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Special points of interest:

- Written public comments on the proposed new nuclear weapons Complex 2030 are accepted through January 17 and can be sent by email to Complex2030@nnsa.doe.gov.
- Additional Iran war signals? On December 20th President Bush sets the stage to increase Iraq troop levels and the Selective Service is planning a comprehensive test of the draft machinery.
- Six Arab nations declared their intention to join Iran as a nuclear power at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meeting in Riyadh on December 10th.
- Being number 1 is not always desirable. According to the International Center for Prison Studies at King's College in London, more people are behind bars in the United States than in any other country.

SPYING ON A PEACEMAKER

On December 20, 2006 the FBI released the last 10 classified documents from John Lennon's file. The documents were kept classified an additional 25 years on the ground they could prompt "military retaliation" against the United States. Now the world can read the documents at www.LennonFBIfiles.com.

The ridiculous documents were kept classified (see www.lennonfbifiles.com/after_hq33p2.html) to successfully delay holding government officials accountable. Why? Officials including President Nixon illegally worked to deport Lennon and other peacemakers as a way to silence their valid criticism of the Vietnam War.



BUSH DEFIES VOTERS BY DAVE DIONISI

Christmas came early this year for war profiteers when President Bush said on December 20th that he plans to increase troops in Iraq.

This announcement defies his military commanders, the Iraq Study Group, and the recent dramatic message delivered at the ballot box. Apparently, and not a surprise, the other person who thinks this is a good idea is Robert Gates. His comment on December 20th to support his boss: "a troop surge was an obvious option."

This complete disregard for the November 2006 voter message to bring our soldiers home is alarming. Peacemakers need to work smarter and harder or this "last big push" of more troops will be followed by many more "last big pushes."

Is it fair to claim that President Bush

is staying the course? The US Army has already temporarily increased the number of troops from 482,000 active-duty soldiers in 2001 to 507,000 today. Soon troop levels will reach 512,000. Now the Army wants to make the



30,000-soldier increase permanent and then add between 20,000 and 40,000 more on top of that.

One thing that is different is in November President Bush said

Special points of interest:

- On December 20, 2006, the Pentagon announced another \$99.7B is needed for wars. Overall, the war in Iraq has cost over \$350 billion.
- Why promote impeaching President Bush? History has repeatedly taught us that justice requires that criminals be held accountable or society plants the seeds for even greater crimes in the future. Impeachment is not about revenge and is all about promoting justice.

Upcoming Meetings:

- TPF meetings in 2007 are usually the first Saturday of every month. Meetings are from 1-3:30 p.m. and the next one is on January 6th.
- Join peace advocates by participate in the peace contingent of the annual Martin Luther King JR march on Monday, January 15, 2007. The march starts at 8:30am at 3425 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard.
- On February 2, there is a one hour "Internet" class at 6 p.m. in the Davis Library Blanchard Room at 314 E 14th Street. This session will highlight TPF's online resources.
- On February 2, there is a free 7 p.m. showing of *Iraq for Sale* in the Davis Library Blanchard Room at 314 E 14th Street.

BUSH DEFIES VOTERS (CONTINUED)

"absolutely we're winning." In a flip-flop reversal he announced for the first time that the US is not winning during a December Washington Post interview.

On December 18th Robert Gates became the Secretary of Defense. Gates said, "we simply cannot afford to fail in the Middle East. Failure in Iraq at this juncture would be a calamity that would haunt our nation, impair our credibility and endanger Americans for decades to come." It sounds like Robert Gates is reading Donald Rumsfeld's speaking points.

Victory is the wrong paradigm in the situation where one country has illegally invaded another country. To help illustrate this point, imagine a person has been raped. Now the rapist is wanting people to feel better because he is talking about a strategy for victory when the concept of victory makes no sense to begin with. The real solution is to hold the rapist accountable.

A detailed solution for peace in Iraq is available in a new Teach Peace video at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-8626924232809544873&pr=goog-sl>. This *Iraq Solution Video* would help "close the gates of hell" and bring about immediate improvements in overall security. In addition, the article at <http://www.americanhiroshima.info/achievingpeace.htm> sums up the message in this video. A real solution for peace should be led by people who correctly observed that starting the war was wrong to begin with.

