple of days earlier I watched an edition of CBS’ 60 Minutes in which an Israeli intelligence official was interviewed who claimed that the Israelis have captured documents that do establish such a relationship.

The International Peace Bureau (IPB) bestowed their Sean

¹⁵ FrontPageMagazine.com | December 11, 2002

MacBride Prize to Congresswoman Barbara Lee of California for questioning the merits of United States military action in Afghanistan. The IPB, founded in 1892, is the oldest peace federation in existence.

The Peace Action Network (PAN) is the nation's largest anti-nuke organization. Their website spouts the usual fallacies about American foreign policy. PAN has a subsidiary on college campuses, Student Peace Action Network (SPAN), that is organizing college students to oppose invading Iraq.

The Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP) is an international network of peace and justice organizations dedicated to sowing the seeds for the abolition of war. HAP is mobilizing students to work for peace as well.

What do all of these organizations have in common? Cora Weiss.

Cora Weiss is the daughter of Faberge millionaire and Soviet-ophile Samuel Rubin. She is the president of the Samuel Rubin Foundation, which finances a host of communist causes. As well as president of her father's foundation, Cora is president of the IPB, president of the HAP, an international representative of the PAN, and the principal financier of the IPS, which was founded by a grant from the Rubin Foundation.

During the Vietnam War, Weiss was a leader of the pro-North Viet Nam Women Strike for Peace (WSP). A Congressional study said the WSP "has enjoyed the complete support of the Communist Party." As Co-Director (with David Dellinger) of the Committee for Liaison with the Families (COLIAFAM), Weiss attempted to coerce POW families to make pro communist propaganda by promising them contact with their loved ones in Hanoi. None of the families accepted the arrangement.

After the war, Weiss worked to have Viet Nam admitted to the UN and was chairwoman of the committee celebrating Viet Nam's admission. Obviously, Weiss' activities transcended a concern for peace. She really was an advocate for a communist Viet Nam. During the 80's, Weiss was the Director of the Disarmament Program of the Riverside Church of New York City. Riverside's program was a leader in supporting the Soviet-backed nuclear freeze program that would have consolidated Soviet nuclear superiority in Europe-in the name of peace. As Riverside's director, Weiss was one of the organizers of a 1982 disarmament rally in New York City. Purportedly the largest ever, the rally was a coalition of communist organizations.

In 1983, Weiss was a delegate to an IPS sponsored US-USSR con-fab for disarmament. Delegates included members of the Riverside Church, which is allied with the National Council of Churches (NCC) and World Council of Churches (WCC).

The anti-Americanism of Riverside, the NCC and the WCC is well known. All three organizations were advocates for the North Vietnamese. All three organizations were advocates for Marxists revolutions in Africa. (Indeed, the WCC contributed to Robert Mugabe's Marxist army.) All three organizations were advocates for the Marxist revolutions in Central America in the 1980's. All three protested the deployment of Pershing missiles in Europe. All three condemned the Gulf War. All three condemned US military action against the Taliban. Weiss is definitely plugged in to the good old comrade's network. For example, the IPS Board of Directors contains such liberal luminaries as Harry Belafonte, *Time* magazine journalist Barbara Ehrenreich, and editor of *The Nation* magazine Katrina Vanden Heuvel (who was formerly the director of the IPS's Transnational Institute).

Each of these people are well known for their unrepentant leftwing commitments. Ehrenreich is the Vice-Chair of the Democratic Socialists of America. Vanden Heuvel, is a staunch apologist for socialism. Belafonte was a founding member of the Hollywood chapter of SANE, a precursor of PAN. In December 2000, he received an honorary degree from Cuba's Higher Arts Institute. Radio Havana reported that Belafonte said Cuba has always been an artistic haven for people who struggle for the liberation of humanity.

Cora's old comrade network is incestuous as well. Peter Weiss, Cora's husband, was the first chairman of the IPS, and is a member of the HAP board. He is a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and the Center for Constitutional Rights. The NLG is a communist proxy group. Both it and the Center for Constitutional Rights litigate government counter-intelligence activities.

All of the groups with which Cora Weiss is affiliated portray themselves as pacifist and as human rights organizations. Their stated purpose is to end war and promote the general welfare of humanity.

Peace is a wonderful thing. However, peace is merely a tertiary consideration for Cora Weiss. World socialism is what she desires.

Remaking the world in her image is her real objective.

Weiss is what Lenin referred to as the “vanguard.” Essentially, Lenin’s “vanguardism” is the belief that the hoi polloi are too stupid to think for themselves. They need talented individuals to tell them what to think. This vanguard will lead to the creation of the workers paradise.

The belief that she can help create a utopia is revealed in Cora’s endowments of political organizations that will “redistribute wealth for social justice.” Her communist sympathies was revealed in her ruthless disregard toward American POW’s. It was revealed in her ruthless disregard of Soviet dissidents arrested and imprisoned for preaching anti-nuke sermons. It is revealed now in her ruthless disregard for the Afghans who lived in a religious dictatorship and for the Iraqis who still do.

