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OSAMA BIN LADEN, GEORGE BUSH & THE STRUGGLE FOR CENTRAL ASIA'S OIL

By Bill Weinberg

As the US air war against Afghanistan got underway in response to the horrific September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, one lonely voice of protest was raised by the war-torn nation's exiled pro-democracy dissident group. Saima Karim, spokesperson for the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), told a press conference in Peshawar, Pakistan, that the people of Afghanistan have nothing to do with the terrorists harbored by the Taliban regime, and called upon the US not to unleash "vast and indiscriminate military attacks." She also charged that accused terrorist mastermind Osama Bin Laden is the former "blue-eyed boy of CIA."

Who Is Osama Bin Laden?

Osama Bin Laden was born in 1955, the youngest of some twenty sons of one of Saudi Arabia's most powerful families. His father was a Yemeni construction magnate who made a fortune as top contractor to the palace-happy Saudi royal family, and became a close friend of King Faisal. After a youth as a playboy in Beirut, in 1984, Bin Laden arrived in Peshawar, the Pakistan border city then serving as the key staging area for Afghanistan's Mujahedeen guerillas' Islamic fundamentalist warriors fighting the brutal Soviet occupation. He brought in an unmarked military transport plane loaded with bulldozers and other heavy equipment, which he soon put to use building a network of defensive tunnels, military roads and storage depots for the Mujahedeen. The equipment was furnished by his father's Bin Laden Group, with the approval of both the CIA and the Saudi regime.

The Mujahedeen were being massively funded and increasingly directed by the CIA at this time. Between 1980 and 1986, the CIA provided \$2 billion in military aid to the fundamentalist rebels,

including \$750 million in Congressionally-approved aid. Following a 1986 bid by CIA Director William Casey before Congress, the US provided military advisors and hundreds of Stinger missiles to the Mujahedeen.

The Mujahedeen also turned to the heroin trade to fund their war. The Afghanistan-Pakistan "Golden Crescent" became the top global heroin source as Mujahedeen warlords established vast opium plantations in their zones of control. There was a massive guns-for-opium trade through Khyber Pass, with the crop processed in heroin labs at Peshawar. Pakistan's secret police agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) established a smuggling network to deliver heroin to global markets as the CIA worked closely with ISI to support the Mujahedeen. Profits were laundered through Pakistan's Bank of Credit + Commerce International (BCCI), which went on to become the favored depository of narco mafias and terrorists worldwide (and which collapsed under its own corruption in 1991, wiping out thousands of investors).

Osama became a central figure in a Peshawar-based organization known as

the Maktab al-Khidmat ("services center"), or MAK, a clearinghouse for Mujahedeen volunteers from the Arab world, where they were armed, briefed, indoctrinated and dispatched to the front. CIA money flowed into the MAK through the ISI. Osama assumed command of the MAK when its previous boss was assassinated in 1989, the same year the Soviets pulled out of Afghanistan and the CIA scaled back its involvement. He quickly transformed the MAK into his Al Qaeda network of trained terrorists.

Bin Laden briefly returned to Saudi Arabia in 1989, but, radicalized by the Mujahedeen, became disgusted with the Saudis for their corruption and closeness to the West. He broke with the Saudis entirely when they allowed US military troops into the country in 1991's Operation Desert Storm. After a period in Sudan, he returned to Afghanistan when the Taliban took power there in 1996.

There are credible allegations that the CIA provided covert aid for the ultra-fundamentalist Taliban during their drive to power because the warlords resisting them were being backed by Russia. On March 7, the *Times of India* reported that Selig Harrison of the DC-based Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars told a conference in London that the CIA created the Taliban "monster" by providing some \$3 billion for the ultra-fundamentalist militia in their 1994-96 drive to power. Citing a conversation with the late Pakistani dictator Gen. Zia ul-Haq, Harrison claimed the aid was funnelled via Pakistan's ISI, and that the Taliban remained "on the payroll" of the ISI.

Osama's Al Qaeda network has now

been linked to numerous terrorist attacks around the world, including the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He has been convicted in the July 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the October 2000 explosion of the USS Cole off Yemen, but not yet in the September 2001 WTC/Pentagon attacks.

Ironically, the USA's presidential family has business connections to Bin Laden's family. The *Wall Street Journal* reported on September 29 that President George W. Bush's father, ex-president (and ex-CIA director) George H.W. Bush, works for the Bin Laden family business in Saudi Arabia through the Carlyle Group, an international consulting firm. The senior Bush has met with the Bin Laden family at least twice. Other top Republicans are also associated with the Carlyle group, such as former Secretary of State James A. Baker. Osama has supposedly been "disowned" by his family, which runs a multi-billion dollar business in Saudi Arabia and is a major investor in the senior Bush's firm. But some reports have questioned whether all family members have truly cut off Osama, and the FBI has subpoenaed the Bin Laden family's bank records.

WAR ON TERRORISM OR WAR FOR OIL?

Anti-war activists speculate that despite the spectacular September 11 terror attacks, the hidden agenda behind President Bush's war drive is to establish a Pax Americana in Central Asia and secure the vast oil resources of the Caspian Basin. US oil companies have been negotiating with the post-Soviet re-

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Dick Cheney, GW Bush, Colin Powell and Osama Bin Laden contemplate their next move.

EDITORIALS

WHO'S FOOLING WHO?

When the World Trade Center got hit on September 11, we at the **SHADOW** were shocked and angry. This was an attack on OUR city and an attack on US. As we witnessed the collapse of the towers, saw the falling bodies, toured the wreckage and choked on the noxious smoke, we were mad as hell. Like most people, we felt the same desire for some quick revenge--somebody had to pay for this BIG TIME!!

Then, before we started following the herd waving American flags and getting it tattooed on our asses, we took the time to study and analyze what's REALLY going on. We realize that this sort of thing has happened before and that it would be foolish not to consider that elements of the CIA and/or the Bush Administration had some involvement in the events of September 11. Consider the following methods and how they have been applied:

Prepare Public Opinion/ Demonize The Enemy Before Acting:

* For approximately 1-2 years prior to the 9-11 attacks, the media regularly reported on pathetic airport security, underpaid and uncaring baggage checkers and handlers, and the ability of passengers to bring weapons and sharp objects aboard planes. Nothing was done about this, but by 9-11, the public had been prepped to accept how the planes were so easily hijacked.

* For several years before 9-11, the Taliban governing body in Afghanistan was regularly demonized in the US media with reports on their mistreatment of women, forcing men to grow beards, the blowing up of 2,000-year-old Buddhist statues, etc. It has since been revealed that the Bush Administration had been planning an invasion of Afghanistan long before 9-11, but with the public thirsty for revenge and their opinion on the Taliban prepared, they went right along with the plan. (This method worked like a charm in 1993, when the always co-operative media joined the Clinton Administration's demonization of David Koresh and the Davidians in Waco, Texas before soldiers burned them to a crisp--polls later taken claimed that a majority of people thought that the Davidians were crazy and deserved to be killed!!)

The Big Lie:

* Are we to believe that just moments after the planes hit the WTC towers, in the middle of all the smoke, dust, debris, falling objects and chaos, an FBI man walking up Broadway recovered the intact, unsinged passport belonging to lead hijacker Mohammad Atta that just happened to land at his feet? (This reminds us of the recovery of the Magic Bullet in the JFK assassination on a hospital stretcher in pristine condition after allegedly hitting JFK and the Governor of Texas in who knows how many different spots!!)

* How was it that the mainstream media was able to reveal the photos, names and nationalities of the hijackers the day after the WTC attacks? (This again reminds us of the FBI giving the media a detailed dossier on JFK's accused assassin Oswald just hours after the assassination, though Oswald was supposed to have been an unknown "lone nut.")

It has since been revealed that the CIA + FBI were aware of plans to hijack planes and hit buildings for at least

two years before 9-11, and that the hijackers and their support network were under surveillance for several years prior to 9-11. This would have allowed plenty of time for upgrading airport security and maybe even detaining the pre-hijackers as they attended US flight training schools under the eye of the feds, IF they had wanted to prevent the 9-11 attacks.

History Repeats:

* 1898: US Battleship Maine blown up by Americans in Cuba and used as an excuse to jump-start the Spanish-American War wherein the US steals Spanish territory in the American Hemisphere, including Cuba and the Phillipines, and leads to the building of the Panama Canal.

* 1933: Reichstag Fire in Germany set by a lone communist used as an excuse to outlaw all opposing political parties and fuels Hitler's rise to power in Nazi Germany.

* 1939: Phony Polish "invasion" of Germany gives Hitler excuse for subsequent invasion of Poland by Germany.

* 1941: Pearl Harbor: President Roosevelt sets up Navy for attack by Japanese and gets justification for US entry into World War Two.

* 1962: Northwoods Plan: US government plans to get US to invade Cuba by destroying US property and killing Americans.

* 1964: Gulf of Tonkin Incident: President Johnson declares falsely that North Vietnam had attacked US ship, justifying further escalation of the Vietnam Conflict.

* 2002: World Trade Center's twin towers and Pentagon hit by hijacked passenger jets gives President Bush an excuse to invade Afghanistan, though it is revealed that the hijackers were Saudis.

Who Benefits?

* Most immediately, President Bush gains legitimacy and public support that eluded him due to the stolen 2000 election; he gets "highest approval rating," according to the media; Congress and Senate agree, in the name of "unity," to pass any repressive legislation Bush's handlers want in the name of fighting "terrorism," including expanding FBI powers and creating Office of Homeland Security. No one raises a fuss out of fear of being detained or being accused of sponsoring terrorism. *Those who used deceit to attain power are now using further deception to attain more power while removing opposition.*

* New powers for those responsible for security lapses, who ignored information and who allowed the WTC attacks to take place. Does anyone question why new powers are needed when the Feds, who knew of existing plots and were investigating/infiltrating/monitoring groups and members of "terror cells" before 9-11, ignored or failed to act on what they knew? Not long before 9-11, new powers being sought by the Bush Administration were being denied by Congress. Now they have a blank check to get whatever they want and to spend as much as they want to get it.

* New legislation such as FISA [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act], the Patriot Act and the Anti-Terrorism Act allows the government arbitrary indefinite detentions of anyone without charges being filed, no bail required, no evidence presented, and no hearings.

Security Through InSecurity

Increase the level of paranoia....bombs in the metro....bombs in Oklahoma....bombs in the World Trade Center....bombs in Mururoa....Who are the real terrorists?

Edam Salem, who was a key witness in the so-called NYC terrorism conspiracy, was a paid informant for the FBI and was also working with the FBI before the bombing of the World Trade Center. (See SHADOW #34--Ed.) Salem was the one who set up a hidden video camera and taped a "bomb making class" thereby entrapping the participants when the secret tape was used as damning evidence, claiming that the fertilizer and fuel oil bomb they were cooking up was meant for the U.N., the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, and the Federal Building in Lower Manhattan. Even though no bombs ever went off in any of those locations, all were found guilty of sedition (through an obscure, 19th century law not invoked since the American Civil War)....Muslim Fundamentalist Terrorists....that was the catchy phrase. Enough to inspire fear in the public....enough to convince them that the new "anti-terrorist" laws are meant to "protect" them.

Was the US government (or at least the FBI) complicit in the so-called terrorist bombings? If so, their strategy seems to be working. The new anti-terrorist laws recently passed seriously erode civil liberties and bring the US closer to a police state.

The new laws provide increased police powers, surveillance of the general population through use and development of technology and tactical training for a growing number of police and military, in preparation for urban warfare and counter-terrorism operations. What happened to the Constitution? How did the government get the general public to accept greater police control over their lives without provoking large scale revolt? Create fear of terrorism and identify a defined enemy, and the general public will give up privacy and civil liberties in favor of "security."

Whether the bombs are in the metro, Oklahoma, or in the Pacific atolls of Polynesia, the bombs themselves merely fuel the real weapon: FEAR. A fear that the ordinary suddenly becomes deadly....a fear which provokes irrationality....a fear which begs for protection....at any cost.

The message of the state: Create a State of Insecurity in order to establish security -- by any means.

Ask yourselves -- is this what you want?

(Paul Garrin, NYC, 11/3/95)



* Petroleum interests can now exploit vast oil wealth in Central Asia and get their pipeline built through Afghanistan now that the pesky Taliban is no longer an obstacle.

We at the **SHADOW** are not claiming to have all the answers, but when you consider everything in a historical and even in a conspiratorial context, you can't help but smell a rat. If you find it hard to accept that our government could have played a role in allowing more than 3,000 deaths on September 11 as "collateral damage" to facilitate

their agenda and acquire more power, just remember what Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels once said: "The bigger the lie, the easier it is believed."

If you want to know more, keep reading the **SHADOW**. If all of this is too much for you, then you can always buy a pack of American flag stickers and magnets to display your "loyalty"--of course, they're all made in China!!

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The Strange History of the Pledge of Allegiance

By A. Kronstadt

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag has been a nationalistic exercise that almost all of us have been made to participate in at one point in our lives or another. Although the pledge is often made out to be a great tradition dating far back in the nation's history, it is essentially a twentieth century institution which has become more important with the heightened need to instill warlike sentiments among the American people during the two world wars of the last century.

The Ninth District Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled last June that the Constitution prohibits the word god from being recited as part of the pledge, but this is a side issue. Religious people, indeed, fundamentalist religious people with a high degree of fervor, were instrumental in winning some of the greatest victories for the First Amendment in American history because they believed in pledging their Allegiance *only* to god.

The original version of the Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister who was part of a committee that wrote a program for the celebration, in public schools, of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' landing in America. Bellamy's original pledge, published in the September 1892 issue of the Boston magazine *Youth's Companion*, read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The well-meaning Mr. Bellamy, brother of Edward Bellamy, author of the famous utopian novel "Looking Backward," was himself a professed "Christian Socialist" and had originally included the word "equality" along with "liberty and justice." Bellamy, however, removed it in response to the objections of the school superintendants who would be supervising the Columbus celebrations; some of

these men did not agree with equality for women, African-Americans, American Indians, and others. Bellamy specified that his Pledge should be recited with the right hand raised in the gesture of an oath.

The pledge became commonplace in American schools after president Benjamin Harrison recommended its adaptation in 1893, but took on additional significance when the United States entered World War I in 1917, and more and more state governments passed laws making recitation of the pledge compulsory in public and even private schools. The years immediately following the war were marked by a climate of xenophobia and anti-radical hysteria in which the American Legion and other patriotic groups terrorized dissidents, ranging from labor activists to religious pacifists. This also extended to people with German surnames, many of whose families had been in the U.S. for generations. There were many incidents in which mobs attempted to force people to recite the Pledge of Allegiance under threat of being beaten or tarred and feathered.

In 1923, the same year that a restrictive immigration law cut off virtually all immigration to the U.S., the National Flag Conference, under pressure from the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution, changed the words "my Flag" in Bellamy's original pledge to "the Flag of the United States of America." The theory was that some of the foreign-born might be thinking of the flag of the old country when reciting the pledge. Francis Bellamy publicly objected to the change.

One might ask, what happened between the year 1892, when an idealistic educator wrote the original well-intentioned words of affection for the land of his birth, and 1923, when these same words had turned these words

into an oath of war and a slogan of lynch mobs. During that time, years of war and preparation for war transpired in America, especially after 1914 when the Great War erupted in Europe. As the U.S. geared up for war, measures of social control unknown in the 19th century were undertaken in the name of the war effort. Starting in 1917, the year that Congress declared war on Germany, alcoholic beverages were prohibited as detrimental to military preparedness, and the ban was later codified in the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. Political activists and labor organizers were jailed, factories

were placed under military control, and American society was mobilized and regimented as never before. Schools were militarized and the Pledge of Allegiance was made compulsory in schools all over the country. Veterans of the Great War organized the American Legion, which preached an ideology of 100% Americanism, with the Pledge as a kind of oath to prove ones' loyalty. The Pledge of Allegiance had gone from a patriotic to a nationalist oath no different from the oath to the Kaiser of Germany, the Emperor of Japan, or the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

In the years leading up to U.S. involvement in the Second World War, the pledge of Allegiance was a central theme in one of the most dismal episodes of religious persecution in the U.S. since colonial times. In 1936, the leader of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Joseph F. Rutherford, had preached in a sermon that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance amounted to worshipping a graven image as prohibited by the Old Testament. Thousands of German Jehovah's Witnesses were being arrested at the time for refusing to say "Heil Hitler" or to participate in the countless other nationalistic rituals that had been made part of the lives of Germans, and Rutherford dared to state that raising ones' right hand to salute the flag resembled the Nazi Heil Hitler salute. Jehovah's Witnesses throughout America heeded the new doctrine of their religion and told their children to stop saluting the flag. The laws that had been enacted in many states during World War I prescribed that any student who refused to raise his or her right hand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance would be suspended from school, and, in addition to that, the parents could be held responsible for the children's illegal absence from school and be imprisoned for neglect. In Topeka, Kansas in 1940, two Witnesses' children of fourteen and nine refused to salute, and were made

wards of the court. The judge sentenced their mothers to a year's imprisonment. The American Legion stirred up mobs to invade the homes of Witnesses, who were threatened with beatings unless they recited the Pledge of Allegiance on the spot. Witness meeting halls were attacked and burnt, members of the sect were arrested en masse charged with criminal syndicalism, blasphemy, and flag desecration.

The Witnesses, a well-endowed and aggressive evangelical corporation, litigated incessantly against their persecutors. In 1940, the Supreme Court dismissed the Witnesses' claim in the case of *Minersville School Board vs. Gobotis*. In that case, Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote a majority decision, signed on by six of the nine justices, stating that the need for national unity superceded the right of the individual to free speech.

However, after the U.S. went to war with Nazi Germany, the tide began to turn in favor of the Witnesses due to revulsion of the ultra-nationalism of the Nazis. In 1943, the case of *W. Virginia Bd. of Education vs. Barnette*, the high court ruled 8 to 1 that forcing American children to recite the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional.

At the time that all of these events were taking place, the Pledge of Allegiance did not include the word god, and the people who were invoking god were the ones refusing to pledge allegiance to the flag. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, signed a law adding the words "under god" to the pledge. Ironically, Eisenhower was raised as a Jehovah's Witness, and carefully hid his religious background as he rose to become a five star general and Commander-in-Chief. The reference to god was intended as a poke at the Soviets, who, unlike our earlier national enemies, took an official atheist stance.

God or no god, everybody knows that the Pledge of Allegiance is not really voluntary--that children are forced to do it and that their parents feel forced to put up with it too because otherwise they will have to lay too heavy a nonconformist trip on the child at too early an age. Making children recite words over and over again until they believe them is not a good way to teach love of ones' country or anything else. The good qualities of American society are as self-evident as the bad ones, and the only way to tell the difference between the two is to acquire the power of critical thinking, which is and always will be the antithesis of pledges, salutes, and other forms of brainwashing.

