

Rumsfeld, We See You Not as a War Hero But as a War Criminal

Mr. Rumsfeld, have you come back to Taos for praise to which you no doubt arrogantly believe you are entitled?

Did you think we would praise your public endorsement of Saddam Hussein in 1983, when you were trying to sell him the Bechtel pipeline, after it was reported he had used chemical warfare, and then used his acts 20 years later as justification when you were trying to convince Americans to support your war for oil and empire?

For proposing and taking unilateral action by the U.S. and undermining global treaties and organizations dealing with the environment, nuclear weapons, land mines, and poverty?

Did you think we would praise you for being a tireless advocate for the armed nuclearization and control of space by the U.S. to assure unrivaled power and control of the strategic resources of the world?

Did you think we would praise you for your lies in claiming you had irrefutable evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to convince Americans to support your war for oil and Empire and attempt to get the UN to go along with the U.S. war effort?

Did you think we would praise you for falsely claiming Iraq was a threat to the United States and the rest of the world?

For opportunistically exploiting Americans hurt and fears after 9/11 to

carry out the pre-existing agenda of the neo-conservatives to establish direct military control of the Middle East and establish military bases in Iraq?

For unleashing “shock and awe” killing and injuring thousands of Iraqis and depriving millions of water and electricity?

For causing human slaughter and ECO devastation in Iraq?

Did you think we would praise you for protecting the oil wells while the hospitals and museums were being looted and destroyed?

For allowing if not promoting the arson and destruction of all the government buildings in Iraq except the oil ministry, while granting Bechtel the contract to rebuild?

For giving your imprimatur to looting and violence by cynically stating saying it is what a free people do and “things happen”?

Did you think we would praise you for attempting to install the Made in America convicted felon Achmed Chalabi as the new ruler of Iraq knowing he is either hated by or unknown to the people of Iraq?

For threatening Syria and Iran with aggressive war because they have not welcomed in the US as their new neighbor and don't support a plan for Israeli dominance in the Middle East?

For characterizing the growing dissent of thousands of Iraqis as the work of Saddam hold-overs and criminals?

For undermining and seeking to destroy the United Nations?

For advocating and achieving a military budget greater than the rest of the world combined?

For promoting a strategy of US domination and empire by force and preemptive war, not opposing the U.S. use of nuclear weapons and thereby setting a precedent which encourages aggression and the use of nuclear weapons by other countries?

By arming Israel with nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as conventional weapons to support their illegal settlements, and then threatening their neighbors who object to and protest Israeli cruelty to Palestinians?

For bringing the world and the earth closer to total destruction, nuclear oblivion and continuing aggression?

For collecting one of the greatest cabals of evildoers ever assembled in one place in the Pentagon whose stated and written program is nothing short of military aggression to install regimes friendly to the economic and military interests of the United States and Israel. The evildoers include Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, and John Poindexter in the Pentagon who together with fellow right wing hawks Dick Cheney, Elliot Abrams and John Negroponte control the U.S. foreign policy agenda?

Mr. Rumsfeld while we do not praise you for these actions, we do hold you

responsible for your leading contributions to all these efforts. We declare you to have violated the most fundamental principles of International Law. We declare you have violated the most serious of war crimes and the one under which the Nazi war criminals were tried, convicted and executed, the waging of aggressive war. As was said at Nuremburg in sentencing the Nazi war criminals

“The charges ... that the defendants planned and waged aggressive wars are charges of the utmost gravity. War is essentially an evil thing. Its consequences are not confined to the belligerent States alone, but affect the whole world. To initiate a war of aggression, therefore is not only an international crime differing only from other crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole.”

We charge you and your cabal together with your collaborators Bush and Cheney with war crimes. We demand that you be formally tried and brought to Justice by a world court convened for that purpose since you and your co-conspirators have refused to recognize the world criminal court to protect yourselves from charges of violating international law. We shall follow and expose you and discredit you until this is done.

You will go down in history as a prime architect of U.S. military aggression and empire and seen for the despicable acts of cruelty and hardship you have ordered.

Shame on you, Donald Rumsfeld and may the devastation you have inflicted upon the world haunt and confront you everywhere you go.