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'IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL'



BUSHWHACKED !



A large area around the Parliament was closed off from the people of Australia during the one day visit of President Bush. RAAF FA18 Hornets and RAN helicopters patrolled the skies over the Australian Capital Territory and the motorcade. The motorcade of about 30 cars, including 20 security vehicles and decoy limousines, 150 media mainly official White House press corps and US television, the entourage of 650 including members of the US secret service, 450 Australian Federal Police and Protective Services Officers. Australian journalists were muscled well out of the way by the American minders, while the US counterparts had ring side seats.

Chief correspondent for Australian Associated Press said, "George W. Bush's 21 hours in Australia was more like an American invasion than a visit".

The Australian press photographers were pushed back during Bush's visit to the War Memorial, the BBQ and in the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the house ruled no photographers, but how did CNN get in.

The tight security in and out of Parliament didn't prevent two Greens' Senators interrupting Bush with questions related to the two prisoners held in Cuba and the demand they be brought home to Australia.

The protest in the parliament was great news for the people as increasing numbers are angry at the pack of lies told, "the children overboard", "the weapons of mass destruction" and the increasing shame of the families and children kept being razor wire in detention centres.

Bush came here to thank the Man of Steel, the Prime minister, for Australia's role in Iraq. The US—Australia Free Trade Agreement was not discussed. It has a fog of secrecy. But the people see the connection between the decline of Medicare, the threat to the price paid by patients for drugs prescribed by their doctor, the decline of Australian content in the TV and arts, the decline in health and education and the concern for the environment.

The cost of intervention in other countries and all the military hardware to cover aggression and so-called peace keeping in about 10 countries is a scandal.

A big education move is taking place, as dozens of organizations study and act around these questions.

THIS GOVERNMENT IS SELLING AUSTRALIA AND EVERY THING FOR WHICH PAST WORKERS HAVE FOUGHT AND STRUGGLED !

NOW IS THE TIME TO UNITE AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY, IMPERIALISM LED BY THE USA !

GET OUT OF IRAQ !

BRING THE TROOPS HOME!

NO INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES !

THE ENEMY IS NOT BUSH..IT IS IMPERIALISM

Lies...Lies...Lies.. We are getting a new crop daily. The Government urgently gazetted regulations to remove Melville Island and 4000 other islands, from Australia's migration zone. This was to prevent 18 asylum seekers reaching Australia. The excision was effective from midnight on Monday 10.11.'03, 12 hours before islanders sighted the vessel which was towed away to an Indonesian camp.

The Australian authorities claimed the 14 Turkish Kurds did not say they were refugees; "I begged them, I pleaded down on my knees", "We said we were refugees"..The Government has been forced to admit they misled the people and that the 14 Kurds had indeed asked for asylum. Now the Prime Minister is saying it doesn't really matter, it's quite irrelevant. This is a re-run of the infamous "children overboard", "the weapons of mass destruction" to name a few lies.

These lies increase the number of Australians actively supporting refugees and resisting their deportation.

David Hicks and Mr Habid are still in prison at Guantanamo Bay now called Camp Delta. They are not political prisoners, and according to the Prime Minister; they have no right to repatriation. The incredible courage of the families of these two men is in sharp contrast to the spineless actions of the Federal Government. The Australian people are asking, what is the good of being an Australian citizen anyway!

The Australian Government is too busy selling the country at the Free Trade talks with the USA. Australian actors in the film industry spoke out on the sorry future for our own culture if the TV and films are all made in the USA. "Our films can't be traded for a couple of lamb chops" said an actor receiving her award.

On 30 occasions, the Prime Minister has presided over farewells and welcome homes for the Australian Defence Force since 1999 and personally addressed the troops. When the troops returned from Iraq, he took the salute. Howard the arch constitutional monarchist, he has 'Americanized' the role of the P.M. More than any other PM since WW1, He has sought to gain political advantage by wrapping himself in khaki, (and the Flag).And , he hasn't been to any war either...

Why is it so! The PM and his political party pour scorn on the people who marched against the war in Iraq and claim , it was a "war to liberate the Iraqi people". He hopes we all will forget, "the weapons of mass destruction", The American and British people are putting the pressure on Blair and Bush for their lies, So where is the pressure on Howard.?

The ruling class want us to close ranks behind the diggers...and the war. More than 100,000 Australian service personal are buried overseas, husbands, fathers sons...and double that wounded. The rousing military music will not drown out the tears. Australia has troops in around 10 countries. Are the authorities thinking of conscription?

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KICK THE WARMONGERS OUT OF OFFICE !

