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A REAL SOLUTION WHOSE TIME HAS COME

KEVIN MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A recent CNN poll details that 65% of the American people demand a non-military solution to the U.S. government's war of rhetoric with Iran. The American people, especially those involved in the peace movement, know the Bush administration's threats of military action are based solely on hearsay and unsubstantiated intelligence.



We are working diligently to prevent another catastrophic war by challenging Bush administration claims that Iran is developing nuclear weapons and meddling in our occupation in Iraq. We need to do more than just denounce Bush's policies; we must advocate positive, practical solutions that have broad-ranging benefits for future world peace. Peace Action's long-range strategy, *Real Security through International Cooperation and Human Rights*, outlines positive solutions that we, as activists, must stress with U.S. policy-makers and in the media.

The first step in this process is to denounce the conventional wisdom promulgated by Bush, Cheney and company. We must pressure a future President to acknowledge the utter failure of nuclear deterrence theory.

There is a general consensus that nuclear weapons are only "good" for one thing - deterring another country from using them. In

keeping with this theory the U.S. holds 10,000 nuclear warheads and Israel maintains between 400-800 more. But, if you believe Bush's warmongering oratory, this arsenal has failed to deter Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Deterrence theory also maintains 'rational' actors will not utilize their nuclear weapons for fear of a nuclear world war. Is Iran more irrational and untrustworthy than other states that have nuclear weapons and therefore "un-deterrable?" There is no proof of that whatsoever. More significantly, The International Atomic Energy Agency maintains they have no evidence that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons.

The U.S. stands alone in casting Iran as a 'rouge state.' The recent sanctions on Iran's military announced by the US are unilateral and not supported by the international community. It is essential we activate the diplomatic processes by engaging our allies and Iran.

In 2003, Iran asked that we come to the table for diplomatic talks on a broad range of issues of mutual concern; including the possibility of official recognition of Israel. Rice, Bush and company ignored Iran's overture. The Bush Administration, or more likely its successor, should reverse this rash decision and propose broad-based negotia-

tions with Iran based on its 2003 offer.

Instead of sanctioning and threatening to bomb, the solution to the "crisis" with Iran is found in diplomatic proposals. Peace Action is one of many organizations and states who propose a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. Most recently, Saudi Arabia and Egypt have taken the lead on this concept, but Iran has also indicated possible support for the elimination of nuclear weapons from the region and to prevent any state from acquiring them.

The U.S. has a key role to play in this process. We must pressure Israel, the only regional nuclear power, to give up its nukes and commit to negotiating complete, global nuclear disarmament. This process cannot end there, we must additionally pressure

ourselves and other nuclear powers to subscribe to abolition. This is deterrence theory in reverse - if we stand down so

will others.

Even Henry Kissinger now supports a nuclear weapons-free world, as do presidential candidates Barack Obama, Bill Richardson and John Edwards. They understand the consequences of nuclear hypocrisy - the U.S. cannot selectively preach non-proliferation while tacitly condoning proliferation by others and trying to develop

new nuclear weapons as Bush has proposed. Peace Action and our allies have succeeded in blocking his proposals the last few years - killing the nuclear bunker buster and dramatically scaling back Bush's plans for the Reliable Replacement Warhead.



I understand that the idea of a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone has no political traction in Washington right now, but that doesn't mean we

peace-mongers should ignore it. People look to Peace Action for practical political actions they can take, but they also look to us for vision and for real solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

Not only would a nuclear free zone in the Middle East eliminate the world's deadliest weapons from an extremely volatile region, it might very well contribute to peace with justice between Israel and Palestine, a broader peace in all of Western Asia, and possibly even help reduce the threat of violent radical fundamentalism or terrorism.

Our current policy in the Middle East is not working; but, with your activism and the continued dedication to peace shown by the American people we can overcome the mistakes of the past. For more on what you can do to help build peace with Iran and a more secure, nuclear weapons-free world, please see www.peace-action.org. There you will find information and practical steps you can take to promote a nuclear free world.



NUCLEAR ABOLITION

CONFRONTING THE FALLOUT

Peace Action continues to spearhead the movement for nuclear abolition. Now, as we face the Department of Energy's (DoE) plans for a 'nuclear renaissance,' including new nuclear weapons and transforming our nation's nuclear complex to increase plutonium processing capacity, we are given the opportunity to also revive our struggle against this abomination.