Cora Weiss is a devotee of the communist system that murdered, enslaved, and destroyed-people and nations. Her fanaticism is a function of her political dilettantism.

If anything, Cora Weiss proves that some people have more dollars than sense.

14. Sean Penn’s Keeper¹⁶

by Chris Arabia

Just before the Christmas season, an obscure taxpayer-supported organization called the Institute for Public Accuracy, sponsored a visit to Baghdad by actor Sean Penn. Near the end of his tour, Penn announced, “If there is a war or continued sanctions against Iraq, the blood of Americans and Iraqis will be on our hands.” Consistent with the tenets of leftist anti-Americanism, Penn absolved by omission a genocidal mass murderer. Building on the legacy of Neville Chamberlain, Penn voiced his “hopes that any of us present may contribute in any way to a peaceful resolution to the conflict at hand,” evidently even if the solution involves American appeasement or abdication of its duty to safeguard the free world. Capitalizing on Penn’s naiveté, the Iraqi News Agency falsely reported that Penn “confirmed that Iraq is completely clear of weapons of mass destruction.”

¹⁶ FrontPageMagazine.com | January 7, 2003

Berkeley professor Norman Solomon, president of the Institute for Public Accuracy and Penn's handler for the occasion summarized Penn's mission: "[Penn's] visit could inspire many Americans from various walks of life to explore how they can impede the momentum toward war, whether in Baghdad or at home in the United States." Impeding Saddam's capacity for mass murder is clearly a lower priority for Solomon and the IPA. Penn offered his "thanks to Norman Solomon and the Institute for Public Accuracy for facilitating my visit."

U.S. taxpayers also facilitated the visit. Enjoying tax exemption as an IRS 501c(3) charitable organization, the left-wing Institute for Public Accuracy operates the inaptly named www.accuracy.org and describes itself "as a consortium for an abundance of diverse expertise" that "widen[s] the bounds of media discussion" on current events and coverage of the news. IPA actually promotes an anti-American, anti-capitalist, and anti-Israeli agenda. Veteran leftists and Marxist ideas dominate IPA, which also has deep ties to radical Arab activists.

As another Gulf War looms, the Institute has worked with the Iraqi regime to operate what Lenin might have described as a travel agency for useful idiots. Aided by IPA, left-leaning U.S. political and entertainment figures have traveled to Iraq to gain all the insight available from staged events controlled with Stalinist precision by Saddam's henchmen. Baghdad has exploited the visits to elicit sympathy for Saddam's victims and to endeavor to weaken American resolve.

Leftist author and media critic Norman Solomon serves as IPA's Executive Director and has organized at least two subversion tours of Iraq. When not addressing anti-Israel rallies at Berkeley or writing for the Saudi-backed *Arab News*, Solomon weaves Marxist threads throughout his books and columns, which primarily focus on media issues. Private media ownership especially irks Solomon. Condemning the CBS-Viacom merger, he railed, "Any successful movement for basic progressive change will need to push big money off the windpipe of the First Amendment." Of course, the sheer volume of contemporary discourse strongly suggests an unobstructed windpipe; additionally, the First Amendment protects everybody's right to operate a press freely but guarantees nobody a *cost-free* or government-funded press. Despite the Constitution, Solomon implicitly demands a government-funded press when he argues, "freedom to speak must be accompanied by freedom to

be heard” regardless of whether the speaker can compete in the marketplace of ideas.

Long-time IPA President and Board member Robert McChesney is a communications professor at the University of Illinois who despises “the contradiction between a for-profit ... corporate media system and the communication requirements of a democratic society,” even though a for-profit media system seems particularly appropriate within a capitalist system. Naturally, he advocates government-funded media and extensive government control over private broadcasters. McChesney, Solomon, and their ilk appear oblivious to what many would find obvious: 1) powerful state-controlled media are not always synonymous with free media; and 2) considering the scope of its power, the U.S. government should avoid endorsing certain media outlets over others.

IPA Communications Director Sam Hussein previously worked as Media Director for the leftist American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, where he undoubtedly forged a relationship with hard-left ex-Senator James Abourezk (further discussed below). ADC opposes U.S. aid to Israel and U.S. action against Iraq and is currently suing John Ashcroft and the INS over government efforts to thwart potential terrorists already in the U.S. Like Mr. Solomon, Hussein has close ties to leftist media watchdog Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, which campaigns in conjunction with IPA against non-leftist think tanks.

While the ruins of the World Trade Center and Pentagon still smoldered, IPA rushed to advocate appeasement and agitate against a meaningful U.S. response to the barbaric attacks. On September 12, 2001, IPA issued a press release touting the availability of some “experts” for interviews and summarizing their positions. Far from decrying the terrorists, one “expert” declared that American condemnation of the attackers “holds up a mirror to U.S. policy of causing massive civilian suffering in Iraq ... we hope that along with the grief, we can ... form deeper compassion and understanding.” Another “expert” anticipated the needs of our enemies and proclaimed, “This is not a ‘war’ that can be won by military means.”

