

Letters from our readers

26 June 2002

On the case of US Air Force officer Steven Butler:

Dear Sir:

The article about Lt. Col. Steve Butler was a very informative one. I would recommend him for a medal instead of court-martial. When the American people are not allowed to speak their thoughts even if they are in the military, this is un-American.

We need to be aware of how we are sitting about and letting our great country be destroyed by this administration. We all need to question everything that is being done and ask ourselves: who is it for?

CD

21 June 2002

Editor,

You are to be commended, again, for following stories the national media avoid like the plague. This is the wave of the future, The Big Lie will continue to unravel as the voters await sending the unelected fraud back to Crawford.

This career officer deserves to receive the thanks and support of veterans and citizens everywhere.

A man of courage and integrity needs to be acknowledged. Thanks for your attention.

JE

23 June 2002

On the documentary *Massacre at Mazar:*

Hi,

Just read this article by Stefan Steinberg, and I really wanted to cry. The US, Europe and the whole world have been mourning the killing of innocent people on September 11, but after reading this article, it seems that the US is playing a revenge game. I strongly believe that the general public should be aware of the crimes US soldiers and personnel committed in Afghanistan.

ZA

London

20 June 2002

I was wondering if the documentary is available on video? Thanks for your wonderful work in bringing this information to light!

JC

19 June 2002

Hello, I have read your article about the documentary on US military and war crimes in Afghanistan and I found it interesting that our puppet media won't put this on the

airwaves in the US. Why should they?—the media in the states are prostitutes (99 percent of them). Is there any way to purchase a copy of this documentary? I would love to see this phony war from an outside perspective, besides the propaganda that our puppet media attempts to have us believe.

Thank you,

MH

22 June 2002

Other recent correspondence:

To the WSWs Editorial Board and its international readership:

I wish to take this opportunity to salute your courage, scholarly efforts and vital role in continuing to provide the world with scientific analyses and reports on the renewed US imperialist-oppressive onslaught directed both at the global world and US citizens. The latest repressive “security” measures are deplored in the strongest terms by all freedom-loving and truly democratic peoples across the world. The implications of the latest curtailment of basic democratic and human rights are naturally wide-ranging and could have serious consequences for organizations that simply wish to reveal the truth about forms of human exploitation and oppression and the means to a new and just world order.

I strongly and sincerely urge all readers and supporters of the WSWs across the world to play a vital role in ensuring the security and continuation of the WSWs and its ideas during this time especially, and to make a concerted effort to distribute relevant texts from the WSWs to all friends, family members, work colleagues, general acquaintances, the television, electronic and print media, etc. This measure will expose thousands and possibly millions of people to alternative views as opposed to those propagated by the mainstream capitalist-imperialist media, and provide a strong form of international defense and solidarity to those who consciously strive and toil to bring to our attention significant matters regarding our and future generations' continued existence here on earth.

Sincerely,

CK

Cape Town, South Africa

8 June 2002

Hi, David Walsh,

I just now came across your excellent 19 November essay on Bush Inc./Hollywood. Belated but warm thanks for your candid and insightful observations

Best,

Jack G. Shaheen, author of *Reel Bad Arabs: How Hollywood Vilifies a People*

18 June 2002

I would like to personally thank Joseph Levine and Yoshie Furuhashi [professor and lecturer at Ohio State University, respectively] for having the moral courage and intellectual independence to express what should be the responsibility of every person at Ohio State University, or for that matter, every university in this country.

Where would we be currently if political expression had been stifled in the 1970s the way it is currently by the Bush administration? Would we still be in Vietnam?

If the Bush policies are so morally and politically solid, why should they be so fearful of any expression of disagreement with those policies?

Hats off to the few who are not hoodwinked by the flag-waving hysteria generated by the Bush administration and their lackeys in the news media.

L

19 June 2002

Dear Editor,

The attitude of the *New York Times* towards the actions of the US military and security agencies is surprisingly similar to the craven attitude adopted by the liberal press in South Africa during the Apartheid era. Spinelessness and boot-licking are the order of the day for the columnists and reporters of such newspapers.

Yours,

EG

19 June 2002

I just read this article on President Bush's State of the Union speech. It was a wonderful article and right on the money. To say the American people don't know what is going on in Afghanistan is totally wrong, I know exactly what we did and I was against it and I know why we did it. I think we are barbaric and transparent. Bush claims we are "either with him or against him"; that doesn't leave much room for argument.

Bush has announced he is going to give payments to minorities for homes and is going to see to it that the banks give them loans. I am not sure what minorities he is referring to, Blacks and Hispanics I guess; there are poor whites who could use a home as well. If Bush read the Constitution he would see that there is nothing about real estate in it.

That is our money, and I would rather see him give all the thousands of people who are in the streets of New York and Chicago and Detroit, and even here in the suburbs who are sleeping in cardboard boxes, a home, and some food would be nice too. There are children starving right here in America. Every night some child goes to bed hungry. That is a disgrace—see to them first, regardless of their color or ethnic background. The number of homes he said would be built a year was 40,000 while people sleep in cardboard boxes and in

train stations. Where is the logic in that? I don't believe he has the money anyway.

I enjoy your articles and I agree with almost all of them. Keep up the good work.

MT

20 June 2002

Dear Editor,

Thanks for introducing me (and other readers of the WSWS) to a courageous and remarkable man, Vadim Rogovin.

EG

South Africa

20 June 2002

The Editor,

It was with great interest that I recently read the Tyco article by Joseph Kay on 18 June 2002.

Being a "former" redundant Tyco employee out of Australia, I can now see why so many people over here have reason to distrust and dislike Tyco.

I originally worked faithfully for over 15 years for a national-based mechanical services company, Haden Engineering Pty Ltd., which Tyco bought out in mid-1999. Nearly all of the original Haden employees have since moved on, or been made redundant.

As a Senior Branch Management employee, I was consistently requested to move money around and report overstated results, to keep profits up, especially around the end of financial year.

I was wondering if it was possible to have this article published in the majority of Australian newspapers? I am from Western Australia, and I know a lot of people over here who would sit up and take notice of your article if it was to hit the papers.

Regards,

JE

24 June 2002



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