50 years ago our organization's predecessors recognized the environmental and health impact brought on by the nuclear age. In 1962, convinced that nuclear testing would have a negative effect on generations of children, Dr. Benjamin Spock made an inspired move to unite health care professionals with the nuclear abolition movement. SANE's Executive Director, Homer Jack, convinced Spock to go public with his beliefs.

The New York Times advertisement declared "Dr. Spock is Worried" and our nation took to the streets in defense of children and the environment.

The connection was clear. Nuclear testing left radiated uranium deposits in the soil and water table. Once dispersed, the radiation infected the grass and grazing animals - moving its way through the ecosystem into our food supply and into our bodies. This uranium will remain for millions of years leaving generations with small traces of nuclear material pulsing through their circulatory systems.

At the Peace Action Congressional book reception, Congressperson Ed Markey commented on this truth and how Dr. Spock inspired him as a teenager to get involved in the nuclear abolition movement. His commitment then, and now

KATHERINE FUCHS,
ORGANIZING & POLITICAL ASSOCIATE

as a Representative, is a testament to the passion with which our movement will meet the challenges of this era and the next.

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) has introduced a bill (S.1914) that would halt funding for new nuclear weapons until comprehensive U.S. nuclear policy and posture reviews have been completed and assessed by Congress. These important assessments would require evaluation of U.S. progress under our Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty mandate for nuclear disarmament, Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), and other international nuclear treaties. Senator Feinstein's legislation would also require public input to be included in these reports, via a series of public meetings and hearings. The public meetings provision of Senator Feinstein's legislation provides an important opening for citizens and experts to influence U.S. nuclear policy and strategy, and it is only one of many.

Just as the DoE is planning to train a new generation of nuclear scientists in warfare, Peace Action is working to support the next generation of nuclear abolitionists. Through the Student Peace Action Network and in conjunction with the Think Outside the Bomb Network we are educating youth and students about the dangers of, and practical alternatives to, nuclear weapons. In fostering this leadership and working with sympathetic Representatives like Feinstein and Markey we pave the way for a nuclear free future.

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IN MEMORIAM:

DR. RANDALL CAROLINE FORSBERG

RANDY FORSBERG, FOUNDER OF PEACE ACTION'S PREDECESSOR THE NUCLEAR FREEZE CAMPAIGN, AND A DEVOTED PEACE ADVOCATE RECENTLY LOST A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. THE COMBINATION OF RANDY'S INTELLIGENCE, PASSION, AND ELOQUENCE MADE AN UNFORGETTABLE IMPRESSION ON POLITICIANS. BUT HER INCISIVE ANALYSIS, CLEAR THINKING, AND BRIGHT SMILE MADE HER A NATURAL LEADER IN THE NUCLEAR ABOLITION MOVEMENT. JOHN TIRMAN WROTE IN THE BOSTON GLOBE: "ABOVE ALL, HER EXEMPLARY LIFE IS A TRIBUTE TO THE POWER OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CAPACITY TO CHANGE HISTORY." IN HONOR OF HER LIFE A RANDY FORSBERG MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. INITIATED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS PEACE ACTION EDUCATION FUND, THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP PERPETUATE RANDY'S LEGACY BY FUNDING A PART-TIME INTERNSHIP FOR A YOUNG ORGANIZER TO WORK TO BUILD THE MOVEMENT FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE END OF WAR.



WORKING FOR PEACE IN 2008

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "We who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war." Peace Action, through its non-partisan Peace Voter campaign conducted by our affiliates and chapters, engages voters at the grassroots level around the country, comparing and contrasting candidates' positions on peace and justice issues through non-partisan voter guides, "bird-dogging" candidates on the campaign trail, briefing candidates on our issues, organizing candidate forums, getting out the peace vote, running paid advertising and earning media coverage.

Already our affiliates, New Hampshire Peace Action and Peace Action West, are attending hundreds of events in New Hampshire and Nevada and asking questions about the Iraq war, Iran and Nuclear Weapons to presidential hopefuls.

Although Senatorial action to end the quagmire in Iraq is seemingly stagnant, last election we made many strides politically. Peace Action PAC helped to elect several peace candidates like Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

On the House side we've seen a lot of movement toward peace. Throughout the year Peace Action helped organize 92 Representatives who will only vote for Iraq funding that brings our troops home. We, along with our colleagues, lobbied to pass two pieces of legislation in the House to withdraw troops. Building on this momentum, we will continue to work for a new Congress that will bring us veto-proof votes to bring the troops home.

