TABOO OPINIONS #83

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1-15-06 SPIN

In the opening paragraphs of their story [Strike in Pakistan aimed at al-Qaida, The Oregonian, 1-14-06], Dafna Linzer and Griff Witte (of the LA Times-Washington Post Service) twice use the tell-tale word 'compound' to describe the target of 10 Predator-borne missiles in the CIA-orchestrated air strike attempt to kill Ayman al-Zawahri, the second-ranking al-Qaida leader and chief deputy to Osama bin Laden.

It appears he was not there. Another 'bad intel' incident. It makes me wonder if al Qaida is feeding this info to our informants and making us look like stupid, ruthless butchers when we leap for the bait.

Later in the story the target 'compound' is transformed into a village, specifically three houses hundreds of yards apart in a village.

18 people were reported killed, including women and children.

I recall how, about a dozen years ago, a servile media and the master U.S. government called white separatist Randy Weaver's rustic cabin and small outbuilding a 'compound' (after U.S. marshals shot and killed his teen-age son and after an FBI sharpshooter shot and killed his wife).

And I recall how the large, religion-centered farm near Waco, Texas (before the feds, using fire-starting tear gas shells, burned it down and killed dozens of women and children in the process) was consistently labeled a 'compound'.

There were at least three other instances of the feds calling farms 'compounds' and then killing (or planning to kill) the occupants by fire: Randy Weaver and family, tax rebel Gordon Kahl, that young man named (I believe) Mathews in Washington state, and that group in Montana who tried to set up a bank and issue their own money. "Counterfeit money!" screamed the feds, because only the privately owned banking system in this country called The Federal Reserve is

allowed to print trillions of counterfeit paper dollars. Counterfeit because the U.S. Constitution prohibits it. [But that's another Opinion.]

So now, when I see the military-implication word 'compound' in big media news reports, I know the spin is in and warping of truth is afoot. And I know again that the L.A. Times and the Washington Post are complicit in this contemptible propaganda twist.

The attack, justified by the U.S. as ok in its anything-goes War on Terror (again, the-end-justifies-the-means, with a taint of might-makes-right), is being protested by tens of thousands of Pakistanis who don't understand that their government's intelligence agency was cooperating with the U.S. in the attack.

In the good old days of pre-Orwellian double-think, such an attack would be an Act of War. But if the national government of the village attacked approved the attack... Not that anyone will admit that.

1-15-06 New Crime: DISRUPTOR

I hear on Portland's 'liberal' talk radio station that buried in the new anti-terror national security 'Patriot' act before congress is a new set of federal crimes which make 'planning to disrupt' or 'disrupting' or 'attempting to disrupt' a government meeting or assembly or speech a federal crime. A felony federal crime.

And that this new set of crimes effectively can be used to wipe out the First Amendment right to gather, peacefully assemble and petition the government to redress grievances.

This new set of federal crimes would permit federal forces to take over crowd control from local police and federalize everything anywhere an important federal official journeyed in the country.

Hey, we've got warrantless wiretaps now, and no doubt warrantless searches and seizures... Soon, coming to your neighborhood, secret arrests and secret imprisonment for secret periods in secret prisons, all approved secretly by our Godempowered president...because as our Commander-in-Chief during an endless War on Terror, he can do anything he wants---and it's all legal! Right?

And (silver lining!) job opportunities in a new Federal Police Force will be very tempting to millions of unemployed young men and women during the coming Second Great Depression.

1-15-06 PORTENTS AND OMINOUS SIGNS

I see that "the Iran crisis" is a-borning, with speculations of a necessary attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

The experts say Iran will require 3-5 years to develop an atomic weapon, but clearly the 'threat' of those crazy Moslems with a Bomb is too good to pass up now, and (paranoid conspiracy nut that I am) I am tuned to the signs of a U.S. dictatorship a-coming.

Hey, if a draft is declared 'necessary' to fight Terrorism both abroad and here at home...

If "terrorists" release Bird Flu in America (proof to follow...someday) ...

If a national election is postponed...

If a hysterical anti-Iran stage is set for a defensive, 'preventive,' endless air attack on Iran of triple Shock and Awe proportions... [No, no, we'll never actually invade the country. Just bomb them back into the stone age, ha-ha. [And use the subsequent oil/gas crisis as a further excuse to seize even more 'emergency' power.] As long as U.S. soldiers are only occasionally killed, a war/invasion will be acceptable to the dumbed-down boobocracy...and a war economy requiring massive new deficits---nirvana!]

See, Bush will have to pretend to be forced to rule by 'Executive Orders' by circumstances (apparently) beyond his control in order to protect the United States and we the people. And [to pursue this paranoid conspiracy yellow brick road I'm on] he must do it before the next presidential election. Maybe before the mid-term congressional elections this Fall. I tell you, the life of a God-driven would-be dictator is a hard one.

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