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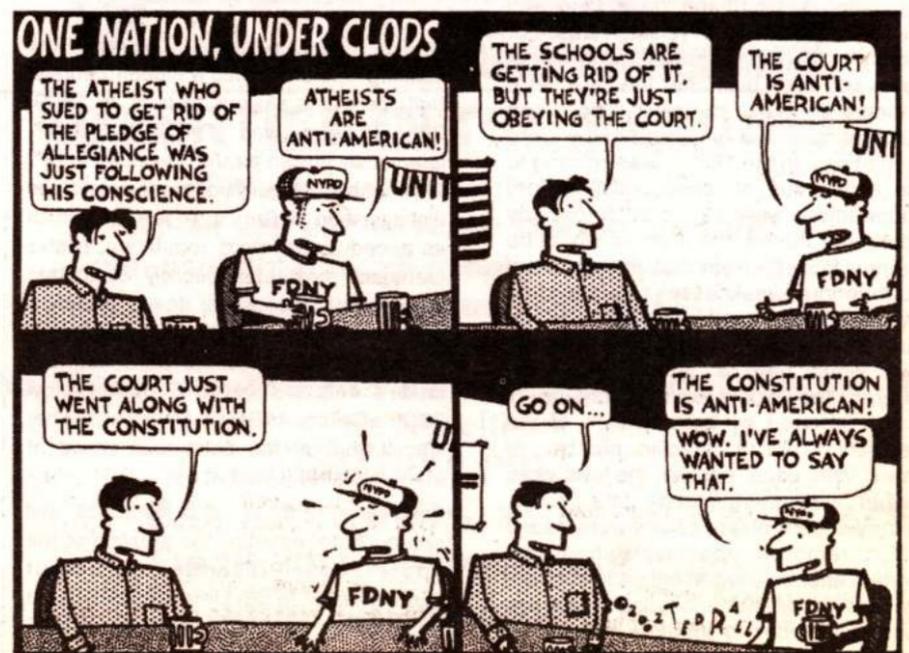
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THE SHADOW NEVER SLEEPS!!

TENANTS PRESS POLITICIANS TO RENEW NY RENT LAWS

By A. Kronstadt

In June of 2003 the estimated two and a half million rent controlled and rent stabilized tenants in New York City will face another fearful cliffhanger in which a handful of conservative Republican legislators from far upstate will attempt to allow these laws to expire. An expiration of New York City's rent regulations would radically change the face of NYC as landlords take advantage of this opportunity to hike rents and displace long term residents of apartments.

A Brief History of Rent Regulations

Landlords of New York City apartments have been required to observe certain limitations on rents since World War I, and in the period after World War II and into the early 1950s, all apartments, including those in two-family dwellings, had been subject to the original rent control system, which required landlords to apply to the City for the right to hike rents. After the end of the administration of Fiorello H. La Guardia, who had been a supporter of the retention of rent controls into the post war period, the laws gradually became weakened. In 1953, two family houses were decontrolled. Under the Urstadt Law passed by Republican legislators and Governor Nelson Rockefeller, rent control passed under State administration and New York City was forbidden to pass rent control legislation more stringent than that passed by the State Legislature. In 1971, all empty apartments were decontrolled, but the wave of landlord terrorism and displacement that accompanied "vacancy decontrol" forced the State Legislature, in 1974, to reinstitute the laws in the modified form of the rent stabilization system, covering all buildings with over six apartments that had previously been rent controlled. The rent stabilization laws established a system whereby panels, known as Rent Guidelines Boards, would establish legal rent increases for apartments within the system based on criteria such as the costs of operating a building. The increases have varied in amount over the past ten years from as low as 3% and as high as 9% for two year lease renewals by existing tenants.

The rent stabilization laws presently in effect were designed by Republican legislators during the administration of Republican governor Nelson Rockefeller. They greatly weakened the rent regulation system and gave landlords much wider latitude in raising rents. For example, the reformed rent laws did not cover buildings built after the laws were enacted in 1974, so new buildings are automatically exempt from any rent regulations. In the 1980s, laws relating to the conversion of rental buildings into cooperatives were set up such that any apartment turned into a co-op would be exempt from the rent stabilization laws. Furthermore, weaknesses were built into the legislation itself allowing it to be gutted in the future--for instance, the rent laws would have a "sunset" provision, whereby they would expire automatically if not renewed by both houses of the Legislature for a specific number of years. With each renewal, the laws were further weakened. In the late 1980s, "luxury decontrol" provisions were added which removed apartments from the system after their legal rent under the rent stabilization system exceeded \$2000 per month. In order to imagine how many apartments have been removed from all

rent protections under "luxury decontrol," all one has to do is think of the number of small, ordinary apartments in the city that now rent for that amount. In 1997, the last time the laws were renewed, the vacancy increase allowed to a landlord at the time a regulated apartment becomes vacant was increased from 8% to 20% of the existing rent.

Renew in 2002

At the end of the battle over the renewal of the "sunsetting" rent regulations in 1997, the State Legislature agreed on a proposal that greatly weakened the laws but extended them until June of 2003. 2003 is an off-year election and politicians have less reason to worry about a backlash from tenants if the Legislature weakens the rent laws, or if State Senate Speaker Joseph Bruno tries to block renewal altogether as in 1997. There have been moves in both houses of the legislature to push up the renewal to 2002, a year in which Gov. George Pataki is running for re-election. The Democrat-controlled State Assembly has already passed a bill renewing the rent laws, but Bruno has blocked similar bills from being brought to the floor in the Senate. True to form, Bruno's comment on the subject was "this year we'll deal with terrorists and next year with tenants." Tenant activists have targeted Pataki and insisted that he endorse the Renew in 2002 campaign, but so far the Governor has remained silent on the renewal issue as he runs around being feted by landlord organizations. Unless Pataki says something to him, Speaker Bruno is unlikely to budge on renewal in 2002.

The Prospects for 2003

With the rent laws approaching sunset in 2003, there are a number of factors that may influence the battle to get them renewed. The Republican majority in the State Senate is becoming narrower with the election of Liz Kruger, a Democrat, to the Manhattan Senate seat formerly held by Republican Roy Goodman. Kruger is a strong supporter of rent regulations and is one of the sponsors of the Renew in 2002 campaign. Republican Senator Guy



Veella of the Bronx, an intimate of Bruno and a very tough nut in 1997, has been indicted on corruption charges and may be out of the picture in 2003. If the City economic picture remains poor, the Legislature may be reluctant to tamper with a rent regulation system that has stabilized not only the rents but the lives of many post Sept 11 unemployed. Then, of course, 2003 is an off-year election and the pols have less reason to worry about the consequences of abusing tenants, who constitute a huge part of the electorate.

Historically it has been the unwillingness

of tenants to tolerate displacement, and the collective determination of communities to survive, that have inspired tenant activism and kept New York's rent regulation system in effect through so many attempts to eliminate it. For instance, several thousand tenants broke through police lines and flooded the streets of midtown Manhattan during a key demonstration in 1997, and headlines screaming "Rent Rage" clearly rattled Bruno's attempt to scuttle the rent laws. Whatever the political climate, tenants will have to take the streets in 2003.

Kate Millett & The Suicide Parlor

By Theresa Byrnes
(excerpts from "The Suicide
Parlor" by Kate Millett)

Kate Millett, artist and author of *Sexual Politics* (amongst many other books) has led the feminist movement over the past thirty years and is now being evicted. Kate came to New York to be an artist in the 1950's. Ten books and more than 50 exhibitions later, and after living half a century on the Bowery, the city of New York has notified Kate that they intend to destroy the city owned building at 295 Bowery where she has lived for over 25 years.

As Kate began to fight for the life of the building, she unearthed a hidden heritage that the city is anxious to bury. In 1899, 295 Bowery was "McGurk's Bar", infamously known as the "Suicide Parlor". The number of legally underage prostitutes distinguished McGurk's. To further tarnish its already scandalous reputation, twelve teenaged prostitutes publicly committed suicide, with one swig of deadly poison, a vial of carbolic acid (known as Paris Green) purchased for ten cents from Von der Emde's drug store at 313 Bowery, now CBGB's Gallery. As Bessie Levery ended her life in front of the boisterous crowd at McGurk's, they jeered at her.

Punitive and thoughtless attitudes still predominate regarding the struggle of the oppressed: Presently, Assistant Commissioner James Lima is appalled that Kate, along with other tenants of 295 Bowery are attempting to memorialize the



295 Bowery--days numbered?
<http://295bowery.com>

fatal actions of the young women by saving the building that was the site of what he terms such "unpleasantness." Given that nearly all U.S. historical sights commemorate the masculine activity of war, the possibility that these women were casualties of another sort is a logic that continues to be unavailable. Historical sites relating to women are scarce and constitute only six percent of the total in this country.

If 295 Bowery is turned to dust and is supplanted with blank high rise market housing, official power will have buried its past in order to expunge it. Then it will be as if it never happened. No one will ever have to notice these women's deaths: an appalling specter never dealt with, formally and publicly never acknowledged.

If we forget them we forget the truth and submit all over again and remain subordinate to the bullying of moneyed power and the iron rule of class, caste and gender, which gave these young women nothing to live for and still insists they died for nothing at all. Then the humanity of all women is belittled and punished with silence, interred in the rubble, so meaningless as to have never taken place.

Now Kate Millett fights to save 295 Bowery as a Women's Museum in tribute to these desperate and defiant young women so that finally their voices may be heard. Kate co-conjured and rode the feminist wave of the 1970's while residing in 295 the Bowery, "the toughest street in America." Recently she became aware of the girls held in the basement one hundred years before and enslaved by McGurk in the storefront bar two floors beneath her. It is as though their spirits have been playing upon her all this time, and it is time that we remember them.

Kate has mounted an exhibition containing a collection of documents, photographs and correspondence with *The City Of New York*, regarding the proposed destruction of 295, *The Bowery* - NOHO Gallery 530 W. 25th St. 4th Fl. NY, NY 10001. Tues-Sat 11-6pm 212-367 7036 - UNTIL JULY 13. Kate's wonderful essay "The Suicide Parlour" is for sale at her exhibition or at www.shadowshop.com

GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOODS: You Ate Them Today

By Debbie Schwarz

Most people are aware that genetically-engineered (GE) foods are on the market, that they're not labeled, and that they're controversial. But do you realize that you've eaten them today? In all likelihood, you began eating GE products when they came to market in 1998, and you've eaten an increasing amount every year since. Coca-Cola, Morningstar Garden Burgers, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Ragu Tomato Sauce, and Hershey's Kisses are all genetically-engineered.

Approximately 70% of processed supermarket foods contain GE ingredients. That's not surprising when you realize that GE crops are growing on millions of acres of U.S. farmlands. Depending on the source, 50-60% of soybeans and cotton, 25-35% of corn, and smaller percentages of canola, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, and papaya are genetically-modified.

Crops like soybeans and corn are processed into oils, flours, starches, and syrups, which are fundamental to many packaged foods.

GE crops supply farm animals with feed, so the meat and poultry you eat is likely to come from animals raised on GE food. In the next few years, hundreds of thousands of new genetically-engineered plants and animals will be brought into the environment.

Rob The Poor and Feed The Rich

Imagine owning the world's food supply. Monsanto has. Genetically-modified seeds are patented, and farmers using them must buy new seeds from Monsanto to every year.

Monsanto has focused on engineering the world's staple crops so that Africa will be dependent on them for rice, India for cotton, the U.S. for potatoes, and so on. Farmers on every continent will end up paying Monsanto for each seed they plant. The public relations powers of this agri-chemical conglomerate are terrific: they have marketed Agent Orange, rBGH in milk, and the PCBs still contaminating the Hudson River.

Now their "Golden Rice" is touted as a panacea to third world vitamin A deficiencies, and will be planted in fields worldwide without long-term testing for human health consequences or consideration to indigenous farming and economies.

How To Find A Monkey In The Dark

In addition to the worldwide political implications of patenting life forms, and having the food supply dominated by Monsanto, DuPont, Novartis, and a few others, there are the human health and environmental considerations of this experimental technology. Crops are genetically modified for a desired trait.

For instance, modified corn contains a gene for the popular herbicide Bt to

increase pest resistance; modified strawberries contain a flounder gene for frost resistance; and jellyfish genes were recently inserted into a rhesus monkey for luminescence. Unlike Bt herbicide spray, which has been safely applied to organic crops for over 50 years, the gene product cannot be washed off, and is eaten in every bite of the vegetable.

Since the FDA does not require testing of GE technology, the long-term effects of consuming a thousand-fold increase of this herbicide in concentrated doses remains unknown. Many genetic engineering techniques use an antibiotic gene as a "marker" to indicate the success of the gene implant into the target species.

In 1999, the British Medical Association issued a report calling for the prohibition of antibiotic marker genes saying "antibiotic resistance is one of the major public health threats that will be faced in the 21st century."

Food Aid Makes Me Sick

Already there have been reports of allergic reactions to GE foods, most notably in 2000 when Aventis' Starlink corn, approved only for animal consumption, turned up in 300 packaged foods, such as Kraft's Taco Shells.

Two hundred people reported related illnesses, foods were recalled, and Aventis is buried under so many lawsuits that they sold their biotech division to Bayer. Unfortunately, this recall did not end the environmental tragedy.

On June 13, 2002, the Bolivian Forum on Environment and Development (FOBOMADE) issued a statement of outrage when a U.S. government shipment of food aid corn and seed was revealed to contain not only Starlink corn, but two varieties of Monsanto's GE corn as well.

In addition to the usual human health fears, FOBOMADE emphasized the critical need to protect the biodiversity of the birthplaces of corn from genetic contamination, and demanded that GE crops not be sent as food aid to countries without biosafety regulations.

Africa, China, Korea, Zimbabwe, Nicaragua, and other undeveloped nations have also been pressured by the U.S. to accept unlabeled, genetically-engineered food and seeds.

Hitting Close To Home

The U.S. government has no motivation to monitor the shipping of GE foods to countries that will exchange political favors for golden rice and such. Domestically, these creations are churned out as quickly as you can say mice with human ears because the FDA is peppered with former Monsanto executives.

And while your backyard still has organic food stores and farmer's markets, 98% of this country's produce is conventionally grown, making it fair game for Monsanto.

Where are you going to go then?

(For more info, check out: anti-GE organization at <www.sosfood.org>; Organic Consumers Association at <www.purefood.org>; GE Food Alert Campaign Center at <www.gefoodalert.org>; Download your own labels to use at Food Emporium at <www.labelthis.org>; monthly environmental/political web magazine with "news by and for the people" at <www.groundscore.org>; Northeast Resistance Against Genetic Engineering at <www.nerage.org>; Greenpeace's anti-GE site at <www.truefoodnow.org>. Voice Your Opinion to Rick DeSanto, Corporate Affairs at A+P/Food Emporium: 201.571.4495

PROTESTORS FAST AGAINST FRANKENFOODS

Buttressed by a 30-foot corn cob, activists from SOS Food on Manhattan's Lower East Side staged a 3-day hunger strike protesting Food Emporium's sale of genetically-engineered (GE) foods on June 20.

The volunteers, stationed outside the supermarket's Union Square location, have targeted Food Emporium because its parent company, A+P, does not sell any GE ingredients in food sold at their European stores. Hungry protesters, inundated with inquiries and support from passersby, collected hundreds of signatures for postcards directed to Christian Haub, the CEO of A+P.

The protest culminated in a celebratory breakfast with costumes, food, and performances led by Reverend Billy and The Church of Stop Shopping. "The energy and concern at today's demonstration is terrific. That much power can convince Food Emporium to stop selling untested, unlabeled, unsafe food," said Howard Brandstein, Executive Director of the Sixth Street Community Center where SOS Food is based. SOS Food's supermarket campaigns part of the GE Free Markets Coalition, a national effort to create a groundswell of activism pressuring supermarkets to remove genetically engineered ingredients from their stores. Safeway super-mar-



ket executives, pressured by West Coast activists, recently agreed to meet and hear the issues. The group works on a variety of projects to protect safe food, including lobbying legislators in Albany and advocating NYC school boards to ban milk containing Bovine Growth Hormone.

Later in the summer, volunteers will wildpost Manhattan with a campaign about "cereal killers" and "weapons-grade salmon". SOS Food meets year round on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm (except in August) at: 638 East 6th Street on the 2nd Floor.

(For more info, contact SOS Food at 212.529.9720 or go to <www.sosfood.org>. Also check out GE Free Markets Coalition <www.gefreemarkets.org>)

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SUSPENDED AIR FORCE OFFICER: BUSH COMPLICIT IN 9-11 ATTACKS

Lt. Col. Steve Butler, a suspended Air Force officer who accused President Bush of allowing the 9-11 attacks to prop up his presidency, will face "non-judicial" punishment but will not be court-martialed. Butler, a 24-year Air Force veteran who served as a combat pilot in Operation Desert Storm and was most recently posted at Monterey's Defense Language Institute, published his letter on May 26 in the local newspaper accusing Bush of "sleazy and contemptible" conduct aimed at boosting his political ends. "Of course Bush knew about the impending attacks on America," Butler wrote. "He did nothing to warn the American people because he needed this war on terrorism. His daddy had Saddam and he needed Osama." Butler was suspended as vice chancellor of the Defense Language Institute under Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which states that any commissioned officer who uses "contemptuous words" against the president or other senior officials may be punished by a court-martial. The last Article 88 court-martial came in 1965, when an Army second lieutenant was prosecuted for taking part in an anti-war protest in Texas. (Reuters, 6/15/02)

ANTI-TERROR PROSECUTOR: INTELLIGENCE FORESHADOWED 9-11

The Bush administration's top anti-terrorism prosecutor said the US had ample evidence that a devastating terrorist attack on US soil was likely long before September 11. Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff cited nearly a decade's worth of hints that foreign terrorists were targeting the US, though he stopped short of saying there was specific information that could have prevented the attacks. "As of September 10th, each of us knew everything we needed to know to tell us there was a possibility of what happened on September 11th," Chertoff said during a commencement speech to Seton Hall Law School graduates. Among the warning signs cited by Chertoff: the 1993 bombing of the WTC, a mid-'90s plan in which an Islamic radical was convicted of plotting to blow up New York landmarks and assassinate the pope, a death sentence pronounced on Americans by Osama bin Laden in the late 1990s, and the thwarted millennium bombing plot at Los Angeles International Airport. "We knew the World Trade Center was a target," said Chertoff, who was the US attorney for New Jersey when the WTC was attacked in 1993. "We knew an airplane could be used as a weapon." (Associated Press, 6/1/02)

1999 REPORT WARNED OF 9-11-TYPE ATTACKS

Two years before 9-11, an analysis prepared for US intelligence warned that Osama bin Laden's terrorists could hijack an airliner and fly it into government buildings like the Pentagon. "Suicide bomber(s) belonging to al-Qaeda's Martyrdom Battalion could crash-land an aircraft packed with high explosives (C-4 and semtex) into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or the White House," the September 1999 report said. The Bush administration has asserted that no one in government had envisioned a suicide hijacking before it happened. The Sep-

tember 1999 report, "Sociology and Psychology of Terrorism: Who Becomes a Terrorist and Why?" described suicide hijacking as one of several retaliatory attacks al-Qaeda might seek for the 1998 US air-strike against bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan. The report was written by the Federal Research Division, an arm of the Library of Congress that provides research for federal agencies. Bush administration officials have repeatedly said no one in government had imagined such an attack. "I don't think anybody could have predicted that...they would try to use an airplane as a missile, a hijacked airplane as a missile," National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said May 16. (Associated Press, 5/17/02)

AGENTS ACCUSE: FEDS BLOCKED PROBES OF BIN LADEN FAMILY

FBI and Pentagon intelligence officials say they were blocked for political reasons from carrying out full investigations into members of the bin Laden family in the US before the 9-11 terrorist attacks. FBI documents shown on *BBC Newsnight* and obtained by the *UK Guardian* show that agents had sought to investigate two of Osama bin Laden's relatives in Washington and a Muslim organization, the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), with which they believed were linked.