Peace Action endorses and contributes directly to worthy candidates, sometimes with cash contributions through Peace Action PAC, more often by hiring experienced organizers to work on candidates' campaigns in order to mobilize the peace constituency. We are the only peace organization in the peace movement that utilizes both of these political strategies, especially at the grassroots level.

We can help change the direction of our country next year by electing more progressives who reflect Peace Action's values. The first steps toward developing real change in this country begins by electing candidates who believe real security comes through international cooperation, the abolition of nuclear weapons and the transfer of Pentagon bloat to government programs for human needs. Once elected, they'll have the political power to throw off the yoke of the radical right.

You can help make sure the issues of Iraq and nuclear weapons stay in the forefront of the elections by contacting an affiliate in your area or with your generous financial support. For more information visit www.PeaceVoter.org.

PAUL KAWIKA MARTIN,
ORGANIZING & POLITICAL DIRECTOR



ISSUE UPDATE

In Iraq attacks against British and Iraqi forces have plunged by 90 percent in southern Iraq since London withdrew its troops from the main city of Basra. The presence of British forces in downtown Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, was the single largest instigator of violence, Maj. Gen. Graham Binns told reporters. (AP)

"The nuclear deal between India and the United States that required leaders of both countries to confront domestic opposition appears to have failed on the Indian side. Talks between the ruling party of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the communist allies on whom his coalition depends to stay in power failed to overcome the leftists' opposition that will effectively neuter the deal." (Time)

"Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill will be the highest-level U.S. official to check on the work to make North Korea's Yongbyon reactor unusable, a key milestone in the international bargain that North Korea made to eliminate its weapons in exchange for economic aid and other perks." The visit came at the end of November. (AP)

Iran's government says it will present new initiatives to the European Union aimed at resolving the dispute over the Iranian nuclear program. But, an Iranian government spokesman, Gholam Hossein Elham ruled out a suspension of uranium enrichment, describing such a move as a step backward that is not on Iran's agenda. (VOA)

ONE MINUTE ACTIVIST

CONSIDER TEAMING UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. RATHER THAN GIVING GIFTS TO EACH OTHER DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT TO AN ORGANIZATION WORKING FOR PEACE OR TO AID PEOPLE IN WAR TORN COUNTRIES. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES FOOD AND FARMING AID WHILE THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION WORKS WITH REFUGEES. GLOBAL GIVING IS A GREAT SITE TO FIND LOCAL NGO'S WORKING IN COUNTRY. OR, YOU CAN ALWAYS INVEST IN THE PREVENTION OF WAR BY DONATING TO PEACE ACTION!

IRAN: ANOTHER WAR THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT

ADAM WAXMAN,
Development Associate

One would think that after the 2006 elections, the Bush Administration would get the message about bellicose foreign policy. Instead, Bush seems intent on entering into a confrontation with the Islamic Republic of Iran before leaving office. Bush and Congress need to get the message that the American people want to see a new way forward internationally, and not a return to old policies of confrontation and aggression. Peace Action leads the way in organizing support for a new foreign policy based on mutual engagement and cooperation.

Over the last several years, the Bush Administration has repeatedly expressed concerns about Iran – the nation's nuclear program, its involvement in terrorism in Iraq and the wider Middle East, and human rights abuses within the Islamic Republic. While Bush has been quick to saber rattle, he's been less than willing to provide real facts about Iran's programs or its support for anti-American forces in Iraq.

Most recently, Dick Cheney put pressure on the CIA to tweak the National Intelligence Estimate on Iran, hoping to produce a document that would convince the nation of the need for war. It didn't work.

WE'RE LEVERAGING OUR MEMBERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN THE COMING MONTHS TO CALL FOR REAL NEGOTIATION WITH IRAN AND A NUCLEAR-FREE MIDDLE EAST

Current polling by USA Today shows that less than 20% of Americans support military action against Iran. 75% of Americans are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" that the US will be too quick to use military force in dealing with Iran.



Clearly, while Americans don't want to see a nuclear-armed Iran, they have learned from the war with Iraq that it's necessary to act in accordance with international law and work as part of a broad coalition for real security.

Peace Action, along with its allies in Congress, is working to translate that public opinion into political will. We've pressured members of the U.S. Senate to sign on to a letter written by James Webb (D-VA) emphasizing that no authority exists for Bush to attack Iran. This is a first step in passing legislation that will scale down US-Iran tensions.