NATIONAL AMNESIA & ROBERT GATES

What we remember and what we forget can be dangerous for our society and our souls. For example, how many Americans remember war propaganda like reports of peace activists spitting on returning Vietnam Veterans? Did you know that there was never a specific "real" incident reported? Why is it that the real facts behind war propaganda are often conveniently forgotten? For example, we are still waiting to find out who in the White House asked the Italian intelligence service to issue the famous and false Yellowcake report that helped win public support for the invasion of Iraq. Where is the public outcry as the likely responsible parties are President Bush and Dick Cheney?

Now we are asked to return to a state of national amnesia and believe Robert Gates will bring a "fresh

perspective" to the Iraq war. Have Americans forgotten Robert Gates was knee deep in the illegal sale of weapons to Iran? Why did the confirmation hearings ignore this important violation of US law? Was the reason that even before President Reagan became the president he and his campaign manager William Casey (who became Director of the CIA) agreed to sell Iran weapons in 1980? Would questioning lead to unpleasant revelations like the hostages were not released as planned but held an extra 76 days until Reagan took office?

Former CIA employees, Ray McGovern and Jennifer Glaudemans warn us that Robert Gates is a "yes man" who cannot be trusted. McGovern captures what we can expect with the observation that Gates is a "self-licking ice cream cone" for anything the President desires.

WARS START WITH WORDS

On December 11 Iran held a Holocaust conference to intensify Iranian nationalism and thereby strengthen support for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, said in a welcome address that "the aim of this conference is not to deny or confirm the Holocaust." Nonetheless the conference served war hawks and was insensitive to the Holocaust survivors and caring people everywhere. President Ahmadinejad's misguided conference backfired on December 21 when his allies gained the fewest seats among the main political groups in the Tehran City Council elections.

On a disturbing note, the war of words indicates the US is moving closer to war with Iran. President Ahmadinejad is now labeled Hitler at the White House. This is serious because Slobodan Milosevic was labeled Hitler prior to the NATO war against Yugoslavia. Prior to the 2003 invasion, Saddam Hussein also was called Hitler. From this perspective the US and Iran war of words is already underway.

The Holocaust conference was used by pro-war advocates to reinforce the message that war with Iran is the only option. People should note that Foreign Minister Mottaki is the man who confirmed with Reuters on February 21, 2006 that President Ahmadinejad did not say he or Iran would want the Jewish state of Israel 'wiped off the map.' While the incorrect translations of Ahmadinejad's non-violent call for the 'Israel government to be removed from the pages of time' continues in the mainstream media, we cannot find a single reference where President Ahmadinejad has called for a military attack on Israel. British Rabbi Ahron Cohen's comments at the conference are noteworthy. He said: "We certainly say there was a Holocaust... But in no way can it be used as a justification for perpetrating unjust acts against the Palestinians."

A DEMAND FOR IMPEACHMENT

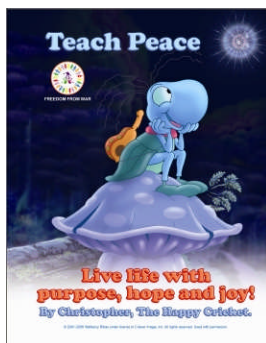
Excerpt from a speech on December 18, 2006 by Sean Penn to the Creative Coalition.

They tell us we lost 3,000 Americans on 9/11. Is that enough? We're about to match it. We're within weeks, if not less, of killing 3,000 Americans in Iraq. I ask Speaker Pelosi, can we put impeachment on the table then?

Without former FEMA chief Mike Brown being held accountable, post Katrina (scapegoat though he may have been) we'd have had the same chaos and neglect when Rita hit Houston. Think about it. And, the same people who trumpet deterrence as a justification for punishment when we speak of "crime and punishment," will boast their positive thinking when dismissing the deterrent qualities of an impeachment proceeding.

What is impeachment? It's not a Democratic versus Republican event. Not if used responsibly. If the House of Representatives votes to impeach this president, is he thrown out of office? No, he is not thrown out of office. That is not what impeachment is. Impeachment is the opportunity to proceed with accountability and give our elected senators, democratic and republican, the power to pursue a thorough investigation. The power to put the truth on the table. Mothers and fathers are losing their kids to horrifying deaths in this war every single day. Horrible deaths. Horrible maimings.