But the FBI files were closed in 1996--apparently before any conclusions could be reached on either the bin Laden brothers or the WAMY. Intelligence sources in Washington told the *Guardian* June 2: "There were always constraints on investigating the Saudis." They said the restrictions became worse after the Bush administration took over. The intelligence agencies were told to "back off" from investigations involving members of the bin Laden family, the Saudi royals, and possible Saudi links to the acquisition of nuclear weapons by Pakistan. "There were particular investigations that were effectively killed." (www.GregPalast.com/detail.cfm?artid=103&frm=eml)

FBI INFORMANT: AGENCY IGNORED MY WARNINGS

A paid FBI informant told *ABC News* on May 23 that three years before 9-11, he began providing the Bureau with information about a young Saudi who later flew a hijacked passenger plane into the Pentagon. The informant, Aukai Collins, said he worked for the FBI for four years in Phoenix, monitoring the Arab and Muslim communities there. Hani Hanjour was the hijacker Collins claimed to have told the FBI about while Hanjour was in flight training in Phoenix. The FBI issued an "emphatic denial" to *ABC* that Collins had told the agency anything about Hanjour, though FBI sources acknowledged that Collins had worked for them.

NEWSWEEK: BUSH POLICIES ABETTED 9-11 ATTACKS

A May 27 *Newsweek* exposé on how the Bush Administration dropped the ball on Osama bin Laden before 9-11 reveals that:

- * Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld, upon taking office, suspended Predator drone tracking of Osama bin Laden, "among other actions."
- * National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at the very least dissembled

when she claimed last week that there were no existing studies as of September 11 predicting a 9-11-type attack. "While Bush may have a point in saying he heard no specific threat, other aspects of the administration's story weren't holding up" by week's end, *Newsweek* writes.

* Rice claimed that George Bush had not read--or, more specifically "doesn't recall reading"--memos he was responsible for reading. *Newsweek* observes that "the buck seems to be stopping nowhere."

* Attorney General John Ashcroft shut down FBI wiretaps of al-Qaeda-related suspects in the 1998 African embassy bombing investigation.

* Ashcroft, despite Senate testimony to the contrary, turned his back on counter-terrorism over the months before 9-11. "Ashcroft didn't want to hear about it," says a former senior law-enforcement official.

* Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld vetoed a request to divert \$800 million from space-based missile defense to counter-terrorism.

GLOBAL TERROR ALERT WAS CALLED OFF BEFORE 9-11

On June 22, 2001, the Pentagon's Central and European Commands imposed "Force Protection Condition Delta," the highest anti-terrorist alert. The next day, the State Department ordered all diplomatic posts to convene emergency action committees. The CIA said the most probable targets included the US Embassy in Rome, the Genoa summit of

the Group of Eight leaders in July, and the Vatican--a threat that prompted President Bush to change the venue of his meeting with Pope John Paul II to the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo outside Rome. CIA Director George Tenet had written an intelligence summary for national security adviser Condoleezza Rice on June 28 that said: "It is highly likely that a significant al-Qaeda attack is in the near future, within several weeks." By late summer, one senior political appointee said, Tenet had "repeated this so often that people got tired of hearing it."

On July 5, the White House summoned officials of a dozen federal agencies to the Situation Room. "Something really spectacular is going to happen here, and it's going to happen soon," the government's top counter-terrorism official, Richard Clarke, told the assembled group, according to two of those present. The group included representatives from the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration], Coast Guard, FBI, Secret Service and INS [Immigration and Naturalization Service]. Clarke, US National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Counterterrorism, directed every counter-terrorist office to cancel vacations, defer non-vital travel and place domestic rapid-response teams on alert. But by the time Bush received his intelligence briefing at his ranch in Crawford, Texas on August 6, warning of an imminent domestic hijacking terror operation, the government had called off the alert. (*Washington Post*, 5/17/02)

DEMS SEEK WHITE HOUSE DOCUMENTS ON TERROR ATTACKS

Democratic lawmakers are insisting the White House turn over the Phoenix memo and other top-secret documents prepared for President Bush that indicated al-Qaeda was seeking to hijack US airplanes. Bush officials acknow-

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GETTING READY FOR CAMPAIGN 2004

OSAMA BIN LADEN, GEORGE BUSH & THE STRUGGLE FOR CENTRAL ASIA'S OIL

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publics of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan for access to the oil, but have been stymied by political instability in the region. Oil conglomerates were torn between two possible pipeline routes to Western markets: west through the war-torn Caucasus Mountains to Turkey, or south through war-torn Afghanistan to Pakistan and the Arabian Sea.

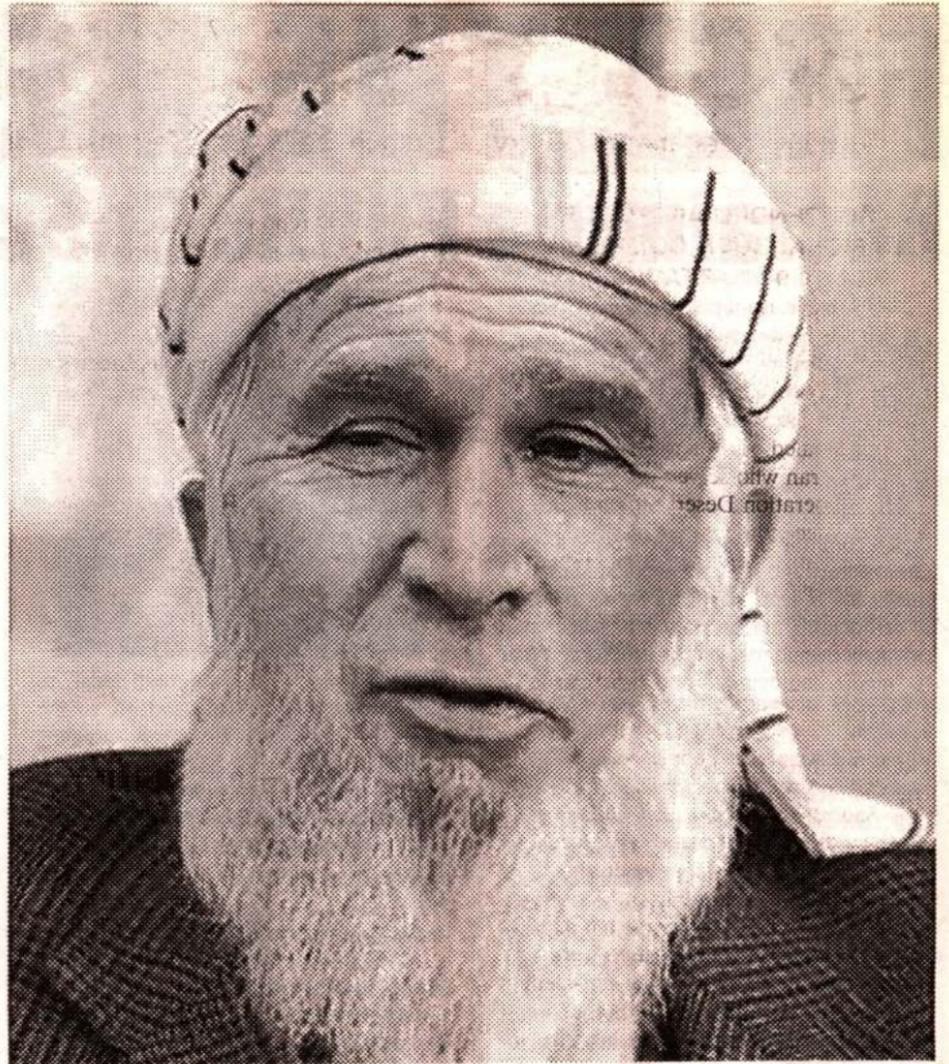
The key contract was signed between Kazakhstan and Chevron in 1994, granting the company a stake in all oil development there. Chevron has increased its stake since then by buying out more of Kazakhstan's shares, and now holds a 50% share. Chevron has also formed a partnership with Shell and Mobil to build a pipeline connecting the Kazakhstan oilfields to Baku, Azerbaijan, and then via Turkey to Western markets. The Chevron-led partnership is competing with the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, a Russia-Kazakhstan-Oman joint venture which is developing a pipeline route through Russia. This would link with the so-called Chechen By-Pass Pipeline which Russia was obliged to build after the Soviet-era pipeline linking Baku's oilfields to Russia was repeatedly sabotaged by Chechen guerillas. Russian intelligence claims the Chechen rebels are backed by Osama bin Laden. The chaos in the Caucasus effectively prevented Russia from exploiting the Soviet-era Baku oilfields, on the west side of the Caspian Sea, while US companies aggressively pursued deals for new oilfields with Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan on the east side of the sea--which the Soviets had never significantly developed. So here, too, Osama was--by coincidence or design--making himself useful to US interests.

Vice President Dick Cheney helped broker the Chevron-Kazakhstan deal when he sat on the Kazakhstan Oil Advisory Board in the mid-1990s. Chevron also has one former corporate board member in the Bush Administration--National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, whose financial disclosure statement indicates she held at least \$250,000 in Chevron stock and had income of more than \$555,000 last year. Chevron even has a Bahamas-registered tanker named the Condoleezza Rice (See <www.usmm.org/socalships.html>--Ed.)

New York's *WBAI Radio* reported on September 22 that a high-ranking aide to President Bush is linked to a multinational oil company which was seeking to build the pipeline across Afghanistan. Zalmay Khalilzad, National Security Council senior director for the Persian Gulf, Southern Asia and Other Regional Issues, was formerly employed as a consultant by Unocal, which was pushing the Afghan pipeline project until late 1998.

On December 5, 1998, the *New York Times* reported on the proposed Afghan pipeline: "When Unocal joined the project in 1995, it was viewed by many analysts as the most audacious gambit of the 1990's oil rush in the Caspian...There was to have been a 1,005-mile oil pipeline and a companion 918-mile natural gas pipeline, in addition to a tanker loading terminal in Pakistan's Arabian Sea port of Gwadan...The company projected annual revenues of \$2 billion, or enough to recover the cost of the project in five years...Unocal opened offices in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Turkmenistan. To help it sell the project to the many governments involved, Unocal hired senior United States diplomats like the former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger... Problems began with the Taliban's capture of the Afghan capital, Kabul, in September 1996. Unocal initially took a positive view of the movement's triumph."

Brooke Shelby Biggs writes in the October *Mother Jones* that Unocal "courted both the Taliban and the rival Northern Alliance" to gain rights to build a pipeline through Afghanistan--but "paid special attention on the Taliban." In 1997, the Unocal vice president in charge of the pipeline project was quoted as saying his company had provided "non-cash bonus payments" to members of the regime in return for their cooperation. "We basically had to 'pre-sell' them on the idea of this pipeline," said Unocal spokesman Mike Thatcher. "Some of them didn't understand the idea of profit motive. We had to educate them." In late 1997, a Taliban delegation visited Unocal's offices in Sugarland, Texas, to meet with executives. A few days later, the Taliban's minister of mines met with the State Department's top official for South Asia. The visit, which came a month after then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright chastised the regime for its human-rights record, was arranged by Unocal. According to the US Energy Department, "In January 1998, the Taliban signed an agreement that would allow a proposed 890-mile, \$2-billion, 1.9-billion-cubic-feet-per-day natural gas pipeline project led by Unocal to proceed." But Unocal denies a firm agreement was ever reached. All the company had, says Thatcher, was a "letter of support" signed by both Taliban and Northern Alliance representatives. "It wasn't a binding business deal, just a piece of paper that basically said they liked the idea of the project." After the August 1998 US air strikes on Afghanistan in retaliation for the bombing of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, investors bailed out of the pipeline, and Unocal abandoned the project. Thatcher defended the company's stance:



"We're an oil and gas company. We go where the oil and gas is." He also posed the Afghanistan pipeline as an inevitability: "There is compelling economic logic for a pipeline there. We're not going to do it, but sooner or later, someone will."

The *Chicago Tribune* reported on October 21 on a program at the University of Nebraska's Omaha campus, the Center for Afghanistan Studies, which served as "a back door" to the Taliban for US policy and intelligence intrigues--and was underwritten by Unocal. While ostensibly aiming to "expose Afghan leaders to American ideas and democracy," it continued to host high-ranking Taliban representatives even as anti-Taliban rhetoric in Washington grew harsher and sanctions were instated. In November 1997, then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright blasted Taliban leaders as sadistic killers who nail enemies to village walls and stone uncovered women. A month later, eight top Taliban chiefs toured the US at the Center's invitation. The university's Education Sector Support Project even distributed thousands of textbooks to Afghan children reflecting a Taliban-approved version of history depicting women as second-class citizens. The pro-democracy content of the textbooks was edited out at the insistence of the university's Taliban partners, and university plans to educate female students and train female teachers in Afghanistan were "sharply limited."

Since 1986, the Center has received over \$60 million in US AID [Agency for International Development] grants for programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and to host visits by regional leaders. AID cancelled the grant in 1994, but the State Department continued to authorize the visits, and a private interest stepped in to pick up the bill--Unocal. The sanctions do not apply to private companies funding "education or humanitarian relief efforts." Unocal exploited this loophole to bring the delegation--8 Taliban reps and a Pakistani intelligence officer--stateside to talk turkey in December 1997.

"The US government was encouraging our engagement there to bring stability to the country," Unocal spokesman Barry Lane said. The Taliban visitors in-

cluded Mullah Mohammad Ghaus, Afghanistan's foreign minister; Ahmed Jan, minister for mines and industry; Amir Muttaqi, education minister; and Din Muhammad, minister of planning. The Taliban ministers were flown to Unocal's Houston offices for four days of meetings. They also toured NASA headquarters, spent several hours at a shopping mall and attended a party at the mansion of an oil company VP. The group also spent two days at the Omaha campus. Back in Afghanistan, the university was building its training program on a 56-acre plot in Kandahar that had once been a US AID compound--now with Unocal picking up the tab to tune of \$1 million.

Criticism of the program was voiced at Unocal's 1999 stockholder meeting in Los Angeles, where women's rights groups staged protests accusing Unocal of cutting secret deals with the Taliban. "We were suspicious that women's rights would be sold out for oil," said Feminist Majority spokeswoman Beth Raboin.

Unocal dropped the pipeline plan when the Taliban was linked to the Africa embassy bombings in 1998. No longer receiving money from AID or Unocal, the Omaha center closed its Afghanistan program. The center still has an office in Peshawar, Pakistan, and employs three guards to patrol the Kandahar compound.

But Bush and Cheney still have long-standing family interests in the corporate nexus hoping to exploit the Caspian oil. Cheney is a former CEO of Halliburton, a top global energy services contractor with extensive investments in the oil-rich Caspian Sea region. One Halliburton holding, Bredaro-Shaw, is a joint venture with the Bin Laden Group--the family business of the terrorist mastermind's father. Bredaro-Shaw and its predecessor Bredaro-Price have worked on pipelines in Iran, Libya and Alaska (See <www.saudi-binladin-group.com>--Ed.)

Bredaro-Price was partially acquired by Dresser Industries in 1993. In 1996, Dresser merged with Shaw Industries Ltd. of Canada and the holding became



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FREE.THE.MEDIA!

Reclaiming Public Space in the Infosphere

Who are the corporations and state agencies that own, control, surveil the media infrastructure and set the rules that govern it? What are the barriers to entry for creating a media space that's truly in the public's interest? How can these barriers be overcome to create a fair and democratic digital commons? How can we bring an end to corporate and government domination of media and access? What can we do to create a democratic and sustainable space in a privately owned media infrastructure? What is "media democracy" and how can it be achieved?

FREE.THE.MEDIA! in its role as a cultural/technological and political think tank raised these issues during the Winter of 2002 in a series of live netcast symposia at the Name.Space Lab in Manhattan, and through telephone interviews, and radio broadcasts on WBAI 99.5 FM. Included in the dialogue were cyberspace pioneers John Perry Barlow and Howard Rheingold, professor of economics Saskia Sassen, author Douglas Rushkoff and new media curator Cristine Wang.

FREE.THE.MEDIA! seeks to educate the public about the opportunities and risks that we face in the age of digital convergence and the consolidation of corporate control over media; How our rights to communicate freely, securely, and to share information can be strengthened by mutual enfranchisement in and ownership of media infrastructure; How the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) and the right to freely publish Top Level Domains (i.e. ".ART" vs. ".COM") is the key to economic sustainability, universal public access, and media autonomy, provided our non-commercial communities gain global recognition of the new Top Level Domains (TLDs) we publish.

It's widely believed that "cyberspace" is public space. In reality, it's not--it is private space, governed by the corporate contracts issued by its various owners, the likes of MCI-Worldcom, AOL-TimeWarner, ATT, Microsoft, IBM, Sprint and other telecom/broadcast media hybrids that are now congealing into an elite of monolithic conglomerates who seek to dominate and control all media infrastructure and the content carried over it. In the early days of the Internet, when it was still an experiment, it was, as Douglas Rushkoff put it, "a free-for-all, characterized and glamorized by the mainstream media as the wild west".