Peace Action has led the way in defining what real security will look like – we're leveraging our members all over the country in the coming months to call for real negotiation with Iran and a nuclear-free Middle East. The American public has learned from the invasion of Iraq; now, we need to mobilize the peace movement to create real options for nuclear abolition – options that are in tune with our American values.

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**Peace Action President Emeritus,
Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr.
(June 1, 1924-April 12, 2006)**

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COAST TO COAST EVENTS COMMEMORATE 50 YEARS OF WAGING PEACE

SETH LONG, DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

For over a year Peace Action staff and volunteers have put literally hundreds of hours in to prepare and plan for 50th Anniversary events coast to coast. The events lasted only a few hours, but those who attended them and listened closely walked away with a lasting impression for the future.

Peace Action is a broad and diverse network that has served as both an incubator and connecting point for peace minded activists over the past 50 years. Nine Congress people attended Peace Action's 50th Anniversary book signing in Washington DC, along with Marcus Raskin and Stanford



Gottlieb, early leaders of SANE who have gone on to become national leaders of the disarmament and progressive movement.

In Los Angeles, honorees Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Tom Hayden, both long time advocates for peace, gave inspiring and rousing speeches in support of grassroots organizing through Peace Action and the need to broaden and connect our movement to other progressive constituencies. One of the most inspiring speeches was given by Representa-

tive Waters, a founder of the Out of Iraq Caucus. She spoke to the heart of outreach and lobbying to educate and agitate people to press for change.



In New York over 400 people attended to hear Phil Donahue host the gala event honoring woman peacemakers, Cora Weiss, Cindy Sheehan, Yoko Ono, Col. Ann Wright, Katrina Vanden Heuvel, and Vinie Burrows. The event was attended by long time SANE and Freeze activists whose dedication spurred the movement at its apex. Each of the honorees spoke about their personal experience with Peace Action and in the peace movement as well as the importance of promoting progressive issues both within and outside our community.

The work of those involved with Peace Action has touched many lives, supported and influenced political allies, and has nurtured leaders for the movement. The history of Peace Action is rich and varied. Our main challenge now is to continue to increase that diversity while crafting our work so that it may continue to inspire and attract a new generation of peace activists to carry on the great tradition of Peace Action.

ExSPANsION

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, SPAN COORDINATOR

This Fall marks a pivotal time for the student peace movement. At a time when the fifth-year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq is just around the corner, students from across the country have raised their resistance. New Student Peace Action Network (SPAN) chapters are forming by the day, with nearly ten per week throughout the month of November.

Even as I write this, I am visiting with students in Albany, NY, where five new chapters have joined the network. Tomorrow night will be the first of a series of strategy



sessions for a city-wide counter-recruitment effort in the capital area, beginning with a student-led protest of the war.

In Montgomery County, MD, home of our national office, SPAN chapters are forming in nearly half of the high schools in the county.

Throughout the school year, they've attended protests together, hosted speakers from Iraq Veterans Against the War, and reached out to other high schools in the county to get

them involved. Now, in a few days, these new groups will be meeting to strategize for a state-wide student lobby day with other chapters in Maryland to demand an end to the occupation of Iraq, where youth of college age constitute the vast majority of American deaths.

In both Albany and Maryland, students have found incredible support and encouragement from our local Peace Action affiliates. In Albany, Upper Hudson Peace Action has generously provided meeting space, organized visits with students, shared resources and



connected students with other activists in the community. In Maryland, Peace Action Montgomery

even spent the summer raising funds to help students start groups in their local high schools.

With such initiatives being taken by our local affiliates to collaborate with the students in their area, these youths are finding an effective and engaging means to channel their involvement and ensure that we will no longer have to look forward to another anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

DILIGENCE IS OUR ALLY

REAPPROPRIATE YOUR TAX DOLLARS

By: YEABU CONTEH,
Development Associate

As we approach the end of 2007, there are looming issues that we, as peace activists and concerned citizens of humanity, still face. Among them, of course, are the Iraq occupation by U.S. forces, Bush's plans to develop more nuclear weapons, and the threat of war with Iran. The current administration has failed to admit and correct its wrongdoings, and as a result, billions of our tax dollars are being used to fund an agenda that has reaped nothing but chaos and corruption here in the U.S. and abroad.