Although the Institute cultivates the image of a people-powered, grass roots movement, financial records suggest something else. IPA’s tax return for the fiscal year ended 12/31/00, for example, lists gross

revenues of \$221,621. Six anonymous parties contributed approximately 82% of that total, including individual payments of \$121,990, \$20,807, and \$20,000.

Last September, IPA sponsored a visit to Iraq by a delegation that included Democrat Congressmen Nick Rahall of West Virginia, former Democrat Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota, and IPA's Mr. Solomon. After seeing exactly what the Iraqi government wanted them to see, the delegation more or less said what the Iraqi government wanted them to say.

Rahall, who went to Baghdad despite widespread opposition to the trip in his home district, solemnly declared, "What I want to give here is peace a chance." In reality, he served as a propaganda tool for the enemy and undermined the prospects for lasting peace by promoting the notion that the U.S. might accept a Saddam-friendly resolution.

Ex-Senator Abourezk's appearance in Iraq was likely no surprise to followers of his hard-left career. After a single term in the Senate, during which Tom Dashle entered politics by working on his staff, Abourezk founded the aforementioned American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Besides assuming a radical anti-Israel posture (discussed above), ADC consistently supported the PLO, Marxist groups, and other Soviet clients. Predictably, Abourezk played the humanitarian card in defense of Saddam's sadistic regime, i.e. blame for Iraqi suffering bypasses Baghdad and falls on Washington. Rhetorically comforting the enemy, Abourezk asserted that U.S. military action in Iraq would constitute "a new and unprovoked war ... in violation ... of basic humane values."

To the relief of those concerned about the possibility of acrimonious consultations, Norman Solomon described the IPA group's meetings with government officials as suffused with "some real warmth and shared desire to avert the looming specter of just a really horrific war." Indeed, Solomon recounted many "moments that were really transcendent, in terms of human connectedness," a sentiment probably not shared by victims of Saddam's sadistic security apparatus.

Solomon told of the delegation's "urging [the Iraqis] to agree to unfettered access for UN weapons inspectors" even as he condemned the inspectors as U.S. military spies and the U.S. as "determined to

inflict a horrendous war.” He refrained from commenting on the horrendous wars that Saddam has unleashed on Iran, Kuwait, and his own people.

As if armed with Ba’th Party talking points, Solomon argued, “I certainly think that the idea of pre-emptive strikes is, I would say, insane.” He also reported, “we all agreed on ... the regime change demand of the Bush administration as being a major obstacle.”

The Institute for Public Accuracy has become an important weapon in Saddam’s propagandist arsenal. While masquerading as an organization fighting for ordinary citizens, IPA is actually a hard left cabal primarily financed by a handful of backers. Unfortunately, the American people must partially subsidize IPA political activity because of the group’s tax-exempt status. Of course, the U.S. has the strength to tolerate and even indirectly foster dissent that borders on hostility; a lesson lost on the likes of Norman Solomon is that his Iraqi equivalent would be either in exile, a government torture chamber, or an unmarked grave.

15. Who Pays For These Protests?¹⁷

by Stephen Schwartz

Both before and after the latest round of so-called peace demonstrations, many respected liberals, leftists, and pacifists have expressed their concern over the events’ control by a tiny Stalinist cult, the “Workers World Party” or WWP. WWP created International A.N.S.W.E.R., the umbrella group for the protests, and WWP leaders, posing as peace activists, have gained extraordinary media access in recent weeks. In addition, the group manipulates former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark as a pliable puppet, in an effort to gain respectability.

The despicable record of WWP in promoting Stalinist and fascist dictators is old news. WWP, the patron of International A.N.S.W.E.R., is on record supporting:

* The pitiless massacre of Chinese protestors by the armed forces in Tiananmen in 1989. WWP states, “troops were issued arms... after some students took some soldiers hostage. On June 4, [1989], the

¹⁷FrontPageMagazine.com | January 24, 2003

demonstration changed from a peaceful protest to violent attacks on the soldiers... events were a battle – not a massacre.” Everybody in the world knows this is a disgusting lie.

* The dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, among whose defenders WWP are doubtless the most fawning. Their newspaper, also titled Workers World, wrote gleefully, in 2001, “more and more countries had begun individually breaking the ban on flights and other sanctions against Iraq.” Right: countries with an equally bad or worse record, like Yugoslavia, which supply Iraq with illegal chemical, biological, and other weapons.

*The evil regime of crazed North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Il. WWP hack Deidre Griswold, who has been shoveling this manure for some 35 years, recently wrote, from the Communist hell itself, “People here in the socialist north of Korea are well aware of U.S. President George W. Bush’s remarks branding their country as part of an ‘Axis of Evil.’ It has in no way dampened their ardor for their independent socialist system... Koreans today are celebrating... the continuity of leadership represented by unity around Kim Jong Il, who is pledged to follow the course of national independence and socialist construction charted by Kim Il Sung... the North Korean socialist system, which has kept it from falling under the sway of the transnational banks and corporations that dictate to most of the world.” No mention here of the numerous individuals and families that have risked their lives and those of their relatives to escape the reality of North Korean socialism, or of North Korean international weapons sales, kidnapping of foreign nationals, terrorist attacks, or other details.