Rushkoff along with Howard Rheingold, Barlow and others was part of a growing "online community" in the early 1990's that emerged out of the embryonic stages of public access to internet technology. As Rheingold explains, "the deregulation of the telephone company led to the growth



of the internet by allowing individuals to connect devices such as modems to the telephone lines. People began installing modem banks, allowing online communities to grow and flourish. Some grew into Internet ServiceProviders (ISPs), including AOL who started small early on and grew to what they are today.

It was the landmark antitrust case of MCI vs. ATT, decided in 1983, that led to the deregulation of the U.S. telephone system and established the requirement that one network had to carry the traffic of another and could not refuse their competitors access to their networks. It also set in motion the inversion of the centralized monopoly/broadcast model to the "many to many" model that the internet became prized for. The early exuberance that arose out of the newly discovered potential of the Internet is expressed in John Perry Barlow's vision of the net where he believed "...that the internet would enable humans all over the planet to share information about whatever they wished, whenever they wished, at little or near zero cost and nobody would be in a position to stop them." But in the years to follow, this trend would seemingly come to a halt and apparently begin to reverse itself as the large corporations felt that their profits would suffer if they lost control of the content that flowed over their infrastructure. As Doug Rushkoff put it, "the main threat of a people-driven, demystified mediaspace is, when people have access the tools of media creation they are less susceptible to the stories as told by other media. Whomever dominates the mediaspace controls the reality of the society immersed in it."

The means of distribution of course is the key to controlling context. Owning the infrastructure is one sure way to control distribution. For years the means of production have been in the hands of people, enabling them show the world as they lived it. Scenes through the lenses of home video camcorders in the 1980's exposed police brutality in the Tompkins Square Police Riot in 1988, Rodney King's beating in 1990, and captured discontent about the WTO/IMF in Seattle and elsewhere, as well as the rejection of the inauguration of GW Bush as U.S. President

in Washington DC. In the first instances of the camcorder "revolution" the commercial TV broadcasters sensationalized the rough, raw imagery of police rioting at Tompkins Square and the brutal beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles, playing it repeatedly, competing for coverage. 12 years later they all but ignored the citizen camcordists of Seattle and DC. Commercial television had already coopted and profited by the camcorder's signature "verite" image in "reality" shows like COPS and America's Funniest Videos. The internet seemed to be the way to "route around" commercial television, and activists managed to get out their story of the growing discontent over corporate globalism using commercially available internet resources. By 1999 the Internet became the new "people's" means to distribute their own stories, from text to moving images. This unmediated infospace felt as though it was not under direct control by the corporate establishments who dominated the traditional arena of television and radio. Any apparent attempt at censorship seemed to be fruitless, as content was copied and moved from place to place, and in some cases, as when the ultra-left publication "RADIKAL" was banned in Germany and several other European Countries, it popped up everywhere on "mirror" sites set up spontaneously by volunteers all over the net. Now there are uncertainties in light of the increased paranoia over "terrorism" and the growing police state mentality over the use of communications. Governments and corporations are beginning to walk in lock-step in their efforts to reign in and shut down content that does not fit their agenda.

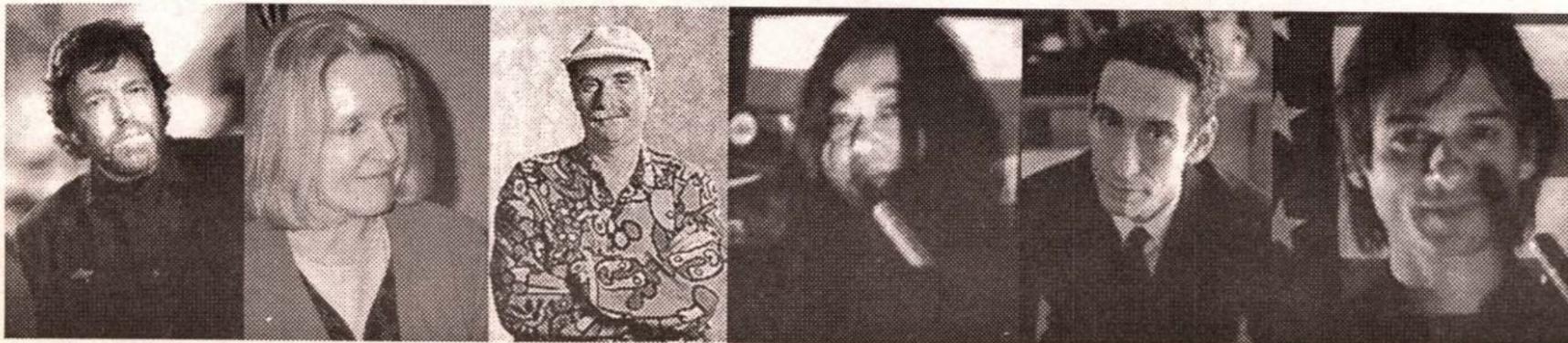
Recently a Dutch court ruled that it was illegal to LINK to the RADIKAL site because it contained information about disrupting railroad transports of nuclear waste in the EU. Ford Motors unsuccessfully tried to stop 2600 Magazine's Eric Corley from pointing his domain "FuckGeneralMotors.com" to Ford's website. Ford lost in this case...so far.

Howard Rheingold reflected on internet pioneer John Gilmore's famous quote that the "internet treats censorship as damage and routes around it". Rheingold said, "we know now that's a myth. Routing happens at the routers and he who controls the routers controls what content is routed over them." This includes the Domain Name System. The danger ahead lies in the inversion of Rheingold's much heralded "many to many" model of the traditional internet, back to a centralized "broadcast" model dominated by multinational media conglomerates in collusion with national governments.

Users who once formed communities online are now being reduced to nothing

but consumers. Producers who once populated and acculturated the net are being coopted or ignored as corporate media giants fill up the bandwidth exclusively with only the commercial fare which they own and can control. New strategies are being employed where corporations are lobbying legislators and litigating in the courts to gain superior rights over individuals. In his book "the future of ideas" Harvard Law Professor Larry Lessig of the Berkman Center specializing in cyberspace law talks about the coercive use of trademark and copyright laws to control and regulate content in the digital world. Berkman Law Center Fellow John Perry Barlow elaborates, "The tightening noose of technology law and monopolistic commerce in the area of draconian enforcement of corporate trademark and copyrights is really truly frightening. I have been optimistic in all of my years dealing with cyberspace, I am not particularly optimistic at the moment. There are a few things that we need to do, and I think Paul's point about the Harlem Boycott is exactly right, and one of them is to become more aggressive about defending our rights in the "marketplace" by not doing business with those organizations who are proprietary, closed, or increasingly dominant over the free exchange of ideas. Do not buy Microsoft Products. Do not get AOL accounts...we need to be very conscious about the choices we make commercially and we need to do an awful lot of civil disobedience in the area of intellectual property. If there is anything that you love that human beings have created with their minds, digitize it and put it on as many servers as you can; spread it far and wide as possible; flout that law at every available opportunity. Nothing is more important right now that the entertainment industry which is very closely related to the media conglomerates, do not put themselves in a position where they can OWN HUMAN EXPRESSION. THEY MEAN TO OWN THE MIND. YOURS AND MINE, and everybody else's on this planet will become THEIR PROPERTY, and we will have the rise which has already begun of "private totalitarianism"-- "corporate fascism". We have a choice and a narrow window in which to make it, and I am open to suggestions, and I hope that people will be in support of the work that Paul is doing here at NAME.SPACe, and for the Electronic Frontier Foundation who have been the primary obstacle in court against

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John Perry Barlow

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Howard Reingold

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INVISIBLE HARVEST (OF THE DATABODIES)

"The best propaganda is invisible" -- Joseph Goebbels

In the root of cyberspace there lies an invisible "." (dot). That "." is the beacon which illuminates the global namespace to the rest of the internet. Dot is in the heart of its creators, the DISA (Defense Intelligence Systems Agency), who have silently maintained control of the "." as it was quietly slipped into the newly privatized intelligence and military-corporate state.

At the gateway into the internet namespace lies a group of Self-proclaimed, but silent feudal lords -- one of the hosts on their network is aptly named "harkonnen.internic.net" after the evil Overlord Baron Vladimir Harkonnen in the cult movie classic, "Dune" by David Lynch.

So very telling is their choice of hostnames. Their game is a silent harvest of dollars and databodies, drawn through the portal into the bowels of ECHELON for a complete strip-search.

ECHELON is the equivalent of the "digital thought police," not unlike the STASI who went to extraordinary means to know what people were thinking and discussing in private. Perhaps the 10 year cue for new telephone lines was due more to a shortage of cassette tapes and recorders than to bad service by the phone company. On nearly every installed telephone in former East Germany, there was a tape recorder triggered by keywords from an analogue voice recognition device. The STASI even went so far as to collect "odor" samples of target individuals -- some 30,000 such samples were found in 1991 when the "archives" were opened up -- each in its own sealed vacuum-jar with a neatly lettered index card linking the sample with a dossier file. The odor samples were used to train dogs to sniff out the individual. This enabled the STASI to secretly track the movements of their subjects, as the dogs could sniff out where they had been. The most invasive measures of all were found all in one place -- a STASI "safe-house" in the countryside. It was the epitome of total surveillance using every available state of the art in technology and strategy. Besides multiple hidden cameras in all the most unexpected places (even in the bathroom) there were hidden microphones

and recording devices everywhere, and even a filter on the sewer drains to collect everything flushed away, for detailed analysis. [Check out ECHELON: "Exposing the Global Surveillance System" by Nicky Hager at <http://mediafilter.org/echelon> - Ed.]

Picture this level of invasiveness in the physical world, and substitute the metaphors into the digital realm. Picture instead of the dogs, software agents that "sniff" out your meanderings on the net. Automated monitoring of your email messages triggered by keywords, to the STASI phone system, and the drain filter, to the collection of all the links and search queries that you submit through the "portals" set up to "lead" you through the net. It's a nasty business with lots of little smilies and lovable hype that lures the unsuspecting victims into the predatory depths that will consume their databodies and profit from them.

Seduced into complacency, infected by many a virus of brand loyalty, logos emblazoned across the bodies of the conquered who blindly fight the battle for brand dominance at their own expense. Youth no longer at war in foreign lands, in their gangs do battle over rights to claim hilfiger as their colors using deadly means to enforce their logo domain within the shattered halls of their "too high in high-school." The war is at home. The invasion has taken place and you don't even know it. Forget about it being televised, it's inside -- your mind -- and you act in kind to deliver yourself to be sacrificed for the bottom line. Squashed at the foot of the pyramid, out of reach of the apex, the upper ECHELON, the invisible "." seems less and less important to us as we struggle to climb our way up from the fourth to the third, or even the second-level of "any-access will do as long as I'm on the net; I don't care that the invaders have raided my databody or can terminate it at any moment...I'm online!"

When the euphoria dies down and you realize what a terrible hangover you have, waking up in your sanitized padded cell where AOL and Microsoft will hold your hand along with Mickey Mouse to be sure that your journey on the net is safe and trouble free. No

need to worry about that troubling free expression, we have it all for you so just sit back and fit right in with the program. We know what you like -- we microanalyzed your user profile and can project your desires and needs into the future and deliver only the ads you want to see. You're a casualty of a war that you don't even see. And one small part of it lies behind an invisible "." that has Governments and corporations at odds over what will become of it now that it is known to parts of the world who know enough to want to share its power.

Who Owns the Dot? Professor Hank Perriit calls the "." a "Global Commons" much like the oceans and waterways, space, and other shared resources of the earth that are not exclusively controlled by any sovereign. Presently, the "." is in the hands of Network Solutions, Inc. (NSI) a/k/a InterNIC, a publicly traded company who started out as a contractor for the US Government. NSI is located in Herndon, Virginia, in an area referred to as "Spook Alley," the corridor of Maryland, Virginia and DC that houses the CIA, NSA, NRO, Pentagon, Mitre, NSI, CNRI, MCI, and other "non-descript" entities who have their hands at the root of the internet, in both its creation and its control. NSI is owned by SAIC, a privately held government contractor whose board of directors could easily be mistaken for a NSA-CIA-Pentagon retiree's club. (Perhaps not coincidentally, SAIC in reverse reads "CIA's"). NSI has a monopoly over global domain name registrations and is contracted to manage the "." which globally routes toplevel domains such as ".at" or ".com" over the entire internet. The lucrative business of selling "dot-coms" by the millions has helped NSI gain over 600 Million Dollars in market capitalization between September, 1997 and July, 1998.

The challenge to their lucrative monopoly comes in the form of new, generic toplevel domains poised to ease the shortages of memorable domain names artificially created by limiting generic, global tlds to com, org and net. In order for the new gTLDs to work globally, they must be listed under the ".", a simple text edit. [Check out <http://name.space.xs2.net/admin> -- Ed.]

NSI, along with the NSF (National Science Foundation/US Government)

are Defendants in an antitrust/free speech case in US Federal Court in New York brought against them by Name.Space/pgMedia, Inc., an independent, small Internet Service Provider who pioneered the field of new toplevel domains and decentralized global management of the "." [Check out <http://name.space.xs2.net/law> -- Ed.] NSI/NSF's strategy is a shell game of deniability, elusive authority and unaccountability which serves to divert attention from the rude realities of the degree to which the US Government and its Defense and Intelligence agencies control the internet, and how they will to maintain their control at all costs. Driving a small company like Name.Space into bankruptcy is but a bump in the road to maintaining total control. They underestimate the chance that "bump" is really a serious land mine.

As long as the business of handing out ip numbers and domain names is in the hands of SAIC, the US Government can be sure that they will have the complete listing of all those who have registered hosts on the internet and therefore can easily track use, content and affiliation. Coupled with ECHELON scanning of contents transmitted over the net, full profiles can be culled from the bitstream on all individuals who use the net. By controlling the DNS, they control accessibility of content and communications. They can switch off whole countries with a simple text edit. Not that it would "black hole" them entirely, unless ip blocks were killed from the routing tables. Much more decentralized, but do-able with a few, well-placed phone-calls. But mail and web services which used dns would fail and users would then have to know ip numbers of hosts in order to communicate. Most people lack the skill or knowledge to dig up that info in order to make use of it.

So what's in a name? That seemingly normal, harmless thing that all of us hold so dear yet take so much for granted, is a key to control over content and access over the net. Trusting control of all that in one place is a very dangerous thing to do.

Paul Garrin NYC, July 13, 1998

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most of the major media initiatives (who seek control through monopolistic practices and coercive use of trademark and copyright laws).

So what chance do we have to reclaim the means to form substantial autonomous non-commercial communities and freely distribute content online? In the current climate, regulation and legislation favors the major corporate players. the US Government auctioned off large chunks of the rf spectrum for 150 billion dollars to telcos for wireless data delivery, thereby putting control of a natural resource that was once considered property of the public, in totally private hands to complete the wireless portions of their end-to-end private heterogenous networks. Access to the Internet's ROOT DOMAIN is still held by a corporate elite with close ties to the US Military and Intelligence establishments who refuse to let go of their control and have found ways around the same antitrust laws that broke up the ATT monopoly and allowed the net to grow in the first place.

The large content and infrastructure providers are moving toward reigning the internet back into a centralized broadcast model, where just as in television and radio; only that which is owned by the conglomerate is allowed over its system excluding that which originates elsewhere. Their plan is simple: they own the means of delivery, they control all the content and don't allow others to use their infrastructure to deliver anything else.

What can we do about it? Professor Saskia Sassen advises us that "we need to come together and create an architecture, a social structure of independent means where each individual's or local groups' works become a part of the broader project (the architecture and infrastructure of the net itself) and works to sustain the greater whole of the network." But it doesn't stop there, once the infrastructure is created, that's when according to Sassen "the cultural work needs to get done to connect the various local efforts and mediate their struggles through the cultures of using the new technologies. It's not only about the technology and access but how that can be applied to enhance the political and cultural exchange of local

communities, globally. it's the role of media artists and technologists to come together and do the cultural work that will enable us to effectively share in the process of learning and growing on a global level".

But to do that we need to organize and grow our online communities and the inherent economic power, creative talents and technical skills needed to build and place the means of communications in the hands of those who use it.

Democracy in cyberspace exists at the edges, not at the center. the network itself should be neutral or "dumb", the intelligence existing at the edges in the form of its users, the people who "inhabit" it and exchange ideas and share their creations over it. Democracy happens by communities organizing locally. The future of democracy and online community rests with a community's ability to own and control their own media infrastructure. By using top level domains as an organizing and publishing tool for communities and interests, a sustainable economy of scale is possible that can enable them to pay the costs of their own infrastructure and bandwidth capabilities. The ability to

synergize our needs and our own economy through conscious consumer choices as JP Barlow says, and through effective boycott of sinister corporate systems, is in our hands and the time to act is now.

As Cristine Wang wrote, the time is now...to assert a micro-politics of resistance against the broadcast hegemony, and make a movement towards "intimate media", a place where spontaneity, chaos + anonymity rule...to reclaim the net for art culture and humanity over the tyranny of corporate monoculture and consumerism.

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HOMELAND DEFENSE: SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!

By Frank Morales

"Another kind of intelligence collection will be especially important within this new (homeland security) department. It is analogous to what the military calls reconnaissance or tactical intelligence reporting by non-intelligence units," this "as a result of their direct encounters with the enemy forces" --William Odom, Director, National Security Agency (1985-1988), June 26, 2002.

On April 14, 1976, the US Senate's Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities issued its final report. Better known as the Church Committee, named after its chairman, Sen. Frank Church, the Select Committee, convened during the post-Watergate fallout, was given a broad mandate to investigate the extent to which "illegal, improper, or unethical" activities were engaged in by the intelligence agencies, including the CIA [Central Intelligence Agency], DIA [Defense Intelligence Agency] and the NSA [National Security Agency]. Book III of that report, entitled, *Improper Surveillance of Private Citizens by the Military*, describes how the Department of Defense "agents and investigators have been used in the past to gather information on the political beliefs and activities of private citizens."

While the committee recognized that "there is no statute which expressly prohibits the investigation of private citizens by the military," it also noted that no statute specifically "authorizes military intelligence to collect information on the political activities of private citizens and private organizations." In any case, back in 1971, "the Army claimed... that it needed such information...to enable it to prepare for situations in which it was called upon to put down civil disturbances." At the time, the Army sought a relaxation of the "restraints" on domestic spying. This remedy was granted by then President Richard Nixon. This decision by Nixon formed the core of Article 11 of the Impeachment Articles framed by the Judiciary Committee in 1974.

