Letters from our readers

22 November 2003

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

On "Britain: Blair's apologia for Iraq war on eve of Bush visit."

Dear editor,

The invasion and occupation of Iraq was an action that had no basis in law. No amount of sophistry will turn wrong into right.

This is Blair's conundrum.

Yours,

EG

12 November 2003

On "Bush's London visit highlights mass opposition to US and British governments"

Thank you for your excellent critique of *The Guardian*. It was an eye-opener for me—in spite of the fact that I am a regular critic of the corporate media (htt p://www.axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/article_2936.s html)

I posted your article on our web site at: http://www.ax isoflogic.com/artman/publish/article_3416.shtml

Thank you!

Les Blough, editor

Axis of Logic

Boston, Massachusetts

20 November 2003

On "Northern Ireland: Adams offers to disband IRA as new elections are called"

To: WSWS Editor

I forwarded Nuzhound [www.nuzhound.com] one of your excellent articles on Ireland a week ago and now see they are featuring more articles from your site. Nuzhound has a daily readership globally of many thousands so it will give your site more coverage as it so deserves.

MK

I find your news web site just about the most informative I have been able to read. I do not find your news articles slanted; however, as a longtime CCF'er

(Cooperative Commonwealth Federation), NDP'er (New Democratic Party) and a moderate Socialist since 1936 and having worked much of my life in the cooperative movement (i.e., credit unions), I may be a bit biased.

In your articles and bulletins, I do not see any ranting, raving and distortion of events that I see with so many other outlets—many of course excluded. Keep up the good work. I'll keep watching to really know what is going on. And it is so encouraging to see this coming out of the US where, I guess, you are not all Bushwhackers.

WT

Abbotsford, British Columbia

19 November 2003

On "Why are retirement pensions under attack?"

It seems to me that the journalist who wrote on this subject, though eloquently, ignored the fact that 400 large corporations in North America are allowed to borrow against their pension fund every time they run short of cash. Just the recently publicized case of Air Canada, after dealing with all its creditors could not get itself out of the bankruptcy protection because it owed its employees' pension fund \$1.5 billion! I suggested recently to an employee of General Motors that when he retired in three years time, the company may not be in a position to pay his pension, and, of course, he laughed at me; but then I reminded him of Enron and its accountants/auditors/consultants, which were some of the largest internationally.

This is a serious problem and the last thing I read about it in the *Financial Times* was that government overseers had commented (speculated) that if the stock market went up in the not too distant future by 30 percent, the situation would correct itself. I wonder for what we pay hundreds of dollars a year in salaries to each of the superintendents of financial institutions?

Am I the only person worried?

YW



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