*In one of its most disgusting, and continuous, displays of admiration for genocidal fascists, WWP, the leaders of International A.N.S.W.E.R. are prominent defenders of indicted Serbian war criminal Slobodan Milosevic. When the trial of Milosevic began last year at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands. The International Action Center (IAC), predecessor of International A.N.S.W.E.R, “sent a delegation to take part in activities showing solidarity with the defendant and opposing the ‘trial’ as a NATO frame up.” They declared, “Washington and its NATO allies hopes (sic) to pin the guilt for the 10 years of civil war in the Balkans on the Yugoslav leader.” Who in the world, aside from fevered extremists, believes this swill? WWP has also published expensive volumes defending Milosevic.

Never mind that these Stalinist rodents see no inconsistency in acclaiming Saddam, who claims the title “sword of Islam,” and Milosevic, whose terror took the lives of hundreds of thousands of Balkan Muslims. The peace parasites of WWP are thrilled to kiss the shoes of bloodthirsty tyrants like Saddam, Kim, and Milosevic, and then have the nerve to repeat moronic chants, in the streets of our cities, charging President Bush with genocide!

Numerous liberals, leftists, and pacifists have correctly questioned the morality of joining such vermin in their parades. Nevertheless, the main question has yet to be posed: Who pays for the Workers World Party, its weekly tabloid, its website, books, speaking tours, and other extensive activities? Whose money keeps their “Korea Peace Commission,” and “Independent Commission of Inquiry to Investigate US/NATO War Crimes Against the People of Yugoslavia” going?

WWP is a minuscule Stalinist group. It does not command thousands of members or control major labor unions. Yet for many years groups of its leading members have constantly flown back and forth to Pyongyang and Baghdad, with side visits to Cuba and other isolated Stalinist territories, staying in hotels and traveling around in “solidarity.” Who subsidizes “peace” activities that, regardless of the apparent sincerity of many marchers, aim to defend monsters like Saddam and Kim? Who foots the bill for WWP and its acolytes to assist Milosevic in the dock?

Any normal citizen should wonder whether this “peace” movement is not, in fact, directly funded and controlled by Saddam and Kim. Unfortunately, most Americans have forgotten that, before 1941, Hitler, Mussolini, and the Japanese militarists bankrolled similar “peace movements” in the U.S., and that the Soviet Communist Party paid for such propaganda for years and years.

We know who stands behind International A.N.S.W.E.R.: the mindless totalitarians of the WWP. Who stands behind them? Americans have a right to know, and if these phony peaceniks really desire respectability, they should be willing to publicly account for their financing, especially for air travel and hotel hospitality enjoyed while they serve as camouflage tourists in states committed to terrorism.

There can be no place in the United States for “peace” activism bought and paid for by the evildoers.

16. Robbing the Cradle for Revolution¹⁸

by Brian Sayre

Sarah Sloan is a bespectacled young woman in her early 20s, who looks like a typical college student. When she is speaking to audiences whom she wants enlist in the movement that has become her life, she presents herself as one of the chief organizers for International ANSWER, the main group behind the anti-war protests. She speaks both at rallies and in high schools to oppose the war.

But there is much more to Sarah Sloan than this. International ANSWER, is a front for the Worker's World Party, a self-styled "Communist Party," whose mecca is North Korea. Sarah Sloan is a functionary of this party. This is how she can make statements that seem more appropriate to an al-Qaeda communiqué, than to a "peace" organizer: "This is our task: to abolish NATO. And moveover to abolish the Pentagon."

It is time for Americans to face an unpleasant reality - Sarah Sloan and others like her who are spear-heading the "anti-war" movement don't want a change in foreign policy; they want to put an end to America. Immediately after the mass murder of 9/11, the Workers' World Party and Sarah Sloan began organizing to prevent America from responding - calling for an ostrich-like 'peace' less than two weeks after the outrage. By November 2001, Sarah Sloan was in Japan, coordinating with other anti-American activists to protect the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

In addition to attacking America's ability to defend itself, Sarah – again like other organizers of the antiwar movement – found time to support a convicted cop-killer, Mumia Abu-Jamal; attack the defenders of the Kosovars; and attempt to recruit teenagers at public schools. On October 29, 2002, for example, she was speaking at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. Hiding behind her public face as a peace organizer for International ANSWER, she was free to indoctrinate the students with her Communist perspectives. "Everyone in this room hates [President] Bush, right?" she asked her young audience. One

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among them, a Nathaniel Pancost, was troubled by her remarks. “These A.N.S.W.E.R. people, the leftist groups, speak at these things as if they were a rally. They shouldn’t.”