It is ironic that what (in part) got Nixon canned back then has today been canonized as law. Under the rubric of the "War on Terrorism," repressive legislation and "homeland defense," all is permitted in the name of internal security. So-called "homeland defense," set within the Pentagon's doctrine of "operations other than war," is actually a case in which the Pentagon has declared war on America. The counter-insurgency that is the "War on Terrorism" is rationalized by proliferating military "doctrine" which seeks to justify its new roles and missions within America. Vast authority (and funds) to spy on the dissenting public, reconfigured as "terrorist threats," is being lavished upon the defense, intelligence and law enforcement "community." All the while, Bush Jr. is warning us that, "we're just going to have to enforce the doctrine; either you're with us or you're against us."

The euphemism of "homeland defense," codified within the halls of the Pentagon as early as the mid-1990s, (long before 9-11), includes continual

training to suppress dissent, or as it is conveniently phrased, to put down "civil disturbance." What this means is that for quite sometime now the Pentagon, reflecting the sensitivities of and in cahoots with its corporate employers, has in recent years worked hard at developing rationalizing doctrine and effective training (tactics, techniques and procedures) in the area of "homeland defense" and "the Patriot Act" on the people, what emerges is a repressive "co-ordination" (as the Nazis used to call it) of the entities of force and deception. Nothing but a centralization and broadening of surveillance capabilities, arrest capabilities, and harassment capabilities, which target anyone corporate America doesn't like, coupled with a whole new set of laws which seek to legalize the whole thing. It is in essence a form of state terrorism. Ruling class zealots hell bent on social control and the suppression of dissent in America are in the driver's seat. The "homeland defense" elite in the DoD [Department of Defense] and CIA are riding high. And this elite, interlocked with corporate America, (most of whom the public never sees), are the same crew that have always functioned this way. Only before it was covert. Now, it's in your face. In fact, "homeland defense" had its covert beginnings in such efforts as "the Huston Plan."

Like Bush Jr. in search of "terrorists," Tricky Dick, (as Nixon was known) back in June 1970, sought a "review" of all those "intelligence collection practices" which might lead to "better information on domestic dissenters." He and his people sought "methods for improving the quality of intelligence," and "how to enhance co-ordination among the agencies." Sound familiar? The enterprise, though part of a long continuum of similar efforts, was unique in that it pooled the resources of the CIA, DIA, NSA and FBI. The 43 page report, entitled "Special Report Interagency Committee on Intelligence (Ad Hoc)" was issued on June 25, 1970. Nixon's man at the "interagency" get-togethers was Tom Charles Huston, a lawyer and recently discharged Army intelligence officer. What came to be known as the Huston

Plan was the set of recommendations-for-action derived by Huston from the options presented in the Special report.

The options recommended by Huston intended to give intelligence and counter-intelligence agents within the intelligence (oxymoron) community authority to "monitor the international communications of U.S. citizens; intensify the electronic surveillance of domestic dissenters and selected establishments; read the international mail of American citizens; break into specified establishments and into homes of domestic dissenters; and intensify the surveillance of American college students." Thus, according to the Church Committee report, "in the summer of 1970, Tom Charles Huston believed the law had to be set aside in order to combat forces which seemed to threatening the very fabric of society." Thus, in the summer of 2002, Bush Jr. is intent on

setting aside the law as well, only this time it's all taking place above ground, with the smiling acquiescence of a complacent and "terrorized" public. Or most of them.

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ANTHRAX PARANOIA UPDATE:

DOES THE FBI HAVE A SECRET SUSPECT?

By Bill Weinberg

An advocate for the control of biological weapons who has been tracking the investigation into the autumn anthrax attacks told a panel at Princeton University that the FBI has a prime suspect in the case. But the advocate, Barbara Hatch Rosenberg, director of the Federation of American Scientists' Chemical & Biological Weapons Program, speculated the FBI is "dragging its feet" in pressing charges because the suspect is an ex-military scientist familiar with "secret activities that the government would not like to see disclosed." Rosenberg said the FBI has known of the suspect since Oct. and has already interrogated him. "There are a number of insiders--government insiders--who know people in the anthrax field who have a common suspect," Rosenberg said. "The FBI has questioned that person more than once...so it looks as though the FBI is taking that person very seriously."

The anthrax letters--sent to US Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy, the New York Post, TV anchorman Tom Brokaw, and others--killed five people, infected 13 more and forced senators to evacuate their offices for over two months. Rosenberg said her evidence pointed to a man who probably worked at the US military lab at Fort Detrick, MD. He would have been vaccinated, and had access to classified information about modifying and isolating the spores. "We can draw a likely portrait of the perpetrator as a former Fort Detrick scientist who is now working for a contractor in the Washington DC area," she said.

Other experts agreed that the perpetrator was likely a technician with government background. Arthur O. Anderson, chief of clinical pathology at the US Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases



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(USAMRIID), was amazed when he saw the anthrax sent to Sen. Daschle. "There was nothing there except spores," he told Salon.com magazine. "Normally, if you take a crude preparation of anthrax spores, you see parts of degenerated bacteria. But this stuff was highly refined." David Franz, a former UN weapons inspector in Iraq and bio-defense scientist at USAMRIID, who now works for the Southern Research Institute, a defense contractor, concurred: "Only a very small group of people could have made this. If you look at the sample from the standpoint of biology, it tells me this person was very good at what they do. And this wasn't the first batch they've made. They've done this for years. The concentration was a trillion spores per gram. That's incredibly concentrated." Incredibly, Salon noted, the FBI has not yet subpoenaed employee records of the labs where Ames-strain anthrax is worked with.



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VICTORY IN JUDI BARI CASE: FBI AGENTS + OAKLAND POLICE TO PAY \$4.4 MILLION IN CALIFORNIA TERRORISM COVER-UP

By Bill Weinberg

On June 11, a federal jury in Oakland, CA, awarded \$4.4 million in damages to two Earth First! activists who were injured in a 1990 car-bomb blast.

As reported in SHADOWS #32 + #37, in 1990, Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney were organizing Redwood Summer, a national mobilization inspired by the civil rights movement's 1964 Mississippi Summer--this time calling for idealistic young people to help save California's ancient redwoods from the chainsaws of Pacific Lumber, Georgia Pacific and Louisiana Pacific.

On May 24, while driving through Oakland on the way to a rally, Judi's old station wagon exploded. A bomb had been placed under the drivers' seat, and Judi was at the wheel. It was later determined that the bomb was motion-activated.

Judi woke up in the hospital with a fractured pelvis and pulverized tailbone. She also found that she and Darryl, who suffered a facial cut, were under arrest--on charges of making the bomb. Simultaneously, her home, Darryl's home and the Oakland house where they were staying were ransacked by the FBI. From the beginning, the FBI and Oakland police focused on Judi, Darryl and Earth First! in their investigation of the bombing. The voluminous evidence pointing to the timber industry was completely overlooked.

Judi had long been receiving death threats from anti-environmental paramilitary groups made up of timber workers, with names like the Sahara Club (a play on Sierra Club). One threatening letter even showed her own face in a cross-hairs.

The previous year, her car--with her young daughters Lisa and Jessica on board--was rammed from behind by a logging truck, totaling the car and sending her and the kids to a hospital with minor injuries. A fundamentalist zealot calling himself *The Lord's Avenger* sent a letter to a local newspaper threatening Judi after she helped organize a counter-protest against an anti-abortion campaign at the Ukiah Planned Parenthood Clinic.

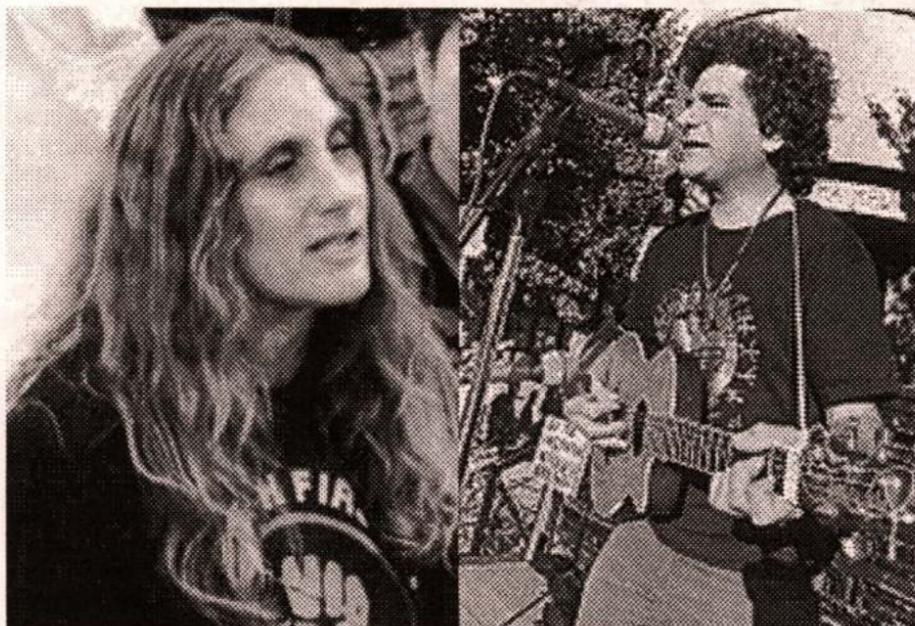
In the course of Redwood Summer--which continued despite the bombing--a bomb (which turned out to be a dud) was planted at the Earth First! office in Arcata.

Judi later wrote: "I cannot even describe the terror of finding myself in agony in the hospital, crippled for life, reading headlines like "BOMB MADE AT BARI'S HOUSE" and fearing that I would spend the rest of my life in jail and not get to raise my two small children."

After six weeks, the Alameda County DA decided not to press charges against Judi and Darryl. Originally told she would never walk again, Judi surprised her doctors by walking in a matter of months, albeit with a cane. But the true perpetrators of the bombing remained at large.

In May 1991, one year after the blast, Judi and Darryl launched their suit against the FBI for violating their civil rights. The suit especially targeted the FBI's San Francisco chief Richard W. Held who headed the investigation--a veteran of "dirty tricks" campaigns against the Black Panthers, American Indian Movement and Puerto Rican independence struggle. In 1997, Judge Wilken removed Held from the case on grounds of government immunity. But the discovery process in the suit proved that the FBI was up to dirty tricks again--this time against Earth First!

The FBI initially said they weren't watching Judi and Darryl. But documents released in the case (first released completely blacked out until the



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judge ordered the FBI to release them for real) proved otherwise. There were surveillance reports for the months leading up to and following the bombing. Those for the month of bombing were mysteriously "missing."

It was also revealed that the same agents who investigated the bombing had one month earlier led a "bomb school" on a Louisiana Pacific clear-cut in Eureka, where they practiced detonating car bombs. On video tape, FBI instructor Frank Doyle told other agents at the Oakland bomb site, "This is the final exam."

The defendants included current and former agents Frank Doyle, John Reikes, Phil Sena and Stockton Buck; Oakland police Sgt. Robert Chenault, retired Oakland police Sgt. Michael Sitterud and former Oakland Lt. Mike Sims. Two retired FBI agents were dropped from the case by Judge Wilken, citing lack of evidence. Only one defendant, Buck, was cleared of all wrongdoing. The jury also failed to find that the FBI and Oakland police engaged in a conspiracy against the plaintiffs.

Two of the Oakland police named in the suit said they were heavily influenced by FBI agents who arrived at the scene of the bombing and told them the two victims were tied to domestic terrorism. FBI agents, in turn, maintained that the Oakland police pushed for the

swift arrests. US District Judge Claudia Wilken denied a government request for dismissal, rejecting claims by government attorneys that remarks at a rally organized by supporters of Cherney and Bari tainted the jury's deliberations.

The case also pointed to possible collusion between FBI agents and the actual perpetrators. Defendant Doyle was the agent in charge at the 1990 bomb scene, and relief supervisor of Squad 13, the joint terrorism unit made up of FBI and Oakland officers which collected extensive files on political groups in the Bay Area. Reikes was the head of the FBI terrorist squad who came to Oakland Police headquarters the day of the bombing to give an inflammatory briefing on Earth First! Sena was already engaged in a secret investigation of Earth First! and concocted a fake informant tip. Sims was an Oakland homicide lieutenant in charge of other officers investigating the bombing, and the decision-maker for the arrests of the activists. Sitterud was charged with ignoring evidence at the scene and concocting information to implicate the activists. Chenault was charged with writing the first fraudulent search warrant affidavit. (Bari vs. FBI press release, June 11)

On March 2, 1999, Judi Bari died at her home in Mendocino County, of breast cancer which had metastasized to her liver. Darryl carried on the case. (See SHADOW #41--Ed.)



POLICE PHOTO OF JUDI BARI'S CAR CLEARLY SHOWS THAT BOMB WAS PLANTED UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Ultimately, the jury agreed with plaintiffs' arguments that FBI agents and Oakland police violated their constitutional rights by focusing on them as suspects. The jury found that six of the seven defendants violated civil rights by arresting the activists, conducting searches of their homes, and carrying out a smear campaign in the press, calling Earth First! a terrorist organization and calling the activists bombers.

Awarding \$2.9 million to the estate of the late Judi Bari and \$1.5 million to Darryl Cherney, the jury found four FBI men and three Oakland police liable for First and Fourth Amendment violations.

Cherney told the San Francisco Chronicle, "The American public needs to understand that the FBI can't be trusted. Ten jurors got a good, hard look at the FBI and they didn't like what they saw. It's not about the money."

But Cherney was ecstatic at the verdict. "We lived for years under the cloud of suspicion--Judi died without ever being officially exonerated," he told the Chronicle. "We waited a long time for the chance to show our innocence. I hope now that we will finally get an investigation into who really committed the bombing. I think the government owes us an apology. They have owed us an apology for 12 years." (SF Chronicle, June 11; Bari vs. FBI Media Office press release, June 11)

A statement from the Bari/Cherney defense committee said, "This verdict is a referendum against the FBI's gross interference with people's right to dissent at a time when Attorney General Ashcroft, FBI Director Mueller and the Bush administration are arrogating huge power to themselves and the FBI to spy on legitimate groups and organizers and infringe the Constitutional rights of the public."

Robert Bloom, attorney for the activists, said the ruling "shows what the FBI did then; it shows America what the FBI does now."

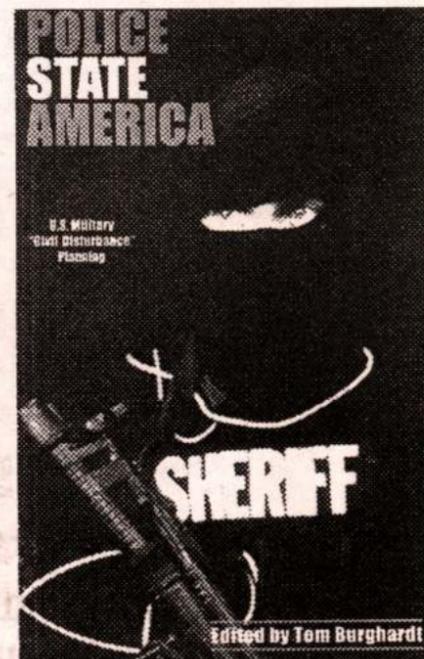
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INTERVIEW WITH LYNNE STEWART

*Veteran Radical Attorney and War on Terrorism
Defendant speaks about her case, Islamic
fundamentalism and the struggle for
Constitutional rights after 9-11*

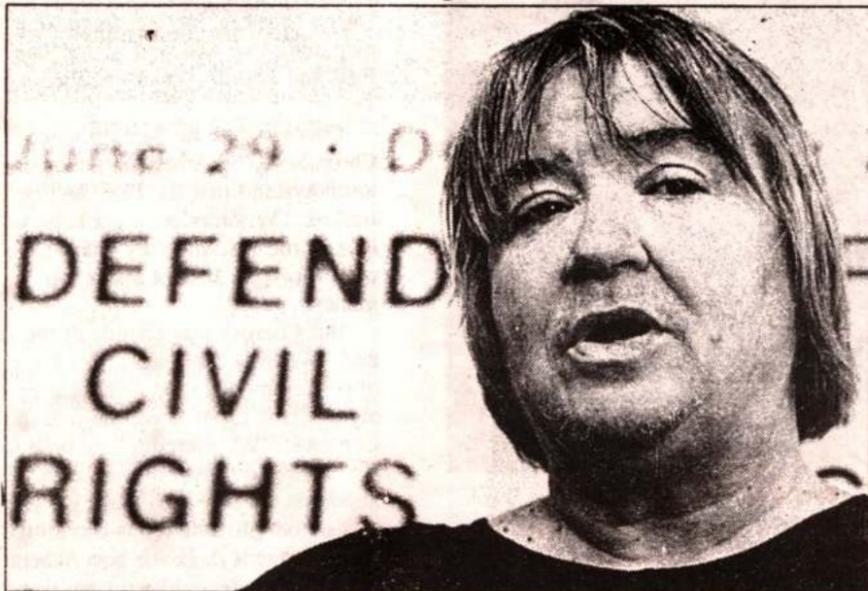


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Attorney Lynne Stewart, 62, is facing up to 40 years in prison on charges of collaborating with terrorists. The charges are related to Stewart's representation of the notorious Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, an exiled Egyptian cleric, in his 1995 trial for conspiring to blow up New York City landmarks. Known to New Yorkers as "The Blind Sheikh," Abdel Rahman, 63, is serving life in prison, and is considered the spiritual leader of the men convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Stewart is being charged with providing "material support" to the Sheikh's Egypt-based organization, the Islamic Group--largely by facilitating communications between the Sheikh and his Egyptian followers. Currently free on \$500,000 bond, Stewart, who has pleaded not guilty, says she was only doing her job and pledges to fight the charges.

This SHADOW interview, conducted by Bill Weinberg, took place at Lynne Stewart's office on June 28, 2002.

SHADOW: You've said the government's attack on the sanctity of attorney-client privilege is at the heart of this case. You are accused of breaking SAMs or "Special Administrative Measures," which were imposed in the Sheikh Rahman case. Do you want to talk about that?

LYNNE STEWART: They've tried to do away with attorney-client privilege many times and many ways, but this is probably the most egregious attempt. And they are doing it on the basis that my client is probably an extremely unpopular person in the states. For most Americans, he's not someone they would really want to protect. I'm sure if I was representing Martha Stewart, they might feel differently about her. And for that reason, and because they're able to tie it to their great bete noir of terrorism, they're able, basically, to make an excuse--that this was justified, to listen in, to protect the nation. Of course, they listened in to protect the nation and then did nothing for two years. They did not bother to stop my visits, they did not bother to stop our telephone calls. They were content to merely keep listening in. So it sort of defeats the ultimate underpinning of the notion that this was done to prevent terrorism, and they were the only ones who stood between terrible acts and me.

