

From “Talking About Iraq”

What we need in Iraq is a Marshall Plan.

We talk about the mid-west being pro-war but we have, right here in CT, one of the biggest supporters of the war – Joe Lieberman.

If we’re going to write to our senators and congress reps, our comments and suggestions have to be practical and concrete.

We have a bi partisan plan developed by highly regarded experts. It’s the Iraq Study Group Plan. Why hasn’t Bush implemented it?

PAJ: Peace Committee News

First Congregational Church Guilford, CT Peace, Affirmation and Justice Committee

John Thomas, UCC general minister arrested in Washington DC

while attempting to deliver anti-war petitions to the white house public liaison office.

Thomas and Jaramillo successfully delivered boxes of petitions to representatives of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and House Minority Leader John A. Boehner



Read the whole story at
<http://www.ucc.org/news/thomas-jaramillo-arrested-at.html>

Peace / Political Action Events

October 27, 2007, Sat., NY city Mobilization to end the war. United for Peace and Justice, For more info: <Http://www.oct27.org> Meet at noon on Broadway north of Union Sq. March at 1:00 pm Marches will also be held in Boston and Phiadelphia.

Check with Metro Noth for Peace Train to NY

Saturdays 11:00 – 12:00 (ongoing) Join the Guilford Peace Alliance on the southwest corner of the Guilford Green

WRITE - Tell Your Representatives and Senators what you think.

There are also mailing labels and postcards available at the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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Senator Lieberman on Iran

Last week (Sept. 20, 2007), the Senate -- via the Kyl-Lieberman Senate resolution -- handed the Bush Administration a close-to-blank check for military strikes against Iran. The resolution accuses Iran of fighting "a proxy war against the Iraqi state and coalition forces in Iraq." (Hillary Clinton, along with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, voted for it.) Sy Hersh's chilling article in this week's New Yorker ("The Administration's Plan for Iran") shows how the Administration may attempt to use that resolution as it redefines its military and political justifications for attacking Iran. <http://news.yahoo.com/s/thenation/7238617>



Listen to Senator Joe Lieberman debate Senator Chuck Hagel on the subject of Iran . Go to:<http://thinkprogress.org/2006/12/03/lieberman-iran->

Lieberman: Talking To Iran And Syria Is Like The 'Local Fire Dept Asking Arsonists To Help'

Today on CBS Face the Nation, Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) argued that direct talks with Syria and Iran won't work and compared it to "your local fire department asking a couple of arsonists to help put out the fire. These people are flaming the fire. They are the extremists."

As Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) pointed out moments later, Lieberman is missing the point. Iran and Syria will "respond in their own self-interest," Hagel noted, pointing to Iran's efforts to aid U.S. goals in Afghanistan in 2002. U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Secretaries of State Colin Powell and James Baker have all criticized the Bush administration's unwillingness to talk with Iran and Syria, and the Iraq Study Group's proposal next week will likely recommend direct talks with Iran and Syria.

From President Dwight D. Eisenhower's speech April 16, 1953

"The way chosen by the United States was plainly marked by a few clear precepts, which govern its conduct in world affairs. First: no people on earth can be held, as a people, to be an enemy, for all humanity shares the common hunger for peace and fellowships and justice. Second: no nation's security and well-being can be lastingly achieved in isolation but only in effective cooperation with fellow-nations. Third: any nation's right to a form of government and an economic system of its own choosing is inalienable. Fourth: any nation's attempt to dictate other nations their form of government is indefensible. And fifth: a nation's hope of lasting peace cannot be firmly based upon any race in armaments but rather upon just relations and honest understanding with all other nations.

"In the light of these principles the citizens of the United States defined the way they proposed to follow, through the aftermath of war, toward true peace. This way was faithful to the spirit that inspired the United Nations: to prohibit strife, to relieve tensions, to banish fears. This was to control and to reduce armaments. This was to allow all nations to devote their energies and resources to the great and good tasks of healing the war's wounds, of clothing and feeding and housing the needy, of perfecting a just political life, of enjoying the fruits of their own free toil.

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than 30 cities. It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population. It is two fine, fully equipped hospitals. It is some 50 miles of concrete highway,. We pay for a single fighter with half million bushels of wheat. We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8.000 people. This, I repeat, is the best way of life to be found on the road the world has been taking. This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

President Dwight D Eisenhower, April 16, 1953

To read Eisenhower's first inaugural speech go to <http://www.bartleby.com/124/pres54.html>



Saint George slaying the modern dragon of nuclear weapons on the lawn of the UN.

Iraq and the UN

"We face numerous challenges in Iraq, and today it was clear that the time for determined collective action has come. This meeting has helped to promote a stronger partnership between the international community and Iraq. The United Nations is committed to supporting this partnership."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in remarks at news conference following the high-level meeting on Iraq - 22 Sept. '07

for more information go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=50&Body=Iraq&Body1=>