In the San Francisco Bay Area, as anti-American violence looms, radicals like Sarah Sloan have been making multiple attempts to recruit high-school teenagers - and not without some success. At a student strike at Stanford on March 5, 2003, where students were being directly recruited to perform illegal acts in direct-action ‘affinity groups,’ approximately twenty students from Palo Alto’s Jordan Middle School cut class to attend, without the permission or supervision of the school. In Berkeley’s Willard Middle School, the administrators were more responsible, locking students onto the schoolgrounds to prevent them from political truancy. It proved harder to constrain the students of Oakland High School, who clambered over fences and locked gates to join protests. Throughout the Bay Area, hundreds of students left their classes to attend demonstrations at the behest of organizers like Sarah Sloan.

This is a worrying trend, for these protests, organized and controlled by the extreme Left, are growing increasingly violent. And when it comes to law-breaking and mayhem, there’s nothing the Left likes better than a minor. When I was a communist in Toronto, on several occasions I heard teenagers, some barely in high school, make statements like “I can do what I want at this protest. What are they going to do? Arrest me? Put me on probation? I’m under 18!” These naïve statements, which underestimate both the danger of a conflict with the police and the punishment and shame that follow arrest, are planted and praised by older radicals. In 1999, a youth organizer for the Canada’s Communist Party would tell me: “If you’re going to do that sort of thing, best to do it when you’re young.” The same month in Toronto ‘peace’ protestors threw Molotov cocktails at the U.S. consulate and set it on fire. Two officers were sent to the hospital with injuries from thrown debris.

In the days leading up to the liberation of Iraq, we’ve yet to see such violence, but there are signs that it is coming. Organizing web sites like Direct Action to Stop the War have posted detailed plans to shut down key intersections and workplaces in San Francisco;

anonymous comments in their Pravda-like news services hint at smoke bombs in the subways and riots in the streets. All this at a time when our nation is on high alert; all this at a time when terrorists, using the start of war as a pretext, may be planning to attack our nation. Parents might want to ask themselves some rather obvious questions:

- Is your teenager planning on attending these anti-war protests?

- Do you know what their teenager might be doing there?

- Is there anything you can do to keep your teenager safe?

High-school students are a prime target of the communist sects behind the peace movement. First, because they are young and impressionable, they are easily influenced by the ‘cool’-acting professional organizers that pretend to be their friends, invite them to parties, and recruit them to their causes. Second, high school students have a large amount of energy and time. The caring support of their parents gives them the time, energy, and freedom to devote themselves to the authoritarian causes of the hard Left. Last, high school students are rarely tried as adults in criminal courts. Because of this, they make excellent foot soldiers when legal protest turns to vandalism and riot. And unfortunately, the Worker’s World Party and similar Communist organizations have a long history of recruitment from American high school students. The jump from opposing war to advocating America’s destruction seems extreme, but there are many sad examples of young people who have converted to their causes and had their futures ruined. A prime example - Sarah Sloan. An article from 2000 on cnn.com states that she left school to ‘live an activist’s life,’ three years before – in other words, when she was 16. Parents need to ask themselves another question: Is the public face of the organization that is after your children nothing more than a high-school drop-out herself? Will your children be encouraged to follow her lead?

If the anti-war demonstrations were only about a peaceful, reasoned criticism of foreign policy, there’d be little for parents (or others) to fear. Unfortunately, the people behind today’s anti-war

demonstrations have more sinister agendas. Teenage rebellion can be only a phase. But when impressionable young people fall in with unscrupulous radicals, the damage to their future may be permanent. America is under attack from within as well as from without. In the crisis that confronts us, we need better and more caring parents than Sarah Sloan's.

IV. The War At Home

17. Leftwing “Peace” Saboteurs¹⁹

by Brian Sayre

“**W**e have to prepare to continue the struggle,” cried Richard Becker, a member of both the steering committee for International A.N.S.W.E.R. and the communist Workers’ World Party. Although the A.N.S.W.E.R.-organized crowd at the March 15th rally in San Francisco was smaller than in previous demonstrations, the cries from the podium were much sharper. Becker called for direct action, civil disobedience all over the city, should the United States begin a war with Iraq. But the anti-war demonstrators hadn’t waited for Becker. Plans for direct action on the day of the war have been in place for weeks.

According to websites used for radical organizing, large-scale attempts to disrupt everyday life are planned in at least four cities. In New York, demonstrators plan to “inaugurate a campaign of civil resistance.” In Washington, D.C., there will be “direct action oriented, unpermitted demonstrations.” In Los Angeles, the call has gone out for “a creative rampage.” And in San Francisco; participants are being told to plan to stay out all night, and continue their actions the next day (source: sf.indymedia.org) Should a war begin abroad, Americans can expect trouble at home.

I received a taste of that trouble on March 15th, when I attended the protest in San Francisco, and witnessed the ‘civil disobedience’ afterwards. Not that the disobedience was particularly civil. Over a thousand people set off on an unpermitted march after the main event, blocking off traffic during rush hour and defying police orders to disperse. Even after arrests were made, the remnant of the crowd would simply retreat, reform, and continue elsewhere. The disorder only ended after over one hundred and fifty people were arrested and detained, some six hours after the original demonstration began.

