

Re: Bush goes Nuclear!

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> *In article <Ofkaf0p6robih0cr6tfrhip7v6mnueh41r@4ax.com>, Dave Typinski*

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> > *No military power. He did have, though, the financial means with
> > which to mess with American interests through the proxy of terrorist
> > networks external to Iraq.*

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> *He may have had the means, but there's no evidence that he did it. I
> doubt that he was suicidal enough to tempt US retaliation in this way
> when the only thing he could have possibly gained by supporting
> terrorism was a childish sense of revenge.*

I keep hearing "Saddam had no connection to Terrorist!", but those who say
that never mention all the known, internationally wanted terrorists that
were captured in Bagdad when the city was taken, sheltered and protected by
Saddam. You should also read this little article

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2102723/>

particularly this:

Moore asserts that Iraq under Saddam had never attacked or killed or even
threatened (his words) any American. I never quite know whether Moore is a
ignorant as he looks, or even if that would be humanly possible. Bagdad was
for years the official, undisguised home address of Abu Nidal, then the
most-wanted gangster in the world, who had been sentenced to death even by
the PLO and had blown up airports in Vienna* and Rome. Bagdad was the safe
house for the man whose "operation" murdered Leon Klinghoffer. Saddam
boasted publicly of his financial sponsorship of suicide bombers in Israel.
(Quite a few Americans of all denominations walk the streets of Jerusalem.)

In 1991, a large number of Western hostages were taken by the hideous Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and held in terrible conditions for a long time. After that same invasion was repelled—Saddam having killed quite a few Americans and Egyptians and Syrians and Brits in the meantime and having threatened to kill many more—the Iraqi secret police were caught trying to murder former President Bush during his visit to Kuwait. Never mind whether his son should take that personally. (Though why should he not?) Should you and I not resent any foreign dictatorship that attempts to kill one of our retired chief executives? (President Clinton certainly took it that way: He ordered the destruction by cruise missiles of the Baathist "security" headquarters.) Iraqi forces fired, every day, for 10 years, on the aircraft that patrolled the no-fly zones and staved off further genocide in the north and south of the country. In 1993, a certain Mr. Yasin helped mix the chemicals for the bomb at the World Trade Center and then skipped to Iraq, where he remained a guest of the state until the overthrow of Saddam. In 2001, Saddam's regime was the only one in the region that openly celebrated the attacks on New York and Washington and described them as just the beginning of a larger revenge. Its official media regularly spewed out a stream of anti-Semitic incitement. I think one might describe that as "threatening," even if one was narrow enough to think that anti-Semitism only menaces Jews. And it was after, and not before, the 9/11 attacks that Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi moved from Afghanistan to Baghdad and began to plan his now very open and lethal design for a holy and ethnic civil war. On Dec. 1, 2003, the New York Times reported—and the David Kay report had established—that Saddam had been secretly negotiating with the "Dear Leader" Kim Jong-il in a series of secret meetings in Syria, as late as the spring of 2003, to buy a North Korean missile system, and missile-production system, right off the shelf. (This attempt was not uncovered until after the fall of Baghdad, the coalition's presence having meanwhile put an end to the negotiations.)

You are, quite simply, wrong in your statements and beliefs. We were fully justified in invading Iraq, and both we and they will be far better off for it.