

Letters to the WSWS

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Below we post a selection of recent letters to the World Socialist Web Site.

I believe you have hit the proverbial nail on the head with this article. What better way to trash the Bill of Rights, secure the oil pipeline across Afghanistan, and keep America subservient to an oil-based economy? What better way to ratchet up the Pentagon budget? (A huge military apparatus consumes mass quantities of petroleum products!) What I personally fear is that with the next “outrage” against innocent people, there will be further steps taken to curtail our freedoms. Martial law? Suspension of the writ of habeas corpus? Could be...

T

30 May 2002

I read your article of several months past (“State of the Union speech: Bush declares war on the world”) and was really impressed. As a soldier in the US Army, this information is not standard reading. I wish to learn more of your point of view.

Thanks

TB

29 May 2002

Dear Mr. Beams:

I greatly appreciated your responses to GS’s pointed questions about life in a socialist society. It is so often difficult for us, living as we do in our space and time (in my case, in the United States under deep and runaway capitalism and under world conditions of great tensions and inequalities) to imagine that any other way of life is possible. Socialism would provide so many things necessary for productive life (education, medical care) that people would at last be able to focus on more than simply striving to keep the wolves of poverty and illness from their doors. And family life would not be limited to the “nuclear” variety with state-mandated marriage of a specific type. People would decide for themselves what a family was, be it large or small, same-sex, mixed sex, children, grandparents, etc. And,

most important, their minds could be used for purposeful exploration of humanity, our planet, life, the universe and everything (thank you, Douglas Adams). I have forwarded this particular article to many of my friends. Thanks again.

CZ

San Francisco

30 May 2002

I would to thank you so much for the web site and the information you provide about Giuliani and his corrupt cronies.

HM

28 May 2002

Thank you for the news of excellent articles. The WSWS covers what the corporate press neglects—and adds insight. I have not seen the Hershey strike in local news. The article on West Bank occupation events and history was excellent.

BO

Austin, Texas

25 May 2002

Dear Editors,

Thank you for highlighting this unfolding catastrophe (“Famine spreads across southern Africa”). The response of the liberal media to the impending starvation and likely deaths of millions has been hypocritical in the extreme, especially regarding Zimbabwe.

The Zimbabwean masses are experiencing extreme hardship and suffering which is being solely blamed on the Zanu PF government’s misguided land redistribution program. However, all Zimbabweans remember that real economic hardship began in the early 1990s as the IMF Economic Structural Adjustment Program (ESAP) began taking effect. For the last 10 years, Zimbabweans from all walks of life have seen their standard of living deteriorate to the extent that even those with employment are unable to afford the basic necessities of life.

While I am no supporter of the degenerated Maoism of Zanu PF, the intention of the major powers to now punish the Zimbabwean government or to force a crisis by withholding aid from people in extreme need is absolutely diabolical. The tacit support for this strategy promoted in papers such as the *Guardian* exposes the rot at the heart of liberalism.

Yours

EG

South Africa

20 May 2002

Dear friends,

I would like to express my utmost respect and highest regard for your reports, to read establishment newspapers in Australia or in fact anywhere around the world is humiliating exercise. Keep up the good work

PM

22 May 2002



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