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At the latest string of anti-war protests, it's hard to decide what to cover. Anti-Semitism abounds (note to protestors - 'Israel' is not spelled with a swastika; and the swastika is not equivalent to the Star of David). Everyone's got a different conspiracy theory (one large banner read: "9-11 = Inside Job / U.S. Fascists Guilty"). And the aisles are lined with over a dozen communist groups, selling their propaganda (if I can figure out the difference between the Maoist Internationalist Movement and the Progressive Labor Party, I'll tell you which group was desecrating the flag). But I came for the anarchists, the "No War But The Class War" contingent, who had put out a call for a black bloc - an organizing tactic that had led to arrests and property damage in the recent past, an organizing tactic that enabled the riots at the Seattle WTO protest in 1999.

Articles about the 'black bloc' often give the impression that the black bloc is some sort of organization. However, it is actually a protest tactic. When a batch of anarchists and anarchist 'affinity groups' all dress similarly at a protest - typically, in black, with faces covered - this is a black bloc. A black bloc enables anonymous action at protest events, which allows participants to get away with crimes that would normally lead to arrest. This anecdote is instructive. At a January anti-war protest in San Francisco, a black bloc participant attempted to smash a lingerie store window with a newspaper box. Police tried to arrest him, but by quickly mingling with other black bloc members he managed to elude capture. The reasoning behind the choice of target remains obscure - perhaps he wanted to 'make love, not war'. However, the threat of this anonymity to order is clear.

Black blocs began to be used in America in the 1980s, and caught on in popularity after the WTO riots, when protestors took advantage of them to indulge in what one website called "anarchist shopping" - you and I would call it looting. The presence of black blocs in today's opposition to the war on Iraq is disturbing, when you consider what their anarchist participants stand for. While they often play lip service to 'non-violent civil disobedience', this is code, dependent on a particular anarchist understanding of non-violence. As the infamous communiqué from the Seattle rioters contended, "property destruction is not a violent activity unless it destroys lives or causes pain in the process. By this definition, private property--especially corporate pri-

vate property--is itself infinitely more violent than any action taken against it.” Therefore, when a member of the black bloc calls for ‘non-violent direct action’, this does not bar property damage in any way whatsoever. He feels perfectly entitled to chuck a non-violent brick through the window of your violent storefront; to bring peace with a bat to your belligerent parked car.

The participants seem to have no respect for the rule of law. Also from the 1999 Seattle riots came the document “A Special Message to the Police”, which told police officers that “[a] new protesting ethic is sweeping through North America. We prefer to use nonviolent direct action, but don’t be surprised if some of our comrades get a bit more destructive. [...] Our philosophy is that the best cop is an ex-cop. If you are concerned about your safety, and if you are really interested in helping out your community, we suggest that you find a different line of work.”

This Saturday in San Francisco, the ‘class war’ contingent was out in large numbers, keeping to the back of the rally at their pre-announced mobilization point. Besides the ‘No War But The Class War’ banner, they also favored one that read “We Support Our Troops When They Shoot Their Officers.” This is more ‘support’ than their New York counterparts, who wrote the following message to soldiers:

“Considering the common practice of talking about “supporting the troops” in times of hostilities, I should let you know how I feel. With all due respect, I want you to know that if you participate in this conflict, you are not serving me, and I don’t support you.”

The black bloc at the March 15th protest was well-organized. While little happened until the march itself was underway, once the permitted march began a black bloc member appeared with a large box. From it, he began distributing bundles of small paper slips to other black bloc anarchists. These anarchists in turn passed the slips to other anarchists, making sure to give them not to the normal-looking people at the protest. However, there were plenty of slips, and soon people were passing them out indiscriminately. “Unpermitted march,” they read, and gave a time and staging location, adjacent to the main rally. While waiting, the black bloc distributed pamphlets on the nature of the black bloc, why they were protesting, and tips to protect

yourself from police. People wrote the numbers of the group's legal team on their bodies in permanent marker; masks were donned; affinity groups were organized.

No one from International ANSWER, the main organizers, did anything to stop or discourage this illegal breakaway march from taking place. Earlier in the morning, I'd overheard an ANSWER organizer, a middle-aged blonde, instruct a group of about twenty field marshals. She'd told her marshals that "if some one really wants to go [on a breakaway march], let them go - it's the main march we're worried about. If there's a breakaway march, let them go." Not surprising, since in that same rally International ANSWER would formally commit itself to civil disobedience the day the war begins. So, when the black bloc took to the streets, followed by a large number of miscellaneous militants and curious gawkers, there was no one to confront them but the San Francisco Police Department.

