

Make The Most Of It **by Dan Jacoby**

A “new” video has surfaced, showing Dick Cheney talking about his decision not to invade Baghdad when he was Secretary of Defense. In 1991, we “liberated” Kuwait from the invasion by Iraqi forces under Saddam Hussein, and the coalition forces stopped after ridding Kuwait of Iraqi forces.

At the time, Cheney said, “... if we had gone to Baghdad we would have been all alone ... It would have been a U.S. occupation of Iraq.” He went on to ask, “Once you got to Iraq and took it over ... then what are you going to put in its place?” He continued by worrying that Syria and Iran would claim parts of Iraq and that Turkey’s “territorial integrity” would be threatened.

He even said, “It’s a quagmire.” Those are Dick Cheney’s exact words.

The facts are clear, and have been clear for years. George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, and their top military aides, such as Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Andrew Card, Karl Rove and Condoleezza Rice (the “seven deadly sinners”), all chose not only to invade a country that was never a threat to us, but to divert enormous resources from the real “war on terror” – that is, the fight to capture or kill Osama bin Laden and the top people in Al Qaeda.

By choosing to divert those resources away from the war on terror, and allowing bin Laden and his top people to escape, this gang of seven gave aid and comfort to the enemy, which is the Constitutional definition of treason.

For her failure to stop the attacks of 9/11, the National Security Advisor was elevated to the country’s top diplomatic position. The Undersecretary of Defense was promoted to head the World Bank, and the White House’s top political advisor was given an internal promotion.

Meanwhile, Americans are dying in Iraq for no reason.

Not only are they dying at the hands of Iraqi bombs and bullets, but many Americans have also died of heat stroke, caused because Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown and Root got a no-bid contract to provide water for our troops, and refused to provide enough water to keep them alive in the desert heat. Causing American military deaths in the face of the enemy must certainly qualify as “giving aid and comfort.”

Title 18, Section 2381 of the United States Code states: “Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the United States or elsewhere, is guilty of treason and *shall suffer death*, or shall be imprisoned not less than five years and fined under this title but not less than \$10,000; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the United States.” (Emphasis mine.) The time has come, not only to stop allowing additional Americans to die in the quagmire that is our continued occupation of Iraq, but also to punish, perhaps even cause the death, of the seven traitors who conspired to send them there.

Congress must begin the process by impeaching George W. Bush and Dick Cheney for their treason. Once they are removed from office, the legitimate law enforcement and judicial process can progress. Only when these traitors truly pay for their crimes against the United States and against the thousands of Americans who have lost their lives in Iraq can we truly move forward.