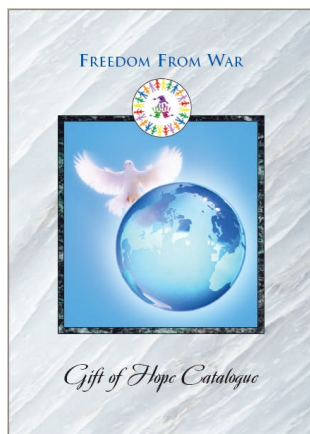
Were crimes committed in enlisting the support of our country in this decision to go to war? For the moment we're living the most spineless of scenarios; where the hawks abused impeachment eight years ago, now, the rest of us politely refuse to use it today. Let's give the whistle-blowers cover, let's get the subpoenas out there, and then, one by one, put this administration under oath. And then, if the crimes of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" are proven, do as Article 2, Section 4 of the United States Constitution provides, and remove "the President, Vice President and...civil officers of the United States" from office. If the Justice Department then sees fit to bunk them up with Jeff Skilling, so be it.



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OUR TEACH PEACE PROGRAMS BY MARY WIND

Are you wondering how so many Americans have come to oppose the illegal invasion of Iraq? It certainly is not from the mainstream media, but from efforts of organizations like Davis-based Teach Peace which in 2006 deliver one hour or more of peace education to over 10 million people.

Teach Peace worked nonstop throughout 2006 to develop six absolutely amazing "Teach Peace" programs. Once you visit our website www.teachpeace.com you will see why it is no wonder we are now in four countries.

Why do we teach peace?

We teach peace because war propaganda is increasingly promoted by the government and the mainstream media. Schools, churches, and other institutions that have financial ties to the military or government are often silent in fear of losing funding.

A diagram of our program can be found at <http://www.teachpeace.com/whatweoffer.htm>.

This website is very easy to navigate and provides a wealth of information which is absolutely amazing. *The Happy Cricket* is one of our programs, and provides a full length DVD, a book called *Teach Peace*, the *Solar Eclipse* video, and online games. While resources like the DVD and the book are available in our online store, a parent or teacher does not have to buy anything in order to teach peace with *The Happy Cricket*. Instant access is available through our website to the free video clips, online games, lesson plan, and the version of the book that can be printed on a computer printer.

How Teach Peace is Unique

There are four primary reasons why the Teach Peace programs are unique.

1. While Al Gore's warning about global warming needs to be taken seriously, Dave Dionisi's American Hiroshima warning explains why nuclear weapons are the greatest threat to humanity. The solutions offered in the *American Hiroshima* explain how to prevent and end wars.

Through David's book people are learning the truths about how we got to this place of war and specific steps we can take individually and together to prevent an American Hiroshima. Teach Peace has already motivated many people to become peacemakers.

2. We provide the top-notch professional materials needed to prompt people to become peacemakers. We deliver these materials to places where this information is often not available (e.g., in schools, churches and to other audiences who are all too often choosing not to discuss subjects like nuclear weapons and the real reasons for the war in Iraq). Our Teach Peace volunteers bring into the classroom their unique life experiences and skills to teach peace.

3. When a person helps Teach Peace, they are helping many organizations who can freely access our best practices which are documented in "Toolkits".

Can you name one peace organization that is helping other organizations improve their effectiveness, stop the waste associated with reinventing the wheel, and ultimately be more successful?

4. We make a difference far beyond our immediate borders. Specifically, we develop programs that can be implemented on a national or international level.

Our programs are reaching people far beyond Davis. David Dionisi's special updates are frequently published in the Middle East in the *Daily Star Egypt*, which is Egypt's largest newspaper printed in English. Other examples include the *Monthly Movies* program and *The Happy Cricket*. To illustrate this point, *The Happy Cricket* is already available in three languages and the *American Hiroshima* book was translated into Korean and is being used to teach peace in far away places.

In summary, we invest our energy because we want to safeguard life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Teach Peace educates people and organizations in a way that is not only unique, it accelerates the end of current wars as well as prevents future ones. We turn on the light of hope, and provide the education needed for successful action. With your help we will continue to make a difference as we work to prevent and end wars. Choose hope and help us create a groundswell of peace that cannot be set aside.