The real problem, I think, is that they would like to somehow curb what were known as the political lawyers--the Bill Kunstlers of the world, who do go beyond just representing someone by just showing up in court and then going back and hanging out with the boys. The group who think of ourselves as political lawyers--and I count myself, Liz Fink, Susan Tipograph, Ron

Kuby, Stanley Cohen--do go the extra yard for our clients, do feel that each client must be protected in his own special way. Now, certainly somebody like Sheikh Omar, who was a world figure, deserved to have a platform, deserved not to be entombed in the middle of America and not able to speak. The SAMs decreed that the Sheikh could make one phone call a week to his lawyers, and one phone call a month to his wife. So the lawyers had to sign on to agree that they would do nothing to facilitate his contact with the outside world--including the press.

So one of the reasons that I'm accused of "materially aiding terrorism," is that I made a press release on his behalf. I was in touch with Reuters, Reuters ran a story in Egypt that the Sheikh had alerted members of his party, the Gama'a Islamiyya or IG, Islamic Group [see <<http://library.nps.navy.mil/home/tgp/algama.htm>>--Ed.], that he thought that the cease-fire was not working, that men still remained in jail, that there were new arrests, that nothing seemed to be happening, so what was the purpose of the cease-fire? He ended it--this part I remember so particularly--by saying, "I'm not in Egypt, I don't know, you have a better handle on it than I do, but this is just how it appears to me."

The story was run in some of the Arabic and Egyptian papers. It caused quite a furor because the group got into splits over it as to who they should listen to and what they should do. But I did not hear from the federal government for about two months. Then I got a call from the chief of the terrorism section in the US Attorney's office, Pat Fitzgerald, who called to say, "You

made a press release! You can't visit, you can't talk on the phone anymore, you're cut off from him!"

SHADOW: This was 2000?

LS: July 2000. At that point, Stanley Cohen, who has always represented me and is my dear friend, called up Pat and said "Listen, you know, we need to get back on track here. She needs to visit him, she needs to discuss what happened, she needs to find out if she's gonna continue representing him." So Pat said, "Well, she'll have to sign on again." Then we went back and forth for six months as to the wording of the SAMs I was to sign on again. Part of it sounded like I was admitting to be in the conspiracy--something like, "The SAMs are important because the Sheikh orchestrated the killing of tourists at Luxor"--as if I know this! They said the Sheikh was responsible for, I dunno, everything except flat feet. They made it sound like a world-wide conspiracy. So we re-wrote that whole section. And early the next year, under this new SAM, which was provisional, I went to visit him again. This was probably in February of 2001, and he said he did want me to accept the SAM, because he did want me to continue the visits. And that, we understand, was the first visit they listened in on.

SHADOW: In which prison?

LS: Rochester, Minnesota. It's a federal medical facility. He has severe diabetes, he takes insulin by needle for it, has ever since I've known him, and he has a heart condition. Plus he's blind. So he was not in good shape when we saw him that February. He was in a

wheelchair, and we thought he might need surgery. When we went to see him again in July--and by "we" I mean me and Mohammed Yousry, who was teaching as an adjunct professor at York [CUNY] and a candidate for a PhD at NYU--apparently they listened in on that also. That's where they claimed there were "diversions" taking place, which, as we recall it, were simply instances where it seemed like the guards were listening to us, so we changed the tenor of the conversation. Little did we know we were being taped! Ha ha! And also video-taped, I believe at that point!

SHADOW: With hidden devices?

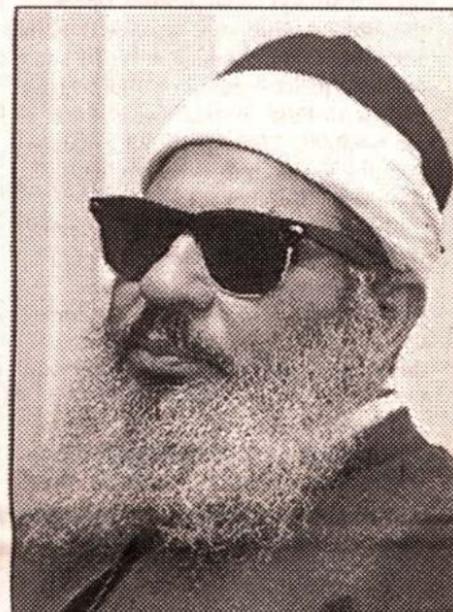
LS: Yes, with hidden devices. We were never informed that this was going to happen. And they claim that this was legal because these were so-called FISA wiretaps. That's this very pernicious law, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Originally, it was supposed to be embassies only, and only hostile nations, so we would know if they were planning anything--and never to be used in litigation, never to be used in criminal proceedings. It basically involves one rubber-stamp judge who sits in a room in the Department of Justice, and he's never turned down an application that we know of. And these FISA warrants are very pernicious because they operate 24/7 and they follow the person around. They're not on a phone or a place, they're on a person--wherever that person uses the phone they may listen in. So they apparently got a FISA wiretap and they wiretapped our paralegal, who was Ahmed Sattar on Staten Island, who also was arrested in connection with this case. And also the interpreter, Mohammed Yousry.

SHADOW: He's also out on bond?

LS: He's also out on bond, yeah. The FBI, when they searched his house, took his complete dissertation and [research] materials, because it was being done on the Sheikh and his relationship to the Gama'a Islamiyya. They took everything that he had, including his notes from telephone calls, et cetera, et cetera. So the tentacles certainly spread. Now we understand that the latest SAMs, which have been presented to Abdeen Jabarra and Ramsey Clark, who remain as the Sheikh's lawyers, include a paragraph where they must agree to electronic surveillance in exchange for being able to speak with him. They have refused to sign that, so no one has actually spoken to the Sheikh since the time of the arrests. They were informed that he's been moved to Florence [Colorado], which is the maxi-maxi in the federal system, and does not have a medical center component that we know about.

SHADOW: What is the history of SAMs? When were they first imposed?

LS: I think there's about fifteen people



SHEIK RAHMAN

in the federal system who are under special administrative measures. One of them is [Native American political prisoner] Leonard Peltier, who is also not allowed to call certain people, relatives, et cetera. I think the head of the Latin Kings [Luis Felipe] was convicted and then attempted by telephone to put a hit on somebody. So he can only call his lawyer, he cannot have any contact with anybody else. But the Sheikh is hardly in a position where he would be able to say, "Move the tanks to the south ridge, boys, we'll give em hell from there." I mean, he hasn't been in Egypt since 1989. When he was there, he was under house arrest. He's a blind, elderly, sick man. He may be a spiritual head, he may be intellectually involved in their struggle there. But he's certainly not a combatant in any sense whatsoever. And part of being his lawyer is to maintain that integrity for him. And I believe, as most political lawyers believe, that the political message has to get out, even if it is not one that the Department of Justice wants to be heard.

SHADOW: Do you feel the SAMs are unconstitutional or are being applied in an unconstitutional way?

LS: Both, I think. I think they are unconstitutional in that they restrict First Amendment rights. Certainly in the Sheikh's case, where there is a political message. Certainly with Leonard Peltier, where he was involved with a viable movement. They are being litigated. One of the lawyers in the Africa

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TACTICAL MEDIA

By Info.War

Beware of "FREE" Internet Services

NOTHING IS FREE, especially when it comes to so-called "free" internet services. Many have discovered that the price to pay for "free" services is more than anyone bargained for. The SHADOW has received several reports that users of YAHOO! free email services had their accounts cancelled for engaging in political discussions critical of US policies in the Middle East. Besides cancelling individual users' email accounts, YAHOO! has also cut service to several antiwar and pro-Palestine discussion groups, allegedly in the name of "national security" and turned the list archives and all the subscriber MEMBER INFORMATION over to the FBI! And you thought it was already bad enough that YAHOO! sells its user information to spammers! Now you don't have to choose between JUNK MAIL and SURVEILLANCE, you get BOTH for FREE! There are other options to the commercial services like YAHOO!, Hotmail, and the like that not only DON'T sell your data nor sell you out, but provide added levels of security like SSL webmail and PGP encryption capabilities. One such service provided by NAME SPACE called "LokMail" is an SSL/PGP-based secure webmail service. Formerly free, now available for an annual member fee of \$30, LokMail provides secure, portable PGP capable email and the added feature that it does NOT transmit the IP address of the computer you are sitting at when you send your message, as do YAHOO!, Hotmail, and other commercial webmail services. Try Name.Space's LokMail for 30 days free: <<https://mail.lokmail.net>> Other "activist friendly" ISPs include: <<http://tao.ca>> and <<http://riseup.net>> are free but donations are encouraged. Freedom is NOT FREE--the price to pay to these alternative providers is small, and it helps to strengthen the autonomous non-commercial communities in cyberspace.

Cyber CARNIVORE Threat to Meat Space

The FBI beefed up its surveillance capabilities over the past few years to include a particularly voracious tool they call "CARNIVORE", a "packet sniffing" device that is usually installed at an Internet Service Provider (ISP) or at a router "upstream" of an ISP to capture communications to and from the ISP's network. Carnivore can target individuals and their associated cyberspace comrades and all of their travels over the net including all email, instant messages, websites visited, chatrooms, etc. devouring and saving all associated data for analysis by the FBI. CARNIVORE, now known by its more "technical" sounding name, DCS1000, was made by a private "spook" contractor named Booz-Allen, number 9 on the list of the top 100 private contractors whose primary clients are the US Military and the Intelligence and Law Enforcement establishments. It's nearly impossible to detect if the Feds have installed CARNIVORE at your ISP, or are using it to track YOU, so just expect that everything you do on the net is being watched, and even if you are encrypting your messages, our 3 lettered friends can still monitor who you're exchanging secret mes-

sages with--and it's only a matter of time before they'll crack the encryption, or at least use other means to discover your passphrase--read on...

Light of Darkness

To further enhance the FBI's dataveillance capabilities down to the individual level, Booz-Allen created the "Magic Lantern" software. Installed on an individual's computer either by (now very liberally permitted) an FBI "black bag" operation, where one's home or office is secretly "visited" by the Feds who install the invisible application on one's computer, or Magic Lantern is delivered via a computer virus that may come in the form of an email attachment. Magic Lantern is a stealth KEY-STROKE RECORDER (similar to those mentioned in SHADOW #45) that records EVERYTHING YOU TYPE ON YOUR COMPUTER and transmits it back to the Feds, effectively giving them all of your usernames/ passwords, accounts and locations, and even totally BYPASSING ENCRYPTION rendering it useless, as everything typed is captured before it is encrypted. Thank you, BOOZ-ALLEN, for SOBERING us all to the insidious work you do in the name of profit, I mean "national security" and the threats you pose to individual freedom and privacy.

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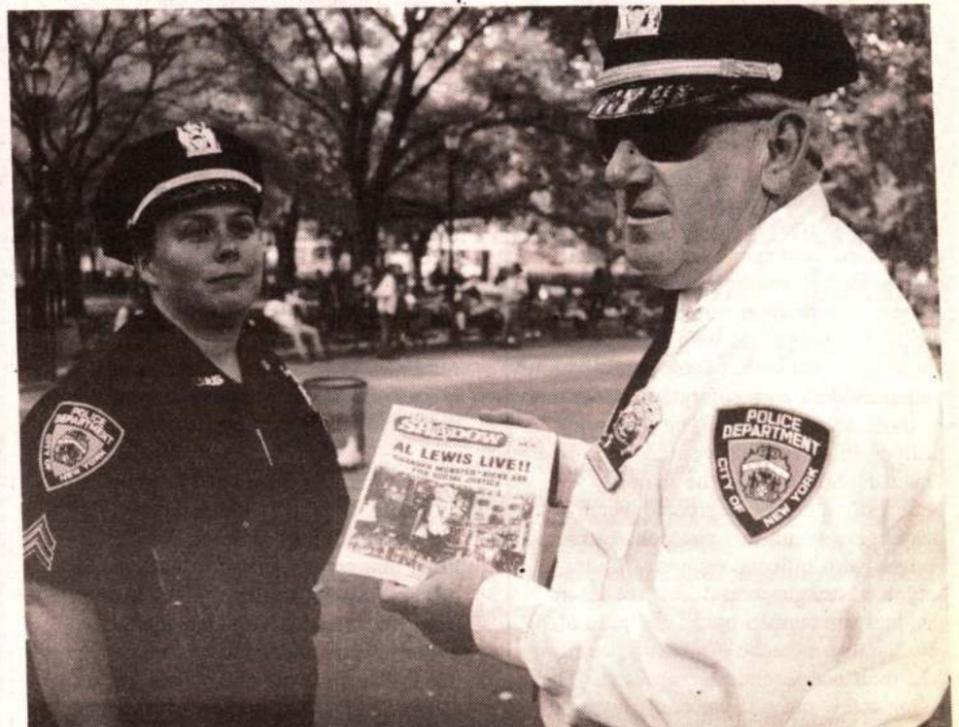
Don't be seduced by the superficial looks of HTML email--you know, those email messages that look like web pages, with colors, images, fancy fonts...HTML email is not as pretty and harmless as it may appear--it is often a vehicle for tracking users: images embedded in an HTML message are loaded from remote servers, where your computer's IP address is logged as you read the message. In some cases single-pixel "invisible" images frequently called "web bugs" load unbeknownst to the user, revealing her computer's IP address to whomever is monitoring their server logs for the "bugs" placed in HTML email messages. HTML email is also known to exploit vulnerabilities in browsers such as Internet Explorer 5.5. Attackers can cause arbitrary code to be executed on a victim's system by embedding the code in a malicious email, or news message, or web page that, when viewed in Internet Explorer (or any program that uses the IE HTML rendering engine) can execute arbitrary code. It is not necessary to run an attachment; simply viewing the document in a vulnerable program is sufficient. This exploit mainly affects computers that run Microsoft Windows operating system, and can be used to install a variety of compromising malicious code on the victim's computer including backdoor access capabilities, keystroke recorders, and distributed denial of service (DDoS) enablers which turn one's computer into a "zombie" server that enables a remote host to use the compromised machine to attack other hosts. Disabling file downloading in all of the "security zones" in IE will reduce the risk of being exploited; better yet, boycott all Microsoft products (use LINUX or get a Mac)! If you're not ready to end your abusive relationship with the Devils from Redmond, then just use PLAIN TEXT for your email, and insist that those you communicate with do the same.

The ABCs of DNS and Net Politics

By Paul Garrin (From WBAI-FM New York, Feb. 27, 2002)

On the Internet, places are located by their name, using the Domain Name System (DNS), a kind of virtual airwaves that 'tunes in' content much in the way that 99.5 FM tunes in this radio station. The domain 'namespace' as it's called is a truly 'virtual' part of cyberspace that's defined by a tree-structured database defined by a 'root' system known as the '.' or 'root.zone'. The 'root' domain branches out to the 'toplevel domains' like the familiar '.com' with potentially unlimited possibilities for additional toplevel domains like '.art', '.music', '.anarchy', '.sucks' or even '.radio' so WBAI could have an internet address like 'wbai.radio.' Like language itself, the domain namespace belongs to all, as do the oceans, and outer space; a global digital commons that is threatened by over-zealous corporate interests who want to limit parody and free expression through coercive trademark and copyright enforcement, and governments who want to use the DNS as a way to control access and content, and as a means of surveillance and tracking of users and the sites they visit in cyberspace. Access to the '.' and the contents of the top-level namespace is controlled by the US Government, managed by the Department of Commerce NTIA, who through written directive issues orders to Verisign/Network Solutions, the private government contractor who operates the master 'root-server', to change the contents of the root-zone by adding or deleting TLDs. Another of its contractors, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, plays the role of reviewing domain policies and evaluating TLDs for inclusion into the root. ICANN was intended to be a grassroots, bottom up and inclusive organization whose policies were to be formed by its constituents. The challenge of defining that constituency is at issue here, and therefore

the means by which the policies for governance over the internet and the namespace are determined. So far, ICANN has betrayed its mission of bottom up and inclusive participation in defining and governing the namespace in favor of narrow corporate interests as defined by organizations such as WIPO, INTA, MPAA and corporations such as MCI, IBM, ATT, AOL/TW, and a handful of law firms and obscure government contractors with close ties to the US military/intelligence apparatus including the NSA and the Pentagon who apparently wield the most weight over the use of the internet much in the same way US gunboat diplomacy rules foreign policy. As it stands today, in my view, ICANN is moving to further disenfranchise the public from the governance of the internet, seizing it from the people and choking off democracy in favor of corporate rule, much in the same way the WTO and corporate globalization is disenfranchising workers and even the local sovereignty of nations by replacing constitutional democracies with corporate contracts, favoring the corporate rights of trademark and copyright over human rights and individual free expression. There is an opportunity to take action and reclaim the digital commons by taking stake in the new top-level domains as published by Name.Space and others who have worked to develop and seek global recognition of autonomous, local-community governed domains. By registering and publishing in the new namespace with top-level domains such as '.sucks' or '.now' creating sites with names like 'wto.sucks' or 'stopwar.now' we can route around ICANN and its attempts to put an oppressive stranglehold over access and free expression on the internet, and in conspiracy with governments to control access and spy on users.



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ledged for the first time May 16 that the president was briefed about a possible hijacking plot in early August while he vacationed at his Texas ranch. "Why did it take eight months for us to receive this information? And what specific actions were taken by the White House in response?" Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), said. "I'm not going to jump to any conclusions, but it's hard to understand why the information was not released." (*Associated Press*, 5/17/02)

BUSH PLANNED AFGHANISTAN MISSION ON EVE OF 9-11

The White House acknowledged on May 17 that it was preparing to enact a \$200-million covert military program to aid anti-Taliban guerrillas in Afghanistan last summer. The proposal, known as a National Security Presidential Directive, was finalized September 10 and was awaiting President Bush's approval when the next day's terrorist attacks occurred. (*LA Times*, 5/18/02)

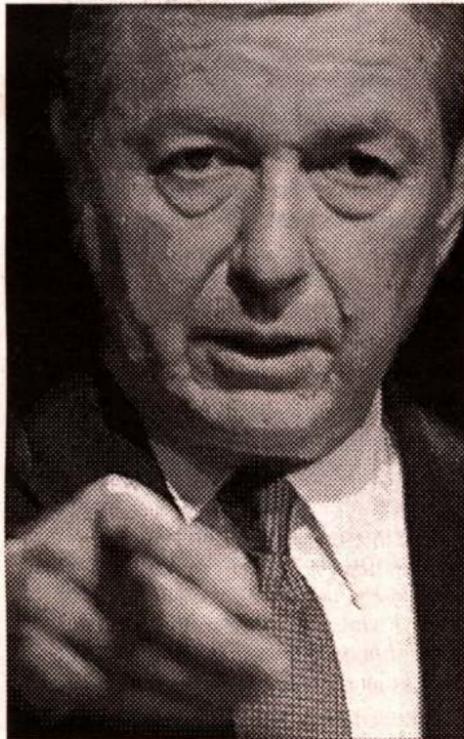
U.S. AGENTS INFILTRATED AL-QAEDA?

