TABOO OPINIONS #54

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6-9-05 TRUISM: You cannot be a successful politician unless you are an accomplished liar.

See the June 8,2005 news conference staged by President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair.

6-14-05 Bush is on the way down...and down...

The latest public opinion poll on Bush & Iraq shows the American people are rapidly losing confidence in Bush and his handling of his Iraq war.

A couple days after the poll results were released several Republican congressmen 'broke ranks' with Bush and called for a time-dated exit strategy from Iraq.

This is a very significant development. It means congressmen are hearing ANGER from their voters, and as the obvious failures in Iraq continue and as the killed American soldiers keep on coming home in coffins or disfigured forever by severe wounds, the voters are telling their congressmen they will be out of a job unless this stupid quagmire is escaped.

In months to come expect more and more members of congress to join the Republican malcontents and attempt to distance themselves from Bush and his war.

The mid-term congressional elections in November of '06 could be a disaster for the Republicans if the war in Iraq is still going as now.

So Bush & the Republicans have about one year to declare victory and leave.

SADDAM WINS BY CENSORSHIP

So the Iraqi government released a two minute excerpt from a recent video tape of a secret three-hour questioning by a judge about a 1982 war crime the new government asserts Saddam ordered.

But the government deleted the sound in the excerpt.

And the Q&A session was held in a secret location near the

Baghdad airport. No news media present.

The Iraqi "government" does not want a repeat of last July's released-to-the-media videoed questioning of saddam by this young judge in which Sadam dominated the session and made a fool of the judge.

Our news media report that Saddam this time looked 'scruffy' and 'deflated' and 'subdued', and appeared to respond politely to questions and after careful thought.

I suggest that if a man who has been kept in solitary confinement for over a year is denied a haircut before a court session (and perhaps is denied sleep) he will appear 'scruffy' and 'subdued'...during a carefully selected 2-minute excerpt from a 180-minute session.

The judge who conducted this session with Saddam (and the session last July) will decide if there is enough 'evidence' to justify a trial on this charge (Would he dare not? This is all staged, predetermined).

So far there has not been one word of criticism of the Iraqi government or court for censoring this brief video excerpt, and for not giving the whole video to the press, and for not allowing anyone from the press to view and hear the entire session.

The American media are very well disciplined. They won't object to this travesty. But they know, as should you, that the Iraqi government is terrified of a Saddam Hussein able to speak and be heard by the Arab world. That's why those photos of him in his underwear were made available to the press in England---and republished and televised ad nauseam worldwide. It was a contemptible propaganda smear operation....and a measure of their fear of him.

They want to execute him, and probably will, but it will be a shameful process. I doubt his actual trial will be observed by the press and certainly will not be broadcast.

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