

## **Aid and Comfort by Dan Jacoby**

Over the past few years, the Bush administration has been rightly accused of screwing up many, many aspects of what passes for a foreign policy. Now we learn that George W. Bush himself ordered a website created so that thousands of documents allegedly seized from Saddam Hussein's regime could be posted. The supposed idea was to prove that he had, indeed, advanced programs to create those mysterious, missing weapons of mass destruction. The problem is, it turns out that some of the documents contained detailed instructions on how to build a nuclear bomb.

It seems that Bush was warned by, among others, our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, not to post these documents. Negroponte understood that posting them could give terrorists instructions on how to attack us. But Bush decided to publish the documents on the website anyway.

There is a word for a deliberate decision to publish, on the internet, methods for attacking Americans.

Treason!

The U.S. Constitution defines treason as "giving [enemies of the United States] aid and comfort." By giving terrorists the information they need to attack us, George W. Bush deliberately gave aid, and therefore comfort, to the enemy. Since he signed a document, presumably in the presence of witnesses, ordering the publishing of this information, there are certainly the two witnesses needed for conviction of treason.

Of course, as long as Republicans control the machinery of government, Americans will never get justice for the treason done against us. What does this mean? It means that a vote for Republicans is a vote for treason.

Demagoguery? Possibly, a little bit. But it is nothing compared to the outrageous, cheap, pathetic, disgusting lies the Republicans and their propaganda juggernauts are telling. It is nothing compared with the \$300 billion (and counting) that we have borrowed from China and Saudi Arabia to invade a country that was never a threat to us. It is nothing compared to the thousands of Americans who have died fighting the war these liars have gotten us into.

And it is nothing compared to the fact that Osama bin Laden is still free.

Sometime within the next few months, the number of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines killed in action in Iraq will exceed the number killed in the embassy bombings, the attack on the U.S.S. Cole, the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and the 9/11 attacks combined. In other words, very shortly George W. Bush will have killed more innocent Americans than Osama bin Laden. Meanwhile, he is giving Al Qaeda and other terrorists the means to attack us again.

Who is the true enemy?