US intelligence intercepted a conversation in which al-Qaeda operatives discussed a major pending terrorist attack in the weeks prior to 9-11, and had agents inside the terror group. But officials insist the intercepts and field reports didn't specify where or when a strike might occur. The disclosures add to a growing body of evidence to be examined in closed congressional hearings. In electronic intercepts as late as September 10, 2001, al-Qaeda members apparently spoke of a major attack. Two anonymous US intelligence officials, paraphrasing highly classified intercepts, said they include such remarks as, "Good things are coming," "Watch the news" and "Tomorrow will be a great day for us." (*USA Today*, 6/3/02)

SUPREME COURT WATERS DOWN FOURTH AMENDMENT

A divided Supreme Court, raising concerns about the safety of passengers on inter-city buses, reduced the privacy rights of travelers by giving police and federal agents additional power to conduct searches. The 6-3 ruling is likely to extend to those who travel by train, mass transit, and other forms of public transportation. The Justice Department urged the court to take the War on Terrorism into account. "In the current environment," the department said, police and federal agents need authority to freely approach individuals who "travel on the nation's system of public transportation." The court ruled that officers do not have to inform bus passengers of their right to refuse to submit to frisks and searches. The majority opinion by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy stipulated that officers should ask in "a polite, quiet voice" and not "brandish a weapon" when requesting a search. Bus passengers, the opinion stated, should be inclined to cooperate with officers because they "know that their participation enhances their own safety and the safety of those around them." The dissenting justices, in an opinion written by Justice David H. Souter, said the majority underestimated the degree to which passengers would feel compelled to comply with officers' requests. Souter said, a passenger would feel like an individual surrounded by police in an alley, "unable to move effectively, being told their cooperation is expected." The ruling threw out a lower court decision that officers boarding a stopped bus to check out the passengers must make it

clear to passengers that they are free to refuse cooperation and can get off the bus anytime they wish. The ruling came in a cocaine case involving a bus search in Tallahassee, but the broad wording made clear the decision will affect railroad and other forms of transportation as well. Josh Dratel of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which filed a brief in the case, said that "any captive audience is essentially fair game under this ruling." (*Boston Globe*, 6/18/02)



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FEDS TO LIFT LIMITS ON DOMESTIC SPYING

Attorney General John Ashcroft has decided to relax restrictions on FBI domestic spying, announcing a broad loosening of the guidelines that restrict the surveillance of religious and political organizations. "We are turning the ship 180 degrees from prosecution of crimes as our main focus to the prevention of terrorist acts," a senior Justice Department official said. "We want to make sure that we do everything possible to stop the terrorists before they can kill innocent Americans, everything within the bounds of the Constitution and federal law."

But officials at the American Civil Liberties Union criticized the new guidelines, calling them another step by the Bush administration to roll back civil-liberties protections in the name of counter-terrorism. "These new guidelines say to the American people that you no longer have to be doing something wrong in order to get that FBI knock at your door," said Laura Murphy, director of the national ACLU office. "The government is rewarding failure. It seems when the FBI fails, the response by the Bush administration is to give the bureau new powers, as opposed to seriously look at why the intelligence and law enforcement failures occurred."

The new strategy emphasizes cyber-snooping, with the FBI to contract commercial "data-mining services" from firms that collect, organize and analyze marketing and demographic information from the Internet. Guidelines limiting domestic surveillance were imposed in the 1970's after the disclosures about COINTELPRO, a program that monitored antiwar and civil rights activists, including Martin Luther King Jr. Under

the new guidelines, field offices will no longer have to await approval for investigations from headquarters, but can conduct investigations for up to a year before being reviewed by senior officials. Additionally, under the new guidelines, the bureau will be able to send undercover agents to infiltrate groups that gather at places like mosques or churches without "probable cause" of criminal activity--although these investigations will need Justice Department approval. (*NY Times*, 5/30/02)

The FBI is also asking telecommunications companies to alter their network infrastructure to make it easier for law enforcement to install telephone taps. The request is said to cover both land-based and wireless networks. The FBI is also beefing up its own cyber-snoop technology. The Bureau's "Carnivore" electronic "sniffer" system will be enhanced by the addition of "Magic Lantern" software allowing agents to insert a virus in a target's computer and obtain electronic keys to encrypted files. (*Jane's Intelligence Review*, June 1)

CRITICS: NEW GUIDELINES ERODE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

"Our philosophy today is not to wait and sift through the rubble following a terrorist attack," Attorney General John Ashcroft told a news conference on the Justice Department's new direction. "The guidelines emphasize that the FBI must not be deprived of using all lawful authorized methods in investigations, consistent with the Constitution...to pursue and prevent terrorist actions."

But critics said the new guidelines were indeed eroding constitutional rights. "The administration's continued defiance of constitutional safeguards seems to have no end in sight," complained Rep. John Conyers, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee. Said Shaker Elsayed, secretary general of the Muslim American Society: "It only serves the purpose of heightening the scare in the society and the paranoia against Muslims." "Apparently, Attorney General Ashcroft wants to get the FBI back in the business of spying on religious and political organizations," said Margaret Ratner, an attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights. "That alone would be unconstitutional, but history suggests the FBI won't stop at passive information gathering."

Said James X. Dempsey, deputy director of the Center for Democracy and Technology: "They are using the terrorism crisis as a cover for a wide range of changes, some of which have nothing to do with terrorism," predicting that the power to mine commercial data will be used in drug, child pornography, stock fraud, gambling and "every other type of investigation the FBI does." Nicholas Graham, a spokesman for America Online, said, "If law enforcement asks for our cooperation, we absolutely do cooperate with them in a criminal investigation. We have always been careful to

strike a careful, reasonable and appropriate balance between protecting our members' privacy and their safety while working with law enforcement." (*CBS News*, 5/31/02)

LIBERALS CAVE IN

Of course, there is no shortage of self-flagellating "liberal" propagandists for the new police state. Writes *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof in a May 31 piece entitled "Liberal Reality Check":

"As we gather around FBI headquarters sharpening our machetes and watching the buzzards circle overhead, let's be frank: There's a whiff of hypocrisy in the air. One reason aggressive agents were restrained as they tried to go after Zacarias Moussaoui is that liberals like myself--and the news media caldron in which I toil and trouble--have regularly excoriated law enforcement authorities for taking shortcuts and engaging in racial profiling. As long as we're pointing fingers, we should peer into the mirror.

"The timidity of bureau headquarters is indefensible. But it reflected not just myopic careerism but also an environment (that we who care about civil liberties helped create) in which officials were afraid of being assailed as insensitive storm troopers.

"So it's time for civil libertarians to examine themselves with the same rigor with which we are prone to examine others. The bottom line is that Mr. Moussaoui was thrown in jail--thank God--not because there was evidence he had committed a crime but because he was a young Arab man who behaved suspiciously and fit our stereotypes about terrorists."

Exit Poll: Are the CIA and FBI leaking their own blunders in an effort to intentionally make themselves look incompetent so that their budgets will be increased and restraints on domestic snooping lifted? Please reply to: feedback@worldwar3report.com

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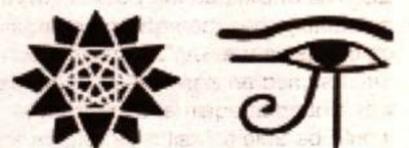
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embassy bombings case is litigating the fact that his client has restricted access to him and to other people. We will see more on this. Of course, it's not the best climate to be litigating this stuff. So when people say to me, "Why didn't you go to court and fight the SAMs?" Well, because we were not hopeful of any great relief being given by a federal judge under the current climate.

SHADOW: Apart from the First Amendment angle, speaking more to your case, there are Sixth Amendment implications here--right to counsel.

LS: Yes, the SAM certainly impeded that. I think anyone who's ever had a legal problem and gone to a lawyer--whether you were being sued in civil matter, or arrested, even for DWI or something innocuous--wants to feel that they can sit with that lawyer and say, "Look, I knocked back six beers, but I wasn't drunk. I didn't tell the cops this." Then the lawyer can go into court knowing what he must prove, understanding his client's level of culpability or lack of culpability. I don't think anyone who's ever visited a lawyer would want anyone listening in on that. This a confidential communication that the lawyer is duty-bound not to reveal! So don't ask me what I was doing! Ask what the government was doing listening in! And of course, [Attorney General John] Ashcroft has admitted that nothing I ever did led to anything. There's never been any connection between the press release or anything else and any violence, in Egypt or anywhere else in the world.

SHADOW: So you passed the press release on from the Sheikh to Reuters. In what language?

LS: The Sheikh gave it to Yousry in Arabic, Yousry translated it into English and gave it to me. We came back here [to New York] and had some discussion about what should or shouldn't be done and the possible consequences--including that I would be cut off from the Sheikh and wouldn't be able to visit him. But it was very important to him to get this out, so we decided to go ahead with it--maybe even test the waters, see what would happen. But nobody expected it would become the centerpiece of an indictment that carries 40 years. I mean, let's litigate this, let's fight over it, bring the BoP [Bureau of Prisons] in--but to make me criminally liable? That really goes beyond--and talk about a chill effect! This just sends them to the freezer, the rest of the bar. They're not gonna want to represent people like the Sheikh if this is the kind of trouble that's in store for them.

SHADOW: The press release did not concern legal matters. So why was it protected by attorney-client privilege?

LS: The Sheikh, as the person I'm representing, has the right to communicate outside the SAMs. They suckered me. I signed an agreement saying this won't happen again and in return I would be able to visit my client as an attorney. They never intended to keep that agreement. They clearly had another agenda there, and their agenda was to listen in on whatever I was saying.

SHADOW: So after the Justice Department found out about the press re-

lease, they made you sign a new SAM. Is there a double-jeopardy issue here?

LS: Double-jeopardy? I don't think so, because I was never charged with anything. I think we deal with it in the law by calling it finality. I mean, if you and I have a dispute, and we agree to resolve the dispute, and we both sign off on the agreement, they can't then raise that again. So we are certainly going to raise the issue that this indictment is flawed by the concept of finality--that when the government dealt with Stanley [Cohen] as my attorney to negotiate the new SAM, they were essentially signing off on this.

SHADOW: So what is the crux of your defense strategy?

LS: The crux of my defense strategy is that I'm a lawyer, and I did what the kind of lawyer who vigorously defends clients always does--and that is not adhering to a narrow little stage of action. Its bigger than that, especially with a client who has had wide publicity, who the government is giving wide publicity. You represent them in a different way than you necessarily would a pick-pocket or a shoplifter--but no less vigorously. And for me, I think my main goal in this--apart from not wanting to go to jail!--is to enlighten my fellow lawyers and the public itself of the inroads that are made on their rights. I mean, really the attorney-client right is not the attorney's right--it's the client's right! And if people are going to be listened in on, maybe they'll want to do something about this. If I am the poster child now for the anti-Ashcroft forces, I'm happy to be that. I really think they made a mis-step in this case, and I hope we can exploit it.

SHADOW: What was the mis-step?

LS: To indict me for doing nothing more than what any lawyer would ever do under any circumstances, and hoping to parlay it into a political victory because everyone's so afraid of terrorism, the big T-word. My own lovely grandson asked my son, who's also a lawyer who works together with me--"Did grandma really help the terrorists?" When they put that T on your forehead, it sticks. So I hope that if we really take the government on in this case instead of pussy-footing around, that perhaps we can expose them for what they really are doing, which is taking away civil rights in the name of fighting terrorism.

SHADOW: Apart from the legal consequences, just speaking in terms of its appropriateness or ethics, how do you feel about what you did? How do you feel about handing on the press release?

LS: Oh, I would do it again in a minute. You know, when I was interviewed in another media [60 Minutes, May 5, 2002--Ed.], I used the words "Well, maybe it was a mistake, but it wasn't a crime." What I meant is, nobody likes to go back on their word. I signed a piece of paper that said I wouldn't do this, right? Just like when you get married you say, "I do," and you're gonna love, honor and et cetera, et cetera. And five years down the road something comes up and you find out you can no longer love and honor, and that oath you took to this other person has to be broken for many reasons. So when I signed that SAM, I was perfectly willing to obey it. But when something came up that made it impossible for me to balance

my duties as a lawyer with what the government was requiring of me, I chose my duties as a lawyer. I'd like to think I would do that again. When I said it was a "mistake," I meant I don't like the idea of signing something and then breaking it. But I felt very guilty after my first divorce also. So maybe it works the same way.

SHADOW: Do you believe the Sheikh was innocent of plotting to blow up New York City landmarks?

LS: I actually think that as a criminal, legal matter, he was not guilty. That whatever his role, it was not a role that we punish for traditionally in this country. And I argued this to the jury. We do not punish the bishop who preaches against abortion when somebody else goes out and blows up a clinic, although we can say he was the spiritual leader of that person. I don't think the Sheikh was ever involved in any act of plotting, I don't think he ever gave his approval or even knew about any plans that were taking place. And I think the case did prove that. But the climate of the times even back in '95, post-World Trade Center one, was such that Americans were ready to take people they perceived as dangerous off the streets.

SHADOW: What if the Sheikh's advice was taken, and the cease-fire was broken in Egypt? The terrorist attack at Luxor in 1997 left over 50 Egyptians and tourists dead, and the Islamic Group claimed responsibility. Do you think it would be a good thing if these sort of attacks were to resume?

LS: Americans are very two-faced about violence, aren't they? I mean, we came out of the Boston Tea Party and throwing rocks at soldiers on the Boston Commons and finally taking up arms and going against the British army. War has changed since 1776, but the basic desire of people to be free hasn't changed. And I'm not sure

that I want to second-guess what methods other people use. I'm not saying that if I had been told to carry the

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Otherwise unseen....

By REBECCA in JENIN...an eyewitness diary to the atrocities of everyday life under occupation.

In Jenin we are under a total curfew, which gets lifted every day for a few hours like now --though shortly the Israeli tanks and jeeps will come rolling through the city center. During curfew the streets are completely deserted, houses and storefronts are shuttered. Nobody goes outside for fear of being shot. This is the reality here.

In April of this year, Jenin suffered two weeks of bombing by Israeli F16 and Apache Attack helicopters. The devastation of the camp from this bombing stretches about the length of three football fields. Where there used to be streets and houses, there is now only rubble that stretches about 30 feet high - resembling New York's ground zero before the clean up. But unlike New York there will be no clean up here and instead the Israeli soldiers with their tanks and jeeps have moved back in to reoccupy the town.

The Israeli military has systematically ripped up all water pipes and sewage mains and have shot down water tanks. There is a shortage of water, and there are pools of sewage everywhere. During the few hours that curfew is lifted, children desperate just to play after having been locked inside for so long, play here amongst the rubble and the sewage.

We don't know how many bodies may be underneath the huge pile of rubble, nor do we know if there are any un-exploded devices. When I first arrived in Jenin, the Israeli soldiers had already rounded up and taken away all of Jenin's men between the ages of 15 and 55 that they could find. There are only women, children, and old men left, but still the Israeli soldiers insist on continuing their house-to-house searches, with dogs. They are in the habit of entering the houses, harassing residents and wrecking and vandalising their homes.

Everything lies untold and untouched. This fills me with so much sadness, especially when the people of Jenin have welcomed me here so warmly. They take great pains to make sure that I understand that they do not harbor resentment against the American people but rather the American government for financing what is a war of terror against them. And truly I have witnessed nothing but a brutal war that is being waged by the Israeli military against an unarmed civilian population whose spirit the soldiers are systematically trying to break.

As one man said to me:
"The tanks have broken the roads,
they have broken the fields,
they have broken the buildings,

and now the tanks are trying to break me."
To all of my friends in the United States,
please help do something to wake up the
American people to the terrible war
crimes that are being played
out here as I'm writing to
you. We must take
responsibility and not sit
quietly while it is our tax
dollars that are making this
dirty war possible. Israel must be made
to withdraw its military immediately from
Gaza and the West Bank. Israel must
dismantle all its illegal settlements and
implement a two state solution where a
Palestinian State will exist alongside an Israeli state.
Palestinians must be allowed to live as people as we do.
They must be given the opportunity for hope, rights,
freedom, dignity, water, and a future worth living!



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message "There are a hundred rifles hidden at the battery and they should be taken up to the Egyptian embassy and everybody murdered up there," that I would carry such a message. But a political message, a message which is aimed at a group which is deciding things politically, although they have a military wing--I don't think I would draw the line there. I think somebody like the Sheikh, just like Joe Doherty [IRA militant extradited from New York to Northern Ireland in 1992--Ed.] and the Irish prisoners have a right to be heard. And it's not up to me to decide what action should be taken after that.

SHADOW: Do you support an Islamic revolution in Egypt? It didn't work out too well for women and progressives in Iran and Afghanistan.

LS: You know, I'm always asked this question, its very interesting. The fact of the matter is I believe in self-determination. I believe people have the right to decide for themselves how their lives should be led, under what kind of government. Ashcroft is really in favor of many of the same things as the Sheikh; the American right is certainly anti-woman, anti-inclusiveness, and I certainly oppose that here in my own country for my own sake, for my children's sake, for the way I want to live. But I'm not going to second-guess people who are living in Egypt under conditions they know better about than I do. They have to decide for themselves. And my understanding is that Islamic revolution is the only hope of ever succeeding in unseating a group of what I consider to be charlatans--and I mean [Egyptian president Hosni] Mubarak, the king of Jordan, the people who run the Gulf states and Saudi Arabia. They are not there in their people's best interest, and if their people see that they want to re-instate a system of law and government that was in existence for hundreds and hundreds of years, I'm not going to judge.

SHADOW: Which was what?

LS: There's a body of law, the shariah, that was in place, and can be put back in place. I do not hold myself out to be any expert in Middle Eastern history or law, but this system of shariah was certainly in place, it certainly can be re-instated. And it was certainly not what the Taliban were living under--they had their own system which was probably to the right of what most Islamists consider to be law. I only know what I read from sources in this country, but certainly if they were not permitting women to attend school, this is not Islam. I mean, the Sheikh--whatever he is and whatever you want to say about him--he does not twist what he sees as the law of Islam to suit his own desires. He basically sees the Koran as championing women in some ways that Westerns might do well to emulate. Women do not take their husbands' names. Women marry under contract, which can be broken--with the husband's consent, I admit.