According to the National Priorities Project, Congress has appropriated \$456 billion for the military budget this year. This does not include funding for the occupations of Iraq & Afghanistan for which Bush has requested an additional \$155 billion for fiscal year 2008. It's disheartening to know that while hundreds of billions are spent on war, low-to-moderate income US families- many of whom are taxpayers- don't have access to adequate healthcare, food and affordable housing

While little has been achieved in redirecting our tax dollars from the military toward more socially and environmentally responsible programs, it is refreshing to know that giving to organizations like Peace Action Education Fund - whose main objectives are to eliminate nuclear weapons and prevent war - is a way to control how your tax dollars are spent. When you consider giving a year end donation to Peace Action Education Fund, your entire contribution is tax-deductible.

Not only will you withhold your hard-earned money from the Bush Administration, but you are also supporting an organization committed to organizing citizens at the grassroots level and actively involving them in our government's decision making process.

BEFORE YOU DECIDE ON WHICH ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE A YEAR END CONTRIBUTION TO, BELOW ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

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KEEP ALL RECEIPTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTERS, ESPECIALLY FOR GIFTS OF \$250 OR MORE.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE **AWARE OF AND UNDERSTAND TAX LAW CHANGES** THAT MAY AFFECT HOW YOU CAN GIVE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

CONSIDER USING **APPRECIATED SECURITIES** TO MAKE GIFTS. SUCH GIFTS TYPICALLY YIELD GREATER TAX BENEFITS.

AFFILIATES IN ACTION

By: SETH LONG, DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

The 2008 presidential primaries are quickly approaching and we have an historic opportunity to shift the tone of U.S. foreign policy and national security. Peace Action and our affiliates have been working to build the power of peace at the ballot box through the 2008 Peace Voter program. We must ensure that the next president goes beyond repairing the damage done by the Bush Administration to promoting a vision rooted in international cooperation, real security based on diplomacy, and addressing human needs. Peace Action and our affiliate, New Hampshire Peace Action, have been working steadily in that key primary state, and seeing results from the work.

"WHEN ASKED HOW SHE COULD THREATEN NUCLEAR GENOCIDE AGAINST ANOTHER NATION'S CHILDREN... CLINTON CAME UNDER HEAT FROM PEOPLE AROUND THE STATE.."

In the Granite State, Peace Action has made its presence felt at dozens of events, as organizers and volunteers coordinate efforts to raise the voice of peace. Mobilizing voters who care about peace issues to educate others and speak out for peace through media campaigns, online communication and bird-dogging, Peace Action is creating a climate in the nation's first primary that is favorable to candidates willing to stand up for real change and a new direction.

An illustrative result of bird-dogging occurred after Senator Hilary Clinton was pressed on her stance on Iran. Early in her primary campaign Clinton implied that the United States should

consider a nuclear attack on Iran by saying that "all options are on the table" with regard to Iran's nuclear program. Clinton was later pressed on the issue by New Hampshire Peace Action Director Anne Miller. When asked how she could threaten nuclear genocide against another nation's children, Clinton responded that the potential of a nuclear Iran posed an existential threat to the United States and could not be tolerated and reiterated that all options are on the table.

Miller worked with other Peace Action members to spread word of Clinton's comments, and, Clinton came under heat from people around the state. When she was recently asked about her views on Iran the Senator backed off from her comments regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

The coming year presents a great opportunity to see a dramatic change in the nation's political landscape, but only if we invest the time and energy to make change. We must elect a government to work for America's best values. To see that vision materialize we must continue to press for responsive leadership and organize to make our voices heard. Fortunately, Peace Action's affiliates have already gotten a head start. We've seen results in New Hampshire, and over the next year we'll keep up the pressure to ensure whoever's running in 2008 knows that the peace vote can't be ignored.

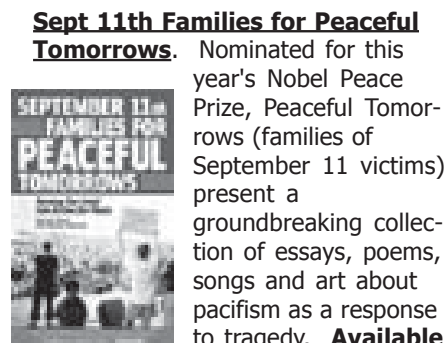
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PEACE ACTION: PAST PRESENT & FUTURE. Our anthology, a must read for anyone involved in the peace movement over the last half century. **Available on our website.**



Three Cups of Tea, By: Greg Mortenson. It is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world one school at a time, starting in the mountains of Pakistan.