For the next three hours, the San Francisco Police Department was a model of professionalism. Keeping in mind the rowdy protestors' penchant for property damage, they lined the streets and kept pace with the crowd. Although the crowd was easily a thousand people, the police were present in large numbers and deterred them from smashing windows. The unplanned march blocked downtown traffic and delayed commuters; cars enveloped by the march honked their horns in 'support.' When you're surrounded by hooligans, their favorite team is your favorite team.

The police were eventually able to corral the crowd in San Francisco's Mission District, clearing them to the sidewalk. A captain ordered the crowd to disperse; those refusing to leave the street, about twenty in all, were arrested. However, several hundred were not cowed, and set off on a march to the city's shopping district, half on the sidewalk, half on the streets. Stores quickly closed and locked their doors; again, the police effectively removed people from the street and encircled them. A break-out attempt was made, with people suddenly sprinting away - but the quick thinking and fast action of the motorcycle cops encircled the march once again, near the corner of Market and 3rd. Over two hours into the breakaway march, after repeated orders and opportunities to disperse without consequence, after two hours of patiently babysitting the crowd, the police decided

to act, no doubt realizing that the cat and mouse game they were playing could go on all night, if they let it. A large number of protestors were surrounded on all sides by riot police; one by one, over a hundred of them, they were arrested and taken to San Francisco's Hall of Justice.

Thanks to the police, the damage done by the breakaway march was minimal. Instead of shutting down the city, the crowd ended up blocking access to a sub shop and a liquor store. However, the protestors put us all in tremendous danger. Containing a black bloc requires an enormous use of police resources; for at least three hours, the bulk of the San Francisco Police Department was tied up babysitting, when they have much more important things to do. Unfortunately, America has changed since the last wave of rowdy street protests, a generation ago. The mass murder of 9/11 taught us something - that we are vulnerable on our own soil, and we have enemies who wish to destroy us. For three hours, the black bloc kept the police, our last line of defense, from keeping an eye out for our enemies. For three hours, San Franciscans were subjected to a heightened risk of terrorist attack.

This increased risk might seem minor, but it will be far greater in the weeks ahead, as the war with Iraq begins. Terrorists have already threatened to use the war as a pretext to attack us - not that they needed a pretext a year-and-a-half ago. On the first days of the campaign, we will all need to be extra vigilant at home, especially the police. But in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, where the black bloc is coming, there will be a lot fewer police to watch for terrorists. The police will be busy keeping black-clad young men from smashing café windows; busy hauling the dupes of International A.N.S.W.E.R. out of the roadways, busy ensuring that ordinary Americans can get to their jobs and provide for their families.

I have every confidence that the police of America will complete this noble task with professionalism and skill, but this is work they shouldn't have to be doing. Yet I fear they will do it again and again and again. Polls tell us that the anti-war protestors have resoundingly lost in the marketplace of ideas - the largely majority of Americans prefer security to appeasement, liberation to dictators. A recent FOX News poll found only one in five Americans against the war.

But these radicals refuse to accept the will of the majority - their 'direct action' is nothing more than an attempt to impose their agenda on the rest of us through intimidation and violence. And as soon as the police release them, they come right back to the protests. The crimes they are arrested for - unlawful assembly, refusal to disperse, obstruction of a roadway - are usually treated as misdemeanors, and the protestors are released as soon as police processing is completed, free to resume their illegal acts. A person committed to the overthrow of the government has no fear of a misdemeanor charge. For the protection of Americans, sentencing for the police-distracting crimes of 'civil disobedience' needs to be much more strict in times of increased terrorist threat.

If this were simply a matter of speech, Americans would both tolerate and protect it. More than a dozen different communist groups at Saturday's main rally were free to hawk their newspapers to whoever wanted to buy, as is their right. But through their direct action and black bloc tactics, anarchists and their radical brethren cross from speaking to acting - and while there is a right to free speech, there is no right to free action. The police of this nation will do their jobs, but prosecutors, legislators, and the American public have to team up to ensure they don't have to do their jobs over again, and again, and again, as long as the threat of terrorism exists. The plans have been laid; the black blocs are coming. Let's ensure that they only come once.

18. The Fifth Column Left Declares War²⁰

by David Horowitz

We have long warned on these pages that the peace movement is not about peace, that it is a fifth column communist movement to destroy America and give victory to our totalitarian enemies. Now this Fifth Column is preparing to move into action to attempt to defeat America in its war against Saddam.