SHADOW: The "Justice for Lynne Stewart" web page has a picture of an Israeli flag next to a Palestinian one saying "give peace a chance." This is certainly not the politics of your clients. Is it really your politics?

LS: Actually, you know, I'll have to look at the web page again, I guess! You know, it's interesting. Those of us who do believe in struggle, and armed

struggle, do want to give peace a chance! We may love peace more than these people who want to keep the peace, but want to keep the injustice as well. There can never be peace without justice. So I want peace, but I want justice. Is there going to be an Israel? Of course there will be an Israel. There will be a Palestine. But I'm not "give peace a chance." I think there has to be a resolution of deep-seated problems before peace can be given a chance. Peace is in this country equated with status quo. Give status quo a chance? Not me.

SHADOW: When the FBI searched your office, they seized your computer. So presumably they now have access to confidential files on a lot of cases which have nothing to do with terrorism. The Justice Department has appointed a so-called "walled" Assistant US Attorney to review the seized material and protect privileged information from being passed on to prosecutors. Do you feel this is an adequate safeguard?

LS: I'm happy to report a small victory for the people. We did go to court on the day I was arrested, and Susan Tipograph did ask the judge to order them to hold whatever they took from the office under seal. We don't know that they did this, but that was what the judge ordered. We then did motions asking that they not be allowed to go through the files, that they be turned over to what they call a "special master"--an independent person who would make a decision whether the things that they took had any relevance to the case. And the judge agreed with us, and he did appoint this special master. And it is a criminal defense lawyer in this town, an ex-US attorney who is taking on this task of going through the files.

SHADOW: What makes him any more independent than the "walled" Assistant US Attorney?

LS: Well even if you build a "wall" around him, he's still working for Team America. The special master will keep privileged information out of the hands of the government. My clients have a greater chance with a special master that their privacy will be protected. I think Judge John Koeltl, who is an ex-Watergate prosecutor, took a principled stand on this one. So that was a small victory, but a nice one, at the outset of the litigation.

SHADOW: Are you optimistic?

LS: I'm always optimistic, sometimes to my own detriment! I've been in the struggle 40 years, approximately. And I always believed the people will triumph, that people are good--they are misled many times, and they find it much easier to do nothing than to do something. But ultimately I am optimistic about the case. I think that we can win. I think that they have no case against me. I hope only that the cloud that permeates everything--the sense of despair, that we just have to do anything we can do to brick the walls and keep those people out--is not so pervasive that we can't find twelve jurors who can see beyond that and understand what the case is really about.

SHADOW: Any closing words?

LS: I guess is the last word is I am a believer that there is something more important than security--and that is freedom. And hopefully we can fight for that.

(For more info on Lynne Stewart's case, updates and media coverage, check out: <http://lynnestewart.org>--Ed.)

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Bredaro-Shaw. Dresser was subsequently acquired by Halliburton, which now owns 50% of Bredaro-Shaw (See <<http://www.al.com/news/mobile/Nov2000/15-a419189a.html>>--Ed.)

Dresser provided George H.W. Bush, the current president's father, with his first job in the oil industry in the early 1950s (See <www.famous-texans.com/georgebush.htm>--Ed.) In 1953, the elder Bush left Dresser to form Zapata Petroleum with partner Hugh Liedtke. Zapata later became Pennzoil, which is still controlled by Liedtke and now owns 9% of top Caspian Basin investor Chevron (See Pennzoil reference at Handbook of Texas, <www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook>--Ed.)

Then there is the Sudan connection. Sudan, like Afghanistan, was struck by US missiles in retaliation for the African embassy bombings in 1998, allegedly masterminded by Osama Bin Laden. The Sudan regime protected Osama for several years before he relocated to Afghanistan, and is still believed to protect his network. It is also accused by human rights groups of gross atrocities against rebel tribes in the south. But this hasn't prevented US oil companies from investing in the war-torn country.

The American Anti-Slavery Group (AASG) has called a national boycott of Amoco gas stations to protest BP-Amoco's stake in an oil project that fuels slavery and genocide in Sudan. BP-Amoco seeks to invest \$1 billion in PetroChina, a subsidiary of the China National Petroleum Company (CNPC), which has been directly linked to war crimes in Sudan. Whole tribes are cleared off oil-rich land by the Sudanese military and sold as slaves. Sudan's fundamentalist regime, officially deemed "genocidal" by the US Congress, brags that oil proceeds will fund its war effort. Boycott leaders say Amoco's investment in PetroChina makes it a partner to these atrocities. "Amoco has become the proxy of a genocidal regime in Sudan," said AASG's Charles Jacobs in a March 27, 2000 press release. According to government sources in Uganda, some of the slaves captured by the Sudanese army are supplied to the giant marijuana plantations reportedly operated by Osama in Sudan to fund global terrorist activity.

THE HEROIN CONNECTION: FACT AND PROPAGANDA

And of course, the region's opium wars grind on, with windfall profits expected from the escalation of warfare. The Taliban funded its 1994-96 drive to power by taxing opium cultivation in its zones of control. But at UN behest, Taliban ruler Mullah Muhammad Omar issued a sweeping edict banning cultivation of opium in July 2000, hoping to win international recognition of his tyrannical regime. In April 2001, in a first move towards normalizing relations with Taliban Afghanistan, the US State Department sent two "narcotics experts" as part of a UN-coordinated team to witness the regime's opium eradication campaign.

Proclaiming the eradication a success, the US quickly provided some \$10 million for "crop-substitution programs" in Afghanistan. Although the aid was ostensibly distributed through non-governmental organizations, bypassing the Taliban, critics charge this freed up other funds for the Taliban's armed forces, which are carrying out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against Uzbeks, Tajiks and other minorities.

Some 3 1/2 million refugees from Afghanistan languish in camps in Pakistan and Iran--the largest refugee population in the world now. Before his July resignation, United Nations Drug Czar Piffo Arlacchi arranged \$250 million dollars in anti-narcotics aid to the Taliban over the next decade--aid which is now in question.

But the eradication program may be quickly reversed. The *Times of London* reported on September 25 that Afghanistan's peasants "are ready to swamp world markets with heroin" amid signs that the Taliban has dropped its ban. Citing "ruthless and efficient" Taliban enforcement, The *Times* boasts: "UN figures show that Afghanistan's opium production was 4,600 tonnes in 1999, but this is thought to have dropped to 100 tonnes this year." Now, however, The *Times* ominously notes, "the sudden halving of the price of raw opium to \$250 a kg suggests the decree has been reversed." Even if it remains in place, the article speculates, desperate peasants are expected to resume opium planting while Taliban security forces are engaged fighting the US and its proxies.

Given that opium planting season was just then beginning, and the crops would not be ready for harvest until Spring, global prices were unlikely to be affected so quickly. In any case, heroin paranoia makes for good war propaganda. Although the *New York Times* reported on September 26 that "intelligence experts have never established a direct link between the [opium] trade and Mr. Bin Laden," the same paper on October 4 cited anonymous US officials as saying Bin Laden was trying to develop an ultra-potent "super heroin" for export to the US. The only official cited by name was DEA [Drug Enforcement Agency] chief Asa Hutchinson, who said his agency had "limited information" about the reports. On October 5, the *Times* reported the latest UN data indicates most opium in Afghanistan is grown in territory controlled by the Northern Alliance rebels now being groomed as a US proxy force to fight the Taliban.

At her Peshawar press conference, RAWA's Saima Karim warned that by backing the Northern Alliance, the US was repeating the same mistake it made with the Mujahedeen and the Taliban--propping up terrorist-supporting fundamentalist warlords to fight another bunch of terrorist-supporting fundamentalist warlords. Karim said she opposes the Taliban, but considers the Northern Alliance "the other side of the same coin."

Despite the unprecedented events of the 9-11 terror attacks and their aftermath, there is an eerie sense of history repeating itself. The Great Game for control of Central Asia, dating to the Russian-British rivalry of the 19th century, continues. US imperialism has lost control of its former proxies, Osama and the Taliban. But the same imperatives which entangled the US in the volatile politics of Afghanistan in the first place--resulting in the bloody blowback in New York City--are still at work as US involvement escalates to massive military intervention.

(For more info, check out <<http://WW3Report.com>>--Ed.)



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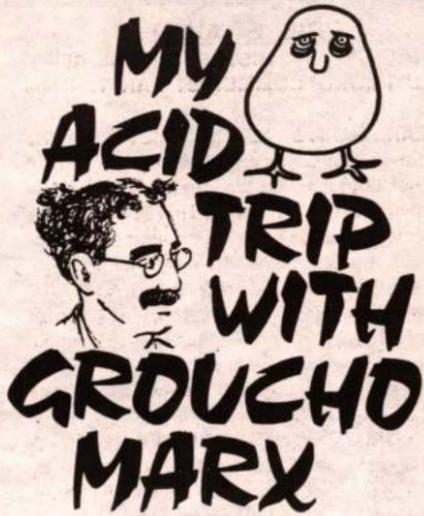
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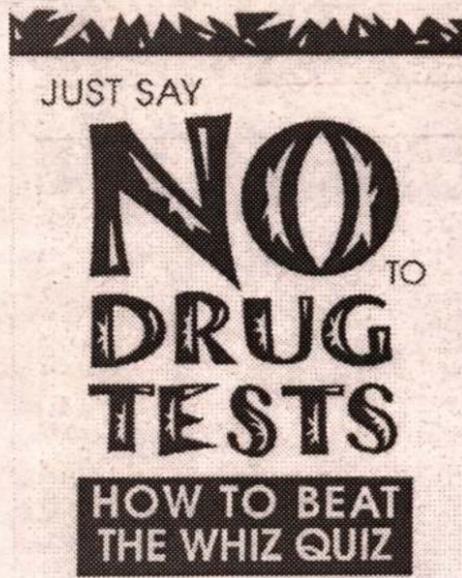
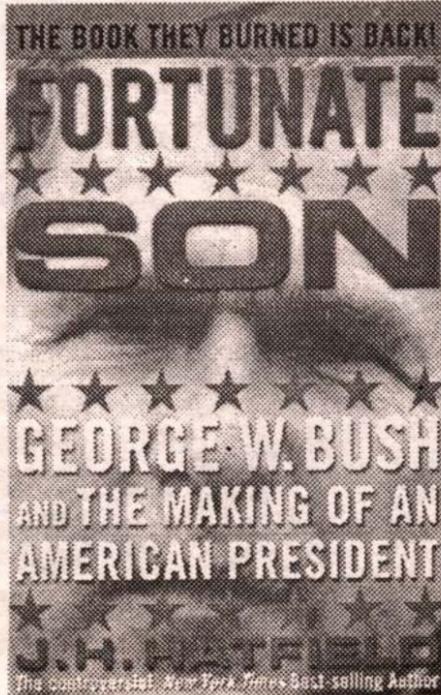
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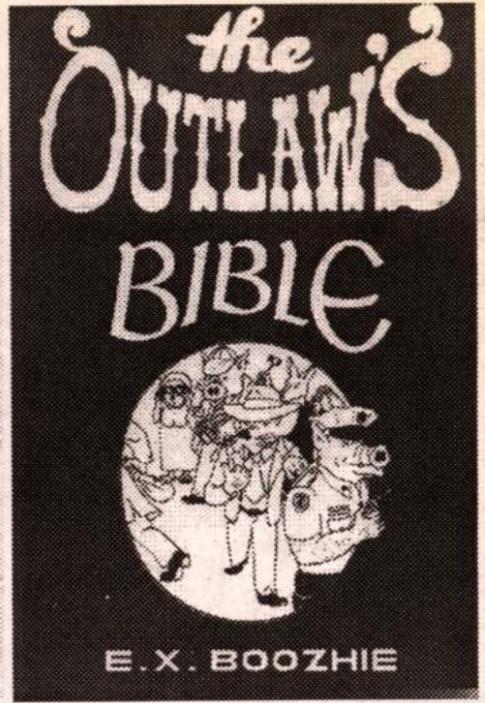
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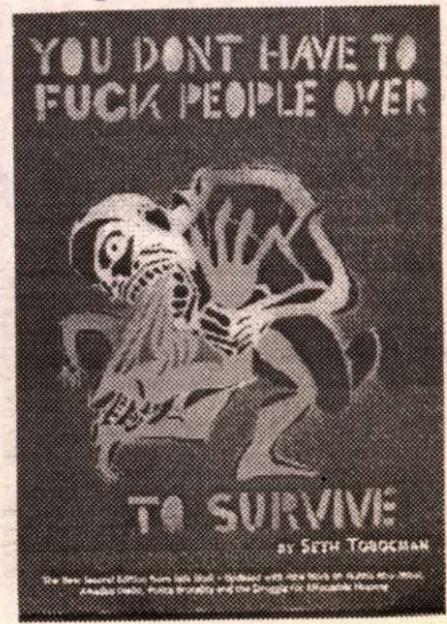
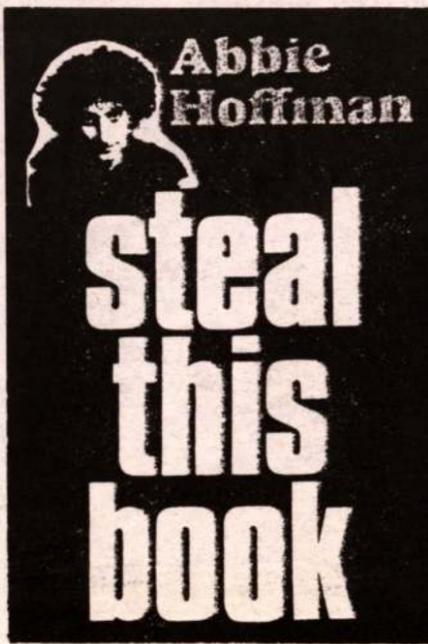
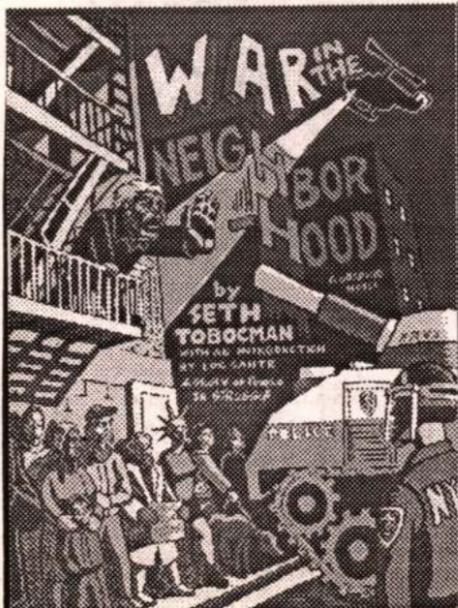
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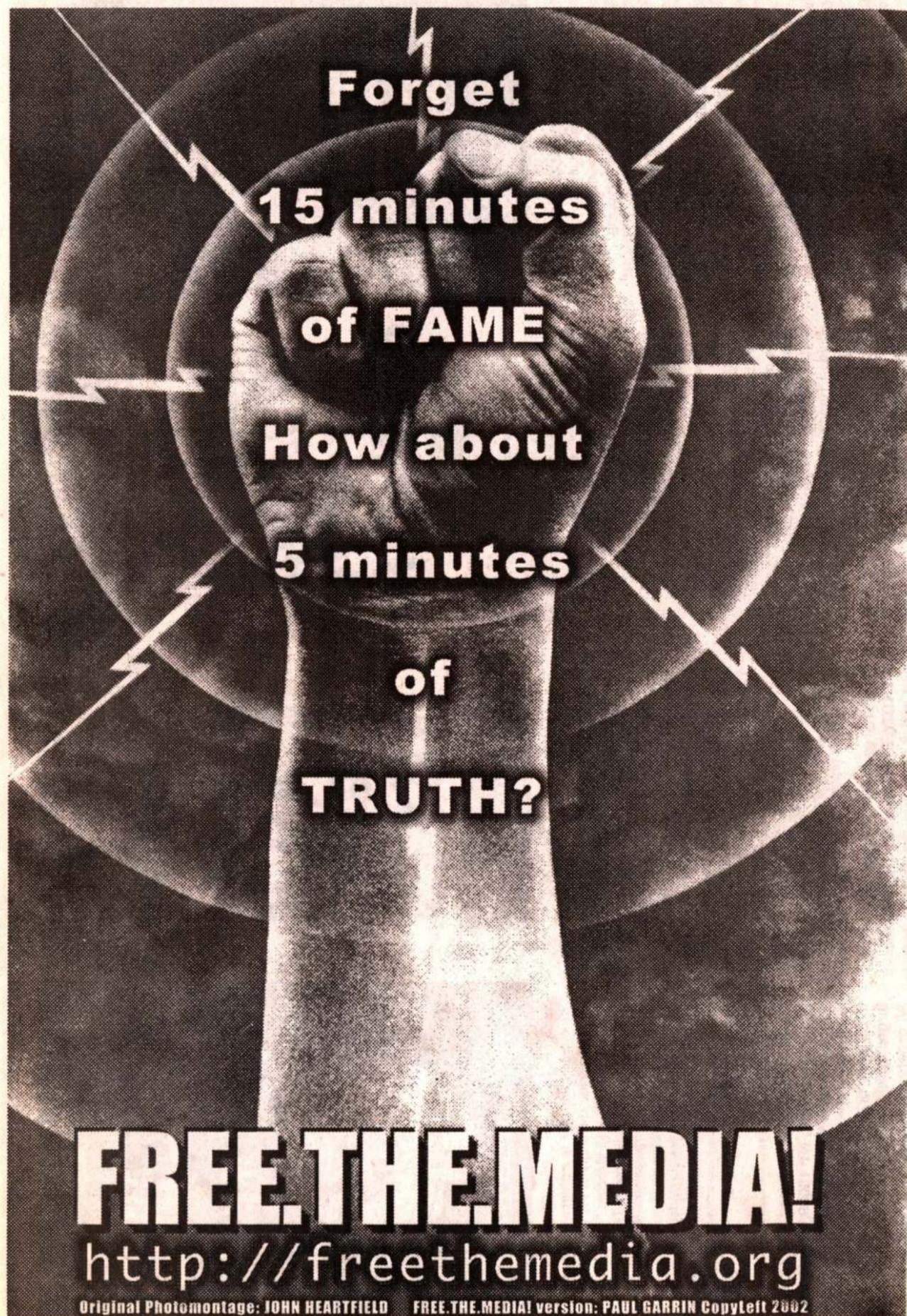
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