Sept 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. Nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, Peaceful Tomorrows (families of September 11 victims) present a groundbreaking collection of essays, poems, songs and art about pacifism as a response to tragedy. **Available on our website.**

FullSpectrum Dominance, By: Rahul Mahajan. Mahajan argues that the Bush administration's post-September 11 policy toward Iraq is neither about controlling weapons of mass destruction nor fighting terrorism, but about consolidating U.S. control of oil reserves and dominance in the Middle East. **Available on our website.**



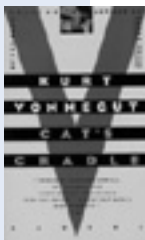
Iraq Under Siege, By: Anthony Arnove, Ali Abunimah. In this critically acclaimed collection, leading voices against the sanctions document the human, environmental, and social toll of the United States-led war against Iraq. Iraq Under Siege is invaluable for anyone wanting to understand the roots of U.S. policy in Iraq and the Middle East. **Available on our website.**



Kite Runner, By: Khaled Hosseini. Privileged young narrator Amir comes of age during the last peaceful days of the monarchy in Afghanistan, then must endure revolution, invasion and a country's long struggle to triumph over violent forces.



Cat's Cradle, By: Kurt Vonnegut. A young writer decides to interview the children of a scientist primarily responsible for the creation of the atomic bomb. Cat's Cradle is one of this century's most important works... and Vonnegut at his very best.



Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President, By: Justin A. Frank A renowned Washington, DC-based psychoanalyst examines George W. Bush's public persona—and asks serious questions about whether he is fit for the office he holds.



INSANE BY: BARBRA BEARDEN, COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATE

Despite the Bush administration's claims that Afghanistan and Pakistan are successful democracies at work, the citizens of these countries have a different opinion.

Last October was the deadliest month for Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion by U.S. forces. This, according to the United Nations, is due in large part to U.S. air strikes on homes thought to be harboring terrorists. In their report the UN documents testimony of locals who claim U.S. intelligence in these matters is spotty at best. The govern-

ment of Hamid Karzai has been all but rejected as ineffectual in stopping violence against citizens and unifying the country. Afghans openly accuse Karzai of ignoring their needs and pandering to the Bush administration by allowing the air strikes to continue unabated.

In Pakistan, the issue is more significantly publicized. Bush has continued to support the former military dictator, Pervez Musharraf, despite his suspension of the Pakistani constitution, the suppression of lawful protestors, and the arrests of

BUSH SUPPORTS LEADERS WHO ACTIVELY SUPPRESS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

judges, lawyers, and opposition leaders Imran Khan and Benazir Bhutto. After over a month of protest President

Musharraf gave up his absolute control of the military; but has yet to follow through with the elections demanded by the people of Pakistan.

Bush speaks out against the military rule in Burma (Myanmar), and led us into Iraq

under the guise of 'democracy building,' while sending military and economic funding to ruling governments who are more invested in their relationship with him than the needs of their people. This administration irresponsibly supports leaders who actively suppress the voice of the people and perpetuate civil unrest. He chooses his allies based on his own interests not the interests of the U.S. and the global community. While we can expect nothing less from a Presidential Administration that suppresses the American people – his support of leaders in Pakistan and Afghanistan is **INSANE.**

IT IS UP TO US, THE PEACE MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD, TO SEE THAT NO NEW WARS START IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THAT THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ IS ENDED, AND THAT OUR NATION IS SET ON A PATH WHICH PROMOTES PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

As a membership organization we are required by law to solicit your input into our work together.

Please tell us what Your priorities are by ranking the following issues in order of importance (1 being most important issue to you).

- NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUES**
Eliminate all funding for new and existing nuclear weapons programs, i.e.; Reliable Replacement Warhead, Complex Transformation (formerly Complex 2030) and Star Wars "missile defense" initiatives. Increase funding for non-proliferation and dismantling current nuclear projects.
- IRAQ**
End US occupation of Iraq (including removing all troops and bases) and providing adequate funding for reconstruction and reparation efforts.
- IRAN**
Prevent the spread of war to Iran and remove US sanctions. Push for diplomatic solutions through direct dialogue between the US, Iran and other nations.
- CUTTING MILITARY SPENDING**
Shift hundreds of billions of our tax dollars from war and wasteful weapons to healthcare, education, housing, renewable energy and other urgent needs.
- OTHER: PLEASE SPECIFY**

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