On the day after the U.S. military action in Iraq begins, the Fifth Column is preparing to begin its own war at home. The plan is to cause major disruptions - illegal in nature - in cities across the country to dis-

rupt the flow of normal civic life. These actions will tie up Homeland Security forces and create a golden opportunity for domestic terrorists. The Fifth Column left is also planning to invade military bases. Here is a report from Salon.com's Michelle Goldberg:

[Camp] Vandenberg is about 50 miles north Santa Barbara, Calif. In a few days, activists will start converging on a nearby four-acre plot of land.... They're going to camp there and train to breach the base's security and possibly vandalize some of its equipment. The [leader of the activists] describes the base as "the electronic nerve center of the global-surveillance-targeting, weapons-guidance, and military-command satellites that will largely direct the war." The base is 99,000 square acres, with a perimeter running through rugged, wooded terrain. "If people are committed and determined and in halfway decent physical shape, it is possible to get in, because it's enormous and much of the land is still fairly wild," he says. Within the base, [the action leader] says, are "major off-limits security zones," that, when breached, "set off a series of responses in their own security procedures which require disruption and partial shut down of regular activities," which means the base can't operate at full capacity.²¹

Here is the Internet call to arms for New York City from a group calling itself "No Blood for Oil" (caps in original)—

The No Blood For Oil! Resistance Campaign is calling on all those who oppose the war, to join us in making the first day of concentrated US attack on Iraq an International Day of Civil Resistance! We'll be rallying in New York's Times Square at 5 p.m. that day - or 5 p.m. the next day, if the US assault begins at night - to inaugurate a campaign of civil resistance that will continue as long as U.S. aggression does. THIS MEANS NO BUSINESS AS USUAL! WE JOIN WITH MILLIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO CALL FOR A 'WORK STOPPAGE' ON THIS DAY! NO WORK, NO SCHOOL, NO BUSINESS AS USUAL! (www.nbfo.net)

Similar actions are planned for San Francisco (actagainstwar.com), Los Angeles (ainfos.ca/en/ainfos11175.html), and the nation's capital, Washington DC (dc.indymedia.org) The DC plan calls for five different actions designed to cause major domestic disruption:

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²¹ http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2003/03/14/war/index_np.html.

These will be direct action oriented, unpermitted demonstrations to interrupt Business as Usual in the Capital of Capital and to raise the social costs of the US Government to Wage war on Iraq and the world...

The above actions will be carried out by the main forces of the Fifth Column communist “peace movement.” The violence will be spear-headed by the anarchist “Black Bloc.” (www.dc.indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=52540&group=webcast). This is a collection of anarchist “affinity groups” (see War Room #5 for a description of “affinity groups”) who dress in black with faces covered to facilitate illegal actions. (A clearing house website for the Black Bloc is www.infoshop.org/blackbloc.html) These are the groups that caused massive disruption and damage during the anti-globalizations riots in Seattle, and have wreaked civil havoc in other American cities.

There will also be larger law-breaking demonstrations timed for the “day after” our soldiers enter Iraq. The stated intent of the large communist²² peace organizations (United for Peace and Justice, Not In Our Name and International ANSWER) is to “interrupt the flow of normal life.” Since the organizers cannot know the date when military action will begin and thus cannot get permits for their events, these are illegal demonstrations as well and their goal is sinister.

If security forces are tied up, obviously the opportunities for domestic terrorist attacks increase.

But organizers maintain that even though their actions are designed to tie up Homeland Security forces they will be “non-violent.”

Not so the actions of the Black Bloc, who launch their guerrilla operations from the main demonstrations. Here is a sample of their thinking, taken from their website (infoshop.org/octo/wto_blackbloc.html):

We contend that property destruction is not a violent activity unless it destroys lives or causes pain in the process. By this definition, private property--especially corporate private property--is itself infinitely more violent than any action taken against it.

Q: Why do black blocs attack the police?

A: Because they are in the way. While most anarchists oppose

²² See WAR ROOMS #1 and #2 or, <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/CampaignArticles.asp?CID=6&D=The+Fifth+Column&ID=6>

police brutality and seek an end to policing and prisons, our main targets are the rich and powerful. Since the police are the violent face of capitalism, in other words, the guard dogs for the rich, they are on the frontlines when the anarchists come to pursue our class war against the rich.

The military authorities at Vandenberg Air Force base have already announced that they will use deadly force to repel the saboteurs. Legislators should take forceful measures as well. They could begin by increasing the penalties on existing legislation for this kind of civil disobedience and make them mandatory. This will deter some activists and take others out of commission for the duration of the war. We suggest making this civil disruption during a Yellow Alert a felony with a mandatory 6 months in a confined facility and \$10,000 fine. If the crime involves violence or is committed during an Orange Alert, we suggest increasing the penalties to one year in jail and a \$50,000 fine. If the alert is Red, 2 years in jail and a \$100,000 fine. Much larger fines should be assessed on groups that sponsor these actions.

Congress should also look to reactivating sedition laws that would meet the threat posed by the deadly seriousness of the anti-American Fifth Column. These activists are not playing games. They have dedicated their lives to the service of Communist regimes and anti-American causes. They are the fruit of more than thirty years of leftist attacks on this country. Now the international terrorists have provided them with their dream: the war has finally come home.

The attempt to sabotage America's war effort is not dissent and should be a wake-up call to all those critics of the Justice Department's efforts to protect us by surveilling anti-American groups. Clearly, both the FBI and our security laws are well behind the curve, since these saboteurs have not been deterred from their deadly ambitions. Criminal subversion and sedition are not protected by the Bill Rights and the perpetrators should be punished harshly enough to remove them from the field of battle.

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